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CHAIR: Good morning. I'm Denise Smyler, Chair of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. I would like to ask - excuse me, I would like to ask everyone to please -. We had a dinner last night, so I'm a little draggy, just forgive me. I would like to ask everyone to please silence their cell phones and all electronic devices at this time.

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

In addition to the six Board members, we also have our ex-officio members, Jorge Augusto, representing Russell Reading, 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-officios for joining us.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

CHAIR: By way of announcements, the

1 Board held an executive session yesterday, Tuesday,
2 December 16th, to discuss personnel matters and to
3 conduct quasi-judicial deliberations relating to
4 matters coming before the Board. I would now like to
5 ask for approval of the Board meeting transcript and
6 minutes from the September 24th, 2025 meeting.

7 May I have a motion, please?

8 MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,
9 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board approve the
10 Minutes and Transcripts of the September 24, 2025
11 meeting.

12 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner
13 Manzano-Díaz, second.

14 CHAIR: All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

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

18 Now we will hear from our Executive
19 Director, Kevin O'Toole. Kevin.

20 MR. O'TOOLE: Good morning, Chair
21 Smyler, members of the Board, today's business under
22 the Executive Director's Report is a request that the
23 Board ratify the purchase of certain business-related
24 insurance policies. These policies are the Board's
25 Directors and Officers' liability insurance, the

1 employment practices' liability insurance and the
2 excess liability insurance policies.

3 The purchase of these policies are
4 authorized by Section 1202 of the Pennsylvania Race
5 Horse Development and Gaming Act and have been in
6 place since 2006.

7 The Office of Chief Counsel (OCC),
8 working with Amanda Peters, the Board's Procurement
9 and Property Manager, and the Department of General
10 Services, Bureau of Risk and Insurance Management,
11 secured the appropriate insurance policies. Based
12 upon delegated authority from the Board, I approved
13 the renewal of these policies and they went into
14 effect on December 2nd, 2025 upon the termination of
15 prior policies.

16 At this time, I respectfully request a
17 motion ratifying the Board's entry into these
18 insurance purchase agreements.

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

21 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
22 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board ratify
23 the purchase of the insurance policies described by
24 the Executive Director.

25 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody

1 seconds.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 AYES RESPOND

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

6 MR. O'TOOLE: Thank you.

7 CHAIR: Thank you, Kevin. Now we will
8 hear from our Administrative Director, Claire Yantis.
9 Claire.

10 MS. YANTIS: Good morning, Chair,
11 Board members. The Bureau of Administration is
12 tasked with reviewing and modifying agency policies
13 on an as-needed basis to ensure accuracy and clarity
14 of process.

15 Recently, the Office of Financial
16 Management reviewed and updated the agency's Billing
17 Statement of Policy, a copy of which was provided to
18 you in advance of this meeting.

19 To summarize the changes, the policy
20 was originally adopted by the Board in 2012 and
21 established a fixed-fee schedule for routine
22 Petitions and investigations, as well as an itemized
23 hourly rate billing for work performed by the Board's
24 Gaming Lab and for other nonroutine matters.

25 The policy also established the

1 process and procedure for invoicing entities for this
2 work. While the policy was updated in 2020 to
3 reflect expanded gaming entities and verticals, the
4 fee structure has not been adjusted since the rates
5 were originally set in 2012. However, the review
6 completed by the Office of Financial Management
7 determined that the rates currently set forth in the
8 policy are not sufficient to recover the costs
9 associated with the activities outlined in the
10 policy.

11 Accordingly, a comprehensive analysis
12 was conducted and the rates have been updated to more
13 accurately reflect the costs of agency personnel
14 working on these matters. Unless you have any
15 questions regarding these changes, I ask that you
16 consider a motion approving the revised Billing
17 Statement of Policy.

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

20 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner
21 Dunbar moves that the Board adopt the amended billing
22 policy and procedure as described by the
23 Administrative Director.

24 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
25 seconds.

1 CHAIR: All in favor?

2 AYES RESPOND

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

5 MS. YANTIS: Thank you.

6 CHAIR: Thank you, Claire.

7 Next is our Human Resources Director,
8 Heidi Zula. Heidi.

9 MS. ZULA: Good morning, Madam Chair
10 and members of the Board. The Office of Human
11 Resources has one motion for your consideration today
12 relative to the hiring of two individuals. Both
13 individuals have completed the background
14 investigation and drug screening and are ready -
15 ready for presentation to the Board.

16 Jacob Herzing has been selected as a
17 Hearing Officer with the OHA and is recommended for
18 hire by Linda Lloyd, Director of Hearings and
19 Appeals.

20 Jessica Mauser has been selected as an
21 Executive Secretary for the Office of Gaming
22 Laboratory Operations and is recommended for hire by
23 Heather Worner, Director of Gaming Laboratory
24 Operations.

25 Unless you have any questions, I ask

1 that the Board consider a motion to approve the
2 hiring actions as indicated.

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 applicants for hire as proposed by the Human
8 Resources Director.

9 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
10 seconds.

11 CHAIR: All in favor?

12 AYES RESPOND

13 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

14 MS. ZULA: Thank you.

15 CHAIR: Thank you, Heidi.

16 Next is our OCC.

17 ATTORNEY COOK: Good morning. Excuse
18 me. Our first agenda item relates to A Local Law
19 Enforcement Grant Application which Senior Chief
20 Counsel Denise Miller-Tshudy will present.

21 MS. MILLER-TSHUDY: Good morning,
22 Chair, members of the Board. I have one grant for
23 you today. It is the Danville Police Department.

24 Danville Police Department is
25 requesting \$38,279 for the Local Law Enforcement

1 Grant, which will focus on minors and illegal
2 gambling, specifically sports - Board gambling -
3 sports gambling. Sorry. If awarded, the department
4 will use the grant funds for officer education and
5 training, public education and outreach in the
6 community, especially with adult parents and the
7 minors, and overtime to perform duties under the
8 grant, as well as capital equipment and related
9 expenses.

10 I submit the department's project
11 meets the Board's qualifications and guidelines for
12 Local Law Enforcement Grants. And this matter is
13 ready for your decision.

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

16 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
17 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board
18 approve the Local Law Enforcement Grant Application
19 as described by the OCC.

20 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
21 seconds.

22 CHAIR: All in favor?

23 AYES RESPOND

24 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's
25 adopted.

1 ATTORNEY MILLER-TSHUDY: Thank you.

2 CHAIR: Thank you, Denise.

3 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board
4 is a Proposed Rulemaking, which Senior Counsel Robert
5 Wood will present.

6 ATTORNEY WOOD: Good morning, Madam
7 Chair, members of the Board. This morning I have one
8 item for your consideration, that is Proposed
9 Rulemaking #125-258. This Proposed Rulemaking seeks
10 to amend and update sections of our regulations
11 relating to compulsive and problem gaming.

12 Specifically, these amendments adopt
13 terminology changes that have been updated by the
14 treatment community, as well as provides further
15 clarity of our expectations upon the licensees in the
16 compulsive and problem gaming areas.

17 Prior to this morning's meeting, a
18 copy of the rulemaking was provided to you for your
19 review. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to
20 answer them this morning. If not, I would ask for a
21 motion to approve Proposed Rulemaking 125-258.

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 Proposed Regulation

1 #125-258 regarding compulsive and problem gambling
2 regulation updates as described by the OCC.

3 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
4 seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

7 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

8 ATTORNEY WOOD: Thank you.

9 CHAIR: Thank you, Robert.

10 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board
11 today are five Petitions. Each of these Petitions
12 are being brought before the Board on the documentary
13 record as there have been no objections or the
14 requested relief has been agreed to. In each of
15 these matters, the Board has, in advance of this
16 meeting, been provided with the complete record in
17 each case and each matter is now ripe for the Board's
18 decision.

19 The first Petition before the Board
20 today is Dandy Mini Mart, Inc.'s request for approval
21 of a change in control.

22 Dandy Mini Marts, Inc. holds four
23 Video Gaming Terminal Establishment Licenses in four
24 truck stops located in Bradford County. Dandy Mini
25 Marts is wholly owned by Williams Oil Company, Inc.

1 They are seeking approval of A Contribution Exchange
2 Agreement that will result in the company having a
3 different corporate parent.

4 The proposed exchange agreement will
5 result in Williams Oil Company, Inc. transferring its
6 ownership interest in these mini markets to Williams
7 Companies, Inc., which will have identical upstream
8 ownership. Excuse me. An identical upstream
9 ownership structure as that of Williams Oil Company,
10 Inc. The Williams Companies, Inc. will become the
11 100 percent owner of the four Dandy Mini Marts and
12 Dandy Mini Marts, Inc.

13 The Office of Enforcement Counsel
14 (OEC) has no objection to this change of control,
15 subject to conditions in its Answer.

16 Additionally, the Petitioner has
17 requested that certain documents be maintained as
18 confidential and the OCC would concur in that
19 request.

20 And this matter is now ready for the
21 Board's consideration.

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

24 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner
25 Dunbar moves that the Board grant Dandy Mini Marts,

1 Inc.'s Petition for change in control as described by
2 the OCC, subject to the conditions that will be
3 outlined in the Board's Order.

4 I further move that the Petitioner's
5 Motion to protect confidential information be
6 granted.

7 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
8 seconds.

9 CHAIR: All in favor?

10 AYES RESPOND

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

13 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board
14 is Betfair Interactive US LLC and FanDuel PA LLC's
15 Joint Petition seeking approval of a proposed
16 corporate restructuring.

17 Betfair Interactive US, LLC holds an
18 Interactive Gaming Operator License and a Sports
19 Wagering Operator's License. FanDuel PA, LLC holds a
20 Fantasy Contest Operator License. The Board has
21 issued affiliate licenses to six entities that act as
22 upstream holding companies for both Betfair
23 Interactive and FanDuel PA.

24 The Petitioners are requesting that
25 the Board approve - Board approval of several

1 transactions that will simultaneously occur resulting
2 in three new entities being inserted into the
3 corporate structure as 100 percent subsidiaries and
4 parent or holding companies of both Betfair
5 Interactive and FanDuel PA. Petitioners state that
6 the purpose of this restructuring are for tax
7 purposes, tax planning purposes, and the insertion of
8 the three new entities into the existing corporate
9 structure will have no operational impact on either
10 Betfair Interactive or FanDuel PA.

11 Additionally, it will not impact the
12 ultimate ownership of these licensed entities.

13 Petitioners also anticipate that any
14 individuals who will serve in corporate roles in the
15 newly created entities are already licensed by the
16 Board, due to their current corporate roles within
17 the existing structure.

18 The OEC has no objection to this
19 corporate restructuring, subject to conditions
20 outlined in its Answer.

21 As with the last matter, the
22 Petitioners have requested that certain materials in
23 their pleadings be maintained as confidential, and
24 the OCC would concur in that request.

25 And this matter is now ready for the

1 Board's consideration.

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
6 Betfair Interactive US, LLC's and FanDuel PA, LLC's
7 Joint Petition for approval of a restructuring and
8 certain other relief as described by the OCC, subject
9 to the conditions that will be outlined in the
10 Board's Order.

11 I further move that the Petitioners'
12 Motion to protect confidential information be
13 granted.

14 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
15 seconds.

16 CHAIR: All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

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

20 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board
21 is Izaiya Velazquez's Petition to lift the suspension
22 of his Gaming Employee Occupation Permit.

23 By way of background, on May 13, 2025,
24 the OEC filed a Complaint seeking an Emergency
25 Suspension of Mr. Velazquez's Gaming Permit after

1 receiving notice that he was criminally charged with
2 felony offenses stemming from thefts he allegedly
3 committed from an employer while working at a Best
4 Western Plus Hotel.

5 Specifically, it was alleged that he
6 stole \$3,000 from a safe on that property, as well as
7 \$110 from a cash register.

8 As a result of these charges, the
9 Board's Executive Director issued an Emergency Order
10 suspending his permit.

11 A hearing was held, and subsequently a
12 recommendation was issued by the Office of Hearings
13 and Appeals (OHA) that the suspension remain in
14 effect.

15 And thereafter, on August 20th, 2025,
16 the Board issued an Order adopting the Report and
17 Recommendation keeping the suspension in place.

18 Mr. Velazquez is now asking that the
19 Board lift the suspension of his Gaming Employee
20 Occupation Permit, stating in his request that all
21 criminal charges have been dismissed. The OEC
22 confirmed Mr. Velazquez's assertion that he no longer
23 faces any criminal charges and filed an Answer
24 indicating that it had no objection to the request as
25 the basis for the Emergency Suspension no longer

1 exists.

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

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

6 MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,
7 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board remand
8 Izaiya Velasquez's Petition to lift the suspension of
9 his Gaming Employee Occupation Permit to the OHA for
10 further proceedings to establish the evidentiary
11 record as to the suitability of Mr. Velazquez.

12 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner
13 Manzano-Díaz, second.

14 CHAIR: All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

16 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

17 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board
18 is a request for removal from the Self-Exclusion
19 List.

20 On October 5th, 2015, an individual
21 with the initials H.N. placed himself on the List,
22 choosing the lifetime self-exclusion option.

23 On October 7th, 2025, H.N. filed his
24 request for removal from the List, stating that he is
25 now 59 years old, bored and would like to visit

1 casinos again for entertainment. H.N. also submitted
2 the required Problem Gambling Assessment Verification
3 Form signed by a Certified Assessment Provider,
4 confirming that an assessment of H.N. was performed
5 and that problem gambling treatment was not
6 recommended.

7 The OEC filed an Answer, stating it
8 had no objection to H.N.'s request as it has been ten
9 years since his placement on the List and he required
10 or he submitted the required documentation, including
11 the assessment.

12 OEC did note, however, that H.N.
13 violated his exclusion on five occasions, which
14 included gaming and using another individual's ID and
15 Player's Card. His most recent exclusion violation
16 was in October of 2025.

17 This matter is now ready for the
18 Board's consideration.

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

21 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
22 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board remand
23 H.N.'s Petition for removal of the casino
24 Self-Exclusion List to the OHA for further
25 proceeding, to establish an evidentiary record as to

1 whether H.N. should be removed from the Self-
2 Exclusion List.

3 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
4 seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

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

9 ATTORNEY COOK: The final Petition
10 before the Board is a request for recovery of
11 confiscated funds.

12 On October - excuse me, on March 26,
13 2025, Ha Tran was placed on the Board's Involuntary
14 Exclusion List after it was alleged that he passed
15 along match play coupons not issued to him.
16 Thereafter, Mr. Tran filed a request for
17 reconsideration of the Board's Order. The Board
18 granted the request and vacated the March 20, 2025
19 Order placing him on the Exclusion List and remanded
20 the matter to the OHA to conduct an evidentiary
21 hearing.

22 Due to an administrative error, Mr.
23 Tran was not, in fact, removed from the List. And on
24 October 23rd, 2025, while gaming at Parx, he
25 attempted to cash out his fund - cash out funds, and

1 they were confiscated, due to him - according to the
2 records in possession of the casino - still being on
3 the Exclusion List.

4 The OEC filed an Answer stating it has
5 no objection to Mr. Tran's request to recover funds,
6 as he should not have been on the Exclusion List when
7 the funds were confiscated, and the OCC concurs in
8 that assessment.

9 And this matter is now ripe for the
10 Board's consideration.

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

13 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner
14 Dunbar moves that the Board grant Ha Tran's Petition
15 to recover confiscated funds as described by the OCC
16 and the \$3,030.50 be returned to Mr. Tran.

17 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
18 seconds.

19 CHAIR: All in favor?

20 AYES RESPOND

21 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

22 ATTORNEY COOK: Next, presenting
23 Withdrawals and Surrenders, as well as Reports and
24 Recommendations is Deputy Chief Counsel Chad
25 Zimmermann.

1 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Good morning,
2 Commissioners. The next matter before the Board
3 today pertains to several unopposed Petitions to
4 withdraw applications or surrender the credentials of
5 the following individuals and entities: Patrick
6 Kortman; James Bruni; Marc Peterson; Ewut Keuleers;
7 Heidi Skogster; Andreas Huth; Einar Roosileht; Majime
8 Services OU; Linda Castle; DR ZAP Holdings, LLC;
9 Patricia Smith; Automatic Gaming #2; Albert Ceccoli;
10 Christopher Pisano; James Judge; Marcus Glover; Kate
11 Lowenhar-Fisher; Harald Neumann; Craig Turner;
12 Jonathan Mendelsohn; Scotty Miller; Richard Criado
13 and Justin Sebastiano.

14 The OEC has no objections to any of
15 these requests for Withdrawals or Surrenders. As a
16 result, if the Board chooses to grant the request, in
17 every instance it would be doing so without prejudice
18 to the requester.

19 And these matters are all now ripe for
20 the Board's consideration.

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

23 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
24 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board issue
25 Orders to approve the Withdrawals and Surrenders as

1 described by the OCC.

2 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
3 seconds.

4 CHAIR: All in favor?

5 AYES RESPOND

6 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

7 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the
8 Board for consideration are ten Reports and
9 Recommendations received from the OHA. These Reports
10 and Recommendations, along with the evidentiary
11 record for each hearing, have been provided to the
12 Board in advance of this meeting.

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

18 The first Report and Recommendation
19 today pertains to Samantha Men. Ms. Men holds a
20 Gaming Level 2 Employee Occupation Permit. On
21 April 1, 2025, the OEC filed a complaint to revoke
22 Ms. Men's Permit, alleging that she had entered
23 fictitious player ratings for a patron.

24 A hearing in this matter was held
25 August 27, 2025. OEC appeared, offering testimony

1 and documentary evidence. Ms. Men appeared with
2 counsel, a translator who spoke her language, and
3 testified on her own behalf.

4 Evidence and testimony presented at
5 the hearing showed that Ms. Men worked as a Table
6 Games Dealer in Cambodia for eight years. She came
7 to the United States to care for her uncle,
8 eventually moving to Pennsylvania in 2010, where she
9 obtained a Gaming Permit to work as a Dealer at Parx
10 Casino. In 2012, Ms. Men was issued a G2 Permit to
11 work as a Dual Rate Dealer and Supervisor at Valley
12 Forge Casino Resort, where she is currently employed.

13 Additionally, Ms. Men worked part time
14 as a Slots Attendant at Hollywood Casino, Morgantown.

15 During the hearing, by stipulation of
16 the parties, Ms. Men admitted to her actions and that
17 she would input her friend's information into Boyd's
18 player rating system even if her friend was not
19 actively gaming, stating she was trying to help the
20 friend receive a lower room rate and earn comps.
21 However, her friend never used the comps which
22 accrued a total of 48 - just over \$48. Ms. Men also
23 testified that she did not know she was hurting her
24 employer by rating her friend; that she now
25 understands her mistake and is very sorry.

1 Ms. Men further stated that she is the
2 sole support of her children. She also provided
3 letters in support of her good character. She has
4 never been disciplined at work and received good
5 performance ratings and raises.

6 It should be noted that Valley Forge
7 was aware of Ms. Men's hearing and intends to
8 continue her employment if her Permit is not revoked.

9 After hearing all the evidence
10 presented, a Report and Recommendation was issued,
11 recommending that Ms. Men's Gaming Level 2 Employee
12 Occupation Permit not be revoked, but that she be
13 issued a short period of suspension. OEC filed
14 Exceptions to this recommendation.

15 This matter is now ready for the
16 Board's consideration. As the Chair - Board is
17 aware, Ms. Men is here with counsel.

18 CHAIR: Would you state your name and
19 spell it for the Court Reporter? And also if Ms.
20 Men is going to testify, I'd ask her to please stand
21 to be sworn in.

22 ATTORNEY WILSON: Yes, Madam Chair.
23 My name is Christopher Wilson, W-I-L-S-O-N. And Ms.
24 Men needs to stand and stand be sworn.

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1 SAMANTHA MEN,
2 CALLED AS A WITNESS IN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING, AND
3 HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AND SAID AS
4 FOLLOWS:

5 ---

6 CHAIR: And I would ask before Ms.
7 Men speaks, for her to at least spell her name for
8 the Court Reporter.

9 MS. MEN: Okay. S - my first name.
10 Samantha, S-A-M-A-N-T-H-A, and last name Men, M-E-N.

11 CHAIR: Put the microphone next to
12 her.

13 Mr. Wilson, you can proceed.

14 ATTORNEY WILSON: Thank you, Madam
15 Chair. We took a hearing in this matter and we
16 believe there was a very well-reasoned Report and
17 Recommendation by the Hearing Officer. Ms. Men is
18 very contrite with what she did. I think the Hearing
19 Officer, in his opinion, cited two analogous
20 situations, one involving an actual theft conviction,
21 which there was a two-day suspension, and one
22 involving something sort of similar, where comp items
23 were given to a friend. Restitution was paid and
24 there was actually no - the matter was withdrawn by
25 OEC.

1 So, Ms. Men is the sole support of her
2 two children. She does not receive child support.
3 She has worked in this industry for a very long time.
4 Her employers have given her good references and
5 maintain her employment. She has - ever since she's
6 retained me, she's expressed sincere contrition.

7 I don't believe there's going to be
8 any repeat of anything like this again. We would
9 just ask that mercy be given to her in your decision.
10 And I believe Ms. Men would like to say something to
11 the - to the Board as well.

12 CHAIR: Ms. Men, you may proceed.

13 MS. MEN: Yes, I just want to say
14 sorry and apologize. Please forgive me one time, so
15 I won't do that again.

16 ATTORNEY WILSON: And members of the
17 Board, I should mention we - we had a Khmer
18 interpreter at the - at the hearing.

19 She speaks English well enough that
20 it's not necessary for today, but just by way of her
21 own personal background, she was born during the last
22 year the Khmer Rouge ran Cambodia. It was one of the
23 most horrific things that anybody could go through.
24 So, her early life was very much a challenge.

25 It does not excuse her behavior here,

1 but she has made herself into a model American
2 citizen. She's been a citizen for 12 or 13 years and
3 she's a good person.

4 You know, with her children, she's the
5 one - who's the only one responsible. So, we're
6 asking for that consideration in this case.

7 CHAIR: Okay. Thank you.

8 Any questions or comments from the
9 Board? Commissioner Manzano-Díaz.

10 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Just a quick
11 question. How old are your children?

12 MS. MEN: Eleven (11) and 13.

13 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Thank you.

14 CHAIR: Any other questions or
15 comments? Okay.

16 MR. DILLON: I've got a comment. I
17 just -.

18 CHAIR: Commissioner Dillon.

19 MR. DILLON: We appreciate you coming
20 here. It means a lot. We know, you know, your
21 sincerity. We can see your sincerity, but you need
22 to understand like, you know, you did do something
23 that was - wasn't right, you know, I mean, you know.
24 So, we have to take all the facts into consideration.
25 We appreciate you admitting to your mistake, but you

1 know, we're going to issue a ruling.

2 CHAIR: Any other questions or
3 comments?

4 Okay. I have a couple of questions,
5 Ms. Men. This behavior endured for about a year.
6 And you're saying that you were trying to get a lower
7 room rate for your friend. Well, when the heck was
8 she supposed to or he supposed to use this room?

9 MS. MEN: No, actually my friend, she
10 tried to like to spend time with the - gamble at
11 Valley Forge, and she have nowhere to stay to want to
12 spend time to get - like enjoy for the night. I
13 never think about like just put to try, maybe she can
14 get a room, that's all. Get a room for stay.

15 CHAIR: But she never got a room?

16 MS. MEN: No, she never got a room.

17 CHAIR: So - and this behavior
18 continued for 12 months and she never got a room?

19 MS. MEN: No.

20 CHAIR: So why did you continue the
21 behavior for 12 months if you knew she wasn't going
22 to get a room.

23 MS. MEN: I don't know, but I'm sorry,
24 I'm really sorry.

25 CHAIR: I know you're sorry, but you

1 also used another Supervisor's login. You knew that
2 was wrong, did you not?

3 MS. MEN: I know that wrong, but I
4 don't know. I don't think that have the big problem
5 like that. I don't know. And I'm really sorry. I'm
6 - so apologize, please.

7 CHAIR: You wouldn't want anybody to
8 use your login; right?

9 MS. MEN: Right. Yeah.

10 CHAIR: You wouldn't want another
11 supervisor to use your login. Why did you use
12 somebody else's login?

13 MS. MEN: I just try want to get a
14 room, that's all.

15 CHAIR: Well, I think your explanation
16 certainly gives me pause. And as Commissioner Dillon
17 said, we have to consider all of the facts. The fact
18 that you're here and that you're contrite, we
19 consider that, but we also consider what your
20 behavior was within the casino, within what - in your
21 job.

22 And we find that to be somewhat
23 unacceptable.

24 So, any other questions or comments?
25 If not, I'll entertain a motion.

1 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
2 Dillon moves that the Board adopt the Report and
3 Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the
4 OCC and that Samantha Men's Gaming Level 2 Employee
5 Occupation Permit be suspended through the expiration
6 of her current Permit, but that Ms. Men's suspension
7 only be active for a period of five days, effective
8 January 1st, 2026. And that the remainder of the
9 suspension be held in abeyance, subject to the
10 conditions which will be outlined in the Board's
11 Order.

12 I further move that certain documents,
13 which will be outlined in the Board's Order, be
14 marked as confidential or be redacted.

15 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
16 seconds.

17 CHAIR: All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

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

21 Thank you, Counsel and Ms. Men.

22 ATTORNEY WILSON: Thank you for the
23 second chance.

24 MS. MEN: Thank you.

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1 (WHEREUPON, AN OFF RECORD DISCUSSION WAS HELD.)

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3 CHAIR: Go ahead.

4 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the
5 Board is Eric Sagnor's Report and Recommendation.
6 Mr. Sagnor holds a Gaming Level 2 Employee Occupation
7 Permit.

8 On August 20th, 2025, the OEC filed a
9 Complaint for Emergency Suspension of Mr. Sagnor's
10 Permit after receiving notice that he had been
11 criminally charged with felony and misdemeanor
12 offenses. As a result of the charges, the Board's
13 Executive Director issued an Emergency Order
14 suspending Mr. Sagnor's G2 Permit.

15 A hearing in this matter was held
16 October 2, 2025. OEC appeared at the hearing,
17 providing testimony and documentary evidence. Mr.
18 Sagnor, however, failed to appear and the hearing was
19 held in his absence. Evidence presented showed that
20 Mr. Sagnor currently holds a G2 Permit to work as a
21 Dual Rate Table Games Dealer at Valley Forge.
22 It is alleged that between March 30th, 2025 and
23 April 28th, 2025, while working as a Table Games
24 Dealer at Hollywood Casino York, his previous
25 employer, he stole \$7,875 in chips. Mr. Sagnor was

1 criminally charged for his actions and has been
2 terminated from his employment with Valley Forge.

3 Consequently, a Report and
4 Recommendation was issued, recommending that the
5 Emergency Suspension of Mr. Sagnor's Permit remain in
6 effect.

7 And this matter is now ripe for the
8 Board's consideration.

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

11 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner
12 Dunbar moves that the Board adopt the Report and
13 Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the
14 OCC, and that the suspension of Eric Sagnor's Gaming
15 Level 2 Employee Occupation Permit remain in effect.

16 I further move that certain documents
17 will - which will be outlined in the Board's Order,
18 be marked as confidential or redacted.

19 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
20 seconds.

21 CHAIR: All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

23 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's
24 adopted.

25 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the

1 Board is a Report - another Report and Recommendation
2 pertaining to an Emergency Suspension. Christopher
3 Spiro holds a Gaming Level 2 Employee Occupation
4 Permit to work as a Table Game Supervisor at Parx
5 Casino.

6 On April 27, 2025, the OEC filed a
7 Complaint for Emergency Suspension of Mr. Spiro's G2
8 Permit after receiving notice that he had been
9 charged with several felony offenses. As a result of
10 the charges, the Board's Executive Director issued an
11 Emergency Order suspending Mr. Spiro's G2 Permit.

12 A hearing in this matter was held
13 October 9, 2025. OEC appeared at the hearing,
14 providing testimony and documentary evidence. Mr.
15 Spiro failed to appear and the hearing was held in
16 his absence. Evidence presented showed that he had
17 opened online gaming accounts using the - another
18 person's identity and gamed with those accounts,
19 winning more than \$12,000, resulting in felony
20 charges relating to identity theft and access device
21 fraud.

22 Following a hearing, a Report and
23 Recommendation was issued, recommending that the
24 suspension of Mr. Spiro's G2 Permit remain in effect.

25 And this matter's now ripe for the

1 Board's consideration.

2 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

3 May I have a motion, please?

4 MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,

5 Commissioner Huffman 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 Christopher Spiro's Gaming Level 2 Employee
9 Occupation Permit remain in effect.

10 I further move that certain documents,
11 which will be outlined in the Board's Order, be
12 marked as confidential and be redacted.

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

15 CHAIR: All in favor?

16 AYES RESPOND

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

19 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Alex Duong is
20 the next Report and Recommendation before the Board.

21 On March 20, 2025, Mr. Duong submitted
22 an application to renew his Non-Gaming Employee
23 Registration to work as a Ticket Writer at Harrah's
24 Casino and Racetrack.

25 In July 2025, the OEC issued a Notice

1 recommending denial of Mr. Duong's application, based
2 on his failure to file his 2023 federal tax return.

3 A hearing in this matter was held
4 October 15, 2025. Mr. Duong failed to appear. The
5 OEC appeared, making a motion to enter a Default
6 Judgment against Mr. Duong.

7 Consequently, a Report and
8 Recommendation was issued, recommending that Mr.
9 Duong's renewal application be denied.

10 And this matter is now ripe for the
11 Board's consideration.

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 adopt
16 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as
17 described by the OCC, and that Alex Duong's Gaming
18 Employee Occupation Permit renewal application be
19 denied.

20 I further move that certain documents,
21 which will be outlined in the Board's Order, be
22 marked as confidential or be redacted.

23 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
24 seconds.

25 CHAIR: All in favor?

1 AYES RESPOND

2 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

3 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The next Report
4 and Recommendation pertains to Sean Howlett. In
5 April 2025, Mr. Howlett submitted an application for
6 a Non-Gaming Employee Registration, seeking a
7 promotion to be employed as a Demi-Chef at Hollywood
8 Casino at Penn National Race Course.

9 In July of 2025, the OEC issued a
10 Notice recommending denial of the application, based
11 on his criminal history, which included a 2007 felony
12 conviction and unpaid court costs and fees in a
13 different court matter.

14 A hearing in this matter was held.
15 OEC appeared, as well as Mr. Howlett, who testified
16 on his own behalf. At the hearing, Mr. Howlett
17 admitted to his past mistakes resulting in these
18 convictions, but stated he's a different person than
19 he was 18 years ago when he was originally convicted.

20 He is currently employed by Hollywood
21 Casino as a Cook, which does not require a
22 registration, but would like to be able to accept the
23 promotion to Demi-Chef to better help him support -
24 financially support his family.

25 Consequently, a Report and

1 Recommendation was issued, recommending that Mr.
2 Howlett's application for a Non-Gaming Employee
3 Registration be granted.

4 And this matter is now ready for the
5 Board's consideration.

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

8 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
9 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board adopt the
10 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as
11 described by the OCC, and that Sean Howlett's
12 Non-Gaming Employee Registration Application be
13 granted, with the condition that will be outlined in
14 the Board's Order.

15 I further move that certain documents,
16 which will be outlined in the Board's Order, be
17 marked as confidential or be redacted.

18 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
19 seconds.

20 CHAIR: All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

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

24 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next is a Report
25 and Recommendation pertaining to Christin Covington.

1 By way of background, in August 2017, the OEC filed a
2 Complaint to place Ms. Covington on the Board's
3 Involuntary Exclusion List after she was caught
4 stealing cigarettes and bank statements from a
5 vehicle in the parking lot at Parx Casino in July
6 2017.

7 She also had incidents in 2016 at
8 Parx, where she used another patron's free play
9 without their permission and stole a mislaid cell
10 phone. Consequently, the Board placed Ms. Covington
11 on the List in January of 2018.

12 Ms. Covington is now requesting
13 removal from the Exclusion List, stating that her
14 prior actions at the casino were at a time when she
15 was addicted to drugs, that she has been clean and
16 sober for three years and has taken strides to
17 improve her personal life and well-being.
18 OEC objected the requests and a hearing in the matter
19 was held October 8, 2025. Despite receiving proper
20 notice, Ms. Covington failed to appear. OEC appeared
21 and moved to dismiss Covington's Petition.

22 And this matter is now ripe for the
23 Board's consideration.

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

1 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
2 Dillon moves that the Board adopt a Report and
3 Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the
4 OCC, and that Christin Covington's Petition for
5 removal from the Involuntary Exclusion List be
6 denied.

7 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
8 seconds.

9 CHAIR: All in favor?

10 AYES RESPOND

11 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

12 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Beatrice
13 Nguyen's Report and Recommendation is next before the
14 Board. On October 5th, 2023, the OEC filed a
15 Petition to place Ms. Nguyen on the Board's
16 Involuntary Exclusion List.

17 A hearing in this matter was held
18 September 18, 2025. OEC appeared, presenting
19 testimony and documentary evidence. Ms. Nguyen
20 appeared and testified on her own behalf.

21 The evidence and testimony presented
22 at the hearing show that on January 1st, 2023, Ms.
23 Nguyen arrived at Wind Creek Bethlehem with another
24 female, Ms. Tran, and two males. All parties were
25 asked for and presented identification, and all were

1 permitted entry to the Gaming Floor. Ms. Nguyen and
2 Ms. Tran later proceeded to a roulette table, where
3 both again were asked to present identification.
4 Both complied with the request and then gamed at the
5 table. Ms. Tran had chips in her possession. She
6 gave some of those to Ms. Nguyen, which Ms. Nguyen
7 used to play. And at some point during the play,
8 security personnel approached the women and asked
9 again for Ms. Tran to provide identification, at
10 which time she was identified as being underage.

11 Ms. Nguyen testified during the
12 hearing that she knew Ms. Tran was underage. She is
13 embarrassed by her conduct, and that being placed on
14 the List may negatively affect her ability to seek an
15 upcoming promotion or could disqualify her from
16 sitting for her CPA examination.

17 Following the hearing, a Report and
18 Recommendation was issued, recommending that Ms.
19 Nguyen be placed on the Involuntary Exclusion List,
20 but only for a period of six months.

21 This matter is now ripe for the
22 Board's consideration.

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

25 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner

1 Dunbar moves that the Board reject the Report and
2 Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the
3 OCC, and that OEC's request to place Beatrice Nguyen
4 on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List be denied.

5 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
6 seconds.

7 CHAIR: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

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

11 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next is Jake
12 Troy's Report and Recommendation. On March
13 24th, 2025, the OEC filed a Petition to place Mr.
14 Troy on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

15 A hearing in this matter was held
16 October 7, 2025. OEC appeared, presenting
17 testimonial video and documentary evidence. Mr. Troy
18 failed to appear and the hearing was held in his
19 absence. Evidence and testimony presented by OEC
20 showed that on February 1st, 2025, Mr. Troy left two
21 children, who were estimated to be under five years
22 of age, unattended in a vehicle at Parx Casino for
23 approximately 16 minutes, while he entered the casino
24 and used a Sportsbook kiosk. It was about 35 degrees
25 Fahrenheit at the time of the incident. Upon

1 returning to the vehicle, security attempted to block
2 Mr. Troy's exit path, to continue their
3 investigation, but he was able to drive away. Parx
4 permanently evicted Mr. Troy. However, no criminal
5 charges were filed.

6 Consequently, a Report and
7 Recommendation was issued, recommending that Jake
8 Troy be placed on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion
9 List.

10 And this matter is now ready for the
11 Board's consideration.

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

15 MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,
16 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board adopt the
17 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as
18 described by the OCC, and that Jake Troy be placed on
19 the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

20 I further move that certain documents,
21 which will be outlined - outlined in the Board's
22 Order, be marked as confidential or be redacted.

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

25 CHAIR: All in favor?

1 AYES RESPOND

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

4 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The next Report
5 and Recommendation before the Board today stems from
6 a request to recover funds confiscated while on the
7 Self-Exclusion List.

8 By way of background, on March 28th,
9 2024, J.W. placed himself on the Self-Exclusion List
10 for a one year period. On April 7, 2025, J.W. filed
11 a Petition requesting recovery of funds confiscated
12 from him, stating that he won them in a jackpot on
13 March 24th, 2025, stating he believed he was no
14 longer on the List.

15 The OEC filed an Answer objecting to
16 J.W.'s request, in part, stating that J.W. is not
17 entitled to recover the value of the jackpot, but he
18 should be permitted to recover the value of the
19 remaining credits on the machine that do not
20 constitute winnings, which total \$94.25.

21 A hearing in this matter was held
22 September 16, 2025. Despite receiving proper notice,
23 J.W. failed to appear. The OEC appeared and made a
24 motion to dismiss the matter.

25 Following a hearing, a Report and

1 Recommendation was issued, recommending that OEC's
2 motion to dismiss J.W.'s Petition be granted.
3 However, the Hearing Officer recommends that since
4 OEC stated in their pleading that J.W. should be
5 permitted to receive the value of the credits, J.W.'s
6 request to recover funds should be granted in part
7 and that \$94.25 should be returned to him.

8 And this matter is now ripe for the
9 Board's consideration.

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

12 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair.
13 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board adopt
14 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as
15 described by the OCC, and that \$94.25 be returned to
16 J.W.

17 I further move that this matter be
18 placed under seal, as it involves a self-excluded
19 individual.

20 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
21 seconds.

22 CHAIR: All in favor?

23 AYES RESPOND

24 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

25 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The final Report

1 and Recommendation before the Board today stems from
2 another request to recover funds confiscated from an
3 individual while on the Self-Exclusion List.

4 The uncontested facts are that on
5 June 8, 2023, an individual with the initials M.S.
6 completed the necessary self-exclusion paperwork,
7 choosing the one year exclusion period, acknowledging
8 that he had to request removal after the one year
9 period expired. On September 8, 2024, M.S. gamed at
10 Rivers Philadelphia, winning a \$1,200 jackpot. His
11 winnings, along with \$403.50 in credits, were
12 confiscated from him as he was still on the
13 Self-Exclusion List.

14 On October 3rd, 2024, M.S. filed his
15 Petition requesting \$1,603.65 confiscated from him be
16 returned, stating he believed he was no longer on the
17 List as it had been one year since placing himself on
18 the List.

19 OEC initially filed an Answer stating
20 it had no objection to the request. The Board was to
21 take up this matter at the January 29, 2025 meeting,
22 however, it was decided that the matter should be
23 sent back to the OHA for evidentiary hearing.

24 OEC then filed a new Answer, objecting
25 to M.S.'s request to recover funds, stating that all

1 of the monies confiscated, including both the jackpot
2 and the credits, constituted by winnings.

3 A hearing in this matter was held
4 October 30, 2025. M.S. failed to appear. OEC
5 appeared and made a motion to dismiss M.S.'s
6 Petition. Thereafter, a Report and Recommendation
7 was issued, recommending that M.S.'s Petition to
8 recover funds be denied.

9 And this matter is now ready for the
10 Board's consideration.

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

13 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
14 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board adopt the
15 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as
16 described by the OCC and deny M.S.'s Petition to
17 recover monies confiscated from him while on the
18 Self-Exclusion List.

19 I further move that this matter be
20 placed under seal, as it involves a self-excluded
21 individual.

22 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
23 seconds.

24 CHAIR: All in favor?

25 AYES RESPOND

1 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's
2 adopted.

3 ATTORNEY COOK: That concludes the
4 matters of the OCC.

5 CHAIR: Thank you, Chad and Steve.

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

9 MR. HANNON: Good morning, Madam
10 Chair, members of the Board.

11 Today's first licensing matter for
12 your consideration are individuals and entity
13 principal applicants with Saratoga Casino Holdings,
14 LLC that are associated with the change of control of
15 SC Gaming OpCo, LLC, a Category 4 Licensee.

16 On June 25th of this year, the Board
17 preliminary (sic) approved the proposed change of
18 control, subject to conditions, including the
19 requirement that all appropriate individuals and
20 entities associated with the transaction file the
21 appropriate applications and be licensed.

22 The Bureau of Investigations and
23 Enforcement (BIE) has completed its investigation and
24 the Bureau of Licensing has provided you with a
25 Background Investigation and Suitability Report. I

1 have provided you with a draft Order and ask the
2 Board to consider the Order for issuance of Principal
3 Licenses associated with Saratoga Casino Holdings,
4 LLC.

5 ATTORNEY STUART: Glen Stuart with the
6 OEC. OEC has no objection.

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

9 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
10 Dillon moves that the Board grant the licensing of
11 Saratoga Casino Holdings, LLC in association with
12 Category 4 Slot Machine Licensee SC Gaming OpCo, LLC
13 as described by 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: The next licensing matter
21 for your consideration is the renewal of the
22 Interactive Gaming and Sports Wagering Operator
23 Licenses for Crown PA Gaming, Incorporated, doing
24 business as DraftKings. Formed in 2018, the
25 company's principal place of business is located in

1 Boston, Massachusetts. The company operates online
2 interactive gaming and sports wagering platforms in
3 the Commonwealth.

4 The BIE has completed its
5 investigation of the company and the Bureau of
6 Licensing has provided you with a Background
7 Investigation and Suitability Report. I have
8 provided you with draft Orders and ask the Board
9 first consider the Order to renew the Interactive
10 Gaming Operator License for Crown PA Gaming,
11 Incorporated.

12 MR. STUART: OEC has no objection.

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

15 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair,
16 Commissioner Dunbar moves that the Board grant the
17 Interactive Gaming Operator License Renewal as
18 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

19 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
20 seconds.

21 CHAIR: All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

23 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's
24 adopted.

25 MR. HANNON: And next, the Order to

1 renew the Sports Wagering Operator License.

2 ATTORNEY STUART: OEC has no
3 objection.

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

6 MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,
7 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board grant the
8 Sports Wagering Operator License renewal as described
9 by the Bureau of Licensing.

10 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner
11 Manzano-Díaz, second.

12 CHAIR: All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

14 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's
15 adopted.

16 MR. HANNON: In addition is
17 consideration of a conditional Video Gaming Terminal
18 Establishment Licenses for Raceway Management
19 Company, Incorporated, doing business as
20 Onvo-Mansfield and Onvo-Duncannon, #20.

21 The Board may conditionally license an
22 Establishment, provided the applicant has never been
23 convicted of a felony, is current on state taxes, has
24 submitted a completed application and has not been
25 convicted of a gambling law violation. A preliminary

1 review of these applicants indicate that they meet
2 this criteria.

3 Please note that these are strictly
4 conditional approvals. Final approval will be based
5 on the applicant meeting all the eligibility criteria
6 provided in the statute. A final eligibility
7 determination will follow investigation and site
8 inspections by the BIE.

9 I have provided you with draft Orders
10 and ask that the Board first consider a motion to
11 approve the conditional Video Gaming Terminal
12 Establishment License for Raceway Management Company,
13 Incorporated, doing business as Onvo-Mansfield,
14 located at 1904 South Main Street, Mansfield.

15 ATTORNEY STUART: OEC has no
16 objection.

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

19 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
20 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board grant
21 the Video Gaming Terminal Establishment Conditional
22 License as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

23 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
24 seconds.

25 CHAIR: All in favor?

1 AYES RESPOND

2 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

3 MR. HANNON: And next is consideration
4 of Raceway Management Company, Incorporated, doing
5 business as Onvo-Duncannon, #20, located at 3151
6 Susquehanna Trail, Duncannon.

7 ATTORNEY STUART: OEC has no
8 objection.

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

11 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
12 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board grant the
13 Video Gaming Terminal Establishment Conditional
14 License as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

15 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
16 seconds.

17 CHAIR: All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

19 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

20 MR. HANNON: Next there are Principal
21 and Key Employee Licenses. The Bureau of Licensing
22 provided you with a proposed Order for two Principals
23 and five Key Employees. I ask that the Board
24 consider the Order approving these licenses.

25 ATTORNEY STUART: OEC has no

1 objection.

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

4 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair,
5 Commissioner Dillon moves that the Board grant the
6 Principal and Key Employee Licenses as described by
7 the Bureau of Licensing.

8 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
9 seconds.

10 CHAIR: All in favor?

11 AYES RESPOND

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

14 MR. HANNON: There are also Principal
15 and Key Employee Temporary Credentials. The Bureau
16 of Licensing provided you with an Order regarding the
17 issuance of temporary credentials for six Principals
18 and 14 Key Employees. I ask that the Board consider
19 the Order approving these credentials.

20 ATTORNEY STUART: OEC has no
21 objection.

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

24 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner - Madam
25 Chair, Commissioner Dunbar moves that the Board grant

1 the Temporary Principal and Key Employee Credentials
2 as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

3 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
4 seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

7 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

8 MR. HANNON: Additionally for your
9 consideration are Gaming Employee Permits and
10 Non-Gaming Employee Registrations. The Bureau of
11 Licensing has provided you with a list of 447
12 individuals to whom the Bureau has granted temporary
13 or full occupation permits and 232 individuals to
14 whom the Bureau has granted registrations under the
15 authority delegated to the Bureau of Licensing. I
16 ask the Board consider a motion approving the Order.

17 ATTORNEY STUART: OEC has no
18 objection.

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

21 MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,
22 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board approve the
23 applications for Gaming Employee Occupation Permits
24 and Non-Gaming Employee Registrations as described by
25 the Bureau of Licensing.

1 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner
2 Manzano-Díaz, second.

3 CHAIR: All in favor?

4 AYES RESPOND

5 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

6 MR. HANNON: Next there is a
7 recommendation of denial for six non-gaming and four
8 gaming applicants. The Bureau of Licensing has
9 provided you with the Order addressing the applicants
10 who the OEC has recommended for denial. I ask the
11 Board consider the Order approving these denials.

12 ATTORNEY STUART: OEC continues to
13 recommend denial in each instance.

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

16 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
17 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board deny
18 the gaming and non-gaming employee applications as
19 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

20 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
21 seconds.

22 CHAIR: All in favor?

23 AYES RESPOND

24 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

25 MR. HANNON: The next matter for

1 consideration is withdrawal requests. In each case
2 the license, permit or registration is no longer
3 required. For today's meeting, I have provided the
4 Board 12 gaming and 20 non-gaming applicants. I ask
5 the Board consider the Order approving these
6 Withdrawals.

7 ATTORNEY STUART: OEC has no
8 objection.

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

11 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
12 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board grant the
13 withdrawal of gaming and non-gaming employee
14 applications as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

15 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
16 seconds.

17 CHAIR: All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

19 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

20 MR. HANNON: Next we have an Order to
21 renew the Gaming Service Provider Certification for
22 Zuvid, LLC. I have provided you with a draft Order
23 and ask the Board consider the Order certifying this
24 company.

25 ATTORNEY STUART: OEC has no

1 objection.

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

4 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair,
5 Commissioner Dillon moves that the Board approve the
6 Gaming Service Provider Certification as described by
7 the Bureau of Licensing.

8 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
9 seconds.

10 CHAIR: All in favor?

11 AYES RESPOND

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

14 MR. HANNON: Finally for your
15 consideration are Gaming Service Provider
16 Registrations. The Bureau of Licensing provided you
17 with an Order and an attached list of seven
18 Registered Gaming Service Provider applicants. I ask
19 the Board consider the Order registering these Gaming
20 Service Providers.

21 ATTORNEY STUART: OEC has no
22 objection.

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

25 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair,

1 Commissioner Dunbar moves that the Board approve the
2 Gaming Service Provider Registrations as described by
3 the Bureau of Licensing.

4 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
5 seconds.

6 CHAIR: All in favor?

7 AYES RESPOND

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

10 MR. HANNON: Thank you, Madam Chair.
11 Happy Holidays.

12 CHAIR: Thank you, Sean and Glen.
13 Next is the OEC.

14 ATTORNEY PITRE: Good morning, Madam
15 Chair, Members of the Board. The OEC will present 20
16 matters today for the Board's consideration in which
17 we will request the approval of one Consent
18 Agreement, three Revocations, two Suspensions and 14
19 Involuntary Exclusions.

20 The next matter on the agenda for the
21 Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement between
22 the OEC and iGaming Manufacturer Licensee, Evolution
23 US, LLC. The matter will be presented by Assistant
24 Enforcement Counsel Kelci Scirrotto. Representatives
25 for Evolution are present. And at this time I would

1 request that those individuals please introduce
2 themselves for the record, and that all non-attorney
3 witnesses please stand and be sworn.

4 MR. PATCHEN: Jeff Patchen,
5 P-A-T-C-H-E-N, Head of Compliance for North America
6 Evolution.

7 ATTORNEY JEON: Linda Jeon, L-I-N-D-A,
8 last name J-E-O-N, Legal Counsel for Gaming
9 Compliance for Evolution US.

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11 JEFF PATCHEN SWORN

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13 ATTORNEY SCIRROTTO: Good morning,
14 Madam Chair, members of the Board, Kelci Scirrotto,
15 S-C-I-R-R-O-T-T-O, Assistant Enforcement Counsel with
16 the OEC.

17 The next matter on the agenda for the
18 Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement between
19 the OEC and iGaming Manufacturer Licensee, Evolution
20 US, LLC.

21 Oh, excuse me, I was reading your
22 portion. The proposed Consent Agreement involves the
23 late filing of a Principal License application. The
24 Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act
25 and the regulations promulgated thereunder require an

1 application for a Principal License to be submitted
2 within 30 days after the start date of an officer or
3 director of a licensee. Under the regulations, a
4 Director includes members of an Audit Committee or
5 any person performing similar functions with respect
6 to an entity.

7 In this matter, Evolution failed to
8 timely submit the Principal License application for
9 Sandra Urie to the Board's Bureau of Licensing. Ms.
10 Urie was originally appointed to Evolution's Audit
11 Committee on May 24th, 2023. As a result, the due
12 date for the submission of Ms. Urie's initial
13 Principal License application to the Bureau of
14 Licensing was June 23rd of 2023. However, the
15 application was ultimately submitted on
16 August 22nd of 2024, which is 426 days past the
17 statutory deadline.

18 At this time, the OEC requests that
19 the Board approve this Consent Agreement and
20 Stipulation of Settlement. Pursuant to the terms of
21 the Consent Agreement, Evolution shall pay a civil
22 penalty in the amount of \$31,950 and \$2,500 for the
23 costs incurred by the OEC, the BIE, and other related
24 staff in connection with this matter within five days
25 of the Board's approval.

1 If there are any questions, we are
2 happy to address them at this time.

3 CHAIR: Evolution, would you like to
4 address the Board?

5 ATTORNEY JEON: Yes. We wanted to
6 note that the delay was due to a gap in communication
7 between our North American team and the global team
8 about Ms. Urie's appointment to the Audit Committee
9 of Evolution AB. And when the issue - when we became
10 aware of the issue, we acted immediately to notify
11 the Board and to file Ms. Urie's application.

12 And since then we have implemented
13 several corrective measures, including distributing a
14 biweekly questionnaire to the head of our Investor
15 Relations to better monitor and track any changes or
16 updates to the Board of Directors, including the
17 Audit Committee.

18 And we have also raised the issue
19 internally and raise it on - to the executive level
20 and have implemented automatic trackers as well. And
21 we wanted to assure the Board that we take this
22 matter very seriously and we are committed to
23 preventing any recurrence. Thank you.

24 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
25 the Board? Commissioner Manzano-Díaz.

1 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Can you please
2 explain how you became aware of the problem?

3 ATTORNEY JEON: Yes. So, the North
4 American Licensing team, they are - they oversee the
5 license applications for our principal entities. And
6 at the time we - there was a delay - there was like a
7 breakdown in communication between the Global team
8 that was supposed to notify the North American team
9 about Ms. Urie's appointment to the Audit Committee.
10 And because of that delay, we had not started the
11 application in time.

12 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: But how did you
13 find out that there was a problem?

14 MR. PATCHEN: We had noticed in the
15 annual report that she was appointed to the Audit
16 Committee.

17 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: That's how you
18 found out?

19 MR. PATCHEN: That is - that's
20 correct, yes.

21 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Okay.

22 CHAIR: Any other questions or
23 comments?

24 Does Ms. Urie have a first name?

25 ATTORNEY JEON: Sandra.

1 CHAIR: Sandra. Okay. And where is
2 the Global Office located?

3 ATTORNEY JEON: It's in Europe. It's
4 headquartered in Sweden. Sorry.

5 CHAIR: That's what I thought.

6 ATTORNEY JEON: Right.

7 CHAIR: I was going to say. And the
8 North American Office, obviously is - is here?

9 ATTORNEY JEON: Yes.

10 CHAIR: Okay. All right. And this
11 procedure that you implemented, is it for Evolution
12 across the board?

13 ATTORNEY JEON: Yes. So, the head of
14 Investor Relations is located in our Global Office in
15 Sweden. So, we connect with him on a biweekly basis
16 to get any updates about the Board of Directors and
17 any other changes.

18 CHAIR: All right. Thank you. Any
19 other questions or comments? Hearing none, may I
20 have a motion, please?

21 MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,
22 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board approve the
23 Consent Agreement between the OEC and Evolution US,
24 LLC as described by the OEC.

25 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner

1 Manzano-Díaz, second.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 AYES RESPOND

4 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's
5 adopted. Thank you.

6 MR. PATCHEN: Thank you.

7 ATTORNEY JEON: Thank you.

8 ATTORNEY PITRE: I will now turn over
9 the remainder of the OEC's matter regarding Default
10 Judgments to Deputy Chief Counsel - Chief Enforcement
11 Counsel, Dustin Miller.

12 ATTORNEY MILLER: Good morning, Chair
13 Smyler, members of the Board. The next matters on
14 the agenda consist of enforcement actions in which
15 the OEC filed a Complaint seeking the revocation or
16 suspension of licenses previously issued by the
17 Board. The Complaints have been filed with the
18 Board's OHA and properly served upon the persons
19 named in the complaints.

20 The persons named in the complaints
21 failed to respond within 30 days, as required by
22 Board regulation. As a result, the OEC filed a
23 Request for Default Judgment and properly served the
24 same upon each respondent. Therefore, the facts in
25 each Complaint are deemed admitted. All filed

1 documents have been provided to the Board and the
2 matters are presently ripe for the Board's
3 consideration.

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

7 ATTORNEY SMITH: Good morning, Chair,
8 members of the Board. My name is Mark Smith,
9 S-M-I-T-H, Assistant Enforcement Counsel, OEC.

10 The next matter on the agenda for the
11 Board's consideration is the Revocation of the Gaming
12 Employee Occupation Permit issued to Dominick
13 Everett, who was previously employed as a Table Games
14 Dealer at Harrah's Philadelphia Casino and Racetrack.

15 While dealing Spanish 21 at Harrah's
16 Casino, Mr. Everett failed to follow proper gaming
17 procedures. Mr. Everett did not collect some losing
18 wagers and only collected partial losing wagers from
19 patrons on multiple dates, totaling a loss of \$580 to
20 the casino. Harrah's terminated Mr. Everett's
21 employment and he was criminally charged for his
22 actions. He is not currently employed in
23 Pennsylvania's gaming industry.

24 At this time, the OEC requests that
25 the Board revoke the Gaming Employee Occupation

1 Permit issued to Dominick Everett.

2 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

3 May I have a motion, please?

4 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
5 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board
6 approve the Revocation of Dominick Everett's Gaming
7 Employee Occupation Permit for the conduct described
8 by the OEC.

9 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
10 seconds.

11 CHAIR: All in favor?

12 AYES RESPOND

13 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

14 ATTORNEY GROODY: Good morning, Chair,
15 members of the Board, Sarah Groody, G-R-O-O-D-Y, with
16 the OEC. The next matter on the agenda for the
17 Board's consideration is the Suspension of the Gaming
18 Employee Occupation Permit issued to Remekie
19 McIntosh, who was previously employed as a Security
20 Officer at Wind Creek Bethlehem Casino.

21 Mr. McIntosh was criminally charged in
22 New Jersey for aggravated assault, a second degree
23 offense, and simple assault, a disorderly person's
24 offense. Mr. McIntosh is not currently employed in
25 the Pennsylvania gaming industry.

1 At this time, the OEC requests that
2 the Board revoke the Gaming Employee Occupation
3 Permit issued to Remekie McIntosh.

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

6 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
7 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approved
8 the Suspension of Remekie McIntosh's Gaming Employee
9 Occupation Permit for the conduct described by the
10 OEC.

11 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
12 seconds.

13 CHAIR: All in favor?

14 AYES RESPOND

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

17 ATTORNEY GROODY: The next matter on
18 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the
19 Revocation of the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit
20 issued to Tearsa Smith, who was previously employed
21 as a Security Officer at Hollywood Casino at The
22 Meadows.

23 While working at The Meadows, Ms.
24 Smith was caught on surveillance taking items from
25 the lost and found bins. She later returned some of

1 the items, with an apology note signed by her. Ms.
2 Smith resigned from her position at The Meadows prior
3 to discovery of the thefts. The Meadows permanently
4 evicted Ms. Smith from their property. She is not
5 currently employed in the Pennsylvania gaming
6 industry.

7 At this time, the OEC requests that
8 the Board revoke the Gaming Employee Occupation
9 Permit issued to Tearsa Smith.

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

12 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
13 Dillon moves that the Board approve the Revocation of
14 Tearsa Smith's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit for
15 the conduct described by the OEC.

16 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
17 seconds.

18 CHAIR: All in favor?

19 AYES RESPOND

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

22 ATTORNEY KOLESAR: Good morning.
23 Sarah Kolesar, K-O-L-E-S-A-R, Enforcement Counsel
24 with the OEC.

25 The next matter on the agenda for the

1 Board's consideration is the Revocation of the
2 Non-Gaming Employee Registration issued to Antwon
3 Coleman, who was previously employed as a Deli
4 Attendant at Presque Isle Downs and Casino.

5 The City of Erie Police Department
6 arrested and criminally charged Mr. Coleman with
7 felony-related firearm offenses. Mr. Coleman entered
8 into a guilty plea to the felony-graded offense of
9 firearms not to be carried without a license and was
10 sentenced to probation for a period of two years and
11 one day. Mr. Coleman is not currently employed in
12 Pennsylvania's gaming industry.

13 At this time, the OEC requests that
14 the Board revoke the Non-Gaming Employee Registration
15 issued to Antwon Coleman.

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

18 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair,
19 Commissioner Dunbar moves that the Board approve the
20 Revocation of Antwon Coleman's Non-Gaming Employee
21 Registration, as the conduct - for the conduct
22 described by the OEC.

23 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
24 seconds.

25 CHAIR: All in favor?

1 AYES RESPOND

2 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

3 ATTORNEY KOLESAR: The next matter on
4 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a
5 Suspension of the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit
6 issued to Harley Penfield, who was previously
7 employed as a Table Games Dealer at Wind Creek
8 Bethlehem.

9 The Pennsylvania State Police arrested
10 and criminally charged Mr. Penfield with a felony
11 offense relating to strangulation and multiple
12 misdemeanor offenses arising out of an incident
13 related to domestic violence, for which the charges
14 remain pending. Mr. Penfield is not currently
15 employed in Pennsylvania's gaming industry and he
16 failed to disclose this arrest to the Board.

17 At this time, the OEC requests that
18 the Board suspend the Gaming Employee Occupation
19 Permit issued to Harley Penfield.

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

22 MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,
23 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board approve the
24 Suspension of Harley Penfield's Gaming Employee
25 Occupation Permit for the conduct described by the

1 OEC.

2 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner
3 Manzano-Díaz, second.

4 CHAIR: All in favor?

5 AYES RESPOND

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

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

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

1 consideration.

2 In each instance, if the Board orders
3 the proposed exclusion, each individual's photo,
4 personal identifiers and a summary of the inimical
5 conduct may be placed on the Board's public website.
6 Once again, in each matter, we will provide a summary
7 of the facts and make a request for the appropriate
8 Board action.

9 ATTORNEY KOLESAR: The next matter on
10 the agenda is a request to place David Scott on the
11 Involuntary Exclusion List. Once again, Sarah
12 Kolesar with the OEC.

13 Mr. Scott was present at Rivers Casino
14 Pittsburgh when he aided an individual who was 19
15 years of age to gain entry onto the Gaming Floor
16 after Rivers Security denied the underage person
17 entry. The underage individual and Mr. Scott's
18 improper entry into Rivers Pittsburgh was identified
19 by a VIP Room Host who promptly notified surveillance
20 personnel.

21 Surveillance personnel located the
22 Respondent and the underaged individual on the Gaming
23 Floor and they were escorted from the premises by
24 casino personnel. Rivers Pittsburgh permanently
25 banned Mr. Scott from their property as a result of

1 this incident, but he was not criminally charged.

2 At this time, the OEC requests that
3 the Board place Mr. Scott on the Involuntary
4 Exclusion List.

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

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

12 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
13 seconds.

14 CHAIR: All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

16 CHAIR: All opposed?

17 MR. DUNBAR: Opposed.

18 CHAIR: Please note for the record
19 that Commissioner Dunbar has opposed. Having the
20 simple majority required, the motion passes.

21 ATTORNEY KOLESAR: The next matter on
22 the agenda is a request to place Christopher Vogel on
23 the Involuntary Exclusion List.

24 Mr. Vogel was present at Rivers Casino
25 Pittsburgh and/or Hollywood Casino at The Meadows on

1 four separate dates when he engaged in theft-related
2 activity multiple times at both casinos. Throughout
3 these incidents, Mr. Vogel engaged in credit sweeping
4 and the act of stealing vouchers from other patrons
5 to which he was not entitled. As a result of his
6 actions, Mr. Vogel was criminally charged with three
7 misdemeanor theft-related offenses. Mr. Vogel was
8 permanently evicted from Rivers Pittsburgh and The
9 Meadows as a result of his actions.

10 At this time, the OEC requests that
11 the Board place Christopher Vogel on the Involuntary
12 Exclusion List.

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

15 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
16 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the
17 addition of Christopher Vogel to the Pennsylvania
18 Gaming Control Board's Involuntary Exclusion List for
19 the conduct described by the OEC.

20 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
21 seconds.

22 CHAIR: All in favor?

23 AYES RESPOND

24 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

25 ATTORNEY KOLESAR: The next matter on

1 the agenda is a request to place Nicole Young on the
2 Involuntary Exclusion List. Ms. Young was present at
3 Presque Isle Downs Casino when she left two
4 11-year-old minors unattended in her vehicle when she
5 entered Presque Isle Downs to redeem a lottery ticket
6 and engage in slot machine play. The unattended
7 minors were identified by a patron and promptly
8 located by security personnel and the Pennsylvania
9 State Police. Ms. Young was away from the vehicle
10 for approximately 30 minutes. As a result of her
11 actions, she was permanently evicted from Presque
12 Isle Downs Casino but was not criminally charged for
13 her actions.

14 At this time, the OEC requests that
15 the Board place Nicole Young on the Involuntary
16 Exclusion List.

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

19 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
20 Dillon moves that the Board approve the addition of
21 Nicole Young to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List
22 for the conduct described by the OEC.

23 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
24 seconds.

25 CHAIR: All in favor?

1 AYES RESPOND

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

4 ATTORNEY GROODY: Once again, Sarah
5 Groody with the OEC.

6 The next matter on the agenda for the
7 Board's consideration is the Petition to place
8 Jacqueline Cruz on the Involuntary Exclusion List.
9 Ms. Cruz left her 13-year-old child alone in a
10 vehicle while she was inside Wind Creek Bethlehem
11 Casino gaming at slot machines. The child was
12 discovered after a patron reported an unattended
13 minor in the parking garage. Ms. Cruz was away from
14 the vehicle for over one hour and Wind Creek issued
15 Ms. Cruz a permanent eviction.

16 At this time, the OEC requests that
17 the Board place Jacqueline Cruz on the Involuntary
18 Exclusion List.

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

21 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner
22 Dunbar moves that the Board approve the addition of
23 Jacqueline Cruz to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion
24 List for the conduct described by the OEC.

25 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman

1 seconds.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 AYES RESPOND

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

6 ATTORNEY SCIRROTTO: Once again, Kelci
7 Scirrotto with the OEC.

8 Next matter on the agenda for the
9 Board's consideration is a request to place Nicole
10 Perri on the Board's Interactive Gaming Involuntary
11 Exclusion List.

12 Nicole Perri created 37 accounts on
13 the BetMGM interactive gaming platform using the
14 personal identifying information of other individuals
15 and initiated chargebacks in the amount of \$12,563,
16 of which only 15 cents was recovered. All the
17 accounts were closed and the devices used were
18 blocked from being used by BetMGM. No criminal
19 charges were filed.

20 The OEC now requests that the Board
21 place Nicole Perri on the Interactive Gaming
22 Involuntary Exclusion List.

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 approve the
2 addition of Nicole Perri to the PGCB Involuntary
3 Interactive Gaming Exclusion List for the conduct
4 described by the OEC.

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

7 CHAIR: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

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

11 ATTORNEY SCIRROTTO: The next matter
12 on the agenda for the Board's consideration is a
13 request to place Angeline Diaz on the Board's Casino
14 Involuntary Exclusion List and the Interactive Gaming
15 Involuntary Exclusion List.

16 Angeline Diaz created an account on
17 the Wind Creek Bethlehem interactive gaming platform
18 and her account was funded in the amount of \$16,250,
19 using 20 financial instruments, three of which were
20 reported lost. Ms. Diaz gamed online and then
21 entered Wind Creek Bethlehem Casino to withdraw funds
22 from her interactive gaming account. Ms. Diaz's
23 account was closed and the devices used to access the
24 account were blocked by Wind Creek Bethlehem. No
25 criminal charges were filed.

1 The OEC now requests that the Board
2 place Angeline Diaz on the Involuntary Casino
3 Exclusion List and the Interactive Gaming Involuntary
4 Exclusion List.

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

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

13 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody,
14 second.

15 CHAIR: All in favor?

16 AYES RESPOND

17 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

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

21 The next two matters on the agenda for
22 the Board's considerations stem from the same or
23 similar set of facts. Therefore, with the Board's
24 permission, I will recite one set of facts, then ask
25 for each individual to be placed on the Board's

1 Casino Involuntary Exclusion List and the Interactive
2 Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

3 Dynalee Armstrong and Anthony
4 Hernandez both created an account on the Wind Creek
5 Bethlehem interactive gaming platform funded through
6 \$10,800 and \$10,900 respectively in deposits from
7 lost and/or stolen financial instruments and engaged
8 in interactive gaming activity. Subsequently, both
9 failed or refused to pay funds that they owed to Wind
10 Creek Bethlehem as a result of this gaming activity.

11 Ms. Armstrong and Mr. Hernandez only
12 gamed online, but they entered the casino and
13 withdrawal - withdrew funds from their respective
14 interactive gaming accounts. The accounts were
15 closed and the devices used were blocked by Wind
16 Creek Bethlehem and no criminal charges were filed.

17 The OEC now requests the Board place
18 Dynalee Armstrong on the Involuntary Casino Exclusion
19 List and the Involuntary Interactive Exclusion List.

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

22 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
23 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the
24 addition of Dynalee Armstrong to the Pennsylvania
25 Gaming Control Board's Involuntary Exclusion List and

1 the Involuntary Interactive Gaming Exclusion List for
2 the conduct described by the OEC.

3 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
4 seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

7 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

8 ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: The OEC now
9 requests the Board place Anthony Hernandez on the
10 Involuntary Casino Exclusion List and the Involuntary
11 Interactive Gaming Exclusion List.

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

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

19 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
20 seconds.

21 CHAIR: All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

23 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

24 ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: Again, Juan Sanchez
25 with the OEC.

1 The next matter on the agenda is a
2 request to place Aiden Calio on the Board's
3 Involuntary Exclusion List. Live! Casino
4 Philadelphia permanently evicted Aiden Calio from
5 their premises because he was in the casino's back of
6 house restricted area for two-and-a-half hours
7 without authorization, was disorderly and refused to
8 leave Live! premises. Live! Casino Philadelphia
9 permanently evicted Mr. Calio from their property as
10 a result of this incident. Pennsylvania State Police
11 cited Mr. Calio with a summary offense, Defiant
12 Trespass.

13 The OEC now requests the Board place
14 Aiden Calio on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

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

22 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
23 seconds.

24 CHAIR: All in favor?

25 AYES RESPOND

1 CHAIR: All opposed?

2 MR. DUNBAR: Opposed.

3 CHAIR: Please note for the record,
4 Commissioner Dunbar is opposed. Having a simple
5 majority as required, the motion passes.

6 ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: Again, Juan
7 Sanchez, with the OEC.

8 The next matter on the agenda is a
9 request to place Ina Webb on the Board's Involuntary
10 Exclusion List.

11 Ina Webb brought two of her
12 grandchildren, 5 and 11 years of age, to Hollywood
13 Casino Penn National and twice left the minors
14 unattended in the casino parking lot for a total of
15 27 minutes to play slot machines. Law enforcement
16 filed misdemeanor child endangerment charges, which
17 remain pending, and the casino evicted Ms. Webb.

18 The OEC now requests the Board place
19 Ina Webb on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

22 MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,
23 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board approve the
24 addition of Ina Webb to the PGCB Involuntary
25 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

1 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner
2 Manzano-Díaz, second.

3 CHAIR: All in favor?

4 AYES RESPOND

5 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

6 ATTORNEY CROHE: Good morning, Chair,
7 members of the Board. John Crohe, C-R-O-H-E, Senior
8 Enforcement Counsel for the OEC.

9 The next two matter - two matters on
10 the agenda for the Board's consideration stem from
11 the same or similar set of facts. Therefore, with
12 the Board's permission, I will recite one set of
13 facts, then ask for each individual to be placed on
14 the Board's Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion
15 List.

16 Paul and Heather Griffiths created a
17 total of 29 accounts on the BetMGM interactive gaming
18 platform, using the personal identifying information
19 of other individuals and utilized these accounts to
20 wager and obtain bonuses. The Griffiths' accounts
21 were closed and the devices used to access these
22 accounts were blocked by BetMGM. No criminal charges
23 were filed.

24 The OEC now requests that the Board
25 place Heather Griffiths on the Interactive Gaming

1 Involuntary Exclusion List.

2 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

3 May I have a motion, please?

4 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
5 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board
6 approve the addition of Heather Griffiths - Griffith
7 to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive Gaming Exclusion
8 List for the conduct described by the OEC.

9 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
10 seconds.

11 CHAIR: All in favor?

12 AYES RESPOND

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

15 ATTORNEY CROHE: The OEC now requests
16 that the Board place Paul Griffiths on the
17 Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

18 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

19 May I have a motion, please?

20 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
21 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the
22 addition of Paul Griffiths to the Pennsylvania Gaming
23 Control Board's Involuntary Interactive Gaming
24 Exclusion List 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 is
5 adopted.

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

9 The next matter on the agenda is a
10 request to place Gordon Irons on the Involuntary
11 Exclusion List.

12 Mr. Irons was present at Hollywood
13 Casino York when he capped his wager on ten hands of
14 Blackjack. Mr. Irons was later present at Valley
15 Forge when he capped his Blackjack wagers. Hollywood
16 and Valley Forge banned Mr. Irons from their property
17 for his actions.

18 At this time, the OEC requests the
19 Board place Gordon Irons on the Involuntary Exclusion
20 List.

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

23 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
24 Dillon moves that the Board approve the addition of
25 Gordon Irons to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List

1 for the conduct described by the OEC.

2 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
3 seconds.

4 CHAIR: All in favor?

5 AYES RESPOND

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

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

11 Mr. Liu was present at Mohegan
12 Pennsylvania when he attempted to cheat by fanning
13 the cards while cutting Baccarat cards in order to
14 determine the order of the cards. Mr. Liu had a cell
15 phone concealed on the table to record the order.
16 Mr. Liu was criminally charged for his actions.
17 Mohegan permanently banned him from their property.

18 At this time, the OEC requests the
19 Board place Jianchu Liu on the Involuntary Exclusion
20 List.

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

23 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair,
24 Commissioner Dunbar moves that the Board approve the
25 addition of Jianchu Liu to the PGCB Involuntary

1 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

2 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
3 seconds.

4 CHAIR: All in favor?

5 AYES RESPOND

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

8 ATTORNEY CROHE: That concludes the
9 business of the OEC.

10 CHAIR: Thank you. So, the last item
11 on the agenda today is public comment.

12 Is there anyone in the room that would
13 like to address the Board? Seeing no one, that
14 concludes today's meeting. The next public meeting
15 of the Board will be held on Wednesday, January 28,
16 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at this location.

17 And before we adjourn, I'd like to
18 wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday
19 season and a joyous New Year. Now, may I please have
20 a motion to adjourn?

21 MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,
22 Commissioner Huffman moves for adjournment.

23 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: And Commissioner
24 Manzano-Díaz is happy to concur.

25 CHAIR: All in favor?

1 AYES RESPOND

2 CHAIR: All opposed? The meeting is
3 adjourned. See everybody in 2026. Happy New Year.

4 MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11:26 A.M.

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6 CERTIFICATE

7 I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings,
8 a meeting held before Chair Smyler was reported by me
9 on December 17, 2025 and that I, Derek Richmond, read
10 this transcript, and that I attest that this
11 transcript is a true and accurate record of the
12 proceeding.

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14 Date the 6th day of January, 2026

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17 Derek Richmond,
18 Court Reporter

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