

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:

Jennifer Langan, Esquire, Designee,
Department of Treasury

Adria Zimmerman, Designee, Department of
Revenue

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PA GAMING CONTROL BOARD EXECUTIVE STAFF APPEARING
BEFORE THE BOARD:

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SEAN HANNON, Director, Bureau of Licensing

HEIDI ZULA, Director, Human Resources

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MARK STEWART, ESQUIRE

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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.

Thank you. In addition to the seven Board members, we also have our ex-officio members with us this morning, Jennifer Langan, representing Stacy Garritty, State Treasurer, and Adria Zimmerman, representing Pat Browne, Secretary for the Department of Revenue.

I would also like to note for the record that George Augusto, representing Russell Redding, Secretary for the Department of Agriculture, is unable to join us today due to a scheduling conflict.

Thank you, ex-officios, for joining us. As the first order of business, I'd like to ask everyone to please rise and join me in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

1 CHAIR: By way of announcements, the
2 Board held an executive session yesterday, Tuesday,
3 July 21st, to discuss personnel matters and to
4 conduct quasi-judicial deliberations relating to
5 matters coming before the Board.

6 I would like to now ask for approval
7 of the Board meeting transcript and minutes from the
8 April 29th, 2026 meeting.

9 May I have a motion, please?

10 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Commissioner
11 Quiñones-Sánchez moves that the Board approve the
12 minutes and transcripts of the April 29th, 2026
13 meeting.

14 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
15 seconds.

16 CHAIR: All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

18 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.
19 I would now like to ask for approval of the Board
20 meeting transcript and minutes from the May 20th,
21 2026 meeting.

22 May I have a motion, please?

23 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
24 Dillon moves that the Board approve the minutes and
25 transcript of the May 20, 2026 meeting.

1 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
2 seconds.

3 CHAIR: All in favor?

4 AYES RESPOND

5 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

6 Now we will hear from our Executive
7 Director, Kevin O'Toole. Kevin?

8 MR. O'TOOLE: Good morning, Chair
9 Smyler, members of the Board.

10 For today's Executive Director's
11 Report, I have a few topics that I believe are
12 important to focus on as we close out fiscal year
13 2025- 2026.

14 Last Friday, the Board's Office of
15 Communication reported on gaming revenue and gaming
16 taxes during fiscal year 2025-2026, and the figures
17 were significant.

18 The aggregate revenue from all sources
19 of gaming that the Gaming Control Board regulates
20 totaled over \$7 billion for fiscal year '25-'26.
21 Gaming tax revenues for fiscal year '25-'26, or
22 gaming tax revenues for '25-'26 that are utilized for
23 a variety of different purposes, totaled
24 approximately \$3.1 billion.

25 So, these - these numbers for revenue

1 and taxes are clearly a result of the Gambling
2 Expansion Bill referred to as Act 42 of 2017, which
3 was signed into law on October 30th of 2017. Some of
4 the headlines when Act 42 was passed categorized the
5 gambling expansion initiative as massive.

6 I do not disagree with that
7 description. But all entities and licensees that
8 operate within Pennsylvania under the Gaming Act are
9 to be commended for their hard work since that time,
10 since 2017 forward, to ensure the success of that
11 Bill. And we are seeing that success this year for
12 sure.

13 Several months ago, Happy Valley
14 Casino in State College, Pennsylvania opened its
15 doors to a casino as the fifth and final Category 4
16 Casino in Pennsylvania. For all intents and
17 purposes, that was the final component of gaming
18 expansion from Act 42 of 2017.

19 The gaming taxes and fees collected by
20 the Commonwealth for any period of time are used in a
21 number of different ways. The use that I would like
22 to say a few words about this morning are the Grants
23 for local municipalities and counties referred to as
24 local share assessments.

25 Recently, Westmoreland County

1 announced that it awarded \$17.2 million for projects
2 that would benefit the county's 65 municipalities.
3 It was reported that the Local Share Account funds
4 for Westmoreland County would make it possible to
5 renovate critical infrastructure, replace aging
6 police vehicles and purchase a new dump truck for the
7 Recreation Department in Greensboro (sic). And that
8 just mentions a few of the projects that are made
9 possible through the gaming industry's local share
10 assessments. And those distributions are made
11 throughout the year to all counties throughout the
12 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. And it really
13 highlights the significance of the gaming industry to
14 Pennsylvania.

15 The final update for today's report
16 relates to the Board's program that encourages
17 iGaming patrons to use self-imposed limits to help
18 control their iGaming activity. For the month of May
19 2026, 6.01 percent of Pennsylvania account holders in
20 the iGaming area took advantage of using self-imposed
21 limits. Four or five months ago that percentage was
22 5 percent. So, it has grown and we hope that it will
23 continue to grow, but that 6.01 percent of
24 Pennsylvania account holders for the month of May
25 translates into over 708,000 registered Pennsylvania

1 accounts have utilized the SILS Program to help
2 themselves moderate their gaming activity during that
3 month.

4 Our Office of Compulsive and Problem
5 Gambling has done an excellent job in making the SILS
6 Program successful. That's my report for this
7 morning. Thank you very much.

8 CHAIR: Thank you, Kevin. Now we will
9 hear from our Director of Financial Management, David
10 Rhen. Dave.

11 MR. RHEN: Good morning, Chair Smyler
12 and Board members. Today I'll give the final report
13 of Board expenditures for fiscal year '25-'26. For
14 the year expenditures totaled \$60,028,000 against an
15 appropriation of \$60,423,000, resulting in an
16 estimated ending balance of just under \$400,000.

17 Overall, expenditures increased by
18 approximately \$3.6 million from the prior year due to
19 higher payroll costs.

20 Personnel expenses accounted for 88
21 percent of the Board expenses, totaling \$52.4
22 million. This consisted of \$31.3 million for
23 salaries, \$21 million for benefits, and \$218,000 for
24 retirement leave payouts. Benefits as a percentage
25 of salaries were 66.5 percent. Personnel costs

1 increased by \$3.1 million, or 6.4 percent from the
2 prior year. This increase was due to the expansion
3 of the complement and union negotiated salary
4 increases.

5 In the operating category,
6 expenditures totaled \$7.5 million. The largest
7 expenditures were services, which are predominantly
8 cost of IT modernization, and interagency billings
9 for services provided by other Commonwealth agencies.
10 At \$3.5 million, this accounted for 46 percent of
11 overall operating expenses.

12 The next category was rentals and
13 leases, at \$1.7 million. This is 23 percent of
14 operating expenses. And other operating expenses,
15 which is a category that includes subscriptions for
16 databases used in background investigations at \$1.2
17 million. Operating expenses rose by about \$318,000
18 from the year before.

19 Finally, the fiscal year '26-'27
20 appropriation has been enacted for \$63,557,000.
21 That concludes my remarks.

22 CHAIR: Thank you. Any questions or
23 comments?

24 All right. Thank you very much, Dave.
25 Next we will hear from Heidi Zula, our

1 Human Resources Director. Heidi.

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

10 Lindsay Cline and Samantha Burns have
11 been selected as Investigative Analysts and Alexander
12 Posey has been selected as an Investigator with the
13 Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement (BIE).

14 All candidates are recommended for
15 hire by Paul Mauro, Director of Investigations and
16 Enforcement.

17 Aaryanna Wright has been selected as a
18 Sports Wagering Compliance Representative with the
19 Office of Sports Wagering and is recommended for hire
20 by Kevin Kile, Director of Sports Wagering. Erin
21 O'Keefe has been selected as an Administrative
22 Assistant with the Office of Gaming Laboratory
23 Operations and is recommended for hire by Heather
24 Worner, Director of Gaming Laboratory Operations.

25 And finally, Jendi McNicholas has been

1 selected as an Assistant Enforcement Counsel 1 with
2 the Office of Enforcement Counsel (OEC) and is
3 recommended for hire by Cyrus Pitre, Chief
4 Enforcement Counsel.

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

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 approve the applicants
12 for hire as proposed by the Human Resource Director.

13 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner
14 Gainney seconds.

15 CHAIR: All in favor?

16 AYES RESPOND

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

19 MS. ZULA: Thank you.

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

22 ATTORNEY COOK: Our first agenda item
23 relates to Local Law Enforcement Grants, which Senior
24 Counsel, Denise Miller-Tshudy will present to the
25 Board.

1 ATTORNEY MILLER-TSHUDY: Good morning,
2 Madam Chair, members of the Board. I have two Local
3 Law Enforcement Grants for your consideration today.

4 The first one is with Monroe County
5 District Attorney's Office. They are seeking a
6 \$250,000 Grant. If awarded, this will continue the
7 task force that they have, which includes a District
8 Attorney or Assistant District Attorney and a
9 Detective. Also, it will include all costs for
10 investigations and litigation of illegal gaming.

11 The application has been reviewed by
12 appropriate staff and it's ready for your
13 consideration at this time.

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

16 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner
17 Gainney 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: The second
2 Grant I have for you today is with the Cumberland
3 County District Attorney's Office. They are seeking
4 a Grant of \$149,000 and 64 -. If awarded, the office
5 will continue with its task force, including an ADA
6 and also an experienced Detective, for their
7 investigations and their litigation regarding illegal
8 gaming.

9 The Application has been reviewed by
10 appropriate staff, and this is now ready for your
11 consideration.

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 Local Law Enforcement Grant Application
17 as described by the OCC.

18 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
19 seconds.

20 CHAIR: All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

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

24 ATTORNEY MILLER-TSHUDY: Thank you.

25 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board

1 is a Temporary Rulemaking which Deputy Chief Counsel
2 Chad Zimmermann will present.

3 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Madam Chair,
4 members of the Board, before today's meeting, you
5 were provided with Temporary Rulemaking Number
6 125-261. This Temporary Rulemaking provides the
7 rules and procedures for several new side wagers for
8 currently existing games, such as Roulette, Spanish
9 21 and Blackjack, as well as some additional new
10 games that are sought to be offered in the
11 Commonwealth by various manufacturers and operators,
12 both land-based and in iGaming.

13 Having reviewed the documents, if the
14 Board has any questions, I'd be happy to answer them.
15 If not, I would request a motion approving Temporary
16 Rulemaking Number 125-261.

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 adopt
21 Temporary Rulemaking Number 125-261, regarding table
22 games and side wagers as proposed by the OCC.

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

25 CHAIR: All in favor?

1 AYES RESPOND

2 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion is
3 adopted.

4 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board
5 today are five Petitions. Each of these Petitions
6 will be decided on the documentary record, as the OEC
7 has no objection to the requested relief or because
8 the parties have agreed to the request for
9 recommended relief.

10 In each of these matters, the Board
11 has, in advance of this meeting, been provided with
12 the complete evidentiary record. The first Petition
13 before the Board today is Inspired Gaming USA, Inc.'s
14 Petition for a Change of Control nunc pro tunc
15 Inspired Gaming USA, Inc. is a licensed Interactive
16 Gaming Manufacturer with the Board. Inspired
17 Entertainment, Inc. is the ultimate parent company of
18 Inspired Gaming USA. Inspired's internal structure
19 contains various holding company entities that hold
20 Principal Affiliate Licenses with the Board.

21 In June of 2025, Inspired
22 Entertainment executed an agreement to refinance its
23 debt through a subsidiary. They signed a financial -
24 specifically, they signed a financial agreement for
25 revolving credit, then subsequently transferred

1 ownership shares of the various subsidiaries to
2 Inspired Entertainment Holdings Limited, LLC, which
3 left two of their previously licensed subsidiaries
4 without any beneficial title or control.

5 In September 2025, Inspired Gaming
6 notified the Board of the transaction and confirmed
7 the two - that the two subsidiaries would be removed
8 from its ownership structure. The share transfer
9 also resulted in requiring licensure with the Board
10 for Inspired Holdings and Inspired Financing, both of
11 which applied for licensure with the Board in
12 December of 2025.

13 The OEC has no objection to the
14 Petition, subject to conditions outlined in their
15 Answer. Additionally, both parties have requested
16 that certain information in the pleadings be kept
17 confidential.

18 This matter requesting approval of the
19 purchase, nunc pro tunc, is - or, I'm sorry, approval
20 of the transaction, nunc pro tunc, is now ready for
21 the Board's consideration.

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 grant

1 Inspired Gaming USA, Inc.'s Petition to approve - for
2 approval of a restructuring or surrendering of
3 various principal licenses as described by the OCC,
4 subject to the conditions that will be outlined in
5 the Board's Order.

6 I further move that the Petition's
7 motion to protect confidential information be granted
8 in part and the OEC's motion to protect confidential
9 information be granted.

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

12 CHAIR: All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

14 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

15 ATTORNEY COOK: Next is a request from
16 FBG Pennsylvania, LLC for approval of a corporate
17 restructuring.

18 FBG holds both an Interactive Gaming
19 Operator License and a Sports Wagering Operator
20 License with the Board. Multiple affiliated entities
21 and individuals hold Principal Affiliate Licenses
22 related to the primary licenses.

23 The Petitioners today are requesting
24 approval of a transfer of various shares of the
25 corporate parent of FBG from a holding entity to an

1 individual shareholder, Mitchell (sic) Rubin and
2 various trust's related to Mr. Rubin. FBG and Mr.
3 Rubin proposed that the transfers - propose the
4 transfers in order to effectuate Mr. Rubin's tax and
5 estate planning goals. They anticipate no impact on
6 FBG operations or the need for additional entities or
7 individuals to be licensed.

8 The OEC has no objection to the
9 Petition, subject to conditions outlined in their
10 Answer.

11 As with the last Petition, both
12 parties have requested, in this Petition, that
13 certain information in the pleadings be kept
14 confidential, a request to which the OCC concurs.

15 And this matter is now ripe for the
16 Board's consideration.

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

19 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner
20 Gainey moves that the Board grant FBG Pennsylvania
21 LLC's Petition for approval of restructuring as
22 described by the OCC, subject to the conditions that
23 will be outlined in the Board's Order.

24 I further move that both parties'
25 motion to protect confidential information be

1 granted.

2 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
3 seconds.

4 CHAIR: All in favor?

5 AYES RESPOND

6 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

7 ATTORNEY COOK: Novomatic AG's
8 Petition for Approval of a Share Contribution is next
9 before the Board. Novomatic AG is licensed by the
10 Board as a Table Games Manufacturer, a VGT
11 Manufacturer, a Sports Wagering Manufacturer, as well
12 as an affiliate and a VGT affiliate. In addition to
13 its own gaming operations, Novomatic owns 67.39
14 percent of Ainsworth Game Technology Limited, who is
15 licensed as an interactive gaming and slot machine
16 affiliate.

17 Novomatic is owned by two parent
18 companies, Novo Invest GmbH and Novum - Novum Swiss
19 AG, both of which are licensed by the Board. Thomas
20 Graf holds ten percent interest in Novo Invest and is
21 requesting to transfer his interest into a private
22 foundation for which he is the sole beneficiary and a
23 sole member of the Foundation's Advisory Board.

24 Additionally, Novomatic is seeking
25 approval of a Share Contribution Agreement resulting

1 in the ownership percentage between Novo Invest and
2 Novum Swiss changing by approximately 24.3 percent.

3 Any necessary licensure requirements
4 have been fulfilled by the parties. The OEC has no
5 objection to this request, subject to conditions
6 outlined in its Answer.

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. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
12 Dillon moves that the Board grant Novomatic AG's
13 Petition for approval of share contribution as
14 described by the OCC, subject to the conditions that
15 will be outlined in the Board's Order.

16 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
17 seconds.

18 CHAIR: All in favor?

19 AYES RESPOND

20 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

21 ATTORNEY COOK: The next Petition
22 before the Board today pertains to a request to be
23 removed from the Lifetime Self-Exclusion List. An
24 individual with the initials M.J. placed himself on
25 the Self-Exclusion List on September 25th, 2010,

1 choosing the lifetime self-exclusion option. In May
2 of 2026, M.J. filed his request for removal from the
3 List, stating he can now game more responsibly and is
4 stable in both his employment and with his financial
5 affairs. He submitted the required form, signed by a
6 Certified Assessment Provider, confirming that an
7 assessment of M.J. was performed and that problem
8 gambling treatment was not recommended.

9 The OEC filed an Answer stating it has
10 no objection to M.J.'s request, as it has been 16
11 years since his placement on the List and he has
12 submitted all the required documentation. OEC did
13 note, however, that M.J. did have one violation of
14 his self-exclusion ban in May of 2025, and at the
15 time of his violation he had been on the List for
16 over 14-and-a-half years. Notwithstanding that
17 violation, OEC again doesn't object.

18 And 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 Commissioner Quiñones-Sánchez moves that the Board
24 grant M.J.'s Petition for removal from the
25 Self-Exclusion List as described by the OCC.

1 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
2 seconds.

3 CHAIR: All in favor?

4 AYES RESPOND

5 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

6 ATTORNEY COOK: The final Petition
7 before the Board is another request for removal from
8 the Board's Self-Exclusion List. An individual with
9 the initials R.R. placed himself on the
10 Self-Exclusion List on May 9th, 2013, choosing the
11 lifetime self-exclusion option.

12 In May of 2026, R.R. filed his request
13 for removal from the List, stating that the time he
14 placed himself on the List he was struggling with
15 substance abuse. R.R. further stated that in his
16 request that he's now been clean and sober for 14
17 years, his employment would require him to attend
18 events at hotels and casinos and his inability to do
19 that, he feels, is hindering his career. RR in
20 addition, has submitted the required signed Certified
21 Assessment Provider Form confirming that an
22 assessment of R.R. was performed and that problem
23 gambling treatment was not recommended.

24 Having received all that information,
25 the OEC filed an Answer stating it had no objection

1 to R.R.'s request, as - as it has been 13 years since
2 his placement on the List and he has submitted all
3 appropriate requirements or met all appropriate
4 requirements. OEC did note that R.R. had one
5 violation of his self-exclusion in November of 2018,
6 but that did not stand in the way of their not
7 opposing this Petition.

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. DILLON: Madam - Madam Chair,
13 Commissioner Dillon moves that the Board grant R.R.'s
14 Petition for removal from the Self-Exclusion List as
15 described by the OCC.

16 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
17 seconds.

18 CHAIR: All in favor?

19 AYES RESPOND

20 CHAIR: Aye. All opposed? Motion
21 passes.

22 ATTORNEY COOK: Deputy Chief Counsel
23 Zimmermann will now be prepare or presenting
24 Withdrawals and Surrenders as well as Reports and
25 Recommendations.

1 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Once again, good
2 morning, Commissioners. The next matter before the
3 Board today pertains to several unopposed Petitions
4 to withdraw the applications or surrender the
5 credentials of the following individuals and
6 entities: Ian Dimech; Christine Murthy; CBL &
7 Associates HoldCo I, LLC; Vimoro Media, Inc.; Mia
8 Music; Jason Lublin; RockForce Operations, LLC;
9 Michael Raffensberger; Carolyn Renzin; Eric Backlund;
10 Neil Banbury and Barbara Wilson.

11 The OEC has no objections to any of
12 these Withdrawals or Surrenders. As a result, if the
13 Board chooses to grant the request in every case, it
14 would be doing so without prejudice to the requester.

15 And these matters are all now ripe for
16 the Board's consideration.

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

19 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair,
20 Commissioner Dunbar moves that the Board issues
21 Orders to approve the Withdrawals and Surrenders as
22 described by the OCC.

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

25 CHAIR: All in favor?

1 AYES RESPOND

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

4 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the
5 Board for consideration are eight reports and
6 recommendations received from the Office of Hearings
7 and Appeals (OHA). These Reports and
8 Recommendations, along with the evidentiary record
9 for each hearing have been provided to the Board in
10 advance of today's meeting. Additionally, the
11 persons involved have each been notified that their
12 matter would be considered by the Board today and
13 they would each have the opportunity to briefly
14 address the Board should they so choose.

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

18 The first Report and Recommendation
19 before the Board today is Anthony Becton. In May
20 2025, the OEC filed a Petition to place Mr. Becton on
21 the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List. A hearing in
22 this matter was held April 15, 2026. Both Mr. Becton
23 and OEC attended the hearing. OEC presented
24 testimonial, documentary and surveillance evidence.
25 Mr. Becton testified on his own behalf.

1 Testimony and evidence presented at
2 the hearing show that on December 11, 2021, Mr.
3 Becton left a second six-year-old child unattended in
4 his vehicle while he entered Rivers Casino
5 Philadelphia to place bets at a Sportsbook kiosk.
6 Mr. Becton returned to his vehicle 19 minutes after
7 leaving the child and he was met there by Security
8 who had been notified of the unattended minor. Mr.
9 Becton was not criminally charged.

10 During Mr. Becton's testimony, he
11 admitted to his actions but stated that his brother
12 was to be watching his son from somewhere outside the
13 vehicle. He also further testified that he was never
14 served with the documents in the matter early on as
15 he was overseas working at the time, that it had been
16 four years since the incident had taken place, making
17 it challenging for him to provide testimony in
18 defense.

19 Following the hearing, a Report and
20 Recommendation was issued recommending that Mr.
21 Becton be placed on the Involuntary Exclusion List
22 and this matter is now ready for the Board's
23 consideration.

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

1 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner
2 Gainney moves that the Board adopt the Report and
3 Recommendations issued by the OHA as described by the
4 OCC and that Anthony Becton 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 marked
8 as confidential or be redacted.

9 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
10 seconds.

11 CHAIR: All in favor?

12 AYES RESPOND

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

15 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The next Report
16 and Recommendation also stems from a Petition to
17 place an individual on the Board's Involuntary
18 Exclusion List.

19 In July of 2024, the OEC filed a
20 Petition to place Willie Fryson on the Involuntary
21 Exclusion List. Mr. Fryson requested a hearing,
22 which after several rescheduling requests was held on
23 May 13, 2026. OEC appeared and presented testimony,
24 documentary and surveillance evidence. Mr. Fryson
25 also appeared and testified on his own behalf.

1 The evidence and testimony showed that
2 on February 27, 2024, Mr. Fryson arrived at Parx with
3 another individual, who entered the casino, stole
4 \$17,000 in chips and fled the casino, leaving in the
5 car driven by Mr. Fryson. Mr. Fryson then returned
6 to Parx a few days later, cashed in \$14,000 worth of
7 those chips and gamed. His actions resulted in him
8 being criminally charged with theft offenses and a
9 permanent eviction from the casino.

10 In April of 2024 he also pass posted a
11 wager at Hollywood Casino York, pleading guilty to
12 disorderly conduct and receiving a seven-day eviction
13 from the casino.

14 Mr. Fryson testified that at the time
15 he had a gambling problem, which led him to partaking
16 in the chip theft at Parx, but that he's paying
17 restitution to the casino and has sought treatment
18 for gambling addiction. As to the past posting wager
19 incident, he stated that it was an honest mistake on
20 his part. He testified he believes being excluded
21 from all licensed facilities in Pennsylvania is
22 overkill.

23 Following the hearing, a Report and
24 Recommendation was issued, recommending that Mr.
25 Fryson be placed on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

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 adopt
7 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as
8 described by the OCC, and that Willie Fryson be
9 placed on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

13 CHAIR: Can we have a second, please?

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

16 CHAIR: All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

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

20 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next is David
21 McCutcheon's Report and Recommendation. In November
22 of 2025, the OEC filed a Petition to place David
23 McCutcheon on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.
24 Mr. McCutcheon requested a hearing which was held
25 April of 2026. OEC appeared, presenting documentary,

1 testimonial and surveillance evidence. Mr.
2 McCutcheon also appeared and testified on his own
3 behalf.

4 The evidence and testimony presented
5 at the hearing showed that on September 28, 2023, Mr.
6 McCutcheon and R.F. were both patrons at Rivers
7 Casino Pittsburgh. The two individuals knew each
8 other through their son's activities and would see
9 each other in public settings from time to time.
10 While at the casino, Mr. McCutcheon and R.F. were at
11 the Drum Bar, leaving the bar, holding hands and
12 going to a slot machine. It was at this time where
13 McCutcheon inappropriately touched R.F. R.F.
14 grabbed his hand, slapped him and walked back to the
15 bar.

16 Mr. McCutcheon testified he believed
17 that R.F. gestured for him to touch her. And he
18 further stated that he's 63 years old, has no
19 criminal history, and he admits that he never should
20 have touched her and was 100 percent wrong for doing
21 so. Mr. McCutcheon also testified that his job
22 involves casinos and they have shows and casinos and
23 that he is in them all the time, all over the
24 country.

25 After hearing all the evidence, a

1 Report and Recommendation was issued recommending
2 that Mr. McCutcheon be placed on the Board's
3 Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

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 adopt in part and reject in part the Report and
11 Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the
12 OCC and that David McCutcheon be placed on the
13 Board's Involuntary Exclusion List for a period of
14 six months from today's date, after which he will
15 automatically be removed from the List.

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

19 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
20 seconds.

21 CHAIR: All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

23 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

24 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Paulisha Lee's
25 matter is next before the Board.

1 In March of 2023, the OEC filed a
2 Petition to place Paulisha Lee on the Board's
3 Involuntary Exclusion List due to two separate
4 incidents, where she left children unattended in her
5 vehicle.

6 By way of background, on February
7 22nd, 2022, Ms. Lee left a 10-year-old child
8 unattended in her vehicle for 22 minutes to enter
9 Rivers Casino Philadelphia to receive promotional
10 bakeware. Then on March 24, 2022, she left an
11 11-year-old and 12-year-old unattended in her vehicle
12 at Live! Casino and Hotel in Philadelphia for 25
13 minutes to redeem promotional awards for a pizza.
14 She was permanently evicted from both casinos.
15 Consequently, the Board placed Ms. Lee on the
16 Involuntary Exclusion List September of 2023.

17 Ms. Lee is now requesting early
18 removal from the List. The OEC filed an Answer
19 objecting to this request, and a hearing was held
20 April 9, 2026. OEC appeared presenting testimony and
21 documentary evidence. Ms. Lee appeared and testified
22 on her own behalf. Ms. Lee admitted to leaving the
23 children in a vehicle February 22nd of 2025 and March
24 24th of 2025 when she entered Rivers and Live!.
25 However, she stated that she did not game on either

1 of those incidents and does not believe that she
2 should be excluded from a licensed facility as she
3 didn't leave them unattended in her vehicle in order
4 to engage in gaming activity.

5 Thereafter, a Report and
6 Recommendation was issued recommending that Ms. Lee's
7 Petition for removal be denied.

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. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
13 Dillon moves that the Board adopt the Report and
14 Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the
15 OCC and that Paulisha Lee's Petition for Removal from
16 the Involuntary Exclusion List be denied.

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

20 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
21 seconds.

22 CHAIR: All in favor?

23 AYES RESPOND

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

1 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the
2 Board is Phuong Nguyen's Report and Recommendation.
3 By way of background, on November 1st, 2019, the
4 Board placed Ms. Nguyen on the Involuntary Exclusion
5 List after she left an infant child unattended in her
6 vehicle for approximately 30 minutes while she gamed
7 at SugarHouse Casino, which is now Rivers
8 Philadelphia. In November 2021, she filed a Petition
9 for Early Removal from the List which was denied by
10 the Board. The Order stated she could request
11 removal any time after October 31st, 2024.

12 Ms. Nguyen filed her new request for
13 removal November of 2025 and a hearing in this matter
14 was held April 14, 2026. The OEC appeared, offering
15 testimonial and documentary evidence. Ms. Nguyen
16 appeared and testified on her own behalf.

17 Evidence and testimony showed that
18 after being placed on the List, she had several
19 violations of her exclusion. She won jackpots on two
20 different occasions and attempted to claim one using
21 her mother's identification. She was cited for
22 trespassing in these incidents.

23 Ms. Nguyen testified that she made a
24 mistake leaving her child alone in the vehicle and
25 that she would not do that again. She further stated

1 that she has completed Parenting and Problem Gambling
2 Classes but did not provide proof of the same. Ms.
3 Nguyen further stated that prior to going to the
4 casino, she would call to make sure she was permitted
5 to be there, presenting her passport for scanning and
6 was admitted entry into the casino.

7 After hearing all the evidence
8 presented, a Report and Recommendation was issued,
9 recommending that Ms. Nguyen's Petition be denied and
10 she remain on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

11 This matter is now ripe for the
12 Board's consideration.

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

15 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair.
16 Commissioner Dunbar moves that the Board adopt a
17 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as
18 described by the OCC. And that Phuong Nguyen's
19 Petition for Removal from the Involuntary Exclusion
20 List be denied.

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

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

1 CHAIR: All in favor?

2 AYES RESPOND

3 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

4 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next is Joenavi
5 Navarro's Report and Recommendation. On August 6,
6 2025, Mr. Navarro filed with the Board a challenge to
7 appeal Digital Gaming Corporation USA's intent to
8 confiscate funds from an interactive gaming account.

9 A hearing in this matter was held
10 February 6, 2026. Mr. Navarro failed to appear at
11 the hearing; however, Digital Gaming appeared,
12 presenting testimony and documentary evidence. The
13 evidence and testimony showed that upon opening his
14 iGaming account with Digital Gaming, Mr. Navarro
15 agreed to terms and conditions, one of which was
16 forbidding anyone other than him to utilize his
17 account. Testimony from Digital Gaming showed he
18 colluded with other patrons who received and
19 transferred funds from his account, took advantage of
20 100 percent matchup promotions as well as cashbacks
21 offered.

22 When Mr. Navarro attempted to withdraw
23 \$4,000 from the iGaming account, Digital Gaming
24 reversed the request, putting the money back into the
25 account. They allowed him to withdraw the \$1,000

1 initial deposit and are seeking to confiscate the
2 balance of the funds that remain in the iGaming
3 account which exceeds \$18,000.

4 Following the hearing, a Report and
5 Recommendation was issued. Due to evidentiary
6 concern concerns a Hearing Officer recommended that
7 Mr. Navarro's Challenge be granted and that Digital
8 Gaming Corp. be denied permission to confiscate the
9 funds in the iGaming account. It should also be
10 noted that Digital Gaming Corp's iGaming Operator
11 License expired in May of 2026 and is no longer
12 active in the Commonwealth.

13 This matter is now ripe for the
14 Board's consideration.

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

17 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner
18 Gainney moves that the Board reject the Report and
19 Recommendations issued by the OHA as described by the
20 OCC and that Joenavi Navarro's challenge to the
21 confiscation of funds be denied and grant Digital
22 Gaming Corporation permission to confiscate the funds
23 remaining in Joenavi Navarro's account.

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 passes.

7 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The next Report
8 and Recommendation today stems from a Petition for -
9 from a self-excluded individual with the initial C.W.
10 seeking to recover \$400 confiscated from him while on
11 the Self-Exclusion List. The OEC initially filed an
12 Answer objecting to the request, later amending the
13 Answer to - stating that \$350 of the confiscated
14 funds should be returned.

15 A hearing on this matter was held
16 April 15, 2026. OEC appeared, offering testimony and
17 documentary evidence. C.W. also appeared and
18 testified on his own behalf.

19 The evidence and testimony showed that
20 on January 25th or sorry in January 2025, C.W.
21 completed all of the necessary self-exclusion
22 paperwork, choosing the one-year self-exclusion
23 period. On April 26, 2025, while on the
24 Self-Exclusion List, C.W. entered Hollywood Casino
25 York and played slot machines and Blackjack. He was

1 identified by staff as a self-excluded individual,
2 escorted off the Gaming Floor and \$400 was
3 confiscated from him. C.W. had also entered
4 Hollywood Casino Penn National Race Course August 4,
5 2025 and gamed, later being excluded and being cited
6 for trespassing.

7 C.W. testified he believed he could remove
8 himself from the List at any point in time and
9 admitted he was on the List when he was present at
10 Hollywood Casino York. He further testified that the
11 casino had allowed him to game and only stopped him
12 when he started winning and that he should receive
13 all of the funds that were confiscated. He further
14 stated that when he entered Penn National in August
15 of 2025, he did not game but attempted to obtain a
16 Player's Card and was then evicted.

17 Following a hearing a detailed
18 analysis performed by the Hearing Officer of each of
19 C.W.'s transactions, a Report and Recommendation was
20 issued, recommending that C.W.'s Petition be granted
21 in part and that \$180 be returned to him, as that
22 represents remaining buy in and that the remaining
23 \$220 be remitted to the Board to fund Compulsive and
24 Problem Gambling Programs.

25 This matter is now ripe for the

1 Board's consideration.

2 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

3 May I have a motion, please?

4 MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,

5 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board adopt the
6 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as
7 described by the OCC and grant in part C.W.'s
8 Petition to recover monies confiscated from him while
9 on the Self-Exclusion List and that \$180 be returned
10 to C.W.

11 I further move the matter be placed
12 under seal, as it involves a self-excluded
13 individual.

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

16 CHAIR: All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

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

20 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The final Report
21 and Recommendation today pertains to another Petition
22 to recover funds confiscated while on the
23 Self-Exclusion List, filed by J.L. The OEC filed an
24 Answer objecting to J.L.'s request.

25 The uncontested facts are that on

1 November 1st, 2024, an individual with the initials
2 J.L. completed all the necessary self-exclusion
3 paperwork, choosing the one-year exclusion period and
4 acknowledging that he had to request removal from the
5 List after the one-year period expired.

6 On December 20, 2025, J.L. gamed at
7 Live! Casino and Hotel in Philadelphia, winning a
8 \$1,280 jackpot. Because J.L. presented an expired
9 identification, the jackpot was held for safeguarding
10 and J.L. signed the safeguarding deposit receipt and
11 left the casino. It was later discovered that J.L.
12 was an excluded person. The following day J.L.
13 completed the necessary forms to be removed from the
14 List when he attempted to collect his jackpot and
15 found out he was still on the List. He was informed
16 when he was trying to collect the jackpot that he was
17 on the List the day he won and, therefore, is
18 ineligible to receive the funds.

19 On December 23rd, 2025, J.L. filed his
20 request to recover the monies, stating he did not
21 realize he needed to remove himself from the List.

22 A hearing on this matter was held May
23 7, 2026. Despite receiving prior notice, J.L. failed
24 to appear. OEC appeared and requested that the
25 Petition be denied for J.L.'s failure to prosecute

1 his own Petition.

2 Thereafter, a Report and
3 Recommendation was issued, recommending that J.L.'s
4 Petition be dismissed. J.L. did file Exceptions to
5 this recommendation.

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

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

10 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
11 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board adopt
12 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as
13 described by the OCC and deny J.L.'s Petition to
14 recover monies confiscated from him while on the
15 Self-Exclusion List.

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

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

21 CHAIR: All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

23 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

24 ATTORNEY COOK: And that concludes the
25 matters of the OCC. Thank you.

1 CHAIR: Thank you, Denise, Steve and
2 Chad.

3 We will now have the Bureau of
4 Licensing Matters presented by the Director of the
5 Bureau of Licensing, Sean Hannon. Sean.

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7 MR. HANNON: Good morning, Madam
8 Chair, members of the Board.

9 The first licensing matter for your
10 consideration is the renewal of a Fantasy Contest
11 Operator License for DataForce, LLC, doing business
12 as DataForce Fantasy Football. Formed in 2018, its
13 principal place of business is in Depoe Bay, Oregon.
14 The company offers a fantasy football platform that
15 provides web-based season-long fantasy football
16 contests.

17 The required investigation is
18 complete, and Licensing has provided you with a
19 Background Investigation and Suitability Report. I
20 have provided you with a Draft Order and ask that you
21 consider the Order to renew the Fantasy Contest
22 Operator License for DataForce, LLC.

23 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
24 objection.

25 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

1 May I have a motion, please?

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

6 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner
7 Gainney seconds.

8 CHAIR: All in favor?

9 AYES RESPOND

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

12 MR. HANNON: Next is an Interactive
13 Gaming Manufacturer License for White Hat Studios
14 Limited. The company was formed in 2024 and its
15 principal place of business is in Malta. The Company
16 develops online casino content for use by operators
17 within the interactive gaming markets in the United
18 States through a proprietary remote gaming server and
19 intends to offer various interactive gaming - games
20 to operators in Pennsylvania. The Company was
21 granted interim authorization on April 13th, 2025.

22 The required investigation is
23 complete, and Licensing has provided you with the
24 Background Investigation and Suitability Report. I
25 have provided you with a Draft Order and ask the

1 Board consider the Order to approve the Interactive
2 Gaming Manufacturer License for White Hat Studio
3 Limited.

4 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
5 has no objection.

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

8 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner
9 Gainney moves that the Board grant the Interactive
10 Gaming Manufacturer License as described by the
11 Bureau of Licensing.

12 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
13 seconds.

14 CHAIR: All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

16 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

17 MR. HANNON: Also, we have the renewal
18 of the Interactive Gaming and Sports Wagering
19 Manufacturer Licenses for White Hat Gaming,
20 Incorporated. Formed in 2019, its principal place of
21 business is in Wilmington, Delaware. The company
22 offers a business-to-business platform of products
23 and services to licensed interactive gaming and
24 sports wagering operators.

25 The required investigation is now

1 complete, and Licensing has provided you with a
2 Background Investigation and Suitability Report.

3 I have provided you with Draft Orders
4 and ask that the Board first consider the Order to
5 renew the Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License for
6 White Hat Gaming, Incorporated.

7 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
8 has no objection.

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 grant the
13 Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License renewal as
14 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

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

17 CHAIR: All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

19 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

20 MR. HANNON: And next, the Order to
21 renew the Sports Wagering Manufacturer License for
22 White Hat Gaming, Incorporated.

23 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
24 has no objection.

25 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

1 May I have a motion, please?

2 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
3 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board grant
4 the Sports Wagering Manufacturer License renewal as
5 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

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

8 CHAIR: All in favor?

9 AYES RESPOND

10 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

11 MR. HANNON: Next is the renewal of
12 the Interactive Gaming and Sports Wagering
13 Manufacturer License for NYX Digital Gaming USA, LLC.
14 Formed in 2013, its principal place of business is in
15 Las Vegas, Nevada. The company develops interactive
16 gaming and sports wagering software for mobile,
17 desktop and land-based casino platforms and provides
18 various technologies and related services to
19 interactive gaming certificate holders and operators
20 in Pennsylvania.

21 The required investigation is
22 complete, and Licensing has provided you with a
23 Background Investigation and Suitability Report.

24 I've have provided you with Draft
25 Orders and ask the Board first consider the Order to

1 renew the Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License for
2 NYX Digital Gaming USA, LLC.

3 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
4 has no objection.

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

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

11 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
12 seconds.

13 CHAIR: All in favor?
14 AYES RESPOND

15 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

16 MR. HANNON: Next is the Order to
17 renew the Sports Wagering Manufacturer License for
18 NYX Digital Gaming USA, LLC.

19 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
20 has no objection.

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

23 MR. DILLON: Madam - Madam Chair,
24 Commissioner Dillon moves that the Board grant the
25 Sports Wagering Manufacturer License renewal as

1 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

2 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
3 seconds.

4 CHAIR: All in favor?

5 AYES RESPOND

6 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

7 MR. HANNON: Next there are Principal
8 and Key Employee Licenses. Licensing has provided
9 you with a Proposed Order for 10 Principals and seven
10 Key Employees. I ask that the Board consider the
11 Order approving these licenses.

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 that the Board grant the Principal and
18 Key Employee Licenses as described by the Bureau of
19 Licensing.

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

22 CHAIR: All in favor?

23 AYES RESPOND

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

1 MR. HANNON: There are also Principal
2 and Key Employee Temporary Credentials. Licensing
3 has provided you with an Order regarding the issuance
4 of temporary credentials for seven Principals and 10
5 Key Employees. I ask that the Board consider the
6 Order approving these credentials.

7 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
8 has no objection.

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

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

15 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
16 seconds.

17 CHAIR: All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

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

21 MR. HANNON: Additionally for
22 consideration are Gaming Employee Permits and
23 Non-Gaming Employee Registrations. Licensing has
24 provided you with a list of 425 individuals to whom
25 the Bureau has granted Temporary or Full Occupation

1 Permits and 208 individuals to whom the Bureau has
2 granted Registrations under the authority delegated
3 to the Bureau of Licensing.

4 I ask that the Board consider a motion
5 approving this Order.

6 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
7 has no objection.

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 applications for Gaming Employee Occupation Permits
13 and Non-Gaming Employee Registrations as described by
14 the Bureau of Licensing.

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 MR. HANNON: Next there is a
22 recommendation of denial for one Non-Gaming
23 Applicant. Licensing has provided you with the Order
24 addressing the applicant who the OEC has recommended
25 for denial. I ask that the Board consider the Order

1 approving this denial.

2 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
3 continues to request denial in this matter.

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

6 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
7 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board deny
8 the Non-Gaming Employee Application as described by
9 the 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 passes.

15 MR. HANNON: The next matter for
16 consideration is Withdrawal Requests. In each case,
17 the License, Permit or Registration is no longer
18 required.

19 For today's meeting, I've provided the
20 Board with two Key Employees, 14 Gaming and 33
21 Non-Gaming Applicants.

22 I ask that the Board consider the
23 Orders approving these Withdrawals.

24 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
25 has no objection.

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

3 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Madam Chair,
4 Commissioner Quiñones-Sánchez moves that the Board
5 grant the Withdrawal of Key Employee, Gaming and
6 Non-Gaming Employee Applications as described by the
7 Bureau of Licensing.

8 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
9 seconds.

10 CHAIR: All in favor?

11 AYES RESPOND

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

14 MR. HANNON: In addition, we have an
15 Order to renew the Gaming Service Provider
16 Certification for LexisNexis Risk Solutions, FL,
17 Incorporated.

18 I have provided you with a Draft Order
19 and ask the Board consider the Order certifying this
20 company.

21 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
22 has no objection.

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

25 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair,

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

4 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
5 seconds.

6 CHAIR: All in favor?

7 AYES RESPOND

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

10 MR. HANNON: Finally, for
11 consideration are Gaming Service Provider
12 Registrations. Licensing has provided you with an
13 Order and an attached list of 5 registered Gaming
14 Service Provider Applicants.

15 I ask that the Board consider the
16 Order registering the gaming service providers.

17 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
18 has no objection.

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

21 MR. DUNBAR: Madam Chair, Commissioner
22 Dunbar moves that the Board approve the Gaming
23 Service Provider Registration as described by the
24 Bureau of Licensing.

25 MR. GAINES: Madam Chair, Commissioner

1 Gainey seconds.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 AYES RESPOND

4 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

5 MR. HANNON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

6 CHAIR: Thank you, Sean. Next is the
7 OEC, Cyrus Pitre. Cyrus.

8 ATTORNEY PITRE: Good morning, Madam
9 Chair, members of the Board.

10 The OEC will present 15 matters today
11 for the Board's consideration in which we will
12 request the approval of two Consent Agreements, two
13 Suspensions, two Revocations and Non-Involuntary
14 Exclusions.

15 The next matter on the agenda for the
16 Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement between
17 the OEC and Interactive Gaming Manufacturer Inspired
18 Gaming USA, Inc. The matter will be presented by
19 Assistant Enforcement Counsel Michelle Fogle.

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

25 ATTORNEY BERGER: Adam Berger from

1 Duane Morris, on behalf of Inspired.

2 CHAIR: Mr. Berger, would you just
3 spell your name for the Court Reporter?

4 ATTORNEY BERGER: Of course. A-D-A-M,
5 B-E-R-G-E-R.

6 MR. PIERCE: Brooks Pierce, CEO of
7 Inspired Entertainment.

8 CHAIR: Would you spell your name for
9 the Court Reporter, sir?

10 MR. PIERCE: Sure. Brooks,
11 B-R-O-O-K-S, Pierce, P-I-E-R-C-E.

12 CHAIR: Mr. Pierce, are you a lawyer?

13 MR. PIERCE: Far from it.

14 CHAIR: Okay. Could you stand - could
15 you stand and be sworn by the Court Reporter, please?

16 MR. PIERCE: Sure.

17 CHAIR: Thank you.

18 COURT REPORTER: Can you please raise
19 your right hand?

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

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1 CHAIR: OEC, you may proceed.

2 ATTORNEY FOGLE: Good morning. My
3 name is Michelle Fogle, F-O-G-L-E, Assistant
4 Enforcement Counsel with the OEC.

5 This matter concerns three violations
6 resulting from Inspired Gaming USA, Inc's failure to
7 notify the Board either prior to or immediately upon
8 becoming aware of a material change in its financial
9 status, its failure to request Board approval for a
10 change of control, and its subsequent failure to
11 timely file two Principal Applications.

12 Regarding the first violation.
13 Inspired Entertainment Financing, PLC, an entity not
14 licensed by the Board, executed a £270 million pound
15 Senior Note Purchase Agreement on June 4th, 2025,
16 listing Inspired Gaming USA as the guarantor of the
17 notes. Also on June 4th, 2025, Inspired
18 Entertainment Financing, PLC executed a Senior
19 Facilities Agreement for £17.8 million, and again
20 listed Inspired Gaming USA as a guarantor. Inspired
21 did not notify the Board of these financial
22 transactions until June 13, 2025.

23 Regarding the second violation,
24 Inspired underwent a corporate reorganization that
25 removed two Board licensed entities and added two

1 unlicensed entities into its ownership structure. On
2 August 9, 2025, Inspired Entertainment, Inc.
3 completed the transfer of its ownership shares of
4 DMWSL 633, a Board licensed entity, to Inspired
5 Entertainment Holdings Limited, LLC, an entity not
6 licensed by the Board. On August 22nd, 2025, DMWSL
7 632, a Board licensed entity and subsidiary of DMWSL
8 633, transferred its shares of DMWSL 631, another
9 Board licensed entity, to Inspired Entertainment
10 Holdings Limited, LLC. DMWSL 631 is the direct owner
11 of Inspired Gaming USA. Afterwards, on September 26,
12 2025, Inspired notified Board staff of its intent to
13 remove DMWSL 632 and DWSL 633 from its corporate
14 structure. Inspired submitted a formal Petition to
15 the Board, seeking approval for this change on
16 December 29th, 2025.

17 The third violation resulted from the
18 occurrence of the first two violations. Both
19 Inspired Entertainment Financing, PLC and Inspired
20 Entertainment Holdings Limited, LLC required
21 licensure due to the refinancing agreement and
22 corporate reorganization. Following requests from
23 Board staff, these two entities filed Principal
24 Applications with the Board on December 8, 2025.

25 At the time of these violations,

1 Inspired lacked adequate procedures for ensuring the
2 Board's timely notification of material changes in
3 its financial status, for petitioning the Board for
4 approval of its change of control, and for timely
5 filing its Principal Applications. Inspired has
6 modified their policy procedures and no additional
7 violations have occurred.

8 The OEC and Inspired Gaming USA
9 respectfully request that the Board approve the
10 Consent Agreement and Stipulations of Settlement
11 whereby Inspired will pay a civil penalty - a civil
12 penalty of 32,500 and a 3,500 administration fee for
13 costs incurred by Board staff in connection with the
14 investigations in this matters.

15 At this time, we are available to
16 answer any questions that the Board may have.

17 CHAIR: Inspired, would you like to
18 address the Board?

19 ATTORNEY BERGER: Yes. Inspired would
20 just like to thank Board staff, OEC for their
21 cooperation in this matter. We take this matter
22 seriously and have implemented several remedial
23 measures that we believe will ensure this will not
24 happen again, notably enhanced training to the
25 Compliance, Regulatory and Legal teams at Inspired

1 enhanced training to the Business teams to ensure
2 that they're in the loop and notify the Compliance
3 and Legal teams when issues occur. And also increase
4 engagement with outside Counsel to advise on
5 potential matters that may require future Gaming
6 Control Board approval.

7 So, with that, we're here to answer
8 any questions you may have. Myself and Mr. Pierce,
9 are available.

10 CHAIR: And question from the Board?
11 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz.

12 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Thank you, Madam
13 Chair. Could you describe a little bit what is this
14 enhanced training you're talking about?

15 MR. PIERCE: Yeah, we've had - we've
16 had actually all aspects. So that would be our Legal
17 Department, our Compliance Department, our Finance
18 Department, and our Commercial folks that work in
19 Pennsylvania have been made aware of this and have
20 gone through training to ensure that something like
21 this doesn't happen again.

22 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: So, with regard to
23 the training, is there some sort of a tickler system
24 or is there something that you put in place in
25 addition to the training that will prevent this from

1 happening again?

2 MR. PIERCE: Yes, that would be normal
3 protocol for our Compliance Department to have a
4 checklist to make sure that something like this
5 doesn't happen again. And it's never happened in any
6 other jurisdiction that I'm aware of.

7 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Have any employees
8 been disciplined?

9 MR. PIERCE: No.

10 CHAIR: Any other questions or
11 comments?

12 MR. DILLON: I just -.

13 CHAIR: Commissioner Dillon.

14 MR. DILLON: Have you guys put this in
15 writing? Have you put procedures in writing or is it
16 just from a training session?

17 MR. PIERCE: To be honest, I don't
18 know that our General Counsel could provide that. If
19 that's a request, certainly.

20 ATTORNEY BERGER: Yes. And I'm - I'm
21 of the belief and understanding that the General
22 Counsel has put together training materials and
23 documents that detail the - the protocols and
24 procedures.

25 MR. DILLON: Right. I mean, I think

1 it would help you. I mean, it seems like you guys
2 got a handle on it, but I think it would help you
3 that if this - something like this did occur, that
4 you would have a checklist or something ready to go,
5 saying, all right, this is what we need to do, you
6 know, in place instead of just having a training,
7 because, you know, once they walk out of the training
8 room, it goes out the window. They forget.

9 ATTORNEY BERGER: Absolutely noted.
10 And yeah, we'll relay that message to the company's
11 General Counsel as well.

12 CHAIR: And I - in light of
13 Commissioner Dillon's request that something be put
14 in writing, I would also think that you may want to
15 do training on an annual basis, so that people do
16 stay alert as to what the new policies and procedures
17 are. So, you might want to do that annually, just to
18 make sure this doesn't happen again, because these
19 were a lot of different moving parts and I'm sure it
20 involved a lot of different parts of the
21 organization, so -.

22 MR. PIERCE: No, I think that's -. I
23 think that's a great suggestion. And I can assure
24 you everyone in the company understands the issue and
25 I've made sure that that's the case.

1 CHAIR: Thank you. Any other
2 questions or comments? Okay with that, may I have a
3 motion, please?

4 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner
5 Gainney moves that the Board approve the Consent
6 Agreement between the OEC and Inspired Gaming USA,
7 Inc. as described by the OEC.

8 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
9 seconds.

10 CHAIR: All in favor?

11 AYES RESPOND

12 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's
13 adopted. Thank you, gentlemen.

14 ATTORNEY BERGER: Thank you very much.

15 MR. PIERCE: Thank you very much.

16 ATTORNEY PITRE: Next on the agenda
17 for the Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement
18 between the OEC and Category 2 Licensee Stadium
19 Casino RE, LLC, doing business as Live! Casino and
20 Hotel Philadelphia.

21 The matter will be presented by Senior
22 Enforcement Counsel David Tepper. Representatives
23 for Live! Philadelphia are present.

24 At this time I request that those
25 individuals please introduce themselves for the

1 record and any non-attorney witnesses please stand
2 and be sworn.

3 ATTORNEY STONER: Good morning, Chair,
4 members of the Board. I'm Sarah Stoner of Eckert,
5 Seamans. My name is spelled S-A-R-A-H, S-T-O-N-E-R,
6 on behalf of Live! Casino and Hotel Philadelphia.

7 ATTORNEY STEWART: Good morning, Madam
8 Chair, members of the Commission. My name is Mark,
9 M-A-R-K, Stewart, S-T-E-W-A-R-T, and I am with -
10 General Counsel with the Cordish Companies and Live!
11 Casino Hotel Philadelphia.

12 ATTORNEY TEPPER: Good morning, Chair
13 Smyler, members of the Board, David Tepper,
14 T-E-P-P-E-R, on behalf of the OEC.

15 Stadium Casino RE, LLC, doing business
16 as Live! Casino and Hotel Philadelphia was originally
17 required, as a condition of its Category 2 Slot
18 Machine License, to fund the design and construction
19 of a proposed I-76 westbound on ramp. Authorities
20 later determined the ramp was not feasible and in
21 2019 the Board replaced the original obligation with
22 new conditions, requiring either a \$3 million
23 contribution toward the ramp, if approvals were
24 secured by August 2024, or if not, a \$1 million
25 contribution toward alternate City of Philadelphia

1 identified traffic improvements. Because the
2 required approvals were never received, the second
3 condition applied.

4 Live! Philadelphia and the City of
5 Philadelphia did not mutually identify or agree upon
6 projects before the deadline, leading the Board to
7 extend the deadline, which Live! Philadelphia
8 subsequently appealed.

9 The OEC now requests the approval of a
10 Consent Agreement resolving all of the
11 traffic-related conditions. Under the agreement,
12 Live! Philadelphia will contribute to the
13 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania a cumulative total of
14 \$2 million inclusive of city funds discussed with the
15 City of Philadelphia towards the construction of an
16 I-76 ramp. Live's \$2 million contribution will be
17 funded from its existing community Benefits Program
18 in equal annual installments over a five-year period,
19 with the first annual installment payable upon full
20 plan approvals and commencement of construction of
21 the I-76 westbound on ramp.

22 Live! Philadelphia shall provide the
23 OEC with notice of the funding and will provide
24 additional notice within ten business days of each
25 payment until the \$2 million has been paid in full.

1 This shall fulfill any and all traffic-
2 improvement-related condition on Live! Philadelphia's
3 Category 2 Slot Machine License. The Board shall
4 deem satisfied and the OEC will not pursue any
5 actions on Condition 3 of the Board's Order of
6 November 18, 2014, condition 1 of the Statement of
7 Conditions, dated November 17th, 2017, Condition 1 of
8 the Board Order, dated August 14th, 2019, Condition 2
9 of the Board Order, dated August 14th, 2019, Special
10 Condition S4 of the Statement of Conditions, dated
11 August 27th, 2019, and Special Condition S5 of the
12 Statement of Conditions, dated August 27th, 2019.

13 Finally, within three business days of
14 the Board's Order approving this Consent Agreement,
15 Live! Philadelphia shall file with the Commonwealth
16 Court of Pennsylvania the relevant legal documents
17 required to withdraw and discontinue Stadium Casino
18 RE, LC versus the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,
19 Number 1180 CD 2025.

20 The OEC and Live! Philadelphia
21 respectfully request that the Board approve this
22 referenced Consent Agreement.

23 CHAIR: Thank you. Live!, would you
24 like to address the Board?

25 ATTORNEY STEWART: Yes. May it please

1 the Board. Thank you, Madam Chair and members of the
2 Board.

3 First of all, we'd like to thank the
4 OEC and the OCC for working through these matters
5 with us. You know, from day one of this project
6 through our opening and to today, Live! has invested
7 substantially in the Stadium District and the
8 surrounding community.

9 We're pleased to join Governor Shapiro
10 and state and city leaders in support of these
11 improvements which will benefit not only the Stadium
12 District, but the entire region. And we respectfully
13 request the Board's approval of the Consent
14 Agreement. Thank you.

15 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
16 the Board? Commissioner Dillon.

17 MR. DILLON: You're authorized to be
18 here on behalf of your Corporate to make the decision
19 to with the Consent Agreement and the other
20 stipulations that are involved as far as the court
21 case and stuff like that? You guys are authorized?

22 ATTORNEY STEWART: Yes, I'm
23 authorized. Yes.

24 MR. DILLON: I just want to make sure
25 we put that on the record. Thank you.

1 CHAIR: To add a little context to the
2 Commissioner's question, I believe the Commissioner
3 was concerned that at the public input hearing we
4 issued an Order. And we directly asked the
5 representatives of Live! at that time if they were
6 going to comply with the Order, and we received an
7 affirmative response. And then Live! turned around
8 and sued us and did not comply with the Order.

9 So, I think Commissioner Dillon is
10 concerned that if you agree to this Consent Agreement
11 and enter into it today that you will comply with it,
12 that you will move to withdraw the case against us
13 within the three-day period.

14 ATTORNEY STEWART: 100 percent, Madam
15 Chair.

16 CHAIR: Okay.

17 ATTORNEY STEWART: I would offer some
18 comments, but let's let that lie. I'll - I'll just
19 say a hundred percent.

20 CHAIR: Did I inaccurately state what
21 happened in the past?

22 ATTORNEY STEWART: No, you did not. I
23 - I think the intent of the comment was there was a
24 desire or a need to assess whether the - you know,
25 the 2019 condition prerequisites had been met. So,

1 that was -. And I would respectfully submit that we
2 followed the procedural process to raise objections
3 afterwards through the appeal, but we are 100 percent
4 fully committed. We have agreed to this Consent
5 Agreement.

6 If it's approved, we will make all
7 payments. We will dismiss the appeal. We will
8 comply in every other respect.

9 CHAIR: And I understand you followed
10 the procedural aspects of filing an appeal, but my
11 concern, and I think the concern of at least four of
12 us who were there at the input hearing is that we
13 were told by the Live! representative they would
14 comply with our 90-day extension Order and you did
15 not. So, that's the concern. So, you have assured
16 us that this will not happen in this - in this
17 particular case?

18 ATTORNEY STEWART: Absolutely.

19 CHAIR: Okay. Any other questions?
20 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz.

21 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Good morning. The
22 \$2 million that are described in this Consent
23 Agreement, is that money being put in escrow in any
24 way?

25 ATTORNEY STEWART: I believe it is in

1 a separate -. You know, we fund the Community
2 Benefits Fund through the Community Benefits
3 Agreement annually. So, those - those monies,
4 there's existing monies in that fund that have been
5 built up over time. Whether or not it's, you know,
6 legally an escrow, you know, a true escrow agreement,
7 I can't speak to that right now.

8 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: So, let me
9 understand the process of payment. Could you please
10 elaborate on that, please?

11 ATTORNEY STEWART: Sure. Essentially,
12 it's five equal installment payments of the 2 million
13 over five years. The Commonwealth, we worked out the
14 agreement with the Governor's Office. They have not
15 yet identified the specific entity to whom we will be
16 directing the payments, but once the plans for the
17 ramp are approved and construction has commenced, we
18 will start to make the payments to the entity
19 identified by the Commonwealth.

20 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: So, you're waiting
21 for the entity to be identified before you start the
22 payments or will you be starting the payments
23 irrespective in escrow, so to speak, until the entity
24 is named?

25 ATTORNEY STEWART: Well, it'll be some

1 time until the plans are fully - the ramp is fully
2 designed, the plans are approved by the various
3 federal highway administrators, whomever else has to
4 approve them, the PennDOT Transportation Improvement
5 Program, et cetera and then construction, you know,
6 is ready to go and commence.

7 In those many months that occur in
8 between now and then, I'm certain that we will know
9 to whom we are to make the payment and the payments
10 will be - will be made timely.

11 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: So, if I understand
12 what you're saying, the payments will not start until
13 such time as there is an entity named. Or will you
14 be putting that money and making the payments
15 irrespective of that, because you really don't know
16 how long that process is going to take?

17 ATTORNEY STEWART: There's no
18 obligation to make payments until construction
19 commences. That's when payments will be made.

20 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Okay.

21 ATTORNEY STEWART: And by that time we
22 will know to whom direct - to direct the money, to
23 wire the money to what account, that sort of thing.

24 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: So, is this
25 additional money that you -? The \$2 million, is this

1 additional money to the Community Benefit Fund that
2 you are providing? This is additional money to then
3 your other obligations to the Community Development
4 fund; is that correct?

5 ATTORNEY STEWART: Yes, this is within
6 the Community Benefits Program. The way our program
7 works. This - this was really, frankly, one of the
8 quintessential types of programs that was envisioned
9 when the Community Benefits Fund was created. You
10 know, improving traffic conditions in and around the
11 neighborhood, redirecting cars from district events
12 away from people's homes. That was really kind of
13 what this fund was for.

14 The way it works is there's an
15 Advisory Board, it's comprised of five different
16 entities. They have the ability to propose uses of
17 the monies. Live! Casino has the approval right over
18 the uses of the money. And you know, there's
19 essentially - we anticipate no impact on the types of
20 projects that have been funded to date. There's -
21 there's basically a reserve amount that's already in
22 existence for projects like this.

23 And then with the funding arrangements
24 that we agreed to with the Governor's Office, where
25 it's spread over five years, that will definitely

1 ensure that the typical level of projects that have
2 been funded to date annually can continue to be
3 funded, you know, without interruption. There is no
4 minimum or guaranteed annual amount under our
5 agreement. It's, you know, what's proposed. So, it
6 fluctuates based on, you know, what is proposed by
7 the different groups and what is approved by Live!.

8 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: So, there's no set
9 annual amount of reserve that you provide them. You
10 just wait to see what projects are submitted and then
11 pay for that. Is that how that works?

12 ATTORNEY STEWART: There's a set
13 annual amount of money that goes into the fund.

14 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Okay.

15 ATTORNEY STEWART: There's not a set,
16 you know, guaranteed amount that's going to come out
17 of the fund every year.

18 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Understood. How
19 much is the amount that is for the reserve that
20 you're required to provide?

21 ATTORNEY STEWART: I believe it's
22 \$500,000 a year. There was an initial funding that
23 was - that was larger than that, but \$500 million
24 (sic) per year to the fund.

25 CHAIR: 500 million?

1 ATTORNEY STEWART: 500,000.

2 CHAIR: Wow.

3 ATTORNEY STEWART: Yeah, that'd be a
4 hell of a fund.

5 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: So, it's 500,000,
6 for the record?

7 ATTORNEY STEWART: Yes. The documents
8 will speak for itself. It has - then it increased to
9 \$750,000. And then in subsequent years, it's a CPI
10 increase over that. So - I - I can -. I do not - I
11 apologize, I do not have the specific year. Looks
12 like in the third year of operations. So, it went to
13 750,000 in either 2023 or 2024. I believe it's 2024,
14 since we opened in 2021. So, it would be hitting the
15 3 percent CPI increase.

16 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Okay. So that is
17 the - the amount that you're obligated for prior to
18 this Consent Agreement; is that correct?

19 ATTORNEY STEWART: Yes.

20 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Okay. So, now with
21 the consent, not an -?

22 ATTORNEY STEWART: Additional amount,
23 those funds will continue to go in, and these funds
24 would be drawn from the amount that's existing and
25 the amount that continues to go in.

1 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: So, there's no
2 additional money besides the 750,000 and the CPI?

3 ATTORNEY STEWART: Correct.

4 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: You're not putting
5 in \$2 million over the five years? Additional -.

6 ATTORNEY STEWART: We're not putting
7 in an additional \$2 million. Now there's funding
8 that's available in the account that's been built up
9 over the time that it has been made, and that will
10 continue to be built up.

11 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: And how much money
12 has been built up? What are we talking about?

13 ATTORNEY STEWART: I do not have that
14 figured right now.

15 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Can you please
16 provide that to us?

17 ATTORNEY STEWART: Sure.

18 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: The other question
19 I have is, how does this impact the Community Fund
20 with regard to the projects that they normally fund?
21 If you're taking the money out of the money that
22 exists or you're not adding any additional monies,
23 how is that going to impact the projects that the
24 community uses that money for?

25 ATTORNEY STEWART: Well, as I said,

1 there won't be an impact on it. To date, the
2 community projects that have been applied for are
3 well below what would be needed to fund in any given
4 year the amount that's agreed to with the
5 Commonwealth. So, it's \$200,000 (sic) a year for
6 five years with the Commonwealth. There's \$750,000
7 plus going in every year.

8 And their - the applications to date
9 for ballparks, community organizations and the like
10 have not, you know, come close to hitting the amount
11 of funds that are needed. So, there has been excess
12 funding each year that has been untapped. That money
13 is available as a reserve to be utilized for these
14 funds.

15 Plus there would be additional funding
16 provided every year. And that is - that is there and
17 far exceeds the typical requests we've had to date.

18 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Is that money going
19 to be segregated? So, for example, the - your - your
20 yearly payment for the 2 million that we're talking
21 about, is that going to be segregated from the other
22 funds that go to the community?

23 ATTORNEY STEWART: I mean, it could be
24 at a -. It's not required to be under the agreement
25 or, you know, any - you know -.

1 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Because how will
2 the community know how much money they have?

3 ATTORNEY STEWART: Well, we can
4 identify it that way. It's not a problem.

5 CHAIR: And just for the record, you
6 said 200,000 a year for five years, but I think you
7 mean 400,000?

8 ATTORNEY STEWART: Yeah.

9 CHAIR: All right. We just went
10 back -.

11 ATTORNEY STEWART: Thank you.

12 CHAIR: Any other questions?
13 Commissioner Quiñones-Sánchez.

14 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Thank you.
15 Thank you. We are definitely encouraged by the
16 agreement that was finally reached with the Governor
17 and with the support of the Mayor around this. And
18 in my previous experience, I was a local elected
19 official and very well aware of the sighting of the
20 casino and its community impact.

21 So, just -. And again, our team has
22 provided an incredible amount of information to all
23 of the members. I'm new to the Board, but I did want
24 to put some things on the record, since I understand
25 the local process a little bit around the CBA and

1 particularly the groups that are involved.

2 When Live! went into that location and
3 the development of the CBA and that process with the
4 CBA, how would you describe the relationship with the
5 multiple - multiple - the multiple groups currently
6 represented on the CBA Board?

7 ATTORNEY STEWART: I think the
8 relationship is very positive and construction -
9 constructive currently. I think that was -
10 information along those lines were presented during
11 the public input hearing.

12 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Has the CBA
13 members been informed of this potential agreement and
14 its impact?

15 ATTORNEY STEWART: We have not
16 discussed that at this time. We've just - they
17 generally support the ramp. We have not discussed
18 the Consent Agreement with them yet, as it hasn't yet
19 been approved, but as indicated, there's ample funds
20 every year going into the fund for their project -
21 the projects to date as well as the funding.

22 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: So - so, are we
23 to -? What you're saying is that all of the projects
24 submitted to date, as you stated, Live! ultimately
25 approves or denies. Can you speak to what projects

1 have been proposed in the past that have been denied?

2 ATTORNEY STEWART: Unfortunately, I
3 cannot. I'm not familiar with - I'm - I will say,
4 subject to check, that I do not recall any projects
5 being denied.

6 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: From your
7 knowledge. And you'll submit that officially for the
8 record, so that we're -?

9 ATTORNEY STEWART: From my personal
10 knowledge, I'm not familiar with -.

11 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: So, based on
12 the information provided by our team, there's been a
13 lot of debate around the location, the ramp design.
14 Can you speak to the benefits of your current
15 location and what the challenges in the past on the
16 design have been?

17 ATTORNEY STEWART: Of the ramp?

18 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Uh-huh.

19 ATTORNEY STEWART: I mean,
20 historically, after the original condition that was
21 put on in 2017, it was primarily a study condition.
22 So, we were directed to work with the DRPA, the City,
23 PennDOT, to evaluate the ramp. So, we retained a
24 traffic expert.

25 The scope of the study was developed,

1 it was approved - reviewed and approved by DRPA, the
2 City, PennDOT. The study was done.

3 The study in 2018 indicated that the
4 casino was not generating the traffic that was
5 causing the issues, and that the ramp would have
6 certain benefits, particularly on certain sporting
7 event days, and would help direct - redirect the
8 traffic from the neighborhoods.

9 Ultimately, the benefits and DRPA's
10 opposition to the ramp led historically to the
11 condition being changed in 2019, such that money
12 would be put up if plans were approved for the ramp
13 by August of 2024. That didn't happen.

14 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: This Board then
15 issued you an alternative for potential remediations
16 around the impact of the neighborhood. Why did you
17 not exercise them at that time?

18 ATTORNEY STEWART: Well, what the
19 condition indicated was that the City and Live! were
20 supposed to mutually identify and agree upon up to
21 \$1 million in additional traffic improvements. So,
22 we had participated in all of the kind of Southeast
23 Philadelphia Transportation Committee meetings. We
24 had various conversations over the months with city
25 officials, Mike Carroll, others, about transportation

1 issues. We had proposed some changes involving
2 crosswalks and the like.

3 Ultimately, from our view, for a
4 variety of reasons, we felt that it was more
5 appropriate for the City to identify those projects
6 since they have the whole picture of transportation
7 and traffic flow in the City, how the streets
8 interrelate with each other, various competing
9 transportation policy issues. So, we were
10 anticipating that they would propose them. That did
11 not happen.

12 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Were there any
13 requests from the community members around
14 remediation? Because you said you don't feel your
15 traffic study stated that it didn't have an impact in
16 the neighborhood. I happened to go to various games
17 at the Stadium District. And when you guys picked
18 this location, you knew you were picking a location
19 that was in a residential neighborhood that had
20 become the Special Services District.

21 So, you're saying in your relationship
22 through the CBA with your - with the Whitman Counsel
23 and others, there was never any other request for
24 remediation -?

25 ATTORNEY STEWART: Not related - not

1 on the
2 - not like this, not related to this ramp. There -
3 we funded cameras. We had funded some cameras that
4 were - that were proposed, you know, by the community
5 organizations, but more of the applications and
6 proposals to date have been around the baseball
7 fields and other improvements that are
8 non-transportation related.

9 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Okay. So from
10 - as a member of this community now for what, 14
11 years, -

12 ATTORNEY STEWART: Uh-huh.

13 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: - you've been
14 part of - you mentioned the - the conversations with
15 the Naval Yard, FDR Park and all the other
16 conversations that have happened. To your knowledge,
17 when has any of these community-development
18 opportunities as discussed and promoted by whatever
19 Mayor was there or Governor -? Has Live! ever
20 opposed any of those development projects in the
21 area?

22 ATTORNEY STEWART: Not to my
23 knowledge, no.

24 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: As - as part of
25 your CBA Agreement -? And again, I've attended many

1 events by the Asian American Chamber, African
2 American Chamber that I have been participate -
3 participated in many at Live! -? So, you would say
4 that none of the games or - or traffic issues at the
5 Stadium District have impact - Live! has not been
6 impacted by it?

7 ATTORNEY STEWART: I mean Live! has
8 been impacted by traffic to the games, for sure.

9 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Okay. Have
10 there been any recommendations you've made to the
11 City that they have not complied with?

12 ATTORNEY STEWART: The only thing we
13 have been - you know, we have made -. Not that
14 they've not complied with, but we've proposed, you
15 know, crosswalk improvements, you know, right outside
16 our facility, that type of thing, that would enhance,
17 you know, pedestrian safety -.

18 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: That you wanted
19 the City to pay for or that you wanted to pay for,
20 but needed authorization to do?

21 ATTORNEY STEWART: The latter, yeah.
22 Or that could have been included in the condition,
23 but that we pay for, so.

24 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: I've - I've had
25 the opportunity to go to several games and the Live!

1 property becomes part of the traffic flow, right, of
2 in the movement? Right?

3 In fact, we've used Live! as the - the
4 cap-off of an evening, right, at the Eagles or, or so
5 or - you know, when we're doing those activities.

6 What, if anything, do you feel has
7 been missing, outside of the ramp, -

8 ATTORNEY STEWART: Uh-huh.

9 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: - in terms of
10 improving what has become now, with the increased
11 activity, very chaotic for the neighborhood residents
12 there?

13 ATTORNEY STEWART: I mean, I'm not a
14 traffic expert, so I'm just -.

15 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: You have an
16 impact -.

17 ATTORNEY STEWART: Just a General
18 Counsel -.

19 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: You have an
20 impacted business model.

21 ATTORNEY STEWART: Sure.

22 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: You must talk
23 about this at the executive level. I'm trying to get
24 to - you know, there's been this 14 year delay,
25 right, and impact to the neighborhood, an impacted

1 business model. I'm saying what have has not been
2 done. Right?

3 There were some challenges with DRPA
4 and some others, but now there's a process. I'm just
5 wondering if we're going to be having this ten years
6 from now the same conversation and we have an
7 impacted neighborhood with a CBA Agreement that is
8 unaware of this consent decree in this agreement and
9 a plan that still doesn't have community approval.

10 What other things could Live! be doing
11 right to minimize that impact on those residents?

12 ATTORNEY STEWART: Well, there's an
13 overall Impact Plan. I mean, it's important to
14 understand that casino traffic comes in, in drips and
15 drabs throughout a 24-hour period. Event traffic is
16 a lot of people coming and leaving in a condensed
17 window of time.

18 My understanding is that the
19 transportation issues that are - that have been going
20 on in that district for some time are more triggered
21 by the event comings and goings.

22 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Your events or
23 the City's with the stadiums?

24 ATTORNEY STEWART: The stadiums. I
25 mean, we do have a performance area, but it's, you

1 know, 5,000 or less, probably less than 5,000 people,
2 3,000, maybe, event space as opposed to, you know,
3 50,000 plus people or 43,000 people at the baseball
4 stadium, et cetera. So, those are the things that
5 are actually ultimately creating the congestion.

6 Again, I'm not versed in the fixes for
7 it. The Governor and his office and PennDOT and the
8 teams and that entire Southeastern - South
9 Philadelphia Stadium Complex Special Services
10 District and that whole transportation organization
11 that they kind of lead, they've been working on it,
12 they developed their impact plan, the Governor
13 announced it and we're contributing these funds to
14 support it.

15 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: What happens if
16 when the CBA members are aware that this would be
17 coming from their funds and they disagree with it?
18 How are you going to navigate that?

19 ATTORNEY STEWART: We'll work with
20 them as we've worked with them throughout its
21 existence. Ultimately, you know, as I mentioned,
22 they have always supported the ramp and thought that
23 it was a positive. Ultimately Live!, under the
24 agreement, has the ability to determine the use of
25 the grant funds, but we will work with them. And you

1 know, we're an open book with them. They'll be able
2 to see the dollars that have come in, the dollars
3 that they've requested and how it'll all work
4 together.

5 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: And you will
6 share, for the record, any denials of requests that -

7 ATTORNEY STEWART: Yes.

8 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: - have been
9 made by the members to - to the Board?

10 ATTORNEY STEWART: Absolutely.

11 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Okay. So this
12 may take a while. There's a new stadium coming in,
13 potential - the Sixers, but in addition, the Eagles
14 have spoken about potentially also building new.
15 That's the new thing. How do you see that impacting
16 potentially this plan and the need for even more
17 improvements to move what could potentially be
18 another 50,000 patrons coming in?

19 ATTORNEY STEWART: Well, I think some
20 of that future use is incorporated or encompassed by
21 the action plan that was developed by the Governor's
22 Office and the teams. You know, in terms of this
23 specific project, my understanding is that it's - you
24 know, from the Governor's Office, is that it's moving
25 at pace, that they - you know, that they're pushing

1 to have the ramp designed, and they want to have it
2 constructed expeditiously. Obviously that still
3 takes time, but you know that there's no kind of
4 delay on this project, and it'll be proceeding.

5 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Okay. Well,
6 thank you very much.

7 Again, for the record, I'd like to
8 request, and maybe we can do this, a request that the
9 CBA members submit something that they agree with
10 this Consent Agreement, and it will not negatively
11 impact their work on an annual basis and their
12 expectation of these funds that mitigate and support
13 their community and their quality of life.

14 ATTORNEY STEWART: Okay.

15 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Thank you.
16 Thank you, Madam Chair.

17 CHAIR: Thank you. Actually, Mark and
18 Ms. Stoner, thank you for indulging us with questions
19 that are far afield from what's actually in the
20 Consent Agreement, but you can see the concern is,
21 especially from Commissioner Quiñones-Sánchez, that
22 we want to make sure the City has agreed to have
23 these funds come out of the CBA and that they know it
24 and that the community knows it. That's the bottom
25 line. And I'm assuming that has been solidified with

1 the City.

2 ATTORNEY STEWART: Oh, yes. We've
3 discussed this matter with the City.

4 CHAIR: Okay. All right. Are there
5 any other questions or comments? And again, thank
6 you for indulging us with questions that went far
7 beyond the Consent Agreement.

8 ATTORNEY STEWART: Apologies for the
9 areas where I didn't have the ready facts.

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

12 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
13 Dillon moves that the Board approve the Consent
14 Agreement between the OEC and Stadium Casino RE, LLC
15 doing businesses as Live! Casino and Hotel
16 Philadelphia as described by the OEC.

17 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
18 seconds.

19 CHAIR: All in favor?

20 AYES RESPOND

21 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's
22 adopted. Thank you again.

23 ATTORNEY STEWART: Thank you, Board.

24 CHAIR: Thank you.

25 ATTORNEY PITRE: At this time, Deputy

1 Chief Enforcement Counsel Dustin Miller will provide
2 an introduction to the remaining matters for the
3 Board's consideration.

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

7 The next matters on the agenda consist
8 of enforcement actions in which the OEC filed a
9 Complaint seeking the suspension or revocation of
10 licenses previously issued by the Board. The
11 Complaints have been filed with the Board's OHA and
12 properly served upon the person named in each
13 complaint. The person named in each Complaint failed
14 to respond within 30 days as required by Board
15 regulation. As a result, the OEC filed a Request for
16 Default Judgment and properly served the same upon
17 each Respondent.

18 Therefore, the facts in each Complaint
19 are deemed admitted. All filed documents have been
20 provided to the Board and the matters are presently
21 ripe for the Board's consideration. In each matter,
22 we will provide a summary of the facts and make a
23 request for the appropriate Board action.

24 ATTORNEY BIZUB: Good morning. Shelby
25 Bizub, B-I-Z-U-B, Assistant Enforcement Counsel.

1 The next matter on the Board's agenda
2 is a request to suspend the Gaming Employee
3 Occupation Permit issued to Fernando Buanteo. Mr.
4 Buanteo was issued a Gaming Permit in conjunction
5 with employment as a Slot Tech with American Gaming &
6 Electronics, Incorporated. At the time of Mr.
7 Buanteo's renewal of his Gaming Permit, he agreed to
8 the Board's special statement of conditions requiring
9 him to submit specific documentation to the Bureau of
10 Licensing. This was to occur within one year of
11 issuance of the renewal of his Permit.

12 Despite multiple outreach efforts by
13 the Bureau of Licensing and the OEC, Mr. Buanteo has
14 failed to comply with his special condition. He has
15 not provided the required documentation and remains
16 in violation of the terms established in his Permit.
17 As such, at this time, the OEC now requests that the
18 Board suspend the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit
19 issued to Fernando Buanteo.

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

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

1 OEC.

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

4 CHAIR: All in favor?

5 AYES RESPOND

6 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

7 ATTORNEY BIZUB: The next matter on
8 the Board's agenda is a request to suspend the Gaming
9 Employee Occupation Permit issued to Michelle Sallot.
10 Ms. Sallot is employed as a Slot Services
11 Representative at Presque Isle Downs and Casino.

12 At the time of Ms. Sallot's renewal of
13 her Gaming Permit, she agreed to the Board's special
14 - special statement of conditions requiring her to
15 submit specific documentation to the Bureau of
16 Licensing. This was to occur within one year of
17 issuance of the Renewal Permit. Despite multiple
18 outreach efforts by the Bureau of Licensing and the
19 OEC, Ms. Sallot has failed to comply with her special
20 condition. She has not provided the required
21 documentation and remains in violation of the terms
22 established in her Permit.

23 As such, the OEC now requests that the
24 Board suspend the Gaming Permit issued to Ms. Sallot.

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 suspension of Michelle Sallot's Gaming
5 Employee Occupation Permit for the conduct described
6 by the OEC.

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

9 CHAIR: All in favor?

10 AYES RESPOND

11 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

12 ATTORNEY SMITH: Good morning, Madam
13 Chair and members of the Board. My name is Mark
14 Smith, S-M-I-T-H. I am Assistant Enforcement Counsel
15 with the OEC.

16 The next matter on the agenda for the
17 Board's consideration is the revocation of the Gaming
18 Employee Occupation Permit issued to Orlando
19 Crockett, who was previously employed as a Security
20 Officer at Rivers Casino Philadelphia. While working
21 at the entrance to the casino at Rivers Philadelphia,
22 Mr. Crockett failed to follow proper security
23 procedures and accepted cash bribes, allowing patrons
24 to enter the casino without showing identification.
25 Rivers Philadelphia terminated Mr. Crockett's

1 employment. He is not currently employed in the
2 Pennsylvania's gaming industry.

3 At this time the OEC requests that the
4 Board revoke the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit
5 issued to Orlando Crockett.

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 approve the revocation of Orlando Crockett's Gaming
11 Employee Occupation Permit for the conduct described
12 by the OEC.

13 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
14 seconds.

15 CHAIR: All in favor?

16 AYES RESPOND

17 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

18 ATTORNEY CIMINO: Good morning, Madam
19 Chair, members of the Board. David Cimino,
20 C-I-M-I-N-O.

21 The next matter on the agenda for the
22 Board's consideration is the revocation of the Gaming
23 Employee Occupation Permit issued to Dezha Smith, who
24 was previously employed as a Cage Cashier at Rivers
25 Casino Hotel in Philadelphia.

1 Ms. Smith, while working at the cage
2 window, paid out \$2,800 for a voucher worth \$28 to an
3 individual later identified as Ms. Smith's friend.
4 Ms. Smith then departed the casino shortly thereafter
5 while still on duty. As a result of this incident,
6 Ms. Smith's employment was terminated. She is not
7 currently employed in Pennsylvania's gaming industry.

8 At this time the OEC requests that the
9 Board revoke the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit
10 issued to Dezha Smith.

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 approve the revocation of
15 Dezha Smith's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit for
16 the conduct described by the OEC.

17 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
18 seconds.

19 CHAIR: All in favor?

20 AYES RESPOND

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

23 ATTORNEY MILLER: The remaining
24 matters on the agenda consist of enforcement actions
25 in which the OEC filed Petitions seeking the

1 involuntary exclusion of individuals who are inimical
2 to the interests of the Commonwealth and/or licensed
3 gaming therein. In each instance, the Petition for
4 Exclusion has been filed with the Board's OHA and
5 properly served upon the individual named in the
6 Petition. The individual named in each Petition
7 failed to respond within 30 days as required by Board
8 regulation. As a result, the OEC filed a Request for
9 Default Judgment in each instance and properly served
10 the same upon each individual.

11 Therefore, all facts in each Petition
12 are deemed admitted, all filed documents have been
13 provided to the Board and the matters are presently
14 ripe for the Board's consideration. In each
15 instance, if the Board orders the proposed exclusion,
16 each individual's photo, personal identifiers and a
17 summary of the inimical conduct may be placed on the
18 Board's public website.

19 Once again, in each matter, we will
20 provide a summary of the facts and make requests for
21 the appropriate Board action.

22 ATTORNEY CIMINO: Again, David Cimino,
23 Assistant Enforcement Counsel of the OEC.

24 The next matter on the agenda is a
25 request to place Noah Hamlin on the Involuntary

1 Exclusion List.

2 Mr. Hamlin was present at Rivers
3 Casino Pittsburgh where he cheated while playing Mini
4 Baccarat by shifting his wager from a losing position
5 to a winning position after the results were known.
6 When confronted, Mr. Hamlin removed his losing wager
7 from the table. Before departing the casino, Mr.
8 Hamlin provided security personnel with a false name
9 and date of birth.

10 Rivers Pittsburgh permanently banned
11 Mr. Hamlin. He has not paid restitution, resulting
12 in a loss to the casino and resulting tax revenue to
13 the Commonwealth.

14 At this time, the OEC requests the
15 Board place Noah Hamlin 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 approve the addition of
21 Noah Hamlin to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List
22 for conduct described by the OEC.

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

25 CHAIR: All in favor?

1 AYES RESPOND

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

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

7 The next matter on the agenda is a
8 request to place Rongde Li on the Involuntary
9 Exclusion List.

10 Over a three day period, while playing
11 Face Up Pai Gow Poker at Rivers Casino Pittsburgh,
12 Mr. Li set fouled hands on 18 occasions which
13 resulted in the Dealer pushing losing wagers. This
14 resulted in a \$3,495 loss to the casino and resulting
15 tax revenue to the Commonwealth. Mr. Li did not pay
16 restitution for this incident. Mr. Li was present at
17 Rivers Casino Pittsburgh on a previous date when,
18 while playing Face Up Pai Gow Poker, he set fouled
19 hands that resulted in the Dealer pushing losing
20 wagers on two occasions. Mr. Li did pay restitution
21 for the previous incident. Mr. Li was permanently
22 banned from Rivers as a result of these incidents.

23 At this time, the OEC requests the
24 Board place Rongde Li on the Involuntary Exclusion
25 List.

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

3 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner
4 Gainney moves that the Board approve the addition of
5 Rongde Li to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for
6 the conduct described by the OEC.

7 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
8 seconds.

9 CHAIR: All in favor?
10 AYES RESPOND

11 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

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

15 The next matter on the agenda for the
16 Board's consideration is the Petition to place Lakim
17 Wilson on the involuntary casino exclusion list. Mr.
18 Wilson stole \$2,000 in gaming checks from Live!
19 Casino by breaking into a closed Roulette table. Mr.
20 Wilson was criminally charged for his actions and
21 permanently evicted from Live! Philadelphia Casino.

22 At this time the OEC now requests that
23 the Board place Lakim Wilson on the involuntary
24 casino exclusion list.

25 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

1 May I have a motion, please?

2 MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,
3 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board approve the
4 addition of Lakim Wilson to the PGCB Involuntary
5 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

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

8 CHAIR: All in favor?

9 AYES RESPOND

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

12 ATTORNEY TEPPER: Next on the agenda
13 is a request to place George Athanasiou on the
14 Involuntary Exclusion List. While serving as a
15 member of the clergy, Mr. Athanasiou withdrew
16 approximately \$117,000 of church funds, to which he
17 was not entitled to, for the purposes of placing
18 wagers at a Pennsylvania casino. Mr. Athanasiou
19 later pled guilty to one count of theft by unlawful
20 taking, graded as a third-degree felony. And at this
21 time, the OEC now requests that the Board place
22 George Athanasiou on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

25 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,

1 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board
2 approve the addition of George Athanasiou to the PGCB
3 Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct described
4 by the OEC.

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

7 CHAIR: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

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

11 ATTORNEY TEPPER: Next on the agenda
12 is a request to please Isrrael Cruz Guardado on the
13 Involuntary Exclusion List. Mr. Cruz Guardado left a
14 minor, who was approximately nine years old, in a
15 vehicle at Rivers Philadelphia casino for 18 minutes
16 while he placed sports wagers inside. Mr. Cruz
17 Guardado was not criminally charged for his actions,
18 however, he was permanently evicted from Rivers for
19 his actions.

20 At this time the OEC now requests that
21 the Board placed Isrrael Cruz Guardado on the
22 involuntary casino exclusion list.

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 approve the addition of Isrrael Cruz Guardado to the
3 PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct
4 described by the OEC.

5 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
6 seconds.

7 CHAIR: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

9 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

10 ATTORNEY TEPPER: Next on the agenda
11 is a request to place Brandon Moppin on the
12 Involuntary Exclusion List. While patronizing
13 Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course, Mr.
14 Moppin removed \$160 in gaming chips that belonged to
15 another patron and proceeded to cash out the chips
16 before departing the casino with the money.

17 At this time, the OEC now requests
18 that the Board place Brandon Moppin on the
19 involuntary casino exclusion list.

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

22 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
23 Dillon moves that the Board approve the addition of
24 Brandon Moppin to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List
25 for the conduct described by the OEC.

1 MR. DUNBAR: Commissioner Dunbar
2 seconds.

3 CHAIR: All in favor?

4 AYES RESPOND

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

7 ATTORNEY GROODY: Good morning, Chair,
8 members of the Board. Sarah Groody, G-R-O-O-D-Y,
9 with the OEC.

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

13 Ms. Delgado left two children, an
14 infant and a 10-year-old, unattended in her vehicle
15 while she went inside Rivers Philadelphia. Ms.
16 Delgado gamed at a slot machine and the children were
17 left unattended for nearly 20 minutes. She was
18 issued an eviction from Rivers but not criminally
19 charged. The OEC now requests that the Board place
20 Isabel Delgado on the Involuntary 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 Isabel Delgado to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List

1 for conduct described by the OEC.

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

4 CHAIR: All in favor?

5 AYES RESPOND

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

8 ATTORNEY GROODY: The final two
9 matters on the agenda are related and are a request
10 to place Nel Castro and Dion Vargas on the
11 Involuntary Exclusion List. With the Board's
12 permission, I will read one set of facts and then
13 request that each individual be placed on the
14 Exclusion List.

15 Mr. Castro and Mr. Vargas were present
16 at Live! Philadelphia when Mr. Castro became upset
17 after losing money at a slot machine. This resulted
18 in both Mr. Castro and Mr. Vargas using vulgar
19 language, including racial slurs towards casino
20 personnel, which escalated to both men becoming
21 aggressive with security personnel and Pennsylvania
22 State Police, resulting in their detention. Both men
23 were criminally charged and issued permanent
24 evictions from Live! Philadelphia for their actions.

25 The Office - at this time, the OEC

1 requests the Board place Nel Castro on the
2 Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

5 MR. GAINNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner
6 Gainney moves that the Board approve the addition of
7 Nel Castro to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for
8 the conduct described by the OEC.

9 MR. HUFFMAN: Commissioner Huffman
10 seconds.

11 CHAIR: All in favor?

12 AYES RESPOND

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

15 ATTORNEY GROODY: At this time the OEC
16 requests the Board place Dion Vargas on the
17 Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

20 MR. HUFFMAN: Madam Chair,
21 Commissioner Huffman moves that the Board approve the
22 addition of Dion Vargas to the PGCB Involuntary
23 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

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

1 CHAIR: All in favor?

2 AYES RESPOND

3 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

4 ATTORNEY MILLER: That concludes the
5 business of the OEC.

6 CHAIR: Thank you. Thank you,
7 Enforcement Counsel. The last item on the agenda
8 today is public comment.

9 Is there anyone in the room that would
10 like to address the Board?

11 Seeing no one, that concludes today's
12 meeting. The next public meeting of the Board will
13 be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
14 at this location.

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

17 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
18 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves to adjourn.

19 MS. QUIÑONES-SÁNCHEZ: Second,
20 Commissioner Quiñones-Sánchez.

21 CHAIR: All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

23 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's
24 granted. The meeting's adjourned. Thanks,
25 everybody.

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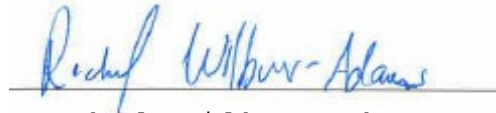
MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11:43 A.M.

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings,
a meeting held before Chair Smyler was reported by me
on July 22, 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 17th day of August, 2026



Rachel Wilbur-Adams,

Court Reporter

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