

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

GAMING CONTROL BOARD

* * * * *

PUBLIC MEETING

BEFORE: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

DENISE J. SMYLER, CHAIR

David S. Hickernell

Sara Manzano-Díaz

Frances J. Regan

Nedia Ralston

Shawn Dillon

Frank Dermody

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/DESIGNEES IN ATTENDANCE:

Alyssa Meuler, Ex-Officio Member

Department of Revenue

Jennifer Langan, Ex-Officio Member

Department of Treasury

Reporter: Sophia Mahoney

Any reproduction of this transcript is prohibited
without authorization by the certifying agency.

MEETING: Wednesday, February 21, 2024

10:02 a.m.

LOCATION: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

Strawberry Square Complex

203 Walnut Street, 2nd Floor

Harrisburg, PA 17101

Any reproduction of this transcript is prohibited
without authorization by the certifying agency.

A P P E A R A N C E S

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

Steve Cook, Chief Counsel

Claire Yantis, Administrative Director

Elizabeth Lanza, Director, Office of Compulsive &
Problem Gambling

Danette Bixler-George, Director of Human Resources

Robert Wood, Assistant Chief Counsel

Chad Zimmermann, Deputy Chief Counsel

Sean Hannon, Director of Bureau of Licensing

Office of Enforcement Counsel - Also presenting:

Cyrus Pitre, Chief Enforcement Counsel

Michael Roland, Senior Enforcement Counsel

John Crohe, Senior Enforcement Counsel

Juan Sanchez, Assistant Enforcement Counsel

Kelci Scirrotto, Assistant Enforcement Counsel

Sarah Kolesar, Assistant Enforcement Counsel

1 OTHER ATTENDEES FOR MEETING AND/OR PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2 SUGARHOUSE HSP GAMING, LP D/B/A RIVERS CASINO

3 PHILADELPHIA - Consent Agreement

4 John Donnelly, Esquire, Outside Counsel, Donnelly Law

5 Glenn McClain, Manager of Security, Rivers Casino

6 Philadelphia

7

8 MOUNTAINVIEW THOROUGHBRED RACING ASSOCIATION, LLC

9 D/B/A HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT PENN NATIONAL - Consent

10 Agreement

11 Adrian King, Esquire, Outside Counsel, Ballard Spahr

12 Michael Fabius, Esquire, Outside Counsel, Ballard

13 Spahr

14 Adam Kates, Senior Director of Compliance, Hollywood

15 Casino at Penn National

16

17 MOUNTAINVIEW THOROUGHBRED RACING ASSOCIATION, LLC

18 D/B/A HOLLYWOOD CASINO YORK - Consent Agreement

19 Alex Hvizda, Esquire, Director of Compliance,

20 Hollywood Casino York

21

22

23

24

25

I N D E X

1		
2	OPENING REMARKS	
3	By Chair	7 - 8
4	PRESENTATION	
5	By Attorney Cook	8 - 11
6	By Ms. Yantis	11 - 12
7	By Ms. Lanza	12 - 15
8	By Ms. Bixler-George	15 - 16
9	By Attorney Wood	17 - 19
10	By Attorney Cook	19 - 26
11	By Attorney Zimmermann	26 - 42
12	By Mr. Hannon	43 - 54
13	By Attorney Roland	56 - 58
14	By Attorney Crohe	66 - 69
15	DISCUSSION AMONG PARTIES	69 - 70
16	PRESENTATION	
17	By Attorney Sanchez	71 - 74
18	DISCUSSION AMONG PARTIES	74 - 76
19	QUESTIONS BY THE BOARD	76 - 80
20	PRESENTATION	
21	By Attorney Sanchez	81 - 86
22	By Attorney Scirrotto	85 - 86
23	By Attorney Kolesar	86 - 90
24	By Attorney Scirrotto	90 - 94
25	By Attorney Sanchez	94 - 97

INDEX (cont.)

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

PRESENTATION

By Attorney Crohe

97 - 98

DISCUSSION AMONG PARTIES

98 - 99

P R O C E E D I N G S

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

CHAIR: 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. Also, while masks are no longer mandatory, please feel free to wear one if you believe it is necessary or required for your own wellbeing. With seven Board members present, I'd like to now call today's meeting to order. In addition to the seven Board members, we also have our ex-officio members, Alyssa Meuler, representing Pat Browne, Secretary of the Department of Revenue, and Jennifer Langan, representing Stacy Garrity, State Treasurer. Thank you ex-officios for joining us.

I'd like to now ask everyone to please rise and join me in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

(WHEREUPON, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.)

CHAIR: By way of announcements, the Board held an executive session yesterday, Tuesday, February 20th, to discuss personnel matters, pending

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

4 Additionally, during yesterday's
5 executive session, we also held a closed hearing
6 which will be addressed by our Chief Counsel, Steve
7 Cook

8 ATTORNEY COOK: Good morning, Madam
9 Chair, members of the Board. As you know, later this
10 morning you'll be considering a Consent Agreement
11 negotiated between the Office of Enforcement Counsel
12 (OEC) and Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing
13 Association, which pertains to a lapse in
14 Mountainview's interactive gaming security protocols.
15 The nature of that Consent Agreement and the remedial
16 measures taken by Mountainview since the issue was
17 uncovered involved significant disclosure of
18 sensitive security information. And because of that,
19 the party jointly filed a motion seeking both
20 protection for confidential documents filed of record
21 and to allow Mountainview and OEC to present
22 information about the breaches which occurred and
23 what has been done to prevent them going forward in a
24 closed hearing before the Board.

25 Upon review of the information which

1 the parties sought to present, as well as the
2 confidentiality provisions found in Section 1206F of
3 the Pennsylvania Racehorse Development and Gaming Act
4 and Section 708(a)(5) and (7) of the Pennsylvania
5 Sunshine Act, the Board's OCC advised the Board that
6 it would be both proper and prudent to hear the
7 information in closed session. Having done that
8 yesterday afternoon during the Board's executive
9 session, it would now be appropriate to grant the
10 joint motion seeking confidential information or
11 confidential treatment of information nunc pro tunc.
12 I would ask for such a motion.

13 CHAIR: Okay.

14 Thank you, Steve. Any questions about
15 his report? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
16 please?

17 MR. DERMODY: Having heard from the
18 parties during yesterday's closed executive session,
19 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board grant nunc
20 pro tunc Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing
21 Association's and the OEC's joint motion to protect
22 the confidential security information and to present
23 confidential security information during the
24 executive session.

25 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon

1 seconds.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 ---

4 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

5 ---

6 CHAIR: All opposed?

7 ---

8 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

9 ---

10 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

11 ATTORNEY COOK: Thank you.

12 CHAIR: Thank you. Our next order of
13 business this morning is the consideration of the
14 Board meeting transcript and minutes from the
15 November 15th, 2023 meeting. May I have a motion to
16 approve the transcript and minutes of that meeting,
17 please?

18 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
19 Dillon moves that the Board approve the minutes and
20 transcript from the November 15th, 2023 meeting.

21 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
22 Hickernell seconds.

23 CHAIR: All in favor?

24 ---

25 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

1 ---

2 CHAIR: All opposed?

3 ---

4 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

5 ---

6 CHAIR: Motion's adopted. Now we will
7 hear from our Administrative Director, Claire Yantis,
8 and our Compulsive and Problem Gambling Director, Liz
9 Lanza.

10 MS. YANTIS: Good morning, Madam
11 Chair, members of the Board. Claire Yantis,
12 Y-A-N-T-I-S. As most of you are aware, March is a
13 very important month for our agency. For several
14 years, March has been recognized as Problem Gambling
15 Awareness Month. This is significant because it
16 represents a time where focus is placed on raising
17 awareness of the social issues involving gambling.

18 With me today is our Director of the
19 Office of Compulsive and Problem Gambling, Liz Lanza.
20 The Office of Compulsive and Problem Gambling
21 continuously educates and informs the public about
22 various tools and resources available to address the
23 potential social and financial issues related to
24 problem gambling. But before Liz begins her
25 presentation, I would like to take a moment and

1 remember Elizabeth Burch, known as Bissel, who
2 unexpectedly passed away in December. For almost 15
3 years, Bissel was an integral part of the Office of
4 Compulsive and Problem Gambling and was responsible
5 for administering the Board's Self-Exclusion program.
6 She approached her job with great compassion and care
7 for individuals in need of assistance affected by
8 gambling addiction. Please join me in taking a
9 moment of silence to remember Bissel and the
10 tremendous impact she had on the agency and the
11 industry.

12 ---

13 (WHEREUPON, MOMENT OF SILENCE HELD.)

14 ---

15 MS. YANTIS: Thank you. I'll now turn
16 the presentation to Liz, who will present a
17 resolution specifically highlighting the awareness
18 and attention to problem gambling during the month of
19 March.

20 MS. LANZA: Thank you. And thank you
21 for that beautiful remembrance. Good morning, Chair,
22 members of the Board. As Claire mentioned, March is
23 Problem Gambling Awareness Month, better known by its
24 acronym, PGAM. Starting as a small, week-long,
25 grassroots outreach effort in 2003, PGAM has grown

1 into a national month-long annual campaign that is
2 recognized in most U.S. states and beyond. The goal
3 of PGAM is to bring recognition to the devastating
4 effects of gambling addiction and the resources
5 available to those who develop this preventable and
6 treatable disease.

7 Through public advocacy, PGAM
8 participants work to promote the value and importance
9 of prevention, treatment, and recovery tools
10 available to those affected by gambling disorder. In
11 March, the Office of Compulsive and Problem Gambling
12 will work with other state agencies to provide
13 outreach on Pennsylvania programs like the Board's
14 Self-Exclusion programs. In 2023, the OCPG received
15 the highest number of self-exclusion enrollment
16 requests than any preceding year. In fact, the
17 number of enrollments for the calendar year grew by
18 about 1400 enrollments. Since the inception of the
19 program in 2006, the OCPG has received and processed
20 over 30,000 requests for enrollment in Self-
21 Exclusion.

22 It is the goal of the OCPG to ensure
23 the program continues to evolve by using best
24 practices so the self-exclusion program remains
25 effective and grows to encompass the needs of

1 everyone who enrolls. The OCPG will also continue to
2 work with PGCB licensees to ensure the appropriate
3 tools are in place to detect and assist individuals
4 who may be displaying signs of a gambling problem.

5 We will also continue our joint
6 efforts with the Department of Drug and Alcohol
7 Programs, the Pennsylvania Lottery, and the Council
8 on Compulsive Gambling of Pennsylvania to ensure that
9 all resources and programs are only a click or call
10 away.

11 Today, I ask the Board to continue its
12 support of PGAM and adopt the resolution before you
13 today proclaiming March 2024 as Problem Gambling
14 Awareness Month. As always, thank you for your time
15 and your continued support.

16 CHAIR: Thank you. Any questions or
17 comments from the Board? Hearing none, may I have a
18 motion, please?

19 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner
20 Regan moves that the Board approve the resolution
21 2024-1-CPG, as described by the Director of
22 Compulsive and Problem Gambling.

23 MR. DERMODY: Commission Dermody
24 seconds.

25 CHAIR: All in favor?

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

(WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

CHAIR: All opposed?

(WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

MS. LANZA: Thank you.

CHAIR: Thank you, Claire and Liz.

Now we will hear from our Human Resources Director, Danette Bixler-George.

MS. BIXLER-GEORGE: Good morning, Chair, Board members. The Office of Human Resources has one motion today for your consideration relative to the hiring of four individuals. All four individuals have completed the PGCB interview process, drug screening and background investigation. Victor Rosas-Granda has been selected as a Casino Compliance Representative at Wind Creek Casino, and Jaykob Cowden has been selected as a Technical Field Representative at the Meadows Casino, and both are recommended for hire by Gregg Hazzouri, Director of Casino Compliance. Endrias Gebreab has been selected as a Sports Wagering Compliance Representative in the

1 Office of Sports Wagering Operations and is
2 recommended for hire by Kevin Kile, Director of
3 Sports Wagering Operations. And finally, Kenyon Kelly
4 has been selected as an Electronics Engineer in the
5 Office of Gaming Laboratory Operations and is
6 recommended for hire by Heather Worner, Director of
7 Gaming Laboratory Operations.

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

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

13 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,
14 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve
15 the applicants for hire as proposed by the Human
16 Resources Director.

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

19 CHAIR: All in favor?

20 ---
21 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

22 ---
23 CHAIR: All opposed?

24 ---
25 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

1 ---

2 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

3 MS. BIXLER-GEORGE: Thank you.

4 CHAIR: Thank you, Danette.

5 Next is our Office of Chief Counsel
6 (OCC).

7 ATTORNEY COOK: Good morning again.
8 Our first agenda item under the OCC relate to a
9 Temporary Regulation and a Statement of Policy, which
10 Assistant Chief Counsel Robert Wood will present.

11 ATTORNEY WOOD: Good morning, Madam
12 Chair, members of the Board. As Steve said, today I
13 have two items for the Board's consideration. The
14 first item is a Temporary Rulemaking Number, 125-248,
15 which is comprised of rules and procedures governing
16 13 side wagers and/or variations on table games.
17 Prior to this morning's meeting, the Board has been
18 provided with copies of this temporary rulemaking.
19 If there are no questions, I would ask for a motion
20 adopting Temporary Rulemaking 125-248.

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

23 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
24 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board adopt
25 Temporary Regulation #125-248 regarding temporary

1 table game side wagers and variations as described by
2 the OCC.

3 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
4 seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 ---

7 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

8 ---

9 CHAIR: All opposed?

10 ---

11 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

12 ---

13 CHAIR: Motion passes.

14 ATTORNEY WOOD: The second item I have
15 this morning for you is a Statement of Policy #125-
16 249. This Statement of Policy relates to Direct Bet
17 Coupons and will allow Board Licensees to begin to
18 undertake the processes necessary to develop and
19 implement systems and controls for Direct Bet Coupon
20 promotional programs.

21 Prior to this morning's meeting,
22 again, a copy was provided for the Board's
23 consideration. If there are no questions, I would
24 ask a motion to adopt Statement of Policy #125-249.

25 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

1 May I have a motion, please?

2 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
3 Commissioner Dermody moves the Board adopt Statement
4 of Policy 125-249 regarding Direct Bet Coupons as
5 described by the OCC.

6 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
7 seconds.

8 CHAIR: All in favor?

9 ---

10 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

11 ---

12 CHAIR: All opposed?

13 ---

14 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

15 ----

16 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

17 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board
18 today are four Petitions. Each of these Petitions
19 will be decided on the documentary record by
20 agreement of parties or because the OEC has no
21 objection to the requested relief. In each of these
22 matters the Board has been provided with the complete
23 evidentiary record in advance of today's meeting.

24 The first Petition before the Board
25 today is Aristocrat Technologies, Inc.'s nunc pro

1 tunc Petition requesting a reduction of its table
2 game manufacturer license fee. By way of background
3 Aristocrat Technologies is a table game manufacturer,
4 whose license was renewed in October of 2023. The
5 license fee for a manufacturer is \$150,000. The
6 renewal fee is \$150,000. However, Board guidelines -
7 per Board guidelines, manufacturers can request a
8 reduction in the license fee if their average annual
9 sales in the past five years have been less than
10 \$150,000, in which case the fee can be reduced to
11 \$15,000.

12 Aristocrat states in its Petition it
13 has not sold any table games or table game
14 manufacturing systems in the past five years,
15 asserting that its only revenue in Pennsylvania comes
16 from maintenance fees from servicing table games
17 management systems and therefore, during each of the
18 past five years, they have not exceeded the \$150,000
19 income threshold.

20 Aristocrat further explains in their
21 request that when they applied for their renewal
22 license in May of 2022, they did not include the form
23 requesting a modified renewal fee because they
24 mistakenly believed that it was to be filed after the
25 license was approved. Aristocrat did, in fact, file

1 the form for reduced fee soon after their license -
2 their renewal license was approved.

3 The OEC has no objection to the
4 request after confirming Aristocrat Technologies'
5 sales have been below the threshold and therefore
6 support the imposition of a reduced renewable fee.
7 OEC does not object to Aristocrat's request for
8 confidentiality in some of the documents as well, and
9 it seeks certain - in that they seek that certain
10 sensitive business information not be publicly
11 disclosed. And this matter is now ripe for the
12 Board's consideration.

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

15 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
16 moves that the Board grant Aristocrat Technologies,
17 Inc.'s Petition as described by the OCC.

18 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
19 seconds.

20 CHAIR: All in favor?

21 ---

22 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

23 ---

24 CHAIR: All opposed?

25 ---

1 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

2 ---

3 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

4 ATTORNEY COOK: The next matter before
5 the Board is a Petition from NeoGames Solutions, LLC,
6 Pariplay USA Limited, Aristocrat Technology Gaming
7 Systems PTY Limited and Anaxi Investments Limited.
8 Each of these parties are affiliated with either
9 Aristocrat Leisure Limited or NeoGames SA. For a
10 Business Combination Agreement approved by the
11 shareholders of NeoGames SA by a vote in July of 2023
12 Aristocrat Leisure Limited is seeking to purchase
13 NeoGames SA, resulting in a change of control of two
14 Pennsylvania Licensees, NeoGame Solutions, LLC, a
15 licensed sports wagering and interactive gaming
16 manufacturer, and Pariplay USA Limited, a licensed
17 interactive gaming manufacturer. Both companies are
18 wholly owned through intermediaries by NeoGames SA.

19 Aristocrat Technology Gaming Systems
20 PTY Limited, Aristocrat Technologies Australia PTY
21 Limited and Aristocrat Technologies Incorporated are
22 wholly owned by Aristocrat Leisure Limited.

23 The parties aver that this transaction
24 will combine the expertise, brands and assets of both
25 Aristocrat Leisure Limited and NeoGames to provide

1 better service to customers across different
2 platforms, and it will benefit Pennsylvania's gaming
3 industry, allowing it to both grow and boost tax
4 revenue.

5 The OEC has no objection to the
6 parties' request for a change of control, subject to
7 conditions outlined in its Answer, and this matter is
8 now ripe for the Board's consideration.

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

11 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves
12 that the Board grant the Joint Petition of NeoGame
13 Solutions, LLC, Pariplay US Limited, Aristocrat
14 Technology Gaming Systems PTY Limited, and Anaxi
15 Investments Limited as described by the OCC. I
16 further move that the OEC's request for
17 confidentiality be denied.

18 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
19 seconds.

20 CHAIR: All in favor?

21 ---

22 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

23 ---

24 CHAIR: All opposed?

25 ---

1 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

2 ---

3 CHAIR: Motion passes.

4 ATTORNEY COOK: The next Petition
5 before the Board is Tejas Ajmeri's Petition for
6 Removal from the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

7 By way of background, on July 2nd,
8 2016, Mr. Ajmeri attempted to utilize a false ID to
9 gain access to the Mount Airy Casino. He was charged
10 with a summary offense. Subsequently, OEC filed a
11 Petition to place Mr. Ajmeri on the Involuntary
12 Exclusion List. Thereafter, on November 16th, 2016,
13 the Board placed Mr. Ajmeri on the List until at
14 least his 22nd birthday, which occurred on January
15 23rd, 2019, at which time he was permitted to request
16 removal from the List. Mr. Ajmeri has now filed his
17 request for removal from the Involuntary Exclusion
18 List and OEC has no objection to that request, and
19 this matter is now ready for the Board's
20 consideration.

21 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
22 Hearing none, may I have a motion?

23 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
24 Commissioner Dermody would grant Tejas Ajmeri's
25 Petition for Removal from the Involuntary Exclusion

1 List as described by the OCC.

2 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
3 seconds.

4 CHAIR: All in favor?

5 ---

6 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

7 ---

8 CHAIR: All opposed?

9 ---

10 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

11 ---

12 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

13 ATTORNEY COOK: The final petition
14 before the Board is another request for removal from
15 the Involuntary Exclusion List. On February 18th,
16 2018, while playing Mini-Baccarat at SugarHouse
17 Casino Ly Nguyen was involved in a cheating scheme
18 between the dealer and another patron. Specifically,
19 Mr. Nguyen noticed that the dealer was not collecting
20 losing wagers and therefore took advantage of the
21 dealer's actions, resulting in the dealer not
22 collecting 8,000 and losing wagers from Mr. Nguyen.
23 Mr. Nguyen was not criminally charged and made full
24 restitution to SugarHouse. He was, however,
25 permanently evicted by that casino.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

(WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

ATTORNEY COOK: Next, presenting withdrawals and Reports and Recommendations is Deputy Chief Counsel Chad Zimmermann.

ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Good morning, Commissioners. The next matter before the Board today pertains to several unopposed Petitions to withdraw applications or surrender the credentials of the following individuals and entities: Richard Brown, Lars Erik Stugemo, Jette Nygaard-Andersen, David Karran, Moira McHarrie, Anne C. Woods, John M. Collins, Ben Werner Johansen, Gordon Scerri, Joseph Simon and Ifor Evans.

The OEC has no objection to any of these withdrawals or surrenders. As a result, if the Board chooses to grant the requests in every case, it would be doing so without prejudice to the requestor. And these matters are all now ripe for the Board's consideration.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments from the Board? May I have a motion, please?

MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,

1 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board issue
2 Orders to approve the withdrawals and surrenders as
3 described by the OCC.

4 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner
5 Manzano-Díaz second.

6 CHAIR: All in favor?

7 ---

8 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

9 ---

10 CHAIR: All opposed?

11 ---

12 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

13 ---

14 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

15 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the
16 Board for consideration are six Reports and
17 Recommendations received from the Office of Hearings
18 and Appeals (OHA). These Reports and
19 Recommendations, along with the evidentiary record
20 for each hearing, have been provided to the Board in
21 advance of today's meeting. Additionally, the
22 persons involved in each have been notified that the
23 Board is considering their matter today and that each
24 may have the ability to come forward and briefly
25 address the Board.

1 If any of the persons who are the
2 subject of these Reports and Recommendations would
3 like to address the Board, I would ask them to come
4 forward when their matter's called.

5 The first Report and Recommendation
6 before the Board today pertains to Target Media Ads
7 Limited. In November of 2022, Target Media Ads
8 submitted a Gaming Service Provider Registration
9 Application seeking to provide advertising services
10 to gaming companies in Pennsylvania. Thereafter, in
11 August of 2023, the OEC sent a notice recommending
12 denial of Target Media Ads' application and
13 additionally requesting that they be placed on the
14 Prohibited Gaming Service Provider List after
15 discovering that the company's 100 percent owner and
16 CEO, Gil Even, was unsuitable for licensure due to
17 his conviction for securities fraud.

18 A hearing in this matter was held on
19 November 16, 2023. Both OEC and Mr. Even appeared at
20 the hearing. Mr. Even testified that he lives in
21 Israel, serves in his country's military, is a
22 father, and lives in a farming community serving on
23 his community's council. Mr. Even testified to the
24 specifics of his securities fraud conviction,
25 explaining that Israel had reasonably allowed farmers

1 to grow cannabis for pharmaceutical purposes and a
2 friend of his, who owned a large farm, decided to
3 enter the business and started a private company.
4 The company, however, was preparing to become public
5 around the same time that Israel began allowing
6 companies to export cannabis. Mr. Even's friend kept
7 him apprised of all of this information about the
8 company, leading Mr. Even to buy stock and ultimately
9 profit from the transaction.

10 Mr. Even testified that his decision
11 to buy the stock was an honest mistake, not realizing
12 that it was illegal, stating that he made only
13 approximately \$2,000 on his investment. He was
14 criminally charged under Israel's Securities Law,
15 confessing to it prior to the charge being filed. He
16 was sentenced to four and a half months of community
17 service and fined \$10,000 and a one-year suspended
18 jail sentence that he would have to serve if he
19 committed an additional securities crime.

20 Following the hearing, a Report and
21 Recommendation was issued recommending that Target
22 Media Limited - Target Media Ads Limited's
23 application be denied and that they be placed on the
24 Prohibited GSP List. And this matter is now ready
25 for the Board's consideration.

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

3 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
4 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board adopt
5 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as
6 described by the OCC, and that Target Media Ads Ltd's
7 application for Gaming Service Provider Registration
8 be denied and that Target Media Ads Ltd be placed on
9 the Prohibited Gaming Services Providers List.

10 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
11 seconds.

12 CHAIR: All in favor?

13 ---

14 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

15 ---

16 CHAIR: All opposed?

17 ---

18 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

19 ---

20 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

21 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the
22 Board is a Report and Recommendation regarding
23 Venture Gaming, LLC. Venture Gaming, LLC was granted
24 a Video Gaming Terminal Operator License in October
25 2022, allowing them to place and operate VGTs in

1 licensed truck stop establishments.

2 In January 2023, Venture Gaming filed
3 a Petition requesting approval of an employee
4 incentive program. Generally, the program would
5 offer a cash payment to employees of a truck stop
6 establishment with which Venture Gaming has a
7 terminal placement agreement if the employee gets a
8 Gaming Employee Occupation Permit. The OEC filed an
9 Answer objecting to Venture Gaming's Petition stating
10 that the incentive program violates the Video Gaming
11 Act section on inducement, whereby the Act prohibits
12 inducements to be paid to a truck stop establishment,
13 establishment licensee, establishment licensee owner
14 or the employee of the establishment licensee,
15 directly or indirectly.

16 Counsel for each of the parties filed
17 a Stipulation of Facts in June 2023. They mutually
18 agreed that a hearing was not necessary and all
19 parties submitted briefs in support of their
20 positions.

21 Venture Gaming argued in their brief
22 that the inducement prohibition does not apply to
23 their program, that the program will not offset any
24 of the establishment's operational costs, and that
25 the exception in the definition of inducement stated

1 applies to their program because it addresses costs
2 related to making video gaming terminals operate in
3 the Commonwealth. Venture additionally argues that
4 the program is intended to benefit the video gaming
5 industry by encouraging employees of establishments
6 to obtain gaming permits, allowing more permanent
7 employees to oversee the video gaming areas.

8 OEC's brief argues that the inducement
9 section of the Act does apply to the program
10 prohibiting the same, that the program is a way to
11 solicit additional terminal placement agreements and
12 that the program is a way to offset operational
13 costs. It also indicates that the exception in the
14 Act does not apply because the exception only covers
15 the cost of placing the VGTs in establishments.

16 Following the submission and review of
17 all the Briefs, a Report and Recommendation was
18 issued, recommending that the Board deny Venture
19 Gaming's Petition. Venture Gaming did file
20 exceptions to this recommendation. And this matter
21 is now ready for the Board's consideration.

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

24 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
25 moves that the Board reject the Report and

1 Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the
2 Office of Chief Counsel, and that Venture Gaming,
3 LLC's Petition for Approval of a Proposed Gaming
4 Employee Cash-Incentive program be granted.

5 I further move that the Petitioner's
6 request for confidentiality be granted.

7 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
8 seconds.

9 CHAIR: All in favor?

10 ---

11 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

12 ---

13 CHAIR: All opposed?

14 ---

15 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

16 ---

17 CHAIR: Motion passes.

18 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Bradford

19 Blakeney is the next Report and Recommendation before
20 the Board today. Mr. Blakeney had been issued a Non-
21 Gaming Employee Registration in July 2023. He worked
22 as an Environmental Services Attendant for Team
23 Clean, Inc.

24 On November 9, 2023, the OEC filed a
25 complaint for emergency suspension of Mr. Blakeney's

1 registration after receiving notice that he had been
2 criminally charged with felony, misdemeanor and
3 summary offenses. As a result of the charges, the
4 Board's Executive Director issued an Emergency
5 Suspension suspending Mr. Blakeney's Registration.

6 A hearing in this matter was held
7 December 7th of 2023. OEC appeared and provided
8 testimony and documentary evidence. Mr. Blakeney
9 failed to appear at the hearing.

10 Evidence presented showed that on
11 October 10, 2023, while visiting his son, Mr.
12 Blakeney was asked to leave the residence, presumably
13 by the child's mother. Mr. Blakeney became irate and
14 physically attacked the child's mother, choking,
15 slamming her across the bed and striking her multiple
16 times.

17 Consequently, a Report and
18 Recommendation was issued recommending that the
19 suspension of his Registration remain in effect.
20 This matter is now ready for the Board's
21 consideration.

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

24 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner
25 Regan moves that the Board adopt the Report and

1 Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the
2 OCC and that the Emergency Suspension of Bradford
3 Blakeney's Non-Gaming Employee Registration remain in
4 effect.

5 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
6 seconds.

7 CHAIR: All in favor?

8 ---

9 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

10 ---

11 CHAIR: All opposed?

12 ---

13 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

14 ---

15 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

16 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next is a Report
17 and Recommendation pertaining to a request to recover
18 funds confiscated from an individual with the
19 initials B.J. while on the Self-Exclusion List. OEC
20 filed an Answer objecting to the request.

21 A hearing in this matter was held in
22 October 2023. Counsel for OEC appeared and presented
23 evidence and exhibits in support of their position.
24 B.J. appeared and testified on his own behalf.

25 The underlying facts in this matter

1 are that in May of 2011, B.J. met with a Board
2 employee and enrolled on the Self-Exclusion List for
3 a five-year period. B.J. signed all the
4 acknowledgments, which included an acknowledgment
5 that he was prohibited from collecting winnings from
6 any gaming activity while on the Self-Exclusion List.

7 In May of 2023, B.J., while gaming at
8 Hollywood York Casino, won a \$1,302 jackpot. When
9 asked to provide his identification after winning, it
10 was discovered that he was still on the Board's Self-
11 Exclusion List and the jackpot was confiscated, as
12 well as a \$17.10 voucher. B.J. acknowledged during
13 his testimony that he made a mistake by not removing
14 himself from the List, that life changes and moving
15 several times and placing himself on the List, he
16 believes he lost the signed paperwork and that it was
17 an honest mistake on his part and as soon as he was
18 told he was still on the List, he took the steps to
19 remove himself.

20 Following the hearing, a Report and
21 Recommendation was issued recommending that B.J. be
22 permitted to recover the value of the voucher, which
23 is \$17.10, but the \$1,300 confiscated were winnings
24 and were subject to remittance to the Board. This
25 matter is now ready for the Board's consideration.

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

3 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
4 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board adopt the
5 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as
6 described by the OCC that B.J.'s Petition be granted
7 in part and that \$17.10 be returned to him.

8 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
9 seconds.

10 CHAIR: All in favor?

11 ---

12 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

13 ---

14 CHAIR: All opposed?

15 ---

16 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

17 ---

18 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

19 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: S.G.'s request
20 to recover funds confiscated from her is the subject
21 of the next Report and Recommendation. The OEC filed
22 an Answer objecting to S.G.'s request.

23 A hearing in this matter was held in
24 October of 2023. OEC appeared and presented
25 testimony and documentary evidence. S.G. appeared

1 and testified on her own behalf.

2 On August 19, 2019, S.G. met with a
3 Casino Compliance Representative at Parx Casino and
4 submitted a request to be placed on the Self-
5 Exclusion List, choosing a one-year exclusion period.
6 S.G. signed all the necessary paperwork, including an
7 acknowledgment that she was prohibited from
8 collecting winnings while on the Self-Exclusion List.

9 On April 22nd, 2023, prior to S.G.
10 removing herself from the List, she gamed at Parx
11 Shippensburg Casino, winning \$1,530. After winning,
12 she switched seats with another patron. However,
13 upon a Parx employee arriving to pay out the jackpot,
14 was informed that S.G. had actually won the jackpot.
15 It was discovered that when S.G. presented her
16 identification to Parx personnel that she was on the
17 Board's Self-Exclusion List and her jackpot, as well
18 as the voucher for \$83.98 was confiscated. She was
19 charged with and pled guilty to criminal trespass.

20 S.G. testified that four months prior
21 to the incident at Parx, she had gamed at Hollywood
22 Casino, believing that, since more than a year had
23 passed since self-excluding, she was no longer on the
24 List. She further testified that, while at
25 Hollywood, she had presented her ID to get a cash

1 advance, which she was permitted to do. S.G. argued
2 that had she been flagged at Hollywood as being on
3 the Self-Exclusion List, she would have immediately
4 taken the steps to remove herself.

5 Following the hearing, a Report and
6 Recommendation was issued recommending that S.G. be
7 permitted to recover the \$83.98 value of the voucher
8 but that the jackpot was winnings and subject to
9 confiscation. This matter - S.G. did file Exceptions
10 to the recommendation which reiterated her testimony
11 from the hearing. This matter is now ready for the
12 Board's consideration.

13 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
14 the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
15 please?

16 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
17 Dillon moves that the Board adopt the Report and
18 Recommendation issued by the OHA, as described by the
19 OCC, that S.G.'s Petition be granted in part and that
20 \$83.98 be returned to her.

21 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
22 Hickernell seconds.

23 CHAIR: All in favor?

24 ---

25 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

1 ---

2 CHAIR: All opposed?

3 ---

4 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

5 ---

6 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

7 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Celestinen

8 Washington's request to recover funds confiscated
9 from her is the subject of the final Report and
10 Recommendation. The OEC filed an Answer objecting to
11 her request.

12 By way of background, in November of
13 2017, OEC filed a Petition seeking to place Ms.
14 Washington on the Involuntary Exclusion List,
15 alleging that she and another individual broke into a
16 vehicle at Parx Casino parking lot and stole items
17 from inside the vehicle. Ms. Washington never
18 responded to the Petition and in May of 2018 the
19 Board placed her on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

20 On January 26, 2023, Ms. Washington
21 filed a Petition requesting to recover funds
22 confiscated from her at Rivers Casino Philadelphia.
23 OEC filed an Answer, objecting in part to the
24 request. A hearing was held in October of 2023. OEC
25 appeared and presented testimony, documentary and

1 surveillance evidence. And although she received
2 proper notice, Ms. Washington failed to appear for
3 the hearing, and it was held in her absence.

4 At the hearing it was determined that
5 on January 26th, 2023, Ms. Washington entered the
6 casino and she was not asked to provide
7 identification. While gaming, she won a jackpot of
8 over one \$1300, which casino staff held until she
9 could provide proper identification. Moments later,
10 Ms. Washington won a second jackpot in the amount of
11 \$4,544.78. She provided ID at this point and it was
12 discovered that she was an involuntary excluded
13 person. Her jackpots were confiscated, as well as
14 \$219 in credits that she had on the machine at the
15 time.

16 After hearing the evidence presented,
17 the Report and Recommendation issued recommends that
18 Ms. Washington be permitted to recover the value of
19 her credits on the machine only and the rest is
20 winnings. This matter is now ready for the Board's
21 consideration.

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

24 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,
25 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board adopt

1 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA, as
2 described by the OCC, and Ms. Celestinen Washington's
3 Petition be granted in part and the \$219.40 be
4 returned to her.

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

7 CHAIR: All in favor?

8 ---

9 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

10 ---

11 CHAIR: All opposed?

12 ---

13 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

14 ---

15 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

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

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

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

23 MR. HANNON: Good morning, Madam
24 Chair, members of the Board. Today's first licensing
25 matter for your consideration is approval of an

1 Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License for Roxor
2 Gaming Limited. Formed in the United Kingdom in
3 2019, Roxor Gaming Limited's principal place of
4 business is in London, England. The company develops
5 and supplies a variety of online gaming content and
6 was granted interim authorization on December 21st,
7 2023.

8 The Bureau of Investigation and
9 Enforcement (BIE) has completed its investigation of
10 the company and the Bureau of Licensing has provided
11 you with a background investigation and suitability
12 report. I have provided you with a draft Order and
13 ask the Board consider the Order to approve the
14 Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License for Roxor
15 Gaming Limited.

16 ATTORNEY PITRE: Good morning. The
17 OEC has no objection.

18 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
19 the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
20 please?

21 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
22 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board grant
23 the Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License as
24 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

25 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston

1 seconds.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 ---

4 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

5 ---

6 CHAIR: All opposed?

7 ---

8 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

9 ---

10 CHAIR: Motion passes.

11 MR. HANNON: Next, we have

12 consideration of the renewal of an Interactive Gaming
13 Manufacturer License for Konami Gaming, Incorporated.
14 Konami Gaming is licensed in good standing as a slot
15 machine, table game, interactive gaming and video
16 gaming terminal manufacturer. Under the Gaming Act,
17 the Board may use an abbreviated process to consider
18 the application of a currently licensed manufacturer.
19 The Bureau of Licensing, OEC and the BIE have
20 reviewed the application for an Interactive Gaming
21 Manufacturer License for Konami Gaming, Incorporated,
22 and I have provided you with the results of that
23 review.

24 I have provided you with a draft Order
25 and ask the Board consider the Order to approve the

1 Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License renewal for
2 Konami Gaming, Incorporated.

3 ATTORNEY PITRE: OEC has no objection.

4 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

5 May I have a motion, please?

6 ---

7 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
8 moves that the Board grant the Interactive Gaming
9 Manufacturer License renewal as described by the
10 Bureau of Licensing.

11 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
12 seconds.

13 CHAIR: All in favor?

14 ---

15 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

16 ---

17 CHAIR: All opposed?

18 ---

19 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

20 ---

21 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

22 MR. HANNON: Next is consideration of
23 a VGT Establishment License for CHR Corp, doing
24 business as Rutter's Store #82. They were previously
25 approved for a Conditional License. The BIE has now

1 completed its investigation, including evaluation
2 that the Applicant meets the VGT establishment
3 eligibility criteria and the Gaming Act.

4 The Bureau of Licensing has provided
5 you with a background investigation and suitability
6 report. I have provided you with a draft Order and
7 ask that you consider the Order to license CHR Corp,
8 doing business as Rutter's Store #82, located at 432
9 Sabbath Rest Road in Altoona.

10 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
11 has no objection.

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

14 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves
15 that the Board grant the Video Gaming Terminal
16 Establishment License as described by the Bureau of
17 Licensing.

18 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
19 seconds.

20 CHAIR: All in favor?

21 ---

22 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

23 ---

24 CHAIR: All opposed?

25 ---

1 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

2 ---

3 CHAIR: Motion is adopted.

4 MR. HANNON: Next there are Principal,
5 Key Employee and Qualifier Licenses. The Bureau of
6 Licensing provided you with a proposed Order for 15
7 Principals, 12 Key Employees and 2 Qualifiers. I ask
8 the Board consider the Order approving these
9 licenses.

10 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
11 has no objection.

12 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
13 Hearing none, may I have a motion?

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

18 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
19 seconds.

20 CHAIR: All in favor?

21 ---

22 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

23 ---

24 CHAIR: All opposed?

25 ---

1 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

2 ---

3 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

4 MR. HANNON: There are also Principal
5 and Key Employee Temporary Credentials. The Bureau
6 of Licensing provided you with an Order regarding the
7 issuance of temporary credentials for 7 Principals
8 and 18 Key Employees. I ask the Board consider the
9 Order approving these credentials.

10 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
11 has no objection.

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

14 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
15 Dillon moves that the Board grant the Temporary
16 Principal and Key Employee Credentials as described
17 by the Bureau of Licensing.

18 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
19 Hickernell seconds.

20 CHAIR: All in favor?

21 ---

22 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

23 ---

24 CHAIR: All opposed?

25 ---

1 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

2 ---

3 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

4 MR. HANNON: Next for your

5 consideration are Gaming Employee Permits and Non-

6 Gaming Employee Registrations. The Bureau of

7 Licensing has provided you with a list of 858

8 individuals to whom the Bureau has granted Temporary

9 or Full Occupation Permits and 307 individuals to

10 whom the Bureau has granted Registrations under the

11 authority delegated to the Bureau of Licensing. I

12 ask the Board consider a motion approving the Order.

13 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel

14 has no objection.

15 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

16 May I have a motion, please?

17 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,

18 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve

19 the Applications for Gaming Employee Occupation

20 Permits and Non-Gaming Employee Registrations as

21 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

22 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner

23 Manzano-Díaz second.

24 CHAIR: All in favor?

25 ---

1 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

2 ---

3 CHAIR: All opposed?

4 ---

5 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

6 ---

7 CHAIR: Motion passes.

8 MR. HANNON: Next there is a
9 recommendation of denial for one Gaming and one Non-
10 Gaming Applicant. The Bureau of Licensing has
11 provided you with the Order addressing the Applicants
12 who the OEC has recommended for denial. I ask that
13 the Board consider the Order approving these denials.

14 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
15 continues to request denial in each matter.

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

18 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
19 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board deny
20 the Gaming and Non-Gaming Employee Applications as
21 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

22 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
23 seconds.

24 CHAIR: All in favor?

25 ---

1 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

2 ---

3 CHAIR: All opposed?

4 ---

5 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

6 ---

7 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

8 MR. HANNON: The next matter for your
9 consideration is withdrawal requests. In each case,
10 the License, Permit or Registration is no longer
11 required. For today's meeting, I have provided the
12 Board with 54 Gaming and 40 Non-Gaming Applicants. I
13 ask that the Board consider the Order approving these
14 withdrawals.

15 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
16 has no objection.

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

19 MS. RALSTON: Commission Ralston -
20 sorry, I lost my spot. Commissioner Ralston moves
21 that the Board grant the withdrawal of Gaming and
22 Non-Gaming Employee Applications as described by the
23 Bureau of Licensing.

24 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
25 seconds.

1 CHAIR: All in favor?

2 ---

3 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

4 ---

5 CHAIR: All opposed?

6 ---

7 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

8 ---

9 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

10 MR. HANNON: In addition, we have an
11 Order to renew the Certification for Global
12 Surveillance Associates, Incorporated, who is a
13 gaming service provider. I have provided you with a
14 draft Order and ask the Board consider the Order
15 certifying the company.

16 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
17 has no objection.

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

20 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves
21 that the Board approve the Gaming Service Provider
22 Certification as described by the Bureau of
23 Licensing.

24 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
25 seconds.

1 CHAIR: All in favor?

2 ---

3 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

4 ---

5 CHAIR: All opposed?

6 ---

7 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

8 ---

9 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

10 MR. HANNON: Finally, for
11 consideration are Gaming Service Provider
12 Registrations. The Bureau of Licensing provided you
13 an Order and an attached list of seven Registered
14 Gaming Service Provider Applicants. I ask that the
15 Board consider the Order registering the Gaming
16 Service Providers.

17 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
18 has no objection.

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

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

25 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon

1 seconds.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 ---

4 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

5 ---

6 CHAIR: All opposed?

7 ---

8 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

9 ---

10 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

11 MR. HANNON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

12 CHAIR: Thank you, Sean.

13 Next is the OEC. Cyrus Pitre. Cyrus?

14 ATTORNEY PITRE: Good morning, Madam

15 Chair, members of the Board. The OEC will present 14

16 matters today for the Board's consideration in which

17 we will request the approval of three Consent

18 Agreements, four Revocations and seven Involuntary

19 Exclusions.

20 The next matter on the agenda for the

21 Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement between

22 the OEC and Category 2 Licensee, SugarHouse HSP

23 Gaming, LP doing business as Rivers Casino

24 Philadelphia. The matter will be presented by Senior

25 Enforcement Counsel, Michael Roland. Representatives

1 for the licensed facility are present, and at this
2 time I request that those individuals please
3 introduce themselves for the record and that all non-
4 attorney witnesses please stand and be sworn.

5 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Good morning.
6 John Donnelly on behalf of SugarHouse HSP. Also with
7 me is Mr. McClain, who is the general manager - or
8 the manager of security at SugarHouse.

9 CHAIR: Is Mr. McClain an attorney?
10 Mr. Donnelly, is Mr. McClain an attorney?

11 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: No, he's not. So
12 he should be sworn.

13 CHAIR: Yes, he should be sworn.
14 Could you please stand to be sworn? Thank you, sir.

15 ---

16 GLENN MCCLAIN,
17 CALLED AS A WITNESS IN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING, AND
18 HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AND SAID AS
19 FOLLOWS:

20 ---

21 CHAIR: Thank you. You may proceed.

22 ATTORNEY ROLAND: Good morning, Madam
23 Chair, members of the Board, Michael Roland, R-O-L-A-
24 N-D, with the OEC. This proposed Consent Agreement
25 involves minimum security staffing violations and a

1 failure to provide notification by Rivers Casino
2 Philadelphia.

3 Regarding the minimum security
4 staffing violations, between January 2nd, 2022 and
5 December 24th, 2022, Rivers Philadelphia failed to
6 meet the minimum security staffing requirements for
7 40 gaming days. During a portion of this time
8 period, Rivers Philadelphia was granted temporary
9 Security Department minimum staffing relief. Despite
10 the temporary Security Department minimum staffing
11 relief, Rivers Philadelphia was still unable to
12 maintain the necessary security staffing
13 requirements.

14 Regarding the failure to notify, on or
15 about September 18th, 2022, a Rivers Philadelphia
16 patron claimed that he dropped his slot voucher on
17 the casino floor. A review of surveillance footage
18 was conducted and showed the patron dropping the
19 voucher while waiting in line at the main cage. An
20 unidentified male was observed entering the line,
21 picking up the dropped voucher, cashing the voucher
22 at Main Cage Window Number Two, and then exiting the
23 casino. The voucher was in the amount of \$444.95.
24 The male patron who cashed the voucher was never
25 identified.

1 Although security was notified of the
2 incident by the patron, notification was not made to
3 the Bureau of Casino Compliance and the Pennsylvania
4 State Police by security until two days later, on
5 September 20th, 2022.

6 The OEC now requests that the Board
7 approve this Consent Agreement and Stipulation of
8 Settlement entered into between the parties. The
9 terms of the settlement include that Rivers
10 Philadelphia shall pay a civil penalty in the amount
11 of \$65,000 to the Board within five days of the
12 Board's Order approving this Consent Agreement.

13 Also within five days, Rivers
14 Philadelphia shall pay the Board \$2,500 for the costs
15 incurred by the OEC and other related staff in
16 connection with this matter. And if you have any
17 questions, we'd be happy to address them at this
18 time.

19 CHAIR: Rivers Casino Philadelphia,
20 would you like to address the Board?

21 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: No. We'll stand
22 by the Consent. Glenn is here to answer questions if
23 necessary, but I think the Stipulation points it out.
24 The only thing I would add is this is COVID times,
25 and it's difficult getting - keeping people. And

1 there were no events that occurred as a result of
2 this, missing the staffing.

3 As to the other matter, the patron
4 wasn't required to be identified. The patron picked
5 up the voucher, and so no one knows who the person
6 who picked up the voucher was. It's \$444. That's
7 all I have.

8 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
9 the Board? Commissioner Manzano-Díaz?

10 _____ MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Thank you. Could
11 you please tell me what have you have done since then
12 to remedy the situation?

13 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Well, as to the
14 staffing, it's constantly a problem, especially in
15 Philadelphia and especially with security. Glenn and
16 I are talking about it today. It's just a constant
17 problem that we're working on it all the time. We
18 put in and receive relief from some staffing already,
19 worked with Cyrus's and Michael's on-property
20 compliance officer, Mr. Quinn, who's been very
21 helpful.

22 We think and we'll be seeking more
23 relief because we don't think that the requirements
24 that are currently in place are necessary under the
25 circumstances. And it is a difficult ongoing

1 problem. It's kind of a nationwide problem of
2 finding good help and good help that will stay. And
3 I don't have a solution to that societal problem.

4 What Glenn and I were talking about
5 earlier is that oftentimes people don't make it past
6 the probationary period because they can't meet the
7 attendance requirements. Again, kind of a societal
8 problem. And so I don't have a good answer. I don't
9 think anybody does to this problem right now. COVID
10 changed a lot of things in America.

11 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: So if I understand
12 you correctly, you're letting us know that this is a
13 continuous problem and that you don't have a solution
14 for it?

15 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Well, we hire
16 people and train them, and we're staffed, up to staff
17 right now. But people will - it's constant turnover.
18 I don't know what solution there is to that, other
19 than keeping hiring and training, trying to find the
20 best people. And that's what we're doing. That's
21 all we can do.

22 CHAIR: Mr. Donnelly, I'd like to hear
23 from your client. Are there any programs that you're
24 implementing to incentivize people to remain on the
25 job?

1 MR. MCCLAIN: Absolutely. Recently we
2 have increased our staffing levels and our staff.
3 What we have done recently is opened up job fairs.
4 Okay. We have our Walk-In Wednesday, like today,
5 between 10:00 and 12:00. We have a lot of people who
6 show up for these events. So our solution is to
7 increase our hiring data during those periods. And
8 recently, that has been beneficial for us.

9 Myself, last week, I put eight extra
10 individuals on property. So we are increasing our
11 staff levels. Before we were in the 20s like per
12 shift. Like, our swing shift now is 35. And our
13 other shifts are increasing. So I think with the job
14 fairs and our hiring status, and to be consistent at
15 it, I think that's our solution right there if you
16 ask me. Because we've seen progress in the last
17 couple - within a month or so. Our numbers have
18 increased.

19 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: I will add some
20 other things, too. We've added cameras. We've added
21 cameras outside. We now have metal detectors at all
22 the doors and so on. So it's constantly increasing
23 security. But security has been effective in
24 SugarHouse, and we haven't had any significant events
25 in SugarHouse. It's been a safe place.

1 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: I'm just surprised
2 that, given that you're in the Philadelphia
3 metropolitan area, that your efforts to hire people
4 seems to be a constant problem. And what I'm
5 concerned about is, will you be back here again to
6 ask for more relief in the future, or have you found
7 an equilibrium whereby you're able to address the
8 problem? Because it doesn't appear that you're
9 actually addressing the problem. You're telling me
10 it's a societal problem.

11 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Well, I think all
12 we can do is what Glenn spoke about, constantly
13 hiring, having job fairs, getting people in, hiring
14 them, training them, and working with them to stay in
15 their job. That's it. There's always been turnover
16 in security at every casino I've ever been in. It's
17 a tough job. It's not a widely sought after job.
18 And all we can do is just keep working as hard as we
19 can and address a lot of it with cameras,
20 surveillance, and other things such as the metal
21 detectors and surveillance programs. I emphasize we
22 haven't had a problem, so we've had sufficient
23 security. There hasn't been an incident that's
24 related to lack of security.

25 CHAIR: Two questions. How are you

1 advertising these job fairs and open Wednesdays? I
2 live in Philly and I've not seen any of these ads,
3 so -.

4 MR. MCCLAIN: Well, I mean, we
5 definitely have lines all outside with individuals
6 coming in. I think it's through our marketing team
7 getting into the radio airwaves and things of that
8 nature because of something working with the
9 marketing team. Like I said, last week, I was there
10 myself and the lines were like out and about.

11 And basically to piggyback off what he
12 was saying, previous, before the COVID times, we were
13 well staffed. We didn't have the issue. We went 13
14 years being very effective as far as staffing and
15 everything. Since COVID hit - pre-COVID - that
16 changed everything. So it's more like a rebuilding
17 to get us back to where we need. And at this
18 particular time, I'm seeing the progress with these
19 constant job fairs and everything to settle back. So
20 we shouldn't be coming back here -

21 CHAIR: I hope not.

22 MR. MCCLAIN: - in the future with the
23 same - I just don't see it. I think we found partial
24 of the solution with this Walk-In Wednesday and
25 things of that nature. I think we're headed in the

1 right direction.

2 CHAIR: It sounds like these job fairs
3 and Walk-In Wednesdays are effective. But the
4 question I ask is, once you get these people hired,
5 which sounds like you're doing a good job hiring
6 people, what are you doing to keep them?

7 MR. MCCLAIN: Well, you know, we put
8 an effective training system in. We're trying to
9 give the people the motivation to stay and let them
10 know how great our company is to work for. I mean,
11 I've been doing it for 45 years now. I'm in
12 Philadelphia and I try to, you know, get them
13 uplifted to stay. So we're working with all kind of
14 techniques. Matter of fact, that's what I do. I'm
15 there on Tuesday. They call me in, give a spiritual,
16 uplifting speech. And I'm doing everything I can.
17 And I think it's working. I think we'll be fine. I
18 don't think you'll see me back here sitting at this
19 table again in the future unless there's something
20 else -.

21 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: We see an
22 improvement post COVID in every property. It's
23 coming back, people coming back to work.

24 CHAIR: Any other questions or
25 comments? Okay.

1 Any questions for the OEC? All right.
2 Hearing none, I'd like to have a motion, please.

3 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
4 Dillon moves that the Board approve the Consent
5 Agreement between the OEC and SugarHouse HSP Gaming,
6 LP, doing business as Rivers Casino Philadelphia, as
7 described by the OEC.

8 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
9 Hickernell seconds.

10 CHAIR: All in favor?

11 ---

12 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

13 ---

14 CHAIR: All opposed?

15 ---

16 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

17 ---

18 CHAIR: Motion's adopted. Thank you,
19 gentlemen.

20 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Thank you.

21 MR. MCCLAIN: Thank you.

22 ATTORNEY PITRE: Next matter on the
23 agenda for the Board's consideration is a Consent
24 Agreement between the OEC and Category 1 Licensee and
25 Interactive Gaming Certificate holder, Mountainview

1 Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC, doing business
2 as Hollywood Casino at Penn National. Matter will be
3 presented by Senior Enforcement Counsel John Crohe.
4 Representatives for the Licensee are present, and at
5 this time, I would request that those individuals
6 please introduce themselves for the record and all
7 non-attorney witnesses please stand and be sworn.

8 ATTORNEY KING: Good morning, Madam
9 Chair, members of the Board. Adrian King, it's A-D-
10 R-I-A-N, King, K-I-N-G, from Ballard Spahr firm, here
11 for Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association and
12 Penn Interactive Ventures. Also here is my partner,
13 Michael Fabius, F-A-B-I-U-S. And also with us this
14 morning is Mr. Adam Kates, who's the Senior Director
15 of Compliance for Penn Interactive Ventures. And
16 that's K-A-T-E-S. And Mr. Kates will need to be
17 sworn in.

18 ---

19 ADAM KATES,
20 CALLED AS A WITNESS IN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING, AND
21 HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AND SAID AS
22 FOLLOWS:

23 ---

24 ATTORNEY CROHE: Good morning, Chair,
25 members of the Board, John -.

1 CHAIR: Mr. Crohe, before you begin -

2 ATTORNEY CROHE: I apologize.

3 CHAIR: I would just like to note for
4 the record that this matter for which the Board held
5 a confidential hearing yesterday and focusing on Penn
6 Entertainment's remedial security measures was held,
7 so the Board is very well versed regarding the
8 situation. So we don't need a very in-depth
9 description of the transaction and what's been taking
10 place. So thank you, Mr. Crohe. You may proceed.

11 ATTORNEY CROHE: Thank you. Once
12 again, John Crohe, C-R-O-H-E, for the OEC. Good
13 morning, Chair, members of the Board. The next
14 matter on the agenda for the Board's consideration is
15 a Consent Agreement reached between Mountainview
16 Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC, doing business
17 as Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course and
18 the OEC concerning five incidents of interactive
19 gaming know your customer requirement violations.

20 Regarding the first violation, between
21 December 9th, 2020, and March 18th, 2021, 29
22 perpetrators created 277 accounts on the Barstool
23 iGaming platform and deposited \$223 - \$223,563 using
24 stolen credit card information. Ninety-eight (98)
25 withdrawals totaling \$81,396 were made to bank

1 accounts controlled by the perpetrators.

2 Regarding the second violation, from
3 September 20th, 2020 through December 3rd, 2021, an
4 individual created 132 Barstool accounts and
5 deposited \$6,443 among these accounts.

6 On January 7th, 2021, the same
7 perpetrator created 67 additional accounts using the
8 personal identifying information of other individuals
9 and deposited an additional \$600.

10 Regarding the third violation, between
11 December 1st, 2019 and December 18th, 2019, one
12 individual created 186 Hollywood casino accounts.
13 There were no attempts to deposit or withdraw any
14 funds from any of these accounts.

15 Regarding the fourth violation,
16 between September 17th, 2021 and December 10th, 2021,
17 one individual created 41 Barstool accounts,
18 deposited \$800 and withdrew \$195.

19 Regarding the fifth violation, on
20 August 30th, 2021, seven Barstool accounts were
21 created by two individuals. None of the accounts
22 created using the personal identifying information
23 were funded - of other individuals were funded.

24 Penn National failed to have
25 sufficient procedures to prevent fraudulent behavior

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

11 The OEC and Mountainview Thoroughbred
12 Racing Association, LLC, doing business as Hollywood
13 Casino at Penn National Race Course, respectfully
14 requests that the Board approve the Consent Agreement
15 and Stipulations of Settlement and that Mountainview
16 Thoroughbred Racing, LLC - Association, LLC, doing
17 business as Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race
18 Course, pay a civil penalty of \$97,500 as well as a
19 \$2,500 administrative fee for costs incurred by Board
20 staff in connection with investigations in this
21 matter.

22 CHAIR: Excellent recitation of the
23 facts. Thank you, Mr. Crohe.

24 ATTORNEY CROHE: Thank you.

25 CHAIR: Penn, would you like to

1 address the Board?

2 ATTORNEY KING: Yes, Madam Chair.

3 Thank you. I'll try to keep it similarly, very, very
4 brief. I think as you heard yesterday in our
5 confidential submission, Penn Entertainment, the
6 parent company of both Mountainview and Penn
7 Interactive Ventures, takes very, very seriously the
8 security of our interactive gaming websites. In this
9 case, we were subject to some fraudulent activity by,
10 as Mr. Crohe mentioned, 29 perpetrators.

11 As we discussed yesterday in our
12 confidential submission, we took steps in real time
13 while this conduct was occurring to stop it. And we
14 have since made very, very significant investments in
15 procedures, in equipment, in personnel to maintain
16 security of our interactive gaming websites.

17 And I just wanted to note for the
18 record that during the time in question, which was
19 December of '20 through March of '18 (sic), overall
20 there were over 152,000 accounts that were opened.
21 And so the 266 fraudulent accounts at that time
22 amounted to 0.17 percent of our accounts.

23 That said, obviously we want to strive
24 as best we can to be as error-free and perfect as we
25 can. We'll continue to do that. And again, I just

1 want to emphasize from our submissions yesterday,
2 we've made significant investments and we will
3 continue to do that and do the absolute best we can
4 to prevent this type of activity from occurring in
5 the future.

6 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
7 the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
8 please?

9 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner
10 Regan moves that the Board approve the Consent
11 Agreement between the OEC and Mountainview
12 Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC, doing business
13 as Hollywood Casino at Penn National, as described by
14 the OEC.

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

17 CHAIR: All in favor?

18 ---

19 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

20 ---

21 CHAIR: All opposed?

22 ---

23 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

24 ---

25 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

1 MR. KING: Thank you.

2 ATTORNEY PITRE: The next matter on
3 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a Consent
4 Agreement between the OEC and Category 4 Licensee
5 Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC,
6 doing business as Hollywood Casino York. The matter
7 will be presented by Assistant Enforcement Counsel
8 Juan Sanchez. Representatives for the Licensee are
9 present. And at this time I request that those
10 individuals please introduce themselves for the
11 record.

12 MR. HVIZDA: Alex Hvizda, H-V-I-Z-D-A,
13 Director of Compliance.

14 ATTORNEY PITRE: And Mr. Hvizda is a
15 licensed attorney. So as a result, we may move
16 forward.

17 ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: Good morning, Madam
18 Chair, Commissioners. Juan Sanchez, S-A-N-C-H-E-Z,
19 the OEC. This Consent Agreement involves three
20 underage gaming incidents at Hollywood Casino York.
21 First, a 19-year-old with the initials L.S. who was a
22 Hollywood Casino York New Employee Dealer in training
23 on July 12th, 2022, told staff that he used a fake
24 identification and entered the gaming floor.

25 The casino reported that on December

1 23rd, 2021, December 28th, 2021, and February 13th,
2 2022, L.S. played three table games for 116 minutes.
3 L.S. obtained a Player's Card with his fake
4 identification. Hollywood Casino York rescinded
5 L.S.'s employment offer.

6 Second, a 20-year-old with the
7 initials A.B. entered the gaming floor on December
8 4th, 2021. A security officer stopped A.B. at the
9 entrance, reviewed A.B.'s military identification,
10 and then allowed her onto the gaming floor. A.B. was
11 on the gaming floor for approximately 32 minutes.
12 A.B. played three slot machines for six minutes.
13 Hollywood Casino York staff reviewed A.B.'s military
14 identification before she could buy chips or play a
15 table game, realized A.B. was underage, and escorted
16 her out of the casino. As a result of this incident,
17 Pennsylvania State Police troopers were contacted but
18 did not file a criminal citation. A.B. was not
19 served and did not consume alcohol.

20 Third, a 20-year-old with the initials
21 J.S. entered the gaming floor on June 3rd, 2022. A
22 security officer stopped J.S. at the entrance,
23 scanned his fake identification, and allowed J.S. to
24 enter the gaming floor despite the identification
25 scanner indicating problems with the identification.

1 Subsequently, J.S. was able to obtain the Player's
2 Card from the main cage, exited the gaming floor, and
3 re-entered the gaming floor without being carded.

4 At the sports bar, a bartender
5 reviewed J.S.'s fake identification, served J.S. an
6 alcoholic drink, which J.S. consumed. Upon another
7 attempted reentry onto the gaming floor by J.S. an
8 assistant security manager received notification of a
9 failed identification, learned that J.S. used the
10 fake identification, and stopped him from entering
11 the gaming floor. The staff then rescanned his fake
12 identification, which indicated problems with the
13 identification. Springettsbury Township Police
14 Department cited J.S. with a summary citation,
15 underage possession of alcohol. J.S. was evicted
16 from all Hollywood Casino properties until December
17 26th, 2023.

18 After further investigation, it was
19 discovered that J.S. had previously entered Hollywood
20 Casino York three times while underage on August 14,
21 2021, August 15, 2021, and October 2nd, 2021. These
22 underage gaming violations were not caught at or near
23 the time of the incident, and as a result, the casino
24 reported after discovery that J.S. gamed 67 minutes.

25 The OEC and Hollywood Casino York

1 respectfully request that the Board approve this -
2 the Consent Agreement and Stipulations of Settlement
3 which requires Hollywood Casino York to pay a civil
4 penalty of \$50,000 as well as \$2,500 administrative
5 fee for costs incurred by the Board staff in
6 connection with this matter.

7 If you have any questions, we'd be
8 happy to address them at this time.

9 CHAIR: Hollywood, would you like to
10 address the Board?

11 ATTORNEY HVIZDA: Yes, just briefly.
12 Madam Chair, members of the Board, good morning. I'm
13 Alex Hvizda. I'm the Director of Compliance. I'm
14 here on behalf of our general manager, Ruben Warren,
15 who is attending out-of-state leadership meetings
16 today.

17 Prior to him leaving, we met
18 extensively with our team to discuss these incidents.
19 And we want to assure the Board that as soon as we
20 learned of these incidents, we immediately reported
21 them to our onsite casino compliance staff. And then
22 we used all available resources that we had to try to
23 figure out what could have happened here.

24 Now, in terms of the ID scanners,
25 they can only handle so much data. So by way of

1 example, in 2023, York's did over 108,000 ID
2 verifications. So if all of those were saved in
3 there going back even a year, it would result in the
4 system basically melting down and you wouldn't be
5 able to do it, which is why we only cut it off after
6 a certain number of days. We don't have the IDs to
7 go back to. But we used our gaming system to try to
8 identify what these players were doing, and again,
9 immediately reported it.

10 In terms of the remedial measures,
11 what Ruben always stresses is it's people and
12 technology. And from the people side of it, that
13 starts at the top. So these incidents, the most
14 recent one occurred in June of 2022. It was late
15 July of 2022 when our new security manager started
16 down at York. And the first thing he did was go on a
17 hiring spree. Because during this period, which was
18 sort of that still coming out of COVID, still people
19 not working. Part of it was we were very stretched
20 on staff. You don't have fresh eyes, you're working
21 longer hours. That creates room for errors. So he
22 beefed up our staffing numbers.

23 And then, probably most importantly,
24 is he went through and redid all of our training.
25 And one of the things that he does now is he twice

1 annually tests everybody in his department on
2 identifying fake IDs. And then for nontraditional
3 IDs, passports, military IDs, where the date of birth
4 is on there, so that when a security officer gets it,
5 they're not panicked or confused.

6 I also want to ensure the Board that
7 when you dip an ID in the Veridocs system, if there
8 is a hit, whether it's a self-excluded person or an
9 underage person, it creates an audible alarm at both
10 Fire Command and Surveillance, so that we're not just
11 relying on that security officer at the podium to
12 call it in and make the right decision. We have
13 secondary view there.

14 And then in November of 2023, we added
15 a passport scanner that Veridocs offers. Previously,
16 you couldn't scan the passports in the dipping
17 system, so you just have to hold it on the podium so
18 that surveillance could get a shot of it, which they
19 still do. But now we have the ability to
20 authenticate those passports through the Veridocs
21 system. With that, I'm happy to answer any questions
22 for you.

23 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
24 Commissioner Regan?

25 MS. REGAN: Just curious. With regard

1 to J.S., it seems like the system worked. It alerted
2 that the ID was fake. I'm just curious as to why the
3 security officer let him through anyway.

4 ATTORNEY HVIKZDA: Yeah. So the - some
5 of the security officers, and again, it's part of
6 their training of trust the technology, will think
7 that the ID is worn or dirty, and that's the reason
8 they're getting the error on there.

9 So what happened in his case was it
10 went off. The security officer did not follow his
11 training, which is why he was given a final written
12 warning. But that alert that I was talking about,
13 that went to Fire Command and Surveillance, Fire
14 Command got it, and then they came out to
15 investigate. Unfortunately, in the time period
16 between when he got on the floor and when they were
17 able to find him and look at the ID again, is when he
18 was able to game.

19 MS. REGAN: So the security officer
20 heard the alert, but just decided that the machine
21 had made a mistake?

22 ATTORNEY HVIKZDA: That's correct. And
23 so that's why we have the secondary word alerts and
24 surveillance, so that we're having another set of -
25 well, two sets of eyes, Fire Command and Surveillance

1 on it. And that's why we go right to a final written
2 warning. So even if you've been an exemplary
3 employee, where you had notice here that this was an
4 issue and you didn't follow your training, you go
5 right to a final written warning.

6 MS. REGAN: Thank you.

7 CHAIR: Any others? Commissioner
8 Manzano-Díaz?

9 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: The backup system
10 that you're talking about that alerts the other two,
11 was that in place at the time that this happened? Or
12 is that something new that you instituted after the
13 fact?

14 ATTORNEY HVIZDA: That was in place at
15 the time this happened. So I believe it was 11:23
16 when J.S.'s ID was scanned, and they were able to
17 find him and confront him at 11:43, I think it was.
18 So it's just a matter of the security supervisor
19 getting there and being able to find the person and
20 then review the ID.

21 CHAIR: Okay. Commissioner Dillon?

22 MR. DILLON: As far as the employee,
23 she worked in the casino.

24 Correct?

25 ATTORNEY HVIZDA: The dealer? A he,

1 yes.

2 MR. DILLON: He or she?

3 ATTORNEY HVIKZDA: Well, he came in for
4 dealer school, so you have to do the 180 hours of
5 training. And on the first day, we talked about
6 responsible gaming, and he said, well, I've been in
7 here before, and I'm 19. And so, we investigated and
8 we booted him right that day.

9 MR. DILLON: So you didn't catch him
10 afterwards. After he made that comment, you realized
11 he was here. Did you go back, or was it -?

12 ATTORNEY HVIKZDA: Right. So he -.

13 MR. DILLON: When did the incident
14 occur, after he was an employee or before he was an
15 employee?

16 ATTORNEY HVIKZDA: Before he was an
17 employee. So he came in, in December of '21 and
18 February of '22. He then came to dealer school in
19 July of '22. And as soon as he said that and we went
20 back and we investigated, we fired him that day.

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

23 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
24 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board
25 approve the Consent Agreement between the OEC and

1 Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC,
2 doing business as Hollywood Casino York, as described
3 by the OEC.

4 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
5 seconds.

6 CHAIR: All in favor?

7 ---

8 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

9 ---

10 CHAIR: All opposed?

11 ---

12 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

13 ---

14 CHAIR: Motion's adopted. Thank you,
15 Alex.

16 ATTORNEY PITRE: Next four matters on
17 the agenda consist of enforcement actions in which
18 the OEC filed complaints seeking the revocation of
19 permits or registrations previously issued by the
20 Board. The complaint in each matter has been filed
21 with the Board's OHA and properly served upon the
22 individual named in each complaint. The individual
23 named in each complaint failed to respond within 30
24 days as required by Board regulation. As a result,
25 the OEC filed a request for Default Judgment in each

1 instance and properly served the same upon each
2 respondent. Therefore, the facts in each complaint
3 are deemed admitted. All filed documents have been
4 provided to the Board and the matters are presently
5 ripe for the Board's consideration. In each matter,
6 we will provide a brief summary of the facts and make
7 a request for the appropriate Board action.

8 ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: Again, Juan
9 Sanchez. The next matter on the agenda for the
10 Board's consideration is the revocation of the Non-
11 Gaming Employee Registration issued to Doug Hohman.
12 Mr. Hohman was previously employed as an EVS
13 attendant at Rivers Casino Pittsburgh. Rivers Casino
14 Pittsburgh terminated Mr. Hohman's employment for
15 stealing a \$500 chip from a patron, which was
16 returned to the patron. The casino notified
17 Pennsylvania State Police, who responded, but no
18 criminal charges were filed against Mr. Hohman
19 arising out of this incident.

20 After his termination, Elizabeth
21 Township Police Department arrested and criminally
22 charged Mr. Hohman with a third-degree misdemeanor
23 for harassment and a summary disorderly conduct
24 because he made numerous threats to come to Rivers
25 Casino Pittsburgh to cause physical harm to employees

1 who were the parents of his ex-girlfriend. The
2 misdemeanor charge was withdrawn and Mr. Hohman
3 pleaded guilty to a summary disorderly conduct
4 offense.

5 After his termination, Pennsylvania
6 State Police also arrested and criminally charged Mr.
7 Hohman with a first-degree felony burglary as well as
8 third-degree felonies, criminal trespass and theft by
9 unlawful taking for allegedly drugging an adult
10 female, entering her residence without permission and
11 taking over 5,000 in personal property. All of the
12 charges were withdrawn and Mr. Hohman pleaded guilty
13 to a summary defying trespass. He is not currently
14 employed in Pennsylvania's gaming industry. At this
15 time the OEC requests that the Board revoke the Non-
16 Gaming Employee Registration issued to Doug Hohman.

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

19 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
20 moves that the Board approve the revocation of Doug
21 Hohman's Non-Gaming Employee registration for the
22 conduct described by the OEC.

23 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
24 seconds.

25 CHAIR: All in favor?

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

(WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

CHAIR: All opposed?

(WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

CHAIR: Motion passes.

ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: The next matter on

the agenda for the Board's consideration is the
revocation of the Non-Gaming Employee Registration
issued to Owen Kiggans. Mr. Kiggans was previously
employed as a beverage bartender at Rivers Casino
Pittsburgh. Rivers Casino Pittsburgh terminated Mr.
Kiggans's employment for unauthorized possession of
property because he stole cash from cash registers 15
times in the total amount of \$4,450. Pennsylvania
State Police arrested and criminally charged Mr.
Kiggans with a third-degree felony, theft by unlawful
taking. Mr. Kiggans pleaded guilty to summary
disorderly conduct and was court ordered to pay full
restitution to the casino. He's not currently
employed in Pennsylvania's gaming industry. At this
time, the OEC requests that the Board revoke the Non-
Gaming Employee Registration issued to Owen Kiggans.

1 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
2 the Board? I have a question. This person was
3 taking hundreds of dollars out of the cash register
4 and it took quite a while for them to determine that
5 he was stealing. Was anything done with regard to
6 training of the staff at this location as a result of
7 this?

8 ATTORNEY PITRE: With regard to - it
9 was - occurred at the bar. So what happened after
10 the person was caught, Rivers went - was it Rivers?
11 The casino went back and trained their surveillance
12 staff in order to catch these matters a lot quicker.
13 And also they train the management employees with
14 regard to, you know, monitoring the underlings and
15 taking that into consideration. They also train the
16 employees on staff about what could occur if they go
17 that route.

18 I don't want to get into too much
19 detail because their training was in depth in warning
20 the employees about, you know, criminal activity.

21 CHAIR: Thank you. Any other
22 questions or comments? Hearing none, may I have a
23 motion, please?

24 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner
25 Regan moves that the Board approve the revocation of

1 Owen Kiggans's Non-Gaming Employee Registration for
2 the conduct described by the OEC.

3 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
4 seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 ---

7 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

8 ---

9 CHAIR: All opposed?

10 ---

11 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

12 ---

13 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

14 ATTORNEY SCIRROTTO: Good morning,
15 Madam Chair, members of the Board. Kelci Scirrotto,
16 S-C-I-R-R-O-T-T-O, Assistant Enforcement Counsel with
17 the OEC. The next matter on the agenda for the
18 Board's consideration is the Revocation of the Non-
19 Gaming Employee Registration issued to Felicity Cole.
20 While working as a bartender at Mount Airy Casino
21 Resort, Ms. Cole stole money from Mount Airy by
22 undercharging or not ringing up transactions and then
23 keeping the patron's payment for herself.

24 Police were notified, but no charges
25 were filed. She was terminated from her position at

1 Mount Airy as a result and is not currently employed
2 in Pennsylvania's gaming industry. At this time the
3 OEC requests that the Board revoke the Non-Gaming
4 Employee Registration issued to Felicity Cole.

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

7 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
8 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the
9 revocation of Felicity Cole's Non-Gaming Employee
10 Registration for the conduct described by the OEC.

11 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
12 seconds.

13 CHAIR: All in favor?

14 ---

15 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

16 ---

17 CHAIR: All opposed?

18 ---

19 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

20 ---

21 CHAIR: Motion passes.

22 ATTORNEY KOLESAR: Good morning.

23 Sarah Kolesar, K-O-L-E-S-A-R, Enforcement Counsel
24 with the OEC. Next matter on the agenda for the
25 Board's consideration is the Revocation of the Gaming

1 Employee Occupation Permit issued to Bobby Ros. Mr.
2 Ros was previously employed as a Table Games dealer
3 at Live! Casino Philadelphia. Mr. Ros was acting as
4 a table games dealer when he intentionally dealt in a
5 manner inconsistent with the rules governing four-
6 card poker. More specifically, Mr. Ros engaged in
7 paying patrons on losing hands, overpaying patrons on
8 winning hands, paying incorrect odds that resulted in
9 overpayment, in viewing cards prematurely, and then
10 advising patrons on what to bet and how much to bet.
11 As a result of his actions, Mr. Ros was issued a
12 criminal citation and ultimately entered a guilty
13 plea to summary disorderly conduct,
14 hazardous/physical effects. He is not currently
15 employed in Pennsylvania's gaming industry.

16 At this time, the OEC requests that
17 the Board revoke the Gaming Employee Occupation
18 Permit issued to Bobby Ros.

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

21 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
22 Dillon moves that the Board approve the revocation of
23 Bobby Ros's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit for the
24 conduct described by the OEC.

25 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner

1 Hickernell seconds.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 ---

4 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

5 ---

6 CHAIR: All opposed?

7 ---

8 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

9 ---

10 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

11 ATTORNEY PITRE: Remaining matters on
12 the agenda consist of enforcement actions in which
13 the OEC filed Petitions seeking the involuntary
14 exclusion of individuals whose presence in a licensed
15 facility are inimical to the interests of the
16 Commonwealth and/or licensed gaming therein. In each
17 instance, a Petition for Exclusion has been filed
18 with the Board's OHA and properly served upon the
19 individual named in the Petition.

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

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

4 In each instance if the Board orders a
5 proposed exclusion, each individual's photo, personal
6 identifiers and a summary of the inimical conduct
7 will be placed on the Board public website. Once
8 again, in each matter, we will provide a brief
9 summary of the facts and make a request for the
10 appropriate Board action.

11 ATTORNEY KOLESAR: Once again, Sarah
12 Kolesar. The next matter on the agenda is a request
13 to place Russell Henderson on the Involuntary
14 Exclusion List. Mr. Henderson left one nine-year-old
15 child unattended in his vehicle in the parking lot at
16 Presque Isle Downs Casino while he went inside to
17 game. Surveillance personnel identified the presence
18 of an unattended minor within one minute of Mr.
19 Henderson leaving the child unattended. Security
20 arrived at the vehicle within two minutes of
21 notification.

22 Mr. Henderson was approached by
23 security personnel and Pennsylvania State Police
24 inside Presque Isle Downs prior to returning to his
25 vehicle and exiting the premises. In total, the

1 child was unattended for three minutes before
2 security personnel arrived on scene, and Mr.
3 Henderson was away from the child for 15 minutes. No
4 criminal charges were filed. Mr. Henderson was
5 permanently evicted from the casino for his actions.

6 At this time, the OEC requests that
7 the Board place Russell Henderson on the Involuntary
8 Exclusion List.

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

11 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,
12 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve
13 the addition of Russell Henderson to the Pennsylvania
14 Gaming Control Board's Involuntary Exclusion List for
15 the conduct described by the OEC.

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

18 CHAIR: All in favor?

19 ---

20 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

21 ---

22 CHAIR: All opposed?

23 ---

24 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

25 ---

1 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

2 ATTORNEY SCIRROTTO: Once again, Kelci
3 Scirrotto with the OEC. The next matter for the
4 Board's consideration is a request to place Dianese
5 Conner on the Involuntary Exclusion List. Ms. Conner
6 left three children, ages 12, 7 and 4 years old,
7 unattended in her vehicle in Presque Isle Downs,
8 Inc.'s casino parking lot. The vehicle was parked in
9 a space reserved for the Pennsylvania State Horse
10 Racing Commission. Security discovered the vehicle
11 after being notified by a patron. The children were
12 left unattended for approximately one hour and 15
13 minutes before security arrived at the vehicle.
14 Police were notified and issued a warning, but she
15 was not criminally charged. Ms. Conner was evicted
16 as a result of her actions.

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

20 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
21 the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
22 please?

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

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

3 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
4 seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 ---

7 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

8 ---

9 CHAIR: All opposed?

10 ---

11 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

12 ---

13 CHAIR: Motion's adopted. And just
14 for the record, it's Dianese (corrects
15 pronunciation). It's not Denise, like D-E-N-I-S-E.

16 ATTORNEY SCIRROTTO: The next matter
17 for the Board's consideration is a request to place
18 Theresa Johnson on the Involuntary Exclusion List.
19 Ms. Johnson left her 12-year-old child unattended in
20 her vehicle at the valet entrance at Hollywood Casino
21 at Penn National Race Course. Security discovered
22 the unattended minor 14 minutes later. Police were
23 notified and spoke with Ms. Johnson. She was not
24 criminally charged and was evicted for seven days as
25 a result.

1 At this time, the OEC requests that
2 the Board place Theresa Johnson on the Involuntary
3 Exclusion List.

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

6 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
7 moves that the Board approve the addition of Theresa
8 Johnson to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for
9 the conduct described by the OEC.

10 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
11 seconds.

12 CHAIR: All in favor?

13 ---

14 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

15 ---

16 CHAIR: All opposed?

17 ---

18 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

19 ---

20 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

21 ATTORNEY SCIRROTTO: The next matter
22 on the agenda for the Board's consideration is a
23 request to place Devon Melchor on the Board's
24 Involuntary Exclusion List. Mr. Melchor was at Parx
25 Casino when he conspired with another individual to

1 observe, stalk and rob a patrons winnings. Mr.
2 Melchor and the other individual observed the patron
3 gaming at multiple tables for over seven and a half
4 hours. The patron cashed out \$10,150 at the main
5 cage before leaving the casino in his vehicle. Mr.
6 Melchor and the other individual got into their own
7 vehicle and followed the patron out of the parking
8 lot. They followed the patron to the patron's home,
9 where Mr. Melchor's accomplice shot and killed the
10 patron with a handgun in an attempt to steal the
11 patron's winnings.

12 A New Jersey Grand Jury indicted Mr.
13 Melchor of conspiracy, robbery, felony murder,
14 murder, possession of weapon for unlawful purposes
15 and unlawful possession of a weapon. The charges are
16 pending and a court hearing is scheduled for February
17 22nd, 2024. Mr. Melchor was permanently evicted by
18 Parx.

19 At this time, the OEC requests that
20 the Board place Devon Melchor on the Involuntary
21 Exclusion List.

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

24 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves
25 that the Board approve the addition of Devon Melchor

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

3 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
4 seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 ---

7 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

8 ---

9 CHAIR: All opposed?

10 ---

11 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

12 ---

13 CHAIR: Motion passes.

14 ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: Again, Juan
15 Sanchez. The next two matters on the agenda are
16 related and are requests to place Rondell Draper and
17 Staronna Moore-McGriff on the Involuntary Exclusion
18 List. With the Board's permission, I will read one
19 set of facts and then request that each individual be
20 placed on the Exclusion List.

21 Ms. Draper and Ms. Moore-McGriff
22 played a table game at Live! Casino Philadelphia and
23 colluded with the table games dealer and three other
24 patrons or otherwise cheated, capped and pinched
25 wagers and were paid out for losing wagers owed to

1 Live! Casino Philadelphia.

2 Rondell Draper received a total of
3 \$7,375 and Staronna Moore-McGriff received a total of
4 \$625 in ill-gotten gains.

5 Pennsylvania State Police arrested and
6 charged both with third-degree felonies and first-
7 degree misdemeanors. Ms. Moore-McGriff's criminal
8 case is awaiting trial or final disposition. Ms.
9 Draper pleaded guilty to a third-degree felony,
10 conspiracy to commit theft by deception, false
11 impression. Live! Casino Philadelphia permanently
12 evicted both from the casino for their actions.

13 At this time, the OEC requests that
14 the Board place Staronna Moore-McGriff on the Board's
15 Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

18 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
19 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the
20 addition of Staronna Moore-McGriff to the
21 Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's Involuntary
22 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

23 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
24 seconds.

25 CHAIR: All in favor?

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

(WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

CHAIR: All opposed?

(WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

ATTORNEY CROHE: Chair and members of
the Board -.

ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: At this time the
OEC requests that the Board place Rondell Draper on
the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
Dillon moves that the Board approve the addition of
Rondell Draper to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List
for the conduct described by the OEC.

MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
Hickernell seconds.

CHAIR: All in favor?

(WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

1 CHAIR: All opposed?

2 ---

3 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

4 ---

5 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

6 ATTORNEY CROHE: My apologies. John
7 Crohe once again for the OEC. The next matter on the
8 agenda for the Board's consideration is a Petition to
9 place Benjamin Rodriguez on the Involuntary Gaming
10 Exclusion List. Mr. Rodriguez created and accessed
11 17 accounts on the MGM iGaming platform using the
12 personal identifying information of other
13 individuals. All accounts were permanently closed by
14 BetMGM. After the fraud was discovered, no criminal
15 charges were filed against Mr. Rodriguez. The OEC
16 now requests that the Board place Benjamin Rodriguez
17 on the Involuntary iGaming Exclusion List.

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

20 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,
21 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve
22 the addition of Benjamin Rodriguez to the
23 Pennsylvania Gaming Board's Interactive Involuntary
24 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

25 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner

1 Manzano-Díaz second.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 ---

4 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

5 ---

6 CHAIR: All opposed?

7 ---

8 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

9 ---

10 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

11 ATTORNEY PITRE: Thank you. That
12 concludes our business.

13 CHAIR: Thank you, Cyrus.

14 The last item on the agenda today is
15 public comments. Is there anyone in the room that
16 would like to address the Board? Seeing no one, that
17 concludes today's meeting.

18 The next public meeting of the Board
19 will be held on Wednesday, March 20th, 2024, at 10:00
20 a.m. at this location.

21 And now may I please have a motion to
22 adjourn?

23 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
24 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves to adjourn.

25 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston

1 seconds.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 ---

4 (WHEREUPON, THE AYES RESPOND.)

5 ---

6 CHAIR: All opposed?

7 ---

8 (WHEREUPON, NO RESPONSE.)

9 ---

10 CHAIR: We are adjourned. Thanks,
11 everybody.

12 * * * * *

13 MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11:32 A.M.

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings, hearing held before Chair Smyler, was reported by me on February 21, 2024 and that I, Sophia Mahoney, read this transcript, and that I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceeding.

Date the 14 day of March, 2024



Sophia Mahoney,
Court Reporter