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## **MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, September 24, 2025 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**STRAWBERRY SQUARE COMPLEX, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, HARRISBURG**

A meeting of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board was held at the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board Office of Hearings and Appeals, Strawberry Square Complex, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Harrisburg, PA.

### **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:**

Denise J. Smyler, Chair  
Frank Dermody  
Shawn Dillon  
George Dunbar  
Christopher W. Huffman  
Sara Manzano-Díaz

### **EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/DESIGNEES IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jorge Augusto, Designee, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
Adria Zimmerman, Designee, Department of Revenue  
Jennifer Langan, Designee, Pennsylvania Treasury

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

Kevin F. O'Toole, Executive Director – Executive Director's Report  
Heidi Zula, Human Resources Director – New Hires  
Stephen Cook, Chief Counsel – Petitions  
Robert Wood, Senior Counsel – Regulation  
Chad Zimmermann, Deputy Chief Counsel – Withdrawals and Surrenders, Reports & Recommendations, Emergency Suspensions, Petitions, and challenges  
Sean Hannon, Director of Bureau of Licensing – Licenses, Renewals, Credentials, Permits, Denials, Withdrawals, Certifications and Registrations  
Glen Stuart, Deputy Enforcement Counsel – Licenses, Renewals, Credentials, Permits, Denials, Withdrawals, Certifications and Registrations  
Cyrus Pitre, Chief Enforcement Counsel – Consent Agreement  
Sarah Kolesar, Assistant Enforcement Counsel – Consent Agreement  
Dustin Miller – Deputy Enforcement Counsel - Suspensions, Revocations, Placements on the Involuntary Exclusion List, and Placements on the Involuntary Interactive Exclusion List  
Brandon Bevel, Assistant Enforcement Counsel – Suspension  
Mark Smith, Assistant Enforcement Counsel – Suspension and Placements on the Involuntary Exclusion List  
Sarah Groody, Assistant Enforcement Counsel – Revocation and Placements on the Involuntary Exclusion List  
Andrea Roberts, Assistant Enforcement Counsel – Revocations, Suspensions and Placements on the Involuntary Exclusion List  
Juan Sanchez, Assistance Enforcement Counsel – Placements on the Involuntary Interactive Gaming Exclusion List  
Michael Roland, Senior Enforcement Counsel – Placements on the Involuntary Exclusion List

**OTHER ATTENDEES FOR CONSENT AGREEMENTS:****Valley Forge Convention Center Partners LLC D/B/A Valley Forge Casino Resort**

Michael Fabius, Esq., Ballard Spahr

Martha Morales, VP &amp; General Manager

Willie Dartez, Director of Security

Janet Maugans, Director of Regulatory Compliance

Cassie Stratford, SVP Legal Operations &amp; Regulatory Compliance

A quorum of the Board being present, Chair Smyler called the meeting to order.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Smyler announced that the Board held an Executive Session on September 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss personnel matters, pending litigation, and to conduct quasi-judicial deliberations relating to matters coming before the Board on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Smyler welcomed the newest Board Member, Christopher W. Huffman, who was appointed by the Senate President Pro Tempore Kim Ward and was sworn in on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Chris was a sole practitioner in the general practice of law in Greensburg for over 30 years. Additionally, he worked as an attorney in the Westmoreland County Public Defender's Office and previously clerked for Judge Eunice Ross in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. Chris is a graduate of Greensburg Central Catholic High School and attended Gannon University where he received a bachelor's degree in finance. Chris earned his law degree at the University of Dayton School of Law. Chris is also heavily involved in the local community, serving as the founding member of the Belle Vernon Drug Task Force and as a coach for youth sports.

Chair Smyler finished her announcements by noting that with the resignation of Nedra Ralston at the end of August, the Board will have a vacant seat until the Governor makes an appointment. Due to Nedra's seat being a gubernatorial appointment, the vacancy has no impact on votes requiring a qualified majority vote pursuant to the Gaming Act, and the qualified majority will remain all 4 legislative appointees and at least 1 gubernatorial appointee.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director, Kevin O'Toole, started his report by stating that August 2025 continued the positive revenue increases this year when compared to August 2024, with revenue from all sources totaling over \$582 million dollars in August 2025, a total of 14.15% higher than revenue generated in August 2024.

Kevin continued by talking about the positive trend of revenue growth in online gaming activities with interactive slots, table games, poker, and Sports Wagering revenue totaling almost \$238.5 million. He continued by stating that with the continued growth of online gaming, we need to be extra cognizant of problem gambling and further assess our efforts, along with those in the gaming industry, regarding responsible gaming programs are effective in assisting gamblers who need help.

Executive Director O'Toole stated the Gaming Industry, through the American Gaming Association ("AGA") has designated September as "Responsible Gaming Education Month". This month has emphasized and reinforced how technology can be used as an effective tool to provide players with opportunities to better control their gambling activities.

Kevin ended his report by stating that the Board was asked by the AGA to participate in a panel discussion next Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, at the State Capitol. The event is hosted by AGA on the challenges of responsible gaming from the perspective of the operators, legislators, and trained addiction counselors.

The Gaming Control Board will be represented on the panel by Director Elizabeth Lanza from our Office of Compulsive and Problem Gambling, Kevin will give the welcome address, and several employees will also be in attendance to gain insight from each of the panelists.

#### **OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

##### **PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-406 HR**

**Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Dermody / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Dillon

The Board hereby approved the following ratification for applicants for hire:

- Richard Gabor, Casino Compliance Representative, Live! Casino Philadelphia
- Catherine Kolla, Assistant Enforcement Counsel, Office of Enforcement Counsel

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

#### **OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL**

##### **PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-407 OCC**

**Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Dillon / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Dunbar

The Board hereby adopted the **Temporary Regulation #125-257** regarding Table Game Rules and Procedures as described by the Office of Chief Counsel.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

##### **PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-408 OCC**

**Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Dunbar / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Huffman

The Board hereby granted **Vincent Capece, III's** Petition for Removal from the Involuntary Exclusion List as described by the Office of Chief Counsel.

Docket Number: 4829-2016

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

##### **PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-409 OCC**

**Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Huffman / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Manzano-Díaz

The Board hereby granted the **S.C.'s** Petition for Removal from the Self-Exclusion List as described by the Office of Chief Counsel.

Docket Number: 13772-2025

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

##### **PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-410 OCC**

**Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Manzano-Díaz / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Dermody

The Board hereby granted the **S.P.'s** Petition for Removal from the Self-Exclusion List as described by the Office of Chief Counsel.

Docket Number: 13678-2025

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

##### **PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-411 OCC**

**Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Dermody / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Dillon

The Board hereby granted in part **D.P.'s** Petition to Recover Funds Confiscated While on the Self-Exclusion List as described by the Office of Chief Counsel and that \$360 be returned to D.P.

Docket Number: 13423-2025

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-412 OCC****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Dillon / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Dunbar

The Board hereby granted in part **H.H.’s** Petition to Recover Funds Confiscated While on the Self-Exclusion List as described by the Office of Chief Counsel and that \$290 be returned to H.H.

Docket Number: 13574-2025

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-413 OCC****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>– Board Member Dunbar / 2<sup>nd</sup>– Board Member Huffman

The Board hereby approved, without prejudice, the following **WITHDRAWALS AND SURRENDERS** as described by the Office of Chief Counsel:

Marilyn Jentzen – Withdraw Principal License Application; No. 13757-2025

Peter Thomas– Surrender Principal License; No. 13773-2025

Adam Chibib – Withdraw Principal License Renewal and Surrender Principal License; No. 13766-2025

Yvette Landau – Withdraw Principal License Renewal and Surrender Principal License; No. 13767-2025

Geoffrey Freeman – Withdraw Principal License Renewal and Surrender Principal License; No. 13768-2025

Anna Mission-Greenburg – Surrender Principal License; No. 13769-2025

David Farahi – Surrender Principal License; No. 13770-2025

Arc Bermuda Limited – Withdraw Principal Entity License Application; No. 13758-2025

Joseph Marshall, III – Surrender Principal License; No. 13785-2025

Robert Ziems – Surrender Principal License; No. 13787-2025

Francisco-Jose Diaz-Leante Martinez – Surrender Principal License; No. 13791-2025

Erik Nyman – Surrender Principal License; No. 13798-2025

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-414 OCC****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Huffman / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Dillon

The Board hereby rejected the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearing and Appeals as described by the Office of Chief Counsel and that **Joshua Ault’s** Non-Gaming Employee Registration Application be denied.

Docket Number: 13441-2025

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-415 OCC****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Manzano-Díaz / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Dermody

The Board hereby adopted the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearings and Appeals as described by the Office of Chief Counsel and that the emergency suspension of **Daniel Durnin’s** Gaming Level 2 Employee Occupation Permit remains in effect.

Docket Number: 13494-2025

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-416 OCC****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Dermody / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Dillon

The Board hereby adopted the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearings and Appeals as described by the Office of Chief Counsel and denied the Joint Petition and that **Michael Tobin’s** Principal License be surrendered.

Docket Number: 13300-2025

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-417 OCC****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Dillon / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Dunbar

The Board hereby adopted the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearings and Appeals as described by the Office of Chief Counsel that **Lindsey Murphy's** challenge be denied and permission granted for BET365 to confiscate funds.

Docket Number: 13334-2025

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-418 OCC****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Dunbar / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Huffman

The Board hereby adopted the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearings and Appeals as described by the Office of Chief Counsel that **Zoraida Perez's** challenge be denied and permission granted for Betway to confiscation funds.

Docket Number: 13372-2025

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-419 OCC****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Huffman / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Manzano-Díaz

The Board hereby adopted in part the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearings and Appeals as described by the Office of Chief Counsel and that **C.C.'s** petition to recover monies confiscated while on the self-exclusion list be granted and \$1,000 be returned.

Docket Number: 13390-2025

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**BUREAU OF LICENSING****PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-420 BOL****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Dermody / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Dillon

The Board granted **Shree Labh, Inc.** the Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

GID Number: 167894-1

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-421 BOL****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Dillon / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Dunbar

The Board granted **CHR Corp. d/b/a Rutters Store 111** the Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

GID Number: 178240-1

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-422 BOL****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Dunbar / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Huffman

The Board granted **Sandhoo's Inc. d/b/a Liberty Exxon** the Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License Renewal as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

GID Number: 108670-2

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-423 BOL****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Huffman / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Manzano-DíazThe Board granted **Sandhoo's Inc. d/b/a Lawrenceville Exxon** the Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License Renewal as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

GID Number: 108719-2

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-424 BOL****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Manzano-Díaz / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member DermodyThe Board approved the following **PRINCIPAL AND KEY EMPLOYEE LICENSES** as described by the Bureau of Licensing:**Chester Downs and Marina, LLC d/b/a Harrah's Philadelphia Casino and Racetrack****Principal**

Renewal

- VICI Note Co. Inc. – GID # 125374-2

**Downs Racing, LP d/b/a Mohegan Pennsylvania****Principal**

Renewal

- John Gerry Harris – GID # 123006-2

**Mount Airy #1, LLC d/b/a Mount Airy Casino Resort****Key Employee**

Initials

- Peter Hernandez – GID # 174277-1
- Kevin O'Connor – GID # 71207-6

**Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course****Key Employee**

Initials

- Gil Bushkin – GID # 115148-3
- William John Charles Stephenson – GID # 175168-1

**Woodlands Fayette, LLC d/b/a The Casino at Nemaquin****Key Employee**

Initial

- Nancy Stepinsky – GID # 20684-8

**E. GADS, LLC****Qualifier**

Initial

- Jennifer Christina Bradley – GID # 175284-1

**Hillside (Pennsylvania) LLC d/b/a bet365****Key Employee**

Initial

- Marita Ann Navarro – GID # 178183-1

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-425 BOL****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Dermody / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member DillonThe Board approved the issuance of **TEMPORARY PRINCIPAL** (10) and **KEY** (10) Employee Credentials as described by the Bureau of Licensing. (Note: information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found in the Board Orders.)

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-426 BOL****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Dillon / 2<sup>nd</sup>– Board Member Dunbar

The Board approved the issuance of 407 **GAMING EMPLOYEE OCCUPATION PERMITS** and 214 **NON-GAMING EMPLOYEE REGISTRATIONS** as described by the Bureau of Licensing. (Note: information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found in the Board Order.)

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-427 BOL****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Dunbar / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Huffman

The Board approved the **DENIAL** of (2) Gaming Employee Applications as described by the Bureau of Licensing. (Note: information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found in the Board Orders)

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-428 BOL****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Huffman / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Manzano-Díaz

The Board approved the **WITHDRAWAL** of the 46 Applications. (Note: information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found in the Board Orders.)

- 16 – Gaming Employee Applications
- 30 – Non-Gaming Employee Applications

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-429 BOL****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Manzano-Díaz / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Dermody

The Board approved the following applications for **GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER CERTIFICATIONS** as described by the Bureau of Licensing:

GID # 168751-1  
 GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: Radar Labs, Inc  
 FACILITY: New York, NY  
 PRODUCT/SERVICE: Gaming Service Provider

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-430 BOL****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Dermody / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Dillon

The Board approved the following applications for **GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER REGISTRATIONS** as described by the Bureau of Licensing:

GID # 15030-4  
 GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: Franco Associates, LP  
 FACILITY: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
 PRODUCT/SERVICE: Construction

GID # 181101-1  
 GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: Gambly, Inc.  
 FACILITY: Nashville, Tennessee  
 PRODUCT/SERVICE: Digital Marketing and Advertising

GID # 58887-3  
 GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: Lasvit, Inc.  
 FACILITY: New York, New York  
 PRODUCT/SERVICE: Installation of Custom Glass Components

**OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL****PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-431 OEC****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Dunbar / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Huffman

The Board hereby approved the Consent Agreement between the Office of Enforcement Counsel and **Valley Forge Convention Center Partners LLC d/b/a Valley Forge Casino Resort** as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-432 OEC****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Huffman / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Manzano-Díaz

The Board hereby approved the suspension of **James Cieri, II** Gaming Employee Occupation Permit for the conduct as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Docket Number: 13624-2025

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-433 OEC****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Manzano-Díaz / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Dermody

The Board hereby approved the suspension of **William Fitzgerald's** Non-Gaming Employee Registration for the conduct described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Docket Number: 13564-2025

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-434 OEC****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Dermody / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Dillon

The Board hereby approved the revocation of **Morris Howard's** Non-Gaming Employee Registration for the conduct described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Docket Number: 13070-2024

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-435 OEC****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Dillon / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Dunbar

The Board hereby approved the revocation of **Stephen Lord's** Gaming Employee Occupation Permit for the conduct described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Docket Number: 13637-2025

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-436 OEC****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Dunbar / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Huffman

The Board hereby approved the suspension of **Michael Tobin's** Principal License for the conduct described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Docket Number: 13659-2025

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**PGCB MOTION NO. 2025-437 OEC****Motions:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Board Member Huffman / 2<sup>nd</sup>–Board Member Manzano-Díaz

The Board hereby approved the revocation of **Robyn Woodard's** Gaming Employee Occupation Permit for the conduct described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Docket Number: 13607-2025

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

The Board **APPROVED** the following additions to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel:

MOTION #	RESPONDENT	DOCKET	FIRST	SECOND	BOARD DECISION
2025-438 OEC	SHAKEE JOHNSON	13605-2025	Manzano-Díaz	Dermody	Placed on List
2025-439 OEC	CHARLES JAYNES	13421-2025	Dermody	Dillon	Placed on List
2025-440 OEC	DONMAIR NORMAN	13627-2025	Dillon	Dunbar	Placed on List
2025-441 OEC	ANTONIO JACKSON	13666-2025	Dunbar	Huffman	Placed on List
2025-442 OEC	ANTHONY PAYE	13667-2025	Huffman	Manzano-Díaz	Placed on List
2025-443 OEC	ANDRES CASTRO	13691-2025	Manzano-Díaz	Dermody	Placed on List
2025-444 OEC	VANADA LENNARD	13593-2025	Dermody	Dillon	Placed on List
2025-445 OEC	DAVID MILLER	13375-2025	Dillon	Dunbar	Placed on List
2025-446 OEC	TANNA SAVAGE-JONES	13625-2025	Dunbar	Huffman	Placed on List
2025-447 OEC	CHELSAE MOSER	13554-2025	Huffman	Manzano-Díaz	Placed on List
2025-448 OEC	TALAHJA WILSON	13569-2025	Manzano-Díaz	Dermody	Placed on List
2025-449 OEC	ROBERT YOUNG	13568-2025	Dermody	Dillon	Placed on List

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Board Member Dillon, seconded by Board Member Dunbar, the meeting was adjourned.