COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

GAMING CONTROL BOARD

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PUBLIC MEETING

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BEFORE: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

DENISE SMYLER, CHAIR

Shawn Dillon

George Dunbar

Frank Dermody

Sara Manzano-Díaz

Nedia Ralston

Frances Regan

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/DESIGNEES IN ATTENDANCE:

Jorge M. Augusto, Esquire, Designee,

Department of Agriculture

Jennifer Langan, Esquire, Designee,

Department of Treasury

Adria Zimmermann, Designee,

Department of Revenue

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CHAIR: Good morning. I'm Denise Smyler, Chair of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control I would like to ask everyone to please turn off your cell phones and all electronic devices at this time. With seven Board members present, I'd like to now call today's meeting to order. I would also like to note for the record that in addition to our seven Board members, we also have our ex officio members, Jorge Augusto, representing Russell Redding, Secretary for the Department of Agriculture; Adria Zimmermann, representing Pat Brown, Secretary for the Department of Revenue, and Jennifer Langan, representing Stacy Gerrity, State Treasurer. Thank you, ex officios for joining us.

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

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CHAIR: By way of announcements, the Board held an executive session yesterday, Tuesday, June 24th, to discuss personnel matters and conduct quasijudicial deliberations related to matters coming

before the Board.

Unfortunately, next order of business is a part of this job that I've never enjoy.

Specifically, next task is to recognize the service of Commissioner Fran Regan, since her term on the Board is coming to an end and this may be the last public meeting.

For those of you who don't know, Fran has been with the Board for over four years, having been appointed by President Pro Temp Jake Corman in 2021. Fran's prior public service includes 25 years as a federal probation officer, where she supervised people criminally convicted in Federal Court, conducted presentencing investigations and drafted presentencing reports for the Court.

Fran has also been a small business owner, teaching safety and self-defense tactics, with the goal of providing women of all ages with the skills necessary to decrease risk to their personal safety. Suffice it to say that Fran's broad array of experience and knowledge, along with her unwavering attention to detail and extraordinary work ethic have been invaluable to the Board.

Fran was consistent in providing a strong voice for the implementation of reason and

fair regulations and prioritizing public safety.

For one, I am going to miss you Fran.

I thank you for everything you've done for the Board
and for the people of Pennsylvania. And I wish you
the best wherever your path takes you next.

I would ask if any other my fellow

Commissioners would like to say a few words before I

continue?

MS. RALSTON: I'd just also like to note that Fran makes the best baked goods, but it's definitely been a pleasure working with you.

MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: I'd like to say that Fran, thank you so much for being my colleague. Thank you for being - sitting here next to me all these years. And I really appreciate everything you've done in terms of your insight on the Board. Thank you so much. And we'll miss you.

MS. REGAN: Thank you.

MR. DERMODY: Fran, yes, we will all miss you and we will all miss the baked goods, but thank you very much. It's been a pleasure serving with you.

 $\underline{\text{MS. REGAN:}} \quad \text{Me first and then the} \\ \text{baked goods.} \quad \text{Right?}$

MR. DERMODY: You first. You first.

MR. DILLON: All right. 1 I quess I 2 have to do this in public. I was, you know, doing 3 this, you know, texting in private and saying how sad 4 I was to see you go, but it's been an honor to work 5 with you and you know, whatever you got going on 6 going forward. Nothing but the best of luck to you. 7 MS. REGAN: Thank you so much, Shawn. I appreciate you. 8 9 George, you got to go now. 10 MR. DUNBAR: Wow. I'm the new guy on 11 the Board. I've only been here for a few weeks, but 12 it's been enjoyable. Wish you well in the future. 13 Thank you. Thank you. MS. REGAN: 14 CHAIR: He has not had the opportunity 15 to taste some -. MR. DUNBAR: I've gotten no baked 16 17 goods. Let's make that very clear. 18 CHAIR: I will state for the record 19 that we have a Resolution honoring Fran's service to 20 the Board, which I'm not going to read, but I'll put 21 before the Board for consideration. 22 It's Board Resolution PGCB 2025-4-EXE 23 Commissioner Frances J. Regan. 24 May I have a motion on the resolution

for Commissioner Regan, please?

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1 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair, 2 Commissioner Dermody move that the Board approve the 3 Resolution recognizing the service of Frances J. 4 Regan to the Board. 5 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon 6 seconds. 7 All in favor? CHAIR: 8 AYES RESPOND 9 CHAIR: All opposed? 10 Motion passes. I'm glad you voted in 11 favor. PUBLIC HEARING HELD 12 13 CHAIR: I would like to now ask for 14 the approval of the Board meeting transcript and 15 minutes from the April 23rd, 2025 meeting. 16 May I have a motion, please? 17 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner 18 Dillon moves that the Board approve the Minutes and 19 Transcript of the April 23rd, 2025 meeting. 20 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar 21 seconds. 22 CHAIR: All in favor? 23 AYES RESPOND 24 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes. 25 Now we will hear from Executive

Director Kevin O'Toole. Kevin.

MR. O'TOOLE: Good morning, Chair Smyler. Good morning, members of the Board.

The Board's Office of Communications issued its press release late last week to report the combined total gaming revenue generated during May of 2025 from all forms of gaming under the regulatory oversight of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

May of 2025 was somewhat of a surprise in terms of generating revenue. It was a very significant month. Historically, March usually takes the lead. I think seven out of the last ten years March led the year in revenue generation, but for May of 2025, revenue generated over \$601 million in aggregated revenue, an increase of 15-and-a-half percent over May of 2024's aggregated revenue, and it's the highest monthly total of gaming revenue to date.

Additionally, the total tax from gaming revenue during May of 2025 exceeded \$255 million. Significant increases year over year occurred once again in the online gaming categories, with iGaming slots increasing revenue almost 40 percent, iGaming sports wagering increasing revenue almost 35 percent and iGaming poker increasing

revenue almost 21 percent.

If you - if you follow gaming revenue trends as I do, most likely you will closely - you will look closely at the land-based casino revenue to measure the effect of online gaming activity in the - on the traditional slot machine and table game revenue. There is an effect month in and month out, no doubt.

The Legislature, in 2017, expanded gambling to generate additional revenue and create additional jobs and that has been a success. It has clearly generated additional revenue.

However, through the efforts of Pennsylvania's land-based casino operations, retail slots and retail table games, when combined together, their revenue, increased in May year over year by 2.33 percent.

Also, it's important to note that retail slot machine revenue, in May of 2025, of \$225 million led all categories of gaming, including the online gaming categories.

As the Board continues to attend

Public Input Hearings, we've had quite a few in the

last year or so, those hearings are always scheduled

near - near the land-based casino facilities and that

is part of the license renewal process.

We - we listen to presentations by the casino executives and public-entity representatives. These presentations on the - these presentations focus on a number of things, but usually on the outstanding physical facilities at their casino locations. They focus on the loyal player base at each casino location. And they focus on consistent commitment made by the casino licensee to the community where that casino is located and where that casino is a part of.

Those are just a few explanations for why I think the land-based casinos continue to perform well in maintaining their revenue base and continuing to improve their locations year in and year out.

So, that's my Executive Director's

Report today, but before I give up the mic, on behalf
of myself and on behalf of the staff of the Gaming

Control Board, I would like to thank Commissioner

Regan for her contribution, which has certainly been
very significant, over her period of - of tenure on
the Gaming Control Board.

We're going to - we're going to miss you. And we also wish you the very best in the

future, Fran.

 $\underline{\text{MS. REGAN:}} \quad \text{Thank you so much. I}$ appreciate it.

CHAIR: Thank you, Kevin.

We'll, now hear from our Human

Resources Director, Heidi Zula, who I believe has two
motions for consideration. Heidi.

MS. ZULA: Good morning, Madam Chair, members of the Board, the Office of Human Resources only have one motion for your consideration today relative to the ratification of the hiring of one individual that was offered and accepted employment with the Board between public meetings.

Executive Secretary within the Executive Office and was approved for hire between public meetings by the Executive Director and Personnel Committee after having completed the background investigation and drug screening. As a result, Jodi was offered and accepted employment with the Board between public meetings to provide support to the Executive Office in preparation for today's meeting.

Unless you have any questions, I ask that the Board consider a motion to ratify the hiring of Jodi Johnson.

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                   MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
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   Human Resources Director.
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                   MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
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                   MS. ZULA: Thank you.
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                   Next is our Office of Chief Counsel
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   (OCC).
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                   ATTORNEY COOK: Morning. Our first
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   agenda item relates to temporary rulemaking which
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   Senior Counsel Robert Wood will present.
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   morning, Madam Chair, members of the Board.
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                   This morning I have one item for the
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   Board's consideration, that being Temporary
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   Rulemaking Number 125-254, which relates to table
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   games rules and procedures. This package contains
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new table game variations and additional side wager options. It provides one new variation in the game of roulette, one variation on the game of Sic Bo, two variations on blackjack and its side wagers, a side wager variation for the game of Spanish 21 and 2 new game show style games.

Prior to this morning's meetings, copies of this rulemaking and its materials were provided to the Board. And if there are - you have any questions, I'd be happy to field them this morning. If not, I'd ask the Board to adopt the motion approving this rulemaking.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments from the Board? May I have a motion, please?

MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair, Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board adopt Temporary Regulation Number 125-254 regarding table games rules and procedures as described by the OCC.

MS. RALSON: Commissioner Ralston 20 seconds.

21 <u>CHAIR:</u> All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

23 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? The motion's 24 adopted. Thank you, Robert.

ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board

are eight petitions. One of these petitions was heard by the Board earlier today during public hearing, involving the SC Gaming matter. The remaining seven petitions will be decided on the documentary record, as the OEC has no objection to the requested relief.

In each of these matters, the Board has been provided with a complete evidentiary record and all document - in the form of all documents filed of record prior to today.

The first petition before the Board today is SC Gaming OpCo LLC's and SC Gaming LLC's joint request for approval to change its ownership and corporate structure.

As mentioned, the Board heard from parties earlier today during a public hearing and the matter is now ripe for the Board decision.

MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston moves that the Board grant in part the Joint Petition for the Approval of Changes in Corporate Structure as described by the OCC, subject to the conditions that will be outlined in the Board's Order, including the payment of \$100,000 - I mean a million dollars, new

1 license - new licensee, based upon the change in
2 control.

I further move that the Petitioner's Request for Confidentiality be granted and that the OEC's Request for Confidentiality be granted in part, which will also be outlined in the Board's Order.

7 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan 8 seconds.

CHAIR: All in favor?

10 AYES RESPOND

11 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's 12 adopted.

ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board is Cammegh Limited's Petition requesting approval of a change of control. Cammegh Limited holds a Table Games Manufacturer License with the Board. In August of 2023, Cammegh's license, along with the license of its owners were all renewed. At that time, Richard William Cammegh owned 50 shares of Cammegh. Andrew Paul Cammegh and Barbara Cammegh each owned 25 shares.

In August of 2024, Barbara Cammegh relinquished her 25 shares, pursuant to a buyback agreement with Cammegh Limited. The other two owners' number of shares remained the same, however,

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their ownership percentages have now increased, with
Richard Cammegh now owning 66.6 percent of the
ownership interest and Andrew Cammegh owning 33.3
percent.
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The OEC has no objection to the change of control, subject to conditions in its Answer and this matter is now ripe for the Board's consideration.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

May I have a motion, please?

MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner Regan moves that the Board grant the Petition for Approval of Change in Control as described by the OCC, subject to the conditions that will be outlined in Board's Order.

MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody seconds.

18 <u>CHAIR:</u> All in favor?

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ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board is Digital Gaming Corporation USA's Petition for Approval of a Corporate Restructuring. Digital Gaming Corporation USA is licensed by the Board as an

interactive gaming operator and sports wagering operator and provides iGaming and interactive sports wagering services to Live! Casino Philadelphia.

Digital Gaming Corporation USA is directly owned by Digital Gaming Corporation Limited, which is, in turn, owned by SGHC Limited, a subsidiary of Supergroup SGHC Limited. Clearly Attorneys named those companies.

Following approval by the Board, the restructuring will involve the placement of two holding companies, DGC UK Holdings and DGC US Holdings, within the ownership change of Digital Gaming Corporation USA. The restructuring will also result in the dissolution of Digital Gaming Corporation Limited.

The Petitioners state that the proposed corporate restructuring will enhance operational financial efficiency and improve the performance at a corporate level.

The OEC has no objection to the proposed corporate restructuring, subject to conditions outlined in its Answer and this matter is now ripe for the Board's consideration.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

May I have a motion, please?

1 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair, 2 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board grant the 3 Petition for Approval of Change in Control as described by the OCC, subject to the conditions that 4 5 will be outlined in the Board's Order. 6 I further move that both the 7 Petitioners and the OEC's Request for Confidentiality be granted. 9 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon 10 seconds. 11 All in favor? CHAIR: 12 AYES RESPOND 13 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries. 14 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board 15 is a Joint Petition from IGT, IGT Global Solutions Corporation, Everi Games, Inc.; Everi Payments, Inc. 16 17 and Voyager Parent, LLC, seeking approval of the 18 acquisition of Pennsylvania licensed manufacturers by 19 a company owned by a private asset management firm. 20 The PA licensees being acquired are 21 subsidiaries of either International Gaming 22 Technology, PLC or Everi Holdings, Inc. 23 International Gaming Technology, PLC 24 is the ultimate owner of IGT, a Pennsylvania licensed

slot machine, table games and video gaming terminal

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as well as sports wagering manufacturer. It also owns IGT Global Solutions Corporation, a Pennsylvania licensed slot machine and interactive gaming manufacturer.

Everi Holdings Inc. is the ultimate owner of PA licensee Everi Games, Inc., a slot machine manufacturer and Everi Payments, Inc., a slot machine and video gaming terminal manufacturer.

Voyager Parent, LLC is ultimately owned by Apollo Investments, which controls numerous investment funds. Through transfer of assets, selling of interest and various mergers, Voyager will be acquiring the Pennsylvania licensees presently owned by both Everi and IGT.

The Pennsylvania licensees currently in place for IGT and Everi-related entities will remain in effect and any new individuals in the ownership chain will need to be licensed.

The OEC has no objection to the proposed change of control, subject to conditions outlined in its Answer, including the need for additional licenses. However, both - or in addition to that, both Petitioners and the OEC have requested that certain information be maintained as confidential. And this matter is now ripe for the

Board's consideration.

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2 <u>CHAIR:</u> Any questions or comments?
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MR. DILLON: Madam Chair,

Commissioner Dillon moves that the Board grant the

Joint Petition for Approval of Proposed Change in

Control as described by the OCC, subject to the

conditions that will be outlined in the Board's

Order.

I further move that the Petitioner's Request for Confidentiality be granted and the OEC's Request for Confidentiality be denied.

MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar seconds.

15 <u>CHAIR:</u> All in favor?

16 AYES RESPOND

17 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's adopted.

ATTORNEY COOK: Next is Autovalet

Systems USA, LLC's Petition for Removal from the

Prohibited Gaming Service Provider List. Auto

Autovalet Service - I'm sorry, Autovalet Systems USA
is a company that provides employee uniforms and an
automated system for storing uniforms.

By way of background, Autovalet was

placed on the Board's Prohibited Gaming Service

Provider List in 2012 for their failure to provide

the Bureau of Licensing with a signed Statement of

Conditions and a signed Indemnification Agreement.

In March of 2016, Autovalet filed a Request for Removal from the List, which was granted by the Board in May of 2016, subject to conditions that they pay a civil penalty and outstanding licensing fees.

However, Autovalet failed to satisfy those conditions and, therefore, has remained on the Prohibited Gaming Service Provider List. Autovalet has now again requested they be removed from the List. The OEC does not object to the removal of Autovalet from the List, provided they pay all outstanding monies owed to the Board, as well as a \$1,500 civil penalty, and cooperate with the Board relative to any new applications which need to be submitted. And this matters now ripe for the Board's consideration.

<u>CHAIR:</u> Any questions or comments?

May I have a motion, please?

MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner
Regan moves that the Board grant the Petition for
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List as described by the OCC, subject to the conditions that will be outlined in the Board's Order.
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 $\underline{\text{MR. DERMODY:}} \quad \text{Commissioner Dermody}$ seconds.

CHAIR: All in favor?

7 AYES RESPOND

CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

ATTORNEY COOK: The next matter is a Request for Removal from the Self-Exclusion List, filed by an individual with the initials C.S.Z.

On June 28th, 2012, C.S.Z. placed himself on the List, choosing the lifetime self-exclusion option.

On March 26, 2025, C.S.Z. filed his Request for Removal from the List, stating he is recently retired and would like to go to casinos for entertainment, as well as to spend time with his peers.

As required by the Board's regulations, C.S.Z. provided the required Problem Gambling Assessment Verification Form signed by a Certified Assessment Provider, confirming that an assessment of this individual was performed and that problem gambling treatment was not recommended.

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   C.S.Z. had one violation of a self-exclusion,
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   however, it was 12 years ago. As such, OEC has no
   objection to this request and the matter is now ripe
   for the Board's consideration.
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                   MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner
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   Dunbar moves that the Board grant C.S.Z.'s Petition
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   for Removal from the casino's Self-Exclusion List as
   described by the OCC.
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- MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner
- 17 Manzano-Díaz, second.
- 18 CHAIR: All in favor?
- 19 AYES RESPOND
- 20 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's
- 21 adopted.
- 22 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board
- 23 is a second Request for Removal from the
- 24 | Self-Exclusion List.
- On November 1st, 2013, an individual

with the initials M.W. placed himself on the List, choosing the lifetime self-exclusion option.

On April 25th, 2025, M.W. filed his Request for Removal from the List, indicating that he's matured and he would like to be able to attend casinos with friends for entertainment.

Per the Board's regulations M.W. has provided the required Problem Gambling Assessment Verification Form signed by a Certified Assessment Provider, confirming that an assessment of M.W. was performed and that problem gambling treatment was not recommended.

The OEC filed an Answer, stating that there's no objection to M.W.'s request, as it has been over 11-and-a-half years since his placement on the List and he submitted all required documentation.

OEC does acknowledge in its Answer that M.W. had three violations of self-exclusion. However, the most recent one was over five years ago and the other two were over 11 years ago. And this matter is now ripe for the Board's consideration.

 $\underline{\text{CHAIR:}} \quad \text{Any questions or comments?}$ May I have a motion, please?

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

CHAIR: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

seconds.

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CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

ATTORNEY COOK: The final petition

before the Board today is yet another request for an individual to be removed from the Self-Exclusion

On August 16th, 2014, an individual with the initials W.O. placed himself on a voluntary Self-Exclusion List, choosing the lifetime exclusion option.

On March 26, 2025, W.O. filed his request seeking removal from the List, stating that he's now older and more responsible.

W.O. has complied with the Board's regulations and provided the required Assessment Verification Form signed by a Certified Assessment Provider confirming that an assessment was performed, that problem - and that problem gambling treatment was not recommended.

The OEC filed an Answer, stating it

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has no objection to W.O.'s request, as it has been over ten years since he placed himself on the List and he submitted all the required documentation.
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OEC noted that he had three violations of the self-exclusion. However, the last one took place over five years ago and this matter is now ripe for the Board's consideration.

8 <u>CHAIR:</u> Any questions or comments? 9 May I have a motion, please?

MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston moves that the Board grant W.O.'s Petition for Removal from the casino Self-Exclusion List as described by the OCC.

MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan seconds.

16 <u>CHAIR:</u> All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

18 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's

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20 ATTORNEY COOK: Next, providing

21 Withdrawals, Surrenders and Reports and

22 Recommendations will be Deputy Chief Counsel Chad

23 Zimmermann.

24 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Good morning,

25 Commissioners. The next matter before the Board

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today pertains to several unopposed petitions to
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   withdraw applications or surrender of credentials of
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   the following individuals and entities:
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   Slater; Spring Mountain Investments Limited;
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   Portfolio Services Limited; Mark Waterhouse;
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   Christopher Hall; Riaan Van Wamenlen; Usha Ganesan;
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   Oakridge Interactive, LLC; Michael Betti; Christopher
   Betti; Nicholas Betti; Brittanie Betti; Kyle Berger;
   Eileen Cleary; Michael DiMotta; Zachary DiMotta; SDC
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   Almish; Raoul de Cartier; Anthony Rodio, Sr.; Leon
   Mills; Kevin Thimjon; Paul Lidsky; Edwin Kilburn;
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   Stephen Morana; Hien Papaian and Therese Dierckx.
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                   The OEC has no objection to any of
   these Withdrawals or Surrenders. As a result, if the
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   doing so without prejudice to the requester. And
   these matters are all now ripe for the Board's
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   consideration.
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                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
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   May I have a motion, please?
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                   MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves
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   that the Board issue Orders to approve the
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   Withdrawals and Surrenders as described by the OCC.
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                   MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
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   seconds.
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CHAIR: All in favor?

2 AYES RESPOND

3 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's

4 adopted.

ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the Board for consideration are four Reports and Recommendations received from the Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA). These Reports and Recommendations, along with the evidentiary record for each hearing, have been provided to the Board in advance of this meeting.

Additionally, the persons involved have each been notified that the Board is considering their matter today and that each would have the ability to come forward and briefly address the Board.

If any of the persons who are the subject of one of these Reports and Recommendations would like to address the Board, I would ask them to come forward when the matter is called.

The first Report and Recommendation before the Board today is Hezekiah Odom. Mr. Odom holds a Non-Gaming Employee Registration and has worked as a Beverage Porter for Rivers Casino Pittsburgh.

On February 27, 2025, the OEC filed a complaint for Emergency Suspension of Mr. Odom's registration after receiving notice that he had been charged with felony and misdemeanor offenses. As a result of these charges, the Executive Director issued an Emergency Order suspending Mr. Odom's registration.

A hearing of this matter was held on March 20th, 2025. OEC appeared, offering testimony and documentary evidence. Mr. Odom appeared and testified on his own behalf.

Evidence and testimony presented at the hearing showed that on February - in February 2025, Mr. Odom was arrested and charged with strangulation, endangering the welfare of children and simple assault for allegedly punching his seven-year-old son and grabbing him around the neck.

Mr. Odom denied the criminal allegations during his testimony at the hearing. He did state that his Attorney, however, reached an agreement with the Prosecutor regarding the resolution of his charges and they could be reduced if he completed certain steps.

Following a hearing, a Report and Recommendation was issued, recommending that the

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suspension of Mr. Odom's registration remain in effect, given that the charges were still pending.
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However, after - after the hearing, it was learned, by the OCC, that the felony and misdemeanor charges against Mr. Odom were withdrawn at the Preliminary Hearing, and as such, he is no longer charged with offenses that were the basis of his Emergency Suspension and this matter is now ripe for the Board's consideration.

10 <u>CHAIR:</u> Any questions or comments? 11 May I have a motion, please?

MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair, given that the charges against Mr. Odom were dismissed,

Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board reject the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the OCC, and that the suspension of Hezekiah Odom's Non-Gaming Employee Registration be lifted.

19 <u>MR. DILLON:</u> Commissioner Dillon

21 CHAIR: All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

seconds.

23 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's

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25 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The next Report

and Recommendation before the Board pertains to another Emergency Suspension. Danielle Smith holds a Gaming Level 2 Employee Occupation Permit and has been employed as a Hotel Night Auditor for Live! Casino & Hotel Philadelphia.

On April 3rd, 2025, the OEC filed a complaint for an Emergency Suspension of Ms. Smith's G2 Permit after receiving notice that she had been charged with felony offenses.

Specifically, it was alleged that Ms.

Smith had filed a fraudulent insurance claim. As a result of these charges, the Board's Executive Director issued an Emergency Order, suspending Ms.

Smith's G2 Permit.

A hearing in this matter was held in April 2025. OEC appeared and presented testimony and documentary evidence.

Ms. Smith appeared but chose not to testify. The evidence and testimony presented by OEC showed that Ms. Smith had filed an insurance claim saying that someone had broken into her vehicle and stole a \$2,600 Louis Vuitton bag. Ms. Smith filed a Police Report for the break-in, but never reported the missing bag to police. The receipt she provided to the bag for the insurance company was found to

match a receipt template available on the Internet and there was no record of the purchase at the Louis Vuitton store, where Ms. Smith claimed to purchase the purse.

Testimony further showed that Ms.

Smith has entered the Accelerated Rehabilitative

Disposition Program, was placed on probation for 12

months and must complete 32 hours of community

service.

However, being in the ARD Program means that the charges are still pending against her.

Subsequently, a Report and Recommendation issued recommending that the suspension of Ms. Smith's G2 Permit remain in effect, and this matter's now ripe for the Board's consideration.

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

MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner Dillon moves that the Board adopt the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the OCC, and that the suspension of Danielle Smith's Gaming Level 2 Employee Occupation Permit remain in effect.

MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar

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2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 AYES RESPOND

4 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's

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<u>ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN:</u> Seyfullah

7 Yagmurkaya's matter's next before the Board.

On June 2024, the OEC filed a Petition to place Mr. Yagmurkaya on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

A hearing in this matter was held March 11, 2025. OEC appeared, presented testimony and documentary evidence.

Mr. Yagmurkaya attended the hearing and testified on his own behalf. Evidence and testimony presented at the hearing show that on September 7th, 2022, Mr. Yagmurkaya parked his vehicle in the lot at Rivers Casino in Philadelphia, leaving his three-year-old daughter in the vehicle while he entered and gamed at a sports-betting kiosk for approximately two minutes before returning to the car.

Security noticed the child and called the Pennsylvania State Police. Upon returning to the vehicle, the child had been left alone for

approximately four minutes.

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Mr. Yagmurkaya was issued a permanent eviction from the casino. However, no criminal charges were filed.

Mr. Yagmurkaya testified, stating he left his child for a very brief period of time and didn't know that he couldn't leave his daughter in the vehicle and apologized for his actions.

Thereafter, a Report and

10 Recommendation was issued recommending that Mr.

11 | Yagmurkaya be placed on the Board's Involuntary

12 Exclusion List. And this matter is now ripe for the

13 Board's consideration.

14 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

15 May I have a motion, please?

MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner

17 | Dunbar moves that the Board adopt the Report and

18 Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the

19 OCC and Seyfullah Yagmurkaya be placed on the Board's

20 Involuntary Exclusion List.

21 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner

22 | Manzano-Díaz, second.

23 CHAIR: All in favor?

24 AYES RESPOND

25 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion passes.

ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The final Report and Recommendation pertains to Robert Burns.

By way of background, in February 2016, the OEC filed a Petition to place Robert Burns on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

Mr. Burns failed to answer the

Petition and a Default Judgment was filed. And the

Board placed - issued an Order placing him on the

exclusion List.

On November 20th, 2024, Mr. Burns filed his Request for Removal from the Involuntary Exclusion List.

The OEC filed an Answer, objecting to Mr. Burns' request. A hearing in this matter was held March of 2025.

OEC appeared, but did not provide any additional testimony or documentary evidence, relying on the earlier record.

Mr. Burns appeared and testified, stating that on December 23rd, 2015, he and his autistic son had gone to the casino for dinner at what was then Sands Bethworks Casino, now Wind Creek Bethlehem, and his son began to experience an autism-related outburst.

Mr. Burns was told he would need to

wait for an escort to accompany he and his son across the casino floor to exit. His son's outburst continued to increase and Mr. Burns, after waiting a period of time, decided to walk across the Gaming Floor with his son without an escort, to attempt to get him out of the property.

He was confronted by Security. And when this occurred, his son's outburst increased.

Security then attempted to grab Mr. Burns' son. Mr. Burns reacted and punched the Security Officer.

During his testimony, Mr. Burns stated that his behavior was wrong and he was going through some personal issues at the time. He understands that he overreacted, but he was trying to protect his son. And that following the incident he voluntarily entered and successfully completed anger-management classes.

Following the hearing, a Report and Recommendation was issued, recommending that Mr.

Burns' Petition be granted and he be removed from the Involuntary Exclusion List. This matter is now ripe for the Board's consideration.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

May I have a motion, please?

MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,

Commissioner Manzano-Díaz rules that the Board adopt the Report and Recommendations issued by the OHA as described by the OCC, and that Robert Burns' Petition for Removal from the Involuntary Exclusion List be granted.

MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston seconds.

CHAIR: All in favor?

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10 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's 11 adopted.

redundant, I, too, on the behalf of the OCC would like to wish Commissioner Regan the best. She's been one of the most thorough and thoughtful Commissioners we've had, second only to the other six who remain, that I have to answer to, but it has been a real pleasure, Fran.

MS. REGAN: Thank you.

CHAIR: You're a wise man, Mr. Cook.

21 Thank you, Chad and Steve.

We will now have the Bureau of Licensing matters presented by the Director of the Bureau of Licensing, Sean Hannon.

MR. HANNON: Good morning, Madam

Chair, members of the Board.

Today's first licensing matter for your consideration is the renewal of a Fantasy Contest Operator License for FanDuel PA, LLC. The company was formed in 2018 and its principal place of business is in New York City.

The company intends to continue offering Fantasy Sports Contests to players in the Commonwealth via an online platform. The Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (BIE) has completed its investigation of the company and the Bureau of Licensing has provided you with a Background Investigation and Suitability Report.

I have provided you with a draft Order and ask the Board to consider the Order to approve the Fantasy Contest Operator License for FanDuel PA, LLC.

ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel has no objection.

<u>CHAIR:</u> Any questions or comments?

May I have a motion, please?

MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston moves that the Board grant the Fantasy Contest Operator License Renewal as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

42 1 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan 2 seconds. 3 CHAIR: All in favor? 4 AYES RESPOND 5 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes. 6 MR. HANNON: Next we have 7 consideration of the renewal of the Fantasy Contest Operator License for SportsHub PA, LLC. 9 The company was formed in 2018 and its 10 principal place of business is in Minneapolis, 11 Minnesota. The company intends to continue offering 12 various types of paid fantasy sports contests to players in the Commonwealth. 13 14 The BIE has completed its 15 investigation of the company and the Bureau of 16 Licensing has provided you with a Background 17 Investigation and Suitability Report. 18 I have provided you with a draft Order 19 and ask the Board to consider the Order to approve 20 the Fantasy Contest Operator License for SportsHub 21 PA, LLC. 22 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel 23 has no objection. 24 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

May I have a motion, please?

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                   MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves
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   Licensing.
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                   MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
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   AYES RESPOND
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                   CHAIR: All opposed?
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                   MR. HANNON: Also we have
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   consideration of approval on an Interactive Gaming
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   Manufacturer License for Sports Information Services
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   Pennsylvania and is in good standing as a
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   sports-wagering operator.
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   Manufacturer License for Sports Information Services
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I also provided you with a draft Order
and ask that the Board consider the Order to approve
the Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License for
Sports Information Services Limited.

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

MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,

Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board grant the

Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License as described

by the Bureau of Licensing.

MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon seconds.

15 <u>CHAIR:</u> All in favor?

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17 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's adopted.

MR. HANNON: Next for consideration is the Video Gaming Terminal Operator License Renewal for Lucky Day Gaming Pennsylvania, LLC.

The company was formed in 2018 and its principal place of business is in Skokie, Illinois.

The company intends to maintain and operate video game terminals on the premises of VGT establishment

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The BIE has completed its investigation of the company and the Bureau of Licensing has provided you with a Background Investigation and Suitability Report.

I have provided you with a draft Order and ask the Board consider the Order to approve the Video Gaming Terminal Operator License for Lucky Day Gaming Pennsylvania, LLC.

10 <u>ATTORNEY PITRE:</u> And Enforcement
11 Counsel has no objection.

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

MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
Dillon moves that the Board grant the Video Gaming
Terminal Operating License Renewal as described by
the Bureau of Licensing.

18 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
19 seconds.

20 <u>CHAIR:</u> All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

22 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion passes.

MR. HANNON: In addition we have

24 consideration of 7 Video Gaming Terminal

25 Establishment License Renewals. Locations being

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   Country Stores, doing business as Love Travel Stops
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   Pennsylvania, doing business as Kwik Fill #200.
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   investigation of each, and the Bureau of Licensing
   has provided you with a Background Investigation and
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   Suitability Report.
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   the Video Game Terminal Establishment License for
   Love's Travel Stop #324, located at 440 West 3rd
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   Street in Mifflinville.
                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
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   has no objection.
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                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
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   May I have a motion, please?
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                   MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner
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   Dunbar moves that the Board grant the Video Gaming
   Terminal Establishment License Renewal as described
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   by the Bureau of Licensing.
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                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner
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Manzano-Díaz, second.

1 CHAIR: All in favor?

2 AYES RESPOND

3 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's

4 adopted.

5 MR. HANNON: Next will be the Order to 6 renew the license for Love's Travel Stop #358,

7 located at 3700 Mountain Road in Hamburg.

8 <u>ATTORNEY PITRE:</u> Enforcement Counsel 9 has no objection.

10 <u>CHAIR:</u> Any questions or comments?

11 May I have a motion, please?

MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,

13 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board grant

14 the Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License

15 Renewal as described by the Office - the Bureau of

16 Licensing.

17 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston

18 seconds.

19 CHAIR: All in favor?

20 AYES RESPOND

21 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's

22 adopted.

MR. HANNON: Next, the Order to renew

24 the license for Loves' Travel Stop #366, located at

25 22 Old Ford Road in Jonestown.

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                   MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
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   Establishment License Renewal as described by the
   Bureau of Licensing.
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                   MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
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                   CHAIR: All in favor?
   AYES RESPOND
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                   CHAIR: All opposed?
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   adopted.
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                   MR. HANNON: Also the Order to renew
   the license for Love's Travel Stop #407, located at
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   1165 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle.
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                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
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   has no objection.
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                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
   May I have a motion, please?
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                   MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves
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   Establishment License Renewal as described by the
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   Bureau of Licensing.
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MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
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                   CHAIR: All in favor?
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   AYES RESPOND
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                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.
                   MR. HANNON: Next is the Order to
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   renew the license for Raceway Management Company,
   Incorporated, doing business as Onvo Avis, located at
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   3163 Woodward Avenue in Avis.
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                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
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   has no objection.
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                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
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                   MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
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   Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board grant the
   Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License Renewal
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   as described by the Bureau of Licensing.
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                   MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
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   seconds.
                   CHAIR: All in favor?
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   AYES RESPOND
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                   MR. HANNON: Next is the Order to
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   renew the license for Raceway Management Company,
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   Incorporated, doing businesses on Onvo Hickory Run,
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1 located at 2550 Route 534 in White Haven.
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2 <u>ATTORNEY PITRE:</u> Enforcement Counsel 3 has no objection.

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

MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner

Dillon moves that the Board grant the Video Gaming

Terminal Establishment License Renewal as described

by the Bureau of Licensing.

MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar seconds.

12 <u>CHAIR:</u> All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

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14 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's adopted.

MR. HANNON: And finally the Order to renew the license for United Refining Company of Pennsylvania, doing business as Quik Fill #200, located at 1001 East Spring Street in Titusville.

20 <u>ATTORNEY PITRE:</u> Enforcement Counsel 21 has no objection.

22 <u>CHAIR:</u> Any questions or comments? 23 May I have a motion, please?

MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner

Dunbar moves that the Board grant the Video Gaming

- 1 Terminal Establishment License Renewal as described 2 by the Bureau of Licensing.
- 3 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner
- 4 Manzano-Díaz, second.
- 5 CHAIR: All in favor?
- 6 AYES RESPOND
- 7 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's
- 8 adopted.
- 9 MR. HANNON: Next there are Principal
- 10 and Key Employee Licenses.
- The Bureau of Licensing provided you
- 12 with a proposed Order for 7 Principals and 15 Key
- 13 Employees. I ask that the Board consider the Order
- 14 approving these licenses.
- 15 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
- 16 has no objection.
- 17 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
- 18 May I have a motion, please?
- MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
- 20 | Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board grant
- 21 the Principal and Key Employee Licenses as described
- 22 by the Bureau of Licensing.
- MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
- 24 seconds.
- 25 CHAIR: All in favor?

AYES RESPOND

2 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's

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4 MR. HANNON: There are also Principal and Key Employee Temporary Credentials.

The Bureau of Licensing provided you with an Order regarding the issuance of Temporary Credentials for 6 Principals and 10 Key Employees. I ask that the Board consider the Order for these credentials.

11 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
12 has no objection.

13 <u>CHAIR:</u> Any questions or comments? 14 May I have a motion, please?

MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan 20 seconds.

21 <u>CHAIR:</u> All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

23 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's

24 adopted.

MR. HANNON: Additionally for

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consideration are Gaming Employee Permits and
Non-Gaming Employee Registrations.
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The Bureau of Licensing provided you with a list of 460 individuals to whom the Bureau has granted Temporary or Full Occupation Permits and 186 individuals to whom the Bureau has granted Registrations under the authority delegated to the Bureau of Licensing.

9 I ask that the Board consider a motion 10 approving the Order.

11 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
12 has no objection.

13 <u>CHAIR:</u> Any questions or comments? 14 May I have a motion, please?

MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner
Regan moves that the Board approve the applications
for Gaming Employee Occupation Permits and
Non-Gaming Employee Registrations as described by the
Bureau of Licensing.

20 <u>MR. DERMODY:</u> Commissioner Dermody 21 seconds.

22 <u>CHAIR:</u> All in favor?

23 AYES RESPOND

24 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's

25 adopted.

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1 MR. HANNON: Next there's a 2 recommendation of denial for 3 Gaming and 2 3 Non-Gaming Applicants. 4 The Bureau of Licensing has provided 5 you with the Order addressing the Applicants the OEC has recommended for denial. 6 7 I ask that the Board consider the 8 Order approving these denials. ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC continues to 9 10 request denial in each matter. 11 CHAIR: Any questions or comments? 12 May I have a motion, please? 13 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair, 14 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board deny the 15 Gaming and Non-Gaming Employee Applications as described by the Bureau of Licensing. 16 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon 17 18 seconds. All in favor? 19 CHAIR: 20 AYES RESPOND 21 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes. 22 MR. HANNON: The next matter for 23 consideration are Withdrawal Requests. In each case, 24 the license, permit or registration is no longer 25 required.

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  Order approving these Withdrawals.
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  has no objection.
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                  CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
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MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
Dillon moves that the Board grant the Withdrawal of
Gaming and Non-Gaming Employee Applications as

described by the Bureau of Licensing.

MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar seconds.

16 <u>CHAIR:</u> All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

18 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's

19 adopted.

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MR. HANNON: Finally for your

21 consideration are Gaming Service Provider

22 Registrations. The Bureau of Licensing provided you

23 with an Order and an attached list of 3 Registered

24 Gaming Service Provider Applicants.

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   Order registering these gaming service providers.
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                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
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   has no objection.
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                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
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                   MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair,
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   Commissioner Dunbar moves that the Board approve the
   Gaming Service Provider Registrations as described by
   the Bureau of Licensing.
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                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner
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   Manzano-Díaz approves - seconds.
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                   CHAIR: All in favor?
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   AYES RESPOND
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                   CHAIR: All opposed?
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   adopted.
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                   MR. HANNON: Thank you, Madam Chair.
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   That concludes the Bureau of Licensing.
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                   CHAIR:
                           Thank you, Sean.
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                   Next is the OEC, Cyrus Pitre. Cyrus.
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ATTORNEY PITRE: Good morning. Yes,

21 good morning, Madam Chair, members of the Board.

22 The OEC will present 17 matters today

23 for the Board's consideration, in which we will

24 request the approval of one Consent Agreement, two

25 Revocations and 14 Involuntary Exclusions.

The next matter on the agenda for the Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement between the OEC and an individual identified by the initials S.T.

The matter will be presented by Senior Enforcement Counsel John Crohe.

 $\hbox{S.T. is present.} \quad \hbox{And at this time I}$ $\hbox{request that - well, if S.T. is going to present}$ $\hbox{anything to the Board that he stand and be sworn.}$

10 <u>CHAIR:</u> S.T., would you stand to be sworn, 11 please?

COURT REPORTER: Good morning. Could you please raise your right hand? Thank you.

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20 <u>COURT REPORTER:</u> Thank you. You can lower your hand.

22 CHAIR: Thank you. You may proceed.

23 ATTORNEY CROHE: Chair, members of the

24 Board, John Crohe, C-R-O-H-E, Senior Enforcement

25 Counsel for the OEC.

The next matter on the agenda for the Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement reached between S.T. and the OEC, in which S.T. agrees to place himself on the Voluntary Casino Interactive Video Gaming Terminal and Fantasy Contest Self-Exclusion List for a lifetime period.

On April 5th, 2021, S.T. established an account on FanDuel sports-wagering platform. As part of the account creation process, S.T. signed and agreed to the terms and conditions required of a FanDuel iGaming account user.

On January 14, 2023, S.T. placed a \$25 parlay wager on the FanDuel sports-wagering platform All National Football League offerings. S.T. lost his wager.

On January 29, 2023, S.T. placed a \$50 parlay wager on the FanDuel sports-wagering platform on National Football League offerings. S.T. lost his wager.

During this time, S.T. was a professional athlete rostered on a National Football League team. Neither of the wagers involved the team of which he was rostered.

Each of the two wagers placed by S.T. occurred while S.T. was located in Pennsylvania.

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On April 21st, 2023, FanDuel suspended
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                   The OEC and S.T. respectfully request
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   that the Board approve the Consent Agreement and
   Stipulations of Settlement and that S.T. place
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   himself on the Voluntary Casino Interactive Video
   Gaming Terminal and Fantasy Contest Self-Exclusion
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   List for a lifetime period.
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                   CHAIR: S.T., would you like to
   address the Board?
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                   S.T.:
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   for considering me and hopefully I'm not on the list
   entirely. I just want to move on. My life it's been
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   a rough two years for me.
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                   So any decision, I'm just grateful to
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   get an opportunity to sit in front of you guys.
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Hearing none, may I have a motion, please?

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MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston

1 moves that the Board approve the Consent Agreement 2 between the OEC and S.T. as described by the OEC.

3 <u>MS. REGAN:</u> Commissioner Regan

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CHAIR: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

<u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's adopted. Thank you, S.T. Good luck.

S.T.: Appreciate you.

ATTORNEY PITRE: Next two matters on the agenda consist of enforcement actions in which the OEC filed complaints seeking the revocation of a Permit and Registration previously issued by the Board.

The complaint in each matter has been filed with the Board's OHA and properly served upon the individual named in each complaint.

The individual named in each complaint failed to respond within 30 days, as required by Board regulation. As a result, the OEC filed a Request for Default Judgment in each instance and properly served the same upon each respondent.

Therefore, the facts in each complaint are deemed admitted. All filed documents have been provided to the Board, and the matters are presently

ripe for the Board's consideration.

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

 $\label{eq:Good morning.} Good morning. Sarah Kolesar, $$K-O-L-E-S-A-R$, with the OEC.$

The next matter on the agenda for the Board's consideration is the - is the revocation of the Non-Gaming Employee Registration issued to Nathan Fidler. He was previously employed as a Public Area Attendant at Hollywood Casino Grantville.

While working at Hollywood Casino

Grantville, he retrieved a wallet belonging to a

patron from a stall on the casino floor, took \$143 in

cash from the wallet and then threw the wallet away.

After being confronted by casino staff and Pennsylvania State Police, Mr. Fidler admitted to the theft and returned the \$143.

As a result, Mr. Fidler was terminated and was criminally charged by the police. Mr.

21 Fidler is not currently employed in the Pennsylvania 22 gaming industry.

At this time the OEC requests that the Board revoke the Non-Gaming Employee Registration issued to Nathan Fidler.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments? 1 2 May I have a motion, please? 3 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves 4 that the Board approve the revocation of Nathan 5 Fidler's Non-Gaming Employee Registration for the 6 conduct described by the OEC. 7 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody 8 seconds. 9 All in favor? CHAIR: 10 AYES RESPOND 11 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes. ATTORNEY KOLESAR: The next matter on 12 13 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the 14 revocation of the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit 15 issued to Tyasia Warring. She was previously 16 employed as a Main Banker at Live! Casino 17 Philadelphia. 18 While working at Live! Casino 19 Philadelphia, Ms. Warring took \$2,000 in chips from 20 her drawer, to which she was not entitled to, hid and 21 ultimately left the premises with the chips. 22 Casino personnel identified that there 23 was a shortage at the chip bank and surveillance 24 personnel identified Ms. Warring's actions. 25 As a result, Ms. Warring was

terminated and was criminally charged by police.

2 Ms. Warring is not currently employed 3 in the Pennsylvania gaming industry.

At this time the OEC requests that the Board revoke the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit issued to Tyasia Warring.

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

9 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,

Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the revocation of Tyasia Warring's Gaming Employee

Occupation Permit for the conduct described by the OEC.

MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon seconds.

16 <u>CHAIR:</u> All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

18 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's

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attorney PITRE: The remaining matters on the agenda consist of enforcement actions in which the OEC filed petitions seeking the involuntary exclusion of individuals who are inimical to the interest of the Commonwealth and/or licensed gaming therein.

In each instance, the Petition for Exclusion has been filed with the Board's OHA and properly served upon the individual named in the petition.

The individual named in each petition failed to respond within 30 days, as required by Board regulation. As a result, the OEC filed a Request for Default Judgment in each instance and properly served the same upon each individual.

Therefore, all facts in each petition are deemed admitted. All filed documents have been provided to the Board and the matters are presently ripe for the Board's consideration.

In each instance, if the Board orders a proposed exclusion, each individual's photo, personal identifiers and a summary of the inimical conduct may be placed on the Board's public website.

Once again, in each matter, we will provide a brief summary of the facts and make a request for the appropriate Board action.

The next matter on the agenda for the Board's consideration is the petition to place George Chapin on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

Mr. Chapin arrived at Parx Casino with two adult disabled individuals and left them unattended while he went inside the casino. One of the individuals exited the vehicle and roamed the casino and parking lot while unattended and the other individual remained in the vehicle while unattended.

Mr. Chapin arrived back to his vehicle 22 minutes later and discovered one of the individuals was not present.

Eventually Mr. Chapin contacted

Bensalem Township Police and Parx Security to report

the missing individual. The missing individual was

found by Bensalem Township Police and Parx Security.

The police took the individuals in Mr. Chapin's care

from the premises.

The missing disabled individual was unattended approximately 50 minutes before being identified by Parx Security and the Bensalem Police Department.

During Mr. Chapin's time in the casino, he placed sports bets at the sports book. As a result of this incident, Mr. Chapin was criminally charged and entered into a guilty plea to endangering the welfare of a care-dependent person for whom he is responsible, a misdemeanor offense.

He was evicted from Parx Casino as a 1 2 result of this incident. 3 At this time, the OEC requests that 4 the Board place George Chapin on the Involuntary 5 Exclusion List. 6 CHAIR: Any questions, comments? May 7 I have a motion, please? 8 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner 9 Dillon moves that the Board approve the addition of 10 George Chapin to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List 11 for the conduct described by the OEC. 12 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar 13 seconds. 14 CHAIR: All in favor? 15 AYES RESPOND 16 All opposed? Motion passes. CHAIR: 17

ATTORNEY KOLESAR: The next three matters on the agenda for the Board's consideration is the Petition to place Gabriella Bianco, Robin Schnepp and Anthony Laush on the Involuntary

With the Board's permission, I will read one set of facts and then request that each

individual will be placed on the Involuntary

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Mr. Laush was previously employed as a Table Game Supervisor and Ms. Schnepp was previously employed as a Table Games Dealer at Rivers Casino
Pittsburgh. Mr. Laush and Ms. Schnepp, while working two scheduled shifts, in their respective positions, engaged in collusion while Ms. Schnepp was acting as a Dealer at an Interblock - Interblock roulette game and Mr. Laush was engaged in supervising the Interblock roulette game.

On two different dates, during their assigned shifts, Ms. Schnepp deliberately spun the roulette ball in the wrong direction, which resulted in an invalid spin.

And then without surveillance review and in a manner that is inconsistent with Interblock roulette Standard Operating Procedures, Mr. Laush approved the invalid spins.

These actions allowed Gabriella Bianco and a male patron to place bets and increase bets after a winning number had been determined, which resulted in those patrons being paid a total of \$10,901, to which they were not entitled to.

On both dates, Ms. Bianco and the male patron were involved in these incidents and ultimately were discovered to have a personal

relationship with Mr. Laush.

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In addition, Mr. Laush fraudulently issued the male patron a comp in the amount of \$35, to which he was not entitled.

All three of the individuals involved were criminally charged as a result of these incidents.

Mr. Laush and Ms. Schnepp were terminated for their actions and are not currently employed in the Pennsylvania gaming industry.

At this time the OEC requests that the Board place Gabriella Bianco on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board
approve the addition of Gabriella Bianco to the PGCB
Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct described
by the OEC.

MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston seconds.

23 <u>CHAIR:</u> All in favor?

24 AYES RESPOND

25 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's

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ATTORNEY KOLESAR: At this time the OEC requests that the Board place Robin Schnepp on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

May I have a motion, please?

MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston moves that the Board approve the addition of Robin Schnepp to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan seconds.

13 CHAIR: All in favor?

14 AYES RESPOND

CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

ATTORNEY KOLESAR: At this time the

OEC requests that the Board place Anthony Laush on

18 the Involuntary Exclusion List.

19 <u>CHAIR:</u> Any questions or comments?

20 May I have a motion, please?

MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves that the Board approve the addition of Anthony Laush to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody

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                   ATTORNEY MONAGHAN: Good afternoon
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   Thomas Monaghan, M-O-N-A-G-H-A-N, with the OEC.
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   Board's consideration is a request to place Thomas
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                   Mr. Babb opened an interactive gaming
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His wager activity resulted in losing the entirety of the money deposited. He subsequently failed or refused to pay \$6,930 that he owed to betPARX as a result of the gaming activity.

BetPARX closed Mr. Babb's interactive gaming account. The OEC now requests that the Board place Thomas Babb on the Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

23 <u>CHAIR:</u> Any questions or comments?

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MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,

Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the addition of Thomas Babb to the Pennsylvania Gaming
Control Board's Involuntary Interactive Gaming
Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

5 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon

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CHAIR: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

ATTORNEY MONAGHAN: The next three matters on the agenda for the Board's consideration stem from the same or similar set of facts, therefore, I will say one set of facts, then ask for each individual to be placed on the Board's Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

Jaclyn Farabee; Julia Cruz and Richard Reyes each created multiple accounts of the DraftKings interactive gaming platform, using the personal identifying information of other individuals.

All the accounts were closed and the devices used were blocked from being used by DraftKings. The OEC now requests the Board place Jaclyn Farabee on the Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

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                   MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
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   the OEC.
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   requests that the Board place Julia Cruz on the
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                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
   Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board
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   approve the addition of Julia Cruz to the PGCB
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   Involuntary Interactive Gaming Exclusion List for the
   conduct described by the OEC.
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                   MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
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                   Shawna Perry created multiple accounts
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of other individuals.

All the accounts are closed and 2 devices used were blocked from being used by BetMGM 3 and Borgata.

The OEC now requests the Board place Shawna Perry on the Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner Dunbar moves that the Board approve the addition of Shawna Perry to the PGCB Involuntary Gaming Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

13 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner Manzano-Díaz seconds. 14

15 All in favor? CHAIR:

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CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries. 17

18 ATTORNEY ROBERTS: Good morning Chair

19 members of the Board, Andrea Roberts, R-O-B-E-R-T-S,

20 Assistant Enforcement Counsel.

The next matter on the agenda is a request to place Lian Liang on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

Mr. Liang picked up \$5,000 in currency that had been dropped by another patron while at Wind

Creek Bethlehem. 1 2 Wind Creek permanently banned Mr. 3 Liang from their property as a result of this 4 incident. 5 Mr. Liang was criminally charged for 6 his actions. 7 At this time, the OEC requests the Board place Lian Liang on the Involuntary Exclusion 9 List. 10 CHAIR: Any questions or comments? 11 May I have a motion, please? 12 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner Regan moves that the Board approve the addition of 13 Lian Liang to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for 14 15 the conduct described by the OEC. MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody 16 17 seconds. 18 All in favor? CHAIR: 19 AYES RESPOND

20 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

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ATTORNEY ROBERTS: The next two matters on the agenda are related and are a request to place Chunyan Wang and To Yeung on the Involuntary Exclusion List. With the Board's permission, I will read one set of facts and then request that each

individual be placed on the exclusion List.

Ms. Wang and Mr. Yeung were present at Parx Casino when they left a five-year-old minor unattended in a vehicle for approximately 50 minutes while they entered the Gaming Floor and played table games.

Parx permanently banned Ms. Wang and Mr. Yeung and the property - from their property as a result of this incident.

Ms. Wang and Mr. Yeung were criminally charged for their actions.

At this time the OEC requests the Board place Chunyan Wang on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

17 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,

19 addition of Chunyan Wang to the Pennsylvania Gaming 20 Control Board's Involuntary Exclusion List for the

Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the

conduct described by the OEC.

22 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon 23 seconds.

CHAIR: All in favor?

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                   MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
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                   MR. DUNBAR: Commission Dunbar
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                   ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: Good morning, Madam
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   Assistant Enforcement Counsel with the OEC.
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Davon Cleveland created multiple

Barstool sports books interactive gaming accounts using the personal identifying information of others funded through \$1,900 in deposits, some of which were from lost and/or stolen financial instruments.

Mr. Cleveland also engaged in bonus abuse and unsuccessfully sought to recover funds to which he was not entitled. All the accounts were closed, the devices were blocked and no criminal charges were filed.

The OEC now requests the Board place Davon Cleveland on the Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

13 <u>CHAIR:</u> Any questions or comments? 14 May I have a motion, please?

MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair Commissioner Dunbar moves that the Board approve the addition of Davon Cleveland to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive Gaming Exclusion List for conduct described by the OEC.

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

22 <u>CHAIR:</u> All in favor?

23 AYES RESPOND

24 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's

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1 ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: Again, Juan Sanchez 2 with the OEC.

The next matter on the agenda is a request to place Eric Tallie on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

Eric Tallie grabbed a total \$20,500 in checks out of Dealer floats at Rivers Casino

Philadelphia and Parx Casino and then fled the casinos.

In a third incident, Mr. Tallie was caught when he used a false identification at Live!

Casino Philadelphia because he was previously banned from Live! Casino, rising out of his involvement in a chip theft at Live! Casino in Maryland.

 $$\operatorname{Mr}$.$ Tallie was criminally charged in all incidents and is court-ordered to pay \$16,000 in restitution.

All the casinos permanently banned Mr. Tallie as a result of these incidents.

The OEC now requests the Board place
21 Eric Tallie on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

22 <u>CHAIR:</u> Any questions or comments? 23 May I have a motion, please?

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

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                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Commissioner Regan,
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10 Dated the 15th day of July, 2025