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GAMING CONTROL BOARD

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PUBLIC MEETING

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Frank Dermody

Christopher W. Huffman

Sara Manzano-Díaz

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Department of Agriculture

Jennifer Langan, Esquire, Designee,

Department of Treasury

Adria Zimmerman, Designee,

Department of Revenue

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

- STEVE COOK, Chief Counsel
- CHAD ZIMMERMANN, Deputy Chief Counsel
- KEVIN O'TOOLE, Executive Director
- JOE BOTT, Human Resources Specialist
- SEAN HANNON, Director, Bureau of Licensing
- DAVID RHEN, Director of Budget

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- SARAH GROODY, Assistant Enforcement Counsel
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- JUAN SANCHEZ, Assistant Enforcement Counsel

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Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC

d/b/a Hollywood Casino York:

Alex Hvizda, Esquire, Regional Director of  
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Shaun Williams, Vice President and General Manager  
Stadium Casino RE, LLC d/b/a Live! Casino and Hotel

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Craig Clark, Executive Vice President and General  
Manager

Kevin O'Sullivan, Vice President of Gaming

Tom Diehl, Esquire, Vice President of Legal

Vasas, Inc. d/b/a Lucky Seven Travel Plaza:

Paul Ryan, Esquire

Sharanjit Singh, President

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CHAIR: 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.

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With six Board members present this morning, I'd like to now call today's meeting to order.

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In addition to the six Board members, we also have our ex-officio members, Jorge Augusto, representing Russell Redding, Secretary for the Department of Agriculture; Adria Zimmerman, representing Pat Browne, Secretary for the Department of Revenue, and Jennifer Langan, representing Stacy Garrity, State Treasurer. Thank you, ex-officos, for joining us.

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As the first order of business, I'd like to ask every to please rise and join me in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

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CHAIR: We will now have the presentation of service awards for the Gaming Control

1 Board employees made by our Executive Director Kevin  
2 O'Toole. Kevin.

3 MR. O'TOOLE: Good morning Chairman  
4 Smyler, members of the Board. Good morning, Chair  
5 Smyler, members of the Board. Today I'm pleased to  
6 continue the process of recognizing employees for  
7 their years of service. This is always an important  
8 occasion to recognize the dedication and the loyalty  
9 of employees who have clearly and significantly  
10 contributed to the success of our agency.

11 We recognize employees on their 10  
12 year anniversary, their 15 year anniversary and their  
13 20 year anniversary.

14 I would also like to note that of the  
15 376 Gaming Control Board employees currently on  
16 staff, 167 have reached at least 10 years of service,  
17 which represents 44 percent of our employees.

18 So, this morning I have one employee,  
19 Colin MacNamara, who has made the trip from out west  
20 to be present. Colin, please stand up.

21 Colin MacNamara, I would like to  
22 present you with your 15 year service award.

23 MR. MACNAMARA: Thank you.

24 MR. O'TOOLE: Not quite finished yet.  
25 That was quick, but it was -. I know you wanted me

1 to recognize your mother. And so she's probably  
2 still watching through the live stream.

3 So, Colin - Colin was hired in  
4 September of 2010 as a Casino Compliance  
5 Representative and he's had a great career. He's  
6 been promoted three times. In April of 2013, Colin  
7 was promoted to the position of Casino Compliance  
8 Supervisor and he was assigned to the Lady Luck  
9 Casino at Nemaquin.

10 In June of 2017, Colin was again  
11 promoted to the position of Casino Compliance Senior  
12 Supervisor. And today Colin holds the title of  
13 Deputy Director of Casino Compliance for the Western  
14 region, within our Bureau of Casino Compliance.

15 Colin, congratulations. I'd like to  
16 shake your hand and thank you very much for your  
17 loyalty and your years of service.

18 MR. MACNAMARA: Thank you.

19 MR. O'TOOLE: And I have - I have a  
20 number of other employees to recognize, but I'm going  
21 to sit down and do it, if you don't mind. So I would  
22 now like to recognize five employees who - who have  
23 reached their 20 years of service.

24 First off is Elizabeth Lanza. Liz was  
25 hired in October of 2005 - of 2005 as a

1 Communications Aide. And in June of 2008 she was  
2 promoted to the position of Director of Compulsive  
3 and Problem Gambling within the Bureau of  
4 Administration. And she holds that position today.

5           Next we have Angela Yanosack. Angie  
6 was hired in August of 2005 as an Administrative  
7 Assistant. In December of 2016, Angie was promoted  
8 to the position of Executive Assistant for the Bureau  
9 of Investigations and Enforcement (BIE) and the  
10 Office of Enforcement Counsel (OEC). And she  
11 continues to serve the agency in that capacity today.

12           Lyndsey Wanich was hired in August of  
13 2005 as a Clerical Support Specialist. In January of  
14 2016 Lyndsey was promoted to the position of Clerk to  
15 the Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA), and she  
16 continues to serve the agency in that capacity.

17           Patrick Williams was hired in October  
18 of 2005 as a Licensing Analyst. In April of 2019,  
19 Patrick was promoted to the position of Compliance  
20 Manager for the Bureau of Gaming Operations and  
21 continues to serve the agency in that capacity.

22           And the fifth 20 year service award is  
23 for Bill Kunkel - William Kunkel. Bill was hired in  
24 October of 2005 as a Licensing Manager. In April of  
25 2007, Bill transferred to the position of Casino

1 Compliance Representative at The Meadows Casino and -  
2 with the Bureau of Casino Compliance.

3                   So, moving on to our 15 year  
4 anniversary recipients. I'd like to recognize 13.  
5 The first is Kristine Semoff, with the Bureau of  
6 Gaming Operations. She is a Compliance Supervisor.  
7 And she was hired in September of 2010.

8                   Next we have - the remainder of the 15  
9 year award winners are all with the Bureau of Casino  
10 Compliance. Frank Rivera was hired in June of 2010  
11 as a Casino Compliance Representative. Melanie  
12 Hannon was hired on - in June of 2010 as well. And  
13 she is a Casino Compliance Supervisor assigned to  
14 Mohegan Casino. Frank Rivera is assigned to Valley  
15 Forge Casino Resort.

16                   David Greenfield. He was hired in  
17 August of 2010. He is a Casino Compliance  
18 Representative and he is assigned to Mohegan Casino.  
19 Aaron Zylo was hired in August of 2010 and he is in  
20 the position of Casino Compliance Representative also  
21 at Mohegan Casino. Jill Fuge was hired in June of  
22 2010 and she is a Casino Compliance Representative,  
23 assigned to Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race  
24 Course.

25                   Stephen Niglio was hired in October of

1 2010. He is a Casino Compliance Representative  
2 assigned to Hollywood Casino Morgantown. Douglas  
3 Merski was hired in June of 2010. He is a Casino  
4 Compliance Representative and he is assigned to  
5 Presque Isle Downs & Casino. Lauren Sposato. She  
6 was hired in August of 2010. She is a Casino  
7 Compliance Supervisor assigned to Wind Creek Casino.  
8 Elizabeth Coyle was hired in September of 2010. She  
9 is a Casino Compliance Representative. She is  
10 assigned to Wind Creek Casino.

11                   Anthony DeLuca. He was hired in  
12 October of 2010. He is a Casino Compliance  
13 Supervisor at Rivers Casino Pittsburgh. Dolores  
14 Cameron was hired in August of 2010. She is a Casino  
15 Compliance Representative and she is assigned to  
16 Rivers Casino Philadelphia. Daniel Campbell. He was  
17 hired in October of 2010 as a Casino Compliance  
18 Representative and he holds that position. Today he  
19 is assigned to Parx Casino, Bensalem.

20                   And moving on to the final category is  
21 the 10 year anniversary recipients. I have three to  
22 recognize. They, too, are all with the Bureau of  
23 Casino Compliance. David Labenski was hired in July  
24 of 2015. He is a Casino Compliance Representative  
25 assigned to Mount Airy Casino. James Rosado. He was

1 hired in September of 2015. He is a Casino  
2 Compliance Representative assigned to Wind Creek  
3 Casino.

4 And finally, last but not least, David  
5 Kurosky. He was hired in October of 2015. He is a  
6 Casino Compliance Representative, assigned to Wind  
7 Creek Casino.

8 So I'd like to congratulate all 22  
9 of the service award recipients. Thank them all for  
10 their loyalty and their service to the agency.  
11 Thank you.

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

16 By way of announcement, the Board held  
17 an executive session yesterday, Tuesday, October  
18 21st, to discuss personnel matters pending litigation  
19 and to conduct quasi-judicial deliberations related  
20 to matters coming before the Board. I would also  
21 like to announce that the Board has scheduled a  
22 public input hearing relative to the license renewal  
23 application for Hollywood Casino York. The hearing  
24 will be held on Thursday, October 30th, beginning at  
25 10:30 a.m. at the Township of Springettsbury

1 Municipal Building, located at 1501 Mount Zion Road  
2 in York, Pennsylvania 17402. The public is invited  
3 to attend the hearing and provide testimony.  
4 Instructions on how to register to do that can be  
5 found on the Board's website.

6 Okay. I would like to now ask for  
7 approval of the Board meeting transcript and minutes  
8 from the July 23rd, 2025 meeting.

9 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
10 Dillon moves that the Board approve the minutes and  
11 transcript of the July 23rd, 2025 meeting.

12 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
13 seconds.

14 CHAIR: All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

16 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

17 Now we will hear from our Director of Financial  
18 Management, David Rhen. Dave.

19 MR. RHEN: Good morning, Chair Smyler  
20 and fellow Board members. I have two items to  
21 present today. First is the report of the first  
22 quarter budget expenditures for the current fiscal  
23 year, which ended September 30th and presentation of  
24 next year's budget request for fiscal year 2026-2027.

25 Firstly, the Board expenses for the

1 first quarter of the fiscal year were \$12,000,000 ---  
2 \$12,425,000. Ninety-four (94) percent of these  
3 expenditures, or \$11,686,000, were for personnel.  
4 With the remaining 6 percent or \$739,000 for  
5 operating expenditures.

6 Overall expenditures were down \$47,000  
7 from the first quarter of last year. The cause of  
8 that is fewer payrolls posting this year and timing  
9 differences in processing operating expenses.

10 The payroll cost of \$11.7 million for  
11 the quarter included \$6.96 million for salaries and  
12 \$4.74 million for benefits. Average biweekly payroll  
13 costs increased by \$100,000 this year, due to union  
14 negotiations salary increases and having more people  
15 on the complement.

16 The largest operating cost included  
17 \$286,000 for services, which includes consultants for  
18 IT modernization and our interagency billings,  
19 \$183,000 for rentals and leases and \$104,000 for  
20 subscriptions and other operating expenses.

21 Overall expenditures were, you know,  
22 fairly light compared to last year. And that  
23 concludes my report on first quarter operating  
24 expenses.

25 CHAIR: Anybody have any questions or

1 comments for Dave on the first quarter budget report?  
2 Hearing none, you may continue, Dave.

3 MR. RHEN: Thank you. So, for the  
4 fiscal year '26-'27 budget request, the proposed  
5 requests are \$63,557,000 for administration. This  
6 budget includes oversight of casinos, iGaming and  
7 sports wagering, \$475,000 for videogaming terminal -  
8 terminals administration and \$280,000 for the  
9 administration of fantasy contests.

10 The administrative request includes  
11 \$56,172,000 for personnel expenses. The budget  
12 includes salary benefit rate increases, consistent  
13 with union negotiated contracts at levels consistent  
14 with those used by agencies across the Commonwealth.

15 There are two scheduled union  
16 negotiated salary increases next fiscal year of 2  
17 percent, in July 2026, and 2.25 percent in January of  
18 2027. Amounts budgeted for specialized items, such  
19 as overtime, retirement, leave payouts and shift  
20 differential are based on historical averages.

21 The operating budget - the operating  
22 portion of the budget request is \$7,385,000. This  
23 includes \$2,000,000 for the Board's continuing IT  
24 modernization project to improve the efficiency and  
25 effectiveness of the Board and to streamline

1 information gathering.

2           The remainder of the operating budget  
3 is primarily for real estate leases, investigative  
4 expenses, hardware and software licenses and  
5 telecommunications costs. These are the traditional  
6 cost drivers of the operating budget.

7           The proposed budget would be funded  
8 through a combination of \$8,250,000 in restricted  
9 revenue. This includes application and license fees  
10 and chargebacks to the gaming lab costs to  
11 manufacturers and \$55,370,000 in drawdowns from  
12 escrow accounts funded by casino operations.

13           The videogaming terminal or VGT budget  
14 is \$475,000. The personnel component of this budget  
15 request is \$450,000, with the remaining \$25,000 for  
16 operating costs, which will be used primarily for  
17 travel and investigative expenses.

18           Finally, the fantasy contest budget  
19 request is \$280,000. The request includes \$270,000  
20 for personnel and \$10,000 for operating expenses.  
21 The cost for both VGT and fantasy contest budgets are  
22 billed back to their respective operators.

23           That concludes my presentation of the  
24 budget. I'd be happy to take any questions.

25           Claire Yantis is also here to help me

1 if anything is beyond my scope. And otherwise I  
2 appreciate your consideration of my motion to approve  
3 the budget request for 2026-2027.

4 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
5 Hearing none, may I have a motion, please?

6 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair,  
7 Commissioner Dunbar moves that the Board approve the  
8 fiscal year 2026-2027 budget request as described by  
9 the Director of Financial Management.

10 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman  
11 seconds.

12 CHAIR: All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

14 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's  
15 adopted. Thank you, Dave and Claire. Now we will  
16 hear from our Human Resources Specialist, Joe Bott.  
17 Joe.

18 MR. BOTT: Good morning, Madam Chair,  
19 members of the Board. The Office of Human Resources  
20 has one motion for your consideration today relative  
21 to the hiring of two individuals.

22 Both individuals have completed the  
23 background investigation, drug screening and are  
24 ready for presentation to the Board.

25 First, Olivia Adams has been selected

1 as an Investigative Analyst with the BIE, is  
2 recommended for hire by Paul Mauro, Director of  
3 Investigations and Enforcement.

4 Second, Elena Vergara has been  
5 selected as a Casino Compliance Representative 1 at  
6 Wind Creek Bethlehem, is recommended for hire by  
7 Gregg Hazzouri, Director of Casino Compliance.

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

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

13 MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,  
14 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board approve the  
15 application for hire as proposed by the Human  
16 Resources Director.

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

19 CHAIR: All in favor?

20 AYES RESPOND

21 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

22 Thank you, Joe.

23 Next is our OCC.

24 ATTORNEY COOK: Good morning. First  
25 before the Board today, the OCC has five Petitions.

1 Each of these Petitions are being brought on the  
2 documentary record as there have been no objections  
3 or the requested relief has been agreed to. In each  
4 of these matters the Board has, in advance of this  
5 meeting, been provided with a complete evidentiary  
6 record filed prior to today.

7           The first Petition before the Board  
8 today is Candle Lake Limited and Evolution US LLC's  
9 joint request seeking approval of the change of  
10 control. Evolution US, LLC is an iGaming  
11 Manufacturer Licensee with the Board. The ultimate  
12 holding company of Evolution US is Evolution AB,  
13 which is a publicly-traded company in Sweden.

14           Candle Lake Limited is based in the  
15 Cayman Islands and is a hundred percent owned by a  
16 gentleman by the name of Kenneth Dart. Through  
17 holding companies, primarily Candle Lake, Mr. Dart  
18 has gradually acquired shares of Evolution AP,  
19 reaching over 20 percent ownership as of August 2025.  
20 This triggered a requirement of requesting the Board  
21 for approval of change of control.

22           Mr. Dart and Candle Lake have complied  
23 with all the licensing requirements of the Gaming Act  
24 and the Board's regulations and now seek approval of  
25 that change of control, having previously received

1 interim authorization from the Board.

2 The OEC has no objection to this  
3 request, subject to conditions outlined in this  
4 Answer - or in its Answers. And this matter is now  
5 ripe for the Boards' consideration.

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

8 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
9 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board grant  
10 Candle Lake Limited and Evolution US, LLC's Petition  
11 to Approve Change of Control as described by the  
12 Office of Chief Counsel (OCC) subject to the  
13 conditions that will be outlined in the Board's  
14 Order.

15 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
16 seconds.

17 CHAIR: All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

19 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

20 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board  
21 is a Petition filed by White Hat Gaming, Inc. and  
22 White Hat Studios Limited, seeking approval of an  
23 internal restructuring, resulting in a change in  
24 control of two Board Licensees.

25 White Hat Gaming, Inc. is a Delaware

1 company that provides software to iGaming and sports  
2 wagering operators in Pennsylvania. White Hat  
3 Gaming, Inc. is licensed by the Board as an  
4 Interactive and Sports Wagering Manufacturer.

5 White Hat Studios Limited is a limited  
6 liability company registered in Malta, and is Board  
7 licensed as an iGaming Manufacturer, providing  
8 iGaming content to iGaming operators in the  
9 Commonwealth. The petitioners are both wholly owned  
10 by White Hat Gaming Limited, which itself is wholly  
11 owned by White Hat Holdings Limited.

12 The ultimate shareholders of the  
13 various White Hat companies seek to restructure into  
14 three distinct branches of companies, each being  
15 headed by a holding company. The three entities were  
16 created to assist in effectuating this restructuring.

17 Two of the branches pertaining to this  
18 restructuring apply to gaming in Pennsylvania.  
19 Subsequent to the restructuring, White Hat Gaming,  
20 Inc's new parent company will be WHT Limited, while  
21 White Hat Studio Limited's new parent company will be  
22 White Hat Studios Holdings Limited.

23 The ultimate shareholders of the White  
24 Hat companies will not change nor will the management  
25 of these companies. The OEC has no objection to the

1 parties' request, subject to conditions outlined in  
2 its Answer and both the petitioners and the OEC have  
3 requested that certain information in the pleadings  
4 be maintained as confidential. The OCC believes that  
5 request is appropriate and this matter is now ripe  
6 for the Board's consideration.

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

9 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,  
10 Commissioner Dermody moves the Board grant White -  
11 White Hat Gaming, Inc.'s and White Hat Studios  
12 Limited Joint Petition for Approval of Change of  
13 Control as described by the OCC, subject to the  
14 conditions that will be outlined in the Board's  
15 Order, and that both parties' Motions to Protect  
16 Confidential information be granted.

17 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
18 seconds.

19 CHAIR: All in favor?

20 AYES RESPOND

21 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's  
22 adopted.

23 ATTORNEY COOK: Next is Philadelphia  
24 Music Connection's Petition for Removal from the  
25 Prohibited Gaming Service Provider List.

1 Philadelphia Music Connection is a company that  
2 provides DJ and radio services in the Philadelphia  
3 area. Bob Pantano is the sole owner of the company.

4 In December of 2012, Philadelphia  
5 Music Connection filed a Gaming Service Provider  
6 Registration Application. Mr. Pantano was required  
7 to submit fingerprints as part of that application.  
8 He failed to comply with this requirement and  
9 followed through requesting that he do same. And  
10 consequently the Board placed Philadelphia Music  
11 Connection on the Prohibited Gaming Service Provider  
12 List effective April of 2014.

13 In June of 2025, Mr. Pantano contacted  
14 the Board indicating he now wished to complete the  
15 licensing process, including providing fingerprints,  
16 and have his company removed from the Prohibited  
17 Gaming Service Provider List. The OEC has no  
18 objection to this request, subject to conditions  
19 outlined in its Answer, including Mr. Pantano's  
20 completion of all licensing requirements. And this  
21 matter is now ripe for the Board's consideration.

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

24 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
25 Dillon moves that the Board grant Philadelphia Music

1 Connection's Petition for Removal from the Prohibited  
2 Gaming Service Provider List as described by the OCC,  
3 subject to the conditions that will be outlined in  
4 the Board's Order.

5 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
6 seconds.

7 CHAIR: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

9 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's  
10 adopted.

11 ATTORNEY COOK: The next Petition  
12 before the Board is a Request for Removal from the  
13 Self-Exclusion List filed by an individual with the  
14 initials C.H.

15 On August 27, 2015, C.H. placed  
16 herself on the List, choosing the lifetime  
17 self-exclusion option.

18 On September 5th, 2025, C.H. filed a  
19 Request for Removal from the List, stating at the  
20 time she placed herself on the List she just lost her  
21 home in a fire, was experiencing financial difficulty  
22 and was staying with her brother, who pressured her  
23 to place herself on the List.

24 C.H. further asserts in her request  
25 that she believed her prior gambling habits were an

1 escape from issues that she was facing at the time  
2 and that those issues have now resolved and she has a  
3 good support system, family and friends.

4 C.H. provided the required Problem  
5 Gambling Assessment Verification Form signed by a  
6 Certified Assessment Provider, confirming that an  
7 assessment of C.H. was performed and problem gambling  
8 treatment was not recommended.

9 Despite one violation of her exclusion  
10 in December of 2020, the OEC filed an Answer stating  
11 that it has no objections to C.H.'s requested removal  
12 from the List. And that it's been over ten years  
13 since her placement on the List and she has provided  
14 all the required documentation. And this matter is  
15 now ready for the Board's consideration.

16 CHAIR: Any question or comments? May  
17 I have a motion, please?

18 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
19 Dunbar moves that the Board grant C.H.'s Petition for  
20 Removal from the Casino Self-Exclusion List as  
21 described by the OCC.

22 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman  
23 seconds.

24 CHAIR: All in favor?

25 AYES RESPOND

1                    CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

2                    ATTORNEY COOKE: The final Petition  
3 before the Board is the second request for removal  
4 from the Self-Exclusion List.

5                    On November 17th, 2009, an individual  
6 with the initials of D.W. placed herself on the List,  
7 choosing a lifetime self-exclusion option.

8                    On July 17th, 2025, D.W. filed a  
9 Request for Removal from the List, stating that it's  
10 been nearly 16 years since she self-excluded and that  
11 she did not realize that her exclusion would preclude  
12 her from attending shows and other events at casinos  
13 both in Pennsylvania and in other jurisdictions.

14                    D.W. stated she placed herself on the  
15 List due to the amount of time she was spending in  
16 casinos back in 2009.

17                    On July 18th, 2025, D.W. amended her  
18 request to be compliant with the Board's regulations  
19 and submitted the required Problem Gambling  
20 Assessment Verification Form signed by a Certified  
21 Assessment Provider confirming that an assessment of  
22 D.W. was undertaken and that no problem gambling  
23 treatment was recommended. And this matter is now  
24 ripe for the Board's consideration, the OEC having no  
25 objection.

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

3                    MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,  
4 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board grant  
5 D.W.'s Petition for Removal from the Casino  
6 Self-Exclusion List as described by the OCC.

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

9                    CHAIR: All in favor?

10 AYES RESPOND

11                    CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's  
12 adopted.

13                    ATTORNEY COOK: Next presenting  
14 Withdrawal Reports and Recommendations is Deputy  
15 Chief Counsel Chad Zimmermann.

16                    ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Good morning,  
17 Commissioners. The next matter before the Board  
18 today pertains to several unopposed Petitions to  
19 Withdraw Applications or Surrender the Credentials of  
20 the following individuals and entities: Ryoshi  
21 Oshima; Dafne Guisard; Ardent Progressive Systems and  
22 Games, LLC; Robert Guinn, Jr.; Patrick Schmit; Don  
23 Best Sports Corporation; Mark McMillan; Christopher  
24 Binham; Robertus Van Oijen; Daryn Kiely; Kent Young  
25 and Antonio Todorov.

1                   The OEC has no objections to any of  
2 these Withdrawals or Surrenders. As a result, if the  
3 Board chooses to grant the request, in every case  
4 they would be doing so without prejudice to the  
5 requester. And these matters are all now ripe for  
6 the Board's consideration.

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

9                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
10 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board issue  
11 Orders to approve the Withdrawals and Surrenders as  
12 described by the OCC.

13                   MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
14 seconds.

15                   CHAIR: All in favor?

16 AYES RESPOND

17                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's  
18 adopted.

19                   ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the  
20 Board for consideration are eight Reports and  
21 Recommendations received from the OHA. These Reports  
22 and Recommendations, along with the evidentiary  
23 record for each hearing, have been provided to the  
24 Board in advance of the meeting.

25                   Additionally, the persons involved had

1 each been notified that the Board would be  
2 considering their matter today, and that each would  
3 have the ability to come forward and briefly address  
4 the Board.

5                   The first Report and Recommendation  
6 before the Board is Benjamin DeAngelis. Mr.  
7 DeAngelis holds a Gaming Employee Occupation Permit  
8 and was employed as a Surveillance Operator at Live!  
9 Casino & Hotel Philadelphia.

10                   On July 23rd, 2025, the OEC filed a  
11 Complaint for Emergency Suspension of Mr. DeAngelis's  
12 Gaming Employee Occupation Permit after receiving  
13 notice he'd been charged with three offenses of  
14 endangering the welfare of children in New Jersey.

15                   As a result of these charges, the  
16 Board's Executive Director issued an Emergency Order  
17 suspending Mr. DeAngelis's permit.

18                   A hearing in this matter was held  
19 July 15, 2025. OEC appeared at the hearing, offering  
20 testimony and documentary evidence. Mr. DeAngelis  
21 failed to appear at the hearing and it was held in  
22 his absence.

23                   Evidence presented showed that in  
24 August 2024 Mr. DeAngelis was promoted to a  
25 supervisory position at Live! resulting in the

1 submission of an application for a Gaming Level 2  
2 Employee Occupation Permit.

3                   During the Board's background  
4 investigation of that application, it was found that  
5 Mr. DeAngelis had been charged with the three  
6 offenses that related to possession and dissemination  
7 of child pornography, which in Pennsylvania would be  
8 considered felony offenses.

9                   After OEC sought and was granted an  
10 Emergency Suspension, Mr. DeAngelis pleaded guilty of  
11 one of the three offenses, which renders him now  
12 ineligible to hold a permit.

13                   A Report and Recommendation was issued  
14 prior to that, recommending that the Emergency  
15 Suspension of Mr. DeAngelis's Gaming Employee  
16 Occupation Permit remain in effect. This matter is  
17 now ripe for the Board's consideration.

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

20                   MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,  
21 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board adopt the  
22 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as  
23 described by the OCC, and that the suspension of  
24 Benjamin DeAngelis's Gaming Employee Occupation  
25 Permit remain in effect.

1                   MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
2 seconds.

3                   CHAIR: All in favor?

4 AYES RESPOND

5                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's  
6 adopted.

7                   ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the  
8 Board is Steven Le's Report and Recommendation. Mr.  
9 Le holds a Gaming Employee Occupation Permit and  
10 works as a Table Games Dealer.

11                   On May 29, 2025, the OEC filed a  
12 Complaint for Emergency Suspension of Mr. Le's Permit  
13 after receiving notice that he had been criminally  
14 charged with felony offenses. As a result of those  
15 charges, the Board's Executive Director issued an  
16 Emergency Order suspending Mr. Le's Permit.

17                   A hearing in this matter was held July  
18 16, 2025. OEC appeared, providing testimony and  
19 documentary evidence. Mr. Le, however, failed to  
20 appear and the hearing was held in his absence.

21                   Evidence presented at the hearing  
22 showed that on May 8, 2025 Mr. Le was arrested for  
23 traffic violations and a felony firearm charge, which  
24 remains pending.

25                   Following the hearing, a Report and

1 Recommendation was issued, recommending that the  
2 Emergency Suspension of Mr. Le's Permit remain in  
3 effect. And this matter is now ripe for the Board's  
4 consideration.

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

7 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair,  
8 Commissioner Dillon moves that Board adopt the Report  
9 and Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by  
10 the OCC and that the suspension of Steven Le's Gaming  
11 Employee Occupation Permit remain in effect.

12 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
13 seconds.

14 CHAIR: All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

16 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's  
17 adopted.

18 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The next Report  
19 and Recommendation before the Board today pertains to  
20 Sarah Pauley. Ms. Pauley holds a Gaming Employee  
21 Occupation Permit and works as a Table Games Dealer  
22 at Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course.

23 On August 2nd, 2024 the OEC filed a  
24 Complaint for Emergency Suspension of Ms. Pauley's  
25 Permit after receiving notice that she had been

1 charged with a perjury felony and two misdemeanor  
2 offenses. As a result of these charges, the  
3 Executive Director issued an Emergency Order  
4 suspending Ms. Pauley's Permit.

5 A hearing on this matter was held  
6 August 5th, 2025. OEC appeared, presenting testimony  
7 and documentary evidence. Ms. Pauley appeared and  
8 testified on her own behalf.

9 The testimony and evidence presented  
10 showed that in October 2024 Ms. Pauley self-reported  
11 to the Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas Judge  
12 that while under oath in his courtroom during her  
13 divorce proceedings she misrepresented the  
14 disposition of certain marital property. She later  
15 admitted to the contrary to her sworn testimony that  
16 she had sold several pieces of marital property,  
17 totaling over \$10,000.

18 Ms. Pauley further testified at the  
19 hearing that she believes the felony will ultimately  
20 be dismissed and she will be permitted to enter into  
21 an Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition Program.

22 After hearing all the evidence and  
23 testimony, a Report and Recommendation was issued,  
24 recommending that the suspension of Ms. Pauley's  
25 Permit remain in effect. This matter is now ripe for

1 the Board's consideration.

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

4 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair,  
5 Commissioner Dunbar moves that the Board adopt the  
6 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as  
7 described by the OCC, and that the suspension of  
8 Sarah Pauley's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit  
9 remain in effect.

10 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman  
11 seconds.

12 CHAIR: All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

14 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

15 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The next two  
16 Reports and Recommendations pertain to Amanda Henry  
17 and Robert Henry. Both of these matters contain the  
18 same set of facts and I will briefly summarize the  
19 matters to the Board and ask for two separate  
20 motions.

21 On December 30, 2024 the OEC filed  
22 Petitions to place Amanda Henry and Robert Henry on  
23 the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List after being  
24 notified that the parties had left their two  
25 children, ages 11 and 12, in their vehicle at

1 Hollywood Casino Morgantown while they gamed.

2 Both Mr. and Mrs. Henry requested  
3 hearings on the Petitions. The hearings were  
4 consolidated and held July 15th of 2025. OEC  
5 attended the hearing and presented documentary video  
6 and surveillance and testimonial evidence. Mr. and  
7 Mrs. Henry appeared and both testified on their own  
8 behalf.

9 Evidence and testimony presented at  
10 the hearing show that on June 2nd, 2022 Mr. and Mrs.  
11 Henry, who were traveling with their children back  
12 from Atlantic City, stopped at Hollywood Casino  
13 Morgantown around 10:00 p.m. The respondents stated  
14 that they stopped at the casino to use the restroom  
15 and believed it was safer at the time to stop there  
16 than a rest stop along the Turnpike.

17 They left the children in the vehicle,  
18 entered the casino and engaged in free slot machine  
19 play. Patrons noticed and reported the unattended  
20 minors to casino staff. Mr. and Mrs. Henry were  
21 approached by Security and returned to the vehicle,  
22 where they were met with Township Police.

23 The children were left unattended for  
24 approximately 32 minutes. It was 62 degrees outside  
25 and the vehicle was running and the children were

1 left with a cell phone.

2 No charges were filed. However, they  
3 were issued a one year eviction from the casino.  
4 Mrs. Henry admitted that she may have missed signs  
5 that were indicated that minors were not to be left  
6 unattended in vehicles. Mr. Henry testified that he  
7 remembered seeing signs of that nature at other  
8 Hollywood properties where they had gamed.

9 After hearing all of the evidence and  
10 testimony presented, a Report and Recommendation was  
11 issued, recommending that both Mr. and Mrs. Henry be  
12 placed on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

13 These matters are now ready for the  
14 Board's consideration. I would request a motion  
15 pertaining to Amanda Henry's Report and  
16 Recommendation.

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

19 MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,  
20 Commissioner Huffman moves the Board adopt the Report  
21 and recommendation issued by the OHA as described by  
22 the OCC, and that Amanda Henry be placed on the  
23 Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

24 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
25 Manzano-Díaz, second.

1                   CHAIR: All in favor?

2 AYES RESPOND

3                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's  
4 adopted.

5                   ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: I would now  
6 request a motion pertaining to Robert Henry's Report  
7 and Recommendation.

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

10                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
11 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board adopt  
12 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as  
13 described by the OCC, and that Robert Henry be placed  
14 on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

15                   MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
16 seconds.

17                   CHAIR: All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

19                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's  
20 adopted.

21                   ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the  
22 Board is Van Tran's Report and Recommendation.

23                   On August 7, 2025, the OEC filed a  
24 Petition to place Van Tran on the Board's Involuntary  
25 Exclusion List.

1                   A hearing in this matter was held  
2 March 12, 2025. OEC appeared, presenting testimonial  
3 and documentary evidence. Mr. Tran also appeared and  
4 testified on his own behalf.

5                   Evidence and testimony presented at  
6 the hearing showed that Mr. Tran was involved in a  
7 cheating scheme while playing Pai Gow Tiles at Live!  
8 Casino Philadelphia with the Table Games Dealer and  
9 other patrons.

10                   This occurred in April 2024.

11                   Specifically, on April 4th and 11th,  
12 2024, the Dealer would set aside tiles that were  
13 meant to be shuffled so that the players could  
14 memorize them. He would then fail to properly  
15 shuffle those tiles in and deal the tiles.

16                   So, Mr. Tran was able to place bets  
17 based on the memorized tiles, resulting in winning  
18 \$9,975, to which he was not entitled to receive.

19                   Mr. Tran was criminally charged for  
20 his actions. However, he made a restitution payment  
21 in the amount of \$10,000 and the charges were  
22 dismissed.

23                   Consequently, a Report and  
24 Recommendation was issued, recommending that Van Tran  
25 be placed on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

1 And this matter is now ripe for the Board's  
2 consideration.

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

5 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,  
6 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board adopt the  
7 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as  
8 described by the OCC, and that Van Tran be placed on  
9 the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

10 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
11 seconds.

12 CHAIR: All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

14 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

15 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the  
16 Board is Jeanie Thomas's Report and Recommendation.

17 On September 17, 2024, the OEC filed a  
18 Petition to place Jeanie Thomas on the Board's  
19 Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

20 A hearing in this matter was held on  
21 February 6, 2025. Ms. Thomas appeared and testified  
22 on her own behalf. She also presented testimony from  
23 her husband.

24 OEC appeared, presenting testimony and  
25 documentary evidence.

1                   During the hearing, Ms. Thomas  
2 requested more time to present additional  
3 documentation to support her position. That request  
4 was granted and an additional hearing was held on  
5 July 17th, 2024.

6                   Both Ms. Thomas and OEC were present  
7 and provided testimony and documentary evidence.

8                   The evidence and testimony taken at  
9 the hearing showed that Ms. Thomas had an iGaming  
10 account was PlayLive, the iGaming platform used by  
11 Live! Casino & Hotel Philadelphia.

12                   Between January 9, 2022 and  
13 February 23rd, 2022, Ms. Thomas deposited over \$7,300  
14 in her account, withdrew over \$4,200 and had a net  
15 loss of \$2,954. During that same time period, Ms.  
16 Thomas instituted 82 chargeback transactions, 79 of  
17 which were resolved in Ms. Thomas's favor, at the  
18 amount of \$5,750. The other three chargebacks were  
19 resolved in PlayLive's favor.

20                   OEC alleges that these chargebacks  
21 were made due to gambler's remorse. Ms. Thomas  
22 testified that after talking to others who claim that  
23 a casino had overcharged them, she checked her bank  
24 account and noticed it was almost depleted.

25                   She also stated she noticed unusual

1 activity in her PayPal account, which she had been  
2 using to fund her iGaming account, saying that the  
3 PayPal account showed duplicate transactions and  
4 withdrawals.

5           Upon noticing these discrepancies, she  
6 reached out to PayPal and her bank, both who  
7 indicated they would investigate.

8           Ms. Thomas further testified that  
9 during the investigation into the discrepancies in  
10 her PayPal account, it was PayPal who instituted the  
11 chargebacks on her behalf.

12           Following the investigation, PayPal  
13 informed Ms. Thomas that she owed the account over  
14 \$4,000, which she paid. Ms. Thomas stated that she  
15 believed that this resolved the issue and that she  
16 denied acting fraudulently or maliciously.

17           After hearing all the evidence  
18 presented, a Report and Recommendation was issued  
19 recommending that OEC's Petition be denied. The OEC  
20 filed Exceptions to the recommendation. And this  
21 matter is now ripe for the Board's consideration.

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

24           MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
25 Dillon moves that the Board adopt in result only, the

1 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as  
2 described by the OCC, and that the OEC Petition to  
3 place Jeanie Thomas on the Exclusion List be denied.

4 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
5 seconds.

6 CHAIR: All in favor?

7 AYES RESPOND

8 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's  
9 adopted.

10 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The final Report  
11 and Recommendation before the Board pertains to  
12 Gebbran Raghbeer's request for removal from the  
13 Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

14 Mr. Raghbeer was placed on the List in  
15 August 2018, after he was found to be switching cards  
16 with two other individuals and capping bets while  
17 playing 3-Card Poker at Sands Casino, which is now  
18 Wind Creek Casino in Bethlehem.

19 Mr. Raghbeer was charged with theft,  
20 sentenced to 12 months' probation and ordered to pay  
21 restitution, which was paid in full.

22 In January 2025 he filed his Request  
23 for Removal from the List.

24 The OEC filed an Answer objecting to  
25 the request, arguing that Mr. Raghbeer's Petition

1 should be denied based on the facts admitted in 2018  
2 and his failure to pay his fines and court costs,  
3 despite restitution being paid in full.

4 A hearing in this matter was held  
5 May 13th of 2025.

6 OEC appeared at the hearing and Mr.  
7 Raghbeer also appeared and testified on his own  
8 behalf. He apologized for the incident and stated he  
9 was not familiar with the game in question,  
10 testifying that the following - following the  
11 incident he researched how to play the game.

12 He admitted to capping the wagers, but  
13 stated he didn't understand what he was doing was  
14 wrong, with switching cards and the Dealer never  
15 corrected him.

16 Following a hearing, a Report and  
17 Recommendation was issued. recommending that Mr.  
18 Raghbeer's request for removal from the List be  
19 denied. And this matter is now ripe for the Board's  
20 consideration.

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

23 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
24 Dunbar moves that the Board reject the Report and  
25 Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the

1 OCC and Gebbran Raghbeer's Petition for Removal from  
2 the Involuntary Exclusion List be granted.

3 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman  
4 seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

7 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

8 ATTORNEY COOK: That concludes the  
9 matters of the OCC. Thank you.

10 CHAIR: Thank you, Steve and Chad.

11 We will now hear from the Bureau of  
12 Licensing Director, Sean Hannon.

13 MR. HANNON: Good morning, Madam  
14 Chair, members of the Board.

15 Today's first licensing matter for  
16 your consideration is the Renewal of the Interactive  
17 Gaming and Sports Wagering Operator Licenses for Rush  
18 Street Interactive, LLC.

19 Formed in 2018, the company's  
20 principal place of business is located in Chicago,  
21 Illinois. The company operates online interactive  
22 gaming and sports wagering platforms to patrons in  
23 the Commonwealth.

24 The BIE has completed its  
25 investigation of the company and the Bureau of

1 Licensing has provided you with the Background  
2 Investigation and Suitability Report.

3 I have provided you with draft Orders  
4 and ask the Board to first consider the Order to  
5 renew the Interactive Gaming Operator License for  
6 Rush Street Interactive, LLC.

7 ATTORNEY STUART: Thank you. Glen  
8 Stuart, with the OEC, S-T-U-A-R-T. OEC has no  
9 objection.

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

12 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
13 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board grant  
14 the Interactive Gaming Operator License Renewal as  
15 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

16 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
17 seconds.

18 CHAIR: All in favor?

19 AYES RESPOND

20 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion' adopted.

21

22 MR. HANNON: Next is the Order to  
23 Renew Rush Street Interactive's Sports Wagering  
24 Operator License.

25 ATTORNEY STUART: OEC has no

1 objection.

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

4 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,  
5 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board grant the  
6 Sports Wagering Operator License Renewal as described  
7 by the Bureau of Licensing.

8 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
9 seconds.

10 CHAIR: All in favor?

11 AYES RESPOND

12 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's  
13 adopted.

14 MR. HANNON: The next licensing matter  
15 for your consideration is the Video Gaming Terminal  
16 Operator License Renewal for Shah VGT Services,  
17 Incorporated, doing business as Penn Games.

18 The company was formed in 2018 and its  
19 principal place of business is in Colonial (sic), New  
20 Jersey. The company intends to maintain and operate  
21 video game terminals on the premises of VGT  
22 establishment licensees in Pennsylvania.

23 The BIE has completed its  
24 investigation of the company and the Bureau of  
25 Licensing has provided you with a Background

1 Investigation and Suitability Report.

2 I have provided you with a draft Order  
3 and ask the Board consider the Order to approve the  
4 Video Gaming Terminal Operator License for Shah VGT  
5 Services, Incorporated, doing business as Penn Games.

6 ATTORNEY STUART:

7 OEC has no objection.

8 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

9 May I have a motion, please?

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

14 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
15 seconds.

16 CHAIR: All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

18 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's  
19 adopted.

20 MR. HANNON: Next is the approval of a  
21 Slot Machine Manufacturer License for Sega Sammy  
22 Creation USA Incorporated.

23 Formed in 2016, the company is  
24 headquartered in Las Vegas, Nevada. Sega Sammy  
25 Creation USA develops, manufactures and distributes

1 casino gaming products and software. The Company was  
2 granted interim authorization on April 4th, 2025.  
3 The BIE has completed its investigation of the  
4 company and the Bureau of Licensing has provided you  
5 with a Background Investigation and Suitability  
6 Report.

7 I have provided you with a draft Order  
8 and ask the Board consider the Order to approve the  
9 Slot Machine Manufacturer License for Sega Sammy  
10 Creation USA Incorporated.

11 ATTORNEY STUART: OEC has no  
12 objection.

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

15 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
16 Dunbar moves the Board grant the Slot Machine  
17 Manufacturing License as described by the Bureau of  
18 Licensing.

19 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman  
20 seconds.

21 CHAIR: All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

23 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

24 MR. HANNON: Also, we have  
25 consideration of approval of a Table Gaming

1 Manufacturer License for First American Bankcard,  
2 Incorporated, doing business as FABICash.

3           The Company is licensed in  
4 Pennsylvania in good standing as a slot machine  
5 manufacturer. Under the Gaming Act, the Board may  
6 use an abbreviated process to consider the  
7 application of a currently licensed Manufacturer.  
8 The Bureau of Licensing, OEC and the BIE have all  
9 reviewed the application for a Table Gaming  
10 Manufacturer License for First American Bankcard and  
11 I have provided you with the results of that review.

12           I've also provided you with a draft  
13 Order and ask the Board consider the Order to approve  
14 the Table Gaming Manufacturer License for First  
15 American Bankcard.

16           ATTORNEY STUART: OEC has no  
17 objection.

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

20           MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,  
21 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board grant the  
22 Table Gaming Manufacturer License as described by the  
23 Bureau of Licensing.

24           MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
25 Manzano-Díaz second.

1                   CHAIR: All in favor?

2 AYES RESPOND

3                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

4                   MR. HANNON: Next there are Principal,  
5 Key Employee and Qualifier Licenses. The Bureau of  
6 Licensing provided you with the proposed Order for  
7 seven Principals, 16 Key Employees and two  
8 Qualifiers. I ask that the Board consider the Order  
9 approving these licenses.

10                   ATTORNEY STUART: OEC has no  
11 objection.

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

14                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
15 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board grant  
16 the Principal, Key Employee and Qualifier Licenses as  
17 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

18                   MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
19 seconds.

20                   CHAIR: All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

22                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

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

25                   The Bureau of Licensing provided you

1 with an Order regarding the issuance of Temporary  
2 Credentials for five Principals and 33 Key Employees.  
3 I ask that the Board consider the Order approving  
4 these credentials.

5 ATTORNEY STUART: OEC has no  
6 objection.

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

9 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,  
10 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board grant the  
11 Temporary, Principal and Key Employee Credentials as  
12 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

13 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
14 seconds.

15 CHAIR: All in favor?

16 AYES RESPOND

17 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

18 MR. HANNON: Additionally for your  
19 consideration are Gaming Employee Permits and  
20 Non-Gaming Employee Registrations.

21 The Bureau of Licensing has provided  
22 you with a list of 677 individuals to whom the Bureau  
23 has granted Temporary or Full Occupation Permits and  
24 248 individuals to whom the Bureau has granted  
25 Registrations under the authority delegated to the

1 Bureau of Licensing. I ask that the Board consider a  
2 motion approving the Order.

3 ATTORNEY STUART: OEC has no  
4 objection.

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

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

12 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
13 seconds.

14 CHAIR: All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

16 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's  
17 adopted.

18 MR. HANNON: Next there's a  
19 recommendation of denial for two Non-Gaming  
20 Applicants. The Bureau of Licensing has provided you  
21 with the Order addressing the applicants who the OEC  
22 has recommended for denial. I ask that the Board  
23 consider the Order approving these denials.

24 ATTORNEY STUART: OEC continues to  
25 seek denial in each instance.

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

3                   MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair,  
4 Commissioner Dunbar moves that the Board deny the  
5 Non-Gaming Employee Applications as described by the  
6 Bureau of Licensing.

7                   MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman  
8 seconds.

9                   CHAIR: All in favor?  
10 AYES RESPOND

11                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's  
12 adopted.

13                   MR. HANNON: The next matter for  
14 consideration is Withdrawal Requests. In each case  
15 the License, Permit or Registration is no longer  
16 required.

17                   For today's meeting I have provided  
18 the Board two Key Employees, 22 Gaming and 23  
19 Non-Gaming Applicants. I ask the Board consider the  
20 Orders approving these Withdrawals.

21                   ATTORNEY STUART: OEC has no  
22 objection.

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

25                   MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,

1 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board grant the  
2 Withdrawal of Key Employees, Gaming and Non-Gaming  
3 Employee Applications as described by the Bureau of  
4 Licensing.

5 MR. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
6 Manzano-Díaz, second.

7 CHAIR: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

9 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's  
10 adopted.

11 MR. HANNON: In addition, we have an  
12 Order to Renew the Gaming Service Provider  
13 Certification for Baldini Communications, LLC; Roma  
14 Steel Erection, Incorporated and Richard Kendle  
15 Associates. I have provided you with a draft Order  
16 and ask the Board consider the Order certifying these  
17 companies.

18 ATTORNEY STUART: OEC has no  
19 objection.

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

22 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
23 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board  
24 approve the Gaming Service Provider Certifications as  
25 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

1                   MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
2 seconds.

3                   CHAIR: All in favor?

4 AYES RESPOND

5                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's  
6 adopted.

7                   MR. HANNON: Finally, for your  
8 consideration are Gaming Service Provider  
9 Registrations. The Bureau of Licensing provided you  
10 with an Order and an attached list of five registered  
11 Gaming Service Provider Applicants. I ask that the  
12 Board consider the Order registering these gaming  
13 service providers.

14                   ATTORNEY STUART: OEC has no  
15 objection.

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

18                   MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,  
19 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the  
20 Gaming Service Provider Registrations as described by  
21 the Bureau of Licensing.

22                   MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
23 seconds.

24                   CHAIR: All in favor?

25 AYES RESPOND

1                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

2                   MR. HANNON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

3                   CHAIR: Thank you, Sean and Glen.

4                   Next is the OEC. Cyrus Pitre. Cyrus.

5                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Good morning, Chair,  
6 members of the Board.

7                   The OEC will present 13 matters today  
8 for the Board's consideration, in which we will  
9 request the approval of three Consent Agreements, two  
10 Revocations and eight Involuntary Exclusions.

11                   The next matter on the agenda for the  
12 Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement between  
13 the OEC and Category 3 Licensee Mountainview  
14 Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC, doing business  
15 as Hollywood Casino York, as a Category 4 Licensee.

16                   The matter will be presented by  
17 Assistant Enforcement Counsel Mark Smith.  
18 Representatives for Hollywood Casino York are  
19 present. And at this time I would request that those  
20 individuals please introduce themselves for the  
21 record and that all nonattorney witnesses please  
22 stand and be sworn.

23                   ATTORNEY HVIZDA: Good morning, Madam  
24 Chair, members of the Board. Alex Hvizda,  
25 H-V-I-Z-D-A, Regional Director of Compliance.

1                   MR. WILLIAMS: Good morning, Madam  
2 Chair, members of the Board. My name is Shaun  
3 Williams, Vice President and General Manager,  
4 S-H-A-U-N, W-I-L-L-I-A-M-S.

5                   ATTORNEY HVIKZDA: You've got to stand  
6 to be sworn in.

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8                   SHAUN WILLIAMS,  
9 CALLED AS A WITNESS IN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING, AND  
10 HAVING BEEN DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AND SAID AS  
11 FOLLOWS:

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13                   CHAIR: So you may proceed.

14                   ATTORNEY SMITH: Thank you. Good  
15 morning, Chair, members of the Board.

16                   My name is Mark Smith, S-M-I-T-H,  
17 Assistant Enforcement Counsel, OEC.

18                   This Consent Agreement pertains to a  
19 single incident involving an excluded person gaming  
20 at Hollywood Casino York.

21                   On March 26, 2025, an individual on  
22 the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List was present at  
23 Hollywood Casino York. Immediately upon accessing  
24 the Gaming Floor, the individual approached the Penn  
25 Play Center and spoke to a Marketing App Activation

1 Ambassador and was issued a Players Card, despite an  
2 alert appearing when the ambassador entered the  
3 individual's information.

4           The excluded individual remained on  
5 the Gaming Floor for approximately six hours. During  
6 that time, the individual gamed at seven different  
7 slot machines, using his Players Club Card.

8           Further, an alert was received by  
9 Hollywood York Surveillance Personnel each time that  
10 the excluded individual gamed at a different slot  
11 machine.

12           The OEC and Hollywood Casino York  
13 jointly request that the Board approve this Consent  
14 Agreement and the associated settlement terms, which  
15 include a civil penalty of \$10,000 and an  
16 administrative fee of \$2,500 to cover costs incurred  
17 by the Board staff in connection with this matter.

18           Should you have any questions, we are  
19 available to address them at this time.

20           CHAIR: Hollywood York, would you like  
21 to address the Board?

22           ATTORNEY HVIKZDA: Just briefly, Madam  
23 Chair. I've been doing this ten years. This is a  
24 new one for us.

25           So, when a person is added to either

1 the Self-Exclusion List, the State Involuntary  
2 Exclusion List, my team goes in and updates our  
3 Player Account Management System which we call Penn  
4 Gen.

5 For the State excluded individuals,  
6 it has a giant purple banner that says State mandated  
7 or Court Order involuntary exclusion. And then it  
8 says applied in and it says the state.

9 So, having done this so long and  
10 knowing that the average adult in the United States  
11 reads comfortably at a seventh grade reading level,  
12 takes instruction at a fifth grade reading level, we  
13 create a quick reference guide that has pictures of  
14 the banners and what you're going to see and then  
15 assuming that people still aren't going to read, we  
16 do a one-pager quick reference guide.

17 What happened here was, the App  
18 Activation Ambassador, he saw the purple banner and  
19 he misread the word mandated as Maryland. And  
20 because of that, he - he ignored the warning and  
21 created the - the account.

22 When it comes to Surveillance, at  
23 first they didn't have their program up that gives  
24 them the alert. And then when they did have it up,  
25 they went to confirm the self- - the State exclusion

1 on the Board's database and they spelled his name  
2 wrong and that's why it didn't show up there.

3 So, we do believe we have the robust  
4 appropriate procedures in place. This was - I don't  
5 know exactly how to fix the reading issue, but I can  
6 tell you that we took this very seriously.

7 We made everybody in the Marketing  
8 Department go through this one by one with the  
9 leadership team and we literally posted this at every  
10 single place where the Marketing Department goes.

11 And again, we haven't seen anything  
12 since then. We believe we've addressed the issue.  
13 And as you saw in the presentation, this individual  
14 got a second-level discipline, which was actually two  
15 skipped steps. The next step would be a final  
16 written warning.

17 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from  
18 the Board?

19 Commissioner Dunbar.

20 MR. DUNBAR: Can you again go - run by  
21 me how every time you switch the machine you didn't -  
22 there was alerts and they weren't -?

23 ATTORNEY HVIKZDA: So the accounts were  
24 alarmed. And in Surveillance the person didn't have  
25 that program up on their - on their screen for the

1 time first two or three alarms. And then when the  
2 alarms did come up, they wanted to go confirm against  
3 the State's database that this person was, in fact, a  
4 State self-exclusion and wasn't an error in our  
5 system.

6 And when they went to search the name  
7 in the State Self-Exclusion Database, they spelled  
8 Jonathan with an H instead of how you spell Jonathan.  
9 And they didn't find the name.

10 MR. DUNBAR: Okay. So, not having it  
11 on the screen, is that an error as well?

12 ATTORNEY HVIKZDA: That was an error as  
13 well and we - we addressed that with Surveillance.

14 MR. DUNBAR: Thank you.

15 CHAIR: Any other questions or  
16 comments?

17 Alex, would you like to introduce that  
18 as an exhibit?

19 ATTORNEY HVIKZDA: I can. I wasn't  
20 planning to, but I can put it in, if you'd like me  
21 to.

22 CHAIR: OEC says it's not necessary.

23 ATTORNEY HVIKZDA: All right.

24 CHAIR: Okay. Any other questions,  
25 comments?

1                   Hearing none, may I have a motion,  
2 please?

3                   MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
4 Dillon moves that the Board approve the Consent  
5 Agreement between the OEC and Mountainview  
6 Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC doing business  
7 as Hollywood Casino York as described by the OEC.

8                   MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
9 seconds.

10                  CHAIR: All in favor?

11 AYES RESPOND

12                  CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's  
13 adopted.

14                  ATTORNEY HVIZDA: Thank you.

15                  CHAIR: Thank you.

16                  ATTORNEY PITRE: Next matter on the  
17 agenda for the Board's consideration is a Consent  
18 Agreement between the OEC and Category 2 Licensee  
19 Stadium Casino RE, LLC, doing business as Live!  
20 Casino Hotel Philadelphia.

21                               The matter will be presented by  
22 Assistant Enforcement Counsel Juan Sanchez.  
23 Representatives for Live! are present. And at this  
24 time I request that those individuals please  
25 introduce themselves for the record, that all

1 nonattorney witnesses please stand and be sworn.

2 MR. CLARK: Craig Clark, Executive  
3 Vice President and General Manager.

4 CHAIR: Would you spell your name,  
5 please?

6 MR. CLARK: C-L-A-R-K, Craig,  
7 C-R-A-I-G.

8 MR. O'SULLIVAN: Kevin O'Sullivan,  
9 Vice President of Gaming, K-E-V-I-N,  
10 O-S-U-L-L-I-V-A-N.

11 ATTORNEY DIEHL: And Tom Diehl, Vice  
12 President of Legal. And the last name is D-I-E-H-L.

13 CHAIR: Would you swear the witnesses,  
14 please. Thank you.

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16 WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE

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18 ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: Good morning, Madam  
19 Chair, Commissioners, Juan Sanchez, S-A-N-C-H-E-Z,  
20 with the OEC.

21 This Consent Agreement involves Live!  
22 Casino Philadelphia's failure to properly inspect a  
23 Blackjack deck.

24 On August 22nd, 2022, a Bureau of  
25 Casino Compliance Representative assigned to Live!

1 Casino Philadelphia received a report that staff  
2 failed to properly inspect a Blackjack deck after a  
3 Dealer knocked three cards from the table layout.  
4 Two of the cards fell to the floor and then were  
5 promptly returned to the discard pile by the  
6 Supervisor. The remaining card, a king of diamonds,  
7 was lodged between the tote box and the table layout.

8           The Dealer did not find a missing card  
9 until the close of business, which resulted in 4  
10 hours and 40 minutes of game play with a compromised  
11 deck.

12           The Dealer dealt 245 hands to 2 - 21  
13 patrons, six unidentified, and shuffled the deck  
14 seven times without properly inspecting the deck.

15           The patrons lost a total of \$11,457.50  
16 while playing with the compromised deck.

17           The OEC and Live! Casino Philadelphia  
18 respectfully request that the Board approve the  
19 Consent Agreement and Stipulation of Settlement,  
20 which requires Live! Casino Philadelphia to pay a  
21 civil penalty of \$12,000 as well as a \$2,500  
22 administrative fee for costs incurred by the Board  
23 staff in connection with this matter.

24           If you have any questions, we would be  
25 happy to answer them.

1                    CHAIR: Live!, would you like to  
2 address the Board?

3                    ATTORNEY DIEHL: Yes, I would.

4                    I heard Attorney Sanchez's review of  
5 the facts and they are accurate.

6                    You heard a description of the error  
7 that took place with the Dealer. The Dealer was  
8 retrained accordingly.

9                    There was also an error, quite  
10 frankly, that followed with respect to the  
11 Supervisor, with respect to logging the issue to help  
12 facilitate the repayment of the patrons that were  
13 affected that were described during the period of  
14 play.

15                    We've looked into the matter as a  
16 human error, and it was trained - trained on it  
17 accordingly.

18                    Currently, this would be something  
19 that is an aside, would be addressed by auto shuffle.  
20 I believe it was Blackjack, as he'd indicated, it  
21 was Spanish 21 Blackjack. The auto shuffle would  
22 have caught immediately the fact - the fact that a  
23 card was missing. A light would have went off and it  
24 would have been addressed.

25                    We did not implement that because of

1 this instance. That's just something that technology  
2 in gaming goes forward that is currently implemented.

3 In the immediate aftermath, upon  
4 having this brought to our attention, we flagged  
5 Loyalty Programs, so that we'd be able to ensure that  
6 we had ID verified payment when these - when the  
7 patrons came back.

8 We elected against dropping checks in  
9 the mail, because - once we identified the employee  
10 or the patrons, because we wanted a situation where  
11 we didn't want to invite fraud, KYC issues or privacy  
12 concerns. We just thought it would be a better  
13 practice to be able to confirm their identity and  
14 then pay them when they actually showed up onsite.

15 In this instance, however, because it  
16 was in 2022, this has been a while, quite frankly,  
17 some of the patrons haven't come back.

18 You know, some people have either  
19 moved, gone to another casino. And we did also  
20 account for uncarded play.

21 So, upon seeing the pace at which we  
22 were closing these accounts, making sure that people  
23 were paid moving forward, we then implemented an  
24 internal report, where we could track them. So, in  
25 other words, we can follow up on a regular basis to

1 see how effective our process is for closing the  
2 accounts.

3                   And that's something we've put  
4 together. I've shared that with OEC, so that there's  
5 been transparency on what's owed, who's owed, where  
6 we are at a current repayment process. And then  
7 we've got dedicated personnel within our gaming  
8 operations administrative staff to follow up, to,  
9 again, essentially ensure what our policy is, just to  
10 make sure that we do right by our patrons and that  
11 everyone's accounts is closed.

12                   Now, I've discussed specifically what  
13 type of retraining has taken place with respect to  
14 this instance, both for the Dealer as well as the  
15 Supervisor at issue with logging. Our General  
16 Manager, Mr. Clark, is here, wanting to also describe  
17 some of the training in general that takes place at  
18 Live!.

19                   MR. CLARK: Yeah. So, in addition to  
20 what Tom has gone over with this situation, obviously  
21 supporting our team members, making sure they're  
22 properly trained and making it fair for the guests,  
23 we actually have instituted a dedicated training  
24 Supervisor in Table Games.

25                   This person is to - when a new team

1 member arrives at our facility, they take them into  
2 like a mentorship role. So, they work with them on  
3 their first day on the job. They walk through all of  
4 our policies and procedures and compliance issues  
5 that we need to follow.

6 And then this person actually follows  
7 up with these individuals for at least a 90-day  
8 period going forward.

9 In addition, this person would go back  
10 and train people that don't have a certain skillset  
11 in a game selection, so they can move forward in  
12 their career and get more compensation for being more  
13 knowledgeable.

14 And in addition, situations, as  
15 described here, that would be the dedicated  
16 individual to go back and train the Dealer, the  
17 Supervisor and the staff to ensure awareness and  
18 ensure compliance with the regulations of the  
19 Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

20 ATTORNEY DIEHL: That would conclude  
21 our presentation.

22 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from  
23 the Board?

24 MR. DILLON: I have one here.

25 CHAIR: Commissioner Dillon.

1                   MR. DILLON: OEC, are you guys  
2 satisfied with the progress of them paying people  
3 back, to that extent?

4                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Well, I mean, at this  
5 stage of the game, considering that we don't - we  
6 only have, I think, a number of the patrons that were  
7 able to be unidentified - not able to be identified,  
8 there's not much more they can do.

9                   I would respectfully request that they  
10 move forward with contacting those patrons, getting  
11 legitimate addresses and forwarding - and telling  
12 those patrons that they would forward them the check  
13 in the mail, if they don't come into the casino.

14                   ATTORNEY DIEHL: We would certainly  
15 have no objection to that.

16 \_\_\_\_\_MR. DILLON: Thank you.

17                   CHAIR: Great. Any other questions?

18                   I have a question. I know you said  
19 you have these auto shuffles now, but from what I  
20 remember reading at the time, any time a card was  
21 dropped, it was supposed to be recounted -

22                   ATTORNEY DIEHL: Uh-huh.

23                   CHAIR: - the whole deck was supposed  
24 to be recounted. And this person just didn't recount  
25 for the entire time of his shift.

1 Is that what happened?

2 ATTORNEY DIEHL: That is correct.

3 MR. CLARK: That is correct, yeah.

4 CHAIR: So you're saying this couldn't  
5 happen or shouldn't happen again, because now you've  
6 instituted this auto shuffle thing. Okay.

7 And what happened to the Supervisor,  
8 if anything?

9 MR. CLARK: It was -.

10 ATTORNEY DIEHL: I believe this is  
11 accurate. And correct me if I'm wrong. Also  
12 retrained on the same issue.

13 Now, obviously his issue would not be  
14 the Dealer's issue of dropping the card and  
15 reshuffling. His was ensuring that it was logged and  
16 recorded, so that we could follow up more quickly  
17 with closing accounts and making sure the patrons  
18 affected were paid.

19 MR. CLARK: And verifying that the  
20 Dealer did recheck the cards.

21 ATTORNEY DIEHL: Yes.

22 CHAIR: Okay. Any other questions?  
23 Okay. If not, may I have a motion please?

24 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
25 Dunbar moves that the Board approve the Consent

1 Agreement between the OEC and Stadium Casino, LLC -  
2 RE, LLC, doing business as Live! Casino and Hotel  
3 Philadelphia as described by the OEC.

4 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman  
5 seconds.

6 CHAIR: All in favor?

7 AYES RESPOND

8 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's  
9 adopted.

10 Thank you, gentlemen.

11 ATTORNEY DIEHL: Thank you.

12 ATTORNEY PITRE: The next matter on  
13 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a Consent  
14 Agreement between the OEC and VGT Establishment  
15 Licensee Vasas, Inc., doing business as Lucky Seven  
16 Travel, Sharanjit Singh and Michelle Singh.

17 The matter will be presented by Senior  
18 Enforcement Counsel David Tepper. Representatives  
19 for Vasas and the Singhs are present. And at this  
20 time I request that those individuals please  
21 introduce themselves for the record and that all  
22 nonattorney witnesses please stand and be sworn.

23 ATTORNEY RYAN: Good morning, Madam  
24 Chairman, members of the Commission. My name is Paul  
25 Ryan. I'm an attorney from Lock Haven, Clinton

1 County, representing the respondent here this  
2 morning.

3 CHAIR: Mr. Ryan, would you just spell  
4 your name, just for the record?

5 ATTORNEY RYAN: Last name is spelled  
6 R-Y-A-N.

7 CHAIR: Okay. And your witness?

8 ATTORNEY RYAN: With me this morning  
9 is Sharanjit Singh, also known as Sunny Singh,  
10 S-I-N-G-H. He is the - he, together with his wife,  
11 Michelle, are the sole shareholders of Vasas,  
12 Incorporated, trading as Lucky Seven. Mr. Singh is  
13 the president, Michelle is the secretary.

14 CHAIR: And could you spell his first  
15 name, other than the Sunny?

16 ATTORNEY RYAN: Could you spell your  
17 first name for them, please?

18 MR. SINGH: S-H-A-R-A-N-J-I-T. Last  
19 name is Singh, S-I-N-G-H.

20 CHAIR: Thank you.

21 Would you swear the witness, please?

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23 SHARANJIT SINGH,  
24 CALLED AS A WITNESS IN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING AND  
25 HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY SWORN TESTIFIED AND SAID AS

1 FOLLOWS:

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3 ATTORNEY TEPPER: Good morning, Chair  
4 Smyler, members of the Board, David Tepper,  
5 T-E-P-P-E-R, on behalf of the OEC.

6 Vasas, Inc., doing business as Lucky  
7 Seven Travel Plaza holds a VGT Establishment License.  
8 Sharanjit Singh and Michelle Singh are the sole  
9 owners of Lucky Seven Travel Plaza. Each hold VGT  
10 Principal Qualifier Licenses.

11 Establishments are required to have a  
12 Board-credentialed employee on duty at all times that  
13 video gaming terminals are available for play at a  
14 truck stop. During a routine inspection on  
15 February 22nd, 2024, the BIE determined that video  
16 gaming terminals were available for play at Lucky  
17 Seven Travel Plaza while no Board-credentialed  
18 employee was on duty.

19 A subsequent BIE investigation found  
20 that between December 12, 2023 through March 1st,  
21 2024 individuals under the age of 21 entered the  
22 video gaming area on at least six occasions. These  
23 individuals ranged from approximately 3 years old to  
24 15 years old. Two instances involved 8-year-old  
25 children placing wagers at VGTs.

1                   Individuals are required to be 21 to  
2 enter the video gaming area or to place wagers at  
3 video gaming terminals. Lucky Seven had requisite  
4 signage to that effect.

5                   At this time, the OEC requests that  
6 the Board approve this Consent Agreement between the  
7 parties. The terms of the settlement include that  
8 within five days of the Board's Order approving the  
9 Consent Agreement, Vasas, doing business as Lucky  
10 Seven Travel Plaza, shall pay an administrative  
11 penalty in the amount of \$45,000. Michelle Singh  
12 shall pay an administrative penalty in the amount of  
13 \$2,500 and Sharanjit Singh shall pay an  
14 administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500.

15                   Also within five days of the Board's  
16 Order approving this Consent Agreement, Vasas, Inc.,  
17 doing business as Lucky Seven Travel Plaza, Michelle  
18 Singh and Sharanjit Singh shall collectively pay the  
19 Board \$2,500 for the costs incurred by OEC, BIE and  
20 other related Board staff in connection with this  
21 matter.

22                   If you have any questions, we would be  
23 happy to address them at this time.

24                   CHAIR: Vasas, would you like to  
25 address the Board?

1                    ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes. Thank you, Madam  
2 Chairman, members of the Commission.

3                    Concerning the credentialed employee  
4 violation, it's my understanding that this occurred  
5 in the early morning hours at the licensed premises  
6 when the credentialed employee who was on duty became  
7 unexpectedly ill and had to leave the premises, which  
8 left the premises without a credentialed employee for  
9 a relatively short amount of period of time until Mr.  
10 Singh arrived for work that morning.

11                    Concerning the minors entering the  
12 gaming area, that appears to be an oversight on  
13 behalf of the Licensee. And Mr. Singh is here to  
14 explain to the Board what corrective actions the  
15 Licensee has taken since the filing of the citation  
16 to attempt to alleviate these types of situations.

17                    MR. SINGH: Yeah. We give more  
18 training to the employees license and we increase -  
19 more licensed employees. And we put doorbell at the  
20 entrance for the VGT, so that if somebody enters in  
21 the area at the fuel desk, it gets the doorbell.

22                    And we put a monitor like this at the  
23 same - same monitor as that in the - in the area  
24 where - and my employees can always watch that area,  
25 the VGT area.

1                    ATTORNEY RYAN: Mr. Singh, have there  
2 been any other violations since the filing of the  
3 enforcement action?

4                    MR. SINGH: Since we did this  
5 corrective measures, there's none of those  
6 violations. It's working. Our new system we applied  
7 is working very well.

8                    ATTORNEY RYAN: That's all we would  
9 have.

10                   CHAIR: Okay. Any questions or  
11 comments for Mr. Singh or Mr. Ryan?

12                   I just have one question. When these  
13 underage individuals entered the VGT area, was there  
14 a Board-credentialed individual on the premises?

15                   MR. SINGH: Pardon me, ma'am.

16                   CHAIR: When the underaged individuals  
17 entered the VGT area, did you have a  
18 Board-credentialed individual on the premises who  
19 just somehow -?

20                   MR. SINGH: No, that was when somebody  
21 was not there. I mean, they were there, but  
22 sometimes - you know, we didn't have that doorbell  
23 system and monitoring system that time. Now we have  
24 at the fuel desk, they can watch it and see if  
25 somebody entered.

1           As soon as somebody enters, they have  
2 ability to go and watch it. Before that, we didn't  
3 have that. That's why people - even if the licensed  
4 employee was there, he's working at the fuel desk  
5 taking care of customers. So, his attention is  
6 divided, you know, but now as soon as the doorbell  
7 goes, he looked at the people, who is there.

8           CHAIR: Okay. Thank you. Any other  
9 questions or comments?

10           Hearing none, may I have a motion,  
11 please?

12           MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,  
13 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board approve the  
14 Consent Agreement between the OEC and Vasas, Inc.  
15 doing business as Lucky Seven Travel Plaza, Sharanjit  
16 Singh and Michelle Singh as described by the OEC.

17           MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
18 Manzano-Díaz second.

19           CHAIR: All in favor?

20 AYES RESPOND

21           CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's  
22 adopted.

23           Thank you, gentlemen.

24           ATTORNEY RYAN: Thank you very much.

25           ATTORNEY PITRE: At this time I'll

1 turn it over to Deputy Chief Enforcement Counsel  
2 Dustin Miller, who will provide an introduction for  
3 the Default Judgments.

4 ATTORNEY MILLER: Good morning, Chair  
5 Smyler, members of the Board, Dustin Miller on behalf  
6 of the OEC, M-I-L-L-E-R.

7 The next two matters on the agenda  
8 consist of enforcement actions in which the OEC filed  
9 complaints seeking the revocation of Permits  
10 previously issued by the Board. The complaint in  
11 each matter has been filed with the Board's OHA and  
12 properly served upon the individual named in each  
13 complaint.

14 The individual named in each complaint  
15 failed to respond within 30 days as required by Board  
16 regulation. As a result, the OEC filed a Request for  
17 Default Judgment in each instance and properly served  
18 the same upon each respondent. Therefore, the facts  
19 in each complaint are deemed admitted. All filed  
20 documents as been provided to the Board and the  
21 matters are presently ripe for the Board's  
22 consideration.

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

1                    ATTORNEY ROBERTS: Good morning Chair,  
2 members of the Board, Andrea Roberts, R-O-B-E-R-T-S,  
3 Assistant Enforcement Counsel.

4                    The next matter on the agenda for the  
5 Board's consideration is the Revocation of the Gaming  
6 Employee Occupation Permit issued to Brayden  
7 Seredych.

8                    Mr. Seredych was previously employed  
9 as a Table Games Dealer at Hollywood Casino York.  
10 While dealing Texas Hold'Em at Hollywood Casino York,  
11 Mr. Seredych committed 70 procedural errors over 14  
12 dates that all benefited one patron.

13                    In addition, Mr. Seredych returned a  
14 portion of a losing craps wager to the same patron.

15                    Hollywood terminated Mr. Seredych's  
16 employment as a result of these incidents. Mr.  
17 Seredych was criminally charged for his actions. He  
18 is not currently employed in Pennsylvania's gaming  
19 industry.

20                    At this time the OEC requests the  
21 Board revoke the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit  
22 issued to Brayden Seredych.

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

25                    MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,

1 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board  
2 approve the revocation of Brayden Serdych's Gaming  
3 Employee Occupation Permit for the conduct described  
4 by the OEC.

5 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
6 seconds.

7 CHAIR: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

9 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

10 ATTORNEY ROLAND: Good morning, Madam  
11 Chair, members of the Board, Michael Roland,  
12 R-O-L-A-N-D, with the OEC.

13 The next matter on the agenda is a  
14 Request to Revoke the Gaming Employee Occupation  
15 Permit of Cody Price.

16 Mr. Price was previously employed by  
17 Mount Airy Casino as a Security Officer. The Bureau  
18 of Casino Compliance was notified by a local Walmart  
19 that a casino employee, Cody Price, had come to the  
20 store and portrayed himself as law enforcement.

21 Mr. Price was dressed all in black,  
22 was carrying a firearm and tried to enter the secure  
23 area of the store.

24 When confronted, he introduced himself  
25 as Federal Agent Cody Price and advised that he was

1 contracted by Walmart and permitted to be onsite.  
2 Mr. Price then pointed to a badge on his hip.

3 One of the Walmart staff members  
4 recognized the badge as being a Pennsylvania Gaming  
5 Control Board Credential. Mr. Price was asked to  
6 leave the store.

7 Shortly after departing the store  
8 premises, Mr. Price contacted store personnel and  
9 advised that he provided the incorrect badge and that  
10 he was at the wrong Walmart. Walmart reported the  
11 matter to local authorities. However, Mr. Price was  
12 not criminally charged. Mr. Price was terminated  
13 from his position at Mount Airy Casino for misusing  
14 his credentials and is currently not employed in the  
15 Pennsylvania gaming industry.

16 At this time the OEC requests that the  
17 Board revoke the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit  
18 issued to Cody Price.

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

21 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,  
22 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the  
23 revocation of Cody Price's Gaming Employee Occupation  
24 Permit for the conduct described by the OEC.

25 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon

1 seconds.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 AYES RESPOND

4 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

5 ATTORNEY MILLER: The remaining  
6 matters on the agenda consist of enforcement actions  
7 in which the OEC filed Petitions seeking the  
8 involuntary exclusion of individuals who are inimical  
9 to the interest of the Commonwealth and/or licensed  
10 gaming therein. In each instance, the Petition for  
11 Exclusion has been filed with the Board's OHA and  
12 properly served upon the individual named in the  
13 petition.

14 The individual named in each petition  
15 failed to respond within 30 days, as required by  
16 Board regulation. As a result, the OEC filed a  
17 Request for Default Judgment in each instance and  
18 properly served the same upon each individual.  
19 Therefore, all facts in each petition are deemed  
20 admitted. All filed documents have been provided to  
21 the Board and the matters are presently ripe for  
22 Board consideration.

23 In each instance, if the Board orders  
24 the proposed exclusion, each individual's photo,  
25 personal identifiers and a summary of the inimical

1 conduct may be placed on the Board's public website.

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

5           ATTORNEY ROLAND: Next matter on the  
6 agenda is a request to place Scott Faust on the  
7 Involuntary Exclusion List. Rivers Casino  
8 Philadelphia reported to the Bureau of Casino  
9 Compliance details of an internal investigation which  
10 revealed that two Player Service Representatives were  
11 giving other patrons Players Cards to Scott Faust so  
12 he could use the available free slot play.

13           In total, Mr. Faust unlawfully  
14 utilized seven different patrons' Players Cards and  
15 played \$3,159 worth of free slot play, to which he  
16 was not entitled.

17           Mr. Faust was not criminally charged  
18 by the Pennsylvania State Police, however, he was  
19 permanently evicted from the casino property. The  
20 OEC now requests that the Board place Scott Faust on  
21 the Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

24           MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
25 Dillon moves the Board approve the addition of Scott

1 Faust to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for the  
2 conduct described by the OEC.

3 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
4 seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

7 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

8 ATTORNEY ROBERTS: The next matter on  
9 the agenda is a request to put place Patricia  
10 Impagliazzo on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

11 Ms. Impagliazzo's companion was seen  
12 giving a Live! Philadelphia Hotel and Casino  
13 Executive Host multiple Rewards Cards that the Host  
14 then loaded with free play.

15 Ms. Impagliazzo downloaded free play  
16 added by the Host onto her card and one Players Card  
17 belonging to another individual. Ms. Impagliazzo was  
18 not entitled to the free play.

19 Live! permanently banned Ms.  
20 Impagliazzo from their property as a result of this  
21 incident.

22 At this time the OEC requests the  
23 Board place Patricia Impagliazzo on the Involuntary  
24 Exclusion List.

25 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

1 May I have a motion, please?

2 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
3 Dunbar moves that the Board approve the addition of  
4 Patricia Impagliazzo to the PGCB Involuntary  
5 Exclusion List for conduct described by the OEC.

6 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman  
7 seconds.

8 CHAIR: All in favor?

9 AYES RESPOND

10 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's  
11 adopted.

12 ATTORNEY ROBERTS: The next matter on  
13 the agenda is a request to place Mark McLaughlin on  
14 the Involuntary Exclusion List.

15 Mr. McLaughlin was present at Parx  
16 Casino when he inserted Player Cards belonging to  
17 other patrons into slot machines.

18 Mr. McLaughlin had previously been  
19 permanently evicted from Parx for stealing free play  
20 from Players Cards belonging to other patrons.

21 At this time the OEC requests the  
22 Board place Mark McLaughlin on the Involuntary  
23 Exclusion List.

24 CAIR: Any questions or comments? May  
25 I have a motion, please?

1                   MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,  
2 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board approve the  
3 addition of Mark McLaughlin to the PGCB Involuntary  
4 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the  
5 Office of Chief - Enforcement Counsel.

6                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
7 Manzano-Díaz second.

8                   CHAIR: All in favor?

9 AYES RESPOND

10                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

11                   ATTORNEY ROBERTS: The next matter on  
12 the agenda is a request to place Bahri Sahpolat on  
13 the Involuntary Exclusion List.

14                   Mr. Sahpolat marked cards while  
15 playing Mississippi Stud Poker at Live! Casino  
16 Pittsburgh.

17                   Live! permanently banned Mr. Sahpolat  
18 from their property as a result of this incident.  
19 Mr. Sahpolat was criminally charged for his actions.

20                   At this time the OEC requests the  
21 Board Bahri Sahpolat on the Involuntary Exclusion  
22 List.

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

25                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,

1 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board  
2 approve the addition of Bahri Sahpolat to the PBCB  
3 Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct described  
4 by the OEC.

5 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
6 seconds.

7 CHAIR: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

9 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

10 ATTORNEY GROODY: Good morning, Chair,  
11 members of the Board, Sarah Groody, G-R-O-O-D-Y, with  
12 the OEC.

13 The next matter on the agenda for the  
14 Board's consideration is a Petition to place William  
15 Powell on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

16 While gaming at Live! Philadelphia,  
17 Mr. Powell took a voucher that did not belong to him.  
18 He was issued a permanent eviction from Live!  
19 Philadelphia.

20 In a separate incident at Rivers  
21 Philadelphia, Mr. Powell was issued a permanent  
22 eviction for taking credits left on machines.  
23 Subsequently he violated his eviction three separate  
24 times at Rivers.

25 At this time the OEC requests that the

1 Board place William Powell on the Involuntary  
2 Exclusion List.

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

5 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,  
6 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the  
7 addition of William Powell to the Pennsylvania Gaming  
8 Control Board's Involuntary Exclusion List for the  
9 conduct described by the OEC.

10 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
11 seconds.

12 CHAIR: All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

14 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

15 ATTORNEY SMITH: Good morning, Chair,  
16 members of the Board, Mark Smith, S-M-I-T-H for the  
17 OEC.

18 The next matter on the agenda for  
19 Board consideration is a request to place Siani  
20 Roane-Griffin on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

21 Ms. Roane-Griffin was present at Live!  
22 Casino and Hotel Philadelphia when she stole a  
23 designer bag worth \$2,000 from the vehicle of another  
24 patron. Ms. Roane-Griffin was permanently banned  
25 from the property as a result of this incident.

1                   At this time the OEC requests that the  
2 Board place Siani Roane-Griffin on the Involuntary  
3 Exclusion List.

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

6                   MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
7 Dillon moves that the Board approve the addition of  
8 Siani Roane-Griffin to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion  
9 List for the conduct described by the OEC.

10                  MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
11 seconds.

12                  CHAIR: All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

14                  CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

15                  ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: Again, Juan  
16 Sanchez, Assistant Enforcement Counsel with the OEC.

17                         The next matter on the agenda for the  
18 Board's consideration is a request to place Edwin  
19 Reyes on the Board's Involuntary Casino Exclusion  
20 List and the Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion  
21 List.

22                         Edwin Reyes created an account on the  
23 Wind Creek Bethlehem interactive gaming platform  
24 funded through \$9,900 in deposits from lost and/or  
25 stolen financial instruments.

1                   Subsequently, he refused or failed to  
2 pay funds that he owed to Wind Creek Bethlehem as a  
3 result of his gaming activity.

4                   Mr. Reyes only gamed online but he  
5 also entered Wind Creek Bethlehem Casino to withdraw  
6 funds from his interactive gaming account. Mr.  
7 Reyes's account was closed and the devices used to  
8 access the account were blocked by Wind Creek  
9 Bethlehem. No criminal charges were filed.

10                   The OEC now requests the Board place  
11 Edwin Reyes on the Involuntary Casino Exclusion List  
12 and the Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion  
13 List.

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

16                   MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
17 Dunbar moves that the Board approve the addition of  
18 Edwin Reyes to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List  
19 and the Involuntary Interactive Gaming Exclusion List  
20 for conduct described by the OEC.

21                   MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman  
22 second.

23                   CHAIR: All in favor?

24 AYES RESPOND

25                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

1                    ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: The next matter on  
2 the agenda is a request to place Catia Taylor on the  
3 Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

4                    Catia Taylor and another adult patron  
5 left two six-year-olds and a 12-year-old child  
6 unattended in the Hollywood Casino York parking lot  
7 for approximately 29 minutes to game at slot machines  
8 and table games.

9                    Hollywood Casino York permanently  
10 banned Ms. Taylor from their property. However, law  
11 enforcement did not file criminal charges as a result  
12 of this incident.

13                    The OEC now requests the Board place  
14 Catia Taylor on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

17                    MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,  
18 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board approve the  
19 addition of Catia Taylor to the Pennsylvania Gaming  
20 Control Board Involuntary Exclusion List for the  
21 conduct described by the OEC.

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

24                    CHAIR: All in favor?

25 AYES RESPOND

1                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion is  
2 adopted.

3                   ATTORNEY MILLER: That concludes the  
4 business of the OEC.

5                   CHAIR: Thank you, OEC.

6                   The last item on the agenda today is  
7 public comment.

8                   Is there anyone in the room that would  
9 like to address the Board?

10                   Seeing no one, that concludes today's  
11 meeting. The next public meeting of the Board will  
12 be held on Wednesday, November 19th, 2025 at 10:00  
13 a.m. at this location.

14                   And now may I please have a motion to  
15 adjourn?

16                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
17 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves to adjourn.

18                   MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
19 seconds.

20                   CHAIR: All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

22                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.  
23 Thank you, everyone. We are adjourned.

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25                   MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11:28 A.M.

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings, a hearing held before Chairman Smyler was reported by me on October 22, 2025 and that I, Erin Badstuebner, read this transcript and that I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceeding.

Dated the 12th day of November, 2025.

Erin Badstuebner,  
Court Reporter

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