

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

GAMING CONTROL BOARD

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PUBLIC MEETING

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BEFORE: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

DENISE J. SMYLER, CHAIR

Frank Dermody

Shawn Dillon

David S. Hickernell

Sara Manzano-Díaz

Nedia Ralston

Frances J. Regan

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/DESIGNEES IN ATTENDANCE:

Adria Zimmerman, Ex-Officio Member,  
Department of Revenue

Fred Strathmeyer, Ex-Officio Member,  
Department of Agriculture

Jennifer Langan, Ex-Officio Member,  
Department of Treasury

Reporter: Jessica L. Ashman

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MEETING: Wednesday, October 23, 2024,  
10:01 a.m.

LOCATION: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
Strawberry Square Complex  
303 Walnut Street, 2nd Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

## A P P E A R A N C E S

PA GAMING CONTROL BOARD EXECUTIVE STAFF WHO APPEARED  
BEFORE THE BOARD:

Kevin O'Toole, Executive Director

David Rhen, Director of Budget

Heidi Zula, Director of Human Resources

Steve Cook, Chief Counsel

Cyrus Pitre, Chief Enforcement Counsel

Sean M. Hannon, Director of Licensing

Chad Zimmermann, Deputy Chief Counsel

Office of Enforcement Counsel - Also presenting:

John Crohe, Juan Sanchez, Kelci Scirrotto, Sarah

Kolesar, Sarah Groody, Thomas Monaghan, Andrea

Roberts, Michelle Fogle,

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Shelby Bizub, Esquire, Assistant  
Enforcement Counsel

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OTHER ATTENDEES FOR MEETING AND/OR PUBLIC HEARINGS:Wind Creek Bethlehem, LLC - Category 2 LicenseRenewal Hearing GID #1353-5:

Patrick Ryan, Executive Vice President and General  
Manager

Chanel Mahone, Director of Human Resources

Michael A. Magazzu, Sr., Esquire, Executive Director  
of Compliance and Risk Management

Glenn Granitz, Director of Security

Michael Vinci, Vice President of Finance

Dave Fulton, Director of Hotel Operations

Michael Pistone, Executive Director of Relationship  
Marketing

Stadium Casino RE, LLC, d/b/a Live! Casino and HotelPhiladelphia - Consent Agreement:

Tom Diehl, Esquire, Vice President of Legal

Craig Clark, Executive Vice President and General  
Manager

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CHAIR: Good morning. I'm Denise Smyler, Chair of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. I would like to ask everyone at this time to please silence your cell phones and all electronic devices. Also, while masks are no longer mandatory, please feel free to wear one if you believe it is required or necessary for your own wellbeing. With seven Board Members present, I'd like to call today's meeting to order.

In addition to the Board Members, we also have our Ex-Officio Members, Adria Zimmerman, representing Pat Browne, Secretary for the Department of Revenue. Fred Strathmeyer, representing Russell Redding, Secretary for the Department of Agriculture and Jennifer Langan, representing Stacy Garrity, State Treasurer. Thank you Ex-Officios for joining us.

As the first order of business, I'd like to ask everyone to please stand and join me for recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

CHAIR: By way of Announcements, the Board held an Executive Session yesterday, Tuesday,

1 October 22nd to discuss personnel matters, pending  
2 litigation and to conduct quasi-judicial  
3 deliberations relating to matters coming before the  
4 Board.

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6 (PUBLIC HEARING HELD)

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8 CHAIR: Okay.

9 So, we're back on the record. I would  
10 like to now ask for Approval of the Board Meeting  
11 Transcript and Minutes from the July 24, 2024  
12 meeting. May I have a motion, please?

13 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
14 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board  
15 approve the Minutes and Transcript of the July 24,  
16 2024 meeting.

17 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner  
18 Hickernell seconds.

19 CHAIR: All in favor?

20 (AYES RESPOND.)

21 CHAIR: All opposed?

22 (NO RESPONSE.)

23 CHAIR: Motion passes.

24 CHAIR: Next, I would like to ask for  
25 approval of the Board transcript and minutes from the



1 August 21, 2024 meeting. May I have a motion please?

2 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,  
3 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve  
4 the minutes and transcript of the August 21, 2024  
5 meeting.

6 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
7 seconds.

8 CHAIR: All in favor?  
9 (AYES RESPOND.)

10 CHAIR: All opposed?  
11 (NO RESPONSE.)

12 CHAIR: Motion's approved.

13 CHAIR: Now we will hear from our  
14 Executive Director, Kevin O'Toole. Kevin?

15 MR. O'TOOLE: Good morning, Chair  
16 Smyler and Members of the Board. On the agenda  
17 today, I have two items, 3.1 and 3.2. So, I wasn't  
18 sure what that meant, but 3.1 is my Executive  
19 Director's Report. And although I was going to have  
20 this statement about the multistate poker agreement  
21 initiative, I would like to comment that this week  
22 the Commonwealth Financing Authority and other  
23 grantors announced the grants that they were awarding  
24 through the local share assessments. And we heard  
25 Director Vinci talk about the very good uses of the

1 local share assessments, the money that Wind Creek  
2 has paid as required. And today, we have a very full  
3 crew.

4                   We have about five or six casino  
5 licensees represented here today. And it's great  
6 that they work so hard to be successful because that  
7 ensures that every year there's a substantial amount  
8 of money available for grants on the local share  
9 assessment program. And the news articles that  
10 appeared throughout the Commonwealth today named  
11 quite a lot of the beneficiaries at the local  
12 municipality level.

13                   And these are projects that would  
14 normally, you know, not necessarily if they got  
15 started, they wouldn't get completed or they wouldn't  
16 even be started because, you know, the money from  
17 real estate tax and property tax and whatnot doesn't  
18 necessarily foot the whole bill for everything that a  
19 municipality wants to do in their location. So, it's  
20 really to the credit of the industry that they're  
21 able to, you know, be successful enough to keep that  
22 program very, very important to the Commonwealth.  
23 And it's just important to be regulated and taxed in  
24 the Commonwealth as well.

25                   So, my second item is about the

1 Multistate Internet gaming agreement. On October  
2 10th of 2024, I received a letter from Governor Josh  
3 Shapiro requesting that the Board begin the process  
4 of negotiating the Commonwealth's entrance into the  
5 Multistate Internet Gaming Agreement.

6 As the Board is aware, the  
7 Pennsylvania Racehorse Development and Gaming Act  
8 authorizes Pennsylvania to enter into a Multistate  
9 Internet Gaming Agreement with other states where  
10 iGaming is authorized. However, the Governor of  
11 Pennsylvania must approve any such action on behalf  
12 of the Commonwealth. Governor Shapiro's expressed  
13 desire, we can now pursue online interstate gaming.

14 In consultation with the Governor's  
15 staff, it was agreed that Pennsylvania will initially  
16 only pursue multistate gaming for peer-to-peer poker  
17 games.

18 Presently, the Multistate Internet  
19 Gaming Agreement exists between New Jersey, Delaware,  
20 West Virginia, Michigan and Nevada. Pursuant to this  
21 agreement, operators licensed in two or more of those  
22 states can share patrons in the play of interstate  
23 online games. As will be the case with Pennsylvania,  
24 most of these states only allow operators to offer  
25 interstate peer-to-peer poker games.

1 Pursuant to the agreement, tax  
2 revenues for the various jurisdictions are based upon  
3 the percentage of players from each state that are  
4 participating in any given game. History has shown  
5 that the increased customer base, which goes along  
6 with adding jurisdictions, which is referred to as  
7 shared liquidity, has increased the number of poker  
8 games available for play at various buy-in price  
9 points and has generally helped the online gaming  
10 industry by creating more customer interest in online  
11 poker.

12 The first step in joining the  
13 multistate agreement is asking the other five states  
14 involved, representatives of which are members of the  
15 Multistate Internet Gaming Association, to allow  
16 Pennsylvania to be admitted into the Association and  
17 to begin the process of entering that agreement.  
18 Upon receipt of a notice of admission, the Board will  
19 thereafter be presented with the multistate  
20 agreement, which will be provided to Governor Shapiro  
21 for his signature.

22 At this time, I would respectfully  
23 request the Board for a motion to ratify the Board's  
24 Staff requesting Pennsylvania's admission into the  
25 Multistate Internet Gaming Association, thereby

1 starting the process of entering that group. Thank  
2 you.

3 CHAIR: Thank you, Kevin. Any  
4 questions or comments from the Board?

5 Hearing none, may I have a motion,  
6 please?

7 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
8 Regan moves that the Board ratify Board Staff  
9 requesting entry of the Commonwealth into the  
10 Multistate Internet Gaming Agreement, as well as  
11 becoming a member of the Multistate Internet Gaming  
12 Association, LLC, as described by the Executive  
13 Director.

14 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
15 seconds.

16 CHAIR: All in favor?  
17 (AYES RESPOND.)

18 CHAIR: All opposed?  
19 (NO RESPONSE.)

20 CHAIR: Motion passes.

21 MR. O'TOOLE: Thank you.

22 CHAIR: Thank you, Kevin. Now, we  
23 will hear from our Director of Budget, David Rhen.  
24 Dave?

25 MR. RHEN: Dave Rhen, R-H-E-N. Good

1 morning, Chair Smyler and Board Members. I have two  
2 items today. First Quarter Budget Report and the  
3 '25-'26 Fiscal Year budget request.

4 Board expenses for the first quarter,  
5 which include the period July 1st through September  
6 30, were \$12,472,093. Of this total, 90 percent or  
7 \$11,212,926, were for payroll, while remaining ten  
8 percent, or \$1,259,167, were for operating  
9 expenditures.

10 Overall expenses for the quarter were  
11 \$1.7 million higher versus the first quarter of last  
12 year. This includes increases of \$1.2 million for  
13 personnel and 571,000 for operating expenses.

14 Payroll expenses were higher due to benefit and  
15 salary increases and the expansion of the Boards  
16 complement. Operating expenses increased due to IT  
17 modernization efforts and invoice timing differences.

18 Payroll costs for the quarter included  
19 \$6.6 million for salaries and \$4.6 million for  
20 benefits. The largest operating costs included  
21 \$436,000 for services, including interagency billings  
22 and IT modernization consultants. \$414,000 for  
23 rentals and leases and \$205,000 for subscriptions and  
24 other operating costs.

25 That includes my brief remarks on

1 agency expenses. If there are not any questions,  
2 I'll move into the budget request.

3 CHAIR: Any questions?

4 (NO RESPONSE.)

5 CHAIR: You may proceed.

6 MR. RHEN: Okay.

7 The proposed budget requests for  
8 Fiscal Year '25-'26 include \$61,587,000 for  
9 administration, which includes oversight of casinos,  
10 iGaming and sports wagering. \$489,000 for Video  
11 Gaming Terminals administration, and \$288,000 for  
12 fantasy contest operations.

13 The administrative request of  
14 \$61,587,000 includes \$54,051,000, or 88 percent of  
15 the overall request for personnel expenses. This  
16 includes additional staff for gaming expansion,  
17 including the anticipated opening of a new Category 4  
18 casino. The budget includes salary and benefit rate  
19 increases consistent with union negotiated contracts  
20 and at levels consistent with those used by agencies  
21 throughout the Commonwealth.

22 There are two scheduled union  
23 negotiated salary increases included in next year's  
24 request; 2.25 percent in July of 2025 and 2.25  
25 percent in January of 2026. Amounts budgeted for

1 specialized items such as overtime, retirement leave  
2 payouts and shift differential are based on  
3 historical averages.

4                   The operating portion of the request  
5 is \$7.1 million. This includes \$2 million for the  
6 Board's continuing IT modernization project to  
7 improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Board  
8 and streamline information gathering. The remainder  
9 of the operating budget is primarily for real estate  
10 leases, investigative costs, hardware and software  
11 licenses, and telecommunications, which are the  
12 traditional cost drivers of the operating budget.

13                   The proposed budget would be funded  
14 through a combination of \$7.1 million in restricted  
15 revenue, which includes application and license fees,  
16 and chargebacks of the gaming lab costs, and  
17 \$54,487,000 in drawdowns from escrow accounts funded  
18 by casino operators. The VGT, or Video Gaming  
19 Terminal budget is \$489,000. This includes \$464,000  
20 for personnel and \$25,000 for operating, which will  
21 be utilized mostly for travel and investigative  
22 costs.

23                   And finally, the Fantasy Contest  
24 budget is \$288,000. This includes \$278,000 for  
25 personnel and \$10,000 for operating with both VGT and



1 Fantasy Contest budgets, the costs are billed back to  
2 the respective operators.

3 That concludes my presentation of the  
4 budget. I'd be happy to take any questions.  
5 Otherwise, I would appreciate your consideration for  
6 the motion to approve the budget request.

7 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

8 May I have a motion, please?

9 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
10 Dillon moves that the Board approve the Fiscal Year  
11 '25-'26 budget request as described by the Director  
12 of Financial Management.

13 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
14 seconds.

15 CHAIR: All in favor?

16 (AYES RESPOND.)

17 CHAIR: All opposed?

18 (NO RESPONSE.)

19 CHAIR: Motion passes.

20 MR. RHEN: Thank you.

21 CHAIR: Thank you, Dave. Now we will  
22 hear from our Human Resources Director, Heidi Zula.  
23 Heidi?

24 MS. ZULA: Good morning, Madam Chair  
25 and Members of the Board. The Office of Human

1 Resources has one motion for your consideration today  
2 relative to the hiring of one individual who has  
3 completed the background investigation and drug  
4 screening process.

5                   Bradley Beal has been selected as a  
6 Casino Compliance Representative at the casino at  
7 Nemaocolin and is recommended for hire by Greg  
8 Hazzouri, Director of Casino Compliance.

9                   Unless you have any questions, I ask  
10 the Board to consider a motion to approve the hiring  
11 action as indicated.

12                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments from  
13 the Board?

14                   May I have a motion, please?

15                   MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,  
16 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the  
17 applicant for hire as proposed by the Human Resources  
18 Director.

19                   MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan  
20 seconds.

21                   CHAIR: All in favor?

22 (AYES RESPOND.)

23                   CHAIR: All opposed?

24 (NO RESPONSE.)

25                   CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

1           MS. ZULA: Thank you.

2           CHAIR: Thank you, Heidi. Next is our  
3 Office of Chief Counsel.

4           ATTORNEY COOK: Morning.

5           CHAIR: Morning.

6           ATTORNEY COOK: I think it's still  
7 morning. Before the Board today we have three  
8 petitions. Each of these petitions will be decided  
9 on the documentary record by agreement of the parties  
10 or because OEC and one of the parties in one of these  
11 cases has negotiated a resolution.

12                           The first Petition before the Board  
13 today is HSP Gaming, LP's Request for Approval of a  
14 Unit Redemption. HSP Gaming, LP is the 100 percent  
15 indirect owner of Category 2 Slot Machine Licensee  
16 SugarHouse HSP Gaming, LP, which does business as  
17 Rivers Casino Philadelphia. HSP Gaming, LP is  
18 currently owned by HP Gaming Partners, LP; High Penn  
19 Gaming, LP and RPRS Gaming, LP.

20                           RPRS has now reached an agreement with  
21 HSP Gaming, LP, whereby, all of RPRS's interest will  
22 be redeemed by HSP Gaming, LP in exchange for a  
23 financial payout. No new licensing in the current -  
24 there is no new licensing requirements as the current  
25 ownership structure is entirely licensed and the only

1 licensing requirement necessary to complete this  
2 transaction pertains to a limited liability company,  
3 which will be serving as a guarantee to the financial  
4 obligations.

5                   Petitioners have also requested that  
6 certain petition or certain portions of their filing  
7 be maintained as confidential. The OEC has no  
8 objection to this Petition or the confidentiality  
9 request subject to certain conditions, and this  
10 matter is now ripe for the Board's consideration.

11                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
12                   May I have a motion, please?

13                   MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
14 Regan moves that the Board Grant HSP Gaming, LP's  
15 Petition for Approval of Unit Redemption, as  
16 described by the OCC, subject to the conditions  
17 requested by the OEC. I further move that HSP  
18 Gaming's request for confidentiality be granted in  
19 part.

20                   MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
21 seconds.

22                   CHAIR: All in favor?

23 (AYES RESPOND.)

24                   CHAIR: All opposed?

25 (NO RESPONSE.)

1                    CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

2                    ATTORNEY COOK: The next request  
3 before the Board today is Mountainview Thoroughbred  
4 Racing Association, LLC, which does business as  
5 Hollywood Casino York. Their request to expand their  
6 gaming floor.

7                    Hollywood Casino York holds a Category  
8 4 Slot Machine License and has a current complement  
9 of 638 slot machines, and 27 table games on 27,966  
10 square feet of gaming floor, inclusive of the  
11 sportsbook.

12                    The current floor plan also consists  
13 of a closed restaurant which encompasses 4,615 square  
14 feet of non-gaming space. Hollywood is proposing  
15 that this space be added to the gaming floor and then  
16 an additional 77 slot machines be added for a total  
17 complement of 715 machines. This modification will  
18 not require any changes to staffing. Hollywood does,  
19 however, plan to install an additional 19  
20 surveillance cameras to ensure compliance that  
21 there's adequate coverage in all gaming areas.

22                    After a review by the Bureau of  
23 Investigations and Enforcement, the OEC does not  
24 object to the requested relief, but proposes that the  
25 Board impose several standard conditions to which

1 Hollywood has agreed. There is also a request by  
2 Hollywood that some sensitive information in the  
3 record in this matter be maintained as confidential  
4 and the OCC would concur in that request and this  
5 matter is now ready for the Board's consideration.

6 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
7 May I have a motion, please?

8 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
9 moves that the Board grant Mountainview Thoroughbred  
10 Racing Association, LLC's Petition to Modify the  
11 Gaming Floor Plan at Hollywood Casino York as  
12 described by the OCC. I also move that the  
13 Petitioner's request for confidentiality be granted.

14 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
15 Manzano-Díaz, second.

16 CHAIR: All in favor?  
17 (AYES RESPOND.)

18 CHAIR: All opposed?  
19 (NO RESPONSE.)

20 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

21 ATTORNEY COOK: The last Petition  
22 before the Board today is a request from a Self-  
23 Excluded Individual to recover monies confiscated  
24 from him while on both the casino and Video Gaming  
25 Terminal Self-Exclusion Lists.

1           By way of background, on May 19, 2021  
2 an individual with the initials C.F. placed himself  
3 on both of these lists for a period of five years.  
4 He signed an acknowledgement, which included  
5 acknowledging that he was prohibited from collecting  
6 winnings, money or anything of value from gaming  
7 activity while he was on the list.

8           On June 22, 2024, C.F. was gaming at  
9 the Valley Forge Casino Resort. It was discovered  
10 that he was a self-excluded individual and \$630 was  
11 confiscated from him. He was also cited for  
12 trespassing. Thereafter, two days later on June 24,  
13 C.F. filed a petition to recover the funds that were  
14 confiscated. The OEC filed Answer to the request  
15 wherein it indicates that after reviewing all the  
16 surveillance footage monitoring C.F.'s play on the  
17 day in question that he was entitled to have \$456 of  
18 the \$630 returned to him, as that amount constituted  
19 buy-in money, not money that was wagered or won.

20           Upon reviewing OEC's answer, C.F.  
21 contacted Board staff and indicated he agreed with  
22 this resolution of the matter and therefore, the  
23 matter is now ripe for the Board's consideration.

24           CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

25           May have a motion, please?

1                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
2 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board grant,  
3 in part, C.F.'s Petition and that \$456 should be  
4 remitted to him. I further move that C.F.'s request  
5 for removal from the Self-Exclusion List be denied  
6 and he remain on the casino and VGT'S Self-Exclusion  
7 List.

8                   MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner  
9 Hickernell seconds.

10                   CHAIR: All in favor?  
11 (AYES RESPOND.)

12                   CHAIR: All opposed?  
13 (NO RESPONSE.)

14                   CHAIR: Motion passes.

15                   ATTORNEY COOK: Next, presenting  
16 Withdrawals and Reports and Recommendations is Deputy  
17 Chief Counsel Chad Zimmermann.

18                   ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Good morning,  
19 Commissioners. The next matter before the Board  
20 today pertains to several unopposed Petitions to  
21 Withdrawal Applications or Surrender the credentials  
22 of the following individuals and entities.

23                   Dermot Smurfit, Jason Park, City Turf  
24 Club Op Co., Justin Arcemont, Barry Cottle, Kimberly  
25 Hancock, Playstar Gaming Group AB, Playstar Gaming,



1 Inc., Nominus Invest AB and Playstar PA, LLC.

2 The OEC has no objections to any of  
3 these withdrawals or surrenders. As a result, the  
4 Board chooses to grant these requests in nearly every  
5 case it would be doing so without prejudice to the  
6 requester. However, by agreement of the parties, the  
7 surrender of Dermot Smurfit's credential is with  
8 prejudice. These matters are all now ripe for  
9 Board's consideration.

10 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

11 May I have a motion please?

12 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,

13 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board issue  
14 Orders to approve the Withdrawals and Surrenders as  
15 described by the OCC.

16 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
17 seconds.

18 CHAIR: All in favor?

19 (AYES RESPOND.)

20 CHAIR: All opposed?

21 (NO RESPONSE.)

22 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

23 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the  
24 Board are eight Reports and Recommendations received  
25 from the Office of Hearings and Appeals. These

1 Reports and Recommendations, along with the  
2 evidentiary record for each hearing been provided to  
3 the Board in advance of the meeting. Additionally,  
4 the persons involved have each been notified that the  
5 Board is considering their matter today and that each  
6 have the ability to come forward and briefly address  
7 the Board. If any of the persons who are the subject  
8 of one of these Reports and Recommendations would  
9 like to address the Board, I would ask them to come  
10 forward when their matter is called.

11           The first Report and Recommendation  
12 before the Board today pertains to Ashley Rodriguez.  
13 The underlying facts in this matter are that on July  
14 10, 2021, while a patron at Mount Airy Casino and  
15 Resort Ms. Rodriguez took \$500 left by another patron  
16 in a ticket redemption unit, placed the cash in her  
17 pocket and left the casino. She was permanently  
18 banned and she was charged with theft-related  
19 offenses where she was ultimately admitted to the  
20 Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition Program, which  
21 she completed.

22           Consequently, on February 22, 2023,  
23 the Board issued an order placing her on the  
24 Involuntary Exclusion List. On March 19, 2024, Ms.  
25 Rodriguez filed her Petition requesting removal from

1 the list. The OEC filed an Answer objecting to the  
2 request and a hearing was scheduled and held in June  
3 of 2024. Ms. Rodriguez failed to appear for her  
4 hearing. OEC appeared in the hearing and moved to  
5 dismiss a petition based on Ms. Rodriguez absence.

6 A Report and Recommendation was issued  
7 recommending that Ms. Rodriguez petition be dismissed  
8 or denied and this matters now ready for the Board's  
9 consideration.

10 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

11 May I have a motion please?

12 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
13 Dillon moves that the Board adopt the Report and  
14 Recommendation issued by the OHA, as described by the  
15 OCC and that Ashley Rodriguez remain on Involuntary  
16 Exclusion List.

17 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
18 seconds.

19 CHAIR: All in favor?

20 (AYES RESPOND.)

21 CHAIR: All opposed?

22 (NO RESPONSE.)

23 CHAIR: Motion passes.

24 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next, before the  
25 Board is a Report and Recommendation pertaining to

1 Bendu Saylee's Request for Removal from the Board's  
2 Involuntary Exclusion List. On March 6, 2019, the  
3 Board granted the OEC's request to enter Default  
4 Judgment and place Ms. Saylee on the Involuntary  
5 Exclusion List.

6           The underlying facts in this matter  
7 are that while a patron at Parx Casino, Ms. Saylee  
8 took a \$601 voucher left in a slot machine by another  
9 patron. Ms. Saylee was charged with theft, admitted  
10 into the ARD program and permanently banned from  
11 Parx. In March 2024, Ms. Saylee filed her current  
12 request for removal from the list, having previously  
13 filed for reconsideration of the original Board Order  
14 and a request for early removal. OEC filed an Answer  
15 objecting to the current request. Thereafter, a  
16 hearing was held in June 2024. Ms. Saylee failed to  
17 appear for the hearing and OEC made an oral motion to  
18 dismiss the matter.

19           Subsequent to the hearing, a Report  
20 and Recommendation was issued recommending that Ms.  
21 Saylee's Petition be dismissed and this matter is now  
22 ready for the Board's consideration.

23           CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

24                   May I have a motion, please?

25           MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,

1 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board adopt the  
2 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA, as  
3 described by the OCC and that Bendu Saylee remain on  
4 the Involuntary Exclusion List.

5 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan  
6 seconds.

7 CHAIR: All in favor?  
8 (AYES RESPOND.)

9 CHAIR: All opposed?  
10 (NO RESPONSE.)

11 CHAIR: Motion passes.

12 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The next Report  
13 and Recommendation before the Board today stems from  
14 a request for early removal from the Voluntary Self-  
15 Exclusion List by an individual with the initials,  
16 J.B.

17 By way of background, J.B. placed  
18 himself on the Interactive Gaming Self-Exclusion List  
19 on January 9, 2023, choosing a five-year exclusion  
20 period. The OEC filed an Answer objecting to J.B.'s  
21 request to come off the list and thereafter, the  
22 Director of the OHA issued a Staff Decision and Order  
23 denying the request. J.B. appealed the Decision and  
24 a hearing was held in July of 2024. OEC appeared at  
25 the hearing presenting documentary and testimonial

1 evidence. J.B. appeared and testified on his own  
2 behalf.

3 Evidence and testimony presented at  
4 the hearing showed that J.B. had properly filled out  
5 all the exclusion forms, sending all required  
6 acknowledgments which included warnings that by  
7 excluding from interactive gaming, brick and mortar  
8 facilities in both the Commonwealth and other  
9 jurisdictions may choose to prohibit access to those  
10 facilities. J.B. testified that his job requires him  
11 to often attend trade shows that take place at  
12 casinos and that he was unaware that by self-  
13 excluding from iGaming in Pennsylvania, it could  
14 prevent him from going to casinos in other states.

15 Evidence and testimony further showed  
16 that J.B. had previously been enrolled in both the  
17 Casino Self-Exclusion List and iGaming Self-Exclusion  
18 List and had been removed from those lists at the  
19 duration of the exclusion periods. After hearing all  
20 the evidence presented, a Report and Recommendation  
21 was issued recommending that J.B.'s request for early  
22 removal from the Self-Exclusion List be denied and  
23 this matter is now ready for the Board's  
24 consideration.

25 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

1 May I have a motion please?

2 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves  
3 that the Board adopt the Report and Recommendation  
4 issued by the OHA, as described by the OCC and that  
5 J.B. remain on the Interactive Gaming Self-Exclusion  
6 List.

7 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
8 seconds.

9 CHAIR: All in favor?  
10 (AYES RESPOND.)

11 CHAIR: All opposed?  
12 (NO RESPONSE.)

13 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

14 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the  
15 Board is a Report and Recommendation stemming from  
16 another request for removal from the Self-Exclusion  
17 List. On January 22, 2023, J.R. placed himself on  
18 the Self-Exclusion List, choosing the five-year  
19 exclusion period. In January 2024, J.R. filed his  
20 request for removal from the list. OEC filed an  
21 Answer objecting to the request and thereafter the  
22 Director of the OHA issued a Staff Decision and Order  
23 denying the request.

24 J.R. appealed the decision and a  
25 hearing on the matter was scheduled and held in June

1 of 2024. OEC appeared at the hearing. However, J.R.  
2 failed to appear and OEC made an oral motion to deny  
3 J.R.'s Petition, a Report and Recommendation was  
4 issued recommending that J.R.'s request for early  
5 removal be denied and these matters are ripe for the  
6 Board's consideration.

7 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
8 May I have a motion please?

9 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
10 moves that the Board adopt the Report and  
11 Recommendation issued by the OHA, as described by the  
12 OCC and that J.R. remain on the casino Self-Exclusion  
13 List.

14 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
15 Manzano-Díaz, second.

16 CHAIR: All in favor?  
17 (AYES RESPOND.)

18 CHAIR: All opposed?  
19 (NO RESPONSE.)

20 CHAIR: Motion passes.

21 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the  
22 Board is a Report and Recommendation stemming from a  
23 request to recover funds confiscated while on the  
24 Self-Exclusion List. On January 22nd, 2024, F.H.  
25 filed a Petition requesting recovery of funds



1 confiscated from him. A hearing in this matter was  
2 held June of 2024. The OEC appeared and presented  
3 documentary and testimonial evidence. F.H. also  
4 appeared and testified on his own behalf.

5 Evidence presented at the hearing  
6 showed that on February 20, 2016, F.H. met with a  
7 Board employee at Harrah's Philadelphia Casino and  
8 Racetrack, completed all the necessary Self-Exclusion  
9 paperwork choosing a lifetime exclusion period and  
10 signed all acknowledgments including an  
11 acknowledgement that he is a problem gambler and he  
12 was prohibited from collecting winnings, money or  
13 things of value from gaming while on the list.

14 On April 9th and 10th, 2023, F.H. was  
15 gaming at Parx Casino. He went to the cage to cash  
16 out and was discovered to be a self-excluded  
17 individual and \$6,100 in gaming chips were  
18 confiscated from him. F.H. testified that when he  
19 enrolled in the list he was under distress because he  
20 had been losing money gambling, thought he was only  
21 excluding himself from Caesar's-owned properties, but  
22 acknowledged he did not fully listen to what was  
23 being explained to him during the Self-Exclusion  
24 interview.

25 After hearing all the evidence

1 presented, a Report and Recommendation was issued  
2 recommending F.H.'s Petition be granted in part, but  
3 that he only be allowed to recover his remaining buy-  
4 in amount of \$500 as that amount does not constitute  
5 winnings and this matter is now ripe for the Board's  
6 consideration.

7 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
8 May I have a motion, please?

9 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
10 Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board adopt the Report  
11 and Recommendation issued by the OHA, as described by  
12 the OCC and that F.H.'s Petition be granted in part,  
13 and denied in part.

14 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner  
15 Hickernell seconds.

16 CHAIR: All in favor?  
17 (AYES RESPOND.)

18 CHAIR: All opposed?  
19 (NO RESPONSE.)

20 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

21 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the  
22 Board is another Report and Recommendation pertaining  
23 to a self-excluded individuals request to recover  
24 monies confiscated while on the list.

25 On December 1st, 2022, J.S. placed

1 himself on the Board's Self-Exclusion List for a  
2 period of one year, signing all acknowledgments,  
3 which included an acknowledgement that he was  
4 prohibited from collecting winnings from gaming  
5 activity while on the list as well as an  
6 acknowledgement that he would need to request removal  
7 from the list after the one year period had elapsed.

8                   On December 27, 2023, J.S. entered and  
9 gamed at Wind Creek Bethlehem while still on the  
10 exclusion list. The one-year period had run,  
11 however, J.S. had failed to remove himself from the  
12 list. Upon attempting to cash out a \$1,008 voucher,  
13 it was discovered that J.S. was on the list and the  
14 voucher was confiscated and he was charged with  
15 defiant trespass. On December 28, J.S. then filed his  
16 request for removal from the list and his request to  
17 recover funds.

18                   A hearing in this matter was held June  
19 of 2024. However, J.S. failed to appear for his  
20 hearing. OEC appeared at the hearing and moved  
21 orally to deny the petition based on J.S.'s absence.  
22 Subsequently, a Hearing Officer issued a  
23 recommendation that J.S.'s Petition be granted in  
24 part and that he be allowed to recover the documented  
25 buy in amount which remained, which was \$100, and

1 that the rest be remitted to the Board.

2 This matter is now ready for the  
3 Board's consideration.

4 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
5 May have a motion, please?

6 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,  
7 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board adopt  
8 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA, as  
9 described by the OCC's and that J.S.'s Petition be  
10 granted in part and denied in part.

11 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
12 seconds.

13 CHAIR: All in favor?  
14 (AYES RESPOND.)

15 CHAIR: All opposed?  
16 (NO RESPONSE.)

17 CHAIR: Motion passes.

18 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: M.H.'s Report  
19 and Recommendation is next before the Board today and  
20 once again stems from a request to recover monies  
21 confiscated.

22 On February 8, 2024, M.H. filed a  
23 Petition requesting recovery of funds confiscated  
24 from him. A hearing in this matter was held May of  
25 2024. The OEC appeared and presented documentary and

1 testimonial evidence. M.H. appeared and testified on  
2 his own behalf.

3 Evidence presented at the hearing  
4 showed that in May 2023, M.H. completed all the  
5 necessary Self-Exclusion paperwork choosing the one-  
6 year exclusion period, signing all acknowledgments  
7 regarding the collecting of winnings or money or  
8 things of value from gaming, as well as  
9 acknowledgement that you would need to request  
10 removal from the list.

11 On February 7, 2024, believing he was  
12 no longer on the list, M.H. entered Live! Casino and  
13 Hotel in Philadelphia and gamed. M.H. testified he  
14 believed the one-year Self-Exclusion period ran from  
15 February 2023 to February 2024 and that despite his  
16 status as a self-excluded person, he was able to  
17 enter the casino, withdraw money and gamble and he  
18 claimed that he had been treated poorly when he was  
19 escorted from the gaming floor.

20 M.H. did however admit that the Self-  
21 Exclusion documents he signed and acknowledged stated  
22 he would not be removed until after the expiration of  
23 his exclusion period and that the one-year period had  
24 not run. Testimony provided by OEC further showed  
25 that M.H. did not provide his correct name to casino

1 personnel when they came to pay him as jackpot nor  
2 did he have identification on him. They were  
3 ultimately able to correctly identify him as a self-  
4 excluded person, however.

5                   Additionally, M.H. had violated a  
6 Self-Exclusion ban one occasion within the prior  
7 year. M.H., however, denied this. After hearing all  
8 the evidence presented, a Report and Recommendation  
9 was issued recommending M.H.'s Petition be denied and  
10 this matter is now ready for the Board's  
11 consideration.

12                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
13                   May I have a motion, please?

14                   MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
15 Dillon moves that the Board adopt the Report and  
16 Recommendation issued by the OHA, as described by the  
17 OCC and that M.H.'s Petition be denied.

18                   MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
19 seconds.

20                   CHAIR: All in favor?  
21 (AYES RESPOND.)

22                   CHAIR: All opposed?  
23 (NO RESPONSE.)

24                   CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

25                   ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The final Report

1 and Recommendation today is another request to  
2 recover funds confiscated while on the Self-Exclusion  
3 List. The OEC filed an Answer objecting to the  
4 request from an individual with the initials N.D.

5 By way of background, on April 29,  
6 2023, N.D. entered Presque Isle Downs and Casino and  
7 gamed while on the Self-Exclusion List. She bought  
8 into a mini baccarat table for \$1,000. Upon  
9 realizing that N.D. was on the list, Presque Isle  
10 staff confiscated \$964.50. She was charged with  
11 defiant trespass. On January 9, 2024, N.D. filed a  
12 request to recover the funds confiscated from her.

13 A hearing in this matter was held in  
14 June of 2024. OEC appeared presenting documentary  
15 and testimonial evidence and N.D. appeared and  
16 testified on her own behalf. The evidence showed  
17 that on October 7, 2014, after an interview with a  
18 Board employee, N.D. placed herself on the Board's  
19 Self-Exclusion List for a period of five years,  
20 signed all the acknowledgments including that she was  
21 prohibited from collecting winnings and that she  
22 would need to request removal after the five-year  
23 period had expired.

24 In February of 2015, shortly after  
25 going on the list, N.D. did violate her Self-

1 Exclusion ban by gaming at Rivers Pittsburgh. N.D.  
2 testified at the hearing that she does believe she  
3 has a gambling problem, that her parent's initially  
4 forced her to go on the Self-Exclusion List and she  
5 believed she was no longer on the list as the five-  
6 year period had expired in 2019.

7 N.D. further argued that her money  
8 should not have been confiscated due to the amount of  
9 time that it had elapsed since her enrollment on the  
10 list. After hearing all the evidence presented, a  
11 Report and Recommendation was issued recommending  
12 that N.D. only be allowed to recover funds that do  
13 not constitute winnings, which was her remaining buy-  
14 in amount. However, this matter is now ready for the  
15 Board consideration.

16 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

17 May I have a motion, please?

18 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,  
19 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board reject the  
20 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as  
21 described by the OCC and that N.D.'s Petition be  
22 granted.

23 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan  
24 seconds.

25 CHAIR: All in favor?



1 (AYES RESPOND.)

2 CHAIR: All opposed?

3 (NO RESPONSE.)

4 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

5 ATTORNEY COOK: That concludes the  
6 matters of the Office of Chief Counsel.

7 CHAIR: Thank you, Steve and Chad. We  
8 will now have the Bureau of Licensing matters  
9 presented by the Director of the Bureau of Licensing,  
10 Sean Hannon. Sean?

11 MR. HANNON: Good afternoon, Madam  
12 Chair, Members of the Board, today the first  
13 licensing matter for your consideration is the  
14 renewal of Wind Creek Bethlehem, LLC's Category 2  
15 License. The license renewal hearing for this entity  
16 is now complete. The BIE has completed its  
17 investigation of the company and the Bureau of  
18 Licensing provided you with a Background  
19 Investigation and Suitability Report regarding the  
20 renewal.

21 As a result, the license renewal is  
22 ready for your consideration. I have provided you  
23 with a draft Order and ask that the Board consider  
24 the Order to renew the Category 2 License for Wind  
25 Creek Bethlehem, LLC.

1                    ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no  
2 objection.

3                    CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
4 May I have a motion, please?

5                    MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves  
6 that the Board grant the Category 2 License Renewal  
7 as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

8                    MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
9 seconds.

10                   CHAIR: All in favor?  
11 (AYES RESPOND.)

12                   CHAIR: All opposed?  
13 (NO RESPONSE.)

14                   CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

15                   MR. HANNON: The next licensing matter  
16 for your consideration is the approval of Slot  
17 Machine and Interactive Gaming Manufacturer Licenses  
18 for Empire Technological Group Limited, doing  
19 business as, Aruze Gaming Global.

20                   Originally formed in the British  
21 Virgin Islands on September 20, 2012, Empire's  
22 principal place of business is in Las Vegas, Nevada.  
23 The company develops slot machines and interactive  
24 gaming software and distributes its products directly  
25 to licensees in the Commonwealth. Empire received

1 interim authorization on June 13, 2024.

2 The BIE has completed its  
3 investigation and the Bureau of Licensing has  
4 provided you with a Background Investigation and  
5 Suitability Report and the approval is ready for your  
6 consideration. I have provided you with draft Orders  
7 and ask the first that you first consider the Order  
8 to approve Empire for a Slot Machine Manufacturer  
9 License.

10 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
11 has no objection.

12 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
13 May I have a motion, please?

14 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
15 moves that the Board grant the Slot Machine  
16 Manufacturing License as described by the Bureau of  
17 Licensing.

18 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
19 Manzano-Díaz, second.

20 CHAIR: All in favor?

21 (AYES RESPOND.)

22 CHAIR: All opposed?

23 (NO RESPONSE.)

24 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

25 MR. HANNON: Next is consideration of

1 Empire for an Interactive Gaming Manufacturer  
2 License.

3 CHAIR: Enforcement Counsel?

4 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
5 has no objection.

6 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
7 May have a motion, please?

8 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
9 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board grant  
10 the Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License as  
11 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

12 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner  
13 Hickernell seconds.

14 CHAIR: All in favor?  
15 (AYES RESPOND.)

16 CHAIR: All opposed?  
17 (NO RESPONSE.)

18 CHAIR: Motion passes.

19 MR. HANNON: In addition for your  
20 consideration is the Renewal of the Slot Machine,  
21 Table Game and Interactive Gaming Manufacturer  
22 Licenses for AGS, LLC, doing business as, America  
23 Gaming Systems. Formed in Delaware on April 12,  
24 2005. AGS's principal place of business is located in  
25 Las Vegas, Nevada. AGS develops and distributes

1 various gaming equipment including, but not limited  
2 to, electronic gaming machines, table game products  
3 and systems software.

4                   The BIE has completed its  
5 investigation of the company and the Bureau of  
6 Licensing has provided you with a Background  
7 Investigation and Suitability Report. I have  
8 provided you with draft Orders and asked that the  
9 Board first consider the Order to renew the Slot  
10 Machine License for AGS, LLC.

11                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
12 has no objection.

13                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
14 May have a motion, please?

15                   MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,  
16 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board grant  
17 the Slot Machine Manufacturer License Renewal as  
18 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

19                   MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
20 seconds.

21                   CHAIR: All in favor?

22 (AYES RESPOND.)

23                   CHAIR: All opposed?

24 (NO RESPONSE.)

25                   CHAIR: Motion passes.

1                   MR. HANNON: Next is the order to  
2 renew AGS for the Table Game Manufacturer License.

3                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
4 has no objection.

5                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
6 May have a motion, please?

7                   MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
8 Dillon moves that the Board grant the Table Game  
9 Manufacture License Renewal as described by the  
10 Bureau of Licensing.

11                   MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
12 seconds.

13                   CHAIR: All in favor?  
14 (AYES RESPOND.)

15                   CHAIR: All opposed?  
16 (NO RESPONSE.)

17                   CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

18                   MR. HANNON: And finally, the order to  
19 renew AGS for the Interactive Gaming Manufacturer  
20 License.

21                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
22 has no objection.

23                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
24 May have a motion, please?

25                   MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,

1 Commissioner Dermody moves with the Board grant the  
2 Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License Renewal as  
3 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

4 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan  
5 seconds.

6 CHAIR: All in favor?  
7 (AYES RESPOND.)

8 CHAIR: All opposed?  
9 (NO RESPONSE.)

10 CHAIR: Motion passes.

11 MR. HANNON: Next are Principal and  
12 Key Employee Licenses. The Bureau of Licensing  
13 provided you with a proposed Order for five  
14 Principals and two Key Employees. I ask the Board  
15 consider the Order approving these licenses.

16 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
17 has no objection.

18 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
19 May have a motion, please?

20 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
21 Regan moves that the Board grant the Principal and  
22 Key Employee Licenses as described by the Bureau of  
23 Licensing.

24 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
25 seconds.

1                   CHAIR: All in favor?

2 (AYES RESPOND.)

3                   CHAIR: All opposed?

4 (NO RESPONSE.)

5                   CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

6                   MR. HANNON: There are also Principal  
7 and Key Employee Temporary Credentials. The Bureau  
8 of Licensing provided you with an Order regarding the  
9 issuance of temporary credentials for three  
10 Principals and eight Key Employees. I ask that the  
11 Board consider the Order approving these credentials.

12                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
13 has no objection.

14                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

15 May I have a motion, please?

16                   MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
17 moves that the Board grant the Temporary Principal  
18 and Key Employee credentials as described by the  
19 Bureau of Licensing.

20                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
21 Manzano-Díaz, second.

22                   CHAIR: All in favor?

23 (AYES RESPOND.)

24                   CHAIR: All opposed?

25 (NO RESPONSE.)



1                   CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

2                   MR. HANNON: Additionally for your  
3 consideration are Gaming Employee Permits and Non-  
4 Gaming Employee Registrations. The Bureau of  
5 Licensing has provided you with a list of 648  
6 individuals to whom the Bureau is granted Temporary  
7 or full Occupation Permits and 241 individuals to  
8 whom the Bureau has granted registrations under the  
9 authority delegated to the Bureau of Licensing. I  
10 ask that the Board consider a motion approving the  
11 Order.

12                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
13 has no objection.

14                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
15 May I have a motion, please?

16                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
17 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board  
18 approve the Application for Gaming Employee  
19 Occupation Permits and Non-Gaming Employee  
20 Registrations as described by the Bureau of  
21 Licensing.

22                   MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner  
23 Hickernell seconds.

24                   CHAIR: All in favor?  
25 (AYES RESPOND.)

1                   CHAIR: All opposed?

2 (NO RESPONSE.)

3                   CHAIR: Motion passes.

4                   MR. HANNON: There's a recommendation  
5 of denial for three Gaming and three Non-Gaming  
6 Applicants. The Bureau of Licensing has provided you  
7 with the Order addressing the applicants who the OEC  
8 has recommended for denial. I ask that the Board  
9 consider the Order approving these denials.

10                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
11 continues to request denial in each matter.

12                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
13 May have a motion, please?

14                   MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,  
15 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board deny the  
16 Gaming and Non-Gaming Employee Applications as  
17 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

18                   MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
19 seconds.

20                   CHAIR: All in favor?

21 (AYES RESPOND.)

22                   CHAIR: All opposed?

23 (NO RESPONSE.)

24                   CHAIR: Motion passes.

25                   MR. HANNON: Next matter for your

1 consideration is Withdrawal Requests. In each case,  
2 the license, permit or registration is no longer  
3 required. For today's meeting, I've provided the  
4 Board with 32 Gaming and 12 Non-Gaming Applicants. I  
5 ask that the Board consider the Orders approving  
6 these withdrawals.

7 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
8 has no objection.

9 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
10 May I have a motion, please?

11 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
12 Dillon moves that the Board grant the Withdrawal of  
13 Gaming and Non-Gaming Employee Applications as  
14 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

15 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
16 seconds.

17 CHAIR: All in favor?  
18 (AYES RESPOND.)

19 CHAIR: All opposed?  
20 (NO RESPONSE.)

21 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

22 MR. HANNON: Finally, for  
23 consideration are Gaming Service Provider  
24 registrations. The Bureau of Licensing provided you  
25 with an Order and an attached list of three

1 Registered Gaming Service Provider Applicants. I ask  
2 that the Board consider the Order registering these  
3 Gaming Service Providers.

4 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement counsel  
5 has no objection.

6 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
7 May I have a motion, please?

8 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,  
9 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the  
10 Gaming Service Provider Registrations as described by  
11 the Bureau of Licensing.

12 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan  
13 seconds.

14 CHAIR: All in favor?  
15 (AYES RESPOND.)

16 CHAIR: All opposed?  
17 (NO RESPONSE.)

18 CHAIR: Motion passes.

19 MR. HANNON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

20 CHAIR: Thank you, Sean. Next is the  
21 OEC, Cyrus Pitre. Cyrus?

22 ATTORNEY PITRE: Good afternoon, Madam  
23 Chair, Members of the Board. The OEC will present 20  
24 matters today for the Board's consideration in which  
25 we will request approval of one Consent Agreement,

1 one Suspension, four Revocations and 14 Involuntary  
2 Exclusions.

3                   The next matter on the agenda for the  
4 Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement between  
5 the OEC and Category 2 Licensee Stadium Casino RE,  
6 LLC, doing business as Live! Casino and Hotel  
7 Philadelphia. The matter will be presented by Senior  
8 Enforcement Counsel John Crohe. Representatives for  
9 Live! are present, and at this time I request that  
10 those individuals please introduce themselves for the  
11 record and that all non-attorney witnesses please  
12 stand and be sworn.

13                   ATTORNEY DIEHL: Madam Chair, I'm Tom  
14 Diehl, Vice President of Legal on behalf of Stadium  
15 Casino RE, LLC, and with me is Craig Clark who's our  
16 Executive VP and General Manager.

17                   CHAIR: Mr. Diehl, can you just spell  
18 your name for the Court Reporter?

19                   ATTORNEY DIEHL: I certainly can.  
20 It's D-I-E-H-L, and although he does not intend to  
21 present today, he was available for question and  
22 answers. So, it would be appropriate to swear him  
23 in.

24                   CHAIR: Okay.

25                   Please stand and be sworn in, please.

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2    CRAIG CLARK,  
3 CALLED AS A WITNESS IN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING, AND  
4 HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AND SAID AS  
5 FOLLOWS:

6    ---  
7                        CHAIR:    And could you just state and  
8 spell your name for Court Reporter?

9                        MR. CLARK:    Yeah, it's Craig Clark,  
10 C-R-A-I-G, C-L-A-R-K.

11                        CHAIR:    Okay.  
12 Enforcement Counsel?

13                        ATTORNEY CROHE:    Thank you.    Good  
14 morning, Chair, Members of the Board, John Crohe,  
15 C-R-O-H-E, for the OEC.    This matter concerns Self-  
16 Exclusion violations which occurred at Live! Casino  
17 Philadelphia.

18    Regarding count one on December 12,  
19 2021, an individual on the Casino Self-Exclusion  
20 List, D.S. was on the gaming floor at Live! Casino  
21 for a total of 1 hour and 55 minutes, gamed at a  
22 total of ten slot machines and was issued a Players  
23 Club Card by Live! before successfully departing the  
24 casino undetected.    This matter was self-reported  
25 after Live! discovered the incident during an

1 internal report review process.

2           Regarding count two, between December  
3 15, 2021 and December 16, 2021, an individual on the  
4 casino Self-Exclusion List, H.E. actively gamed at  
5 Live! Casino for a total of approximately 55 minutes,  
6 buying in for a total of \$36,900. This matter was  
7 also self-reported after Live! discovered the  
8 incident during an internal report review process  
9 following the creation of a duplicate Players Club  
10 Account. While on the Self-Exclusion List, H.E. was  
11 also issued a Players Club Card and received comps in  
12 the form of \$3,000 worth of Match Play coupons and  
13 Philadelphia Eagles game tickets.

14           Regarding Count 3, on November 9,  
15 2022, an individual on the Casino Self-Exclusion  
16 List, D.Y., was on the gaming floor for approximately  
17 21 hours and 11 minutes before Live! Casino removed  
18 D.Y. from the gaming floor. During that time, D.Y.  
19 bought-in for \$9,600 and completed three cash outs at  
20 the main cage for a total of \$4,700. D.Y. was  
21 identified as being on the Self-Exclusion List by  
22 Live! security personnel while D.Y. was on the gaming  
23 floor.

24           Regarding count four, on December 24,  
25 2022, an individual on the casino Self-Exclusion

1 List, J.A., was on the gaming floor for approximately  
2 six hours and 16 minutes, bought in for a total of  
3 \$3,000, completed two cash outs at the main cage for  
4 a total of \$700, and also successfully obtained one  
5 cash advance from the main cage. J.A. was identified  
6 as being on the Self-Exclusion List while attempting  
7 to obtain a second cash advance.

8                   The Act and the regulations  
9 promulgated thereunder require that Slot Machine  
10 Licensees identify and remove self-excluded  
11 individuals from the gaming floor, prevent excluded  
12 individuals from gaming and deny gaming related  
13 activities to self-excluded individuals.

14                   The OEC and Stadium Casino RE, LLC,  
15 doing business as, Live! Casino and Hotel  
16 Philadelphia respectfully requests that the Board  
17 approve the Consent Agreement and Stipulations of  
18 Settlement that Stadium Casino RE, LLC, doing  
19 business as Live! Casino and Hotel Philadelphia pay a  
20 civil penalty of \$50,000, as well as a \$2,500  
21 administrative fee for costs incurred by Board staff  
22 in connection with investigations into this matter.

23                   CHAIR: Thank you. Live!, would you  
24 like to address the Board?

25                   ATTORNEY DIEHL: Yes. We heard the



1 recitation of the facts by OEC and I'm confirming on  
2 behalf of Stadium Casino RE, LLC, that is accurate  
3 and we also accept the terms of the Consent  
4 Agreement. Also within the Consent Agreement, there  
5 is a list of remedial actions that we've taken since  
6 these occurrences that took place I believe in 2021  
7 and 2022 that just would like to briefly overview.

8           One of the issues that we did was  
9 create a - or, I'm sorry, implement a duplicate  
10 report that would help us to identify any type of  
11 inadvertently-created duplicate accounts. The second  
12 thing we did was change the system that we used for  
13 signing up new player accounts. The third thing that  
14 we did was conduct mandatory training of all team  
15 members that have authorization to sign on new  
16 accounts. And we did that across all of our  
17 properties.

18           Although this Consent Agreement is  
19 obviously for Philadelphia, as you know, we have a  
20 casino in Pittsburgh, we also have one in Maryland.  
21 So, we made sure that when we learned something in  
22 one property, we rolled out to all our properties.  
23 We also reemphasized with both our cage department  
24 and table games department that the necessity and the  
25 emphasis on making sure that we log unrated patrons,

1 particularly if they have a large buy-in.

2           And as you can probably go, as we're  
3 going through the counts, counts one and two were  
4 addressed by the first three issues. The fourth  
5 remedial action with respect to count three, and the  
6 last one here is obviously conducting retraining for  
7 the cage to ensure there's proper ID checks in  
8 advance of cash advances. And this is of course in  
9 addition to having responsible gaming training for  
10 all new team members, which is then revisited  
11 annually.

12           That concludes what we'd like to  
13 present to you. And certainly we make ourselves  
14 available for questions you may have.

15           CHAIR: Any questions from the Board?  
16 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz?

17           MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Thank you, Madam  
18 Chair. The question I have is the first two. In  
19 terms of who got the players card. You said you  
20 found that through an internal review process. So,  
21 that means that you found out after the fact.

22           Is that right?

23           ATTORNEY DIEHL: Yes. That is  
24 correct. Like if we, if we saw them right when we  
25 were there, we'd obviously intervene. What we end up

1 doing when we merge accounts, you'll have -. I'll  
2 use myself as an example.

3                   If I was a self-excluded patron and I  
4 would show up to our casino in order to create, like,  
5 a Player's Card. What I'd end up doing is showing  
6 my driver's license and having it dipped in our  
7 process to for new player signups which would then  
8 pull up, you know, Thomas Diehl, and at that point a  
9 card would be issued and so forth.

10                   The tricky part happens sometimes when  
11 if I would sign up for Self-Exclusion, I may sign up  
12 myself as Tom Diehl, in which case we then use our  
13 systems, we're talking about the duplicate account  
14 system to be able to match those two because what we  
15 want to happen whenever someone signs up for a self-  
16 excluded and it's been rolled out from the  
17 Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's API, we said that  
18 and we want to create - if we do not have that patron  
19 in there in our account, we want to create a new  
20 account that's obviously flagged, so, when they show  
21 up at our property, they'll be recognized immediately  
22 whenever they conduct a transaction or carded at the  
23 door.

24                   Now, what may take place in some cases  
25 if Tom Diehl and Thomas Diehl are not recognized as

1 the same patron, now we have the duplicate account  
2 that we're trying to vet through. And though the  
3 flag may be on one, it may not be on the other.  
4 That's what we're trying to safeguard against.

5                   So, back to your underlying question.  
6 When we reconcile those two and make sure we have  
7 this vetting process which includes an additional  
8 step of this duplicate report, that's when they piece  
9 them together and realize, oh, these are two separate  
10 - these are two separate accounts. One was flagged  
11 and the other wasn't.

12                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: And when you have  
13 those duplicates, do you not match just the name or  
14 do you match the addresses as well?

15                   ATTORNEY DIEHL: A great point.  
16 There's a couple different things. The initial  
17 thing, whenever the initial flush comes in, where you  
18 want to create a new account to make sure it's  
19 flagged, it's an exact match between first name, last  
20 name and date of birth. The problem is when you  
21 start to get into larger numbers, like date of birth  
22 sounds like it would be fantastic. But if you have,  
23 for instance, a sample of 10,000 accounts divided by  
24 365 days, now all of a sudden, presume normal  
25 distribution, then you have 27 different people for

1 every single day of the year.

2           So, what happens - then we go to the  
3 next step, which would include address. The problem  
4 with address is it's not as immutable as a date of  
5 birth. People move and so forth. And it's also a  
6 little bit tricky with respect to whether it's a  
7 street, whether it's an address. Sometimes numbers  
8 may be transposed upon sign up and even gets down to  
9 the point where even names themselves, which seem  
10 like they'd be very straightforward, sometimes it may  
11 be exchanged between Tom and Thomas, sometimes it may  
12 be written with a dash or a space and it becomes -.

13           It's been education for me. I found  
14 it's a much more tricky process than I initially  
15 expected, but to answer your question, yes, we would  
16 initially start off with those name and date of birth  
17 and then expand out to address as appropriate.

18           MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: The last question  
19 is with regard to the individual who was on the floor  
20 for 21 hours, what happened with that? And also how  
21 do you safeguard? You had another individual who was  
22 there for six hours as well.

23           So, what is it that you're doing to  
24 address what happened and what are you doing to  
25 address that issue?

1                    ATTORNEY DIEHL: Oh, certainly with  
2 respect to somebody that was in there, I believe that  
3 was count three, the gentleman that was on for 21  
4 hours. There's a couple of things that take place.  
5 First of all, when he shows up the door, he was over  
6 30, over the age of 35. So, he wouldn't be somebody  
7 that would necessarily be carded because he's kind of  
8 like, I'm not carded when I'm served a drink in a  
9 restaurant. Obviously, well over 21.

10                    So, then you have an instance where if  
11 the patron doesn't present an ID when they - in this  
12 case, it was - I think in his case he cashed into -  
13 bought into table games. He didn't present an ID.  
14 He didn't present a Player's Card obviously because  
15 he would have been flagged at that point. The trick  
16 then is for our team members to log this person and  
17 identify him as best they are able without the  
18 advantage of a name, an ID or a Player's Card.

19                    So, then you then have to indicate -  
20 again I'm not a dealer, but I'm going through the  
21 process from learning this process, that you identify  
22 them as their physical attributes. There's somebody  
23 that's approximately six feet who's wearing a ball  
24 cap and an Eagle's sweatshirt and then that person  
25 plays and then they play at another table game and

1 another table game. And then what our team has to do  
2 is track them from table to table to accrue the buy-  
3 ins, and at that point there's certain trigger  
4 amounts that would flag that we ultimately got to,  
5 but it took - I believe if I went through the - when  
6 I did my homework for this report, it was 32  
7 different transactions. I'm sorry, 32 different  
8 tables that were visited. And it is a trick.

9           It is very challenging for our team  
10 members to be able to track that. But again,  
11 expression my father uses frequently, if it was easy  
12 I would assign it to somebody else. So, we're up for  
13 the challenge, we'll take it on. And sometimes they  
14 do get through the cracks, but it wasn't a one-time  
15 instance that we that would have immediately flagged  
16 it. It's the accumulation because we have to flag it  
17 at thresholds of \$10,000 or in some cases \$3,000 with  
18 respect to the multiple transaction log. So, I hope  
19 that answers your question. It takes a while for us  
20 to finally catch up and then figure out this.

21           MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: So, in light of  
22 what happened with the 21 hour and the six-hour one,  
23 what is it you said you were instituting as a  
24 remediation?

25           ATTORNEY DIEHL: Oh, certainly. With

1 respect to one of the ways that you flagging those  
2 people is the manual log. Because it's wonderful  
3 when we can - it's automated when we're using a  
4 driver's license, when you use a player account,  
5 manual log is a skill. It's kind of like exercise.  
6 It's not something you can do - you can train one  
7 time and then be fit. It's something that has to be  
8 revisited and something like this takes place. You  
9 have to come back to your team, in this case, our  
10 table games team and say, look, this is why we do  
11 this.

12                   It's challenging, we know that, but we  
13 have to double down on this and emphasize this is  
14 important. Otherwise people end up getting through  
15 our nets.

16                   MR. CLARK: And the key to this is  
17 really the training that goes on and how we make sure  
18 the communication is between departments. And in  
19 this case, when you say 21 hours, you go over  
20 different shifts and you want to really make sure you  
21 have the information conveyed from shift to shift or  
22 table to table. And we focus a lot on the training  
23 associated with that communication to ensure  
24 compliance.

25                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Thank you.



1                   CHAIR: Any other questions or  
2 comments?

3                   MR. DILLON: I have one other  
4 question.

5                   CHAIR: Commissioner Dillon?

6                   MR. DILLON: Wasn't one of these  
7 individuals also got \$3,000 in cash advances or perks  
8 or something?

9                   CHAIR: Somebody went to the Eagle's  
10 game and got Eagle's tickets.

11                   ATTORNEY DIEHL: Like, yeah, there's.  
12 That was count three, and I think in count four was  
13 the cash advance. So, I think you're accurate on  
14 both counts, but it was different individuals.

15                   MR. DILLON: Okay.

16                   So, how were they able to do that if  
17 they were on this? Didn't they have to present ID to  
18 be able to get these perks?

19                   ATTORNEY DIEHL: No. I'll start with  
20 that last one first. He was the gentleman that did  
21 not present an ID that was moving from table games to  
22 table games over the aggregate. Now, with respect to  
23 the actual specific issuance of comps in that one.  
24 Craig -?

25                   MR. CLARK: Yeah. So, in that

1 situation, he should have a player's account to get  
2 the match play that was issued to them, as well as  
3 the tickets. Not sure the specifics associated with  
4 why that did not occur. I would assume that it has  
5 to do with a name match. Once again, that it was  
6 different than the self-excluded list.

7 ATTORNEY CROHE: The individual who was  
8 given the Match Play coupons as well as the Eagle  
9 tickets, that was count two. So, this is an  
10 individual who was issued a duplicate card. So, if  
11 you were to go through the facts, it was because he  
12 had that duplicate card which when they were swiping  
13 it was not registering as somebody who was self-  
14 excluded is how he was able to accumulate that on the  
15 non-self-excluded duplicate account.

16 MR. DILLON: Yes. So, the issuance  
17 occurred on the one that wasn't flagged as self-  
18 excluded.

19 ATTORNEY DIEHL: Thank you, John. And  
20 on the last matter with respect to the cash advance,  
21 that one was a human error. When they first  
22 approached for a cash advance, the standard protocol  
23 was to request ID. The first team member did not and  
24 the cash advance was issued.

25 And John's facts that he accurately

1 cited, that same patron came back to the same cage,  
2 encountered a separate employee 34 minutes later, and  
3 was flagged the second time, they end up catching  
4 the, requesting an ID and then he ended up being  
5 flagged.

6 MR. DILLON: So, what happens to the  
7 employee that isn't following proper procedures or  
8 protocols to, you know, ask for ID when they're  
9 asking?

10 MR. CLARK: They'll go through a  
11 disciplinary process of looking at their experience.  
12 Did they have other situations? They'd go through a  
13 warning process and up to termination if they're not  
14 following the procedures. And our goal is to  
15 continue to train. We want to bring awareness to  
16 different transaction types on an ongoing basis. So,  
17 a lot of that has to do with not just doing the  
18 annual training, but also having like procedure of  
19 the week in the cage specifically is a refresher for  
20 the team member. You know, our goal is to give them  
21 the tools to succeed. And a large part of that is  
22 both training, training and more training as well as  
23 technology.

24 In this case, as Tom mentioned, human  
25 error. They didn't follow the process and procedure

1 that we had in place. And the first transaction went  
2 through. The second team member did the right  
3 process and properly flagged them.

4 MR. DILLON: Thank you.

5 CHAIR: And I just as a follow up, Mr.  
6 Crohe said the first two were self-reported. Were  
7 the second two self-reported as well?

8 ATTORNEY DIEHL: Yeah, all of them are  
9 self-reported. Yeah, because once they immediately  
10 get reduced to our incident report, which is then  
11 copied into the Gaming Control Board, the onsite  
12 staff of the Gaming Control Board.

13 CHAIR: Okay.

14 Great. And when you say you merged  
15 all of the files, I mean because I know one of them  
16 was caught because of them being listed in Maryland.  
17 So, now all of your properties are all on the same  
18 page as far as files.

19 MR. CLARK: Oh, great. Yes, great  
20 point. Whenever a patron is barred from gaming in  
21 one of our properties, whether it be Maryland,  
22 whether it be Pittsburgh, whether it's Philadelphia,  
23 it's recognized. The ban is recognized as the other  
24 properties. So, then - so, yes, it would be  
25 reconciled not only in our property, but in all three

1 of the properties. And all three of them would  
2 recognize the ban.

3 CHAIR: Okay. Thank you. Any other  
4 questions or comments?

5 May I have a motion then, please?

6 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves  
7 that the Board approve the Consent Agreement between  
8 the OEC and Stadium Casino RE, LLC, doing business as  
9 Live! Casino and Hotel Philadelphia as described by  
10 the OEC.

11 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
12 seconds.

13 CHAIR: All in favor?

14 (AYES RESPOND.)

15 CHAIR: All opposed?

16 (NO RESPONSE.)

17 CHAIR: Motion's adopted. Thank you,  
18 gentlemen.

19 ATTORNEY DIEHL: Thank you.

20 ATTORNEY PITRE: The next five matters  
21 on the agenda consist of enforcement actions in which  
22 the OEC filed complaints seeking the suspension or  
23 revocation of permits or registrations previously  
24 issued by the Board. The complaint in each matter  
25 has been filed with the Board's OHA and properly

1 served upon the individual named in each complaint.

2           The individual named in each complaint  
3 failed to respond within 30 days as required by Board  
4 regulation. As a result, the OEC filed a request for  
5 Default Judgment in each instance and properly served  
6 the same upon each respondent. Therefore, all facts  
7 in each Complaint are deemed admitted. All filed  
8 documents have been provided to the Board and the  
9 matters are presently ripe for the Board's  
10 consideration.

11           In each matter, we will provide a  
12 brief summary of the facts and make a request for the  
13 appropriate Board action.

14           ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: Good afternoon,  
15 Madam Chair, Commissioners. Juan Sanchez,  
16 S-A-N-C-H-E-Z, with the OEC. The next matter on the  
17 agenda for the Board's consideration is the  
18 suspension of the Employee Occupation Permit issued  
19 to Essence Condon.

20           Ms. Condon was previously employed as  
21 a table games dealer at Rivers Casino Pittsburgh.  
22 Essence Condon failed to disclose to the Board that  
23 the city of Pittsburgh Police Department arrested her  
24 while she was working at Rivers and criminally  
25 charged her with two separate criminal complaints for

1 two separate incidents of endangering her two-year  
2 old and 18-month old children. Ms. Condon is  
3 currently awaiting trial for felony and misdemeanor  
4 offenses. She is not currently employed in  
5 Pennsylvania's gaming industry.

6 At this time, the OEC requests that  
7 the Board suspend the Gaming Employee Occupation  
8 Permit issued to Essence Condon.

9 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from  
10 the Board?

11 This is the individual whose one child  
12 was burned severely and the other one had THC in  
13 their system?

14 ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: Yes, ma'am.

15 CHAIR: Okay.

16 Thank you. May I have a motion,  
17 please?

18 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
19 moves that the Board approve the suspension of  
20 Essence Condon's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit  
21 for the conduct described by the OEC.

22 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
23 Manzano-Díaz, second.

24 CHAIR: All in favor?

25 (AYES RESPOND.)

1                   CHAIR: All opposed?

2 (NO RESPONSE.)

3                   CHAIR: Motion passes.

4                   ATTORNEY SCIRROTTO: Good afternoon.

5 Kelci Scirrotto, S-C-I-R-R-O-T-T-O, Assistant  
6 Enforcement Counsel with the OEC.

7                   The next matter on the agenda for the  
8 Board's consideration is the revocation of the Non-  
9 Gaming Employee Registration issued to George Curtis.  
10 He was previously employed as an EVS Attendant for  
11 Team Clean at Live! Casino Philadelphia.

12                   While Mr. Curtis was working as an EVS  
13 Attendant, he stole a patron's Louis Vuitton wallet.  
14 He returned the patron's passport and credit cards to  
15 security, but did not return the wallet. As a  
16 result, Mr. Curtis was terminated and was criminally  
17 charged by police. Mr. Curtis is not currently  
18 employed in Pennsylvania's gaming industry.

19                   At this time, the OEC requests that  
20 the Board revoke the Non-Gaming Employee Registration  
21 issued to Mr. Curtis.

22                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

23                   May I have a motion, please?

24                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
25 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board



1 approve the revocation of George Curtis's Non-Gaming  
2 Employee Registration for the conduct described by  
3 the OEC.

4 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner  
5 Hickernell seconds.

6 CHAIR: All in favor?  
7 (AYES RESPOND.)

8 CHAIR: All opposed?  
9 (NO RESPONSE.)

10 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

11 ATTORNEY KOLESAR: Good afternoon.

12 Sarah Kolesar,  
13 K-O-L-E-S-A-R, Enforcement Counsel with the OEC.

14 The next two matters on the agenda for  
15 the Board's consideration is the revocation of the  
16 Gaming Level 2 Employee Occupation Permit issued to  
17 Anthony Laush and the revocation of the Gaming  
18 Employee Occupation Permit issued to Robin Schnepf.  
19 With the Board's permission, I will read one set of  
20 facts and then request the revocation of the permit  
21 issued to each individual.

22 Mr. Laush was previously employed as a  
23 Table Game Supervisor and Ms. Schnepf was previously  
24 employed as a Table Games Dealer at Rivers Casino  
25 Pittsburgh. In December of 2023 and February of

1 2024, Mr. Laush and Ms. Schnepf, while working two  
2 scheduled shifts and their respective positions,  
3 engaged in collusion. While Ms. Schnepf was acting  
4 as a dealer at an interblock roulette game and Mr.  
5 Laush was engaged in supervising the interblock  
6 roulette game.

7                   On December 20, 2023 and February 15,  
8 2024, during their assigned shifts, Ms. Schnepf  
9 deliberately spun the roulette ball in the wrong  
10 direction, which resulted in an invalid spin. And  
11 then without surveillance review and in a manner that  
12 is inconsistent with interblock roulette standing  
13 operator - standard operating procedures, Mr. Laush  
14 approved the invalid spins.

15                   These actions allowed a female patron  
16 and a male patron to place bets and increase bets  
17 after a winning number had been determined, which  
18 resulted in those patrons being paid a total of  
19 \$10,901 to which they were not entitled to. On both  
20 dates, the same patrons were involved in these  
21 incidents and ultimately were discovered to have a  
22 personal relationship with Mr. Laush.

23                   In addition, in February of 2024, on  
24 the same date of the above described incident, Mr.  
25 Laush fraudulently issued the male patron a comp in

1 the amount of \$35 to which she was not entitled to.  
2 Both Mr. Laush and Ms. Schnepf currently have pending  
3 criminal charges related to this incident. Mr. Laush  
4 and Ms. Schnepf were terminated for their actions and  
5 are not currently employed in the Pennsylvania gaming  
6 industry.

7 At this time, the OEC requests that  
8 the Board revoke the Gaming Level 2 Employee  
9 Occupation Permit issued to Anthony Laush.

10 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

11 May I have a motion, please?

12 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,  
13 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve  
14 the revocation of Anthony Laush's Gaming Level 2  
15 Employee Occupation Permit for the conduct described  
16 by the OEC.

17 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
18 seconds.

19 CHAIR: All in favor?

20 (AYES RESPOND.)

21 CHAIR: All opposed?

22 (NO RESPONSE.)

23 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

24 ATTORNEY KOLESAR: At this time, the  
25 OEC requests that the Board revoke the Gaming

1 Employee Occupation Permit issued to Robin Schnepf.

2 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

3 May I have a motion, please?

4 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
5 Dillon moves that the Board approve the revocation of  
6 Robin Schnepf's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit for  
7 the conduct described by the OEC.

8 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
9 seconds.

10 CHAIR: All in favor?

11 (AYES RESPOND.)

12 CHAIR: All opposed?

13 (NO RESPONSE.)

14 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

15 ATTORNEY GROODY: Good afternoon.

16 Sarah Groody, G-R-O-O-D-Y with OEC. The next matter  
17 on the agenda for the Board's consideration is the  
18 revocation of the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit  
19 issued to Travis Stephens. Mr. Stephens was  
20 previously employed as a surveillance agent at  
21 Harrah's Philadelphia Casino and Racetrack.

22 While he was working, Mr. Stephens was  
23 caught using surveillance cameras in an inappropriate  
24 manner. Specifically, he was zooming the camera in  
25 on patron's body parts and in a manner inconsistent

1 with his job duties. He was terminated by Harrah's  
2 after this was discovered. He is not currently  
3 employed in the Pennsylvania gaming industry.

4 At this time, the OEC requests that  
5 the Board revoke the Gaming Employee Occupation  
6 Permit issued to Travis Stephens.

7 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
8 May I have a motion, please?

9 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,  
10 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the  
11 revocation of Travis Stephens's Gaming Employee  
12 Occupation Permit for the conduct described by the  
13 OEC.

14 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan  
15 seconds.

16 CHAIR: All in favor?  
17 (AYES RESPOND.)

18 CHAIR: All opposed?  
19 (NO RESPONSE.)

20 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

21 ATTORNEY PITRE: The remaining matters  
22 on the agenda consist of enforcement actions in which  
23 the OEC filed petitions seeking the involuntary  
24 exclusion of individuals who are inimical to the  
25 interests of the Commonwealth and/or licensed gaming

1 therein. In each instance, the Petition for  
2 exclusion has been filed with the Board's OHA, and  
3 properly served upon the individual named in the  
4 petition. The individual named in each petition  
5 failed to respond within 30 days as required by Board  
6 regulation.

7 As a result, the OEC filed a request  
8 for Default Judgment in each instance and properly  
9 served the same upon each individual. Therefore, all  
10 facts in each petition are deemed admitted. All  
11 filed documents have been provided to the Board and  
12 the matters are presently ripe for the Board's  
13 consideration.

14 In each instance, if the Board orders  
15 a proposed exclusion, each individual's photo,  
16 personal identifiers and a summary of the inimical  
17 conduct may be placed in the Board's public website.  
18 Once again, in each matter, we will provide a brief  
19 summary of the facts and make a request for the  
20 appropriate Board action.

21 ATTORNEY GROODY: Once again, Sarah  
22 Groody with OEC. The next matter on the agenda for  
23 the Board's consideration is the Petition to place  
24 Lashara Benjamin on the Involuntary Exclusion List.  
25 Ms. Benjamin arrived at Live! Philadelphia with an

1 11-year old child. After she parked in the parking  
2 garage, she walked away from the vehicle leaving the  
3 child unattended.

4 The child was discovered by Live's!  
5 security patrol. It was approximately 40 minutes  
6 before she returned to the vehicle. While the child  
7 was unattended, Ms. Benjamin was inside of Live!  
8 Philadelphia playing slot machines. She was issued a  
9 permanent eviction from Live! Philadelphia for this  
10 incident and no criminal charges were filed.

11 At this time, the OEC requests that  
12 the Board place Lashara Benjamin on the Involuntary  
13 Exclusion List.

14 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
15 May I have a motion, please?

16 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
17 Regan moves that the Board approve the addition of  
18 Lashara Benjamin to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion  
19 List for the conduct described by the OEC.

20 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
21 seconds.

22 CHAIR: All in favor?

23 (AYES RESPOND.)

24 CHAIR: All opposed?

25 (NO RESPONSE.)

1                   CHAIR: Motion passes.

2                   ATTORNEY GROODY: The next matter on  
3 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the  
4 petition to place Clarence Katwaroo on the  
5 Involuntary Exclusion List. Mr. Katwaroo was caught  
6 cheating at Wind Creek Bethlehem Casino.  
7 Specifically, he was caught cheating on 14 separate  
8 occasions. On nine of those occasions he capped his  
9 wager and on five of those occasions he pinched his  
10 wager. His cheating resulted in him being paid out  
11 \$900 to which he was not entitled and he has only  
12 paid \$185 in restitution. He was issued a permanent  
13 eviction from Wind Creek and was criminally charged  
14 for his actions. At this time, the OEC requests that  
15 the Board place Clarence Katwaroo on the Involuntary  
16 Exclusion List.

17                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
18                   May I have a motion, please?

19                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
20 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board  
21 approve the addition of Clarence Katwaroo to the PGCB  
22 Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct described  
23 by the OEC.

24                   MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner  
25 Hickernell seconds.



1                   CHAIR: All in favor?

2 (AYES RESPOND.)

3                   CHAIR: All opposed?

4 (NO RESPONSE.)

5                   CHAIR: Motion passes.

6                   ATTORNEY MONAGHAN: Good afternoon.

7 Thomas Monaghan, M-O-N-A-G-H-A-N with OEC. The next  
8 two matters in the agenda for the Board's  
9 consideration stem from the same or similar set of  
10 facts. Therefore, with the Board's permission, I  
11 will cite one set of facts and then ask for each  
12 individual to be placed in the Board's Interactive  
13 Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

14                   David Avery and Nathan Avery each  
15 created multiple accounts on the BetMGM interactive  
16 gaming platform using the personal identifying  
17 information of other individuals. All the accounts  
18 were closed and the devices used were blocked from  
19 being used by BetMGM. The OEC now requests the Board  
20 place David Avery on the Interactive Gaming  
21 Involuntary Exclusion List.

22                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

23                   May I have a motion, please?

24                   MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,

25 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve

1 the addition of David Avery to the Pennsylvania  
2 Gaming Control Board's Involuntary Interactive Gaming  
3 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

4 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
5 seconds.

6 CHAIR: All in favor?  
7 (AYES RESPOND.)

8 CHAIR: All opposed?  
9 (NO RESPONSE.)

10 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

11 ATTORNEY MONAGHAN: The OEC now  
12 requests the Board place Nathan Avery on the  
13 Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

14 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
15 May I have a motion, please?

16 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
17 Dillon moves that the Board approve the addition of  
18 Nathan Avery to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive  
19 Gaming Exclusion List for the conduct described by  
20 the OEC.

21 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
22 seconds.

23 CHAIR: All in favor?  
24 (AYES RESPOND.)

25 CHAIR: All opposed?

1 (NO RESPONSE.)

2 CHAIR: Motion passes.

3 ATTORNEY MONAGHAN: The next item on  
4 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a request  
5 to place Daral Cresswell on the Board's Involuntary  
6 Exclusion List. Mr. Cresswell cheated by colluding  
7 with a table games dealer while playing Blackjack and  
8 Spanish 21 on multiple dates at Rivers Casino  
9 Philadelphia. The dealer committed numerous  
10 procedural violations that manipulated the game to  
11 the benefit of Mr. Cresswell. Table Games Dealer's  
12 Gaming Employee Occupation Permit was previously  
13 revoked by the Board for this incident.

14 At this time, the OEC requests the  
15 Board place Daral Cresswell on the Board's  
16 Involuntary Exclusion List.

17 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
18 May I have a motion, please?

19 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,  
20 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the  
21 addition of Daral Cresswell to the Pennsylvania  
22 Gaming Control Board's Involuntary Exclusion List for  
23 the conduct described by the OEC.

24 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan  
25 seconds.

1                   CHAIR: All in favor?

2 (AYES RESPOND.)

3                   CHAIR: All opposed?

4 (NO RESPONSE.)

5                   CHAIR: Motion passes.

6                   ATTORNEY MONAGHAN: The next matter in  
7 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a request  
8 to place Nicholas Hanko on the Board's Interactive  
9 Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List. Mr. Hanko opened  
10 an Interactive Gaming Account on the Hollywood Casino  
11 Interactive Gaming website. He made multiple  
12 deposits totaling \$17,625. Mr. Hanko's wagering  
13 activity resulted in losing the entirety of the money  
14 he deposited. Subsequently, Mr. Hanko failed or  
15 refused to pay \$11,125 that he owed to Hollywood  
16 Casino as a result of his gaming activity. Hollywood  
17 Casino closed Mr. Hanko's interactive gaming account.  
18 The OEC now requests the Board place Nicholas Hanko  
19 on the Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

20                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

21                   May I have a motion, please?

22                   MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves  
23 that the Board approve the addition of Nicholas Hanko  
24 to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive Gaming Exclusion  
25 List for the conduct described by the OEC.

1                   MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
2 seconds.

3                   CHAIR: All in favor?  
4 (AYES RESPOND.)

5                   CHAIR: All opposed?  
6 (NO RESPONSE.)

7                   CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

8                   ATTORNEY MONAGHAN: The next matter on  
9 the agenda for the Board's considerations is a  
10 request to place Mark Windle on the Board's  
11 Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List. Mr.  
12 Windle opened interactive gaming account on the  
13 Hollywood Casino interactive gaming website made  
14 multiple deposits totaling \$28,100.

15                   Mr. Windle's wagering activity  
16 resulted in losing the entirety of the money he  
17 deposited. Subsequently, Mr. Windle failed or  
18 refused to pay \$21,550 that he owed to Hollywood  
19 Casino as a result of his gaming activity. Hollywood  
20 closed Mr. Windle's interactive gaming account. The  
21 OEC now requests the Board place Mark Windle on the  
22 Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

23                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
24 May I have a motion, please?

25                   MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston

1 moves that the Board approve the addition of Mark  
2 Windle to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive Gaming  
3 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

4 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
5 Manzano-Díaz second.

6 CHAIR: All in favor?

7 (AYES RESPOND.)

8 CHAIR: All opposed?

9 (NO RESPONSE.)

10 CHAIR: Motion carries.

11 ATTORNEY ROBERTS: Good afternoon,  
12 Andrea Roberts, R-O-B-E-R-T-S, Assistant Enforcement  
13 Counsel. The next matter on the agenda for the  
14 Board's consideration is the request to place Stephen  
15 Bolusky on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

16 Mr. Bolusky was present at Mohegan  
17 Pennsylvania Casino when he became involved in a  
18 verbal altercation with another patron at Mohegan's  
19 breakers bar. Subsequently, Mr. Bolusky physically  
20 assaulted the other patron when Mohegan security  
21 arrived and intervened in the altercation. Mr.  
22 Bolusky also assaulted Mohegan Security.

23 Mr. Bolusky pled guilty to harassment  
24 subject other to physical contact, a summary offense.  
25 As a result of this incident, Mohegan permanently

1 banned Mr. Bolusky from their property. At this  
2 time, the OEC requests the Board place Stephen  
3 Bolusky on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

4 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
5 May I have a motion, please?

6 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
7 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board  
8 approve the addition of Stephen Bolusky to the PGCB  
9 Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct described  
10 by the OEC.

11 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner  
12 Hickernell seconds.

13 CHAIR: All in favor?  
14 (AYES RESPOND.)

15 CHAIR: All opposed?  
16 (NO RESPONSE.)

17 CHAIR: Motion passes.

18 ATTORNEY ROBERTS: The next matter on  
19 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the  
20 request to place Mansaborie Conde on the Involuntary  
21 Exclusion List. Mr. Conde was present at Live!  
22 Casino and Hotel Philadelphia and stole \$1,800 in  
23 chips belonging to another patron. Mr. Conde  
24 exchanged the chips for currency and fled the casino.

25 Mr. Conde was arrested by Pennsylvania

1 State Police upon returning to the casino and was  
2 criminally charged. Mr. Conde paid \$500 towards  
3 restitution. Live! permanently evicted Mr. Conde  
4 from their property. At this time, the OEC requests  
5 the Board place Mansaborie Conde on the Board's  
6 Involuntary Exclusion List.

7 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
8 May I have a motion, please?

9 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,  
10 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve  
11 the addition of Mansaborie Conde to the Pennsylvania  
12 Gaming Control Board's Involuntary Exclusion List for  
13 the conduct described by the OEC.

14 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
15 seconds.

16 CHAIR: All in favor?  
17 (AYES RESPOND.)

18 CHAIR: All opposed?  
19 (NO RESPONSE.)

20 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

21 ATTORNEY ROBERTS: The next matter on  
22 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the  
23 request to place Julien Lee on the Involuntary  
24 Exclusion List.

25 Ms. Lee left three minors, 8, 9 and



1 13-years old, unattended in a hotel room at Mount  
2 Airy Casino Resort for 1 hour and 48 minutes while  
3 she entered the gaming floor and played blackjack.  
4 Pennsylvania State Police were notified, but no  
5 charges were filed. Mount Airy permanently evicted  
6 Ms. Lee from their property as a result of this  
7 incident.

8                   Subsequently, Ms. Lee returned to  
9 Mount Airy. She was identified in the Poker Room.  
10 Pennsylvania State Police were notified and Ms. Lee  
11 was cited for trespass. Ms. Lee pled guilty to  
12 defiant trespass as a result of that incident. At  
13 this time, the OEC requests the Board place Julien  
14 Lee on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

15                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

16                   May I have a motion, please?

17                   MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
18 Dillon moves that the Board approved the addition of  
19 Julien Lee to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for  
20 the conduct described by the OEC.

21                   MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
22 seconds.

23                   CHAIR: All in favor?

24 (AYES RESPOND.)

25                   CHAIR: All opposed?

1 (NO RESPONSE.)

2 CHAIR: Motion passes.

3 ATTORNEY ROBERTS: The next matter on  
4 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the  
5 request to place Fred Chavez Puy on the Involuntary  
6 Exclusion List. Mr. Chavez Puy was present at Mount  
7 Airy Casino Resort and gamed at roulette.

8 Mr. Chavez Puy stole four 500 value  
9 checks from the dealer stack. When confronted, Mr.  
10 Chavez Puy returned two of the checks to the dealer,  
11 but hid the remaining two checks in his shoe.  
12 Pennsylvania State Police were notified, found the  
13 remaining checks and criminally charged Mr. Chavez  
14 Puy. Mount Airy permanently banned Mr. Chavez Puy  
15 from their property as a result of this incident. At  
16 this time, the OEC requests the Board place Fred  
17 Chavez Puy on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

18 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

19 May I have a motion, please?

20 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,  
21 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the  
22 addition of Fred Puy to the PGCB Involuntary  
23 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

24 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan  
25 seconds.

1                    CHAIR: All in favor?

2 (AYES RESPOND.)

3                    CHAIR: All opposed?

4 (NO RESPONSE.)

5                    CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

6                    ATTORNEY ROBERTS: The next matter on  
7 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the  
8 request to place Wilbur Richardson on the Involuntary  
9 Exclusion List. Mr. Richardson was present at Live!  
10 Casino and Hotel Philadelphia when he reached under  
11 the float cover of a closed roulette table and stole  
12 \$1,500 in purple chips.

13                    The theft was discovered when Mr.  
14 Richardson attempted to cash out the chips at the  
15 main cage. Pennsylvania State Police were notified  
16 and Mr. Richardson was criminally charged. Live!  
17 permanently evicted Mr. Richardson from their  
18 property as a result of this incident. At this time,  
19 the OEC request the Board place Wilbur Richardson on  
20 the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

21                    CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

22                    May I have a motion, please?

23                    MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
24 Regan moves that the Board approve the addition of  
25 Wilbur Richardson to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion

1 List for the conduct described by the OEC.

2 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
3 seconds.

4 CHAIR: All in favor?  
5 (AYES RESPOND.)

6 CHAIR: All opposed?  
7 (NO RESPONSE.)

8 CHAIR: Motion passes.

9 ATTORNEY CROHE: Chair, Members of the  
10 Board, John Crohe, C-R-O-H-E, once again for the OEC.  
11 The next matter on the agenda for the Board's  
12 consideration is the petition to place Juan Delacruz  
13 on the involuntary gaming - I'm sorry, Interactive  
14 Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

15 Juan Delacruz created and accessed 16  
16 accounts on the Barstool Sportsbook Interactive  
17 Gaming platform using the personal identifying  
18 information of other individuals; funded the accounts  
19 in the total amount of \$17,990 using credit cards  
20 that were not in Mr. Delacruz's name, then withdrew a  
21 total of \$11,250 from those accounts into personal  
22 banking accounts registered to Mr. Delacruz.

23 The OEC now request the Board place  
24 Juan Delacruz on the Interactive Gaming Involuntary  
25 Exclusion List.

1                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
2                   May I have a motion, please?

3                   MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
4 moves that the Board approve the addition of Juan  
5 Delacruz to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive Gaming  
6 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

7                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
8 Manzano-Díaz, second.

9                   CHAIR: All in favor?  
10 (AYES RESPOND.)

11                   CHAIR: All opposed?  
12 (NO RESPONSE.)

13                   CHAIR: Motion passes.

14                   ATTORNEY KOLESAR: Once again, Sarah  
15 Kolesar with the OEC. The final matter on the agenda  
16 for the Board's consideration is the request to place  
17 Jit Khadka on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

18                   Mr. Khadka was present at Hollywood  
19 Casino Grantville when he engaged in unwanted and  
20 inappropriate hugging and touching of two female  
21 patrons and engaged in the unwanted and inappropriate  
22 hugging and kissing of a female casino employee.

23                   As a result of his actions, Mr. Khadka  
24 entered into a guilty plea to two counts of summary  
25 harassment, physical contact and public

1 drunkenness and similar misconduct. Mr. Khadka was  
2 evicted from Hollywood Grantville following these  
3 incidents. At this time, the OEC requests that the  
4 Board place Jit Khadka on the Board's Involuntary  
5 Exclusion List.

6 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
7 May I have a motion, please?

8 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
9 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board  
10 approve the addition of Jit Khadka to PGCB  
11 Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct described  
12 by the OEC.

13 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner  
14 Hickernell seconds.

15 CHAIR: All in favor?  
16 (AYES RESPOND.)

17 CHAIR: All opposed?  
18 (NO RESPONSE.)

19 CHAIR: Motion passes.

20 ATTORNEY PITRE: Thank you. That  
21 concludes our business.

22 CHAIR: Thank you, Cyrus. The last  
23 item on the agenda today is Public Comment. Is there  
24 anyone in the room that would like to address the  
25 Board?

1                   Seeing no one, that concludes today's  
2 meeting. The next public meeting of the Board will  
3 be held on Wednesday, November 20th, 2024, at 10:00  
4 a.m. at this location.

5                   And now may I please have a motion to  
6 adjourn?

7                   MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair, I move  
8 that today's meeting be adjourned.

9                   MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon,  
10 second.

11                   CHAIR: All in favor?

12 (AYES RESPOND.)

13                   CHAIR: All opposed?

14 (NO RESPONSE.)

15                   CHAIR: Motions granted. Meeting is  
16 adjourned. Thank you.

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18                                   MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1:02 P.M.

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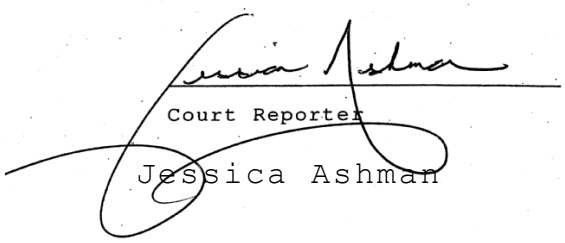
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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings, held before Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, was reported by me on October 23, 2024 and that I, Jessica Ashman, read this transcript and that I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceeding.

Dated the 13th day of November, 2024.

  
Court Reporter  
Jessica Ashman



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