

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

George Dunbar

Sara Manzano-Díaz (phone)

Nedia Ralston

Frances J. Regan (phone)

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/DESIGNEES IN ATTENDANCE:

Fred Strathmeyer, Ex-Officio Member,  
Department of Agriculture

Adria Zimmerman, Ex-Officio Member,  
Department of Revenue

Jennifer Langan, Ex-Officio Member,  
Department of Treasury

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

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

Kevin F. O'Toole, Executive Director

Heidi Zula, Human Resources Director

Steve Cook, Chief Counsel

Chad Zimmermann, Deputy Chief Counsel

Cyrus Pitre, Chief Enforcement Counsel

Sean Hannon, Director of Licensing

Gregg Hazzouri, Director of Casino Compliance

Office of Enforcement Counsel - Also presenting:

Andrea Roberts, Assistant Enforcement Counsel, Dustin

Miller, Deputy Enforcement Counsel, Thomas Monaghan,

Assistant Enforcement Counsel, Juan Sanchez,

Assistant Enforcement Counsel

## ALSO PRESENT WERE:

T.G.

## A P P E A R A N C E S (cont.)

OTHER ATTENDEES FOR MEETING AND/OR PUBLIC HEARINGS:Presque Isle Downs ("PID") - Category 1 LicenseRenewalGID # 107697-2

Kevin Hayes, Esquire, Outside Counsel, Saiber, LLC

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Michael Meagher, VP of Gaming Operations, Churchill

Downs Corporation

Lou Frascogna, Esquire, VP, Corporate Compliance

Officer, Senior Counsel, Churchill Downs Corporation

Jon Rauch, VP and Chief Accounting Officer, Churchill

Downs Corporation

Oz Shariff, Corporate Counsel, PID

Jill Snyder, Director of Human Resources, PID

State Representative Patrick J. Harkins (via

Videoconference)

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## P R O C E E D I N G S

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CHAIR SMYLER: Good morning, I'm Denise Smyler, Chair of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. I would like to ask everyone to please silence your cellphones and all electronic devices at this time.

With seven Board Members present this morning, I'd like to now call today's meeting to order and I would like to note for the record that Commissioner Manzano-Díaz and Commissioner Regan are participating by phone. Sara, can you hear me?

MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Yes, Madam Chair. Good morning.

CHAIR SMYLER: Excellent. Good morning to you too. Fran can you hear me?

MS. REGAN: Good morning, Madam Chair. Yes, loud and clear.

CHAIR SMYLER: Good morning to you also. Thank you. In addition to the seven Board Members, we also have our Ex-Officio Members, Fred Strathmeyer, representing Russell Redding, Secretary



1 of the Department of Agriculture. Adrienne Zimmerman  
2 representing Pat Browne, Secretary for Department of  
3 Revenue. And Jennifer Langan representing Stacy  
4 Garrity, State Treasurer. Thank you Ex-Officios for  
5 joining us.

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

9 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

10 CHAIR SMYLER: We will now have  
11 presentations of Service Awards for the Gaming  
12 Control Board employees that will be made by our  
13 Executive Director Kevin O' Toole. Kevin?

14 MR. O'TOOLE: Good morning, Chair  
15 Smyler, Members of the Board, today I'm pleased to  
16 continue the process of recognizing employees for  
17 their years of service with the Pennsylvania Gaming  
18 Control Board. And, in fact, today will be the first  
19 public meeting where I will recognize three  
20 individuals who have reached the milestone of 20  
21 consecutive years of employment with the Gaming  
22 Control Board.

1                   So this is always a great occasion to  
2 recognize the dedication and the loyalty of employees  
3 who have clearly and significantly contributed to the  
4 success of our agency. This morning, we have two  
5 individuals who could make the meeting and wanted to  
6 make the meeting, but there are a lot of employees  
7 who are a little shy and they don't come to the  
8 public meeting, but they all get their certificate.  
9 So I'd like to first, first ask Gregg Hazzouri to  
10 stand, and Gregg, I would like to provide you with  
11 your Certificate of Service, Certificate of  
12 Appreciation.

13                   So Gregg has 15 consecutive years of  
14 service with the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.  
15 Gregg was hired on March the 27th of 2010, as a  
16 Senior Auditor for the Bureau of Gaming Operations.  
17 In August of 2020, Gregg transferred to the Bureau of  
18 Casino Compliance as a Casino Compliance Supervisor.  
19 And Gregg now holds the position of Director of the  
20 Bureau of Casino Compliance. Thank you Gregg for  
21 your outstanding work and congratulations.

22                   And now I'd like John Crohe. Good

1 morning, John. And here's your Certificate of  
2 Appreciation. So John is finishing up his ten-year  
3 consecutive service with the Pennsylvania Gaming  
4 Control Board. John was hired on October 27th of  
5 2014 as an Assistant Enforcement Counsel for the  
6 Office of Chief Enforcement Counsel. John was  
7 promoted to the position of Senior Enforcement  
8 Counsel and then again, in July of 2024, he was  
9 assigned supervisory duties and was promoted to  
10 Senior Enforcement Counsel Supervisory, a position he  
11 continues to serve the agency today. John,  
12 congratulations and thank you for your outstanding  
13 work.

14                   So I'd like to personally recognize  
15 the three individuals who have reached their 20-year  
16 milestone. First, we have Amanda Peters. Amanda was  
17 hired on February 12th of 2005 as a Clerical Support  
18 Specialist. On April the 10th of 2021, Amanda became  
19 the Procurement and Property Manager for the Bureau  
20 of Administration and she continues to serve the  
21 agency in that capacity. Our second honoree is April  
22 Fegley. April was hired on March 19th of 2005 as an

1 Administrative Officer. On May the 19th of 2006,  
2 April took the position as the Licensing Manager for  
3 the Offices Services Unit within our Bureau of  
4 Licensing and she continues to serve the agency in  
5 that capacity.

6 And our third 20-year milestone  
7 recipient is Cheryl Posavec. Cheryl was hired on  
8 April 4, 2005 as an Administrative Assistant. On  
9 December 17th, 2021, Cheryl became the Executive  
10 Secretary with the OCC and she continues to serve the  
11 agency in that capacity. And we have a few more that  
12 I'm going to recognize.

13 We have 12 employees who have reached  
14 15 years of service with the Board in addition to  
15 Gregg, and they are from our Bureau of Casino  
16 Compliance, Ryan Graham, Anthony Caldonetti, Michael  
17 Sando, Michael Donati, Scott Matincheck, John  
18 Scagliotti, David Quinn and Troy Burkett.

19 And from our Bureau of Investigations  
20 and Enforcement we have Sean Tagle, Kala Dejuliis and  
21 Christopher Cardoni. And from our Office of  
22 Compulsive and Problem Gambling we have Michael Camm.

1 We have one additional, a ten-year Service Award  
2 Winner. Actually, the only ten-year service honoree  
3 for today is Scott Lare. And Scott is with our  
4 Bureau of Casino Compliance.

5 So all told, we had 18 recipients of  
6 certificates of their continued service with the  
7 Gaming Control Board and we thank all of them for  
8 their work and we can give all 18 a round of  
9 applause.

10 CHAIR SMYLER: Thank you, Kevin. I  
11 would also like to congratulate all of you for your  
12 years of service to the Board and to the citizens of  
13 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

14 By way of announcements, the Board  
15 held an Executive Session yesterday, Tuesday, May  
16 20th to discuss personnel matters, pending litigation  
17 and to conduct quasi-judicial deliberations relating  
18 to matters coming before the Board. I would also  
19 like to announce that the Board has scheduled a  
20 Public Input Hearing relative to the License Renewal  
21 Application for Live! Pittsburgh.

22 The hearing will be held on Wednesday,

1 June 11, beginning at 10:30 a.m., at the Township of  
2 Hempfield Municipal Building in the Greensburg  
3 Hempfield Business Park located at 1132 Woodward  
4 Drive in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, 15601. The public  
5 is invited to attend the hearing and provide  
6 testimony. Instructions on how to register to do  
7 that can be found on the Board's website.

8                   And last but not least, I'd like to  
9 recognize Fred Strathmeyer, our Ex-Officio Designee  
10 for many years from the Pennsylvania Department of  
11 Agriculture. Fred recently announced his retirement  
12 from state service after a distinguished career with  
13 the Agriculture and related to that outstanding  
14 service to the Board. So, Fred, on behalf of the  
15 entire Board, I'd like to thank you for your service  
16 over the years and wish you the best in your  
17 retirement.

18                   Okay.

19                   Now I would like to ask for approval  
20 of the Board Meeting Transcript and Minutes from the  
21 March 26, 2025 meeting.

22                   MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner

1 Dillon moves that the Board approve the Minutes and  
2 Transcript of the March 26, 2025 Meeting.

3 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
4 seconds.

5 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

7 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

8 NO RESPONSE

9 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion passes.

10 Now we will hear from the Human  
11 Resources Director, Heidi Zula. Heidi?

12 MS. ZULA: Good morning, Madam Chair,  
13 Members of the Board, the Office of Human Resources  
14 has two motions for your consideration today. The  
15 first motion for your consideration is regarding the  
16 hiring of three individuals. All individuals have  
17 completed the background investigation and drug  
18 screening and are ready for presentation to the  
19 Board.

20 Adeline Mueller has been selected as  
21 an Administrative Assistant for the Office of Gaming  
22 Lab Operations and is recommended for hire by Heather

1 Worner, Director of Gaming Lab Operations. Gobrielle  
2 Francis has been selected as an Assistant Chief  
3 Counsel I with the OCC and is recommended for hire by  
4 Steve Cook, Chief Counsel. Angel Bradford has been  
5 selected as a Human Resources Specialist with the  
6 Office of Human Resources and is recommended by me as  
7 the Director of Human Resources.

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

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

13 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,  
14 Commissioner Dermody removes that the Board approve  
15 the applicants for hire as proposed by the Human  
16 Resources Director.

17 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
18 seconds.

19 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

20 AYES RESPOND

21 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

22 NO RESPONSE



1                   CHAIR SMYLER: Motion passes.

2                   MS. ZULA: The second motion for the  
3 Board's consideration seeks to adopt amendments to  
4 the PGCB Classification and Compensation Structure.  
5 A summary of the amendments was provided to the Board  
6 in advance of the meeting. As you may be aware, this  
7 is a housekeeping motion that is presented on a  
8 periodic basis.

9                   The current amendments to the  
10 structure include the addition of new classifications  
11 to support organizational growth and emerging  
12 operational needs, updates to existing  
13 classifications to more accurately reflect or clarify  
14 work performed, and adjustments to salary ranges for  
15 certain classifications to more appropriately  
16 compensate for the work performed by a position and  
17 remain competitive in a current labor market.

18                   Unless you have any questions, I ask  
19 that the Board consider a motion to adopt the  
20 amendments to the PGCB Classification and  
21 Compensation Structure as presented to you in written  
22 form.

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

3                   MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
4 moves that the Board approve the revisions to the  
5 PGCB Classification and Compensation Structure, as  
6 described by the Human Resource Director.

7                   MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
8 seconds.

9                   CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?  
10 AYES RESPOND

11                   CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?  
12 NO RESPONSE

13                   CHAIR SMYLER: Motion's adopted.

14                   MS. ZULA: Thank you.

15                   CHAIR SMYLER: Thank you, Heidi. Next  
16 is our Office of Chief Counsel.

17                   ATTORNEY COOK: Good morning.

18                   CHAIR SMYLER: Good morning.

19                   ATTORNEY COOK: Today before the Board  
20 we have three petitions. Each of these petitions are  
21 being brought to the Board on the documentary record  
22 as the OEC has no objection to the requested relief.

1 In each of these matters, the Board has been provided  
2 with the complete evidentiary record prior to today's  
3 meeting.

4                   The first petition for the Board today  
5 is a joint request from AGS, LLC and Bingo Holdings  
6 I, LLC for approval of change of control. AGS, LLC  
7 is licensed by the Board to manufacture slot  
8 machines, table games and interactive gaming  
9 software. They're an indirect subsidiary of Play  
10 AGS, Inc., a publicly-traded company. Bingo Holdings  
11 I, LLC is owned by a group of private equity firms  
12 operating under the name of Brightstar Capital.

13                   On May 8th, 2024, Play AGS, Bingo  
14 Holdings I, LLC and Bingo Merger Sub, Inc., entered  
15 into Agreement and Plan of Merger which will result  
16 in Play AGS becoming wholly and directly owned by a  
17 subsidiary of Bingo Holdings I, LLC. The OEC has no  
18 objection to the request for a change in control,  
19 subject to conditions outlined in their Answer,  
20 including the condition that licensure or interim  
21 authorization be granted to all principals behind the  
22 new entity.

1                   Additionally, the Petitioners and the  
2 OEC have each requested that certain information is  
3 in their respective pleadings be maintained as  
4 confidential and this matter is now ripe for the  
5 Board's consideration.

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

8                   MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
9 Dunbar moves that the Board grant the amended Joint  
10 Petition for Approval of a Change in Control, as  
11 described by the OCC. I further move that the  
12 Petitioner's Request for Confidentiality be granted  
13 and that the OEC's Request for Confidentiality be  
14 denied.

15                   MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
16 seconds.

17                   CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

19                   CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

20 NO RESPONSE

21                   CHAIR SMYLER: Motion's adopted.

22                   ATTORNEY COOK: Next is Royal Buying

1 Group's Petition for Removal from the Prohibitive  
2 Gaming Service Provider List. Royal Buying Group is  
3 in the business of selling electronic gift cards.

4           Royal Buying Group initially filed  
5 their Gaming Service Provider Registration  
6 Application in November of 2016. During their  
7 background investigation, the Board's BIE contacted  
8 the company on several occasions regarding the  
9 submission of fingerprint records needed to complete  
10 the required background checks and investigation.

11           Royal Buying Group failed to comply  
12 and consequently the Board placed them on the  
13 Prohibited Gaming Service Provider List in July of  
14 2017. Royal Buying Group filed a Petition for  
15 Removal from the List and then amended the Petition  
16 in March of 2025, informing the Board of changes in  
17 their ownership with the new ownership group being  
18 committed to complying with all of the requirements  
19 necessary to complete the registration process.

20           Based upon the Petitioner's  
21 assertions, the OEC has no objection to the requested  
22 relief, subject to conditions in its Answer, and this

1 matter is now ready for the Board's consideration.

2 Any questions or comments?

3 May I have a motion, please?

4 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
5 Dillon moves that the Board grant the Petition for  
6 Removal from the Prohibited Gaming Service Provider  
7 List, as described by the OCC, subject to the  
8 conditions that will be outlined in the Board's  
9 Order.

10 MR. DERMODY Commissioner Dermody  
11 seconds.

12 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

14 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

15 NO RESPONSE

16 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion's adopted.

17 ATTORNEY COOK: The last petition  
18 before the Board is a request for removal from the  
19 Self-Exclusion List filed by an individual with the  
20 initials A.N.

21 On February 10, 2010, A.N. placed  
22 himself on the List choosing the lifetime Self-

1 Exclusion option. On March 14, 2025, A.N. filed a  
2 request for removal from the List stating that he  
3 would like to attend concerts and dine at licensed  
4 facilities with his friends and family and further  
5 stated that he understands the consequences of  
6 gambling and that one must gamble within their  
7 limits.

8 As required by the Board's  
9 regulations, A.N. also provided the required Problem  
10 Gambling Assessment Verification Form signed by a  
11 certified assessment provider confirming that an  
12 assessment of A.N. was performed and that problem  
13 gambling treatment was not recommended.

14 The OEC filed an Answer stating it has  
15 no objection to A.N.'s request as it's been over 15  
16 years since his placement on the List and he  
17 submitted all the required documentation. OEC  
18 acknowledges in its Answer that A.N. had five  
19 violations of the self-exclusion. However, most of  
20 those violations were over eight years ago and the  
21 most recent violation was over four years ago. As  
22 such, OEC has no objection to the removal of A.N.

1 from the List and this matter's now ripe for the  
2 Board's consideration.

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

5 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,  
6 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board grant  
7 A.N.'s Petition for Removal from the Casino Self-  
8 Exclusion List as described by the OCC.

9 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
10 seconds.

11 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

12 AYES RESPOND

13 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

14 NO RESPONSE

15 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion carries.

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

19 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Good morning,  
20 Commissioners. The next matter before the Board  
21 today pertains to several unopposed petitions to  
22 withdraw applications or surrender the credentials to



1 the following individuals and entities. Betr  
2 Holdings, Inc., which is a sports wagering and  
3 iGaming application. Aliya Capital Partners, Fuel  
4 Venture Capital Partners, LLC, SimpleBet, Inc., Asad  
5 Abdullah, Saxon Baum, Nakisa Bidarian, Michael  
6 Denevi, Roger Ehrenberg, Adrian Figueroa, Ross  
7 Kestin, Ashwin Krishnan, Joey Levy, Scott Marshall,  
8 Jake Paul, Jeffrey Ransdell, Teodor Ursa, My Vu Thuy  
9 Vo, Geoffrey Woo, Playtech Holdings Limited, Cognitec  
10 Systems Corporation, Bally's Pennsylvania, LLC, Susan  
11 Ball, Sheila Bangalore, Diego Biasi, Charles Cohen,  
12 Guy Templer, Gregg Lowe, Marc Arseneau, Richard  
13 Hasson, Rock (IOM) Limited, AUG Global Holdings  
14 Limited, Kiril Tasev, Oleksandr Usach and Warren  
15 Murphy.

16 The OEC has no objections to any of  
17 these withdrawals or surrenders. As a result, if the  
18 Board chooses to grant the request, in every case it  
19 would be doing so without prejudice to the requestor.  
20 These matters are all now ripe for the Board's  
21 consideration.

22 CHAIR SMYLER: Any questions or

1 comments? May I have a motion, please?

2 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
3 moves that the Board issue Orders to approve the  
4 withdrawals and surrenders as described by the OCC.

5 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
6 seconds.

7 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?  
8 AYES RESPOND

9 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?  
10 NO RESPONSE

11 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion passes.

12 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the  
13 Board for consideration are eight Reports and  
14 Recommendations received from the Office of Hearings  
15 and Appeals. These Reports and Recommendations,  
16 along with the evidentiary record for each hearing  
17 have been provided to the Board in advance of today's  
18 meeting. Additionally, the persons involved have  
19 each been notified that the Board is considering the  
20 matter today and that each would have the ability to  
21 come forward and briefly address the Board.

22 The first Report and Recommendation

1 before the Board today is Amber Carney. Ms. Carney  
2 holds a Non-Gaming Employee Registration and works as  
3 a beverage bartender at Rivers Casino Pittsburgh. On  
4 December 9, 2024, the OEC filed a complaint for  
5 emergency suspension of Ms. Carney's registration  
6 after receiving notice that she had been charged with  
7 felony and misdemeanor offenses.

8 As a result of these charges, the  
9 Executive Director issued an emergency Order  
10 suspending Ms. Carney's registration. A hearing in  
11 this matter was held on February 27, 2025. Both OEC  
12 and Ms. Carney, along with her counsel appeared for  
13 the hearing. The parties stipulated to the admission  
14 of the documents that OEC had planned to introduce  
15 and therefore no testimony was taken. The documents  
16 that the parties stipulated included the criminal  
17 complaint, affidavit of probable cause and docket  
18 sheets showing that Ms. Carney's five year old child  
19 was brought to the hospital for abnormal behavior and  
20 suspected seizures, that the child tested positives  
21 for the metabolites of cocaine.

22 A search of Ms. Carney's residence

1 showed that there was cocaine residue found in a room  
2 containing baby items. Additional tests show that  
3 both parents had cocaine and methamphetamine  
4 metabolites in their system. Following a hearing, a  
5 Report and Recommendation was issued recommending  
6 that the suspension of Ms. Carney's permit remain in  
7 effect and this matter is now ripe for the Board's  
8 consideration.

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

11 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,  
12 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board adopt the  
13 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA, as  
14 described by the OCC and that the suspension of Amber  
15 Carney's Non-Gaming Employee Registration remain in  
16 effect.

17 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
18 seconds.

19 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

20 AYES RESPOND

21 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

22 NO RESPONSE

1                    CHAIR SMYLER: Motion passes.

2                    ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Mark Deyoc's  
3 matter is next before the Board. By way of  
4 background, on April 24, 2024, the OEC filed a  
5 complaint for emergency suspension of Mr. Deyoc's  
6 Non-Gaming Employee Registration after receiving  
7 notice that he had been charged with felony offenses.  
8 Specifically, it was alleged that Mr. Deyoc, who was  
9 subletting a room in his apartment to another  
10 individual, was involved in an altercation with the  
11 subletter and their guest. The altercation became  
12 physical and upon the two individuals attempting to  
13 leave, Mr. Deyoc was alleged to have retrieved a  
14 firearm and threatened their lives, ordering them to  
15 return to their room.

16                    As a result of these charges, the  
17 Board's Executive Director issued an emergency Order  
18 suspending Mr. Deyoc's registration. A hearing on  
19 that matter was held in June 2024 and consequently,  
20 in September 2024, the Board issued an Order  
21 continuing the suspension of Mr. Deyoc's  
22 registration.

1                   On September 23rd, 2024, Mr. Deyoc  
2 filed a Petition to lift the suspension of his  
3 registration. OEC subsequently filed a complaint  
4 seeking the registration (sic) of Mr. Deyoc's  
5 registration, however. Additionally, OEC filed an  
6 Answer objecting to Mr. Deyoc's request to lift the  
7 suspension. A hearing on both of these issues was  
8 held on February 4, 2025. OEC appeared offering  
9 testimony and documentary evidence.

10                   Mr. Deyoc appeared and testified on  
11 his own behalf. Evidence and testimony of the  
12 hearing showed that Mr. Deyoc's criminal charges had  
13 been resolved. He had pleaded guilty to two  
14 misdemeanor offenses, was ordered not to possess  
15 firearms and to stay away from one of the two  
16 victims.

17                   During his testimony, Mr. Deyoc  
18 admitted to the altercation, but stated that  
19 following the incident, he and the parties had  
20 engaged in discussion regarding the same. He also  
21 disputed the allegations regarding the firearm. He  
22 further testified to his education and his work

1 history, which included his employment with Evolution  
2 as a construction project manager. He stated that  
3 although he had been terminated from Evolution  
4 following the charges, they had offered him  
5 employment as a virtual table games dealer. And Mr.  
6 Deyoc also testified to his family, community and  
7 charity activities.

8                   After hearing all the evidence  
9 presented, a Report and Recommendations issued  
10 recommending that Mr. Deyoc's request to lift the  
11 emergency suspension of this registration be granted  
12 and that OEC's request for revocation be reduced to a  
13 lesser sanction. OEC filed exceptions to the  
14 recommendation stating that Mr. Deyoc is unsuitable  
15 to hold a registration, and this matter is now ripe  
16 for the Board's consideration.

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

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

1 to lift the suspension of his Non-Gaming Employee  
2 Registration be denied. I further move that the  
3 Board grant OEC's request that Mark Deyoc's Non-  
4 Gaming Employee Registration be revoked.

5 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
6 seconds.

7 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

9 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

10 NO RESPONSE

11 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion's adopted.

12 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Alex Aguirre is  
13 the next Report and Recommendation before the Board.  
14 In April 2024, the OEC filed a Petition to place Mr.  
15 Aguirre on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List  
16 after being notified that on March 4th, 2024, Mr.  
17 Aguirre was participating in Presque Isle Down and  
18 Casino's Dealer Training Program, sent threatening  
19 text messages to his ex-girlfriend who was also  
20 participating in the program and one of the program's  
21 instructors.

22 A hearing in this matter was held



1 February 2025. Despite receiving proper notice, Mr.  
2 Aguirre failed to appear. OEC appeared at the  
3 hearing presenting testimony and documentary  
4 evidence. Evidence presented at the hearing showed  
5 that Mr. Aguirre was charged with and pleaded guilty  
6 to two counts of terroristic threats and sentenced to  
7 two years' probation for the threatening text  
8 messages.

9                   Additionally, he was permanently  
10 evicted from the casino as a result of his actions.  
11 Thereafter, a Report and Recommendation was issued  
12 recommending that Mr. Aguirre be placed on the  
13 Board's Involuntary Exclusion List, and this matter's  
14 now ripe for the Board's consideration.

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

17                   MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
18 Dillon moves that the Board adopt the Report and  
19 Recommendation issued by the OHA, as described by the  
20 OCC, that Alexander Aguirre be placed on the Board's  
21 Involuntary Exclusion List.

22                   MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody

1 seconds.

2 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

3 AYES RESPOND

4 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

5 NO RESPONSE

6 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion's adopted.

7 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next is a Report  
8 and Recommendation pertaining to Zeming Huang. By  
9 way of background, in February 2012, the OEC filed a  
10 complaint to place Mr. Huang on the Board's Exclusion  
11 List for participating in a scheme to cheat during  
12 blackjack at Sugarhouse Casino. Consequently, the  
13 Board placed Mr. Huang on the Exclusion List in May  
14 of 2012.

15 Mr. Huang requested early removal from  
16 the List in 2013, which was denied by the Board. Mr.  
17 Huang is now again requesting removal from the  
18 Involuntary Exclusion List. The OEC filed an Answer  
19 objecting to Mr. Huang's request, alleging that Mr.  
20 Wong failed to provide good cause in his petition as  
21 to why he should be removed.

22 A hearing in this matter was held

1 February 27, 2025. Despite receiving prior notice,  
2 Mr. Huang failed to attend and it was held in his  
3 absence. Thereafter, a Report and Recommendation was  
4 issued recommending that Mr. Huang's Petition be  
5 denied and he failed to appear for the hearing and  
6 put forth evidence in support of his Petition.

7                   However, it is worth noting that the  
8 Hearing Officer during the proceeding, took official  
9 notice of the fact that all the facts pled in the  
10 Petition were admitted by OEC in their response,  
11 including that Mr. Huang had completed the ARD  
12 program for the criminal charges stemming from the  
13 incident, as well as the fact that he had no  
14 violations of the of his exclusion ban in over 12  
15 years. And this matter is now ready for the Board's  
16 consideration.

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

19                   MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,  
20 Commissioner Dermody moves that given the unique  
21 circumstances of this matter, we move that - Mr.  
22 Dermody moves that the Board reject the Report and

1 Recommendation issued by the OHA, as described by the  
2 OCC, and that Zeming Huang's Petition be granted.

3 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
4 seconds.

5 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

7 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

8 NO RESPONSE

9 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion passes.

10 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Monther Madanat  
11 is the next matter before the Board today. In  
12 September 2022, the OEC filed a Petition to place  
13 Monther Madanat on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion  
14 List for cheating while playing - while gaming at  
15 Hollywood Casino Morgantown and being criminally  
16 charged with those actions.

17 Mr. Madanat failed to respond to the  
18 Petition and in January 2023, the Board issued an  
19 Order placing him on the List. On October 2nd, 2024,  
20 Mr. Madanat filed a request with the Board asking for  
21 early removal from the Exclusion List stating that  
22 his criminal matter had been expunged. OEC filed

1 Answer objecting to Mr. Madanat's request and a  
2 hearing in this matter was held February 12, 2025.

3 Despite receiving proper notice, Mr.  
4 Madanat failed to appear. OEC appeared at the  
5 hearing and moved to the dismiss the Petition based  
6 on Mr. Madanat's absence. Thereafter, a Report  
7 Recommendation issued recommending that Mr. Madanat's  
8 Petition either be dismissed or denied and this  
9 matter's now ready for the Board's consideration.

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

12 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
13 moves that the Board adopt the Report and  
14 Recommendation issued by the OHA, as described by the  
15 OCC, and that Monther Madanat's Petition be denied  
16 and that he remain on the List.

17 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
18 seconds.

19 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

20 AYES RESPOND

21 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

22 NO RESPONSE

1                   CHAIR SMYLER: Motion passes.

2                   ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next is Bobby  
3 Patton, Jr's Report and Recommendation. By way of  
4 background in November 2015, the OEC filed a Petition  
5 to place Mr. Patton on the Exclusion List after it  
6 was found he was cheating while gaming at Parx.

7                   Specifically, on July 9, 2018, Mr.  
8 Patton placed bets totaling \$257 while playing a hand  
9 at Texas Hold'em Poker. After the hand was over, Mr.  
10 Patton had lost. He had picked up \$257 in wagered  
11 chips, left the table, cashed them in and exited the  
12 casino. His actions led to theft of the other  
13 patron's expected winnings on that hand.

14                   A hearing on the matter was held  
15 February 2019, resulting in Mr. Patton being placed  
16 on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List. Mr.  
17 Patton has now filed a Petition seeking removal from  
18 the List. OEC filed an Answer objecting the request  
19 and a hearing was held February 13th, 2025.

20                   OEC appeared presenting testimony and  
21 documentary evidence. Mr. Patton appeared and  
22 testified on his own behalf expressing remorse and

1 apologizing for his actions. He further testified  
2 he's been a nurse for approximately 24 years.  
3 Provided character references from his supervisors  
4 attesting his good character, work ethic and good  
5 morals. Mr. Patton further stated that he had gamed  
6 in other states without incident and has complied  
7 with the Board Order.

8                   Following the hearing, a Report and  
9 Recommendation was issued recommending that Mr.  
10 Patton be removed from the Involuntary Exclusion List  
11 and this matter is now ready for the Board's  
12 consideration.

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

15                   MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
16 Dillon moves that the Board adopt the Report and  
17 Recommendation issued by the OHA, as described by the  
18 OCC, and that Bobby Patton, Jr.'s Petition for  
19 Removal from the Involuntary Exclusion List be  
20 granted.

21                   MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
22 seconds.

1                   CHAIR SMYLER:   All in favor?

2   AYES RESPOND

3                   CHAIR SMYLER:   All opposed?

4   NO RESPONSE

5                   CHAIR SMYLER:   Motion's adopted.

6                   ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN:   The next Report  
7   and Recommendation before the Board today stems from  
8   a request for the early removal from the Voluntary  
9   Self-Exclusion List by an individual with the  
10   initials T.G.

11                   By way of background, T.G. placed  
12   himself on the Self-Exclusion List on March 4, 2022,  
13   choosing the five-year self-exclusion period. In  
14   T.G.'s request for removal from the List, he asserts  
15   that he did not place himself on the List, that it  
16   was his significant other at the time that signed him  
17   up for the exclusion.

18                   The OEC filed an Answer objecting to  
19   the request and, thereafter, the Director of the OHA  
20   issued a decision and Order denying the request.  
21   T.G. timely appealed the decision and a hearing was  
22   held in this matter December 10, 2024. T.G. appeared



1 and testified on his own behalf. OEC appeared at the  
2 hearing presenting testimony and documentary  
3 evidence.

4 Evidence and testimony presented at  
5 the hearing show that in 2021, T.G. initially had  
6 submitted an incomplete registration and placed  
7 himself on the List, which was ultimately rejected.  
8 Then on March 4th, 2022, T.G. properly filled out and  
9 completed the self-exclusion forms, signing and  
10 acknowledging that he's a problem gambler, was  
11 excluding himself from casinos and gaming-related  
12 activities, could not revoke, rescind or withdraw his  
13 placement on the List and that he could not be  
14 removed from the List until after the expiration of  
15 his self-exclusion period.

16 During the exclusion process, T.G. was  
17 required to answer personal questions as part of the  
18 verification process and upload a government-issued  
19 identification card and a live photograph. T.G.'s  
20 ex-girlfriend testified at the hearing that during  
21 the relationship he complained on several occasions  
22 that he was tired of gambling, that she was familiar

1 with the exclusion process due to her training and  
2 employment at Rivers Casino Philadelphia and that she  
3 did provide him with the information about the  
4 exclusion program and the process.

5               She further stated that she did not  
6 assist him in filling out the exclusion forms, but  
7 did take the picture for him in 2021 during his first  
8 attempt, which was the incomplete registration.  
9 Additionally, his ex-girlfriend stated that the  
10 relationship ended in 2021 prior to his successful  
11 placement on the List.

12               T.G. did violate his exclusion on one  
13 occasion in March 2023. He testified at the hearing  
14 that he received a call from his grandmother to pick  
15 her up at the casino as she was being followed and  
16 was scared. Upon entry to the casino, he was  
17 identified as being on the List and was denied  
18 access. He was permanently evicted and charged with  
19 defiant trespass, a charge which he was later found  
20 not guilty.

21               The hearing on this matter - after  
22 hearing all the evidence, a Report and Recommendation

1 was issued recommending that T.G.'s Petition be  
2 denied. T.G. did file exceptions to the  
3 recommendation arguing he was placed on the List  
4 without his knowledge. This matter is now ripe for  
5 the Board's consideration. As the Board can see,  
6 T.G. is present.

7 CHAIR SMYLER: T.G., could you stand  
8 and be sworn in by the Court Reporter, please?

9 ---

10 T.G.,  
11 CALLED AS A WITNESS IN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING, AND  
12 HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AND SAID AS  
13 FOLLOWS:

14 ---

15 CHAIR SMYLER: Would you like to  
16 address the Board?

17 MR. G.: Yes, ma'am.

18 CHAIR SMYLER: Okay.

19 You can proceed.

20 MR. G.: Oh, yes. My argument is that  
21 from day one, I never petitioned to be put on the  
22 List. Like I stated from day one, my fiancé at the

1 time, she worked at Rivers. She was familiar over  
2 the whole process. And her telling me the reason why  
3 she did it is because she was in a relationship with  
4 a pit officer in there. So she didn't - she knew  
5 that I visit there, so she didn't want me to catch  
6 her in that situation.

7 So when she testified with the lawyer,  
8 he asked her and she explained to him that, oh, yes,  
9 she was in a relationship. And two, that she did  
10 take the picture and she was familiar with all that  
11 information. I didn't know nothing about how to  
12 exclude myself.

13 CHAIR SMYLER: Okay.

14 Any questions or comments?  
15 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz, Commissioner Regan, do you  
16 have any questions for T.G.?

17 MS. REGAN: No question.

18 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: No.

19 CHAIR SMYLER: Any questions?

20 MR. DUNBAR: No.

21 MR. DILLON: Well, I can't let it go.  
22 So you guys broke up, right? You broke up and then

1 she came back and did the hearing, right? So after  
2 you were broke up, why wouldn't she just admit that  
3 she did this? Did she ever admit that she's the one  
4 that actually did this? I don't recall that -.

5 MR. G.: She admitted -. If you look  
6 - if you look at the - if you reviewed the testimony,  
7 she admitted that she was the one who took the -

8 MR. DILLON: The picture.

9 MR. G.: - pictures.

10 Yes, and - and - so Your Honor -.

11 MR. DILLON: So she took the pictures  
12 with not - you not knowing -

13 MR. G.: No.

14 MR. DILLON: - what she was going to  
15 use them for?

16 MR. G.: I didn't know nothing. Oh,  
17 you know, I don't even know -. Listen, I don't even  
18 know how to start the process. And then - and then  
19 when she did testify, she said that she was familiar  
20 and trained -. She was familiar and trained on how  
21 the process went. It's all in the - it's all in the  
22 -.

1                   MR. DILLON: So how did you find out  
2 that you were on the List?

3                   MR. G.: This is how I found out. I  
4 went down there because my grandmother, she called  
5 me. She just hit the jackpot, and she was like, yo'  
6 (sic), oh, there's some kids in here. They following  
7 me. I went down there. If I was on the List, I  
8 wouldn't have - I wouldn't have given them my  
9 identification. I gave them the -. I gave them my  
10 I.D. and that's when everything started. I was like,  
11 yo', you know what I mean? So that's how I found  
12 out.

13                   CHAIR SMYLER: Any other questions,  
14 Commissioner?

15                   MR. DILLON: No.

16                   CHAIR SMYLER: Any other questions  
17 from any of the Commissioners?

18                   MS. RALSTON: I do have one question.  
19 So it says in the testimony that you - there was one  
20 time that you did it where the process was  
21 incomplete.

22                   MR. G.: Yes.

1                   MS. RALSTON:   And then it was done  
2 again.

3                   MR. G.:    Yes.

4                   MS. RALSTON:   At that time, you and  
5 your girlfriend or fiancé were still together.

6                   MR. G.:    Yes.

7                   MS. RALSTON:   Did she not speak to  
8 you?   So you're saying that you had no conversations  
9 about -.

10                  MR. G.:    I didn't know -.

11                  MS. RALSTON:   Even if you didn't go on  
12 the List, you had no conversations with her during  
13 that time about going on the List or -?

14                  MR. G.:    I didn't have no  
15 conversations about nothing and the only reason why I  
16 mentioned something to her about it they sent me a  
17 summons in the mail, and I said -.   They said that,  
18 yo', you have to come to court.   That's when I said  
19 something to her and that's when she was, like, yeah,  
20 I did it.

21                  MR. DUNBAR:   Is there a signature  
22 requirement on it?

1                   CHAIR SMYLER: Commissioner Dunbar,  
2 you have a question?

3                   MR. DUNBAR: Yeah, I just had a  
4 question. Is there a signature requirement on a  
5 self-exclusion?

6                   ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The process,  
7 it's electronic, so it does require verification  
8 through a database system that asks personal  
9 identifiable information, such as, like, essentially  
10 when you're applying for credit stuff, where it asks  
11 prior addresses and things like that to verify that  
12 the individual is what it is. The signature is just  
13 a digital acknowledgment and initials.

14                   MR. DUNBAR: Understood. Thank you.

15                   MR. G.: And, excuse me, she had  
16 access to all my information. Oh, and I'll never do  
17 that again.

18                   CHAIR SMYLER: Okay, T.G., I think we  
19 understand your position. I also do have a problem  
20 with your credibility because I believe you testified  
21 at the hearing that your former fiancé testified at  
22 your trial on your behalf. I read the transcript.



1 She didn't testify. So -

2 MR. G.: Yo' -.

3 CHAIR SMYLER: - I'm just saying I  
4 have a little question about your credibility.

5 MR. G.: Hold on, hold -. Can I  
6 respond to that?

7 CHAIR SMYLER: You can't undo what's  
8 not -. If it's not in the transcript, it didn't  
9 happen.

10 MR. G.: no, I'm saying, can I respond  
11 to that, please?

12 CHAIR SMYLER: Okay.  
13 Quickly, please.

14 MR. G.: Okay.

15 When I testified and explained my  
16 situation after the hearing, the - the attorney and -  
17 had a conversation. It was Amelia, me and the judge.  
18 It wasn't on record, Your Honor, but we had a - a  
19 conversation. That's what - and I probably  
20 misunderstood the question.

21 CHAIR SMYLER: Okay.

22 We understand.

1                   MR. G.: But I -.

2                   Okay.

3                   And I'll just -.

4                   CHAIR SMYLER: Okay.

5                   Any other questions or comments?

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

8                   MR. DERMODY: Yes, Madam Chair,  
9 Commissioner Dunbar moves that the Board adopt the  
10 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as  
11 described by the OCC on the T.G.'s Petition for  
12 Removal from the Casino Self-Exclusion List be denied  
13 and he remain on the Self-Exclusion List.

14                   MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
15 seconds.

16                   CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

18                   CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

19 NO RESPONSE

20                   CHAIR SMYLER: Motion's adopted.

21                   ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Thank you.

22                   CHAIR SMYLER: Can somebody explain to

1 him that he can Petition again after five years has  
2 elapsed?

3 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The final Report  
4 and Recommendation before the Board today stems from  
5 a request to recover funds confiscated while on the  
6 Self-Exclusion List. As the Board is aware, when a  
7 self-excluded person is found on a Pennsylvania  
8 casino, the act dictates that any winnings possessed  
9 by the person can - may - shall be confiscated from  
10 him and used to support compulsive and problem  
11 gambling.

12 On October 22nd, 2024, A.R. filed a  
13 Petition requesting recovery of funds confiscated  
14 from him. A hearing in this matter was held February  
15 20th, 2025. The OEC appeared and presented  
16 documentary and testimonial evidence with the  
17 assistance of an interpreter, A.R. appeared and  
18 testified on his own behalf.

19 Evidence presented at the hearing show  
20 that on March 9, 2020, A.R. met with a Board employee  
21 at Mohegan Sun Pocono, now Mohegan Pennsylvania. He  
22 completed all the necessary self-exclusion paperwork,

1 choosing the five-year exclusion period and signing  
2 all the acknowledgments, which included an  
3 acknowledgement that he was prohibited from  
4 collecting any winnings, money or thing of value from  
5 gaming activity while on the List.

6                   On October 18, 2024, A.R. was gaming  
7 at Mount Airy for approximately three hours. He  
8 purchased chips several times during those hours for  
9 a total of \$1,240. When he went to the cage to cash  
10 out, he was identified as a self-excluded individual  
11 and \$3,550 in gaming chips were confiscated from him.  
12 A.R. had wagered and lost significantly more than his  
13 \$1,240 buy-in amount based on the evidence presented  
14 by OEC and his winnings therefore exceeded his  
15 losses.

16                   A.R. testified that he had made a  
17 mistake and apologized, but he stated he did not know  
18 he was banned from all Pennsylvania casinos. He  
19 believed he was only excluded from Mohegan Sun Pocono  
20 where he had completed the self-exclusion process.  
21 Testimony also showed that on February 4, 2022, A.R.  
22 had entered Mohegan, was cited and pleaded guilty to

1 trespassing. After hearing all the evidence  
2 presented, a Report and Recommendation was issued  
3 recommending that A.R.'s Petition to Recover Funds be  
4 denied and this matter is now ripe for the Board's  
5 consideration.

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

8 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
9 Dillon moves that the Board adopt and result only the  
10 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA, as  
11 described by the OCC, and that A.R.'s Petition to  
12 Recover Funds confiscated while on the casino as  
13 Self-Exclusion List be denied.

14 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
15 seconds.

16 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

18 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

19 MR. DUNBAR: Opposed.

20 CHAIR SMYLER: Please note for the  
21 record that Commissioner Dunbar opposes. Having a  
22 simple majority, the motion passes.

1                   MR. DUNBAR:   Thank you.

2                   ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN:   And that  
3 concludes the matters of the OCC.

4                   CHAIR SMYLER:   Thank you, Chad and  
5 Steve.   We will now have the Bureau of Licensing  
6 matters presented by the Director of the Bureau of  
7 Licensing, Sean Hannon.   Sean?

8                   MR. HANONN:   Morning, Madam Chair,  
9 Members of the Board.   Today's first licensing matter  
10 for your consideration is an Interactive Gaming  
11 Manufacturer License for N.G. Entertainment USA,  
12 doing business as NetGaming USA.   Formed in 2021, its  
13 principal place of business is in Malta.   The company  
14 develops and distributes online casino content and  
15 intends to offer its products and services to online  
16 casinos within the Commonwealth.   The BIE has  
17 completed its investigation and the Bureau of  
18 Licensing has provided you with a background  
19 investigation and suitability report.

20                               I have provided you with a draft Order  
21 and ask that the Board consider the Order to approve  
22 NG Entertainment USA, LLC for an Interactive Gaming

1 Manufacturer License.

2 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
3 has no objection.

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

6 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
7 moves that the Board grant the Interactive Gaming  
8 Manufacturing License as described by the Bureau of  
9 Licensing.

10 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
11 seconds.

12 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

14 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

15 NO RESPONSE

16 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion passes.

17 MR. HANNON: The next licensing matter  
18 for your consideration is the Video Gaming Terminal  
19 Operator License Renewal for J&J Ventures Gaming of  
20 Pennsylvania, LLC. The company was formed in 2015  
21 and its principal place of business is in New  
22 Cumberland, Pennsylvania. The company intends to

1 continue maintaining and operating Video Gaming  
2 Terminals on the premises of establishment licensees  
3 in Pennsylvania.

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 a draft Order and ask that the  
9 Board consider the Order to approve the Video Gaming  
10 Terminal Operator License for J&J Ventures Gaming of  
11 Pennsylvania.

12                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
13 has no objection.

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

16                   MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,  
17 Commissioner Dermody moves at the Board grant the  
18 Video Gaming Terminal Operator License Renewal as  
19 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

20                   MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
21 seconds.

22                   CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?



1 AYES RESPOND

2 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

3 NO RESPONSE

4 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion's adopted.

5 MR. HANNON: Next is consideration of  
6 a Video Gaming Terminal Procurement Agent License  
7 Renewal for Bell Gaming, LLC. The company was formed  
8 in 2010, with its principal place of business in  
9 Akron, Ohio. The company procures terminal placement  
10 agreements between VGT establishments in Pennsylvania  
11 and a VGT operator. The BIE has completed its  
12 investigation of the company and the Bureau of  
13 Licensing has provided you with a Background  
14 Investigation and Suitability Report.

15 I have provided you with a draft Order  
16 and ask that you consider the Order to approve the  
17 renewal of the Video Gaming Terminal Procurement  
18 Agent License for Bell Gaming, LLC.

19 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
20 has no objection.

21 CHAIR SMYLER: Any questions or  
22 comments? May I have a motion, please?

1                   MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
2 Dunbar moves that the Board grant the Video Gaming  
3 Terminal Procurement Agent License Renewal as  
4 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

5                   MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
6 seconds.

7                   CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?  
8 AYES RESPOND

9                   CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?  
10 NO RESPONSE

11                  CHAIR SMYLER: Motion carries.

12                  MR. HANNON: Next, we have  
13 consideration of a VGT Establishment License for  
14 C H R Corp., doing business as, Rutter's Store 107,  
15 who was previously approved for a conditional  
16 license. The BIE has now completed its  
17 investigation, including evaluation that the  
18 applicant meets the VGT Establishment eligibility  
19 criteria in the Gaming Act.

20                         The Bureau of Licensing has provided  
21 you with a background investigation and suitability  
22 report. I've provided you with a draft Order and ask

1 that you consider the Order to license C H R Corp,  
2 doing business as, Rutter's Store 107, located at 100  
3 Cramer Road in Shippensburg.

4 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
5 has no objection.

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

8 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
9 Dillon moves that the Board grant the Video Gaming  
10 Terminal Establishment License as described by the  
11 Bureau of Licensing.

12 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
13 seconds.

14 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

16 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

17 NO RESPONSE

18 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion's adopted.

19 MR. HANNON: Next are Principal, Key  
20 Employee and Qualifier Licenses. The Bureau of  
21 Licensing provided you with a proposed Order for 30  
22 principals, three key employees and two qualifiers.

1 I ask that the Board consider the Order approving  
2 these licenses.

3 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
4 has no objection.

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

7 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,  
8 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board grant the  
9 Principal, Key Employee and Qualifier Licenses as  
10 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

11 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
12 seconds.

13 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?  
14 AYES RESPOND

15 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?  
16 NO RESPONSE

17 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion's adopted.

18 MR. HANNON: There are also principal  
19 and key employee temporary credentials. The Bureau  
20 of Licensing provided you with an Order regarding the  
21 issuance of temporary credentials for four principals  
22 and nine key employees. I ask the Board consider the

1 Order approving these credentials.

2 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
3 has no objection.

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

6 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
7 moves that the Board grant the Temporary Principal  
8 and Key Employee Credentials as described by the  
9 Bureau of Licensing.

10 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
11 seconds.

12 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

14 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

15 NO RESPONSE

16 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion passes.

17 MR. HANNON: Additionally, if your  
18 consideration are Gaming Employee Permits and Non-  
19 Gaming Employee Registrations. The Bureau of  
20 Licensing has provided you with a list of 485  
21 individuals to whom the Bureau has granted temporary  
22 or full occupation permits, and 175 individuals to

1 whom the Bureau has granted registrations under the  
2 authority delegated to the Bureau of Licensing. I  
3 ask that the Board consider a motion approving the  
4 Order.

5 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
6 has no objection.

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

9 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
10 Dillon moves that the Board approve the applications  
11 for Gaming Employee Occupation Permits and Non-Gaming  
12 Employee Registrations as described by the Bureau of  
13 Licensing.

14 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
15 seconds.

16 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

18 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

19 NO RESPONSE

20 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion's adopted.

21 MR. HANNON: Next, there is a  
22 recommendation of denial for three gaming applicants.

1 The Bureau of Licensing has provided you with the  
2 Order addressing each applicant who the OEC has  
3 recommended for denial. I ask that the Board  
4 consider the Order approving these denials.

5 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
6 continues to request denial in each matter.

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

9 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
10 Dunbar moves that the Board deny the Gaming Employee  
11 Applications as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

12 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
13 seconds.

14 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

16 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

17 NO RESPONSE

18 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion carries.

19 MR. HANNON: The next matter for  
20 consideration is withdrawal requests. In each case,  
21 the license, permit or registration is no longer  
22 required. For today's meeting, I have provided the

1 Board two key employees, 27 gaming and 28 non-gaming  
2 applicants. I ask the Board consider the Orders  
3 approving these withdrawals.

4 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
5 has no objection.

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

8 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
9 Dillon moves that the Board grant the withdrawal of  
10 Key, Gaming and Non-Gaming Employee Applications as  
11 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

12 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
13 seconds.

14 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

16 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

17 NO RESPONSE

18 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion's adopted.

19 MR. HANNON: Finally, for  
20 consideration are Gaming Service Provider  
21 Registrations. The Bureau of Licensing provided you  
22 with an Order and an attached list of four Registered



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

4 ATTORNEY PITRE: The Enforcement  
5 Counsel has no objection.

6 CHAIR SMYLER: Any questions or  
7 comments? 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. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
13 seconds.

14 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

16 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

17 NO RESPONSE

18 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion's adopted.

19 MR. HANNON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

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

22 ATTORNEY PITRE: Good morning, Madam

1 Chair, Members of the Board, the OEC will present 18  
2 matters today for the Board's consideration in which  
3 we will request the approval of five revocations and  
4 13 involuntary exclusions.

5               The next five matters on the agenda  
6 consist of enforcement actions in which the OEC filed  
7 complaints seeking the revocation of permits and  
8 registrations previously issued by the Board. The  
9 complaint in each matter has been filed with the  
10 Board's OHA and properly served upon the individual  
11 named in each complaint. The individual named in  
12 each complaint failed to respond within 30 days as  
13 required by Board regulation. As a result, the OEC  
14 filed a request for Default Judgment in each instance  
15 and properly served the same upon each respondent.

16               Therefore, the facts in each complaint  
17 are deemed admitted. All filed documents have been  
18 provided to the Board and the matters are presently  
19 ripe for the Board's consideration. In each matter,  
20 we will provide a brief summary of the facts and make  
21 a request for the appropriate Board action.

22               ATTORNEY ROBERTS: Good morning,

1 Chair, Members of the Board, Andrea Roberts,  
2 R-O-B-E-R-T-S, Assistant Enforcement Counsel. Next  
3 matter on the agenda for the Board's consideration is  
4 the revocation of the Non-Gaming Employee  
5 Registration issued to Margarita Cintron Alamo.

6 Ms. Cintron Alamo was previously  
7 employed as an EVS Attendant at Mount Airy Casino  
8 Resort. While working at Mount Airy, Ms. Cintron  
9 Alamo found a patron's wallet at a slot machine. Ms.  
10 Cintron Alamo took the wallet, removed \$700 from the  
11 wallet and then turned the wallet over to security.  
12 Ms. Cintron Alamo was terminated and criminally  
13 charged for her actions. Ms. Cintron Alamo is not  
14 currently employed in Pennsylvania's gaming industry.

15 At this time, the OEC requests the  
16 Board revoke the Non-Gaming Employee Registration  
17 issued to Margarita Cintron Alamo.

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

20 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
21 moves that the Board approve the revocation of  
22 Margarita Alamo's Non-Gaming Employee Registration

1 for the conduct described by the OEC.

2 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
3 seconds.

4 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

5 AYES RESPOND

6 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

7 NO RESPONSE

8 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion passes.

9 ATTORNEY ROBERTS: The next matter on  
10 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the  
11 revocation of the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit  
12 issued to Patricia Dogma. Ms. Dogma was previously  
13 employed as a security officer at Valley Forge Casino  
14 Resort. While working at Valley Forge, Ms. Dogma  
15 took an envelope containing \$200 that belonged to a  
16 patron from the security platform. Ms. Dogma was  
17 terminated and criminally charged for her actions.  
18 She is not currently employed in Pennsylvania's  
19 gaming industry.

20 At this time, the OEC requests the  
21 Board revoke the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit  
22 issued to Patricia Dogma.

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

4                    MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
5 moves that the Board approve the revocation of  
6 Patricia Dogma Gaming Employee Occupation Permit for  
7 the conduct described by the OEC.

8                    MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
9 seconds.

10                   CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

11 AYES RESPOND

12                   CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

13 NO RESPONSE

14                   CHAIR SMYLER: Motion passes.

15                   ATTORNEY ROBERTS: The next matter on  
16 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the  
17 revocation of the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit  
18 and Non-Gaming Employee Registration issued to Yaki  
19 Fountain. Mr. Fountain was previously employed as a  
20 Table Games Dealer at Live! Casino and Hotel  
21 Philadelphia.

22                   Over five different dates, Mr.

1 Fountain incorrectly dealt 18 hands of Spanish 21,  
2 resulting in \$1,740 in losses to the casino. Mr.  
3 Fountain was terminated and criminally charged for  
4 his actions. Mr. Fountain is not currently employed  
5 in Pennsylvania's gaming industry.

6 At this time, the OEC requests the  
7 Board revoke the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit  
8 and the Non-Gaming Employee Registration issued to  
9 Yaki Fountain.

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

12 MR. DUNBAR: Yes, Madam Chair.  
13 Commissioner Dunbar moves that the Board approve the  
14 revocation of Yaki Fountain Gaming Employee  
15 Occupation Permit and Non-Gaming Employee  
16 Registration for the conduct described by the OEC.

17 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
18 seconds.

19 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

20 AYES RESPOND

21 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

22 NO RESPONSE

1                   CHAIR SMYLER: Motion's adopted.

2                   ATTORNEY MILLER: Good morning, Chair  
3 Smyler, Members of the Board, Dustin Miller, on  
4 behalf of the OEC, M-I-L-L-E-R. The next matter on  
5 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the  
6 revocation of the Non-Gaming Employee Registration  
7 issued to Sonia Vasquez.

8                   Ms. Vazquez was previously employed as  
9 a booth cashier for First American Bank Card, Inc., A  
10 Gaming Service Provider and Manufacturer known as  
11 FABICash. A \$1,100 variance was found in the cash  
12 advance booth operated by FABICash at Wind Creek  
13 Bethlehem. Internal investigation revealed that Ms.  
14 Vasquez had taken the money. Ms. Vasquez was  
15 confronted and admitted to taking the money. She  
16 made restitution at that time and was terminated. No  
17 criminal charges were filed. She 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 Sonia Vazquez.

22                   CHAIR SMYLER: Any questions or

1 comments? May I have a motion, please?

2 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,  
3 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the  
4 revocation of Sonia Vasquez's Non-Gaming Employee  
5 Registration for the conduct described by the OEC.

6 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
7 seconds.

8 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

9 AYES RESPOND

10 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

11 NO RESPONSE

12 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion's adopted.

13 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter on  
14 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the  
15 revocation of the Gaming Level II Employee Occupation  
16 Permit issued to Jessica Yao. Ms. Yao was previously  
17 employed as a table game supervisor and international  
18 casino host at Rivers Casino Philadelphia.

19 Ms. Yao was observed colluding with a  
20 table games dealer at Live! Casino Philadelphia to  
21 cheat while playing baccarat. Ms. Yao was the  
22 beneficiary of the dealer's improper actions over



1 multiple dates. Ms. Yao was criminally charged for  
2 her actions. She had previously been terminated from  
3 Rivers Philadelphia in an unrelated matter. She is  
4 not currently employed in Pennsylvania's gaming  
5 industry.

6 At this time, the OEC requests that  
7 the Board revoke the Gaming Level II Employee  
8 Occupation Permit issued to Jessica Yao.

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

11 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
12 moves that the Board approve the revocation of  
13 Jessica Yao's Gaming Level II Employee Occupation  
14 Permit for the conduct described by the OEC.

15 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
16 seconds.

17 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

19 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

20 NO RESPONSE

21 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion's adopted.

22 ATTORNEY PITRE: The remaining matters

1 on the agenda consist of enforcement actions in which  
2 the OEC filed petitions seeking the involuntary  
3 exclusion of individuals who are inimical to the  
4 interests of the Commonwealth and/or licensed gaming  
5 therein.

6                   In each instance, the Petition for  
7 Exclusion has been filed with the Board's OHA, and  
8 properly served upon the individual named in the  
9 petition. The individual named in each petition  
10 failed to respond within 30 days as required by Board  
11 regulation. As a result, the OEC filed a request for  
12 Default Judgment in each instance. And properly  
13 served the same upon each individual. Therefore, all  
14 facts in each complaint in each petition are deemed  
15 admitted. All documents have been provided to the  
16 Board and matters are presently ripe for the Board's  
17 consideration.

18                   In each instance, if the Board orders  
19 a proposed Exclusion, each individual's photo,  
20 personal identifiers and a summary of the inimical  
21 conduct may be placed on the Board's public website.  
22 Once again, in each matter, we will provide a brief

1 summary of the facts and make a request for the  
2 appropriate Board action.

3 ATTORNEY MILLER: Dustin Miller, once  
4 again, on behalf of the OEC. The next matter on the  
5 agenda is a request to place Jessica Yao on the  
6 Involuntary Exclusion List for the previously-  
7 described conduct.

8 At this time, the OEC requests that  
9 the Board place Jessica Yao on the Involuntary  
10 Exclusion List.

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

13 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair?  
14 Commissioner Dermody moves with the Board approve the  
15 addition of Jessica Yao to the Pennsylvania Gaming  
16 Control Board's Involuntary Exclusion List for the  
17 conduct described by the OEC.

18 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
19 seconds.

20 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

22 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

1 NO RESPONSE

2 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion passes.

3 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter on  
4 the agenda is request to place Yasmin Rodriguez  
5 DeJesus on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

6 Ms. Rodriguez DeJesus went to Valley  
7 Forge Casino Resort and left two infant children  
8 unattended in her vehicle while she went inside and  
9 conducted a transaction at the sportsbook. The  
10 infants were unattended for approximately four  
11 minutes before security arrived at the vehicle.

12 Ms. Rodriguez DeJesus had previously  
13 been warned by security not to leave the children  
14 unattended in the vehicle. Ms. Rodriguez DeJesus was  
15 criminally charged and convicted for her actions. She  
16 was also permanently evicted from Valley Forge.

17 At this time, the OEC requests that  
18 the Board place Yasmin Rodriguez DeJesus on the  
19 Involuntary Exclusion List.

20 CHAIR SMYLER: Any questions or  
21 comments? May I have a motion, please?

22 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner

1 Dunbar moves that the Board approve the addition of  
2 Yasmin Rodriguez DeJesus to the Pennsylvania Game  
3 Control Board Involuntary Exclusion List for the  
4 conduct described by the OEC.

5 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
6 seconds.

7 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

9 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

10 NO RESPONSE

11 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion's adopted.

12 ATTORNEY MONAGHAN: Good morning,  
13 Thomas Monaghan, M-O-N-A-G-H-A-N with the OEC.

14 Next matter of the agenda for the  
15 Board's consideration is a request to place Lawrence  
16 Malachefski on the Board's Interactive Gaming  
17 Involuntary Exclusion List. Mr. Malachefski opened  
18 an Interactive Gaming account on the Barstool  
19 Interactive Gaming website. His wagering activity  
20 resulted in losing \$339,000 dollars of the money he  
21 deposited.

22 Subsequently, Mr. Malachefski

1 attempted to fraudulently dispute the money that he  
2 deposited, but was unsuccessful. Barstool closed Mr.  
3 Malachefski's account. Further, Mr. Malachefski pled  
4 guilty to criminal charges stemming from embezzling  
5 over \$1.5 million from his employer, converting the  
6 funds to his own personal possession, using the funds  
7 primarily to fund his accounts and online sports  
8 betting websites.

9                   The OEC now requests the Board place  
10 Lawrence Malachefski on Interactive Gaming  
11 Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

14                   MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
15 Dylan moves that the Board approve the addition of  
16 Lawrence Malachefski to the PGCB Involuntary  
17 Interactive Gaming Exclusion List for the conduct  
18 described by the OEC.

19                   MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
20 seconds.

21                   CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

1                   CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

2 NO RESPONSE

3                   CHAIR SMYLER: Motion's adopted.

4                   ATTORNEY MONAGHAN: The next five  
5 matters in the agenda for the Board's consideration  
6 stem from the same or similar set of facts.  
7 Therefore, with the Board's permission, I will say  
8 one set of facts, then ask for each individual to be  
9 placed on the Board's Interactive Gaming Involuntary  
10 Exclusion List.

11                   Lloyd Rodriguez, Steven Wise, Ana  
12 Hernandez, Patricia Inacio and Brittany Bigger each  
13 created multiple accounts on the BetMGM and/or  
14 Borgata Interactive Gaming platforms using the  
15 personal identifying information of other  
16 individuals. All the accounts were closed and the  
17 devices used were blocked from being used by BetMGM  
18 and Borgata.

19                   OEC now requests the Board place Lloyd  
20 Rodriguez on the Interactive Gaming Involuntary  
21 Exclusion List.

22                   CHAIR SMYLER: Any questions or

1    comments?    May I have a motion, please?

2                    MR. DERMODY:    Madam Chair,  
3    Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the  
4    addition of Lloyd Rodriguez to the Pennsylvania  
5    Gaming Control Board's Involuntary Interactive Gaming  
6    Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

7                    MS. RALSTON:    Commissioner Ralston  
8    seconds.

9                    CHAIR SMYLER:    All in favor?

10    AYES RESPOND

11                    CHAIR SMYLER:    All opposed?

12    NO RESPONSE

13                    CHAIR SMYLER:    Motion passes.

14                    ATTORNEY MONAGHAN:    The OEC now  
15    request the Board place Steven Wise on the  
16    Interactive Gaming and Voluntary Exclusion List.

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

19                    MS. RALSTON:    Commissioner Ralston  
20    moves that the Board approve the addition of Steven  
21    Wise to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive Gaming  
22    Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.



1                   MR. DUNBAR:   Commissioner Dunbar  
2 seconds.

3                   CHAIR SMYLER:   All in favor?

4 AYES RESPOND

5                   CHAIR SMYLER:   All opposed?

6 NO RESPONSE

7                   CHAIR SMYLER:   Motion passes.

8                   ATTORNEY MONAGHAN:   The OEC now  
9 requests the Board place Ana Hernandez on the  
10 Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

13                   MR. DILLON:   Madam Chair, Commissioner  
14 Dillon moves that the Board approve the addition of  
15 Ana Hernandez to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive  
16 Gaming Exclusion List for the conduct described by  
17 the OEC.

18                   MR. DUNBAR:   Commissioner Dunbar  
19 seconds.

20                   CHAIR SMYLER:   All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

22                   CHAIR SMYLER:   All opposed?

1 NO RESPONSE

2 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion passes.

3 ATTORNEY MONAGHAN: The OEC now  
4 requests the Board place Patricia Inacio on the  
5 Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

8 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
9 Dunbar moves that the Board approve the addition of  
10 Patricia Ignacio to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive  
11 Gaming Exclusion List for the conduct described by  
12 the OEC.

13 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
14 seconds.

15 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

16 AYES RESPOND

17 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

18 NO RESPONSE

19 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion passes.

20 ATTORNEY MONAGHAN: The OEC and I  
21 request the Board place Brittany Bigger on the  
22 Interactive Gaming and Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

3                   MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
4 Dillon moves that the Board approve the addition of  
5 Brittany Bigger to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive  
6 Gaming Exclusion List for the conduct described by  
7 the OEC.

8                   MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
9 seconds.

10                  CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

11 AYES RESPOND

12                  CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

13 NO RESPONSE

14                  CHAIR SMYLER: Motion's adopted.

15                  ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: Good morning, Madam  
16 Chair, Commissioners, Juan Sanchez, S-A-N-C-H-E-Z,  
17 Assistant Enforcement Counsel with the OEC.

18                         The next matter on the agenda for the  
19 Board's consideration is a request to place James  
20 Gordon on the Interactive Gaming Involuntary  
21 Exclusion List. James Gordon created two Barstool  
22 Sportsbook sports wagering accounts and engaged in

1 proxy wagering resulting in winnings totaling \$2,540,  
2 as well as withdrawals totaling \$6,540. All the  
3 accounts were closed, the devices used were blocked,  
4 and no criminal charges were filed.

5 The OEC now requests that the Board  
6 place James Gordon on the Interactive Gaming  
7 Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

10 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,  
11 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the  
12 addition of James Gordon to the Pennsylvania Gaming  
13 Control Board's Involuntary Interactive Gaming  
14 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

15 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
16 seconds.

17 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

19 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

20 NO RESPONSE

21 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion's adopted.

22 ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: The next two

1 matters on the agenda are related and are a request  
2 to place Jonathony Cintron and Trenee Rodriguez on  
3 the Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.  
4 With the Board's permission, I will read one set of  
5 facts and then request that each individual be placed  
6 on the List.

7                   Jonathony Cintron created an account  
8 on the Wind Creek Bethlehem Interactive Gaming  
9 platform funded through \$12,300 in deposits from lost  
10 and/or stolen financial instruments. Subsequently,  
11 he failed or refused to pay \$8,900 that he owed to  
12 Wind Creek Bethlehem as a result of his gaming  
13 activity.

14                   Mr. Cintron only gamed online, but he  
15 did enter the casino once and withdrew \$8,000. All  
16 the accounts were closed and the devices were blocked  
17 by Wind Creek Bethlehem. No criminal charges were  
18 filed.

19                   Trenee Rodriguez created an account on  
20 the Wind Creek Bethlehem Interactive Gaming platform,  
21 funded through \$10,700 in deposits from lost and/or  
22 stolen financial instruments. Subsequently, she

1 failed or refused to pay \$6,200 that she owed to Wind  
2 Creek Bethlehem as a result of her gaming activity.  
3 Ms. Rodriguez only gamed online, but she did enter  
4 the casino once without making any withdrawals. All  
5 the accounts were closed and devices were blocked by  
6 Wind Creek Bethlehem. No criminal charges were  
7 filed. The OEC now requests that the Board place  
8 Jonathony Cintron on the Interactive Gaming  
9 Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

12 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
13 moves that the Board approve the addition of John  
14 Anthony Cintron to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive  
15 Gaming Exclusion List for the conduct described by  
16 the OEC.

17 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
18 seconds.

19 CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

20 AYES RESPOND

21 CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

22 NO RESPONSE

1                   CHAIR SMYLER: Motion's adopted.

2                   ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: The OEC now  
3 requests that the Board place Trenee Rodriguez on the  
4 Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

7                   MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston  
8 moves that the Board approve the addition of Trenee  
9 Rodriguez to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive Gaming  
10 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

11                   MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
12 seconds.

13                   CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

14 AYES RESPOND

15                   CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

16 NO RESPONSE

17                   CHAIR SMYLER: Motion passes.

18                   ATTORNEY ROBERTS: Once again, Andrea  
19 Roberts, Assistant Enforcement Counsel. The next  
20 matter on the agenda is a request to place Isaiah  
21 Andrew Postell-Jones on the Involuntary Exclusion  
22 List.

1                   Mr. Postell-Jones cheated by capping a  
2   wager while playing mini baccarat at Mohegan,  
3   Pennsylvania. Mr. Postell-Jones received \$1,000 in  
4   ill-gotten gains. Mohegan Pennsylvania permanently  
5   banned Mr. Postell-Jones from the property. As a  
6   result of this incident, Mr. Postell-Jones was  
7   criminally charged for his actions. At this time,  
8   the OEC requests the Board place Isaiah Andrew  
9   Postell-Jones on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

12                   MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
13   Dunbar moves the Board approve the addition of Isaiah  
14   Postell-Jones to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List  
15   for the conduct described by the OEC.

16                   MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
17   seconds.

18                   CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

19   AYES RESPOND

20                   CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

21   NO RESPONSE

22                   CHAIR SMYLER: Motion passes.



1                   ATTORNEY ROBERTS: The next matter on  
2 the agenda is the request to place Nascia Wise on the  
3 Involuntary Exclusion List. Mr. Wise cheated by  
4 pinching a \$1,000 wager while playing baccarat at  
5 Rivers Casino Philadelphia. Mr. Wise paid partial  
6 restitution. Rivers permanently banned Mr. Wise from  
7 their property as result of this incident. Mr. Wise  
8 was criminally charged for his actions.

9                   At this time, the OEC request the  
10 Board place Nascia Wise on the Involuntary Exclusion  
11 List.

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

14                   MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
15 Dillon moves that the Board approve the addition of  
16 Nascia Wise to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List  
17 for the conduct described by the OEC.

18                   MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
19 seconds.

20                   CHAIR SMYLER: All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

22                   CHAIR SMYLER: All opposed?

1 NO RESPONSE

2 CHAIR SMYLER: Motion's adopted.

3 ATTORNEY PITRE: Thank you. That  
4 concludes our Default Judgments.

5 CHAIR SMYLER: Thank you. The last  
6 item on the agenda today before we have the Presque  
7 Isle Downs Renewal Hearing, is Public Comment. Is  
8 there anyone in the room that would like to address  
9 the Board?

10 Seeing no one, we will now take a  
11 brief 20 minute recess and reconvene approximately  
12 11:30 for the License Renewal Hearing of Presque Isle  
13 Downs and Casino. Thank you.

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15 (WHEREUPON, A SHORT BREAK WAS TAKEN.)

16 (WHEREUPON, PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD.)

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18 CHAIR SMYLER: Pursuant to Section  
19 708(a)(5) of Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, which allows  
20 the Board to hear evidence in private if conducting  
21 it in public would lead to the disclosure of  
22 information which is confidential by law, we are

1 going to empty the room of all spectators and conduct  
2 the remainder of this hearing behind closed doors.

3           The Court Reporter will remain so that  
4 we have a record of these proceedings. Before anyone  
5 leaves, however, I want everyone to know that the  
6 Board has discussed, as I previously said, how we're  
7 going to proceed with regard to taking a vote on this  
8 matter. The Board will decide that - we have decided  
9 that we'll postpone the vote until no sooner than our  
10 June 25th public meeting.

11           As such, we will adjourn the closed  
12 hearing and we'll also be adjourning for the day.  
13 Having said that, I will note for the record that the  
14 next public meeting of the Board will be held on  
15 Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at this  
16 location. And I will now ask everyone who is not  
17 vital to this matter to please exit the room.

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19 (EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD.)

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MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11:13 A.M.

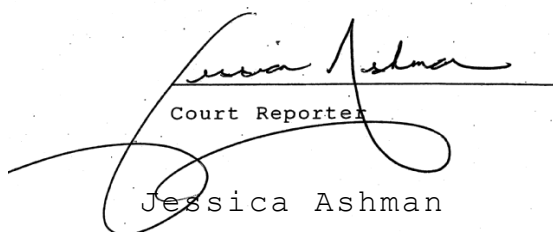
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## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings, held before Chair Smyler, was reported by me on May 21, 2025, 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 28th day of May, 2025.



Court Reporter  
Jessica Ashman

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