

**New York State Gaming Commission Minutes  
Meeting of October 19, 2020**

A meeting of the Commission was conducted by teleconference.

**1. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum**

Executive Director Robert Williams called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Establishment of a quorum was noted by Acting Secretary Kristen Buckley. In attendance were Chairman Barry Sample and Commissioners John Crotty, Peter Moschetti, John Poklemba, and Jerry Skurnik. The meeting was conducted in conformity with Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1. The video and audio components of the meeting were recorded for transcription, as required.

**2. Consideration of Minutes for Meeting of September 21, 2020**

The Commission considered previously circulated draft minutes of the meeting conducted on September 21, 2020. The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**3. Adjudications**

**A. In the Matter of Kevin Cummings**

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 determined upon a 5-0 vote to adopt the Hearing Officer's findings of fact, conclusions of law, while modifying the recommended penalty to impose a six-month suspension, reduced by any suspension time already served, a fine of \$2,500.00, and an order that Mr. Cummings complete a Commission-approved anger management course before being allowed to resume participation in racing.

**B. In the Matter of Ramzan Antooa**

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 determined upon a 5-0 vote to accept the Hearing Officer's findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommended penalty of a lifetime license revocation.

#### **4. Use of the Crop**

The Commission heard from a variety of interested parties regarding whether the existing rule regarding use of the crop required amendment. Among those from who the Commission heard included: Commission Stewards Braulio Baeza, Jr., Carmine Donofrio, and Erinn Higgins; The Jockeys' Guild representatives John Velasquez, Mike Smith, Javier Castellano, and Mindy Coleman; The Jockey Club representatives James Gagliano, Matt F. Iuliano, and Chris McCarron; and Horsemen and Racing Officials Will Alempijevic from The New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Martin Panza from The New York Racing Association, Inc., Mike Zeigler from Churchill Downs International, Drew Fleming from Breeders' Cup Limited, and Craig Fravel from The Stronach Group.

#### **5. Adjournment**

Chairman Sample noted that voluminous rulemaking proposals are scheduled to complete public comment in early November, thus a meeting date subsequent to such occurrence would be considered.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

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