

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

GAMING CONTROL BOARD

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PUBLIC MEETING

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BEFORE: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

DENISE SMYLER, CHAIR

Shawn Dillon

George Dunbar

Edward Gainey

Christopher W. Huffman

Sara Manzano-Díaz

Maria Quiñones-Sánchez

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/DESIGNEES IN ATTENDANCE:

Jorge M. Augusto, Esquire, Designee,

Department of Agriculture

Jennifer Langan, Esquire, Designee,

Department of Treasury

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

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BEFORE THE BOARD:

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OTHER ATTENDEES FOR MEETING AND/OR PUBLIC HEARINGS:

BetMGM:

Joseph Caputi, Esquire, Senior Legal Counsel  
Rhea Loney, Chief Compliance Officer  
Andrew Soles, Senior Manager of Suspicious Activity  
and Fraud

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

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3                   CHAIR: Good morning. I'm Denise  
4 Smyler, Chair of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control  
5 Board. I would like to ask everyone to please  
6 silence your cell phones and all electronic devices  
7 at this time.

8                   With seven Board members present this  
9 morning, I'd like to call today's meeting to order.  
10 In addition to the seven Board members, we also have  
11 our ex-officio Member, Jennifer Langan, representing  
12 Stacy Garrity, State Treasurer and Jorge Augusto,  
13 representing Russell Redding, Secretary for the  
14 Department of Agriculture.

15                   I would like to note for the record  
16 that Adria Zimmerman, representing Pat Browne,  
17 Secretary for the Department of Revenue, is unable to  
18 join us this morning due to previous obligations.  
19 Thank you ex-officios for joining us.

20                   First order of business, I'd like to  
21 everybody please rise and join me in a Pledge of  
22 Allegiance recitation.

23 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

24                   CHAIR: By way of announcements, the  
25 Board held an executive session yesterday, Tuesday,

1 March 24th to discuss personnel matters and to  
2 conduct quasi-judicial deliberations relating to  
3 matters coming before the Board.

4                   We also held a nonpublic hearing  
5 regarding aspects of the BetMGM, LLC Consent  
6 Agreement which is on today's agenda that are  
7 proprietary in nature. We will hear from the Office  
8 of Enforcement Counsel (OEC) and BetMGM today on the  
9 aspects of the Consent Agreement and the underlying  
10 facts which led to it, which are appropriate for  
11 public consumption.

12                   Now we will hear from our Executive  
13 Director, Kevin O'Toole. Kevin.

14                   MR. O'TOOLE: Good morning Chair  
15 Smyler and members of the Board. Since we are coming  
16 close to the end of Problem Gambling Awareness Month,  
17 I would like to mention some of the steps that the  
18 Board has taken to bring awareness to problem  
19 gambling and underage gambling and how accessible it  
20 is to get help if you feel that you have a gambling  
21 problem.

22                   One of the ways the Gaming Control  
23 Board ensures transparency and access to resources  
24 that raise awareness of problem gambling is through a  
25 dedicated website maintained by Board staff. This

1 website links citizens to critical information about  
2 the programs and resources available to them and can  
3 be found at [www.responsibleplay.pa.gov](http://www.responsibleplay.pa.gov). From this  
4 site, persons can easily access the Pennsylvania  
5 Gaming Control Board's Self-Exclusion Enrollment  
6 website. Any person seeking to be excluded from one  
7 or more forms of gaming regulated by the Board can do  
8 so by enrolling online at any time. The online  
9 process is safe and secure. The person always has  
10 the option of reaching out to our Board's Office of  
11 Compulsive and Problem Gambling for assistance or for  
12 information on in-person enrollment options.

13 Self-exclusion for a gambler who feels they need help  
14 is the most effective tool for that gambler to help  
15 themselves through a gambling crisis.

16 A more current website created by the  
17 Board's Office of Communications is  
18 [WhatsReallyatStake.com](http://WhatsReallyatStake.com). Recognizing the growing  
19 issue of young people engaging in gambling  
20 activities, the Office of Communications launched  
21 this campaign intended to heighten the awareness of  
22 the consequences of underage gambling.

23 The "WhatsReallyatStake" campaign will  
24 utilize social media posts, online advertising and  
25 access to promotional materials such as posters to

1 promote the campaign. These materials are available  
2 to individuals, educational institutions or  
3 counselors as a free download at the  
4 WhatsReallyatStake website under the "Resources"  
5 section.

6           The goal of Problem Gambling Awareness  
7 Month is to increase public discussion of problem  
8 gambling and to promote prevention, treatment and  
9 recovery services. Our goal at the Gaming Control  
10 Board is to promote awareness of problem gambling and  
11 underage gambling throughout the year. That's my  
12 report for this morning. Thank you.

13           CHAIR: Thank you, Kevin. We will now  
14 hear from our Human Resources Director, Heidi Zula.  
15 Heidi?

16           MS. ZULA: Good morning, Madam Chair  
17 and members of the Board. The Office of Human  
18 Resources has one motion for your consideration today  
19 relative to the hiring of four individuals. All  
20 individuals have completed the background  
21 investigation and drug screening and are ready for  
22 presentation to the Board.

23           Stacy Oppenheim has been selected as  
24 an Assistant Enforcement Counsel 1 with the OEC and  
25 is recommended for hire by Cyrus Pitre, Chief

1 Enforcement Counsel. The following three individuals  
2 have been selected as Casino Compliance  
3 Representative 1s and are recommended for hire by  
4 Gregg Hazzouri, Director of Casino Compliance: Anne  
5 Bernard at Meadows Casino, Anna Vergara at Mohegan  
6 Sun Casino and Hector Quiroz at Rivers Philadelphia.

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

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

12 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair,  
13 Commissioner Dunbar moves that the Board approve the  
14 applicants for hire as proposed by the Human Resource  
15 Director.

16 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
17 Gainey seconds it.

18 CHAIR: All in favor

19 AYES RESPOND

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

22 MS. ZULA: Thank you.

23 CHAIR: Thank you, Heidi. Next is our  
24 OCC.

25 ATTORNEY COOK: Good morning. Our

1 first agenda relates to a Local Law Enforcement Grant  
2 which Senior Counsel Denise Miller-Tshudy will  
3 present.

4 ATTORNEY MILLER-TSHUDY: Good morning.  
5 Today I have a Local Law Enforcement Grant from the  
6 Delaware County District Attorney's Office. They are  
7 seeking \$250,000 for their Local Law Enforcement  
8 Grant, which will focus on illegal gaming of chance  
9 and illegal sports wagering, dog fighting and other  
10 illegal activities within the county.

11 If awarded, this grant will cover  
12 salaries and benefits over time and related expenses.

13 It's now ready for your consideration.

14 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

15 May I have a motion, please?

16 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
17 Gainey moves that the Board approve the Local Law  
18 Enforcement Grant Application as described by the  
19 OCC.

20 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman  
21 seconds.

22 CHAIR: All in favor?

23 AYES RESPOND

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

1                   ATTORNEY MILLER-TSHUDY: Thank you.

2                   CHAIR: Thank you, Denise.

3                   ATTORNEY MILLER: Next before the  
4 Board is a temporary rulemaking, which will be  
5 presented by Senior Counsel Robert Wood.

6                   ATTORNEY WOOD: Good morning, Madam  
7 Chair, members of the Board. As Steve noted this  
8 morning, I have one item for the Board's  
9 consideration, Temporary Rulemaking #125-260, which  
10 relates to Table Game Rules and Procedures.

11                   This temporary rulemaking provides for  
12 one Roulette side wager, 11 Blackjack side wagers,  
13 two Free Bet Blackjack side wagers, and makes  
14 additional corrections and clarifications to existing  
15 temporary rules and procedures.

16                   Prior to this morning's meeting,  
17 copies of these materials were provided to the Board.

18                   If there are any questions, I'm happy  
19 to answer them this morning. Otherwise I would ask  
20 for a motion approving Temporary Rulemaking #125-260.

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

23                   MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,  
24 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board adopt  
25 Temporary Rulemaking #125-260 regarding Table Game

1 Rules and Procedures as described by the OCC.

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3 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner

4 Manzano-Díaz, second.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

7 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

8 ATTORNEY COOK: Next, we have three  
9 Petitions for consideration. Each of these Petitions  
10 are being brought to the Board on the documentary  
11 record as there has been no objections, or the  
12 requested relief has been agreed to. In each of  
13 these matters, the Board has, in advance of this  
14 meeting, been provided with the complete evidentiary  
15 record.

16 The first Petition before the Board is  
17 a joint request from Boyd Interactive Gaming, Inc.;  
18 Boyd Interactive USA, LLC; Design Works Studios, LLC  
19 and Design Works Gaming PA, LLC, seeking approval of  
20 a transaction that Boyd Interactive entered into on  
21 September 8th, 2025 to acquire all of the ownership  
22 interests of Design Works Studios, LLC. The parties  
23 hope to close on this agreement in the coming days.

24 Design Works Gaming PA, LLC holds an  
25 Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License with the

1 Board and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Design  
2 Works Studios, LLC.

3 Boyd Interactive Gaming, Inc. and Boyd  
4 Interactive USA, LLC are licensed affiliates of the  
5 Valley Forge Convention Center Partners, LLC and  
6 wholly-owned subsidiaries of Boyd Gaming Corporation,  
7 a publicly-traded company. Boyd Interactive USA, LLC  
8 holds a license for interactive gaming and sports  
9 wagering. Upon finalization of the proposed  
10 transaction, Boyd will acquire all ownership  
11 interests of Design Works Studios, LLC and Design  
12 Works Gaming PA, LLC will, therefore, become a  
13 wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Boyd Interactive.  
14 In addition to the change of ownership, this  
15 transaction will trigger Design Works Gaming PA,  
16 LLC's Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License being  
17 surrendered and replaced by an Interactive Gaming  
18 Operator License, subject to a \$1 million fee.

19 The OEC filed an Answer initially  
20 objecting in part to the party's requested relief,  
21 but have modified their position to not oppose the  
22 transaction so long as subject to conditions now  
23 agreed to by the Petitioners. OEC also seeks  
24 confidentiality protections for some information in  
25 its Answer.

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

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

5                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
6 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board grant  
7 the Joint Petitioner's Petition for Approval of a  
8 Change of Control and Associated Relief as described  
9 by the OCC, subject to the conditions that will be  
10 outlined in the Board's Order.

11                   I further move that the OEC's Motion  
12 to Protect Confidential Information be granted.

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

15                   CHAIR: All in favor?

16 AYES RESPOND

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

19                   ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board  
20 is Frank Aviles' Petition to lift the suspension of  
21 his Gaming Employee Occupation Permit.

22                   By way of background, on August 22nd,  
23 2025, the OEC filed a complaint seeking the Emergency  
24 Suspension of Mr. Aviles' Gaming Employee Occupation  
25 Permit after receiving notice that he was criminally

1 charged with felonies and misdemeanors stemming from  
2 a domestic dispute. As a result of his charges, the  
3 Board's Executive Director issued an Emergency Order  
4 suspending his Permit. A hearing was held and  
5 subsequently a recommendation was made by a Hearing  
6 Officer in recommending that the suspension remain in  
7 effect and thereafter, on November 19th, 2025, the  
8 Board issued an Order adopting that Report and  
9 Recommendation keeping the suspension in place.

10 Mr. Aviles is now asking the Board to  
11 lift the suspension of his Gaming Employee Occupation  
12 Permit, stating in his request that all criminal  
13 charges have been withdrawn. The OEC confirmed Mr.  
14 Aviles' assertion that he no longer faces any  
15 criminal charges and filed an Answer indicating that  
16 it has no objection to the request, as the basis for  
17 the Emergency Suspension has now - no longer exists.

18 This matter is now ripe for the  
19 Board's consideration.

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

22 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Madam Chair,  
23 Lady Commissioner Quiñones-Sánchez moves that the  
24 Board grant Frank Aviles' Petition to Lift the  
25 Suspension of his Gaming Employee Occupation Permit

1 as described by the OCC.

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3 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
4 seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

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

9 ATTORNEY COOK: The final Petition  
10 before the Board today is another request to lift the  
11 suspension of a Gaming Employee Occupation Permit.

12 On April 9th, 2024, the OEC filed a  
13 Complaint seeking the Emergency Suspension of Brian  
14 Goodfellow's Gaming Level 2 Employee Occupation  
15 Permit after receiving notice that he was charged by  
16 the Pennsylvania State Office of Inspector General  
17 with one count of welfare fraud stemming from  
18 allegations that he received LIHEAP and SNAP benefits  
19 to which he was not entitled. As a result of these  
20 charges, the Board's Executive Director issued an  
21 Emergency Order suspending his Permit. A hearing in  
22 this matter was held. And subsequently, on  
23 March 26th, 2025, the Board issued an Order stating  
24 that the suspension of Mr. Goodfellow's Permit should  
25 remain in effect as the criminal charges remain

1 pending.

2 Mr. Goodfellow is now asking the Board  
3 to lift the suspension of his Permit, stating that  
4 his request - in his request that all criminal  
5 charges have been dismissed. The OEC confirmed the  
6 dismissal of Mr. Goodfellow's criminal charges and  
7 filed an Answer indicating that there's no objection  
8 to the lifting of the suspension, given the  
9 disposition of the criminal case.

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

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

14 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
15 Dillon moves that the Board grant Brian Goodfellows'  
16 Petition to Lift the Suspension of his Gaming Level 2  
17 Employee Occupation Permit as described by the OCC.

18 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
19 seconds.

20 CHAIR: All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

22 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

23 ATTORNEY COOK: Next, presenting  
24 Withdrawals, Surrenders and Reports and  
25 Recommendations is Deputy Chief Counsel Chad

1 Zimmermann.

2                   ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Good morning,  
3 Commissioners. The next matter before the Board  
4 today pertains to several unopposed Petitions to  
5 withdraw the applications or to surrender the  
6 credentials of the following individuals and  
7 entities: Armand Thomassen; Elisabeth Marie  
8 Ghislaine Francoise Laloux; Northwoods League, Inc.;  
9 Richard Radatz, Jr.; Kathy Radatz; Ryan Voz; Matt  
10 Bomberg; Larry Rose; Robert Finnell; Andrew  
11 Giancamilli; David Nathanson; Antoine de Cartier de  
12 Marchienne; Robert Prigge; Mordechay Malool; Karl  
13 Peterson; ESPPAS SDC; Ian Bradley; Maninder Malli and  
14 Kyle Martin, Sr.

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

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

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

23                   MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
24 Dunbar moves that the Board issue Orders to approve  
25 the Withdrawals and Surrenders as described by the

1 OCC.

2 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
3 Gainey seconds it.

4 CHAIR: All in favor?

5 AYES RESPOND

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

8 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the  
9 Board for consideration are nine Reports and  
10 Recommendations received from the OHA. These Reports  
11 and Recommendations, along with their evidentiary  
12 record for each hearing have been provided to the  
13 Board in advance of this meeting. Additionally, the  
14 persons involved in each have been notified that the  
15 Board would be considering their matter today and  
16 that each would have the ability to come forward and  
17 briefly address the Board.

18 If any of these persons are present  
19 today and would like to address the Board, they  
20 should come forward when their name is called.

21 The first Report and Recommendation  
22 before the Board today is Ramon Figueroa. Mr.  
23 Figueroa was hired by FanDuel on July 25th, 2025 as a  
24 Customer Service Representative in New Jersey. A  
25 condition of his employment with FanDuel was to

1 obtain credentials from all states where FanDuel  
2 conducts business. Subsequently, in July 2025, Mr.  
3 Figueroa submitted an application for a Gaming  
4 Employee Occupation Permit to be employed with  
5 Betfair Interactive US, LLC, a subsidiary of FanDuel.

6 On October 3rd, 2025, the OEC issued a  
7 Notice of Recommendation of Denial of Mr. Figueroa's  
8 Application based on a criminal history.

9 A hearing in this matter was held  
10 January 15th, 2025. OEC appeared, presenting  
11 testimonial and documentary evidence. Mr. Figueroa  
12 appeared and testified on his own behalf.

13 Evidence and testimony presented at  
14 the hearing showed that Mr. Figueroa had loitering  
15 charges in 2017, and then in 2021 he pleaded guilty  
16 to an identity theft charge for conduct that had  
17 occurred in 2019, following allegations that he and  
18 another individual had stolen checks, altered them  
19 and then deposited them.

20 Following Mr. - during Mr. Figueroa's  
21 testimony, he admitted to and expressed remorse for  
22 his actions. He completed all court-ordered  
23 requirements of his sentence, including all terms of  
24 his probation. Additionally, Mr. Figueroa presented  
25 evidence of the positive changes he's made in his

1 life since 2021 in pleading guilty.

2                   Following the hearing, a Report and  
3 Recommendation was issued, recommending that Mr.  
4 Figueroa's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit  
5 Application be 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                   MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
11 Gainey moves that the Board adopt the Report and  
12 Recommendations issued by the OHA as described by the  
13 OCC, and that Ramon Figueroa Gaming Employee  
14 Occupation Permit application be granted.

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

18                   MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman  
19 seconds.

20                   CHAIR: All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

22                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

23                   ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the  
24 Board is Pia Williams' Report and Recommendation. In  
25 November of 2024, Ms. Williams submitted an

1 application for a Non-Gaming Employee Registration to  
2 be a Porter or Barback at Hollywood Casino at Penn  
3 National Race Course.

4 In January of 2025, the OEC issued a  
5 Notice recommending denial of Ms. Williams'  
6 Application based on her criminal record, which  
7 included numerous summary, misdemeanor and felony  
8 offenses.

9 A hearing in this matter was held  
10 June 12th, 2025. Both Ms. Williams and OEC appeared.  
11 Ms. Williams requested that she have the opportunity  
12 to obtain counsel and the hearing was continued to  
13 December of 2025. Although she received proper  
14 notice, Ms. Williams failed to appear at this  
15 rescheduled hearing. OEC appeared and made an oral  
16 motion to dismiss the matter for Ms. Williams'  
17 failure to meet her burden.

18 Consequently, a Report and  
19 Recommendation was issued, recommending that Ms.  
20 Williams' Non-Gaming Employee Registration  
21 Application be denied.

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

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

1                   MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,  
2 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board adopt the  
3 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as  
4 described by the OCC and that Pia Williams'  
5 Non-Gaming Employee Registration Application be  
6 denied.

7                   I further move that certain documents,  
8 which will be outlined in the Board's Order, be  
9 marked as confidential or be redacted.

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

12                   CHAIR: All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

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

16                   ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Dax Tamargo is  
17 the next before the Board today. On May 29th, 2025,  
18 Mr. Tamargo filed with the Board a Challenge to  
19 Digital Gaming Corporation's Intent to Confiscate  
20 Funds from his interactive gaming account. Digital  
21 Gaming Corporation does business or did business in  
22 Pennsylvania as Spin City or Spin Palace and Jackpot  
23 City.

24                   A hearing on this matter was held  
25 November of 2025. Mr. Tamargo failed to attend the

1 hearing; however, Digital Gaming appeared with  
2 counsel, presenting testimony and documentary  
3 evidence. The evidence and testimony presented at  
4 the hearing showed that upon opening his accounts  
5 with the digital gaming, Mr. Tamargo agreed to their  
6 terms and conditions, one of which was that DGC may  
7 suspend or terminate accounts suspected of violating  
8 their terms and conditions, including suspicious  
9 betting and collusion.

10           After opening his accounts, Digital  
11 Gaming alleged that Mr. Tamargo was taking advantage  
12 of the \$1,000 match bonus promotions offered and  
13 colluding with others to do so. Digital Gaming froze  
14 Mr. Tamargo's Jackpot City account due to suspicious  
15 betting patterns and other suspicious transactional  
16 behavior, returning his initial buy-in of \$1,000 and  
17 is seeking to confiscate the remaining balance.

18           Following a hearing, a Report and  
19 Recommendation was issued, recommending that Mr.  
20 Tamargo's Challenge be denied and that Digital Gaming  
21 Corporation be granted permission to confiscate the  
22 funds.

23           This matter is now ripe for the  
24 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 adopt  
4 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as  
5 described by the OCC and that Dax (sic) Tamargo  
6 Challenge - his challenge to the confiscation of  
7 funds be denied and grant Digital Gaming Corporation  
8 permission to confiscate the funds remaining in his  
9 account.

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

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

15 CHAIR: All in favor?

16 AYES RESPOND

17 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

18 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next is Louis  
19 Grasso's Report and Recommendation. In April of  
20 2025, the OEC filed a Petition to Place Louis Grasso  
21 on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

22 A hearing in this matter was held  
23 September 9, 2025. OEC appeared, presenting  
24 testimonial, documentary and surveillance evidence.  
25 Mr. Grasso appeared and testified on his own behalf.

1 Evidence and testimony presented at  
2 the hearing showed that on - December 2022 and  
3 January 2023, while playing craps at Mohegan  
4 Pennsylvania, the Dealer rolled the dice-popper on  
5 several occasions, revealing the winning roll before  
6 the close of the wagering period. Mr. Grasso  
7 benefited from the Dealer's actions placing wagers  
8 after the roll of the dice-popper, resulting in  
9 20 - over \$20,000 in improper winnings. He was  
10 criminally charged and pleaded guilty to a  
11 misdemeanor offense in order to pay restitution.

12 During the hearing, Mr. Grasso  
13 testified that he did benefit from the Dealer's  
14 mistakes, but he did not collude with the Dealer.

15 Consequently, a Report and  
16 Recommendation was issued recommending that Louis  
17 Grasso be placed on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion  
18 List.

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

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 adopt the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA

1 as described by the OCC and that Louis Grasso be  
2 placed on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

3 I further move that certain documents,  
4 which will be outlined in the Board's Order, be  
5 marked as confidential or be redacted.

6 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
7 seconds.

8 CHAIR: All in favor?

9 AYES RESPOND

10 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

11 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The next Report  
12 and Recommendation before the Board today is Sai Lo.  
13 On January 16th, 2025, the OEC filed a Petition to  
14 place Ms. Lo on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion  
15 List.

16 A hearing in this matter was held  
17 November 12, 2025. Ms. Lo appeared and testified on  
18 her own behalf. OEC appeared and presented both  
19 testimony and documentary evidence.

20 The evidence and testimony presented  
21 showed that on June 24, 2024, a patron of Rivers  
22 Casino Philadelphia reported that someone had been  
23 utilizing his player's card account. An  
24 investigation in the matter showed that Ms. Lo, along  
25 with a co-conspirator were using other players' cards

1 to download free slot play and redeem monetary  
2 rewards and complimentary meals.

3                   On June 27th, 2024, while using  
4 another patron's player's card at the casino,  
5 Security and the Pennsylvania State Police approached  
6 Ms. Lo, confiscating 10 player cards that were in her  
7 possession. She was charged with theft-related  
8 summary offenses and evicted from the casino. She  
9 later paid restitution and the charges were  
10 withdrawn. Ms. Lo testified that her friend had  
11 given her the cards and she did not think using them  
12 was a big issue.

13                   After hearing all the evidence  
14 presented, a Report and Recommendation was issued,  
15 recommending that Ms. Lo be placed on the Board's  
16 Involuntary Exclusion List.

17                   And this matter is now ripe for the  
18 Board's consideration.

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 adopt the Report and  
23 Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the  
24 OCC and Sai Lo be placed on the Board's Involuntary  
25 Exclusion List.

1 I further move that the certain - that  
2 certain documents, which will be outlined in the  
3 Board's Order, be marked as confidential or be  
4 redacted.

5 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
6 seconds.

7 CHAIR: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

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

11 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The next Report  
12 and Recommendation before the Board today pertains to  
13 Kumarchandra's - Kumarchandra Bharat's request for  
14 removal from the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List  
15 and a request to recover funds confiscated from him.

16 The Board placed Mr. Bharat on the  
17 Involuntary Exclusion List in September of 2019,  
18 after he was found to have reached into the Poker  
19 cage of Parx Casino, stealing \$900 worth of chips.  
20 In March of 2025, he filed his request for removal  
21 from the List and his request to recover funds. The  
22 OEC filed an Answer objecting to that request.

23 A hearing of this matter was held  
24 December 9, 2025. OEC appeared at the hearing,  
25 presenting testimony, documentary evidence and a

1 stipulation of facts between the parties. Mr. Bharat  
2 appeared and testified on his own behalf.

3 Evidence and testimony showed that on  
4 November 23rd, 2021, Mr. Bharat had entered Wind  
5 Creek, in violation of his ban, but was then served a  
6 copy of the Board's 2019 Order placing him on the  
7 List. On February 25, 2025, he again entered Rivers  
8 Philadelphia, gamed and won a jackpot in excess of  
9 \$1,200 and cashed out a voucher. Ultimately,  
10 Security confronted him, determined he was on the  
11 Exclusion List and confiscated monies and the voucher  
12 from him.

13 Mr. Bharat testified he believed he  
14 was only being excluded from Wind Creek and thus went  
15 to Rivers to celebrate his birthday. He further  
16 testified that his original incident at Parx, stating  
17 he believed he was taking the chips that belonged to  
18 a friend not from the cage.

19 Following the hearing, a Report and  
20 Recommendation was issued, recommending that Mr.  
21 Bharat's request for removal from the List be denied  
22 and that of the funds confiscated from him \$10.09 be  
23 returned, as they do not constitute winnings.

24 And this matter is now ready 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 Kumarchandra  
7 Bharat's Petition for Removal from an Involuntary  
8 Exclusion List be denied.

9                   I further move that Mr. Bharat's  
10 Request to recover monies confiscated from him on -  
11 while on an Involuntary Voluntary Exclusion List be  
12 granted in part and that \$10.09 be returned to Mr.  
13 Bharat.

14                   MR. GAINNEY: Commissioner Gainey  
15 seconds that.

16                   CHAIR: All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

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

20                   ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the  
21 Board is a Report and Recommendation pertaining to a  
22 request for early removal from the Self-Exclusion  
23 List.

24                   On July 3rd, 2025, an individual with  
25 the initials D.J. filed a Petition for early removal

1 from the Self-Exclusion List. The OHA issued an  
2 Order denying the request. Thereafter, D.J. filed an  
3 appeal and a hearing on the matter was held October  
4 2025.

5 Both D.J. and the OEC attended the  
6 hearing, offering testimonial and documentary  
7 evidence. The evidence presented at the hearing  
8 showed that in February 2017 D.J. placed herself on  
9 the Board's Self-Exclusion List for a lifetime  
10 exclusion, signing the acknowledgments which included  
11 acknowledging she had voluntarily requested the  
12 exclusion, was a problem gambler and that she could  
13 not seek removal from the List if she chose lifetime  
14 exclusion.

15 D.J. testified further to her  
16 acknowledgment that she reviewed and understood the  
17 submitted forms. She also testified that her  
18 daughter assisted her in filling out the forms, but  
19 she believed her daughter was helping her obtain a  
20 real ID's, driver's license. D.J. submitted a  
21 notarized statement from her daughter that stated she  
22 was, in fact, the one that that potentially indicated  
23 that she was the one that had placed D.J. on the  
24 List, that her mother is trying to obtain employment  
25 as a Slot Attendant, and due to being on the List is

1 unable to move forward with her life and plans.  
2 D.J.'s daughter did not appear and testify at the  
3 hearing or give any sworn statement to that effect.

4           Following a hearing, a Report and  
5 Recommendation was issued recommending that D.J.'s  
6 request for removal be denied. Subsequently, D.J.  
7 filed exceptions to this recommendation, arguing she  
8 was tricked by her daughter and placed on the List  
9 without her knowledge.

10           The matters are ripe for the Board's  
11 consideration.

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

14           MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
15 Gainey moves that the Board adopt the Report and  
16 Recommendations issued by the OHA as described by the  
17 OCC, and that D.J.'s Petition for Removal from  
18 the Self-Exclusion List be denied and she remain on  
19 the Self-Exclusion List.

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

23           MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman  
24 seconds.

25           CHAIR: All in favor?

1 AYES RESPOND

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

4 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next is another  
5 Report and Recommendation pertaining to a request for  
6 removal from a Self-Exclusion List.

7 In September of 2025, K.H. filed a  
8 request for early removal from the Self-Exclusion  
9 List. The OHA issued an Order - Order and Decision  
10 denying that request and K.H. requested a hearing,  
11 which was held December of 2025. Both K.H. and the  
12 OEC appeared, presenting testimony and documentary  
13 evidence.

14 Evidence and testimony presented  
15 showed that on August 27, 2025, K.H. properly  
16 completed the iGaming self-exclusion process, signing  
17 and submitting all acknowledgments placing herself on  
18 the iGaming Self-Exclusion List for a one-year  
19 period, at which point she will be automatically  
20 removed from the List.

21 K.H.'s request alleges that she filled  
22 out the exclusion forms at an emotional time in her  
23 life and that her mother pressured her to put herself  
24 on the List. She testified that her exclusion  
25 prevented her from attending a friend's wedding.

1 That she respects the need for exclusion, but she  
2 does not have a gambling problem.

3 After hearing all the evidence  
4 presented, a Report and Recommendation was issued,  
5 recommending that K.H.'s requests for removal from  
6 the List be denied.

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

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

11 MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,  
12 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board adopt the  
13 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as  
14 described by the OCC, and that K.H.'s Petition for  
15 Removal from the Interactive Gaming Self-Exclusion  
16 List be denied and she remain on the Interactive  
17 Gaming Self-Exclusion List.

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

21 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
22 Manzano-Díaz, second.

23 CHAIR: All in favor?

24 AYES RESPOND

25 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

1                    ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The final Report  
2 and Recommendation before the Board today stems from  
3 a request to recover funds confiscated from an  
4 individual while on the Self-Exclusion List. The  
5 uncontested facts are that on January 12, 2022, an  
6 individual with the initials A.M. completed all of  
7 the necessary self-exclusion paperwork, choosing the  
8 one year exclusion period and acknowledging that he  
9 had to request removal after the one year period  
10 expired.

11                    On August 2nd, 2025, A.M. gamed at  
12 Presque Isle Downs and Casino and was eventually  
13 identified as a self-excluded individual and \$400.70  
14 was confiscated from him. Later that day, A.M.  
15 completed the process of removing himself from the  
16 Self-Exclusion List.

17                    On August 11, 2025, A.M. filed his  
18 request to recover the monies confiscated from him,  
19 stating that he had placed himself on the List for  
20 one year and did not realize he needed to remove  
21 himself from the List. The OEC objected to the  
22 request.

23                    A hearing on this matter was held  
24 January 7, 2026. A.M. failed to appear. OEC  
25 appeared, presenting testimony and documentary

1 evidence.

2                   Thereafter, the Report and  
3 Recommendation was issued, recommending that A.M.'s  
4 Petition to Recover Funds be granted in part and that  
5 he be permitted to recover \$100.70, which was his  
6 last buy-in amount and does not constitute winnings.

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

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

11                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
12 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board adopt  
13 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as  
14 described by the OCC and grant in part A.M.'s  
15 Petition to Recover Monies confiscated from him while  
16 on the Self-Exclusion List, and that \$100.70 be  
17 returned to A.M.

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

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

23                   CHAIR: All in favor?

24 AYES RESPOND

25                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's

1 adopted.

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

4 CHAIR: Thank you, Steve, Chad, Denise  
5 and Robert.

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

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

11 Today's first licensing matter for  
12 your consideration is the approval of a Sports  
13 Wagering Manufacturer License for GameDayMatch, LLC.  
14 Formed in 2020, its principal place of business is in  
15 Boca Raton, Florida. The company intends to provide  
16 sportsbook software to licensed sports wagering  
17 certificate holders and operators in Pennsylvania.  
18 The company was granted interim authorization on  
19 September 26, 2025.

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

25 I have provided you with a draft Order

1 and ask the Board consider the Order to approve the  
2 Sports Wagering Manufacturer License for  
3 GameDayMatch, LLC.

4 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no  
5 objection.

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

8 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Madam Chair,  
9 Commissioner Quiñones-Sánchez moves that the Board  
10 grant the Sports Wagering Manufacturer License as  
11 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

12 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
13 seconds.

14 CHAIR: All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

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

18 MR. HANNON: Next, we have  
19 consideration of a Sports Wagering Manufacturer  
20 License for GBE Technologies, Incorporated,  
21 headquartered in Dublin, Ireland. GBE Technologies  
22 became incorporated in 2023 in Delaware and  
23 represents its principal place of business in New  
24 York City. The company developed sports wagering  
25 software and intends to sell their software and

1 technology directly to licensed sports wagering  
2 operators and certificate holders in Pennsylvania.  
3 The Company was granted interim authorization on  
4 December 8th, 2025.

5                   The BIE has completed its  
6 investigation and the Bureau of Licensing has  
7 provided you with a Background Investigation and  
8 Suitability Report and the approval is ready for your  
9 consideration.

10                   I provided you with a draft Order and  
11 ask that you consider the Order to approve the Sports  
12 Wagering Manufacturer License for GBE Technologies.

13                   ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no  
14 objection.

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

17                   MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
18 Dillon moves that the Board grant the Sports Wagering  
19 Manufacturer License as described by the Bureau of  
20 Licensing.

21                   MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
22 seconds.

23                   CHAIR: All in favor?

24 AYES RESPOND

25                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

1                   MR. HANNON: Next there are Principal,  
2 Key Employee and Qualifier Licenses. The Bureau of  
3 Licensing provided you with a proposed Order for 37  
4 Principals, 12 Key Employees and one Qualifier. I  
5 ask that the Board consider the Order approving these  
6 licenses.

7                   ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no  
8 objection.

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

11                   MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
12 Dunbar moves that the Board grant the Principal, Key  
13 Employee and Qualifier Licenses as described by the  
14 Bureau of Licensing.

15                   MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
16 Gainey seconds.

17                   CHAIR: All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

19                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

20                   MR. HANNON: There are also Principal  
21 and Key Employee Temporary Credentials. The Bureau  
22 of Licensing provided you with an Order regarding the  
23 issuance of temporary credentials for 2 Principals  
24 and 12 Key Employees. I ask that the Board consider  
25 the Order approving these credentials.

1                    ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no  
2 objection.

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

5                    MR. GAINEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
6 Gainey moves that the Board grant the Temporary  
7 Principal and Key Employee Credentials as described  
8 by the Bureau of Licensing.

9                    MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman  
10 seconds.

11                   CHAIR: All in favor?

12 AYES RESPOND

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

15                   MR. HANNON: Additionally, for your  
16 consideration are Gaming Employee Permits and  
17 Non-Gaming Employee Registrations. The Bureau of  
18 Licensing provided you with a list of 511 individuals  
19 to whom the Bureau has granted Temporary or Full  
20 Occupation Permits and 194 individuals to whom the  
21 Bureau has granted Registrations under the authority  
22 delegated to the Bureau of Licensing. I ask the  
23 Board consider a motion approving the Order.

24                   ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no  
25 objection.

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

3                   MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,  
4 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board approve the  
5 applications for Gaming Employee Occupation Permits  
6 and Non-Gaming Employee Registrations as described by  
7 the Bureau of Licensing.

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

10                   CHAIR: All in favor?

11 AYES RESPOND

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

14                   MR. HANNON: Next there is a  
15 recommendation of denial for 1 Non-Gaming and 2  
16 Gaming Applicants. The Bureau of Licensing provided  
17 you with the Order addressing the applicants who the  
18 OEC has recommended for denial. I ask that the Board  
19 consider the Order approving these denials.

20                   ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC continues to  
21 request denial in each matter.

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

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

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

3 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Commissioner  
4 Quiñones-Sánchez seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

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

9 MR. HANNON: The next matter for  
10 consideration is Withdrawal Requests. In each case  
11 the License, Permit or Registration is no longer  
12 required. For today's meeting, I have provided the  
13 Board with two Key Employees, 21 Gaming and 45  
14 Non-Gaming applicants. I ask that the Board consider  
15 the Orders approving these - these Withdrawals.

16 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no  
17 objection.

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

20 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Madam Chair,  
21 Commissioner Quiñones-Sánchez moves that the Board  
22 grant the Withdrawal of the Key Employee, Gaming and  
23 Non-Gaming Employee Applications as described by the  
24 Bureau of Licensing.

25 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon

1 seconds.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 AYES RESPOND

4 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

5 MR. HANNON: In addition, we have an  
6 Order to renew the Gaming Service Provider  
7 Certifications for Flatiron Collective, Incorporated,  
8 RCR Electrical Contractors, Incorporated and  
9 Ideology, Incorporated, as well as initially certify  
10 Real H.I., LLC, doing business as Real SLX.

11 I have provided you with a draft Order  
12 and ask the Board consider the Order certifying these  
13 companies.

14 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no  
15 objection.

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

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

22 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
23 seconds.

24 CHAIR: All in favor?

25 AYES RESPOND

1                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion is  
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 eight  
7 Registered Gaming Service Provider Applicants. I ask  
8 that the Board consider the Order registering these  
9 Gaming Service Providers.

10                   ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no  
11 objection.

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

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

18                   MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
19 Gainey seconds that.

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.

2 ATTORNEY PITRE: Good morning, Madam  
3 Chair. The OEC will present 15 matters today for the  
4 Board's consideration, in which we will request the  
5 approval of one Consent Agreement and 14 Involuntary  
6 Exclusions.

7 The next matter on the agenda for the  
8 Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement between  
9 the OEC and interactive gaming and sports wagering  
10 operator BetMGM, LLC.

11 The matter will be presented by Senior  
12 Enforcement Counsel John Crohe. Representatives for  
13 BetMGM are present. And at this time I would request  
14 that those individuals please introduce themselves  
15 for the record and that all non-attorney witnesses  
16 please stand and be sworn.

17 ATTORNEY CAPUTI: Hi, my name is  
18 Joseph Caputi, J-O-S-E-P-H, C-A-P-U-T-I, Senior Legal  
19 Counsel for BetMGM.

20 MS. LONEY: Hello, commissioners.  
21 Rhea Loney, Chief Compliance Officer for BetMGM.

22 MR. SOLES: Andrew Soles, S-O-L-E-S,  
23 Senior Manager of Suspicious Activity and Fraud.

24 CHAIR: The Court Reporter is going to  
25 swear you in.

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2 WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE

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4 CHAIR: Okay. Mr. Crohe, before you  
5 begin, I would, again, note that the Board has  
6 already heard from both the OEC and BetMGM, LLC  
7 regarding this item and given that certain  
8 information pertaining to the situations that led to  
9 this Consent Agreement were sensitive and  
10 confidential.

11 Likewise, some of the information  
12 BetMGM is proposing as remedial measures to address  
13 these situations is proprietary in nature and needed  
14 to be heard outside of the public domain.

15 Notwithstanding those facts, the Board  
16 believes it is important for the sake of transparency  
17 that the parties put what it can on the record. And  
18 as such, I would ask you to now proceed.

19 ATTORNEY CROHE: Thank you, Chair,  
20 members of the Board, John Crohe, C-R-O-H-E, Senior  
21 Enforcement Counsel for the OEC. This matter  
22 concerns four incidents of interactive gaming  
23 Know-Your-Customer requirement violations.

24 Regarding the first violation, between  
25 December 9th, 2021 and January 18th, 2024, a fraud

1 ring created 1,567 accounts on the BetMGM interactive  
2 gaming platform. Of these accounts, 1,173 made  
3 deposits totaling \$13,761 using stolen or fraudulent  
4 payment devices. A total of 481 withdrawals,  
5 totaling \$28,608.48 were made to bank accounts  
6 controlled by the perpetrators.

7           Regarding the second violation,  
8 between January 17, 2021 and November 26, 2024, seven  
9 individuals created 32 BetMGM accounts and two  
10 Borgata accounts. Of these accounts, 27 made  
11 deposits totaling \$1,891.27. Ten accounts completed  
12 a total of 16 withdrawals, totaling \$2,330.51.

13           Regarding the third violation, between  
14 May 31st, 2021 and November 16th, 2023, two  
15 individuals created 119 accounts on the Borgata  
16 platform. Of these accounts, 59 made deposits  
17 totaling \$76,000 - \$76,220.70, a total of 15 accounts  
18 completed withdrawals totaling \$59,895.60.

19           Regarding the fourth violation,  
20 between May 12th, 2022 and December 12, 2023, a fraud  
21 ring created 2,700 BetMGM and Borgata accounts. Of  
22 these accounts, 1,563 deposited funds totaling  
23 2,158,489.45. A total of 1,249 accounts withdrew  
24 funds totaling \$1,541,782.80.

25           BetMGM failed to have sufficient

1 procedures to prevent the fraudulent behavior as  
2 described. Insufficient Know-Your-Customer protocols  
3 allowed for the creation, access and use of multiple  
4 accounts by individuals, the creation of accounts  
5 using the personal identifying information of other  
6 individuals, the funding of accounts using stolen or  
7 fraudulently-obtained payment devices and withdrawing  
8 of funds into accounts controlled by the  
9 perpetrators, which constitutes violations of the  
10 relevant sections of the Act and the regulations  
11 promulgated thereunder.

12                   The OEC and BetMGM, LLC respectfully  
13 request that the Board approve the Consent Agreement  
14 and Stipulations of Settlement, and that BetMGM, LLC  
15 pay a civil penalty of \$100,000, as well as a \$2,500  
16 administrative fee for costs incurred by Board staff  
17 in connection with investigations into this matter.

18                   CHAIR: Thank you. BetMGM, would you  
19 like to address the Board?

20                   ATTORNEY CAPUTI: Yes, please. Good  
21 morning, Chair, Board members of the Pennsylvania  
22 Gaming Control Board, Staff, OEC and BIE.

23                   My name is Joseph Caputi, J-O-S-E-P-H,  
24 C-A-P-U-T-I, Senior Legal Counsel for BetMGM.

25                   With me today is Rhea Loney, Chief

1 Compliance Officer of BetMGM; Andrew Soles, Senior  
2 Manager of Suspicious Activity and Fraud at BetMGM.

3           So, thank you, Commissioners, for  
4 giving us the time yesterday to discuss the  
5 confidential Exhibit A attached to the settlement in  
6 front of you today.

7           As said yesterday, compliance - BetMGM  
8 takes compliance extremely seriously. Compliance has  
9 a seat at the executive table and every department at  
10 BetMGM has compliance as part of its core function.

11           Similar to other industries, there's  
12 no system that can fully eliminate the threat of  
13 fraud or anticipated fraud or these sophisticated bad  
14 actors, but BetMGM is committed and has committed  
15 significant investment into our fraud tools, policies  
16 and fraud-prevention aspects to address and to stay  
17 ahead of these sophisticated bad actors.

18           So, I want to thank specifically Mr.  
19 Crohe and Ms. Shaffer from the - from OEC and BIE for  
20 their time and effort and collaboration through this  
21 entire process.

22           And as echoed yesterday, I want to  
23 echo again today that MGM has and continues to commit  
24 time, expenses and resources to preventing fraud and  
25 upholding the integrity of gaming in the Commonwealth

1 of Pennsylvania. So, thank you.

2 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from  
3 the Board?

4 MR. DILLON: I have to say something.

5 CHAIR: Please.

6 MR. DILLON: First of all, we  
7 appreciate you guys coming in and spending time with  
8 us yesterday and showing us that you guys are taking  
9 this very seriously, and to have implemented, you  
10 know, really strategic changes to try to keep this  
11 from happening to the extent that it's happened.

12 With that being said, as of today, do  
13 you feel like you, sir, have a good handle on what is  
14 going on out there? We know that you will never be  
15 able to stop it totally, because they'll always come  
16 up with a new idea, but as of today, with all the  
17 things that you said you have implemented, do you  
18 feel that you've got a good handle on what's going  
19 on?

20 ATTORNEY CAPUTI: We do. And we're  
21 continuing -. We're not sitting by and accepting  
22 what we have now. We're always looking to improve.  
23 We're always looking to continue to invest in our  
24 people, in our teams, in our products.

25 And there's new products every day as

1 there's new fraud every day. So, we're comfortable  
2 now, but we are not - we're not sitting and waiting.  
3 We're actively working to continue to improve. It's  
4 an ongoing, everyday matter.

5 CHAIR: Any other questions?  
6 Commissioner Dunbar.

7 MR. DUNBAR: Very briefly. We  
8 appreciate everything you told us yesterday. And  
9 understanding this is about, you know, your You're  
10 your Customer violations and the problems that you  
11 had were - hurt you directly, because of loss of  
12 funds, but in the process of trying to correct the  
13 KYC problems and all the different things you went  
14 through with us yesterday, my larger concern are your  
15 existing customers that have balances and accounts.

16 And I know you had issues in the past  
17 of protecting them as well. The stuff that you gave  
18 us yesterday was on KYC. But does that also protect  
19 the existing customers with balances?

20 ATTORNEY CAPUTI: It does. It's  
21 throughout our entire process for all customers,  
22 whether they're fraudulent or bad actors or, you  
23 know, customers that have done nothing wrong. It's -  
24 everything is to protect customers at registration.  
25 Everyone that we know that's on the platform, we want

1 to know. We want to know what they're doing and we  
2 want to protect everybody.

3 MR. DUNBAR: Thank you. And actually,  
4 that's my concern. I mean -.

5 ATTORNEY CAPUTI: Absolutely.

6 MR. DUNBAR: That's a larger concern  
7 for us, certainly. Thank you.

8 CHAIR: Any other questions or  
9 comments?

10 I have a couple of questions. With  
11 regard to, you know, we're concerned about underage  
12 people getting into the system.

13 Have you taken any action with regard  
14 to trying to control that aspect of gambling?

15 ATTORNEY CAPUTI: I will defer to our  
16 Chief Compliance Officer, Rhea Loney, just to  
17 elaborate a little more on our underage tools.

18 MS. LONEY: Thank you, Chair. Yes, we  
19 take underage very seriously at BetMGM. We've  
20 developed an internal Underage Task Force. This task  
21 force works across all of our departments to identify  
22 any data where there is an underage individual that  
23 has fraudulently registered or gotten onto the BetMGM  
24 platform. So, we're constantly reviewing the data  
25 and analyzing it to determine how we can change our

1 analysis to ensure that does not occur.

2 We're very focused on protecting the  
3 customers. And the sensitive group of those that are  
4 underage are something we don't only think about in  
5 Problem Gambling Awareness Month, but throughout the  
6 year we're focused on that at BetMGM.

7 And on products that are working  
8 towards this -. For example, using AI to ensure that  
9 individuals with fake IDs are caught early, detected  
10 early. So, that's just one example that we have in  
11 our product.

12 CHAIR: Thank you. Also, have you  
13 looked at the out-of-country accounts that might be  
14 created, how you might be able to control any of the  
15 people that might be using an out-of-country account  
16 and also be using it here, so you know that there's  
17 possibly fraud going on there?

18 ATTORNEY CAPUTI: Absolutely. That's  
19 part of our KYC process. That's part of  
20 registration. That's part of our AML and fraud as an  
21 overview. Of - outside of the country prohibited  
22 persons, PEPs that are on those lists or OFAC lists,  
23 we are always looking at those and cross referencing  
24 them with all available lists that are out there.

25 CHAIR: Okay. And one last question.

1 I know several entities are looking at credit cards  
2 and how they're utilized.

3 Are you guys looking at that as well?

4 ATTORNEY CAPUTI: We are. We are  
5 looking at that as well. We are - you know,  
6 continually to update our procedures and policies in  
7 there.

8 And Chief Compliance Officer Rhea can  
9 added a little more, if she wants.

10 MS. LONEY: In the coming days as of  
11 March 31st, we will no longer be allowing credit  
12 cards - new credit cards to be added to the accounts  
13 for individuals. And it is a phasing out of credit  
14 card usage on the BetMGM platforms.

15 CHAIR: Thank you. Is there anything  
16 else, Enforcement Counsel, that you think needs to be  
17 put on the record?

18 ATTORNEY CROHE: I don't have anything  
19 else that I feel needs to be put on the record at  
20 this time. Thank you.

21 CHAIR: And ex-officio, Jennifer  
22 Langan.

23 MS. LANGAN: I just think it was  
24 important. One of the things that you said and Cyrus  
25 has said is regarding like underage, number one, it's

1 a form of fraud, even if you're allowing your  
2 children to do it on your account.

3 And is that how BetMGM sees it?

4 MS. LONEY: Absolutely, yes, we  
5 consider that fraud. It is. We would relate that to  
6 the parent that buys someone under 21 alcohol.

7 MS. LANGAN: Perfect. Thank you. I  
8 just thought that was important.

9 CHAIR: Thank you. And again, I will  
10 echo my colleagues in saying we really appreciate all  
11 of the efforts you have made to improve the KYC  
12 process and all of the other things that you put into  
13 place to date and that you're continuing to explore  
14 options going forward.

15 And with that, I would ask for a  
16 motion.

17 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
18 Gainney moves that the Board approve the Consent  
19 Agreement between the OEC and BetMGM, LLC as  
20 described by the OEC.

21 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman  
22 seconds.

23 CHAIR: All in favor?

24 AYES RESPOND

25 CHAIR: All opposed? The motion's

1 adopted. Thank you very much.

2 ATTORNEY CAPUTI: Thank you.

3 MS. LONEY: Thank you all very much.

4 ATTORNEY PITRE: Deputy Chief

5 Enforcement Counsel Dustin Miller will now provide  
6 the introduction for default judgments.

7 CHAIR: These are defaults.

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

11 The remaining matters on the agenda  
12 consist of enforcement actions in which the OEC filed  
13 Petitions seeking the involuntary exclusion of  
14 individuals who are inimical to the interests of the  
15 Commonwealth and/or licensed gaming therein. In each  
16 instance the Petition for exclusion has been filed  
17 with the Board's OHA and properly served upon the  
18 individual named in the Petition.

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

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

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

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

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

14 The next matter on the agenda is a  
15 request to place Louis Abdelmassiah on the  
16 Involuntary Exclusion List.

17 Mr. Abdelmassiah was caught cheating  
18 at Parx, Wind Creek and Mount Airy Casinos.  
19 Specifically, he was caught bending and crimping  
20 cards at Parx Casino, for which he was permanently  
21 evicted from the property. He was also caught  
22 capping wagers at both Wind Creek, Bethlehem and  
23 Mount Airy casinos. He has been permanently evicted  
24 from Mount Airy Casino.

25 At this time the OEC requests that the

1 Board place Louis Abdelmassiah on the Involuntary  
2 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 Louis Abdelmassiah to the PGCB  
8 Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct described  
9 by the OEC.

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

12 CHAIR: All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

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

16 ATTORNEY GROODY: The next matter on  
17 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the  
18 Petition to place Keith Ebron on the Involuntary  
19 Exclusion List.

20 Mr. Ebron has a history of passing  
21 counterfeit bills at multiple Pennsylvania casinos.  
22 Specifically, he has been identified as passing  
23 counterfeit bills at Valley Forge, Live!  
24 Philadelphia, Rivers Philadelphia and Harrah's  
25 Philadelphia casinos. Mr. Ebron was criminally

1 charged on three occasions relating to his criminal  
2 conduct at Pennsylvania casinos. He has been  
3 permanently evicted from Valley Forge, Live!  
4 Philadelphia and Rivers Philadelphia casinos.

5 At this time, the OEC requests that  
6 the Board place Keith Ebron on the Involuntary  
7 Exclusion List.

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  
12 approve the addition of Keith Ebron to the PGCB  
13 Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct described  
14 by the OEC.

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

17 CHAIR: All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

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

21 ATTORNEY GROODY: The next matter on  
22 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the  
23 Petition to place Eliud Roldan, Jr. on the  
24 Involuntary Exclusion List.

25 Mr. Roldan left a 12-year-old female

1 and 7-year-old male alone in his vehicle in the  
2 parking lot of Parx Casino while he went inside to  
3 game. The two children were discovered after  
4 approximately 32 minutes, because they entered Parx  
5 Casino by themselves and spoke with casino personnel.  
6 During the time the children were alone, Mr. Roldan  
7 was inside of Parx gaming. He was issued a permanent  
8 eviction from Parx.

9 At this time, the OEC requests that  
10 the Board place Eliud Roldan, Jr. on the Involuntary  
11 Exclusion List.

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

14 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Madam Chair,  
15 Commissioner Quiñones-Sánchez moves that the Board  
16 approve the addition of Eliud Roldan to the PGCB  
17 Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct described  
18 by the OEC.

19 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
20 seconds.

21 CHAIR: All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

23 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

24 ATTORNEY SMITH: Good morning, Chair,  
25 members of the Board. My name is Mark Smith,

1 S-M-I-T-H, Assistant Enforcement Counsel, OEC.

2 The next matter on the agenda is a  
3 request to place Olga Barrera on the Involuntary  
4 Exclusion List. Ms. Barrera stole two vouchers from  
5 another patron valued at \$1,003 and \$1,065.50 at  
6 Hollywood Casino York. Ms. Barrera was criminally  
7 charged for her actions, the casino permanently  
8 banned her from the property.

9 At this time, the OEC requests that  
10 the Board place Olga Barrera on the Involuntary  
11 Exclusion List.

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

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

18 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
19 Gainney seconds.

20 CHAIR: All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

22 CHAIR: All opposed?

23 MR. DUNBAR: Opposed.

24 CHAIR: Please note for the record  
25 that Commissioner Dunbar opposes. However, only

1 requiring a simple majority, the motion passes.

2 ATTORNEY SMITH: The next matter on  
3 the agenda for Board consideration is the Petition to  
4 place Yulian Bautista on the Involuntary Exclusion  
5 List.

6 Mr. Bautista left an approximately  
7 5-year-old minor child alone in his vehicle for 20  
8 minutes in Rivers Philadelphia Casino parking lot.  
9 Mr. Bautista went inside Rivers Philadelphia and  
10 redeemed a sportsbook wager and played Roulette. Mr.  
11 Bautista was permanently banned from the property for  
12 his actions. He also received a citation from the  
13 Philadelphia Police.

14 The OEC now requests that the Board  
15 place Yulian Bautista on the Involuntary Exclusion  
16 List.

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

19 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
20 Dunbar moves that the Board approved the addition of  
21 Yulian Bautista to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion  
22 List for the conduct described by the OEC.

23 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
24 Gainey seconds.

25 CHAIR: All in favor?

1 AYES RESPOND

2 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

3 ATTORNEY SMITH: The next matter on  
4 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a request  
5 to place Timothy Ray on the Board's Involuntary  
6 Exclusion List.

7 Mr. Ray was present at Hollywood  
8 Casino York when he left an 11-year-old child alone  
9 in his vehicle for 51 minutes and 51 seconds. Mr.  
10 Ray engaged in slot machine and table game play while  
11 inside the casino. Mr. Ray was evicted from the  
12 property for his actions.

13 The OEC now requests that the Board  
14 place Timothy Ray on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

17 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
18 Gainey moves that the Board approve the addition of  
19 Timothy Ray to the PGCB inclusionary - I mean  
20 Involuntary Inclusionary (sic) List for the conduct  
21 described by the OEC.

22 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman  
23 seconds.

24 CHAIR: All in favor?

25 AYES RESPOND

1                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

2                   ATTORNEY SCIRROTTO: Good morning,  
3 Madam Chair, members of the Board. Kelci Scirrotto,  
4 S-C-I-R-R-O-T-T-O, Assistant Enforcement Counsel with  
5 the OEC.

6                   The next matter on the agenda for the  
7 Board's consideration is a request to place Rodger  
8 Cieri, Jr. on the Board's Interactive Gaming and  
9 Involuntary Exclusion List.

10                   Mr. Cieri created 19 fraudulent  
11 accounts on the BetMGM and Borgata platforms,  
12 utilizing the personal identifying information of  
13 other individuals. The accounts were closed and the  
14 devices were blocked. No criminal charges were  
15 filed.

16                   At this time the OEC requests that the  
17 Board place Rodger Cieri, Jr. on the Interactive  
18 Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

21                   MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,  
22 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board approve the  
23 addition of Rodger Cieri, Jr. to the PGCB Involuntary  
24 Interactive Gaming Exclusion List for the conduct  
25 described by the OEC.

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

3                   CHAIR: All in favor?

4 AYES RESPOND

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

7                   ATTORNEY SCIRROTTO: The next matter  
8 on the agenda for the Board's consideration is a  
9 request to place Dennis Hostutler, Jr. on the Board's  
10 Interactive Gaming involuntary Exclusion List.

11                   Mr. Hostutler created 118 accounts on  
12 DraftKings, using the personal identifying  
13 information of other individuals. The accounts were  
14 closed and the devices were blocked. No criminal  
15 charges were filed.

16                   At this time the OEC requests the  
17 Board place Dennis Hostutler, Jr. on the Interactive  
18 Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

21                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
22 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board  
23 approve the addition of Dennis Hostutler, Jr. to the  
24 PGCB Involuntary Interactive Gaming Exclusion List  
25 for the 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's  
6 adopted.

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

10                   The next matter on the agenda is a  
11 request to place Anthony Ray on the Involuntary  
12 Exclusion List.

13                   Mr. Ray left a 9-year-old child  
14 unattended in his vehicle while he went inside Rivers  
15 Philadelphia played table games and placed sports  
16 wagers. The child was unattended for over an hour.  
17 Mr. Ray was permanently evicted but not criminally  
18 charged for his actions.

19                   And the OEC now requests that the  
20 Board place Anthony Ray on the Involuntary Exclusion  
21 List.

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

24                   MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Madam Chair,  
25 Commissioner Quiñones-Sánchez moves that the Board

1 approve the addition of Anthony Ray to the PGCB  
2 Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct described  
3 by the OEC.

4 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
5 seconds.

6 CHAIR: All in favor?

7 AYES RESPOND

8 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

9 ATTORNEY ROLAND: The next matter on  
10 the agenda is a request to place Carlos Valles on the  
11 Involuntary Exclusion List.

12 Mr. Valles took \$6,440 out of the hand  
13 of another patron at Live! Casino Philadelphia. He  
14 and the other patron then got into a physical  
15 altercation and both were taken into custody. Mr.  
16 Valles denied multiple times that he took the money  
17 and attempted to hide it on the floor behind a chair  
18 and a table. He was criminally charged and evicted  
19 from Live! Philadelphia.

20 The OEC now requests that the Board  
21 place Carlos Valles on the Involuntary Exclusion  
22 List.

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

25 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner

1 Dillon moves that the Board approve the addition of  
2 Carlos Valles to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List  
3 for the conduct described by the OEC.

4 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar  
5 seconds.

6 CHAIR: All in favor?

7 AYES RESPOND

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

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

13 The next matter on the agenda for the  
14 Board's consideration is a request to place David  
15 Lopez on the Board's Involuntary Interactive Gaming  
16 and Involuntary Casino Exclusion List.

17 David Lopez created a Wind Creek  
18 iGaming account funded through 17 deposits with  
19 numerous financial instruments totaling \$10,700. Of  
20 the deposits, four financial instruments had  
21 chargebacks, which totaled \$6,000 - \$4,700 that Wind  
22 Creek reported were unauthorized charges. He also  
23 entered Wind Creek, proceeded to the cage and  
24 completed a withdrawal of \$6,100 from the account of  
25 another individual with that individual's

1 identification. Subsequently, Mr. Lopez failed or  
2 refused to pay funds owed to the casinos as a result  
3 of his gaming activity, thereby depriving the  
4 Commonwealth of tax revenue owed on this amount.  
5 All the accounts were closed and devices used were  
6 blocked and there were no criminal charges filed.

7                   The OEC now requests the Board place  
8 David Lopez on the Board's Involuntary Interactive  
9 Gaming Exclusion List and Involuntary Casino  
10 Exclusion List.

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

13                   MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
14 Dunbar moves that the Board approve the addition of  
15 David Lopez to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List  
16 and the PGCB Involuntary Interactive Gaming Exclusion  
17 List for the conduct described by the OEC.

18                   MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
19 Gainney seconds.

20                   CHAIR: All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

22                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

23                   ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: The next matter on  
24 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a request  
25 to place John Soders on the Board's Involuntary

1 Interactive Gaming and Involuntary Casino Exclusion  
2 List. John Soders fraudulently created and/or  
3 accessed 83 BetMGM accounts and Borgata accounts with  
4 the personal identifying information of other  
5 individuals and engaged in bonus abuse.  
6 Subsequently, Mr. Soders failed or refused to pay  
7 funds owed to the casinos as a result of his gaming  
8 activity, thereby depriving the Commonwealth of tax  
9 revenue owed on this amount. All the accounts were  
10 closed and devices used were blocked. No criminal  
11 charges were filed arising out of this incident.

12                   However, in a separate incident, Mr.  
13 Soders was arrested for and pleaded guilty to a  
14 summary offense disorderly conduct arising out of his  
15 theft of a cell phone at Hollywood Casino's Penn  
16 National.

17                   The OEC now requests the Board place  
18 John Soders on the Board's Involuntary Interactive  
19 Gaming Exclusion List and Involuntary Casino  
20 Exclusion List.

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

23                   MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
24 Gainey moves that the Board approve the addition of  
25 John Soders to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List

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

3 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman  
4 seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

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

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

16 In addition to their own accounts,  
17 Cody Wolfe and Kaitlyn Roediger engaged in multi-  
18 accounting and bonus abuse when defraudingly created  
19 and/or access 27 BetMGM accounts and Borgata accounts  
20 with their personal identifying information of under  
21 - other individuals funded through lost and/or stolen  
22 financial instruments and/or were funded solely  
23 through bonuses which totaled \$2,704.

24 Subsequently, they failed or refused  
25 to pay funds owed to the casinos as a result of their

1 gaming activity, thereby depriving the Commonwealth  
2 of tax revenue owed on this amount. All the accounts  
3 were closed and devices used were blocked. There  
4 were no criminal charges filed.

5 The OEC now requests the Board place  
6 Kaitlyn Roediger on the Board's Involuntary  
7 Interactive Gaming Exclusion List.

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

10 MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,  
11 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board approve the  
12 addition of Kaitlyn Roediger to the PGCB Involuntary  
13 Interactive Gaming Exclusion List for the conduct  
14 described by the OEC.

15 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
16 Manzano-Díaz, second.

17 CHAIR: All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

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

21 ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: The OEC now  
22 requests the Board place Cody Wolfe on the Board's  
23 Involuntary Interactive Gaming Exclusion List.

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

1                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
2 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board  
3 approve the addition of Cody Wolfe to the PGCB  
4 Involuntary Interactive Gaming Exclusion List for the  
5 conduct described by the OEC.

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

8                   CHAIR: All in favor?

9 AYES RESPOND

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

12                   ATTORNEY MILLER: That concludes the  
13 business of the OEC.

14                   CHAIR: Thank you, Enforcement  
15 Counsel.

16                   The last item on the agenda for today  
17 is public comment.

18                   Is there anyone in the room that would  
19 like to address the Board?

20                   Seeing no one, that concludes today's  
21 meeting. The next public meeting of the Board will  
22 be held on Wednesday, April 29th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.  
23 at this location.

24                   And now may I please have a motion to  
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MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner

Dillon moves to adjourn.

MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar

seconds.

CHAIR: All in favor?

AYES RESPOND

CHAIR: All opposed? We are now

adjourned. Thank you very much.

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MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11:09 A.M.

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## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings,  
a meeting held before Chair Smyler was reported by me  
on March 25, 2026 and that I, Rachel Wilbur-Adams,  
read this transcript, and that I attest that this  
transcript is a true and accurate record of the  
proceeding.

Dated the 8th day of April, 2026



Rachel Wilbur-Adams,

Court Reporter