

**NEW YORK STATE
GAMING COMMISSION MEETING**

MINUTES

MEETING of FEBRUARY 23, 2015

**ALBANY, NEW YORK
GENEVA, NEW YORK
NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

A meeting of the N.Y.S. Gaming Commission was conducted in Albany, Geneva and New York, New York.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:12 p.m. by Executive Director Robert Williams. Establishment of a quorum was noted by Acting Secretary Kristen Buckley. In physical attendance in Albany were Commissioners Peter Moschetti and Barry Sample. Chairman Mark Gearan was in attendance from Geneva. In New York were Commissioners John Crotty and John Poklemba. Oral and visual communications between all three sites was maintained throughout the meeting.

2. Consideration of the Minutes from January 26, 2015

The Commission considered previously circulated draft minutes of the meeting conducted on January 26, 2015. The minutes were accepted as circulated.

3. Report of Executive Director

Executive Director Robert Williams provided an update on the upcoming meeting of the Gaming Facility Location Board, the status of the staff report into allegations made by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, breakdowns at Aqueduct Racetrack and on steward transparency initiatives.

4. Rulemaking

- a. **Proposed Rulemaking for Electronic Transfer of Funds to the Commission from Special Bell Jar Accounts (9 NYCRR § 4624.9)**

The Commission considered a proposed amendment to an existing rule that would allow licensed charitable organizations to submit fees through electronic transfer.

ON A MOTION BY: Commissioner Crotty

APPROVED: 5-0

5. Adjudications

a. In the Matter of Edward J. Williams

The Commission, having considered this matter at a meeting conducted pursuant to the judicial or quasi-judicial proceedings exemption of N.Y. Public Officers Law § 108.1, announced that it had, on a 4-1 vote, rejected the Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendations and sustained the Bureau of Licensing's denial. Commissioner Moschetti voted to sustain the Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendations.

6. New Business/Old Business

a. New Business

1. National Problem Gambling Awareness Month. In recognition of National Problem Gambling Awareness Month, Chairman Gearan proposed the Commission conduct a few regional public forums aimed at increasing problem gambling education and awareness. Gearan proposed using the collective resources and combined expertise of the Commission and its colleagues in the Responsible Play Partnership - the N.Y.S. Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services and the New York Council on Problem Gambling in creating a useful program.

Director of Communications Lee Park offered to coordinate the events.

2. Internal Audit Liaison. Chairman Gearan asked members provide indication of interest in serving as a member liaison to the Office of Internal Audit. Gearan stated an intention to name such liaisons at the next Commission meeting.
3. New Casino Gambling Request For Application. Chairman Gearan requested Commissioner voice sentiment as to whether members were willing to entertain a new Request for

Applications process, limited to Zone Two, Region Five. In general, members advised they wished to review the Gaming Facility Location Board's Final Report and Recommendation on the three previously announced license recommendations before contemplating any new Request For Applications.

b. Old Business

No action on old business was taken.

7. Scheduling of Next Meeting

Chairman Gearan suggested that the Commission maintain the present schedule of meetings, the fourth Monday of every month, which would make the next meeting on March 23, 2015.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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