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GAMING CONTROL BOARD

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PUBLIC MEETING

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BEFORE: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

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George Dunbar

Edward C. Gainey

Christopher W. Huffman

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PA GAMING CONTROL BOARD EXECUTIVE STAFF APPEARING  
BEFORE THE BOARD:

- KEVIN O'TOOLE, Executive Director
- CLAIRE YANTIS, Administrative Director
- LIZ LANZA, Director, Office of Compulsive and  
Problem Gambling
- JACK GARRICK, Program Analyst, Office of Compulsive  
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- STEPHEN COOK, Chief Counsel
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- HEIDI ZULA, Director, Human Resources

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CHAIR: Good morning. I'm Denise Smyler, Chair of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. I would like to ask everybody to please silence your cellphones and all electronic devices at this time. Before we begin today's meeting, I would like to introduce our newest Board member, Edward C. Gainey. Ed has been appointed by the House Speaker, Joanna McClinton and was sworn in on February 5th.

Ed brings great experience with him to the Board. Born and raised in Pittsburgh, he has dedicated his life to public service at the state and local levels. After working as an aide in the PA House of Representatives and positions with the administration of two Pittsburgh Mayors, Ed was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and served the 24th Legislative District for nine years.

In 2021, Ed ran for Mayor of Pittsburgh and was elected to a four-year term as the city's 61st Mayor and the first African-American person to hold that position.

There is no doubt that Ed's experience, knowledge and perspective will be a

1 tremendous asset to this Board. So, please join me  
2 in welcoming Commissioner Gainey.

3 So with seven Board members present  
4 this morning, I'd like to now call today's meeting to  
5 order.

6 In addition to the seven Board  
7 members, we also have our ex-officio Board members  
8 Jorge Augusto, representing Russell Redding,  
9 Secretary for the Department of Agriculture; Adria  
10 Zimmerman, representing Pat Browne, Secretary for the  
11 Department of Revenue, and Jennifer Langan,  
12 representing Stacy Garrity, State Treasurer. Thank  
13 you, ex-officials for joining us.

14 As the first order of business, I'd  
15 like to ask everybody to please stand and join me in  
16 a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

17 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

18 CHAIR: We will now have presentations  
19 of service awards for Gaming Control Board employees  
20 that will be made by our Executive Director, Kevin  
21 O'Toole. Kevin.

22 MR. O'TOOLE: Thank you. Good  
23 morning, Chair Smyler. Good morning, members of the  
24 Board.

25 You know, today we're having a

1 recognition ceremony and it is terrific to have an  
2 event like that and have such a crowd here. Thank  
3 you all for coming to recognize our valuable  
4 employees.

5                   So, as you know, this is to recognize  
6 employees who have reached certain milestones in  
7 years of service with the Board. So, today we're  
8 recognizing eight persons who have been here for 20  
9 years and were able to come and participate in our  
10 ceremony.

11                   Overall, we have 23 employees today  
12 that will be recognized either in person or verbally.  
13 But it's terrific to recognize their dedication,  
14 their commitment to their job, and just to see really  
15 good employees who have, at some point in their  
16 career, decided to make public service their career.

17                   And - and it's very important, because  
18 many of us have done that, have made that same  
19 decision along the way. And, you know, they have  
20 really truly contributed to the success of the  
21 agency. So, without any further ado, we're going to  
22 begin.

23                   And where are our certificates? They  
24 are over here. Very good. All right, Sean. This is  
25 Sean Hannon. Sean was hired on December 31st, 2005.

1 Sean is our Director of the Bureau of Licensing.

2 Sean, here is your Certificate of  
3 Appreciation. Thank you.

4 Our next honoree is Sherry Morgan.  
5 Sherry was hired on January 15th of 2006. She is our  
6 Licensing Manager for the Enterprise Licensing Unit  
7 within the Bureau of Licensing.

8 Sherry, thank you very much for your  
9 service and this is your Certificate of Appreciation.

10 Next, we have Paul Mauro. Paul was  
11 hired January 9th of 2006. He is our Director -.

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13 (WHEREUPON, A BRIEF INTERRUPTION IN THE PROCEEDINGS  
14 WAS HELD.)

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16 MR. O'TOOLE: He is our Director of -  
17 he's our Director of Bureau of Investigations and  
18 Enforcement, the BIE. I'm going to ask Paul to  
19 investigate why that weird noise came out of my coat  
20 pocket.

21 Paul, you have one of the biggest  
22 responsibilities of the agency, with the size of your  
23 unit at the BIE. So, we're really thankful for all  
24 the work that you've given to the Gaming Control  
25 Board. Paul, this is your Certificate of

1 Appreciation.

2 MR. MAURO: Thank you. I was supposed  
3 to be recognized first, but I got bumped by Sean.

4 MR. O'TOOLE: Well, you know,  
5 sometimes last is good, too.

6 And our next honoree is Michele Ceo.  
7 Thank you for coming to the ceremony, Michele.  
8 Michele was hired on January 21st, 2006. She's a  
9 Deputy Director in BIE, the Bureau of Investigations  
10 and Enforcement for the Eastern region. Thank you so  
11 much for all of your work, Michele.

12 Okay. Our next honoree is Paul Resch.  
13 Paul was hired on March the 20th, 2006. He is our  
14 Director of the Bureau of Gaming Operations, and he  
15 is a very valuable - all of these are very valuable  
16 employees of ours. Paul, thank you so much for all  
17 the work that you've done for the - for the agency.  
18 And congratulations.

19 Well, I've got to spend a couple extra  
20 minutes with Joe. And the reason is we started this  
21 program ten years ago, with the first set of  
22 employees who had reached ten years of service with  
23 the Board. Joe was very instrumental in getting that  
24 program up and started. And every time that we had a  
25 ceremony for all of those ten years, Joe was

1 instrumental in coordinating, reaching out to the  
2 employees who had reached that milestone, encouraging  
3 them to come and providing us with all the  
4 information we needed.

5           So, Joe, it's time to recognize you.  
6 So, you were hired on January 21st of 2006. You're a  
7 Human Resource Specialist with the Office of Human  
8 Resources, which is part of the Bureau of  
9 Administration. Thank you for all of your  
10 dedication.

11           And our next honoree is Chelsea  
12 Garcia. Chelsea was hired on January 23rd of 2006.  
13 She is a Human Resource Specialist in our Office of  
14 Human Resources, which is part of our Bureau of  
15 Administration. Chelsea, thank you so much for your  
16 dedicated work for all of these years and  
17 congratulations.

18           And we have Ben Williams. Ben, you  
19 were hired, as you know, on January 28th, 2006. Ben  
20 is an Information Tech. He is an Information  
21 Technology Operations Specialist with our Office of  
22 Information Technology, which is part of our Bureau  
23 of Administration. Ben, thank you very much for your  
24 dedicated service and we really appreciate it.

25           So we had one - one gal from the

1 Philadelphia area that could not make it this morning  
2 and that is Deborah Davis. She is an Administrative  
3 Assistant for BIE, assigned in the eastern part of  
4 the Commonwealth. So, it's very important for me to  
5 read the names of the additional employees, because,  
6 you know, ever since we've had live streaming of our  
7 meetings, you'd be surprised how many employees plug  
8 up the technology and watch the Board proceedings,  
9 which certainly we encourage that because they get to  
10 see how the Board works. And - and that's a good  
11 thing.

12                   So I'm just going to read their names  
13 and make a brief comment. So, from our BIE, I have  
14 nine additional people who reached that milestone.  
15 Donna Sykes, hired in December of '05. She's a  
16 Deputy Director for BIE. Matthew Loughney, he was  
17 hired in January of 2006. He's an Investigation - an  
18 Investigator with BIE.

19                   We have John Zukoski, who was hired in  
20 January of 2006. He's an Investigative Analyst with  
21 BIE. We have Tom Smith. He was hired in January of  
22 2006. He is an Investigator with BIE. Jarrod Coury,  
23 hired in January of 2006 as an Investigator  
24 Supervisor with BIE.

25                   We have David Moore, hired in January

1 of 2006, also an Investigator with BIE. Darci  
2 Leezer, who was hired in January of 2006. She is an  
3 Investigator Supervisor with BIE.

4 Kathy Filbey, hired in February 2006  
5 as an Investigator with BIE. And last within the BIE  
6 is Sarah Marley. She was hired in March of 2006 as  
7 an Administrator Assistant with BIE.

8 We also have from Gaming Operations  
9 Deb Pfaff, she was hired December of 2005. She's a  
10 Compliance Examiner with the Bureau of Gaming  
11 Operations. We have Christopher Costigan, hired in  
12 January of 2006, Casino Compliance Supervisor. He is  
13 with the Bureau of Casino Compliance and he is  
14 assigned the Valley Forge Casino Resort.

15 With Bureau of Licensing, we have  
16 Deanna Parr. She was hired in February of 2006 as a  
17 License. She is a Licensing Manager with the  
18 Employee Permitting Unit within the Bureau Of  
19 Licensing.

20 We have Mark Miller. Mark was hired  
21 in February of 2006. He is a Licensing Manager with  
22 the Gaming Service Provider Unit of the Bureau of  
23 Licensing.

24 And our final 20-year award recipient  
25 is from the Office of Gaming Laboratory Operations,

1 Heather Worner, our distinguished Director of the  
2 Office of Gaming Lab Operations. And she was hired  
3 in February of 2006.

4 And before I conclude, we do have two  
5 employees that I'd like to recognize for their 15  
6 year service award.

7 The first is from BIE, Bill Sulon.  
8 Bill was hired in 2006, but he did - he did leave for  
9 a couple of years and we were glad to see him come  
10 back to the Gaming Control Board. So, he hasn't - he  
11 hasn't met the 20 years, but he has met the 15 year.  
12 We'd like to recognize Bill.

13 And finally we have Dennis O'Brien.  
14 Dennis was hired in February of 2011 as a Deputy  
15 Director within the Bureau of Casino Compliance.

16 And that constitutes all 25 of our  
17 recipients. So, we'll give all 25 a round of  
18 applause.

19 CHAIR: Thank you, Kevin. By way of  
20 announcements, the Board held an executive session  
21 yesterday, Tuesday, February 24th, to discuss  
22 personnel matters, pending litigation and to conduct  
23 quasi-judicial deliberations relating to matters  
24 coming before the Board.

25 I would like to now ask for approval

1 of the Board meeting transcript and minutes from the  
2 December 17, 2025 meeting.

3 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
4 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board  
5 approve the minutes and transcript of December 17,  
6 2025 meeting.

7 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman,  
8 seconds.

9 CHAIR: All in favor?

10 AYES RESPOND

11 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.  
12 Now we will again hear from our  
13 Executive Director. Kevin.

14 MR. O'TOOLE: I promise I'll be short,  
15 so we get on to some of our other business.

16 Good morning once again. So, on  
17 behalf of myself and staff, I, too, would like to  
18 welcome our newest Commissioner, Ed Gainey. Ed,  
19 welcome to the Gaming Control Board. We look forward  
20 to working with you.

21 So for my report this morning, I'm  
22 pleased to report to the Board that Pennsylvania's  
23 18th casino will be opening to the public, subject to  
24 the successful completion of a two day test period,  
25 in approximately a month and a half in State College,

1 Pennsylvania at the Happy Valley Casino.

2                   Our Director of Casino Compliance,  
3 Greg Hazzouri, provides frequent updates on the  
4 progress of that facility to myself and our  
5 leadership team when we meet on Thursdays. Happy  
6 Valley Casino, through its management team, will  
7 continue to hire its staff and appropriately train  
8 them for a successful opening. So, I will give some  
9 additional briefings on Happy Valley Casino as we get  
10 closer to the opening day. Thank you.

11                   CHAIR: Thank you again, Kevin. Next  
12 we will hear from our Administrative Director, Claire  
13 Yantis.

14                   MS. YANTIS: Good morning, Madam  
15 Chair, members of the Board. As you're aware, March  
16 is a very important month for our agency. For  
17 several years, March has been recognized as Problem  
18 Gambling Awareness Month. This is significant  
19 because it represents a time where focus is placed on  
20 increasing public awareness of problem gambling and  
21 promoting prevention, treatment and recovery  
22 services.

23                   With me today are staff from our  
24 agency's Office of Compulsive and Problem Gambling.  
25 To my immediate right is Director Liz Lanza, and to

1 her right is Program Analyst Jack Gallick. The  
2 Office of Compulsive and Problem Gambling  
3 continuously educates and informs the public about  
4 various tools and resources available to address the  
5 potential social and financial issues related to  
6 problem gambling.

7           One of Jack's primary duties, along  
8 with his coworker Michael Camm, is to assist citizens  
9 with the Board's Self-Exclusion Program by answering  
10 questions, guiding them through the enrollment or its  
11 removal process, and being a key source of  
12 information to ensure the public understands the  
13 benefits and comprehensive nature of the  
14 Self-Exclusion Program.

15           I would now like to turn the  
16 presentation to Director Lanza, who will provide  
17 additional information about the work of her office  
18 and highlight specific awareness events during the  
19 month - the month of March.

20           MS. LANZA: Thank you. Thank you,  
21 Claire. Good morning, Chair and members of the  
22 Board.

23           Thank you for the opportunity to talk  
24 to you a little today about Problem Gambling  
25 Awareness Month or PGAM. For over 20 years, March

1 has been recognized as Problem Gambling Awareness  
2 Week or now month by communities, states and  
3 organizations nationwide. This month's outreach  
4 campaign has been cultivated over the decades to  
5 bring public awareness and recognition to problem  
6 gambling and to promote - promote the treatment  
7 programs and recovery tools that are readily  
8 available to the citizens of this Commonwealth and to  
9 anyone who patronizes a Pennsylvania gambling venue.

10                   During PGAM 2026, the Office of  
11 Compulsive and Problem Gambling will work with and  
12 host events with our partnering organizations and  
13 agencies, including the Department of Drug and  
14 Alcohol Programs, the Pennsylvania Lottery and the  
15 Council on Compulsive Gambling of Pennsylvania.

16                   During March and throughout the year,  
17 the Office of Compulsive and Problem Gambling will  
18 pursue initiatives and regulations that encourage  
19 safe and responsible gambling behavior. I'd like to  
20 now turn things over to OCPG Analyst Jack Gallick  
21 here and he will talk a little bit more about our  
22 events and he will introduce the resolution. Thank  
23 you.

24                   MR. GALLICK: Thank you, Liz. Thank  
25 you, Claire and good morning, Madam Chair and members

1 of the Board.

2                   This year, OCPG will continue its  
3 efforts to spread awareness about problem gambling  
4 and recovery tools by participating in public  
5 outreach events and educational opportunities  
6 throughout the Commonwealth.

7                   Next month OCPG will be attending  
8 conferences outside of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh,  
9 both hosted by the Council on Compulsive Gambling of  
10 Pennsylvania. These conferences will hear from  
11 problem gambling advocates and professionals from a  
12 variety of backgrounds and disciplines, giving us a  
13 chance to hear the latest in problem gambling  
14 research as well as a chance to speak with  
15 individuals across the Commonwealth who are united in  
16 the goal of reducing problem gambling harm.

17                   Members of OCPG will also be  
18 presenting a webinar in March focused on voluntary  
19 self-exclusion for clinicians and members of the  
20 public. This webinar will include background on the  
21 PGCB Self-Exclusion Programs, some statistics and  
22 enrollment trends, and a demo of the enrollment  
23 process.

24                   Later in the month we will also we  
25 setting up a table in the Capitol Rotunda to provide

1 information to the public on responsible gaming and  
2 problem gambling resources. Throughout the month of  
3 March and rest of the year, OCPG will continue to  
4 look for opportunities, including more community  
5 resource fairs, health and senior expos and other  
6 public outreach events to bring greater awareness to  
7 the issue of problem gambling and the resources  
8 available to those who may experience harm.

9                   With that, I would like to ask the  
10 Board to adopt the Resolution provided to you in  
11 advance designating March 2026 as Problem Gambling  
12 Awareness Month.

13                   On behalf of the Office of Compulsive  
14 and Problem Gambling, I'd like to thank you all for  
15 your time and continued support for this critical  
16 issue. Thank you.

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

19                   MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,  
20 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board approve  
21 Resolution 2026-2-CPG as described.

22                   MR. GAINY: Madam Chair,  
23 Commissioner Gainey seconds.

24                   CHAIR: All in favor?

25 AYES RESPOND

1                    CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.  
2 Thank you Claire, Liz and Jack. Now we will hear  
3 from our Human Resources Director, Heidi Zula.  
4 Heidi.

5                    MS. ZULA: Good morning, Madam Chair  
6 and members of the Board. The Office of Human  
7 Resources has one motion for your consideration today  
8 relative to the hiring of four individuals. All  
9 individuals have completed the background  
10 investigation and drug screening and are ready for  
11 presentation to the Board.

12                    Elena Osipova has been selected as a  
13 Compliance Examiner with the Bureau of Gaming  
14 Operations and is recommended for hire by Paul Resch,  
15 Director of Gaming Operations.

16                    Paige Machulsky, Austin Besong and  
17 Corey Walstrom have been selected as Casino  
18 Compliance Representative 1's at Happy Valley Casino  
19 and are recommended for hire by Greg Hazzouri,  
20 Director of Casino Compliance.

21                    Unless you have any questions, I ask  
22 that the Board consider a motion to approve the  
23 hiring actions as indicated.

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

1                   MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair,  
2 Commissioner Gainey moves that the Board approve the  
3 applicants for hire as proposed by the Human Resource  
4 Director.

5                   MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
6 seconds.

7                   CHAIR: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

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

11                   MS. ZULA: Thank you.

12                   CHAIR: Thank you, Heidi. Next is our  
13 Office of Chief Counsel (OCC).

14                   ATTORNEY COOK: Good morning.

15                   Our first agenda item is a request to  
16 approve an internal procedure involving an appeal of  
17 a staff action.

18                   By way of background, the Board  
19 received a patron complaint from Thomas Ziegler, an  
20 account holder with one of the Board's licensed  
21 online gaming operators. Mr. Ziegler's complaint  
22 stated that he believed a conflict existed between  
23 certain game rules and the published pay tables  
24 relative to an online game; that this conflicted with  
25 the Board's regulations and that he was financially

1 harmed by the situation.

2 His complaint was investigated by an  
3 iGaming Compliance Examiner who found it did not  
4 require any formal action against the operator.  
5 Following that decision, Mr. Ziegler asked that the  
6 matter be reviewed by the Office of Enforcement  
7 Counsel (OEC), which reached the same conclusion.  
8 Mr. Ziegler then filed an appeal of the Enforcement  
9 Counsel's decision with the Board.

10 While the Board regulations provide  
11 for an appeal of staff action to the Board, because  
12 BIE and OEC operate independent of the Board pursuant  
13 to the Gaming Act, a system had to be developed in  
14 handling appeals of staff actions by BIE and OEC  
15 personnel.

16 Following discussions between the OCC  
17 and the Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA), a  
18 process was established wherein the Executive  
19 Director and a Hearing Officer of the Board, along  
20 with a Legislative Appointee of the Board would  
21 collect evidence and decide whether the staff  
22 decision was flawed, and if so, a Rule to Show Cause  
23 would be issued upon the operator, requiring it to  
24 appear before the Board. This process was conveyed  
25 to Mr. Ziegler and the OEC via correspondence dated

1 February 11, 2026 and has not been objected to by  
2 either party.

3                   Before the Board today is a request  
4 for a motion adopting the procedure established and  
5 appointing Commissioner Huffman to serve as the  
6 Legislative Appointee of the Board to receive  
7 evidence and consider whether a Rule to Show Cause  
8 should be served upon the operator.

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 adopt the procedure  
15 established by the OCC for considering appeal of a  
16 staff decision by the OEC or the BIE.

17                   I further move that in this matter  
18 Commissioner Huffman be delegated to authority to  
19 dispose of the preliminary question under said  
20 policy.

21                   MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
22 seconds.

23                   CHAIR: All in favor?

24 AYES RESPOND

25                   CHAIR: Commissioner Huffman, did you

1 say aye?

2 MR. HUFFMAN: I did.

3 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's  
4 adopted. Next before the Board -.

5 ATTORNEY COOK: It seems like a  
6 conflict.

7 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board  
8 we have three Petitions for consideration. Each of  
9 these Petitions are being brought before the Board on  
10 the documentary record as there have been no  
11 objections by the OEC or the other party or the  
12 request for relief has been agreed to.

13 In each of these matters, the Board  
14 has, in advance of this meeting provided - been  
15 provided with a complete evidentiary record.

16 The first Petition before the Board  
17 today is Mount Airy #1, LLC's Request for Approval of  
18 a Change in its Corporate Structure.

19 Mount Airy #1, LLC is the holder of a  
20 Category 2 Slot Machine License and operates Mount  
21 Airy Casino Resort. Mount Airy is the - is wholly  
22 owned - is - excuse me, is a wholly owned subsidiary  
23 of Mount Airy HoldCo, LLC. The ownership of HoldCo  
24 is currently vested in seven family Trusts.

25 Mount Airy is requesting approval of a

1 transfer of ownership from the existing Trust;  
2 specifically creating a new Trust benefiting the  
3 grandchildren of the licensee's former owner. Mount  
4 Airy avers that the formation of this new Trust will  
5 facilitate a more equitable distribution of the  
6 HoldCo units.

7                   Mount Airy asserts that the proposed  
8 transaction will not change who controls HoldCo, as  
9 the trustees for all of the Trusts will remain the  
10 same; all beneficiaries are already currently  
11 licensed as Principals with the Board and there will  
12 be no new beneficial owners. Mount Airy further  
13 requests that the Board impose a minimal change of  
14 control fee, as the transaction brings in no new  
15 persons and is, in essence, a vehicle for estate  
16 planning.

17                   The OEC has no objection to the  
18 requested relief, subject to conditions outlined in  
19 their Answer.

20                   Enforcement Counsel further requests  
21 that certain information in the pleadings be  
22 maintained as confidential. And this matter is now  
23 ripe for the 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 grant Mount Airy #1,  
3 LLC's Petition for Approval of Changes in Corporate  
4 Structure as described by the OCC, subject to the  
5 conditions that will be outlined in the Board's  
6 Order, including the assessment of \$1 change in  
7 control fee.

8                   I further move that the enforcement -  
9 the OEC's Motion to Protect Confidentiality  
10 information be granted in part.

11                   MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Commissioner  
12 Quiñones-Sánchez, seconds.

13                   CHAIR: All in favor?

14 AYES RESPOND

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

17                   ATTORNEY COOK: Next, before the Board  
18 is Relax Gaming North America, LLC's Petition for a  
19 Change in Control Nunc Pro Tunc.

20                   Relax Gaming North America, LLC is a  
21 licensed interactive gaming manufacturer and was 98.8  
22 percent indirectly owned by Kindred Group, PLC, a  
23 publicly traded company.

24                   La Francaise des Jeux is a publicly  
25 traded company that is in the business of operating

1 lotteries, sports wagering and horse race wagering.  
2 On January 22nd, 2024, they announced a cash offer to  
3 purchase Kindred. Kindred notified the Board of this  
4 offer on January 25th, 2024.

5           Following approval from the French  
6 Competition Authority and the French Ministry, this  
7 business transaction was completed on December 27th,  
8 2024. Although the Board was notified of the  
9 transaction in a timely manner, the change of control  
10 took place prior to the Board's approval. As a  
11 result, this transaction is also subject to a Consent  
12 Agreement, which will be heard by the Board later  
13 today. It is worth noting that Relax Gaming has  
14 filed all Applications for licensure required and all  
15 revenues generated by the owners until licensed are  
16 being placed into escrow, Pennsylvania revenue, and  
17 will not be distributed until the Board approves the  
18 transaction today, perhaps, and also appropriately  
19 licenses all the individuals.

20           The OEC has no objection to the  
21 Petition, subject to conditions outlined in its  
22 Answer.

23           Both parties have requested that  
24 certain information in the pleadings be kept  
25 confidential, and the OCC would concur with that

1 request.

2 And this matter is - which is now  
3 requesting approval of the purchase, nunc pro tunc,  
4 is ready for the Board's consideration.

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

7 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Madam Chair,  
8 Commissioner Quiñones-Sánchez moves that the Board  
9 grant Relax Gaming North America, LLC's Petition for  
10 Approval of Change in Control as described by the  
11 OCC, subject to the conditions that will be outlined  
12 in the Board's Order.

13 I further move that the Petitioners  
14 and the OEC's Motions to Protect Confidentiality of  
15 Information be granted.

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

18 CHAIR: All in favor?

19 AYES RESPOND

20 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

21 Wait, wait. Before you speak, can I  
22 just remind everybody to please silence your  
23 cellphones and electronic devices. It's very rude  
24 and interruptive to hear these devices going off.

25 Thank you. Go ahead, Steve.

1                    ATTORNEY COOK: The last Petition  
2 before the Board pertains to a request to be removed  
3 from the lifetime Involuntary Exclusion List. An  
4 individual with the initials B.A. placed himself on  
5 the Self-Exclusion List on October 14th, 2015,  
6 choosing the lifetime self-exclusion option.

7                    On December 17, 2025, B.A. filed his  
8 request for removal from the List, stating that when  
9 he self-excluded it was due to spending too much time  
10 in casinos and that he does not believe that he  
11 currently has any gambling-related issues and can  
12 gamble with control. B.A. submitted the required  
13 Problem Gambling Assessment Verification Form signed  
14 by a Certified Assessment Provider confirming that he  
15 had - B.A. had undergone an assessment and was - the  
16 problem gambling treatment was not recommended as a  
17 result of that assessment.

18                    The OEC filed an Answer stating it has  
19 no objection to B.A.'s request as more than ten years  
20 has passed since he's been placed on the List, he had  
21 the required assessment completed and there were no  
22 documented violations of his exclusion.

23                    As a result, this matter is now ripe  
24 for the Board's consideration.

25                    CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

1 May I have a motion, please?

2 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
3 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board grant  
4 B.A.'s Petition for Removal from the Casino  
5 Self-Exclusion List as described by the OCC.

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 COOK: Next presenting  
13 Withdrawals and Surrenders, as well as reports and  
14 recommendations, is Deputy Chief Counsel Chad  
15 Zimmermann.

16 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Good morning,  
17 Commissioners.

18 The next matter before the Board today  
19 pertains to several unopposed Petitions to withdraw  
20 the applications or surrender the credentials of the  
21 following individuals and entities: CRC Finco Inc.;  
22 Raymond Pineault; Matthew Ryan; Don Kornstein;  
23 Elisabeth Monegier du Sorbier; Sharp Football  
24 Holdings, LLC; Todd Valli; Maureen Adams; Michelle  
25 Rasmusson; Theodore Bogich; Todd George; Richard

1 Primus; Robert Phythian; Raymond Lin; Lexie Potamkin;  
2 Ayla Potamkin; Alura Potamkin; Alexander Potamkin;  
3 Dalia Shaked Bare Trust; Fastball Holdings, LLC; Boyd  
4 Interactive Gaming Holdings, LLC; Boyd Interactive  
5 Gaming, Inc. and Boyd Interactive Gaming, LLC.

6 The OEC has no objection to any of  
7 these Withdrawals or Surrenders. As a result, if the  
8 Board were to grant these requests in every case, it  
9 would be doing so without prejudice to the requestor.

10 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 MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,  
15 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board issue  
16 Orders to approve the Withdrawals and Surrenders as  
17 described by the OCC.

18 MR. GAINNEY: Commissioner Gainey  
19 seconds.

20 CHAIR: All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

22 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

23 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the  
24 Board for consideration are six Reports and  
25 Recommendations received from the OHA. These Reports

1 and Recommendations mark the evidentiary record for  
2 each hearing and have been provided to the Board in  
3 advance of this meeting. Additionally, the persons  
4 involved have each been notified that the Board will  
5 be considering their matter today and each has the  
6 ability you to come forward and briefly address the  
7 Board.

8           If any of the persons are present  
9 today and would like to address the Board, they  
10 should come forward when their name is called.

11           The first Report and Recommendation  
12 before the Board today pertains to Marcella Baccari.  
13 In June 2021, Ms. Baccari was issued a Gaming Level 2  
14 Employee Occupation Permit to work as an Executive  
15 Host at Live! Casino and Hotel in Philadelphia.

16           On June 12, 2025, the OEC filed a  
17 Complaint seeking revocation of Ms. Baccari's Permit  
18 and a Petition to place her on the Involuntary  
19 Exclusion List.

20           A hearing on this matter was held  
21 December 4, 2025. OEC appeared and presented video,  
22 testimonial and documentary evidence. Ms. Baccari  
23 appeared and testified on her own behalf.

24           Evidence and testimony show that as  
25 part of her duties, Ms. Baccari had the authority to

1 award free slot play. Between June 5th [sic] and  
2 June 22nd, 2022, she was found to be adding free slot  
3 play and discretionary comps to player cards given to  
4 her by several patrons who were not the owners of  
5 those cards in exchange for money. She was charged  
6 with theft and bribery-related misdemeanors, admitted  
7 into the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition  
8 Program and ordered to pay \$18,000 in restitution at  
9 the casino.

10 Ms. Baccari testified that she's 63  
11 years old, has worked in the casino industry since  
12 she was 22 and was encouraged by the casino to give  
13 free slot play due to competition between the  
14 casinos. She further stated that one of the  
15 individuals who was providing her with the players  
16 cards told her he was doing so as a courtesy for  
17 other people who were gaming, several of which she  
18 knew to be disabled. She was unaware that the free  
19 slot play that she was loading on one of those cards  
20 was for that individual to use. Ms. Baccari also  
21 testified that she only agreed to enter the ARD  
22 Program because she was the caretaker of her disabled  
23 brother and didn't have the funds to fight the  
24 charges.

25 Following a hearing, a Report and

1 Recommendation was issued, recommending that Ms.  
2 Baccari's G2 Permit be revoked and that she be placed  
3 on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

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. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
9 Gainey moves that the Board adopt the Report and  
10 Recommendations issued by the OHA as described by the  
11 OCC, and that Marcella Baccari's Gaming - Gaming  
12 Level 2 Employee Occupation Permit be revoked and  
13 that she be placed on the Board's Involuntary  
14 Exclusion List.

15 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
16 seconds.

17 CHAIR: All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

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

21 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: William  
22 Washklovitch's Report and Recommendation is next  
23 before the Board. Mr. Washklovitch holds a  
24 Non-Gaming Employee Registration for employment as a  
25 Field Technician with RTS Solutions, Inc., a

1 Board Credentialed Gaming Service Provider.

2                   On November 17, 2025, the OEC filed a  
3 complaint for Emergency Suspension of Mr.  
4 Washklovitch's registration, after receiving notice  
5 that he had been criminally charged with felony and  
6 misdemeanor offenses. As a result of the charges,  
7 the Board's Executive Director issued an Emergency  
8 Order of suspension, suspending Mr. Washklovitch's  
9 Registration.

10                   A hearing in this matter was held  
11 December 2, 2025. OEC appeared, presenting both  
12 testimony and documentary evidence. Mr. Washklovitch  
13 failed to appear and the hearing was held in his  
14 absence. Evidence presented showed that on  
15 November 5th, 2025, as a result of a domestic  
16 violence incident, where he chokes his girlfriend  
17 multiple times, Mr. Washklovitch was arrested and  
18 charged with two felonies and several misdemeanors,  
19 which remain pending.

20                   Following the hearing, a Report and  
21 Recommendation was issued recommending that the  
22 suspension of Mr. Washklovitch's Non-Gaming Employee  
23 Registration remain in effect.

24                   And this matter is now ripe for the  
25 Board's consideration.

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 adopt the  
5 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as  
6 described by the OCC, and that the suspension of  
7 William Washklovitch's Non-Gaming Employee  
8 Registration remain in effect.

9                   MR. DILLON: Commission Dillon  
10 seconds.

11                   CHAIR: All in favor?

12 AYES RESPOND

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

15                   ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Alexis  
16 Pawlowski's matter is next before the Board. By way  
17 of background, on November 29th, 2023, the OEC filed  
18 a complaint for Emergency Suspension of Ms.  
19 Pawlowski's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit after  
20 receiving notice that she had been charged criminally  
21 with felony and misdemeanor offenses. As a result of  
22 the charges, the Board's Executive Director issued an  
23 Emergency Order suspending Ms. Pawlowski's Permit. A  
24 hearing on that matter was held December 2023 and  
25 subsequently in March 2024, the Board issued an Order

1 continuing the suspension of her Permit.

2                   On March 27, 2025, Ms. Pawlowski filed  
3 a Petition to lift the suspension of her Permit. OEC  
4 objected to that request, and also then filed a  
5 Complaint seeking revocation or in the alternative, a  
6 suspension of Ms. Pawlowski's Permit.

7                   A hearing on both of these issues was  
8 held August 6, 2025. OEC appeared, offering  
9 testimony and documentary evidence. Ms. Pawlowski  
10 failed to appear, however, she then requested a new  
11 hearing, which was held via telephone November 20,  
12 2025.

13                   Evidence presented by OEC showed that  
14 a joint criminal investigation among the FBI, PA  
15 Office of the Attorney General and Borough of  
16 Monroeville Police Department resulted in Ms.  
17 Pawlowski being arrested and charged with  
18 Drug-related felonies and misdemeanors, along with  
19 endangering welfare and children. In January 2025,  
20 Ms. Pawlowski pleaded guilty to two counts of  
21 misdemeanor endangering the welfare of a child and  
22 one misdemeanor count of possession of drug  
23 paraphernalia.

24                   All felonies were then withdrawn. Ms.  
25 Pawlowski was sentenced to three years of probation

1 required to complete a drug and alcohol screening and  
2 to refrain from use of drugs and alcohol, as well as  
3 complete parenting classes.

4 Ms. Pawlowski has worked in the casino  
5 industry for over a decade. She's been employed as a  
6 Dealer at Live! Casino Pittsburgh and never had any  
7 problems with employment or law enforcement prior to  
8 this arrest and the Emergency Suspension. She  
9 currently supports her two children, has successfully  
10 completed the required parenting classes and the drug  
11 and alcohol evaluation. She testified she's  
12 currently on unsupervised probation and is eligible  
13 for early release from her supervision July of 2026.

14 Additionally, she has ended the  
15 relationship with the father of the children who was  
16 involved in the activities that led to her arrest.

17 After hearing all the evidence  
18 presented, a Report and Recommendation was issued,  
19 recommending that the suspension of Ms. Pawlowski's  
20 Permit that was issued at the time be terminated and  
21 then ruling on OEC's request rather than revocation  
22 as requested, her Permit be suspended.

23 This matter's now ripe for the Board's  
24 consideration.

25 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

1 May I have a motion, please?

2 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair,  
3 Commissioner Dillon moves that the Board adopt in  
4 part the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA  
5 as described by the OCC.

6 I move that the docket pertaining to  
7 the Emergency Suspension of Alexis Pawlowski's Gaming  
8 Employee Occupation Permit be closed by the OHA and  
9 based on OEC's request that her Permit be suspended  
10 for the period of one - one year from today's date,  
11 subject to the conditions which will be outlined in  
12 the Board's Order.

13 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Commissioner  
14 Quiñones-Sánchez, seconds.

15 CHAIR: All in favor?

16 AYES RESPOND

17 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

18 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The next Report  
19 and Recommendation before the Board today stems from  
20 Amber Carney's request to lift the suspension of her  
21 Non-Gaming Employee Registration.

22 By way of background, Ms. Carney holds  
23 a Registration and worked as a Beverage Bartender at  
24 Rivers Casino, Pittsburgh. On December 9, 2024, the  
25 OEC filed a Request for Emergency Suspension of Ms.

1 Carney's Registration following notice that she had  
2 been charged with felony and misdemeanor offenses  
3 after her five-month-old child was admitted to the  
4 hospital and tested positive for having ingested  
5 cocaine.

6 As a result of these charges, the  
7 Board's Executive Director issued an Emergency Order  
8 suspending Ms. Carney's Registration. A hearing on  
9 that matter was held February 20, 2025 and in May  
10 2025, the suspension of Ms. Carney's Registration was  
11 ordered to remain in effect by the Board.

12 In August of 2025, Ms. Carney filed a  
13 request with the Board to lift the suspension of her  
14 Registration, stating that her charges against her  
15 have been dismissed. OEC filed an Answer objecting  
16 to the request and a hearing was held December 9,  
17 2025. Despite receiving notice, Ms. Carney failed to  
18 appear and the hearing was held in her absence. OEC  
19 offered full testimony and documentary evidence  
20 regarding Ms. Carney's criminal case. All charges  
21 against Ms. Carney, except for the Recklessly  
22 Endangering Another Person charge were withdrawn or  
23 dismissed. That charge was reduced and she pleaded  
24 guilty to a summary offense of disorderly conduct.

25 Thereafter, a Report and

1 Recommendation was issued, recommending that the  
2 suspension of Ms. Carney's Registration be lifted.

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

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

7 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Madam Chair,  
8 Commissioner Quiñones-Sánchez moves that the Board  
9 reject the Report and Recommendations issued by the  
10 OHA as described by the OCC and deny the Petition to  
11 lift the suspension of Amber Carney's Non-Gaming  
12 Employee Registration.

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: Next is Tnae  
20 Bullock's Report and Recommendation. In March of  
21 2019, the OEC filed a Petition to Place Tnae Bullock  
22 on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List for leaving  
23 a two-year-old child unattended in a hotel room at  
24 Valley Forge Casino Resort while she gamed.  
25 Consequently, the Board placed Ms. Bullock on the

1 Exclusion List October of 2019.

2 Ms. Bullock is now requesting removal  
3 from the Involuntary Exclusion List, stating that she  
4 has rehabilitated herself through therapy and  
5 counseling, she has a stable career and is living a  
6 more responsible lifestyle. The OEC filed an Answer  
7 objecting to Ms. Bullock's request and a hearing in  
8 this matter was held January of 2026. OEC appeared,  
9 presenting testimony, documentary and surveillance  
10 evidence. Ms. Bullock appeared and testified on her  
11 own behalf.

12 Evidence and testimony presented at  
13 the hearing show that Ms. Bullock, while on the  
14 Exclusion List, entered casinos on six separate  
15 occasions during the exclusion period, gaming,  
16 capping a wager, presenting false identification and  
17 also giving a false name to prevent apprehension on  
18 an existing warrant. Ms. Bullock testified that she  
19 takes full responsibility for her actions, she's made  
20 changes in her life, enrolling in a nursing program  
21 and currently works as a Mental Health Technician.  
22 She further stated that she has completed parenting  
23 classes and provided a certificate showing that from  
24 the Department of Health and Human Services, saying  
25 that there are no indications that she is a

1 perpetrator of child abuse.

2                   Thereafter, a Report and  
3 Recommendation was issued, recommending that Ms.  
4 Bullock's Petition for Removal from the List be  
5 granted.

6                   And this matter is now ready for the  
7 Board's consideration.

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 reject  
12 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as  
13 described by the OCC, and that Tnae Bullock's  
14 Petition for Removal from the Involuntary Exclusion  
15 List be denied.

16                   MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman  
17 seconds.

18                   CHAIR: All in favor?

19 AYES RESPOND

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

22                   ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The final Report  
23 and Recommendation before the Board today is Stephen  
24 Johnson. On May 15, 2024 the OEC filed a Petition to  
25 place Mr. Johnson on the Board's Involuntary

1 Exclusion List.

2                   A hearing on this matter was held  
3 February 5th, 2025. OEC appeared, presenting  
4 testimony, documentary and surveillance evidence.  
5 Despite receiving proper notice, Mr. Johnson failed  
6 to appear. However, after the hearing, Mr. Johnson  
7 contacted the OHA and requested that he be permitted  
8 to provide testimony in this matter. Another hearing  
9 was scheduled for December 18, 2025. OEC again  
10 attended the hearing, however, Mr. Johnson, once  
11 again, failed to appear.

12                   Evidence and testimony presented at the  
13 hearing show that on May 8, 2022, while gaming at  
14 Live! Casino Hotel Philadelphia, Mr. Johnson passed  
15 counterfeit bills totaling \$3,000 while gaming at  
16 table games.

17                   He was criminally charged with  
18 theft-related offenses, and pleaded guilty to a  
19 felony-theft charge, receiving two years of  
20 probation.

21                   Following the hearing, a Report and  
22 Recommendation was issued recommending that Mr.  
23 Johnson be placed on the Board's Involuntary  
24 Exclusion List.

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. 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 Stephen Johnson be

8 placed on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

9 I further move that certain documents,

10 which will be outlined in the Board's Order, be

11 marked as confidential or be redacted.

12 MR. GAINNEY: Commissioner Gainney

13 seconds.

14 CHAIR: All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

16 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion -

17 motion's adopted.

18 ATTORNEY COOK: That concludes the

19 matters of the OCC.

20 CHAIR: Thank you, Chad and Steve.

21 We will now have the Bureau of

22 Licensing matters presented by the Director of the

23 Bureau of Licensing, Sean Hannon.

24 Sean, thank you for your 20 years of

25 service.

1                   MR. HANNON: Sure. Thank you.

2                   Good morning Madam Chair, members of  
3 the Board. Welcome, Commissioner Gainey.

4                   MR. GAINNEY: Thank you.

5                   MR. HANNON: Today's first licensing  
6 matter for your consideration is the renewal of an  
7 Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License for Spin  
8 Games, LLC, doing business as BRAGG. Formed in 2020  
9 - in 2012 the company's principal place of business  
10 is located in Reno, Nevada. The company designs and  
11 develops gaming content and smart solution technology  
12 for various gaming markets throughout licensed  
13 operators and certificate holders in the  
14 Commonwealth.

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

19                   I've provided you with a draft Order  
20 and ask the Board consider the Order to renew the  
21 Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License for Spin  
22 Games, LLC.

23                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Cyrus Pitre, on  
24 behalf of the OEC. We have no objection.

25                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

1 May I have a motion, please?

2 MR. GAINEY: Commission - Madam Chair,  
3 Commissioner Gainey moves that the Board grant the  
4 Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License renewal as  
5 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

6 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
7 seconds.

8 CHAIR: All in favor?

9 AYES RESPOND

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

12 MR. HANNON: Next we have  
13 consideration of the renewal of a Fantasy Contest  
14 Operator License for FFPC, LLC. The company was  
15 formed in 2018 and its principal place of business is  
16 in New York City. The company intends to continue  
17 offering fantasy sports contests to players in the  
18 Commonwealth through their online platform.

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

23 I have provided you with a draft Order  
24 and ask the Board to consider the Order to renew the  
25 Fantasy Contest Operator License for FFPC, LLC.

1                   ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no  
2 objection.

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

5                   MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
6 Dunbar moves that the Board grant the Fantasy Contest  
7 Operator License renewal as described by the Bureau  
8 of Licensing.

9                   MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
10 seconds.

11                   CHAIR: All in favor?

12 AYES RESPOND

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

15                   MR. HANNON: In addition, we have  
16 consideration of three Video Gaming Terminal  
17 Establishment Licenses, two renewals. The locations  
18 being presented include an initial license for  
19 Raceway Management Company, Incorporated, doing  
20 business as Onvo-Duncannon #20, who was previously  
21 conditionally approved in the December 2025 meeting,  
22 and renewals for Onvo-Gibson and Onvo-Lake Ariel.

23                   The BIE has now completed its  
24 investigations. The Bureau of Licensing has provided  
25 you with Background Investigation and Suitability

1 Reports.

2 I have provided you with draft Orders  
3 and ask the Board first consider the Order to license  
4 Raceway Management Company, Incorporated, doing  
5 business as Onvo-Duncannon #20 located at 3151  
6 Susquehanna Trail in Duncannon.

7 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
8 has no objection.

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

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

15 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Commissioner  
16 Quiñones-Sánchez seconds.

17 CHAIR: All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

19 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

20 MR. HANNON: Next, the Order to renew  
21 the license for Raceway Management Company,  
22 Incorporated, doing business as Onvo-Gibson, located  
23 at 2174 State Route 848 in New Milford.

24 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
25 has no objection.

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

3                    MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Madam Chair,  
4 Commissioner Quiñones-Sánchez moves that the Board  
5 grant the Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License  
6 renewal as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

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

9                    CHAIR: All in favor?

10 AYES RESPOND

11                    CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

12                    MR. HANNON: And finally the Order to  
13 renew the license for Raceway Management Company,  
14 Incorporated, doing business and Onvo-Lake Ariel,  
15 located at 151 Twin Rocks Road in Lake Ariel.

16                    ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
17 has no objection.

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

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

24                    MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman  
25 seconds.

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 a proposed Order for 24  
7 Principals, 24 Key Employees and five Qualifiers.  
8 I ask that the Board consider the Order approving  
9 these licenses.

10                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
11 has no objection.

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

14                   MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,  
15 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board grant the  
16 Principal, Key Employee and Qualifier License as  
17 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

18                   MR. GAINNEY: Commissioner Gainey  
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. The Bureau  
25 of Licensing provided you with an Order regarding the

1 issuance of Temporary Credentials for seven  
2 Principals and 16 Key Employees, I ask that the Board  
3 consider the Order approving these credentials.

4 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
5 has no objection.

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

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

12 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
13 seconds.

14 CHAIR: All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

16 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

17 MR. HANNON: Additionally, for your  
18 consideration are Gaming Employee Permits and  
19 Non-Gaming Employee Registrations. The Bureau of  
20 Licensing has provided you with a list of 615  
21 individuals to whom the Bureau has granted Temporary  
22 or Full Occupational Permits and 249 individuals to  
23 whom the Bureau has granted Registrations under the  
24 authority delegated to the Bureau of Licensing. I  
25 ask that the Board consider a motion approving the

1 Order.

2 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
3 has no objection.

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

6 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
7 Dunbar moves that the Board approve the Applications  
8 for Gaming Employee Occupation Permits and Non-Gaming  
9 Employee Registrations as described by the Bureau of  
10 Licensing.

11 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
12 seconds.

13 CHAIR: All in favor?

14 AYES RESPOND

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

17 MR. HANNON: Next there is a  
18 recommendation of denial for three Non-Gaming and six  
19 Gaming Applicants. The Bureau of Licensing has  
20 provided you with an Order addressing the Applicants  
21 who the OEC has recommended for denial. I ask that  
22 the Board consider the Order approving these denials.

23

24 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC continues to  
25 request denial in each matter.

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

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

7                    MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Commissioner  
8 Quiñones-Sánchez seconds.

9                    CHAIR: All in favor?

10 AYES RESPOND

11                    CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

12                    MR. HANNON: The next matter for  
13 consideration is Withdrawal Requests. In each case  
14 the License, Permit or Registration is no longer  
15 required. For today's meeting I've provided the  
16 Board with 1 Key Employee, 20 Gaming and 39  
17 Non-Gaming Applicants. I ask that the Board to  
18 consider the Order approving these Withdrawals.

19                    ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
20 has no objections.

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

23                    MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Madam Chair,  
24 Commissioner Quiñones-Sánchez moves that the Board  
25 grant the Withdrawal of the Key Employee, Gaming and

1 Non-Gaming Employee Applications as described by the  
2 Bureau of Licensing.

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

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

7 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

8 MR. HANNON: In addition, we have an  
9 Order to renew the Gaming Service Provider  
10 Certification for KHS&S Contractors of New Jersey  
11 Incorporated, doing business of KHS&S Contractors. I  
12 have provided you with a draft Order and ask that the  
13 Board consider the Order certifying this company.

14 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
15 has no objection.

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

18 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
19 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board  
20 approve the Gaming Service Provider Certification as  
21 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

22 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman  
23 seconds.

24 CHAIR: All in favor?

25 AYES RESPOND

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

3                   MR. HANNON: Finally for your  
4 consideration are Gaming Service Provider  
5 Registrations. The Bureau of Licensing provided you  
6 with an Order and an attached list of 9 Registered  
7 Gaming Service Provider Applicants. I ask that the  
8 Board consider the Order registering these Gaming  
9 Service Providers.

10                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
11 has no objection.

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

14                   MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,  
15 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board approve the  
16 Gaming Service Provider Registrations as described by  
17 the Bureau of Licensing.

18                   MR. GAINEY: Commissioner Gainey,  
19 seconds.

20                   CHAIR: All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

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

24                   MR. HANNON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

25                   CHAIR: Thank you, Sean.

1 Next is the OEC. Cyrus Pitre. Cyrus.  
2 ATTORNEY PITRE: Good morning, Madam  
3 Chair, members of the Board.

4 Today the OEC will present 14 matters  
5 for the Board's consideration in which we will  
6 request the approval of three Consent Agreements,  
7 three Revocations, one Suspension and seven  
8 Involuntary Exclusions.

9 The next matter on the agenda for the  
10 Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement between  
11 the OEC and Category 3 Licensee - Category 4 Licensee  
12 Stadium Casino Westmoreland RE, LLC, doing business  
13 as Live! Casino Pittsburgh. The matter will be  
14 presented by Assistant Enforcement Counsel Sarah  
15 Groody. Representatives for Live! Casino Pittsburgh  
16 are present. And at this time I request that those  
17 individuals please introduce themselves for the  
18 record and all non-attorney witnesses to please stand  
19 and be sworn.

20 ATTORNEY DIEHL: My name is Tom Diehl,  
21 D-I-E-H-L, VP of Legal. And to my left is -

22 MR. SULLIVAN: Sean Sullivan, General  
23 Manager and Executive Vice President.

24 MR. RUGGERY: Joseph Ruggery,  
25 R-U-G-G-E-R-Y, and I'm the Director of Security at

1 Live! Pittsburgh.

2 MR. DEAN: Kirk Dean. I'm the Risk  
3 and Regulatory Compliance Manager.

4 CHAIR: And sir, could you spell your  
5 name for the court reporter?

6 MR. DEAN: Kirk, K-I-R-K, Dean,  
7 D-E-A-N.

8 CHAIR: And Mr. Sullivan, can you can  
9 just spell your name for the court reporter?

10 MR. SULLIVAN: Sean, S-E-A-N. Last  
11 name Sullivan, S-U-L-L-I-V-A-N.

12 CHAIR: And could all non-attorneys  
13 please rise and be sworn in by the court reporter?

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15 WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE

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17 ATTORNEY GROODY: Good morning, Chair,  
18 members of the Board, Sarah Groody, G-R-O-O-D-Y,  
19 Assistant Enforcement Counsel with the OEC.

20 This proposed Consent Agreement  
21 involves an incident in which an underage individual  
22 gained access to the Gaming Floor at Live!  
23 Pittsburgh. On March 29, 2025 a 20-year-old male  
24 individual was able to gain access to the Gaming  
25 Floor at Live! Pittsburgh and gamed at a Blackjack

1 table for approximately 24 minutes and played at  
2 least 30 hands. This individual presented an altered  
3 military identification to a Security Ambassador who  
4 was stationed at the main entrance. The Security  
5 Ambassador took the identification and scanned it,  
6 which generated an underage alert through the  
7 Veridocs system. That Security Ambassador then  
8 handed the identification to the Security Supervisor  
9 who was also present at the main entrance.

10           After looking at the altered military  
11 identification, the Security Supervisor allowed the  
12 underage individual to gain entry onto the Gaming  
13 Floor, believing he was not underage.

14           Prior to the discovery of the altered  
15 military identification, Security received an alert  
16 from the Veridocs workstation for an underage patron  
17 at the main entrance. The Security Shift Manager  
18 spoke with the Security Ambassador and the Security  
19 Supervisor regarding the underage alert and both of  
20 them confirmed they checked the identification and  
21 allowed the underage individual through. The  
22 Security Shift Manager further inspected the  
23 identification through Veridocs and noticed the  
24 altered birth year. The underage individual had  
25 altered the military identification to read a birth

1 year of 2001 as opposed to his actual birth year of  
2 2004. The underage individual was cited by the  
3 Pennsylvania State Police and he was permanently  
4 evicted from all Live! properties.

5 At this time, the OEC requests that  
6 the Board approve this Consent Agreement and  
7 Stipulation of Settlement. Pursuant to the terms of  
8 the Consent Agreement, Live! Pittsburgh shall pay a  
9 civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000 and \$2,500 for  
10 the costs incurred by the OEC, the BIE and other  
11 related staff in connection with this matter within  
12 five days of the Board's approval.

13 If there are any questions, we are  
14 happy to answer them at this time.

15 CHAIR: Live!, would you like to  
16 address the Board?

17 ATTORNEY DIEHL: Yes. I've heard the  
18 recitations from Attorney Groody and it is accurate.  
19 Any time we have a situation with underage minors on  
20 gaming, we take it very seriously. And this was -  
21 the situation was no different.

22 We investigated the matter and we  
23 found out several of our procedures in place did  
24 work. Obviously there was a violation.

25 Some of the items that worked are,

1 entry control protocols were effective, that the  
2 gentleman, when he came in, was carded, his ID was  
3 checked by Veritas - Veridocs. And then the - a flag  
4 was shown, indicating that he was a minor.

5                   It was then appropriately escalated,  
6 The entry level Security Ambassador called over a  
7 Supervisor. The Supervisor then made a judgment  
8 call. We have protocols and procedures in place and  
9 sometimes humans make the wrong call; in this  
10 instance.

11                   It was then escalated after he entered  
12 the Gaming Floor. We have a secondary reveal, where  
13 security was - the opportunity to see what was  
14 actually dipped in the ID system and could blow it  
15 up, magnify it and see that an alteration did take  
16 place, which then had the secondary follow-through  
17 that removed him from the Blackjack table.

18                   Circling back to where the actual  
19 error took place, the Supervisor had to make a  
20 judgment call on whether or not the ID was valid  
21 because the subject, on its face, appeared to be  
22 correct. The alteration, unfortunately, was fairly  
23 convincing.

24                   And then he had a decision to make.  
25 And regrettably he made the incorrect decision by

1 overriding the Veridocs system. And again, it's  
2 something that we then had to train our personnel.  
3 In this case, the Supervisor was appropriately  
4 disciplined. He was given a written reprimand. And  
5 we used this as an opportunity to teach and remind  
6 our Security personnel that we have systems in place.  
7 They're pretty good. They're not perfect. Sometimes  
8 they require intervention, but in this case the  
9 intervention was not positive.

10 So, ultimately we wanted to indicate  
11 that, yes, 100 percent, we accept responsibility. We  
12 have procedures in place. In this case, it was a  
13 failing of human error.

14 CHAIR: Any questions?

15 Commissioner Dunbar?

16 MR. DUNBAR: Yeah, just a question to  
17 help me out. I'm not sure I know the answer to this.  
18 Is there ever a time when the Veridocs system doesn't  
19 work, that you get an alert, it actually is found to  
20 be an error?

21 ATTORNEY DIEHL: Yes, we've actually  
22 had a discussion before. In fact, one of the reasons  
23 why I've got a full team here, I have our Security  
24 Director, Joe Ruggery here, who can provide some more  
25 detail on that as well.

1                   MR. RUGGERY: Yes, sir. The answer to  
2 that question is yes, or, you know, it's a system  
3 that scans images, the physical driver's license, or  
4 in this case, military ID. Occasionally there are  
5 physical defects with the license. Just either  
6 license is worn from being in somebody's wallet or  
7 perhaps it went through a dryer inadvertently and was  
8 subjected to a heat cycle and was warped.

9                   So, the answer is not every time that  
10 the Veridocs system indicates that there's an  
11 authentication error, as in this case, it's  
12 indicative that the license is fraudulent or has been  
13 altered in some way.

14                   Sometimes, again, it's just a physical  
15 defect. So, as Mr. Diehl notes, our Supervisor did  
16 his job in terms of examining the ID, to try to  
17 determine the reason why it alerted and regrettably  
18 came to the wrong conclusion and determined that it  
19 was valid, when, in fact, it was not.

20                   MR. DUNBAR: Thank you. I appreciate  
21 that. And I want to - because I'm sitting here  
22 thinking to myself, well, the Veridocs system always  
23 works, you know, why would you stop, but I appreciate  
24 your answer.

25                   ATTORNEY DIEHL: Yes, sir, I asked the

1 same question. So, it's -.

2 MR. DUNBAR: Great minds think alike.

3 MR. SULLIVAN: Just a side comment,  
4 Commissioner Dunbar, is that Veridocs is the gold  
5 standard for the industry. So, we have the best  
6 equipment and clearly it catches -. I mean, how many  
7 do we have a day, a week of ID checks? You know,  
8 thousands, you know. And we don't see a ton of  
9 military IDs, which is a little bit confusing. We're  
10 very good at the driver's license - still vulnerable  
11 to human error, but the military - military IDs throw  
12 a bit of a curveball.

13 And I think, you know, retraining,  
14 strengthening our training on that is in order and  
15 has been initiated. The officer who made the wrong  
16 decision resigned. You know, it was, indeed, as  
17 everybody said, a human mistake, a human error. It's  
18 not the system, it's not the training. It's just  
19 when it came to that moment of truth, he made a bad  
20 call, but the system is fantastic. And it happens  
21 and we're embarrassed about it and we're here to  
22 apologize as well as ensure you that going forward  
23 we're mitigating it by training, by making sure that  
24 we attend to it every single day, every single shift,  
25 reminding people.

1                   And I think one of the weaknesses was  
2 the military training. Not that I'm trying to find  
3 excuses, but clearly that is not something we're used  
4 to seeing.

5                   CHAIR: Any other questions or  
6 comments?

7                   MR. DILLON: Yeah, I'd like to add one  
8 thing. I guess we all sort of had the same question  
9 Commissioner Dunbar - we'll, I'm was going to ask the  
10 same question. I'm surprised that I guess this  
11 gentleman was in the military, that he would take a  
12 chance like that to maybe -.

13                   MR. SULLIVAN: It's amazing every day.

14                   MR. DILLON: Over something so -

15                   MR. DUNBAR: Yeah.

16                   MR. DILLON: - stupid. That's all I'd  
17 like to add.

18                   MR. SULLIVAN But there's a lot of  
19 that, and to be honest with you, not that it doesn't  
20 change directions, but it's also how we catch  
21 self-excluded. Right?

22                   So when they drop their ID and they're  
23 on the self-excluded list, we - we go, what in the  
24 world are you thinking? But yeah, it happens. And  
25 some people, not only we make the mistake, but

1 they're making a mistakes by doing this, but they  
2 don't have to pay the fine. Thank you.

3 CHAIR: Any other questions or  
4 comments? I'm glad the system did work, you did  
5 elevate it and ultimately it was caught, but you said  
6 you had great training. So, the person - the  
7 Supervisor resigned, but what kind of - did you train  
8 everybody in the supervisory position or what was  
9 that training?

10 MR. SULLIVAN: Just for clarification,  
11 the team member who made the bad call.

12 CHAIR: The Ambassador?

13 MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah, the Ambassador.  
14 The Supervisor was disciplined, written  
15 documentation. We can address the training.

16 MR. RUGGERY: Right. So he obviously  
17 - to answer your question, yes, the entire department  
18 was subjected to retraining, you know, emphasizing  
19 the importance of proper entrance control at preshift  
20 meetings, et cetera, et cetera, and additional  
21 oversight on the Gaming Floor.

22 The Supervisor in particular, since he  
23 was the one that essentially committed the judgment  
24 error, was provided with more intense training. Sat  
25 down, explained the parameters of the system and the

1 limitations, to be fair, of the system, and the  
2 importance of effective human judgment.

3 He was disciplined, as Mr. Diehl  
4 notes. And he later, within about a week or two  
5 after that, he chose to voluntarily resign his  
6 position. So, he's no longer there as well.

7 CHAIR: And do you conduct that  
8 training on a regular basis or this was a one and  
9 done training?

10 MR. RUGGERY: Yes, consistently. We  
11 reinforce it that whenever we have people come in  
12 that are new applicants for positions within the  
13 Security Department, we consistently retrain and  
14 focus on it because it is such a huge part of what we  
15 do and we place such great importance on it.

16 CHAIR: Thank you.

17 MR. RUGGERY: Yes, ma'am.

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

20 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair,  
21 Commissioner Gainney moves that the Board approve the  
22 Consent Agreement between the OEC and Stadium Casino  
23 Westmoreland RE, LLC, d/b/a Live! Casino Pittsburgh  
24 as described by the OEC.

25 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar

1 seconds.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 AYES RESPOND

4 CHAIR: All opposed?

5 ATTORNEY DIEHL: Thank you.

6 CHAIR: Motion's adopted. Thank you,  
7 gentlemen.

8 ATTORNEY PITRE: Next matter on the  
9 agenda for the Board's consideration is a Consent  
10 Agreement between the OEC and Category 2 Licensee,  
11 Holdings Acquisition, LP, doing business as Rivers  
12 Casino Pittsburgh. The matter will be presented by  
13 Assistant Enforcement Counsel Thomas Monaghan.

14 Representatives for Live! Casino - I  
15 mean for Rivers Casino Pittsburgh are present at this  
16 time. I request that those individuals please  
17 introduce themselves for the record and that all  
18 non-attorney witnesses please stand and be sworn.

19 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Go ahead, Ms.  
20 Rainey -.

21 CHAIR: Can you and your client  
22 introduce yourselves, please?

23 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Good afternoon.  
24 Good morning. John DONNELLY, on behalf of the  
25 Holdings Acquisition Co. With me is Lorraine Renee

1 Davis, who's the Director of Compliance, and she'll  
2 be available for questions today.

3 CHAIR: Okay. And Ms. Davis, could  
4 you spell your, name, please, for the court reporter?

5 MS. DAVIS: D-A-V-I-S.

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7 LORRAINE DAVIS,  
8 CALLED AS A WITNESS IN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING, AND  
9 HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AND SAID AS  
10 FOLLOWS:

11 ---

12 ATTORNEY MONAGHAN: Good morning.

13 Thomas Monaghan, M-O-N-A-G-H-A-N with the OEC.

14 This matter involves seven separate  
15 incidents, where individuals on the Board  
16 Self-Exclusion List gained access to the Gaming Floor  
17 at Rivers Casino Pittsburgh and engaged in restricted  
18 activity despite identification being requested and  
19 reviewed by casino personnel. I will summarize each  
20 incident and the corrective actions taken.

21 First incident which occurred on  
22 October 31st, 2022, when a self-excluded patron,  
23 identified as L.T. entered the Gaming Floor without  
24 identification check. L.T. played craps for over six  
25 hours, bought in three times for a total of \$2,850

1 and cashed out chips for \$2,980. After presenting  
2 his ID to the Main Cage, L.T. was able to sign up for  
3 a new player's card, cash in his chips and drop off  
4 property before his exclusion status was discovered.

5 As a result, L.T. received a lifetime  
6 eviction and trespass citation. The Player Services  
7 Representative involved received verbal feedback as  
8 discipline.

9 The second incident, which occurred on  
10 March 21st, 2023, when self-excluded patron E.Y.  
11 accessed the Gaming Floor three separate times,  
12 totaling 1 hour and 41 minutes and gamed for about 30  
13 minutes.

14 During this time, Security reviewed  
15 E.Y.'s identification but failed to act on a red flag  
16 alert and allowed E.Y. entry and subsequently ignored  
17 surveillance radio calls regarding E.Y.'s presence  
18 due to radio mismanagement which allowed him to  
19 reenter.

20 As a result, E.Y. was evicted and  
21 cited. The two Security Officers received written  
22 discipline for their failures.

23 Third incident, a self-excluded patron  
24 M.H. presented identification and received a player's  
25 club card, gamed at a table for nearly five hours on

1 September 29th, then returned the next day for an  
2 additional 19 minutes of slots and table games play  
3 before detection.

4 M.H. was discovered to be  
5 self-excluded, after review of M.H.'s name in the  
6 system revealed that she had a mandatory read on her  
7 players card, but the card was not red flagged for  
8 self-exclusion.

9 As a result, M.H. was evicted and her  
10 chips were confiscated.

11 The fourth incident, which occurred on  
12 January 10, 2024, when a self-excluded patron S.G.  
13 played slot machines for over an hour and won two  
14 jackpots totaling \$3,360.

15 The first jackpot occurred after a red  
16 flag alert was missed by casino personnel. S.G.'s  
17 self-excluded status was detected by casino personnel  
18 during the second jackpot.

19 S.G. was evicted and cited. The Slot  
20 Attendant who missed the alert and first jackpot,  
21 received verbal feedback as discipline.

22 The fifth incident, which occurred on  
23 August 13th and 15th of 2024, when self-excluded  
24 patron K.B., who despite presenting ID obtained cash  
25 advances totaling \$500, was on the Gaming Floor for a

1 total of 1 hour and 52 minutes, and played slots for  
2 a total of 1 hour and 20 minutes.

3 In each error the Player Services  
4 Representatives failed to verify the exclusion status  
5 before processing those transactions.

6 As a result, K.B. was evicted and the  
7 Player Services Representatives received written  
8 warnings as discipline.

9 The sixth incident, on October -  
10 August 29th, 2024, self-excluded patron A.M. entered  
11 the Gaming Floor after his U.S. visa identification  
12 failed to flag due to a data entry by casino  
13 personnel.

14 He played roulette for over an hour  
15 before detection.

16 As a result, A.M. was evicted and a  
17 compliance review resulted in a correction of  
18 identification input error.

19 Finally, the seventh incident, which  
20 occurred on October 17, 2024, self-excluded patron  
21 S.R. entered the Gaming Floor and during his 1 hour  
22 and 20 minutes on the Gaming Floor played slots for a  
23 total of 13 minutes, and after presenting ID received  
24 a \$500 cash advance from Player Services  
25 Representatives at the Main Cage despite his

1 identification being flagged in the casino system as  
2 a self-excluded person.

3 Two Player Services Representatives  
4 processed the transactions before detection.

5 As a result, S.R. was evicted and  
6 cited.

7 Both Player Services Representatives  
8 received written warnings.

9 OEC now requests the Board approve  
10 this Consent Agreement and Stipulation of Settlement  
11 entered into between the parties. Terms of the  
12 settlement include that Rivers shall pay a civil  
13 penalty in the amount of \$70,000 to the Board within  
14 five days of the Board's Order approving this Consent  
15 Agreement. Also, within five days Rivers shall pay  
16 an administrative fee of \$3,500 for costs incurred by  
17 Board staff in connection with this matter.

18 And thank you. If you have any  
19 questions, we'd be happy to address them for you.

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

22 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Yes. Several  
23 points.

24 First of all, as the report sets out,  
25 this is the first events that we've had of this

1 nature since 2022. The events that are recited  
2 occurred, two of them, in - one in 2022, two in '23,  
3 four in 2024.

4 Like the previous Petitioner or - I  
5 don't want to use the word Defendant, but as I  
6 administrate before you, we have now installed the  
7 Veridocs system, which was not in place at the time  
8 these events occurred.

9 That said - and that is a good system  
10 that works very well. In fact, it's hooked up to  
11 surveillance as well. So, if someone were to be on  
12 the Self-Exclusion List and be carded, and this is a  
13 sub case, it would also notify Security. These -  
14 most of - almost all these events -. Well, all these  
15 events were not carded because they were not - did  
16 not appear to be under the age of 40 when they  
17 entered the facility.

18 So, that Veridocs system would not  
19 have caught them. All but one of them were -. The  
20 only reason that we're here today is because, after  
21 they had gained entrance to the casino floor, a human  
22 being on the casino floor failed to identify them as  
23 self-excluded when they showed up either to cash out  
24 chips or to - primarily to try to get a player's  
25 card.

1                   Those were human errors. They've been  
2 trained not to do it. They were disciplined for  
3 failing to have that - to stop the person after they  
4 hit the floor, but I want to emphasize that it wasn't  
5 a failure of letting these persons into the floor.  
6 It was once they were on the floor and they  
7 approached one of our employees, someone should have  
8 turned them in.

9                   All but one of these were  
10 self-excluded or self-reported. That is we found  
11 these or my client found these events after the fact  
12 and reported them to the Gaming Board, with the  
13 exception of one. And that person was S.F., who  
14 entered the floor and then thought better - left the  
15 floor, came back and reported herself to the State  
16 Police - I believe either the State Police or the  
17 PCGB in that's how before we had an opportunity to  
18 report it.

19                   Since then we have installed the  
20 Veridocs system, very sophisticated. We've retrained  
21 people. We disciplined the individuals who made the  
22 errors on the floor. And hopefully we won't have an  
23 event like this in the future. Thank you.

24                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
25 Commissioner Dunbar.

1                   MR. DUNBAR: Thank you, Madam Chair.  
2 Look, I can empathize with the difficulty of grabbing  
3 people as they're walking into your facility and  
4 identifying them as somebody on the List that  
5 shouldn't be there. I can understand the difficulty,  
6 but these just weren't people that walked by. They  
7 walked by, they were given - they were paid jackpots,  
8 they were given players cards. They did cash  
9 advances.

10                   They did all these and still weren't  
11 detected until later. So, I mean seven different  
12 events is egregious to me. It's scary to me, to tell  
13 you the truth.

14                   So, aside from the Veridocs, what  
15 other corrective actions were taken? When were these  
16 corrective actions taken?

17                   ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Well, I have -.  
18 Let me address those comments.

19                   First of all, the problem was - on  
20 SEPs, like underage - like underage, you can  
21 generally tell if they're under the age of 40 and  
22 they should be carded and then the card will pick it  
23 up. SEPs don't have that. We don't have that  
24 advantage, because if a SEP, self-excluded person,  
25 decides to reenter the floor, people don't know

1 them, recognize them.

2                   And occasionally it's actually kind of  
3 astonishing how many times people do recognize  
4 someone as being a previous SEP and alert Security  
5 and they're taken out of the building.

6                   But in these events, Mr. Dunbar, they  
7 - these people were - when they got cash advances and  
8 so on, that wouldn't - they wouldn't be carded,  
9 necessarily, for that.

10                   When they would be carded is when they  
11 went to get a players card, and that's - and they  
12 signed up, because at that time they'd be showing an  
13 ID.

14                   That's where the failure occurred, not  
15 when they're wandering around the floor. And in many  
16 cases these people had very minimal gaming. There's  
17 one egregious one where a person gamed for almost  
18 four hours, but the others were minimal gaming, a few  
19 minutes here, a few minutes there and so on.

20                   So, unless they engage with a cage to  
21 get a players card, we wouldn't pick them up, unless  
22 they've been carded at the door. And they wouldn't  
23 be carded at the door unless they looked to be under  
24 40. So, that's the problem.

25                   As to more events beside that, what we

1 put in the corrective and mitigating factors were, we  
2 had four paragraphs, that the company transferred  
3 responsibilities previously associated with  
4 processing self-exclusion exclusions from Credit to  
5 Compliance.

6 Renee [sic] is the head of Compliance.  
7 MS. DAVIS: Let me - yeah, let me talk  
8 about it.

9 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: I'll screw it up.

10 MS. DAVIS: So - so, we address  
11 self-exclusion and mitigating factors on a regular  
12 basis. I take these very personally, because it's my  
13 department that processes all this. And it's a  
14 manual process and we do this every day.

15 We look at the List every day and  
16 we're embedded with Operations talking about  
17 self-exclusions every day.

18 Currently my team is back at the  
19 property testing some new technology. And we are  
20 working with developing some new reports to help  
21 automate triggers to detect these manual errors in  
22 keying the data. Because this data that goes into  
23 our management system that Operation relies on is all  
24 manually keyed.

25 So, in order to manually review it, to

1 manually review manually key data, you tend to lose  
2 track of where the error is. So, we're trying to  
3 enhance our review process.

4           So, the team currently is reviewing  
5 some automated reports. And I'm very happy at the  
6 process that these reports have developed.

7           So, daily we are trying to think and  
8 design new ways to mitigate the risks for our  
9 operational departments. We're also currently  
10 testing some new scanners to reduce duplicate  
11 accounts, because that is another risk factor for  
12 operational errors.

13           One of these involved a duplicate  
14 account that someone had had that got processed for a  
15 patron that came in that, you know, the system's only  
16 as good as it allows. And although there are steps  
17 in place to try not to create a duplicate account for  
18 someone, it does occur.

19           So, if somebody comes in and one gets  
20 created and it doesn't get caught, that's what  
21 happens. So, we're working on things like that every  
22 day to help mitigate the risk for the property and  
23 for Operations.

24           MR. DUNBAR: I would say that those  
25 efforts haven't worked very well. If you have an

1 event on August 13th and then two weeks later another  
2 event, and then six weeks after that another event,  
3 I'm concerned, I'm greatly concerned. Why should I  
4 feel comfortable going forward that this won't  
5 continue?

6 I mean, it's only a Veridocs system,  
7 but the group before you testified that that doesn't  
8 always work either. I - I wish I felt more  
9 comfortable with your explanation. I do not.

10 I - seven events are very  
11 disconcerting to me. And look, as far as the Consent  
12 Agreement is concerned, we use these fines as  
13 deterrent to make sure that you guys are in  
14 compliance with and enforcing things we would like to  
15 see taken care of. I don't think you're viewing it  
16 as a deterrent at all.

17 To talk to you, I think you're looking  
18 at it as a cost of doing business, which is - which  
19 is scary to me, very scary to me.

20 Historically, this Board has taken  
21 events where if something is repetitive, something  
22 happens again and again, there's compounding factors  
23 in the fine.

24 Your Consent Agreement, it doesn't  
25 have compounding factors. You have \$70,000 for seven

1 events.

2 This is no way meant to undermine the  
3 work Mr. Pitre and his staff - they do a wonderful  
4 job. I'm appreciative of everything they do, but  
5 this is a Consent Agreement I cannot support.

6 I don't think you've done the  
7 necessary work to make sure this does not happen  
8 again. And I don't think the punishment fits the  
9 crime. With that, I'll stop.

10 CHAIR: Commissioner Quiñones-Sánchez.

11 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Thank you.

12 What part of the cash-out protocol do you have in  
13 place for people to check the exclusionary list?

14 MS. DAVIS: So, for every -. So, for  
15 whenever there is a cash-out, they - the team member  
16 these to check the - whoever they're paying out  
17 against the self-exclusion to make - to ensure that  
18 person is not on the Self-Exclusion List.

19 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: So, that's part  
20 of the protocol, and it was not followed on the seven  
21 occasion?

22 MS. DAVIS: Correct.

23 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: And what was  
24 the penalty towards the staff for not checking?  
25 Because to me it's seems pretty simple. It's the

1 protocol. You're cashing out, which means as a  
2 business you just lost money. You check a list.  
3 What has happened with the staff members in terms of  
4 training or -.

5 MS. DAVIS: The team members were  
6 retrained. And depending on - and the team members  
7 were disciplined.

8 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: What was the  
9 discipline? Was anybody ever repetitive, where they  
10 had multiple transactions?

11 MS. DAVIS: Meaning -?

12 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Of the seven  
13 cases, were they the same people?

14 MS. DAVIS: No, no.

15 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Don't you think  
16 that's worse? Because if it's one person who has a  
17 training issue -.

18 MS. DAVIS: Yes. Yeah.

19 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: You had seven  
20 incidents with seven staff people. That's a pattern.

21 So, what other protocol has been put  
22 in place? Is there like a daily verification or  
23 you -? Because you're catching the incidents  
24 afterwards.

25 What happens when you catch the

1 incident afterwards? What's the protocol that led to  
2 you catching the six of the seven?

3 MS. DAVIS: I don't -.

4 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Well, let me -.  
5 Let me -. The reason what happens is, these are  
6 self-reported.

7 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Uh-huh.

8 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: So, what would  
9 happen is, I don't know exactly how they were  
10 discovered, but it would have been in Renee's back of  
11 the house, as she pointed out that she would discover  
12 this event and then we would report to the Gaming  
13 Board.

14 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: How was this  
15 discovered, thought? I'm lost for the protocol for  
16 the post finding.

17 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Well, they're all  
18 kind of different, but explain how you do that - how  
19 you discovered these after the event.

20 MS. DAVIS: So, one of them was  
21 discovered as a result of a team member - a team  
22 member reviewing a cash advance transaction and  
23 noticed that the person was exclude - on the  
24 Exclusion List and had received a cash advance, so  
25 reached out from there. That's how that got

1 reported.

2 Another was the cage activity was -  
3 again, the Supervisor came in and was reviewing the  
4 transactions and noticed something was off in the  
5 transaction. And so that's how it got caught.

6 It's through review of the  
7 transactions. Maybe not right in the moment, but a  
8 few - just a slight delay of the transactions and  
9 that. It's not days later that they're getting -.  
10 It's, you know, a few moments that they get reported.

11 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Yeah, there's -.  
12 To the earlier question, there are thousands and  
13 thousands and thousands of transactions that go on  
14 hourly in the casino. So, -.

15 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: You're in the  
16 business of making money. When you're releasing  
17 money, that's one point where -.

18 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Yeah. No, there's  
19 no question about it. The Cage Cashier, when they're  
20 cashing out, if they reach a certain number, should  
21 have checked the case, but they didn't in these cases  
22 in '22, '23, '24.

23 And as the previous presenter said,  
24 and I say, too, there's always going to be that human  
25 element in there. And there are seven transactions

1 over - we see three years that are brought before  
2 this Board out of millions of transactions, millions  
3 upon millions of transactions that went on.

4           And what we have done, we've improved  
5 the electronic - the computer systems, at a great  
6 cost, and we've retrained and we've disciplined and  
7 people see someone in the herd get disciplined,  
8 that's about all that you can do, other than keep  
9 training the human beings and keep pressing them on  
10 how they've got to follow the protocols.

11           And this is not a cost of doing  
12 business. We made a decision - my client made a  
13 decision on this. What happened here was an error  
14 and it's our error and we're owning up to it. We  
15 didn't challenge it. We entered into this  
16 stipulation and we hope to not be back here again,  
17 but I can't guarantee this Board that there won't be  
18 foul-ups in the future. Someone is - in the future  
19 is going to not follow our policies and procedures.  
20 And all we can do is terminate, retrain them and if  
21 they're not retrainable, terminate them. That's what  
22 we do.

23           CHAIR: I believe OEC would like to  
24 say something.

25           ATTORNEY PITRE: Yes. Just to address

1 one thing. The reason why this is just coming before  
2 the Board is because we spent 2025 to make sure the  
3 bleeding stopped, make sure that whatever they put in  
4 place actually worked before, because compliance  
5 comes first and stopping the violations comes first.

6 So, we feel comfortable with what  
7 they've put in place at this stage, because we have  
8 not had any of those violations in 2025. However,  
9 the retraining needs to be done on a regular basis to  
10 ensure new hires will follow the procedure.

11 I recommend that spot audits be done  
12 to ensure people are following the procedure.

13 Outside of that, so far the bleeding  
14 has stopped on this.

15 CHAIR: That's good to know. Thank  
16 you.

17 Any other questions or comments?

18 MR. DILLON: I'd just -.

19 CHAIR: Commissioner Dillon.

20 MR. DILLON: I'd just like to ask  
21 Cyrus -. You just answered my question, has the  
22 bleeding stopped? So, I appreciate you jumping in  
23 and saying that.

24 When somebody asks for a cash advance,  
25 aren't they given - aren't they supposed to give ID?

1                   MS. DAVIS: They - they do.

2                   MR. DILLON: And then for the  
3 Self-Exclusion List, isn't that ID entered into  
4 something?

5                   MS. DAVIS: It is. However that is a  
6 separate -. So, it is a separate system that is not  
7 integrated with our casino management system. So,  
8 the cashier has to check the cash advance system and  
9 then check the casino management system to see that  
10 they are not self-barred.

11                   So, to process the transaction is one  
12 system to check the self-barred. So - and if - if  
13 the cashier does not do the process in both, systems  
14 will not identify that they are self-excluded and can  
15 process the transaction without identifying the  
16 self-barred for the cash advance are not in the cash  
17 advance system.

18                   MR. DILLON: And they are instructed  
19 to do that, follow that procedure?

20                   MS. DAVIS: Correct.

21                   CHAIR: Any other questions or  
22 comments?

23                   I would just like to say that I'm glad  
24 Cyrus did clarify that the bleeding has stopped, but  
25 it seems like you still have a work in progress as

1 far as -.

2 MS. DAVIS: Yes, we understand that.  
3 And we - we understand that this is a marathon and we  
4 are working through it.

5 CHAIR: Okay. And obviously we, as  
6 the Board and Commissioners, are very concerned about  
7 self-excluded persons.

8 Next month is Compulsive Problem  
9 Gambling Awareness Month. These people have a  
10 problem -

11 MS. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

12 CHAIR: - and you're not helping them  
13 by allowing them to gamble. So, that's why we really  
14 are concerned that they're enabled - you're enabling  
15 them to - to feed their craving and their need and  
16 their addiction.

17 So, I'm glad you addressed the issues  
18 and hopefully this will continue to work. So -.

19 And with no other questions or  
20 comments, can I please have a motion?

21 MR. GAINEY: Madam Chair,  
22 Commissioner Gainey moves that the Board approve the  
23 Consent Agreement between the OEC and Holdings  
24 Acquisition, LP, d/b/a Rivers Casino Pittsburgh as  
25 described by the OEC.

1                   MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
2 seconds.

3                   CHAIR: All in favor?

4 AYES RESPOND

5                   CHAIR: All opposed?

6 NAY RESPONDS

7                   CHAIR: Any other opposition? Okay.  
8 Please note for the record that Commissioner Dunbar  
9 has opposed the motion, needing a simple majority,  
10 which we have, the motion passes.

11                   ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Thank you.

12                   MS. DAVIS: Thank you.

13                   CHAIR: Thank you.

14                   ATTORNEY PITRE: The next matter on  
15 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a Consent  
16 Agreement between the OEC and iGaming Manufacturer  
17 Relax Gaming North America, LLC. The matter will be  
18 presented by Senior Enforcement Counsel John Crohe.

19                   Representatives for Relax Gaming are  
20 present. And at this time I request that those  
21 individuals please introduce themselves for the  
22 record and that all non-attorney witnesses please  
23 stand and be sworn.

24                   ATTORNEY HAYES: Good morning, Madam  
25 Chair, members of the Board. My name is Kevin Hayes.

1 I represent Relax Gaming North America, which is a  
2 iGaming Manufacturer Licensee.

3 Available at this time by Microsoft  
4 Teams is Alexia Smilovic Ronde, who is Relax Gaming's  
5 Chief Regulatory Officer.

6 I would respectfully request that Ms.  
7 Ronde, who is located in Copenhagen, Denmark, be  
8 permitted to participate virtually in today's  
9 proceeding.

10 CHAIR: We have granted that. So,  
11 that - just, could you make sure you have her spell  
12 her name and have her sworn in.

13 ATTORNEY HAYES: So, Alexia, for the  
14 benefit of the Board and the stenographer, can you  
15 please state and spell your name?

16 MS. SMILOVIC RONDE: Yes, absolutely.  
17 Alexia Smilovic Ronde, S-M-I-L-O-V-I-C, R-O-N-D-E.

18 ATTORNEY HAYES: Alexia will need to  
19 be sworn in.

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ALEXIA SMILOVIC RONDE,

22 CALLED AS A WITNESS IN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING, AND  
23 HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AND SAID AS  
24 FOLLOWS:

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1                    COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

2                    ATTORNEY CROHE: Chair, members of the  
3 Board, John Crohe, C-R-O-H-E, Senior Enforcement  
4 Counsel for the OEC.

5                    This matter involves an unapproved  
6 change of control. Relax Gaming is licensed by the  
7 Board as an iGaming Manufacturer. Relax Gaming is  
8 ultimately owned by Principal Affiliate license  
9 holder Kindred Group Limited. At the time of the  
10 Board's approval of Relaxed Gaming's license  
11 application in July 2024, Kindred was a publicly  
12 traded company whose shares were traded on the NASDAQ  
13 Stockholm Exchange. On January 22nd, 2024, La  
14 Francaise des Jeux, SA announced a recommended public  
15 cash offer to the shareholders of Kindred to tender  
16 their shares, and Kindred's Board of Directors  
17 unanimously recommended that the shareholders of  
18 Kindred accept the offer.

19                    On October 1st, 2024, representatives  
20 from Relax Gaming and Kindred participated in a  
21 conference with members of the Board staff to review  
22 the impending acquisition of Kindred by La Francaise  
23 des Jeux, and the resulting change of control of  
24 Relax Gaming. Also on October 1st, 2024, a new  
25 entity, Relax Gaming US Holdings, LLC was inserted

1 into the change of ownership of Relax Gaming. By the  
2 expiration of the acceptance period on  
3 October 18th, 2024, La Francaise des Jeux had  
4 acquired a controlling interest in Kindred.

5 On October 4th, 2024, Relax Gaming  
6 filed a Petition for Approval of Change of Control.  
7 Then on December 29th, 2025, filed an amended version  
8 of that Petition.

9 To acquire a controlling interest in  
10 an iGaming Manufacturer, the acquirer must obtain  
11 approval from the Board and file all required  
12 applications for licensure resulting from the  
13 acquisition. In this matter, Board approval was not  
14 granted regarding this change of control prior to the  
15 acquisition and various applications required as a  
16 result of this acquisition were not approved by the  
17 Board or otherwise authorized prior to the  
18 acquisition.

19 The OEC and Relax Gaming North  
20 America, LLC respectfully request that the Board  
21 approve the Consent Agreement and Stipulations of  
22 Settlement and that Relax Gaming North America, LLC  
23 pay a civil penalty of \$32,500, as well as a \$2,500  
24 administrative fee for costs incurred by Board staff  
25 in connection with investigations into this matter.

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

3                    ATTORNEY HAYES: Madam Chair, briefly.  
4 I listened to the recitation of the facts offered by  
5 Enforcement Counsel, and as contained in the Consent  
6 Agreement on behalf of Relax Gaming North America,  
7 we agree with the facts and we agree with the  
8 conditions of the Consent Agreement that is dated  
9 December 29, 2025.

10                    We're here to take responsibility for  
11 this violation and to provide you with information to  
12 ensure that it does not occur again.

13                    By way of background, in January of  
14 2024, when Kindred and what I'm going to refer to as  
15 FDJ, for the benefit of everyone, especially the  
16 stenographer, announced the transaction described by  
17 Enforcement Counsel, Relax Gaming's License  
18 Application was still pending before the Board.

19                    Relax Gaming was not privy to all the  
20 details of this transaction, and assumed that  
21 Kindred, who was already licensed by the Board,  
22 through its affiliation with Unibet, was providing  
23 requisite notifications to the Board and obtaining  
24 the necessary licensing approvals.

25                    In September of 2024 -. So, Relax's

1 License is approved in July of 2024. In September of  
2 2024, Relax Gaming became aware of additional details  
3 regarding FDJ's proposed acquisition of Kindred, and  
4 that the closing could potentially occur in October  
5 2024.

6 Relax Gaming further realized that the  
7 Board's requisite approvals had not been secured.  
8 And as you know, the requirement for obtaining  
9 regulatory approval of a change of control  
10 transaction prior to the closing of the transaction  
11 is unique to Pennsylvania.

12 Accordingly, it was assumed that the  
13 parties were not fully aware of this requirement.

14 In any event, by September 2024, Relax  
15 Gaming did not have the ability to delay the close,  
16 the transaction.

17 Relax Gaming immediately notified  
18 Board staff in September 2024 and requested a meeting  
19 to provide the details of this transaction.

20 Further, Relax Gaming immediately took  
21 steps to ensure that all funds resulting from its  
22 gaming operations in Pennsylvania were segregated, to  
23 ensure that FDJ and its officers, directors and  
24 shareholders do not receive those funds until the  
25 Board has approved this Change of Control Petition

1 and the licensing of FDJ.

2                   Since November 2024, the applications  
3 of four entities and at least 14 individuals  
4 affiliated with FDJ have been submitted to the PGCB.  
5 And we have, on a monthly basis, provided  
6 confirmation to BIE that the funds have remained  
7 segregated since this all occurred in late 2024.

8                   At this time, Alexia - with your  
9 permission, Madam Chair, Alexis would like to offer a  
10 statement to the Board.

11                   CHAIR: Of course.

12                   MS. SMILOVIC RONDE: Thank you, Kevin.  
13 Madam Chair and members of the Board, my name is  
14 Alexia Smilovic Ronde. I'm the Chief Regulatory  
15 Officer for Relax Gaming.

16                   First, I'd like to thank you again for  
17 allowing me to participate in the meeting virtually.  
18 I'm located in Copenhagen, where I live and work.  
19 And so I really appreciate the professional courtesy  
20 you have extended to me.

21                   I can assure the Board that this  
22 violation was not willful nor intentional on our  
23 part, on the part of Relax Gaming. We have taken  
24 measures to ensure that this does not occur again.

25                   Specifically, our company has made FDJ

1 aware and very clear about the agency's requirement  
2 relating to the approval of certain change of - to  
3 the control or to personnel of the company.

4                   We have also worked diligently with  
5 your licensing team and investigators to submit and  
6 process the application of FDJ, its [sic] and  
7 shareholders and officers and directors. Our company  
8 understand and respect the Board importance role in  
9 regulating gaming in Pennsylvania. And I look very  
10 much forward working with you and discussing [sic].  
11 Thank you very much.

12                   CHAIR: Thank you, Alexia. Do we have  
13 any questions or comments from the Board?

14                   None? Well, I will say it sounds like  
15 Relax Gaming did everything they could to make sure  
16 that the Board was aware of these activities, even  
17 though apparently they didn't have complete control  
18 over them. Which I think is reflective of the  
19 penalty.

20                   So, with that being said, may I have a  
21 motion, please?

22                   MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
23 Dillon moves that the Board approve the Consent  
24 Agreement between the OEC and Relax Gaming North  
25 America, LLC as described by the OEC.

1                   MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Commissioner  
2 Quiñones-Sánchez seconds.

3                   CHAIR: All in favor?

4 AYES RESPOND

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

7                   Thank you, Kevin. Thank you, Alexia.

8                   ATTORNEY HAYES: Thank you, Madam  
9 Chair. Thank you members of the Board.

10                   ATTORNEY PITRE: At this time I would  
11 now turn over the rest of the OEC's agenda to Deputy  
12 Chief Enforcement Counsel Dustin Miller to provide an  
13 introduction for the Default Judgments.

14                   ATTORNEY MILLER: Good morning, Chair  
15 Smyler, members of the Board, Dustin Miller on behalf  
16 of the OEC.

17                   The next matters on the agenda consist  
18 of enforcement actions in which the OEC filed  
19 Complaints seeking the revocation or suspension of  
20 Licenses previously issued by the Board. The  
21 Complaints have been filed with the Board's OHA and  
22 properly served upon the persons named in the  
23 Complaints. Persons named in the Complaints failed  
24 to respond within 30 days as required by Board  
25 regulations.

1           As a result, the OEC filed a Request  
2 for Default Judgment and properly served the same  
3 upon each respondent. Therefore, the facts in the  
4 Complaints are deemed admitted. All filed documents  
5 have been provided to the Board and the matters are  
6 presently ripe for the Board's consideration.

7           In each matter, we will provide a  
8 summary of the facts and make a request for the  
9 appropriate Board action.

10           ATTORNEY GROODY: Good morning again.  
11 Sarah Groody with OEC.

12           The next matter on the agenda for the  
13 Board's consideration is the revocation of the Gaming  
14 Employee Occupation Permit and the Non-Gaming  
15 Registration issued to Tamy Johnson. Ms. Johnson  
16 was previously employed as a Table Games Dealer at  
17 Rivers Philadelphia Casino.

18           While working at Rivers Philadelphia,  
19 Ms. Johnson assisted patrons in cheating.  
20 Specifically, she assisted at least five patrons on  
21 60 occasions while they were playing roulette. The  
22 patrons benefited approximately \$17,220. Ms. Johnson  
23 was criminally charged for her actions. She's not  
24 currently employed in Pennsylvania's gaming industry.

25           At this time, the OEC requests that

1 the Board revoke the Gaming Employee Occupation  
2 Permit and the Non-Gaming Registration issued to  
3 Tanya Johnson.

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

6 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
7 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board  
8 approve the revocation of Tanya Johnson's Gaming  
9 Employee Occupation Permit and Non-Gaming Employee  
10 Registration for the conduct described by the OEC.

11 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman  
12 seconds.

13 CHAIR: All in favor?

14 AYES RESPOND

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

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

20 The next matter on the agenda for the  
21 Board's consideration is the suspension of the  
22 Non-Gaming Employee Registration issued to Nasser  
23 Perry. Mr. Perry was previously employed as an EVS  
24 Attendant with Certified Gaming - Certified Gaming  
25 Service Provider Team Clean, Inc.

1                   Mr. Perry was arrested and charged  
2 with felony possession with intent to deliver a  
3 controlled substance and misdemeanor possession of a  
4 controlled substance. These charges remain pending.  
5 Mr. Perry is not currently employed in Pennsylvania's  
6 gaming industry.

7                   At this time the OEC requests the  
8 Board suspend the Non-Gaming Employee Registration  
9 issued to Nasser Perry.

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

12                   MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,  
13 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board approve the  
14 suspension of Nasser Perry's Non-Gaming Employee  
15 Registration for the conduct described by the OEC.

16                   MR. GAINNEY: Commissioner Gainney  
17 seconds.

18                   CHAIR: All in favor?

19 AYES RESPOND

20                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

21                   ATTORNEY ROBERTS: The next matter on  
22 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the  
23 revocation of the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit  
24 issued to Christina Provatopoulos. Ms. Provatopoulos  
25 was previously employed as a Cage Cashier at Mohegan

1 Pennsylvania Casino.

2                   During the course of her employment,  
3 Ms. Provatopoulos stole currency from Mohegan on 21  
4 occasions while working as a Cage Cashier, resulting  
5 in a loss to the casino of \$1,670. Mohegan  
6 terminated Ms. Provatopoulos's employment as a result  
7 of these incidents.

8                   At this time, the OEC requests the  
9 Board revoke the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit  
10 issued to Christina Provatopoulos.

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

13                   MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
14 Gainey moves that the Board approve the revocation of  
15 Christina Provalokovich's [sic] Gaming Employee  
16 Occupation Permit for the conduct described by the  
17 OEC.

18                   MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
19 seconds.

20                   CHAIR: All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

22                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

23                   ATTORNEY ROBERTS: The next matter on  
24 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the  
25 revocation of the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit

1 issued to Taylor Thorpe. Ms. Thorpe was previously  
2 employed as a Table Games Dealer at Live! Casino and  
3 Hotel Philadelphia.

4 Ms. Thorpe failed to collect losing  
5 wagers on 95 hands of Pai Gow Poker, resulting in a  
6 loss to the casino of \$3,415. Live! terminated Ms.  
7 Thorpe's employment as a result of these incidents.  
8 Ms. Thorpe was criminally charged for her actions.

9 At this time, the OEC requests the  
10 Board revoke the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit  
11 issued to Taylor Thorpe.

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

14 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
15 Dunbar moves that the Board approve the revocation of  
16 Taylor Thorpe's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit for  
17 the conduct described by the OEC.

18 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
19 seconds.

20 CHAIR: All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

22 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

23 ATTORNEY MILLER: Dustin Miller, once  
24 again on behalf of the OEC. The remaining matters on  
25 the agenda consist of enforcement actions in which

1 the OEC filed Petitions seeking the involuntary  
2 exclusion of individuals who are inimical to the  
3 interests of the Commonwealth and/or licensed gaming  
4 therein.

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

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

24                   ATTORNEY ROBERTS: Again, Andrea  
25 Roberts, Assistant Enforcement Counsel.

1           The next matter on the agenda is a  
2 request to place Brian Bleam on the Involuntary  
3 Exclusion List.

4           Mr. Bleam was present at Live! Casino  
5 and Hotel Philadelphia when he kicked a female  
6 companion, then assaulted two male patrons who  
7 attempted to intervene, a Live! Security Ambassador  
8 and another female patron. Live! permanently banned  
9 Mr. Bleam from their property as a result of this  
10 incident.

11           At this time, the OEC requests the  
12 Board place Brian Bleam on the Involuntary Exclusion  
13 List.

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

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

20           MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Commissioner  
21 Quiñones-Sánchez seconds.

22           CHAIR: All in favor?

23 AYES RESPOND

24           CHAIR: All opposed?

25 NAY RESPONDS

1                   MR. DUNBAR: Opposed.

2                   CHAIR: Please note for the record  
3 that Commissioner Dunbar has opposed the motion. And  
4 needing a simple majority, which we have, the motion  
5 is adopted.

6                   ATTORNEY GROODY: The next matter on  
7 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the  
8 Petition to place Brando Castaneda on the Involuntary  
9 Exclusion List. Mr. Castaneda cheated at both the  
10 Meadows and Rivers Pittsburgh on multiple occasions.  
11 He benefited approximately \$19,000 and 100 -. Sorry,  
12 \$19,192 from his cheating at the Meadows and has been  
13 criminally charged. He benefited over \$400 for his  
14 cheating at Rivers Pittsburgh and has made partial  
15 restitution. He is permanently evicted from both  
16 properties.

17                   At this time, the OEC requests that  
18 the Board place Brando Castaneda on the Involuntary  
19 Exclusion List.

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

22                   MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Thank you,  
23 Madam Chair. Commissioner Quiñones-Sánchez moves  
24 that the Board approve the addition of Brando  
25 Castaneda to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for

1 the conduct described by the OEC.

2 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
3 Manzano-Díaz seconds.

4 CHAIR: All in favor?

5 AYES RESPOND

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

8 ATTORNEY GROODY: The next matter on  
9 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the  
10 Petition to place Toria Cobb on the Involuntary  
11 Exclusion List. Ms. Cobb was present in Hollywood  
12 York Casino when she stole a voucher belonging to  
13 another patron worth \$291.18. Ms. Cobb was  
14 confronted, but she denied taking the voucher. She  
15 was criminally charged and permanently evicted from  
16 Hollywood York.

17 At this time, the OEC requests that  
18 the Board place Toria Cobb on the Involuntary  
19 Exclusion List.

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

22 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
23 Commission Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board approve  
24 the addition of Toria Cobb to the PGCB Involuntary  
25 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

1                   MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman  
2 seconds.

3                   CHAIR: All in favor?

4 AYES RESPOND

5                   CHAIR: All opposed?

6 NAY RESPONDS

7                   MR. DUNBAR: Opposed.

8                   CHAIR: Please note for the record,  
9 Commissioner Dunbar opposes the motion, thus  
10 requiring a simple majority, which we have. The  
11 motion is adopted.

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

16                   Next matter on the agenda for the  
17 Board's consideration is a request to place Desirea  
18 Defelice on the Board's Interactive Gaming  
19 Involuntary Exclusion List. Desirea Defelice created  
20 12 fraudulent accounts on the BetMGM and Borgatta  
21 Online platforms using the personal identifying  
22 information of other individuals. All the accounts  
23 were closed or categorized as fraudulent. No  
24 criminal charges were filed.

25                   At this time, the OEC requests that

1 the Board place Desirea Defelice on the Interactive  
2 Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

5 MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,  
6 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board approve the  
7 addition of Desirea Defelice to the PGCB Involuntary  
8 Interactive Gaming Exclusion List for the conduct  
9 described by the OEC.

10 MR. GAINNEY: Commissioner Gainey  
11 seconds.

12 CHAIR: All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

14 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

15 ATTORNEY ROLAND: Good morning, Madam  
16 Chair, Members of the Board, Michael Roland,  
17 R-O-L-A-N-D, with the OEC.

18 The next matter on the Board's agenda  
19 is a request to place Robert Peckerofsky on the  
20 Involuntary Exclusion List. Mr. Peckerofsky was  
21 observed by surveillance exposing himself in front of  
22 a Live! Philadelphia Casino employee on the Gaming  
23 Floor and appeared to touch himself inappropriately.  
24 He was evicted and criminally charged for his  
25 actions.

1                   The OEC now requests that the Board  
2 place Robert Peckerofsky on the Involuntary Exclusion  
3 List.

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

6                   MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair,  
7 Commissioner Gainney moves that the Board approve the  
8 addition of Robert Peckerofsky of the PGCB - to the  
9 PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct  
10 described by the OEC.

11                   MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
12 seconds.

13                   CHAIR: All in favor?

14 AYES RESPOND

15                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

16                   ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: Good morning, Madam  
17 Chair, Commissioners, Juan Sanchez, S-A-N-C-H-E-Z,  
18 Assistant Enforcement Counsel with the OEC. The next  
19 matter on the agenda for the Board's consideration is  
20 a request to place Brian Murphy on the Board's  
21 Involuntary Interactive Gaming Exclusion List.

22                   In addition to their own accounts,  
23 Brian Murphy and another individual created and/or  
24 fraudulently accessed 23 BetMGM accounts and Borgata  
25 accounts with the personal identifying information of

1 other individuals to receive and wager \$6,887.21 in  
2 bonuses. Subsequently, he failed or refused to pay  
3 funds owed to the casinos as a result of his gaming  
4 activity, thereby depriving the Commonwealth of tax  
5 revenue owed on this amount. All the accounts were  
6 closed, the devices used were blocked and there were  
7 no criminal charges filed.

8                   The OEC now requests the Board place  
9 Brian Murphy on the Board's Involuntary Interactive  
10 Gaming Exclusion List.

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 approve the addition of  
15 Brian Murphy to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive  
16 Gaming Exclusion List for the conduct described by  
17 the OEC.

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 SANCHEZ: Again, Juan Sanchez  
25 with the OEC. The next matter on the agenda for the

1 Board's consideration is a request to place Denise  
2 Rodriguez on the Board's Involuntary Interactive  
3 Gaming and Involuntary Casino Exclusion List. Denise  
4 Rodriguez created a Wind Creek iGaming account funded  
5 through 38 deposits with six different financial  
6 instruments, which totaled \$15,700, out of which four  
7 financial instruments had unknown users, with 34  
8 chargebacks, which totaled \$14,400 that Wind Creek  
9 reported were unauthorized charges and she withdrew  
10 9,000 in person at Wind Creek after no in-person game  
11 play. Wind Creek did not dispute the cardholder  
12 chargebacks and did not recover funds from Ms.  
13 Rodriguez's account, thereby - thereby depriving the  
14 Commonwealth of tax revenue owed on this amount.

15           The OEC now requests the Board place  
16 Denise Rodriguez on the Board's Involuntary  
17 Interactive Gaming Exclusion List and Involuntary  
18 Casino Exclusion List.

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

21           MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
22 Dillon moves that the Board approve the addition of  
23 Denise Rodriguez to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion  
24 List and Involuntary Interactive Gaming List for the  
25 conduct described by the OEC.

1                   MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Commissioner  
2 Quiñones-Sánchez seconds.

3                   CHAIR: All in favor?

4 AYES RESPOND

5                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

6                   ATTORNEY MILLER: That concludes the  
7 business of the OEC.

8                   CHAIR: Thank you, Enforcement  
9 Counsel. The last item on the agenda today is public  
10 comment. Is there anyone in the room that would like  
11 to address the Board? Seeing no one, that concludes  
12 the today's meeting. The next public meeting of the  
13 Board will be held on Wednesday, March 25th, 2026 at  
14 10:00 a.m. at this location.

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

17                   MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Thank you,  
18 Madam Chair. I move that that we adjourn.

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

21                   CHAIR: All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

23                   CHAIR: All opposed? We are  
24 adjourned. Thank you, everybody.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings,  
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Date the 11th day of March, 2026

  
Derek Richmond,

Court Reporter