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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

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Department of Agriculture

Jennifer Langan, Esquire, Designee,
Department of Treasury

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PA GAMING CONTROL BOARD EXECUTIVE STAFF APPEARING
BEFORE THE BOARD:

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ANDRE BARNABEI, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIR: Good morning. I'm Denise Smyler, Chair of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. I would like to ask everyone to please silence your cell phones and all electronic devices at this time. With seven Board members present this morning, I'd like to now call today's meeting to order.

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

Thank you, ex-officios, for joining us.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

CHAIR: By way of announcements, the Board held an executive session yesterday, Tuesday, June 16th, to discuss personnel matters and to

1 conduct quasi-judicial deliberations relating to
2 matters coming before the Board.

3 HEARING HELD

4 CHAIR: We will now hear from -.
5 We will now hear from our Executive Director, Kevin
6 O'Toole.

7 Kevin?

8 MR. O'TOOLE: Good morning, Chair
9 Smyler. Good morning, members of the Board. The
10 Board's Office of Communications issued its Press
11 Release this morning to report the combined total
12 gaming revenue generated during May 2026 from all
13 forms of gaming, along with fantasy contests.

14 May was a very successful month.
15 Generally, March is a really good month. But I'll
16 tell you, May is becoming the better - better month
17 for the generation of gaming revenue for the
18 land-based casinos as well as the online gaming
19 operators. May of 2026 generated \$625,467,000 in
20 aggregated revenue, an increase of 3.93 percent over
21 aggregated revenue from a year ago, May of 2025.

22 It's important to note that this past
23 May's gaming revenue of over \$625 million was a new
24 high for gaming revenue in a single month.

25 From the land-based casinos, slot

1 machine revenue totaled \$232,063,000. This was the
2 second highest monthly slot machine revenue for
3 land-based casinos to date.

4 Also, the online gaming products of
5 iSlots, iTables and iPoker generated \$254,825,000 in
6 total revenue. And that was the second highest
7 monthly total for those three gaming verticals
8 aggregated together.

9 Additionally, and probably most
10 importantly, total gaming taxes paid to the
11 Commonwealth from gaming revenue in May of 2026 was
12 almost \$270,000,000. It was \$269,949,950 in tax
13 revenue for that month.

14 That's my report for this morning.
15 Thank you very much.

16 CHAIR: Thank you, Kevin. Now we will
17 hear from our Office of Human Resources Director
18 Heidi Zula.

19 Heidi.

20 MS. ZULA: Good morning, Madam Chair
21 and members of the Board. The Office of Human
22 Resources has one motion for your consideration today
23 relative to the hiring of two individuals. Both
24 individuals have completed the background
25 investigation and drug screening and are ready for

1 presentation to the Board.

2 Courtney Toomer has been selected as
3 an Investigator with the Bureau of Investigations and
4 Enforcement (BIE) and is recommended for hire by Paul
5 Mauro, Director of Investigations and Enforcement.

6 And Jessica Spear has been selected as
7 an Executive Secretary with the Executive Office and
8 is recommended for hire by Claire Yantis,
9 Administrative Director.

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

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

15
16 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
17 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board
18 approve the applicants for hire as proposed by the
19 Human Resources Director.

20
21 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
22 seconds.

23 CHAIR: All in favor?

24 AYES RESPOND

25 CHAIR: All opposed?

1 Motion's adopted.

2 MS. ZULA: Thank you.

3 CHAIR: Thank you, Heidi. Next, we
4 will hear from our Office of Chief Counsel (OCC).

5 ATTORNEY COOK: Morning.

6 CHAIR: Good morning. Don't let Mr.
7 Donnelly's comments go to your head.

8 ATTORNEY COOK: It's not going to
9 change my recommendation on that Petition. To that
10 point, Chad had a lot to do with the briefs that were
11 filed and the success we've had. As has Doug
12 Sherman, the prior Chief Counsel. This thing's been
13 around forever.

14 So, I am but a small piece in a much
15 bigger project, so - but it was very nice of John to
16 say that, so thank you, John.

17 Our first agenda item relates to
18 Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking which Senior
19 Counsel Robert Wood will present.

20 ATTORNEY WOOD: Good morning, Madam
21 Chair, members of the Board. As Steve has indicated
22 this morning, I have one item for the Board's
23 consideration, an advanced Notice of Proposed
24 Rulemaking or ANPR. The ANPR is a less frequently
25 utilized process which provides agencies with an

1 opportunity to solicit input on potential regulatory
2 actions.

3 In this ANPR, PGCB seeks input on a
4 potential 6 to 5 Blackjack payout allowance limited
5 to live dealt retail Blackjack tables with capped low
6 denomination minimum wagers.

7 Pennsylvania's brick-and-mortar
8 facilities, in spite of record-setting revenues, have
9 shown areas of stagnation in table game revenues. At
10 the same time, higher minimum wagering requirements
11 may be dissuading some patrons from retail Blackjack
12 offerings in play.

13 As PGCB evaluates means of keeping
14 both the gaming industry and/or the gaming industry
15 competitive and accessible to all levels of players,
16 we are asking for input from both the regulated
17 industry and patrons on this topic.

18 As a final point, this ANPR does not
19 reflect and it does not authorize 6 to 5 payout odds.
20 Should the Board wish to proceed further following
21 the 90-day comment period, it will do so through the
22 regular regulatory process. Only if the Board
23 proceeds and adopts table game rules, regulations
24 would 6 to 5 odds become authorized in Pennsylvania.

25 Now, prior to this morning's meeting,

1 a copy of this proposed ANPR was provided to the
2 Board.

3 If there are any questions, I'd be
4 happy to answer them this morning. Otherwise, I
5 would ask the Board for a motion to approve the
6 publication of this Advanced Notice of Proposed
7 Rulemaking soliciting comments on Blackjack 6 to 5
8 odds.

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 approve the
13 publication of the Advanced Notice of Proposed
14 Rulemaking soliciting public comments on Blackjack 6
15 to 5 odds as proposed by the OCC.

16 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner
17 Gainney seconds.

18 CHAIR: All in favor?

19 AYES RESPOND

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

22 ATTORNEY WOOD: Thank you.

23 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board
24 are six Petitions. One of these Petitions was just
25 heard by the Board during the public hearing. The

1 remaining five Petitions will be decided on the
2 documentary record. As the OEC has no objection to
3 the requested relief or because the parties have
4 agreed to the requested relief, in each of these
5 matters, the Board has, in advance of this meeting,
6 been provided with all the documents filed of record
7 prior to today.

8 The first Petition before the Board
9 today is Holding Acquisition Company, L.P., doing
10 business as River Casino Pittsburgh's Petition
11 Seeking Approval of a Revised Gaming Floor Plan. As
12 the Board just heard during the public hearing,
13 Rivers is requesting a slight expansion of its Gaming
14 Floor space, the removal of 132 slot machines, but
15 thereafter the addition of 30 high-limit slot
16 machines, as well as the additions of two high-limit
17 table games, along with other general upgrades.

18 Unless the Board has any questions of
19 the OEC, this matter is now ready for the Board's
20 consideration.

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 grant Holdings
25 Acquisition Co., L.P, doing business as Rivers Casino

1 Pittsburgh's Petition for Approval of Reconfigured
2 Gaming Offerings and Approval of a Revised Gaming
3 Floor Plan as described by the OCC, subject to the
4 conditions that will be outlined in the Board's
5 Order.

6 I further move that both parties'
7 motion to protect confidential information be
8 granted.

9
10 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
11 seconds.

12 CHAIR: All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

14 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

15 ATTORNEY COOK: Next is a request from
16 Games Global USA, Inc. for approval of a corporate
17 restructuring, which will result in a change of
18 control.

19 Games Global USA, Inc. is a licensed
20 Interactive Gaming Manufacturer. In March of 2026
21 Games Global filed their Petition seeking approval of
22 several transactions that will result in two newly
23 created holding company entities and a new trust
24 being inserted into their existing corporate
25 structure. These two new entities and trust will

1 possess the same ownership and management as the
2 current entities and no funds are being exchanged for
3 this transaction. Games Global asserts that the
4 change of control is being done to enhance financial
5 efficiency and will have no impact on the current
6 management or operations of the company.

7 The OEC has no objection to the
8 Petitioner's request for approval of these
9 transactions, subject to conditions outlined in their
10 Answer. Both parties have also requested that
11 certain information in the pleadings be maintained as
12 confidential and the OEC agrees with those requests
13 and this matter is now ripe for the Board's
14 consideration.

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

17
18 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
19 Dillon moves that the Board grant Games Global USA,
20 Inc.'s Petition for Approval of Corporate
21 Restructuring and Change of Control as described by
22 the OCC, subject to the conditions that will be
23 outlined in the Board's Order.

24 I further move that the Boards - that
25 both parties' motion to protect confidentiality

1 information be granted.

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

4 CHAIR: All in favor?

5 AYES RESPOND

6 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

7 ATTORNEY COOK: Gaming Arts, LLC's
8 Petition for a Waiver of Licensing Requirement is
9 next before the Board. Gaming Arts, LLC has applied
10 for a Slot Machine Manufacturer License. Gaming Arts
11 is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Merkur Gaming
12 US, LLC, who itself is a subsidiary of Merkur.com AG
13 Merkur.com AG is part of an extensive list of
14 subsidiaries who make up the Merkur Group, a German
15 company who provides products and services to
16 brick-and-mortar casinos as well as interactive
17 gaming and sports-wagering sectors.

18 Merkur AG's sole stockholder is the
19 Gauselmann Foundation, a foundation established under
20 German law. The beneficiaries of the foundation do
21 not hold any ownership interest in the Foundation.
22 They do, however, hold a right to a share of an
23 annual distribution as determined by the Foundation's
24 Executive Board. Because these beneficiaries hold no
25 ownership interest, Gaming Arts is requesting a

1 waiver of the principal license requirements.

2 Merkur AG has an Executive Board which
3 is responsible for day-to-day operations and a
4 Supervisory Board which performs the role of Board of
5 Directors. Stefan Meyers is a private attorney and
6 is legal advisor to the Supervisory Board. Gaming
7 Arts originally argued that Mr. Meyer's role as
8 outside counsel does not require licensure. However,
9 they have now agreed that Mr. Meyer should and can be
10 licensed.

11 The OEC filed an Answer stating they
12 had no objection to the waiver of licensure
13 requirements for the individuals listed as
14 beneficiaries of the foundation, however, OEC
15 believes Mr. Meyers must be licensed. And as I
16 indicated, the Petitioner has now agreed to that.
17 So, this matter is now ripe for the Board's
18 consideration.

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

21 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Madam Chair,
22 Commissioner Quiñones-Sánchez moves that the Board
23 grant Gaming Arts, LLC Petition for a Waiver of the
24 Licensing Requirements for Certain Principles as
25 described by the OCC, subject to the conditions that

1 will be outlined in the Board's Order.

2 I further move that both parties'
3 motions to protect confidentiality information be
4 granted.

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

7 CHAIR: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

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

11 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board
12 is Mya Pellettiro's Petition to lift the suspension
13 of her nongaming employee registration.

14 By way of background, on November 3rd,
15 2025, the OEC filed a complaint seeking Emergency
16 Suspension of Ms. Pellettiro's Nongaming Employee
17 Registration, after receiving notice that she had
18 been charged with criminal offenses stemming from an
19 assault involving an individual with whom she had a
20 personal relationship. As a result of these charges,
21 the Board's Executive Director issued an Emergency
22 Order suspending her registration. A hearing was
23 held and subsequently the Office of Hearings and
24 Appeals (OHA) recommended the suspension remain in
25 place and the Board upheld that suspension.

1 Ms. Pellettiro is now asking the Board
2 to lift the suspension, stating in a request that all
3 criminal charges have been dismissed. The OEC
4 confirmed this fact and that Ms. Pellettiro faces no
5 further criminal charges and has no objection to the
6 requested relief that the suspension be lifted.

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 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
12 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board grant
13 Mya Pellettiro's Petition to Lift the Suspension of
14 her Nongaming Employee Registration as described by
15 the OCC.

16 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
17 seconds.

18 CHAIR: All in favor?

19 AYES RESPOND

20 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

21 ATTORNEY COOK: The next Petition
22 before the Board pertains to a request for removal
23 from the Lifetime Self-Exclusion List. An individual
24 with the initials J.S. placed himself on the
25 Self-Exclusion List on December 2nd, 2015, choosing

1 the lifetime self-exclusion option.

2 In January of 2026, J.S. filed his
3 request for removal from the List; however, he did
4 not provide the required Problem Gambling Assessment
5 Form and, therefore, the OHA denied the request. He
6 later submitted the form - the required form signed
7 by a Certified Assessment Provider, confirming that
8 an assessment of J.S. was performed and that
9 problem-gambling treatment was not recommended.

10 The OEC filed an Answer to that
11 request, stating it had no objection to J.S.'s
12 request as it has been more than ten years since his
13 placement on the List and he submitted all the
14 required documentation, including the assessment.
15 However, OEC did note that J.S. had five violations
16 of the self-exclusion ban, gaming on four of those
17 five occasions, with the most recent violation
18 occurring just over two years ago, on March 31st,
19 2024.

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

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

24 MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,
25 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board remand

1 J.S.'s Petition for removal from the Self-Exclusion
2 List as described by the OCC back to the OHA in order
3 to create an evidentiary record in this matter.

4 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner
5 Gainey seconds.

6 CHAIR: All in favor?

7 AYES RESPOND

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

10 ATTORNEY COOK: The last Petition
11 before the Board is another request for removal from
12 the Lifetime Self-Exclusion List. An individual with
13 the initials M.F. placed himself on the Self-
14 Exclusion List on August 16th, 2013, choosing the
15 lifetime self-exclusion option.

16 In April of 2026, M.F. filed his
17 request for removal from the List, stating that when
18 he self-excluded, he was trying to decrease his
19 gambling and since placing himself on the List, he
20 has learned to control himself and believes he can
21 game responsibly. M.F. submitted the required
22 Problem Gambling Assessment Verification Form signed
23 by a Certified Assessment Provider, confirming that
24 an assessment of M.F. was performed and that
25 problem-gambling treatment was not recommended.

1 The OEC filed an Answer, stating it
2 had no objection to M.F.'s request. It has been over
3 12 years since his placement on the List and he has
4 submitted all the required documentation. It is
5 noteworthy that M.F. had one violation of his
6 self-exclusion ban in April of 2026. M.F. stated in
7 his request for removal that he believed he was no
8 longer on the List as more than ten years had passed
9 and did not recognize that he had to petition for
10 that relief.

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

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

15 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner
16 Gainney moves that the Board grant M.F.'s Petition for
17 Removal from the Self-Exclusion List as described by
18 the OCC.

19 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
20 seconds.

21 CHAIR: All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

23 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

24 ATTORNEY COOK: Next, presenting
25 Withdrawals and Surrenders as well as Reports and

1 Recommendations is Deputy Chief Counsel Chad
2 Zimmermann.

3 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Good morning,
4 Commissioners. The next matter before the Board
5 today pertains to several unopposed Petitions to
6 withdraw applications or surrender the credentials of
7 the following individuals and entities:

8 Keystone Restaurant and Truck Stop,
9 Inc.; Theo Naicker; Joseph Soper; Robert Dutnall;
10 Alea Holdings Limited; Alea Trust; Chivers Limited;
11 Chivers Trust; DGC UK Holdings Limited; DGC US
12 Holdings; Inc.; Knutsson Limited; Ridgeway Associates
13 Limited; SGHC Limited; Super Group (SGHC) Limited;
14 Digital Gaming Corporation South Africa Pty. Ltd.;
15 Waddle Limited; Alexander McNee; Alinda Wyk; Basil
16 Bielich; Bruce Watermeyer; Eric Grubman; Helen Hall;
17 John Le Poidevin; Martin Hall; Merrick Wolman; Natara
18 Branch; Neil Menashe; Nicholas Kelly; Dorothy Litwin;
19 Dahlia Harmon; John Frank; Marion Butler; Jerome
20 Butler; David Alzapiedi; South Jersey Precision Tool
21 & Mold; Wayne Reeves; June Rone; Robert Rone; Victor
22 Rone; Ervin Jarvlepp and Door Services Corporation

23 The OEC has no objections to any of
24 these Withdrawals or Surrenders. As a result, if the
25 Board chooses to grant the request in every case, it

1 would be doing so without prejudice to the requester.

2 And these matters are all now ripe for
3 the Board's consideration.

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

6 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner
7 Dunbar moves that the Board issue Orders to approve
8 the Withdrawals and Surrenders as described by the
9 OCC.

10 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
11 seconds.

12 CHAIR: All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

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

16 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the
17 Board for consideration are eight Reports and
18 Recommendations received from the OHA. These Reports
19 and Recommendations, along with the evidentiary
20 record for each matter have been provided to the
21 Board in advance of this meeting. Additionally, the
22 persons involved have each been notified that the
23 Board would be considering their matter today and
24 that each would have the ability to come forward and
25 briefly address the Board.

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

4 The first Report and Recommendation
5 before the Board today is Siddeeq Shabazz. Mr.
6 Shabazz holds a Nongaming Employee Registration for
7 employment as a Scheduling Specialist at Evolution
8 US, LLC.

9 On March 13th, 2026, the OEC filed a
10 complaint for Emergency Suspension of Mr. Shabazz's
11 Registration after receiving notice that he had been
12 criminally charged with felony and misdemeanor
13 offenses. As a result of these charges, the Board's
14 Executive Director issued an Emergency Order
15 suspending Mr. Shabazz's registration. As a result
16 of the suspension, Evolution terminated Mr. Shabazz.

17 A hearing in this matter was held on
18 April 7, 2026. OEC appeared, presenting both
19 documentary and testimonial evidence. Mr. Shabazz
20 also appeared and testified on his own behalf. It is
21 alleged that on February 17, 2026, Mr. Shabazz
22 engaged in a verbal altercation with the victim of
23 his crimes in the lobby of an apartment building,
24 where he made threats towards the victim, pulling out
25 and pointing a firearm at him. Mr. Shabazz testified

1 he notified Evolution of his arrest but was not aware
2 he needed to notify the Board. He further stated
3 that he is innocent of the charges. However, all
4 charges remain pending at this time.

5 Following the hearing, a Report and
6 Recommendation was issued, recommending that the
7 suspension of Mr. Shabazz's Registration remain in
8 effect.

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

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

13 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
14 Dillon moves that the Board adopt the Report and
15 Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the
16 OCC, and that the suspension of Siddeeq Shabazz's
17 Nongaming Employee Registration remain in effect.

18 I further move that certain
19 information, which will be outlined in the Board's
20 Order, be redacted.

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 ZIMMERMANN: Next is Andres
3 (sic) Castro's Report and Recommendation. On June
4 25th or - sorry, June 2025, the OEC filed a Petition
5 to place Andres Castro on the Board's Involuntary
6 Exclusion List after discovering that he was part of
7 a Wind Creek fraud group, where members of the group
8 would utilize lost or stolen financial instruments to
9 fund iGaming accounts. They would use those stolen
10 funds to game or withdraw the funds at the casino.
11 Consequently, the Board placed Mr. Castro on the
12 Involuntary Interactive Gaming Exclusion List
13 September of 2025.

14 Mr. Castro is now requesting early
15 removal from the List. The OEC filed an Answer
16 objecting to Mr. Castro's request and a hearing in
17 this matter was held on March 18, 2026. OEC appeared
18 prepared to present testimony and documentary
19 evidence.

20 However, Mr. Castro failed to appear and OEC moved to
21 deny the Petition for failure to prosecute.

22 Following the hearing, a Report and
23 Recommendation was issued, recommending that Mr.
24 Castro's request for removal from the Involuntary
25 Interactive Gaming Exclusion List be denied.

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

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

5 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Madam Chair,
6 Commissioner Quiñones-Sánchez moves that the Board
7 adopt the Report and Recommendations issued by the
8 OHA as described by the OCC and deny Andres Castro's
9 Petition for removal from the Involuntary Interactive
10 Gaming Exclusion List.

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

14 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner
15 Manzano-Díaz second.

16 CHAIR: All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

18 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

19 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next Report and
20 Recommendation before the Board today pertains to
21 Eugene Joyner's request for removal from the Board's
22 Involuntary Exclusion List.

23 The Board placed Mr. Joyner on the
24 Involuntary Exclusion List in April of 2019, after it
25 was found that while gaming at SugarHouse Casino,

1 which is now Rivers Philadelphia, he was pinching
2 bets.

3 In September 2024, Mr. Joyner filed
4 his request for removal from the List, stating he is
5 not looking to go to casinos, but would like to be
6 able to utilize sports-betting applications.

7 The OEC filed an Answer objecting to
8 Mr. Joyner's request and a hearing in this matter was
9 held April 9, 2026. Mr. Joyner failed to appear and
10 OEC moved to have his Petition denied. Thereafter, a
11 Report and Recommendation was issued, recommending
12 that Mr. Joyner's Petition for removal from the List
13 be denied.

14 And this matter is now ready for the
15 Board's consideration.

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

18 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
19 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board adopt
20 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as
21 described by the OCC and deny Eugene Joyner's
22 Petition for removal from the Involuntary Exclusion
23 List.

24 I further move that certain documents,
25 which will be outlined in the Board's Order, be

1 marked as confidential or be redacted.

2 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
3 seconds.

4 CHAIR: All in favor?

5 AYES RESPOND

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

8 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the
9 Board is Gloria Chacon's Report and Recommendation.
10 On April 9, 2024, the OEC filed a Petition to have -
11 to place Gloria Chacon on the Involuntary Exclusion
12 List.

13 A hearing in this matter was held
14 April 2nd, 2026. OEC appeared, presenting
15 testimonial and documentary evidence. Despite
16 receiving proper notice, Ms. Chacon failed to appear
17 and a hearing was held in her absence.

18 Evidence and testimony presented show
19 that on September 18, 2022, a patron reported to
20 casino staff that there were two unattended children,
21 ages 13 and 8, in a vehicle in a parking lot at
22 Valley Forge Casino Resort. Video surveillance
23 showed that Manuel Martinez and Gloria Chacon, the
24 children's mother, left the children unattended in
25 the vehicle entering the casino and gaming. Upon

1 being approached by Security, they were escorted back
2 to the vehicle, where the Pennsylvania State Police
3 were speaking with the children. The children were
4 left alone for approximately 52 minutes, however, no
5 criminal charges were filed.

6 Consequently, a Report and
7 Recommendation was issued, recommending that Ms.
8 Chacon be placed on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

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

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

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

21 MR. GAINES: Madam Chair, Commissioner
22 Gaines seconds.

23 CHAIR: All in favor?

24 AYES RESPOND

25 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's

1 adopted.

2 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The next Report
3 and Recommendation stems from another Petition to
4 place an individual on the Board's Involuntary
5 Exclusion List.

6 On October 14, 2025, the OEC filed a
7 Petition to place Tyrone Horne on the Involuntary
8 Exclusion List. Mr. Horne requested a hearing which
9 was held March 18, 2026. OEC appeared, offering
10 testimony, documentary and surveillance evidence.
11 Mr. Horne also appeared and testified on his own
12 behalf.

13 Evidence and testimony provided at the
14 hearing showed that on July 1st, 2023, a patron at
15 Live! Casino Philadelphia, who was playing Blackjack,
16 placed his wallet on the seat next to him. Mr. Horne
17 then sat down on top of the patron's wallet, gamed at
18 the table for a period of time, eventually taking
19 possession of the wallet, later leaving the wallet in
20 a restroom before he returned to the Blackjack table.
21 Mr. Horn was confronted by the Pennsylvania State
22 Police regarding the wallet. He was charged with a
23 misdemeanor theft charge that was later dismissed.

24 Mr. Horne testified that he did not
25 steal the wallet, but rather found it and simply took

1 advantage of the situation at hand.

2 After hearing all the evidence
3 presented, a Report and Recommendation was issued,
4 recommending that Mr. Horne be placed on the Board's
5 Involuntary Exclusion List, but that he be permitted
6 to Petition for removal after the period of three
7 years has elapsed.

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

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

12 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair,
13 Commissioner Gainney moves that the Board adopt in
14 part and reject in part the Report and
15 Recommendations issued by the OHA as described by the
16 OCC, and that Tyrone Horne be placed on the Board's
17 Involuntary Exclusion List, but contrary to the
18 recommendation he not be permitted to Petition for
19 early removal after three years.

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

23 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
24 seconds.

25 CHAIR: All in favor?

1 AYES RESPOND

2 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

3 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next is Julien

4 Lee's Report and Recommendation. In May of 2024, the
5 OEC filed a Petition to place Ms. Lee on the Board's
6 Involuntary Exclusion List.

7 A hearing in this matter was held
8 March 3rd of 2025. OEC appeared, presenting
9 testimony, documentary evidence and surveillance
10 evidence. Ms. Lee appeared, testifying on her own
11 behalf, with the help of a Korean interpreter.

12 Evidence and testimony presented
13 showed that on June 28, 2023, Ms. Lee, a companion
14 and three children, ages 8, 9, and 13, entered Mount
15 Airy Casino Resort. Upon attempting to check in at
16 the hotel, Ms. Lee was informed by Mount Airy staff
17 that it was an adults-only establishment for
18 individuals 21 and up. Ms. Lee briefly entered the
19 hotel room, and then she and her companion and the
20 children exited the property. Approximately one hour
21 later, Ms. Lee, her companion and the children
22 reentered the hotel and quickly proceeded to the
23 elevators and went to the hotel room.

24 Ms. Lee and her companion were later
25 found on the Gaming Floor and staff then determined

1 that the children had been left unattended in the
2 hotel room. Casino Security escorted Ms. Lee back to
3 the room, where she was met by Pennsylvania State
4 Police. Ms. Lee, her companion and the children then
5 left the property. No charges were filed against
6 her, however, she was permanently evicted.

7 In February 2024, she was found gaming
8 at Mount Airy in violation of her eviction and she
9 was charged with defiant trespass.

10 Ms. Lee testified that her actions
11 were an honest mistake due to a language barrier,
12 with English not being her first language. She
13 believed that the children were only prohibited from
14 the casino floor, not from the hotel. She also
15 stated that she believed the 13-year-old was
16 responsible enough to watch the other two children
17 for a few hours.

18 After hearing all the evidence and
19 testimony presented, a Report and Recommendation was
20 issued, recommending that Ms. Lee be placed on the
21 Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

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. DUNBAR: Madam Chair,
2 Commissioner Dunbar moves the Board adopt the Report
3 and Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by
4 the OCC, and that Julien Lee be placed on the Board's
5 Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

9 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
10 seconds.

11 CHAIR: All in favor?

12 AYESE RESPOND

13 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

14 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Mark
15 Poindexter's matter's is next before the Board. In
16 July 2024, the OEC filed a Petition to place Mr.
17 Poindexter on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

18 Mr. Poindexter requested a hearing,
19 which was held March of 2026. OEC appeared and
20 presented testimony, documentary and surveillance
21 evidence. Mr. Poindexter appeared and testified on
22 his own behalf.

23 The evidence and testimony presented
24 showed that between April 2021 and January 2024, Mr.
25 Poindexter had been involved in numerous incidents at

1 several casinos, which consisted of past posting and
2 capping wagers, verbal abuse towards staff and a
3 physical and verbal altercation with another patron.
4 His actions resulted in him being charged with a
5 misdemeanor gambling crime, and pleading guilty to
6 the offense, as well as harassment, and also resulted
7 in either temporary or permanent evictions from the
8 casinos.

9 Mr. Poindexter admitted to his
10 actions, stated that he paid restitution and complied
11 with the evictions. He further stated that when it
12 comes to the capping, past posting or pinching
13 wagers, he said that others were also cheating, so he
14 simply followed the crowd.

15 Following a hearing, a Report and
16 Recommendation was issued, recommending that Mr.
17 Poindexter be placed on the Involuntary Exclusion
18 List.

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

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

23 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair,
24 Commissioner Dillon moves that the Board adopt the
25 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as

1 described by the OCC, and that Mark Poindexter 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 - be marked as confidential or be redacted.

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 ZIMMERMANN: The final Report
13 and Recommendation before the Board today stems from
14 a Petition to recover funds confiscated while on the
15 Self-Exclusion List. The OEC filed an Answer
16 objecting to - in part to G.L.'s request for the
17 return of funds.

18 A hearing on this matter was held
19 March 3rd of 2026. OEC appeared, offering testimony
20 and documentary evidence. G.L. also appeared and
21 testified on his own behalf.

22 Evidence and testimony showed that in
23 June 2024, G.L. completed all the necessary
24 self-exclusion paperwork, choosing the lifetime
25 exclusion period.

1 On July 10, 2025, G.L. entered Live!
2 Philadelphia Casino and gamed at nine different slot
3 machines. He was identified by staff as a
4 self-excluded individual, escorted off the Gaming
5 Floor and a voucher in the amount of \$3,456 was
6 confiscated from him.

7 G.L. testified that the confiscated
8 voucher did not constitute winnings, and that all
9 should be returned. OEC argued in rebuttal that G.L.
10 should be allowed to recover \$400, which was his
11 final buy-in amount that resulted in the production
12 of a \$3,456 voucher.

13 Following the hearing and a very
14 detailed analysis performed by the Hearing Officer of
15 each of G.L.'s gaming transactions, the Hearing
16 Officer issued a Report and Recommendation, claiming
17 that G.L. had wagered and lost all of his buy-ins,
18 therefore recommending that G.L.'s request to recover
19 funds be denied, as all of the money constituted
20 winnings.

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

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

25 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Madam Chair,

1 Commissioner Quiñones-Sánchez moves that the Board
2 adopt the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA
3 as described by the OCC and deny G.L.'s Petition to
4 Recover Monies Confiscated from him while on a
5 Self-Exclusion List.

6 I further move that the matter be
7 placed under seal, as it involves a self-excluded
8 individual.

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

11 CHAIR: All in favor?

12 AYES RESPOND

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

15 ATTORNEY COOK: That concludes the
16 matters of the OCC. Thank you.

17 CHAIR: Thank you, Robert, Steve and
18 Chad.

19 We will now have the Bureau of
20 Licensing matters presented by the Director of the
21 Bureau of Licensing, Sean Hannon. Sean.

22 MR. HANNON: Good morning, Madam
23 Chair, Members of the Board.

24 The first licensing matter for the
25 Board this morning is proposing revisions to the

1 Reduced License Fee policy for Table Game
2 Manufacturers and Suppliers. Section 1208 of the
3 Gaming Act provides for a modification of the
4 licensing fee for Table Game Manufacturers and
5 Suppliers if the Board determines that the fees will
6 unreasonably limit the availability of table game
7 devices or associated equipment in the Commonwealth.

8 The licensing fee for a table game
9 manufacturer is \$170,000 for a five-year license,
10 while the licensing fee for a table game supplier is
11 \$85,000 for a five-year license. Given the high
12 licensing cost, combined with the low profit margin
13 of some table game equipment, the industry is in need
14 of products vital to the operation of certain table
15 games. Back in 2011, the Bureau of Licensing
16 proposed and the Board adopted a reduced licensing
17 fee policy, which was based on sales at Pennsylvania
18 casinos and the number of manufacturers offering the
19 products.

20 Since 15 years have elapsed since the
21 last version of the sales tiers within this policy,
22 the shortage of some table game products still
23 remain. The Bureau of Licensing provided the Board
24 an updated policy modifying the sales tiers that will
25 potentially allow more table game manufacturers and

1 suppliers the ability to request a modified licensing
2 fee, so long as the applicant complies with various
3 conditions which include, one, requesting a Reduced
4 License Fee, using the Request Form on the Board's
5 website and providing all supplemental documentation
6 to substantiate the request.

7 Two, the request is not objected to by
8 the OEC or the Bureau of Licensing.

9 And three, the Board approves the
10 reduced recommended fee modifications.

11 If the Board has any questions on the
12 policy, I would be happy to answer them now. If not,
13 I ask the Board to approve the revisions to the Table
14 Game Manufacturer and Supplier Reduced Fee Policy.

15 CHAIR: Enforcement Counsel, do you
16 have any questions or comments?

17 ATTORNEY PITRE: Our only comment is
18 that we support this 100 percent, because there has
19 been a serious loss in at least a couple of products
20 that we are in desperate need of. So, we would
21 support anything we could do - that the Board can do
22 to help us to get more people on - more Manufacturers
23 on Board.

24 CHAIR: Thank you. Any questions or
25 comments from the Board?

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

3 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
4 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board adopt
5 the Reduced License Fee Policy for the Table Game
6 Manufacturers and Suppliers as described by the
7 Bureau of Licensing.

8 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
9 seconds.

10 CHAIR: All in favor?

11 AYES RESPOND

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

14 MR. HANNON: The next licensing matter
15 for your consideration is the renewal of a Sports
16 Wagering Operator License for American Wagering,
17 Incorporated. Formed in 1995, its principal place of
18 business is in Las Vegas, Nevada. The company
19 operates retail and mobile sportsbooks and provides
20 risk management services and technology to its
21 various partners.

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

1 Order and ask that you consider the Order to renew
2 the Sports Wagering Operator License for American
3 Wagering, Incorporated.

4 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
5 objection.

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

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

12 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner
13 Gainey seconds.

14 CHAIR: All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

16 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

17 MR. HANNON: Next we have
18 consideration of an Interactive Gaming Manufacturer
19 License for Incentive Games (US) Limited. Formed in
20 2022, its principal place of business is in
21 Edinburgh, Scotland. The Company intends to develop
22 and provide a suite of pay to play and many casino
23 games to licensed operators in Pennsylvania. The
24 Company was granted interim authorization on May 5th,
25 2026.

1 The required investigation is complete
2 and Licensing has provided you with the Background
3 Investigation and Suitability Report. I have
4 provided you with a draft Order and ask that you
5 consider the Order to approve Incentive Games (US)
6 Limited for an Interactive Gaming Manufacturer
7 License.

8 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
9 has no objection.

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

12 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner
13 Gainney moves that the Board grant the Interactive
14 Gaming Manufacturer License as - as described by the
15 Bureau of Licensing.

16 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
17 seconds.

18 CHAIR: All in favor?

19 AYES RESPOND

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

22 MR. HANNON: Next is the Video Gaming
23 Terminal Operator License renewal for Accel
24 Entertainment Gaming (PA), LLC. The company was
25 formed in 2018 and its principal place of business is

1 in Burr Ridge, Illinois. The company intends to
2 maintain and operate video gaming terminals on the
3 premises of VGT establishment licenses in
4 Pennsylvania.

5 The required investigation is complete
6 and Licensing has provided you with a Background
7 Investigation and Suitability Report.

8 I have provided you with a draft Order
9 and ask the Board consider the Order to renew the
10 Video Gaming Terminal Operator License for Accel
11 Entertainment Gaming (PA), LLC.

12 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
13 has no objection.

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

16 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner
17 Dunbar moves the Board grant the Video Gaming
18 Terminal Operator License renewal as described by the
19 Bureau of Licensing.

20 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
21 seconds.

22 CHAIR: All in favor?

23 AYES RESPOND

24 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

25 MR. HANNON: In addition is the

1 consideration of a Video Gaming Terminal
2 Establishment Conditional License for C H R Corp.,
3 doing business as Rutter's Store 117.

4 The Board may conditionally license an
5 establishment provided the applicant has never been
6 convicted of a felony, is current on state taxes, has
7 submitted a completed application and has not been
8 convicted of a gambling-law violation. A preliminary
9 review of these applicants indicates that they meet
10 this criteria.

11 Please note that this is strictly a
12 conditional approval. Final approval will be based
13 on the applicant meeting all the eligibility criteria
14 provided in the statute. A final eligibility
15 determination will follow investigation and site
16 inspection by the BIE.

17 I have provided you with a draft Order
18 and ask the Board consider a motion to approve the
19 Video Gaming Terminal Establishment Conditional
20 License for C H R Corp. doing business as Rutter's
21 Store 117, located at 4517 Business 220 in Bedford.

22 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
23 has no objection.

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

1 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
2 Dillon moves that the Board grant the Video Gaming
3 Terminal Establishment Conditional License as
4 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

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

7 CHAIR: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

9 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

10 MR. HANNON: Next, there are
11 Principal, Key Employee and Qualifier Licenses.
12 Licensing has provided you with a proposed Order for
13 13 Principals, one Key Employee and two Qualifiers.

14 I ask that the Board consider the
15 Order approving these licenses.

16 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
17 has no 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 Principal, Key Employee and Qualifier
23 Licenses as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

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

1 CHAIR: All in favor?

2 AYES RESPOND

3 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

4 MR. HANNON: There are also Principal
5 and Key Employee Temporary Credentials. Licensing
6 has provided you with an Order regarding the issuance
7 of temporary credentials for three Principals and
8 eight Key Employees.

9 I ask that the Board consider the
10 Order approving these credentials.

11 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
12 has no objection.

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

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

19 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
20 seconds.

21 CHAIR: All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

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

25 MR. HANNON: Additionally, for your

1 consideration are Gaming Employee Permits and
2 Nongaming Employee Registrations. Licensing has
3 provided you with a list of 294 individuals to whom
4 the Bureau has granted Temporary or Full Occupation
5 Permits and 158 individuals to whom the Bureau has
6 granted Registrations under the authority delegated
7 to the Bureau of Licensing.

8 I ask that the Board consider a motion
9 approving the Order.

10 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
11 has no objection.

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

14 MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,
15 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board approve the
16 applications for Gaming Employee Occupation Permits
17 and Nongaming Employee Registrations as described by
18 the Bureau of Licensing.

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

21 CHAIR: All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

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

25 MR. HANNON: Next there is a

1 recommendation of denial for one Gaming and one
2 Nongaming applicant.

3 Licensing has provided you with the
4 Order addressing the applicants who the OEC has
5 recommended for denial.

6 I ask the Board consider the Order
7 approving these denials.

8 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
9 continues to request denial in each matter.

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

12 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair,
13 Commissioner Gainney moves that the Board deny the
14 Gaming and Nongaming employee application as
15 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

16 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
17 seconds.

18 CHAIR: All in favor?

19 AYES RESPOND

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

22 MR. HANNON: The next matter for
23 consideration is Withdrawal Requests. In each case,
24 the License, Permit or Registration is no longer
25 required.

1 For today's meeting, I've provided the
2 Board 1 Key employee, 18 Gaming and 6 Nongaming
3 Applicants.

4 I ask that the Board consider the
5 Orders approving these Withdrawals.

6 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
7 has no objection.

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

10 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner
11 Dunbar moves that the Board grant the Withdrawal of
12 Key Employee Gaming and Nongaming Employee
13 Application as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

14 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
15 seconds.

16 CHAIR: All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

18 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

19 MR. HANNON: Finally, for
20 consideration are Gaming Service Provider
21 Registrations.

22 Licensing has provided you with an
23 Order and an attached List of 6 Registered Gaming
24 Service Provider Applicants.

25 I ask that the Board consider the

1 Order registering these Gaming Service Providers.

2 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
3 has no objection.

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

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

10 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Commissioner
11 Quiñones-Sánchez seconds.

12 CHAIR: All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

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

16 MR. HANNON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

17 CHAIR: Thank you, Sean.

18 Next is the OEC, Cyrus Pitre. Cyrus.

19 ATTORNEY PITRE: Good morning, Madam
20 Chair, members of the Board.

21 The OEC will present 14 matters today
22 for the Board's consideration in which we will
23 request the approval of 14 involuntary exclusions.
24 The introduction to these matters will be presented
25 by Deputy Chief Enforcement Counsel Dustin Miller.

1 ATTORNEY MILLER: Good morning, Chair
2 Smyler, members of the Board, Dustin Miller, on
3 behalf of the OEC, M-I-L-L-E-R. The remaining
4 matters on the agenda consist of enforcement actions
5 in which the OEC filed Petitions seeking the
6 involuntary exclusion of individuals who are inimical
7 to the interests of the Commonwealth and/or licensed
8 gaming therein. In each instance, the Petition for
9 Exclusion has been filed with the Board's OHA and
10 properly served upon the individual named in each
11 Petition.

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

20 In each instance, if the Board orders
21 the proposed exclusion, each individual's photo,
22 personal identifiers and a summary of the inimical
23 conduct may be placed on the Board's public website.

24 Once again, in each matter, we will
25 provide a summary of the facts and make a request for

1 the appropriate Board action.

2 ATTORNEY MONAGHAN: Good morning.

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

4 The next item on the agenda for the
5 Board's consideration is a request to place Pamela
6 Hackenburg on the Board's Interactive Gaming
7 Involuntary Exclusion List.

8 Ms. Hackenburg used her employment to
9 fraudulently misappropriate over \$500,000 in public
10 funds and used those funds primarily to fund her
11 interactive gaming account. Ms. Hackenburg was
12 criminally convicted and incarcerated for her
13 actions.

14 The OEC now requests the Board place
15 Pamela Hackenburg on the Interactive Gaming
16 Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

19 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
20 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board
21 approve the addition of Pamela Hackenburg to the PGCB
22 Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct described
23 by the OEC.

24 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
25 seconds.

1 CHAIR: All in favor?

2 AYES RESPOND

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

5 ATTORNEY ROBERTS: Good morning,
6 Chair, members of the Board, Andrea Roberts,
7 R-O-B-E-R-T-S, Assistant Enforcement Counsel. The
8 next matter on the agenda is a request to place Anna
9 Huang on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

10 Ms. Huang was present at Live! Casino
11 and Hotel Philadelphia on 14 separate dates when she
12 downloaded free play from six player's cards
13 belonging to other individuals. Live! permanently
14 banned Ms. Huang from their property as a result of
15 these incidents. Ms. Huang was criminally charged
16 for her actions.

17 At this time, the OEC requests the
18 Board place Anna Huang on the Involuntary Exclusion
19 List.

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

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

1 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner
2 Gainey seconds.

3 CHAIR: All in favor?

4 AYES RESPOND

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

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8 ATTORNEY TEPPER: Good morning, Chair
9 Smyler, members of the Board, David Tepper,
10 T-E-P-P-E-R, on behalf of the OEC.

11 The next matter on the agenda is a
12 request to place Andre Key on the Involuntary
13 Exclusion List.

14 On two separate occasions, Mr. Key
15 placed or removed wagers a total of ten times after
16 the time for placing wagers had expired at Rivers
17 Casino Philadelphia. As a result of cheating, Mr.
18 Key received a total of \$500 to which he was not
19 entitled.

20 At this time, the OEC requests that
21 the Board place Andre Key on the Board's Involuntary
22 Exclusion List.

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

25 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner

1 Gainey moves that the Board approve the addition of
2 Andre Key to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for
3 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 passes.

9 ATTORNEY TEPPER: The next matter on
10 the agenda is a request to place Robert Richardson on
11 the Involuntary Exclusion List.

12 Mr. Richardson followed two patrons
13 out of Parx Casino and assaulted one of the patrons
14 in the parking lot, where he stole a wallet
15 containing approximately \$3,500.

16 Mr. Richardson was criminally charged
17 with felony robbery and related offenses, and the
18 charges are currently pending.

19 At this time, the OEC requests that
20 the Board place Robert Richardson on the Board's
21 Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

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

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

3 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
4 seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

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

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

13 The next matter on the agenda for the
14 Board's consideration is a request to place Whitley
15 Williams on the Interactive Gaming Involuntary
16 Exclusion List. Ms. Williams created 30 fraudulent
17 accounts on BetMGM and Borgata interactive gaming
18 platforms, using the personal identifying information
19 of other individuals. All of the accounts were
20 closed and the devices were blocked by the operators.
21 No criminal charges were filed.

22 The OEC now requests that the Board
23 place Whitley Williams on the Interactive Gaming
24 Involuntary Exclusion List.

25 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

1 May I have a motion, please.

2 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Madam Chair.

3 Commissioner Quiñones-Sánchez moves that the Board
4 approve the addition of Whitley Williams to the PGCB
5 Involuntary Interactive Gaming Exclusion List for the
6 conduct described by the OEC.

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

9 CHAIR: All in favor?

10 AYES RESPOND

11 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

12 ATTORNEY TEPPER: The next matter on
13 the agenda is a request to place Anushervon Qanoatov
14 on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

15 On two separate occasions, Mr.
16 Qanoatov assisted an 18-year-old underage patron with
17 gaining access to the Gaming Floor at Parx Casino by
18 providing the underage patron with his New York State
19 identification. Mr. Qanoatov was charged with
20 disorderly conduct and he entered a guilty plea for
21 the offense.

22 The OEC now requests that the Board
23 place Anusherevon Qanoatov on the Involuntary
24 Exclusion List.

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
4 approve the addition of Anushervon Qanoatov to the
5 PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct
6 described by the OEC.

7 I further move that the - that this
8 gentleman be placed automatically - shall be placed
9 automatically - shall be automatically removed from
10 the Involuntary Exclusion List after one year.

11 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
12 seconds.

13 CHAIR: All in favor?

14 AYES RESPOND

15 CHAIR: All opposed? The motion's
16 adopted.

17 ATTORNEY TEPPER: The next matter on
18 the agenda is a request to place Duwan Raymond on the
19 Involuntary Exclusion List.

20 Several patrons reported a domestic
21 incident in the elevator at the parking garage at
22 Rivers Pittsburgh Casino. The individuals involved
23 in the dispute were found in their vehicle by Rivers
24 Security. When they arrived, Duwan Raymond was
25 actively choking and striking his female companion in

1 the vehicle.

2 Mr. Raymond was arrested and charged
3 with felony strangulation and a number of other
4 related charges. Mr. Raymond was also permanently
5 evicted from the Rivers Pittsburgh property for his
6 actions.

7 At this point, the OEC now requests
8 that the Board place Duwan Raymond on the Involuntary
9 Exclusion List.

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 addition of Duwan Raymond to the PGCB Involuntary
15 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

16 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
17 seconds.

18 CHAIR: All in favor?

19 AYES RESPOND

20 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

21 ATTORNEY CROHE: Good morning, Chair,
22 members of the Board. John Crohe, C-R-O-H-E, Senior
23 Enforcement Counsel for the OEC. The next matter on
24 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a
25 Petition to place Rodney Hammond, Jr. on the

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

4 Mr. Hammond fraudulently established
5 accounts using the personal identifying information
6 of others and utilized accounts created by others on
7 the BetMGM, FanDuel and Tropicana interactive
8 platforms to conduct gaming activity while under the
9 age of 21, including sports-wagering activity on
10 offerings on which he would have been prohibited from
11 wagering, as he was rostered on an NCAA men's college
12 football team.

13 At this time, the OEC requests that
14 the Board place Rodney Hammond, Jr. on the
15 Involuntary Casino Exclusion List and the Involuntary
16 Interactive Gaming Exclusion List.

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

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

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

1 CHAIR: All in favor?

2 AYES RESPOND

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

5 ATTORNEY CROHE: The next matter on
6 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a
7 Petition to place Michael Statham, Jr. on the
8 Involuntary Casino Exclusion List and the Involuntary
9 Interactive Gaming Exclusion List.

10 Mr. Statham fraudulently utilized
11 accounts created by others on the FanDuel interactive
12 platform to conduct gaming activity while under the
13 age of 21, including sports-wagering activity on
14 offerings on which he would have been prohibited from
15 wagering as he was rostered on an NCAA men's college
16 football team.

17 At this time, the OEC requests that
18 the Board place Michael Statham, Jr. on the
19 Involuntary Casino Exclusion List and the Involuntary
20 Interactive Gaming 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 Michael Statham, Jr. to the PGCB Involuntary

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

3 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
4 seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

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

9 ATTORNEY CROHE: The next matter on
10 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a
11 Petition to place Noah Biglow on the Involuntary
12 Interactive Gaming Exclusion List.

13 Mr. Biglow fraudulently created and
14 utilized the BET - an account on the BetMGM
15 interactive platform using the account of another
16 individual to conduct gaming activity while under the
17 age of 21.

18 At this time, the OEC now requests
19 that the Board place Noah Biglow on the Involuntary
20 Interactive Gaming Exclusion List.

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 approve the addition of
25 Noah Biglow to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive

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

3 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
4 seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

7 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

8 ATTORNEY KOLESAR: Good morning once
9 again, Sarah Kolesar, K-O-L-E-S-A-R, Enforcement
10 Counsel with the OEC.

11 The next matter on the agenda for the
12 Board's consideration is the Petition to place
13 Jelenko Kuzmanovic on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

14 Mr. Kuzmanovic was present at Valley
15 Forge when he assisted his 20-year-old daughter in
16 accessing the Gaming Floor, engaging in gaming
17 activity at multiple slot machines and obtaining and
18 consuming one alcoholic beverage.

19 He was present on the Gaming Floor
20 with his underage daughter for approximately two
21 hours, where he assisted her in placing bets,
22 inserting money and printing out vouchers.

23 As a result of his actions, he was
24 issued a permanent eviction from the premises.

25 At this time the OEC requests the

1 Board place Jelenko Kuzmanovic on the Involuntary
2 Exclusion List.

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

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

10 I further move that Jelenko Kuzmanovic
11 shall be automatically removed from the Involuntary
12 Exclusion List after one year.

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 KOLESAR: The next matter on
20 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the
21 Petition to place Danielle McCausland on the
22 Involuntary Exclusion List.

23 Ms. McCausland was present at Live!
24 Casino and Hotel Philadelphia when she left an
25 approximately 10-year-old child unattended in a

1 vehicle parked in a parking lot while she engaged in
2 slot machine play.

3 The unattended minor was left
4 unattended for approximately three hours prior to
5 Security personnel arriving on the scene. The
6 unattended minor was identified by outside parking
7 patrol who discovered the minor laying down on the
8 backside seat with a window shade cover over top of
9 her.

10 As a result of her actions, Ms.
11 McCausland was issued a permanent eviction from the
12 premises.

13 At this time, the OEC requests that
14 the Board place Danielle McCausland on the
15 Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

18 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Madam Chair,
19 Commissioner Quiñones-Sánchez moves that the Board
20 approve the addition of Danielle McCausland to the
21 PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct
22 described by the OEC.

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

25 CHAIR: All in favor?

1 AYES RESPOND

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

4 ATTORNEY KOLESAR: The next matter on
5 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a request
6 to place Donald Reich on the Board's Involuntary
7 Exclusion List.

8 Mr. Reich was present in Hollywood
9 Casino York when he left a 12-year-old in a vehicle
10 parked in the Hollywood Casino York parking lot while
11 he engaged in slot machine play.

12 The unattended minor was left
13 unattended for approximately 28 minutes prior to
14 Security personnel arriving on the scene. The
15 unattended minor was identified by outside parking
16 patrol.

17 As a result of his actions, Mr. Reich
18 was issued a permanent eviction from the premises.

19 The OEC now requests that the Board
20 place Donald Reich on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

23 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
24 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board
25 approve the addition of Donald Reich to the PGCB

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

3 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
4 seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

7 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

8 ATTORNEY KOLESAR: The final matter on
9 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a request
10 to place Feng Zheng on the Board's Involuntary
11 Exclusion List. Mr. Zheng was present at Parx Casino
12 when he passed counterfeit bills while engaging in
13 table game play on three separate occasions.

14 As a result of his actions at Parx
15 Casino, Mr. Zheng was criminally charged and entered
16 a guilty plea to one count of a misdemeanor
17 theft-related offense.

18 In addition, while Mr. Zheng was
19 present at Valley Forge Casino, he passed counterfeit
20 bills while engaging in table game play.

21 As a result of his actions at Valley
22 Forge Casino, Mr. Zheng was criminally charged and
23 entered into a guilty plea to one count of a
24 misdemeanor offense related to use of unlawful
25 currency. As a result of his actions, Mr. Zheng was

1 issued permanent evictions from the premises of both
2 Parx and Valley Forge Casino.

3 At this time, the OEC requests that
4 the Board place Feng Zheng on the Involuntary
5 Exclusion List.

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

8 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner
9 Gainney moves that the Board approve the addition of
10 Feng Zheng to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for
11 the conduct described by the OEC.

12 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
13 seconds.

14 CHAIR: All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

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

18 ATTORNEY MILLER: That concludes the
19 business of the OEC.

20 CHAIR: The last item on the agenda
21 today is public comment.

22 Is there anyone in the room that would
23 like to address the Board? Seeing no one, that
24 concludes today's meeting.

25 The next public meeting of the Board

1 will be held on Wednesday, July 22nd, 2026, at 10:00
2 a.m. at this location.

3 And now may I please have a motion to
4 adjourn?

5 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner
6 Dunbar moves we adjourn.

7 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
8 seconds.

9 CHAIR: All in favor?

10 AYES RESPOND

11 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.
12 Thank you. The meeting is adjourned.

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14 MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11:35 A.M.

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1 I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings,
2 a meeting held before Chair Smyler was reported by me
3 on June 17, 2026, and that I, Sophia Gish, read this
4 transcript, and that I attest that this transcript is
5 a true and accurate record of the proceeding.

6 Dated the 8th day of July 2026

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