

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

GAMING CONTROL BOARD

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PUBLIC MEETING

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BEFORE: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

DENISE J. SMYLER, CHAIR

Nedia Ralston (via phone)

Shawn Dillon

Frances J. Regan

Sara Manzano-Díaz

David S. Hickernell

Frank Dermody (via phone)

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Agriculture

Jennifer Langan, Esquire, Designee,  
Department of Treasury

Christin Heidingsfelder, Designee,  
Department of Revenue

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## P R O C E E D I N G S

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3           CHAIR: Good morning. I'm Denise  
4 Smyler, Chair of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control  
5 Board. I would like to ask everyone to please  
6 silence your cell phones and all electronic devices  
7 at this time.

8           Also, while masks are no longer  
9 mandatory, please feel free to wear a mask if you  
10 believe that it is required or necessary for your own  
11 well-being.

12           With five Board members present and  
13 Commissioners Dermody and Ralston present by  
14 telephone, I'd like to call today's meeting to order.

15           Commissioner Dermody, can you hear me?

16           MR. DERMODY: Yes, I can, Madam Chair.

17           CHAIR: Excellent. Thank you.

18           Commissioner Ralston, can you hear me?

19           MS. RALSTON: Yes, I can hear you as  
20 well.

21           CHAIR: Perfect. Thank you so much.

22           With that being said, I'd also like to  
23 note for the record that in addition to the seven  
24 Board members participating today, we also have our  
25 ex-officio members, Fred Strathmeyer, representing

1 Russell Redding, Secretary for the Department of  
2 Agriculture; Christin Heidingsfelder, representing  
3 Pat Browne, Secretary for the Department of Revenue,  
4 and Jennifer Langan, representing Stacy Garrity,  
5 State Treasurer.

6 Thank you ex-officios for joining us.  
7 I'd now like everybody to please stand and join me in  
8 the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

9 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

10 CHAIR: We will now have presentations  
11 of service of awards for Gaming Control Board  
12 employees that will be made by our Executive Director  
13 Kevin O'Toole. Kevin.

14 MR. O'TOOLE: Thank you, Chair. Good  
15 morning, Chair Smyler, members of the Board. It's  
16 always a great occasion to be able to recognize the  
17 loyalty and the dedication of employees who have  
18 worked hard for a long period of time. We do honor  
19 10-year recipients and we honor 15-year recipients.

20 And I always like to note on  
21 occasions, once a quarter, we recognize individuals.  
22 But currently we have 353 employees, 167 of those  
23 employees have at least ten years of service.

24 Am I okay, Richard?

25 RICHARD MCGARVEY: Now you're good.

1                   MR. O'TOOLE: And that represents 47  
2 percent of our employees. And 110 have reached 15  
3 years of service, which represents 31 percent of  
4 employees.

5                   So, I note that those percentages are  
6 going down a little bit. Some of our 15-year  
7 recipients are deciding that they have enough years  
8 of service to resign and get all the welcome benefits  
9 of being long-term Commonwealth employees.

10                   So, today I have two employees who are  
11 here to be honored in person, and I'm very  
12 appreciative of that. So, Michael. Our first  
13 recipient is Michael Roland. Michael is here for his  
14 15 years of service. He was hired on December 6th of  
15 2008 as an Assistant Enforcement Counsel, and today  
16 Michael serves as a Senior Enforcement Counsel.

17                   Michael, congratulations on your  
18 service. We appreciate your work. Thank you very  
19 much.

20                   MR. O'TOOLE: I'd like Charles Leister  
21 to come forward.

22                   Hello, Charles. Charles is here for  
23 his ten-year service award. He commenced employment  
24 here at the Board on April 26th of 2014 as a  
25 Statistician. And today he serves as a Manager of



1 the Board's Office of Gaming Laboratory and  
2 Operations.

3 Charlie, thank you very much for your  
4 service and congratulations.

5 I have a few additional individuals  
6 who were not able to come today, and I'd like the  
7 record to reflect them and that they will get a  
8 certificate as well. It's always great that we have  
9 terrific live streaming services. So, all eight of  
10 these remaining individuals may be watching us at  
11 this time.

12 If they are, good morning. We have  
13 two employees who have reached their 15-year  
14 milestone in addition to Michael.

15 First is Linda Schramm. Linda was  
16 hired on January 5th, 2008, as an Executive Secretary  
17 for the Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement  
18 (BIE) and she holds that position today.

19 Secondly, we have Luke Rogers. Luke  
20 was hired on January 6th of 2008 as A Casino  
21 Compliance Representative. Today Luke is an iGaming  
22 Compliance Representative for the Bureau of Gaming  
23 Operations.

24 And we also have six additional  
25 employees who have reached their ten-year anniversary

1 of employment with the Board.

2           The first is Andrew Dennis, who I'd  
3 like to recognize. In addition to Charlie, Andrew  
4 was hired on October 7th of 2013 as a Casino  
5 Compliance Representative. Today Andrew is a  
6 Technical Field Representative at Rivers Casino  
7 Pittsburgh with the Bureau of Casino Compliance.

8           Also on that same day, Douglas Kunst  
9 was hired with the Board on October 7th of 2013, as a  
10 Casino Compliance Representative assigned to the  
11 Meadows Casino, with the Bureau of Casino Compliance.  
12 And Doug holds that position today as well.

13           We also have Anthony Penna. Anthony  
14 was hired on January 21st, 2014, as a Casino  
15 Compliance Representative, also assigned at the  
16 Meadows Casino with the Bureau of Casino Compliance,  
17 and Anthony holds that position today.

18           Next we have Percival O'Shaughnessy.  
19 Percy was hired on March 17th, 2014, as a Technical  
20 Field Representative at Harrah's Philadelphia Casino  
21 with the Bureau of Casino Compliance, and Percy holds  
22 that position today as well.

23           Next is Michael Lamm. Michael was  
24 hired on March the 24th of 2014 as a Casino  
25 Compliance Representative at the Casino at Nemaquin

1 with the Bureau of Casino Compliance, and Michael  
2 also holds that position today.

3                   Finally, we have David Gehman. David  
4 was hired on December the 12, 2013, as an  
5 Applications Developer with the Office of Information  
6 Technology, under the Bureau of Administration, and  
7 David holds that position today.

8                   So, I'd like to congratulate all ten  
9 of our service award recipients and thank them all  
10 for their service. Thank you.

11                   CHAIR: Thank you, Kevin. And thank  
12 all of you for your years of service to the Board and  
13 to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

14                   By way of announcements, the Board  
15 held an executive session yesterday, Tuesday,  
16 March 19th to discuss personnel matters and pending  
17 litigation and to conduct quasi-judicial  
18 deliberations related to matters coming before the  
19 Board.

20                   I'd also like to recognize Christin  
21 Heidingsfelder, our ex-officio designee for many  
22 years for the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.  
23 Christin recently announced her retirement from State  
24 service after a distinguished career with the Revenue  
25 Department, and related to that, outstanding service

1 to this Board.

2 Christin, on behalf of the entire  
3 Board, I'd like to thank you for your years of  
4 service and wish you the best in your retirement.

5 MS. HEIDINGSFELDER: Thank you.

6 CHAIR: Our first order of business  
7 this morning is the consideration of the Board  
8 meeting transcripts and minutes from the December 13,  
9 2023 meeting and the January 24th, 2024 meeting.

10 May I have a motion, please, to  
11 approve the transcript and minutes of the  
12 December 13th, 2023 meeting?

13 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
14 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board  
15 approved the minutes and the transcript of the  
16 December 13, 2023 meeting.

17 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner  
18 Hickernell seconds.

19 CHAIR: All in favor?

20 AYES RESPOND

21 CHAIR: All opposed?

22 Motion's adopted.

23 May I now have a motion to approve the  
24 transcript and minutes of the January 24th, 2024  
25 meeting?

1                   MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,  
2 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve  
3 the minutes and transcript of the January 24th, 2024  
4 meeting.

5                   MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
6 seconds.

7                   CHAIR: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

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

11                   We will now hear again from our  
12 Executive Director, Kevin O'Toole.

13                   MR. O'TOOLE: And I'm very glad to  
14 give a second presentation this morning. Thank you  
15 very much.

16                   So, as we all know, the month of March  
17 is Problem Gambling Awareness Month. And I wanted to  
18 take the opportunity to raise awareness of certain  
19 self-help steps that any player with an online gaming  
20 account in Pennsylvania can use on their own to  
21 lessen the impacts of gambling on a player's ability  
22 to control their activity and stay clear of problem  
23 or compulsive gambling.

24                   Board regulations at Section 814A.2  
25 offer to players a number of responsible gaming

1 self-imposed limits. These limits allow a player to  
2 control the amount of their deposits over a period of  
3 time. They allow patrons to set maximum amount  
4 limits for each wager that they place. It allows  
5 players to set a maximum amount of funds that they  
6 want to spend and potentially lose all of those  
7 funds, so they can set an upper limit. And it can be  
8 done on a daily basis. It can be done for a day, it  
9 can be done for a week, it can be done for a month or  
10 longer than that.

11                   And also, players can also self-impose  
12 on themselves a cooling-off period with just one  
13 requirement. And that requirement is that the  
14 cooling-off period must be a minimum of 72 hours.  
15 So, it could be three days or any period longer than  
16 three days. And these are, as the name indicates,  
17 self-imposed limits.

18                   The online operators, in conjunction  
19 with our staff at the launch of online gambling,  
20 whatever time frame that was, because we've had  
21 people launch - we've had companies launch over the  
22 last five years on a fairly regular basis, but they  
23 incorporate into their systems that control the  
24 online gambling and control the registration process  
25 for online gambling to incorporate those limits

1 within their systems.

2                   So, I also wanted to note that the  
3 Board's Office of Compulsive and Problem Gambling,  
4 through Director Elizabeth Lanza, has been able to  
5 monitor the usage of these self-imposed limits. So,  
6 on a monthly basis, she obtained statistics from the  
7 online gaming operators for their respective  
8 registered players during any particular month. And  
9 Director Lanza and her staff aggregate all those  
10 figures and have them available.

11                   So, the most used limit that players  
12 choose is the deposit limit. And the second most  
13 used limit is the self-suspension cooldown period.

14                   During the month of January 2024, by  
15 example, the deposit limit was activated by players  
16 over 154,000 times, and the self-suspension cooldown  
17 period was activated over 78,000 times. So, those  
18 are large numbers, but it is true that the number of  
19 players who have registered accounts are in the  
20 millions. So, it's good to see these self-imposed  
21 limits used the amounts that I just cited, but we  
22 would like to see it see them used even more.

23                   And these self-imposed limits are  
24 important because they provide players with controls  
25 over their gambling activity, and particularly with

1 respect to online gambling on simulated slot machines  
2 and table games.

3           It's important to note that these  
4 self-imposed limits are in addition to any player who  
5 wishes to be on the Self-Exclusion List can also  
6 avail themselves of that service that the Board  
7 performs.

8           In a related effort, pursuant to the  
9 Gaming Act at Section 1211(d.1), the Department of  
10 Drug and Alcohol Programs, DDAP, coordinates the  
11 statutorily required annual report on the impact of  
12 online gambling on compulsive and problem gambling.  
13 The legislature adopted this requirement when online  
14 gambling was first authorized in the Commonwealth of  
15 Pennsylvania. This report is written by a team of  
16 professors, researchers and analysts from Penn State  
17 University, once they complete and compile the  
18 current year's research of this topic.

19           In his 2023 report, which was just  
20 recently issued, on the impact of online gambling and  
21 compulsive and problem gambling, one of the more  
22 significant findings that they noted was that 16  
23 percent of Pennsylvania adults reported that they  
24 engaged in online gambling during the year. This is  
25 an increase from 11 percent from the previous year's



1 report. And it certainly would not be surprising if  
2 that percentage continues to rise in future years,  
3 which makes these self-imposed limits all the more  
4 important.

5                   So, to conclude, there's always  
6 challenges that must be met to minimize compulsive  
7 and problem gambling. These challenges are, in fact,  
8 being met in Pennsylvania by efforts of the  
9 Pennsylvania Council on Compulsive Gambling, which  
10 does a fabulous job of awareness and education and  
11 training all throughout the year. They perform much  
12 of the training at the casino land-based casinos to  
13 ensure that the required personnel at those  
14 land-based casinos receive their annual training in  
15 compulsive and problem gaming.

16                   And it also is met by the Department  
17 of Drug and Alcohol Programs, DDAP. Not only do they  
18 coordinate that annual report that Penn State  
19 prepares, they service and provide oversight to the  
20 Compulsive and Problem Gambling Trust Fund, which  
21 allows DDAP to issue grants and contracts with single  
22 county authorities all throughout the Commonwealth.  
23 And that money goes directly to service providers.

24                   So, any citizen of Pennsylvania who  
25 has a compulsive or problem gambling problem, if

1 their insurance doesn't cover treatment for that  
2 issue, or if they don't have the funds to pay for  
3 that service, they can reach out to appropriate  
4 authorities and get the treatment that they need, and  
5 it would be paid through these grants.

6           And last but not least, those  
7 challenges are met by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control  
8 Board, as I have just laid out to you on some of the  
9 initiatives that we do here at the Board. And this  
10 issue is - one of the challenges is, it's never going  
11 to go away. It's there when you start this job and  
12 it's there when you end this job, so long as there's  
13 legal gambling.

14           So, it does allow regulators to think  
15 in creative ways to get people to understand if they  
16 do have a problem, there are services and techniques  
17 and tools that they can avail themselves of. Thank  
18 you.

19           CHAIR: Thank you, Kevin.

20           And we will now hear from our Human  
21 Resource Director, Danette Bixler-George. Danette.

22           MS. BIXLER-GEORGE: Good morning,  
23 Chair, Board members, the Office of Human Resources  
24 has two motions today for your consideration relative  
25 to the hiring of four individuals and the amendment

1 of the pay structure for nonunion employees.

2 I would note that the number of  
3 individuals being presented to you has changed from  
4 the previous information that was provided to you  
5 yesterday.

6 The following four individuals have  
7 completed the background investigation, interview  
8 process and drug screening and are ready for  
9 presentation to the Board.

10 First, we have Dennis Lebo, who has  
11 been selected as an Auditor in the Bureau of Gaming  
12 Operations and is recommended for hire by Paul Resch,  
13 the Director of Gaming Operations.

14 Next we have Julian Burton, who has  
15 been selected as a Licensing Technician in the Bureau  
16 of Licensing and is recommended for hire by Sean  
17 Hannon, Director of Licensing.

18 Next we have Tom Diecidue, who's been  
19 selected as the Director of Information Technology  
20 and is recommended for hire by Claire Yantis,  
21 Administrative Director.

22 And finally, we have Gavin Spallone,  
23 who has been selected as a Statistician in the Office  
24 of Gaming Laboratory Operations and is recommended  
25 for hire by Heather Worner, Director of Gaming

1 Laboratory Operations.

2 Unless you have questions, I ask that  
3 the Board consider a motion to approve the hiring  
4 actions as indicated.

5 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

6 May I have a motion, please?

7 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
8 Dillon moves that the Board approve the applicants  
9 for hire, as proposed by the Human Resources  
10 Director.

11 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
12 Manzano-Díaz second.

13 CHAIR: All in favor?

14 AYES RESPOND

15 CHAIR: All opposed?

16 Motion's adopted.

17 MS. BIXLER-GEORGE: The second motion  
18 seeks to adopt amendments to the PGCB Classification  
19 and Compensation Structure effective today, March the  
20 20th, 2024. As you are aware, the original  
21 Classification and Compensation Structure was adopted  
22 by the Board in January 2011.

23 In October 2019, the Board adopted a  
24 new Classification and Compensation Structure which  
25 is a single-pay structure for all nonunion

1 represented employees. This single pay structure was  
2 adjusted most recently on July 1st, 2023. Almost  
3 didn't get that out. Currently, the Office of Human  
4 Resources is proposing two revisions to the  
5 management pay schedule for pay groups GM09 and GM10.

6 The revisions will aid in maintaining  
7 equity with the Commonwealth Standard Pay Schedule,  
8 which is our primary comparator for compensation  
9 matters. It is recommended that the top or maximum  
10 of these two pay groups be aged another 2.25 percent  
11 at this time. With the Board's adoption, the amended  
12 schedule will become effective immediately.

13 I would be happy to answer any  
14 questions you might have regarding the changes in the  
15 compensation structure.

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  
20 approve the updated nonunion pay schedule as proposed  
21 by the Human Resources Director.

22 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan seconds.

23 CHAIR: All in favor?

24 AYES RESPOND

25 CHAIR: All opposed?

1 NAYS RESPOND

2 CHAIR: Motion passes.

3 MS. BIXLER-GEORGE: Thank you.

4 CHAIR: Thank you, Danette. Next is  
5 our Office of Chief Counsel.

6 ATTORNEY COOK: Good morning, Chair,  
7 members of the Board.

8 Before the Board today are just two  
9 Petitions. Both of these Petitions will be decided  
10 on the documentary record as the Office of  
11 Enforcement Counsel (OEC) has no objection to the  
12 requested relief. In each of these matters the Board  
13 has, in advance of today's meeting, been provided  
14 with the complete evidentiary record.

15 The first Petition before the Board is  
16 Franklin Hollins' Petition for Removal from the  
17 Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

18 By way of background, on January 21st,  
19 2020, while gaming at Rivers Philadelphia, Mr.  
20 Hollins capped a wager, resulting in him winning  
21 \$240, to which he was not entitled. As a result of  
22 his actions, he was permanently evicted from Rivers  
23 Philadelphia, and he was charged with a summary  
24 offense. Subsequently, the OEC filed a Petition to  
25 place Mr. Hollins on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

1           A hearing was held on the matter and  
2 thereafter, on August 11th, 2021, the Board placed  
3 Mr. Hollins on the list for two years, at which time  
4 he could petition to come off the exclusion list.

5           Mr. Hollins has now filed his request  
6 for removal from the Involuntary Exclusion List.  
7 Enforcement Counsel has no objection to the request.  
8 It has been over two years since he was placed on the  
9 exclusion list and there is no evidence that he  
10 violated the Board's Order or otherwise engaged in  
11 criminal activity. And this matter is now ripe for  
12 the Board's consideration.

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

15           MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
16 Regan moves that the Board grant Franklin Hollins'  
17 Petition for Removal from the Involuntary Exclusion  
18 List as described by the OCC.

19           MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner  
20 Hickernell seconds.

21           CHAIR: All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

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

25           ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board

1 is the Petition filed by Raymond Smith, also  
2 requesting removal from the Involuntary Exclusion  
3 List.

4                   On several occasions in June of 2017,  
5 while working as a Slot Technician at SugarHouse  
6 Casino, which now operates as Rivers Casino  
7 Philadelphia, Mr. Smith stole vouchers totaling \$676.  
8 He was terminated, criminally charged and ultimately  
9 admitted into an Accelerated Rehabilitative  
10 Disposition Program in the Criminal Courts of  
11 Philadelphia.

12                   Consequently, the OEC filed to revoke  
13 Mr. Smith's Gaming Permit and to place him on the  
14 Board's Involuntary Exclusion List. In March of  
15 2018, the Board issued Orders both revoking Mr.  
16 Smith's Permit and placing him on the exclusion list.

17                   Mr. Smith is now requesting removal  
18 from the exclusion list. He has paid full  
19 restitution and has successfully completed the ARD  
20 Program. Enforcement Counsel has no objection, as  
21 it's been over five years since his placement on the  
22 list and there is no evidence that he violated the  
23 Board's Order relative to the exclusion or has been  
24 involved in any other criminal activity.

25                   And just to be clear, this is only to



1 remove Mr. Smith from the list. He still is not  
2 permitted to work in the industry. And that matter  
3 stands and that matter is now ripe for this Board to  
4 consider.

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

7 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
8 Dillon moves that the Board grant Raymond Smiths'  
9 Petition for Removal from the Involuntary Exclusion  
10 List as described by the OCC.

11 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
12 Manzano-Díaz, second.

13 CHAIR: All in favor?

14 AYES RESPOND

15 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

16 ATTORNEY COOK: Next presenting  
17 Withdrawals, Surrenders, and Reports and  
18 Recommendations, Deputy Chief Counsel Chad  
19 Zimmermann.

20 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Good morning,  
21 Commissioners.

22 The next matter before the Board today  
23 pertains to several unopposed Petitions to withdraw  
24 applications or to surrender the credentials of the  
25 following individuals and entities: Carlin G3 Trust;

1 Evolution Pennsylvania, LLC; Michael W. Smurfit Jr.;  
2 Christopher Clark; Kevin Ciantar; Jonathan Jones;  
3 Julian Bazley; Enrico Bradamante; Bradley Gibson; The  
4 Duchossois Group, Inc.; CDI Holdings, LLC; Craig  
5 Duchossois; Martin Smith; Lawrence J. Wheeler, Jr.;  
6 Duncan B. McConnell; Jacob Joyce; City Op Holding  
7 Co.; Racetrack Op Holding Co.; LLN PA, LLC; Johan  
8 Karrbrink; Antoine Bonello; Philip E. Juliano; The  
9 Pala Band of Mission Indians; NG Poker; Anthony J.  
10 Ravago; Bradley W. Gauchino; Kasey S. Thompson;  
11 Robert H. Smith; Shauna S. Anton; Sheila Smith-Lopez;  
12 Theresa J. Nieto; Theressa A. Villa and William F.  
13 Bembenek.

14                   The OEC has no objections to any of  
15 these Withdrawals or Surrenders. As a result, if the  
16 Board chooses to grant the request, in every case it  
17 would be doing so without prejudice to the requester.  
18 These matters are all now ripe for the Board's  
19 consideration.

20                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

21                   May I have a motion, please?

22                   MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,

23 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board issue  
24 Orders to approve the Withdrawals and Surrenders as  
25 described by the OCC.

1                   MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
2 seconds.

3                   CHAIR: All in favor?

4 AYES RESPOND

5                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

6                   ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the  
7 Board for consideration on the agenda are ten Reports  
8 and Recommendations received from the Office of  
9 Hearings and Appeals (OHA). These Reports and  
10 Recommendations, along with the evidentiary record  
11 for each hearing, have been provided to the Board in  
12 advance of today's meeting.

13                   Additionally, the persons involved have each been  
14 notified that the Board would be considering their  
15 matter today and that each would have the opportunity  
16 to come forward and briefly address the Board. If  
17 any of the persons who are the subject of one of  
18 these Reports and Recommendations would like to  
19 address the Board, I would ask them to come forward  
20 when the matter is called.

21                   As an administrative matter, the first  
22 on the agenda is Joshua Lewis. Given some  
23 information that was garnered this morning, Mr.  
24 Lewis's matter is being removed from the agenda and  
25 will be relisted for a later date, so there is no

1 action needed to be taken today by the Board on Mr.  
2 Lewis' matter.

3                   Moving on. Alexis Pawlowski. Ms.  
4 Pawlowski holds a Gaming Employee Occupation Permit  
5 and has been employed at Live! Pittsburgh as a Table  
6 Games Dealer.

7                   On November 29th, 2023, the OEC filed  
8 a complaint seeking an Emergency Suspension of Ms.  
9 Pawlowski's Permit after receiving notice that she  
10 had been criminally charged with seven felonies and  
11 four misdemeanor offenses pertaining to drug-related  
12 charges and charges involving the endangering the  
13 welfare of children. As a result of the charges, the  
14 Executive Director issued an Emergency Order  
15 suspending Ms. Pawlowski's Permit.

16                   A hearing in this matter was held on  
17 December 21st, 2023. OEC presented testimony and  
18 documentary evidence at the hearing. Ms. Pawlowski  
19 appeared and testified on her own behalf. Evidence  
20 presented by OEC documented a joint investigation  
21 between several law-enforcement agencies that  
22 resulted in the seizure of firearms, cell phones,  
23 ammunition, bag of suspected cocaine, marijuana and  
24 other THC products at Ms. Pawlowski's residence.

25                   Ms. Pawlowski testified at the hearing

1 that she was innocent of all charges. However, they  
2 are still pending in the Court of Common Pleas.

3 Following a hearing, a Report and  
4 Recommendation was issued recommending the suspension  
5 of her Permit remain in effect. And this matter is  
6 now ready for the Board's consideration.

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

10 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
11 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board adopt  
12 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as  
13 described by the Office of Chief Counsel (OCC) and  
14 that the Emergency Suspension of Alexis Pawlowski's  
15 Employee Occupation Permit remain in effect.

16 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan  
17 seconds.

18 CHAIR: All in favor?

19 AYES RESPOND

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

22 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Luz Velazquez is  
23 the next Report and Recommendation before the Board  
24 today. Ms. Velazquez holds a Gaming Employee  
25 Occupation Permit and previously worked as a Table

1 Games Dealer at Live! Casino and Hotel in  
2 Philadelphia.

3 Ms. Velazquez recently submitted an  
4 application to the Board for a Non-Gaming Employee  
5 Registration to work as a Games Presenter for  
6 Evolution US, LLC.

7 On October 16, 2023, the OEC filed a  
8 complaint seeking Emergency Suspension of Ms.  
9 Velazquez's Permit after receiving notice that she  
10 had been criminally charged with felony and  
11 misdemeanor offenses relating to a firearm stemming  
12 from a traffic stop. As a result of Ms. Velazquez's  
13 charges, the Board's Executive Director issued an  
14 Emergency Order of Suspension, suspending her Permit.

15 A hearing in this matter was held in  
16 November of 2023. OEC appeared, presenting  
17 testimonial and documentary evidence. Ms. Velazquez  
18 appeared and briefly testified on her own behalf.

19 Following the hearing, a Report and  
20 Recommendation was issued, recommending that the  
21 suspension of Ms. Velazquez's Permit remain in effect  
22 given the fact that the charges against her were  
23 still pending and were disqualifying in nature. And  
24 this matter is now ready for the Board's  
25 consideration.

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

3                   MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
4 Regan moves that the Board adopt the Report and  
5 Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the  
6 OCC, and that the Emergency Suspension of Luz  
7 Velazquez's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit remain  
8 in effect.

9                   MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner  
10 Hickernell seconds.

11                   CHAIR: All in favor?

12 AYES RESPOND

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

15                   ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the  
16 Board is the Report and Recommendation pertaining to  
17 Kelly Biddle.

18                   On September 6, 2023, OEC filed a  
19 Petition to place Ms. Biddle on the Involuntary  
20 Exclusion List after she allegedly created a fake  
21 police report and provided that report to an  
22 interactive gaming operator, BetMGM, to resolve a  
23 dispute.

24                   A hearing in this matter was held  
25 November 28, 2023. OEC appeared at the hearing and

1 presented testimony and documentary evidence. Ms.  
2 Biddle appeared and testified on her own behalf.  
3 OEC's evidence and testimony showed that Ms. Biddle  
4 had made several complaints to BetMGM, an interactive  
5 gaming operator. Specifically, Ms. Biddle complained  
6 of her inability to access her account or withdraw  
7 the funds to the credit or debit card she had listed  
8 on her account.

9                   In August of 2021, Ms. Biddle was  
10 informed by BetMGM at one point that her account had  
11 a negative balance due to money being deposited in  
12 her account from a card that was not in her name and  
13 that was subsequently wagered and had to be returned  
14 to the card in question.

15                   Subsequently, Ms. Biddle had informed  
16 BetMGM that her bank account was overdrawn, blamed  
17 BetMGM for the overdraw, and that she was not aware  
18 that there were cards on her account that were not in  
19 her name. She also then questioned why she should  
20 have to repay that money.

21                   Ms. Biddle was instructed by BetMGM to  
22 provide a self-certified identification, which  
23 included a photo of herself holding her ID, as well  
24 as a police report to corroborate her claims of the  
25 fraudulent activity. Ms. Biddle did provide these



1 documents. However, the police report contained  
2 several irregularities and mistakes. And upon  
3 further investigation by the Board's Bureau of Gaming  
4 Operations, it was determined that the police  
5 department in question had never been contacted by  
6 Ms. Biddle and the report was fraudulent.

7                   Consequently, Ms. Biddle was charged  
8 with forgery and admitted into the Accelerated  
9 Rehabilitative Disposition Program. During Ms.  
10 Biddle's testimony, she stated she did not dispute  
11 anything that OEC had presented, that her actions  
12 were stupid and she is remorseful. She claims to  
13 have committed a criminal act but is not a criminal  
14 herself.

15                   Ms. Biddle testified that she has  
16 completed her ARD Program, that she's a mother and  
17 her children are her main priority. She's concerned  
18 that they will some day learn of her actions. After  
19 hearing all the evidence presented, a Report and  
20 Recommendation was issued recommending that Ms.  
21 Biddle be placed on the Board's Involuntary  
22 Interactive Gaming Exclusion List. And this matter  
23 is now ready for the Board's consideration.

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

1 May I have a motion, please?

2 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,  
3 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board adopt  
4 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA  
5 described by the OCC and that Kelly Biddle be placed  
6 on the Board's Involuntary Interactive Exclusion  
7 List.

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

10 CHAIR: All in favor?

11 AYES RESPOND

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

14 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next is a Report  
15 and Recommendation from Michael Churi.

16 On January 6, 2023, the OEC filed a  
17 Petition to place Mr. Churi on the Board's  
18 Involuntary Exclusion List. Mr. Churi failed to  
19 initially respond. However, prior to the matter  
20 coming before the Board, he filed a hearing request.

21 A hearing was held in September of  
22 2023. OEC appeared and presented testimony,  
23 documentary and surveillance evidence. Although  
24 receiving proper notice, Mr. Churi failed to appear.  
25 Testimony and evidence provided at the hearing showed

1 that on May 26, 2022, while at Mount Airy Casino  
2 Resort, Mr. Churi, who was visibly intoxicated, was  
3 in possession of an Airsoft pellet gun, and they also  
4 - Security and Surveillance also found two tasers and  
5 two knives on his person. This was in violation of  
6 Mount Airy's policy on possession of weapons on their  
7 premises.

8 He was arrested, charged with public  
9 drunkenness and permanently banned from the casino.  
10 Consequently, a Report and Recommendation was issued  
11 recommending that Mr. Churi be placed on the Board's  
12 Involuntary Exclusion List. And this matter is now  
13 ready for the Board's consideration.

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

16 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
17 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board adopt  
18 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as  
19 described by the OCC, and that Michael Churi be  
20 placed on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

21 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan,  
22 second.

23 CHAIR: All in favor?

24 AYES RESPOND

25 CHAIR: Thank you. All opposed?

1 Motion passes.

2 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next is a Report  
3 and Recommendation for Dongwuk Moon.

4 On October 5th, 2022, the OEC filed a  
5 Petition to place Dongwuk Moon on the Board's  
6 Involuntary Exclusion List after it was alleged that  
7 he had been cheating while gaming at several casinos.

8 The hearing in this matter was held in  
9 November of 2023. OEC appeared, presenting  
10 testimonial, documentary and surveillance evidence.  
11 Mr. Moon appeared and testified on his own behalf.  
12 OEC provided evidence at the hearing showing that on  
13 three separate incidents, while playing table games  
14 at Rivers Philadelphia, Lady Lucky Casino Nemaquin  
15 and Rivers Pittsburgh, Mr. Moon was observed marking  
16 cards.

17 Specifically, the Surveillance Report  
18 and testimony shows that at Rivers Philadelphia, he  
19 marked or bent 96 different times. The Report from  
20 Lady Luck says that he bent or marked seven cards,  
21 and a Surveillance Report from Rivers Pittsburgh  
22 alleges he bent cards approximately 17 times. He was  
23 permanently banned from each casino for his actions.

24 Mr. Moon testified that he handles his  
25 cards in a rough manner and checks them frequently

1 while he games, and that bending 96 cards doesn't  
2 make sense, as there would only be 16 high-ranking  
3 cards in the deck, that he ultimately lost money  
4 while gaming at Lady Luck, suggesting he didn't  
5 cheat. And he additionally stated that the  
6 surveillance pictures of the cards do not show that  
7 they are marked or bent.

8                   After hearing all the evidence  
9 presented, a Report and Recommendation was issued  
10 recommending that Mr. Moon be placed on the Board's  
11 exclusion list. He did file Exceptions to this  
12 Report and Recommendation, reiterating the nature in  
13 which he handles his cards and that he was not  
14 attempting to mark them. This matter is now ready  
15 for the Board's consideration.

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

18                   MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,  
19 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board adopt  
20 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as  
21 described by the OCC, and that Dongwuk Moon be placed  
22 on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

23                   MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
24 seconds.

25                   CHAIR: All in favor?

1 AYES RESPOND

2 CHAIR: All opposed? The motion's  
3 adopted.

4 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The next two  
5 matters stem from identical set of facts and  
6 circumstances. So, I'll read one set of facts for  
7 both and then ask for a motion on each one  
8 independently.

9 And the next Reports and  
10 Recommendation relate to Lisa Gonzales and Donald  
11 Stipetich and a request by OEC to place them on the  
12 Involuntary Exclusion List.

13 Hearings of both of these matters were  
14 held. Lisa Gonzales's hearing was held July 20th of  
15 2023, where OEC appeared. However, Ms. Gonzales  
16 failed to. However, she later contacted the Board  
17 Clerk requesting the record be reopened. The request  
18 was granted.

19 A new hearing date was scheduled in  
20 December of 2023, but she also again failed to  
21 appear. OEC did not enter any more evidence at that  
22 time.

23 Donald Stipetich's hearing was  
24 originally held in August of 2023, where OEC  
25 appeared. However, Mr. Stipetich failed to appear.

1           Once again, after receiving the Report  
2 and Recommendation, he requested the matter be  
3 reopened again by filing Exceptions. The records  
4 were reopened. He also did not fail (sic) for a  
5 second hearing. And so these matters are now closed,  
6 without their appearance.

7           The undisputed evidence, therefore,  
8 provided by OEC at both hearings shows that on  
9 February 25th, 2022, a patron at Rivers Casino  
10 Pittsburgh reported to Security that her bracelet,  
11 valued at \$38,000, was missing. Surveillance was  
12 reviewed and it was discovered that Mr. Stipetich and  
13 his wife, Ms. Gonzales, found the bracelet on the  
14 floor at the casino bar. They were admiring the  
15 bracelet, taking pictures with it, and then the  
16 couple left the casino within an hour of finding the  
17 bracelet.

18           Surveillance also shows them admiring  
19 the bracelets while in the elevators of the parking  
20 garage. Ms. Gonzales was later contacted the next  
21 morning by the Etna Township Police Department. In  
22 response, she contacted the Pennsylvania State  
23 Police, denied being in possession of the bracelet.  
24 However, later that same day, the bracelet was  
25 returned to the Etna Township Police.

1 Both Ms. Gonzales and Mr. Stipetich  
2 were arrested and charged with theft-related felony  
3 offenses. Subsequently, a Report and Recommendation  
4 was issued on both matters, recommending that the  
5 pair be placed on the Involuntary Exclusion List.  
6 Both these matters are now ready for the Board's  
7 consideration.

8 First, I would request a motion  
9 regarding Lisa Gonzales's Report and Recommendation.

10 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from  
11 the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,  
12 please?

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

18 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
19 Manzano-Díaz, second.

20 CHAIR: All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

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

24 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next would be a  
25 motion regarding Donald Stipetich's Report and



1 Recommendation.

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

4 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,  
5 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board adopt  
6 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as  
7 described by the OCC and that Donald Stipetich be  
8 placed on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

9 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan  
10 seconds.

11 CHAIR: All in favor?

12 AYES RESPOND

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

15 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The next Report  
16 and Recommendation stems from a request for removal  
17 from the Board's Self-Exclusion List by an individual  
18 at the initial J.P. The OEC filed an Answer  
19 objecting to the request.

20 A hearing in this matter was held in  
21 May of 2023. OEC appeared and presented documentary  
22 and testimonial evidence. J.P. failed to appear for  
23 his hearing. Evidence presented at the hearing  
24 showed that on February 6, 2011, J.P. had properly  
25 filled out all self-exclusion paperwork, signing the

1 acknowledgment selecting the lifetime self-exclusion  
2 period.

3                   On January 26, 2023, almost 12 years  
4 after placing himself on the list, J.P. filed a  
5 request for removal from the list, as permitted by  
6 the Board's regulations. However, J.P. failed to  
7 provide the required Problem Gambling Assessment  
8 Verification Form signed by a certified Assessment  
9 Provider.

10                   Following the hearing, the Hearing  
11 Officer issued an Interim Order permitting J.P. to  
12 sign a completed form by July of 2023. J.P. failed  
13 to do so. And in November of 2023, this Report and  
14 Recommendation was issued, recommending denial of the  
15 request for failure to provide sufficient evidence in  
16 support of his request for removal. This matter is  
17 now ready for the Board's consideration.

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

20                   MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves  
21 that the Board adopt the Report and Recommendation  
22 issued by the OHA as described by the OCC, and that  
23 J.P. remain on the casino self-exclusion list.

24                   MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
25 seconds.

1                    CHAIR: All in favor?

2 AYES RESPOND

3                    CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

4                    ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The final Report  
5 and Recommendation before the Board is another  
6 request to be removed from the Board's Voluntary  
7 Self-Exclusion List. K.S. states in his Petition  
8 that while gaming online one night, something popped  
9 up on his screen and he mistakenly signed up for  
10 self-exclusion. The OEC filed an Answer objecting to  
11 the request to come off the list.

12                    A hearing in this matter was held November 2nd of  
13 2023. OEC appeared, presenting testimony and  
14 documentary evidence. And despite receiving notice,  
15 K.S. failed to appear and the hearing was held in his  
16 absence.

17                    The uncontested evidence shows that on  
18 June 12, 2023, K.S. properly filled out the exclusion  
19 form and signed the acknowledgment choosing the one  
20 year exclusion period, acknowledging that he had  
21 reviewed the forms and understood the information  
22 available to him and that he could not request  
23 removal prior to the conclusion of the one-year  
24 period.

25                    Subsequently, the Report and

1 Recommendation issued recommends that K.S.'s request  
2 for removal from this self-exclusion be denied. And  
3 this matter is now ready for the Board's  
4 consideration.

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

7 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
8 Regan moves that the Board adopt the Report and  
9 Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the  
10 OCC, and that K.S. remain on the casino  
11 self-exclusion list.

12 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
13 Manzano-Díaz second.

14 CHAIR: All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

16 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion is  
17 adopted.

18 ATTORNEY COOK: That concludes the  
19 matters of the OCC. Thank you.

20 CHAIR: Thank you, Steve and Chad.

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

24 MR. HANNON: Good morning, Madam Chair  
25 and members of the Board.

1 Today's first licensing matter for  
2 your consideration is the renewal of Interactive  
3 Gaming and Sports Wagering Certificates for Category  
4 1 Licensee, PID, LLC. The Bureau of Licensing, BIE,  
5 Bureau of Gaming Operations and Office of Sports  
6 Wagering Operations has completed its review of the  
7 documents and the Bureau of Licensing has provided  
8 you with a Background Investigation and Suitability  
9 Report for each.

10 I have provided you with Draft Orders  
11 for each and ask that you first consider the renewal  
12 of PID, LLC's Interactive Gaming Certificates.

13 PID, LLC is renewing certificates for  
14 non-peer to peer games which simulate slot machines  
15 and non-peer to peer games that simulate table games.  
16 This matter is now ready for consideration.

17 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
18 has no objection.

19 CHAIR: Thank you, Cyrus.

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

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

1                   MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner  
2 Hickernell seconds.

3                   CHAIR: All in favor?

4 AYES RESPOND

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

7                   MR. HANNON: Next, for your  
8 consideration is the renewal of PID LLC's Sports  
9 Wagering Certificate.

10                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
11 has no objection.

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

14                   MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner  
15 Hickernell moves that the Board grant the Sports  
16 Wagering Certificate renewal as described by the  
17 Bureau of Licensing.

18                   MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
19 seconds.

20                   CHAIR: All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

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

24                   MR. HANNON: The next licensing matter  
25 for your consideration is the Slot Machine

1 Manufacturer License renewal for NRT Technology Corp.  
2 The company was formed on September 23rd, 1993 in  
3 Toronto, Ontario, and manufactures ticket redemption  
4 and automated teller machines. The BIE has completed  
5 its investigation of the company, and the Bureau of  
6 Licensing has provided you with a Background  
7 Investigation and Suitability Report.

8 I have provided you with a Draft Order  
9 and ask the Board consider the Order to renew the  
10 Slot Machine Manufacturer License for NRT Technology  
11 Corp.

12 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
13 has no objection.

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

16 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
17 Dillon moves that the Board grant the Slot Machine  
18 Manufacturer License renewal as described by the  
19 Bureau of Licensing.

20 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
21 Manzano-Díaz, second.

22 CHAIR: All in favor?

23 AYES RESPOND

24 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

25 MR. HANNON: Also for your

1 consideration is the Video Gaming Terminal  
2 Manufacturer License renewal for Everi Payments,  
3 Incorporated. Everi Payments is licensed in good  
4 standing as a slot machine and video game terminal  
5 manufacturer.

6 Under the Gaming Act, the Board may  
7 use an abbreviated process to consider the  
8 application of a currently licensed manufacturer.  
9 The Bureau of Licensing, OEC and the BIE has reviewed  
10 the abbreviated application for a Video Gaming  
11 Terminal Manufacturer License for Everi Payments, and  
12 I have provided you with the results of that review.

13 I've also provided you with a Draft  
14 Order and ask the Board consider the Order to approve  
15 the Video Game Terminal Manufacturer License for  
16 Everi Payments, Incorporated.

17 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
18 does not object.

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

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

25 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan



1 seconds.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 AYES RESPOND

4 CHAIR: All opposed? The motion's  
5 adopted.

6 MR. HANNON: Next there are Principal  
7 Licenses. The Bureau of Licensing provided you with  
8 a Proposed Order for 18 Principals. I ask that the  
9 Board consider the Order approving these licenses.

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 Principal Licenses as  
16 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

17 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner  
18 Hickernell seconds.

19 CHAIR: All in favor?

20 AYES RESPOND

21 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

22 MR. HANNON: There are also Principal  
23 and Key Employee Temporary Credentials. The Bureau  
24 of Licensing provided you with an Order regarding the  
25 issuance of temporary credentials for six Principals

1 and nine Key employees. I ask the Board consider the  
2 Order approving these credentials.

3 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
4 has no objection.

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

7 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
8 Dillon moves that the Board grant the temporary  
9 Principal and Key employee credentials as described  
10 by the Bureau of Licensing.

11 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
12 Manzano-Díaz, second.

13 CHAIR: All in favor?

14 AYES RESPOND

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

17 MR. HANNON: Additionally, for  
18 consideration are Gaming Employee Permits and  
19 Non-Gaming Employee Registrations. The Bureau of  
20 Licensing has provided you with a list of 598  
21 individuals to whom the Bureau has granted Temporary  
22 or Full Occupation Permits and 272 individuals to  
23 whom the Bureau has granted registrations under the  
24 authority delegated to the Bureau of Licensing. I  
25 ask that the Board consider a motion approving the

1 Order.

2 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
3 has no objection.

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

6 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
7 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board  
8 approve the applications for Gaming Employee  
9 Occupation Permits and Non-Gaming Employee  
10 Registrations as described by the Bureau of  
11 Licensing.

12 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner  
13 Hickernell seconds.

14 CHAIR: All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

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

18 MR. HANNON: Next there is a  
19 recommendation of denial for one Gaming, one Gaming  
20 Level 2, and one Gaming Service Provider Applicant.  
21 The Bureau of Licensing has provided you with the  
22 Orders addressing the applicants, who the OEC has  
23 recommended for denial. I ask that the Board  
24 consider the Orders approving these denials.

25 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel

1 continues to request denial in each matter.

2 CHAIR: Any questions or comment? May  
3 I have a motion, please?

4 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,  
5 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board deny the  
6 Gaming, Gaming Level 2 and Gaming Service Provider  
7 Employee Applications as described by the Bureau of  
8 Licensing.

9 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
10 seconds.

11 CHAIR: All in favor?

12 AYES RESPOND

13 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

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

18 For today's meeting I've provided the  
19 Board with 45 Gaming and 16 Non-Gaming Applicants. I  
20 ask that the Board consider the Orders approving  
21 these Withdrawals.

22 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
23 has no objection.

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

1                   MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
2 Dillon moves that the Board grant the Withdrawal of  
3 Key employee, Gaming and Non-Gaming Employee  
4 Applications as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

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6                   MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan  
7 seconds.

8                   CHAIR: All in favor?

9 AYES RESPOND

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

12                   MR. HANNON: In addition, we have an  
13 Order to certify Encompass Develop, Design and  
14 Construct, LLC and RRC Gaming Management, LLC, who  
15 are Gaming Service Providers. I have provided you  
16 with a Draft Order and ask the Board consider the  
17 Order certifying these companies.

18                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
19 has no objection.

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

22                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
23 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board  
24 approve the Gaming Service Provider Certifications as  
25 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

1                   MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan  
2 seconds.

3                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
4 I'm sorry.

5                   All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

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

9                   MR. HANNON: Finally, for your  
10 consideration are Gaming Service Provider  
11 Registrations. The Bureau of Licensing provided you  
12 with an Order and an attached list of six registered  
13 Gaming Service Provider Applicants. I ask the Board  
14 consider the Order registering these Gaming Service  
15 Providers.

16                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
17 has no objection.

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

20                   MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
21 Regan moves that the Board approved the Gaming  
22 Service Provider Registrations as described by the  
23 Bureau of Licensing.

24                   MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner  
25 Hickernell seconds.

1                    CHAIR: All in favor?

2 AYES RESPOND

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

5                    MR. HANNON: Thank you, Chair.

6                    CHAIR: Thank you, Sean.

7                    Next is the OEC, Cyrus Pitre. Cyrus.

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

10                   The OEC will present seven matters  
11 today for the Board's consideration, in which we will  
12 request the approval of two Consent Agreements and  
13 five Involuntary Exclusions.

14                   The next matter on the agenda for the  
15 Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement between  
16 the OEC and Category 2 Licensee and iGaming  
17 Certificant, Stadium Casino RE, LLC, doing business  
18 at Live! Casino Hotel Philadelphia. The matter will  
19 be presented by Senior Enforcement Counsel John  
20 Crohe. Representatives for Stadium Casino are  
21 present. At this time, I request that those  
22 individuals please introduce themselves for the  
23 record and that all non-attorney witnesses please  
24 stand and be sworn.

25                   MR. CLARK: Good morning. I'm Craig

1 Clark. I'm the Executive Vice President and General  
2 Manager of Philadelphia Live!.

3 ATTORNEY HAYES: I'm Kevin Hayes from  
4 the Saiber Law Firm. I represent Digital Gaming  
5 Corporation USA, who is a sports betting and iGaming  
6 operator.

7 With me from - with me here today is  
8 Corey March, who is the Pennsylvania Manager for  
9 Operations for Digital Gaming Corporation USA. And  
10 he will need to be sworn in.

11 ATTORNEY DIEHL: And I'm Tom Diehl,  
12 D-I-E-H-L, VP of Legal, with Stadium Casino RE, LLC,  
13 which does business as Live! Casino and Hotel  
14 Philadelphia.

15 CHAIR: Would you stand to be sworn,  
16 please?

17 COURT REPORTER: If you could raise  
18 your right hands, please.

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20 WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE

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22 CHAIR: Thank you.

23 ATTORNEY CROHE: Thank you.

24 CHAIR: You may proceed.

25 ATTORNEY CROHE: Chair, members of the



1 Board, John Crohe, C-R-O-H-E, Senior Enforcement  
2 Counsel for the OEC.

3           The next matter on the agenda for the  
4 Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement reached  
5 between Stadium Casino RE, LLC, doing business as  
6 Live! Casino and Hotel Philadelphia, and the OEC  
7 concerning unauthorized interactive gaming.

8           Live! Casino entered into an agreement  
9 with Digital Gaming Corporation USA, under which  
10 Digital Gaming Corporation USA participates directly  
11 in customer-facing iGaming and sports betting under  
12 the Betway brand.

13           Between August 27, 2022 and September  
14 11, 2022, unapproved college prop wager markets were  
15 offered as a result of failing to block these markets  
16 following a system update. While the unapproved  
17 markets were available, 90 wagers were placed in an  
18 amount totaling \$5,406 with a total payout of \$6,357.  
19 Following the incident, the unapproved college prop  
20 wager markets were blocked. The OEC and Stadium  
21 Casino RE, LLC, doing business as Live! Casino and  
22 Hotel Philadelphia respectfully request that the  
23 Board approve the Consent Agreement and Stipulations  
24 of Settlement, and that Stadium Casino RE, LLC doing  
25 business as Live! Casino and Hotel Philadelphia pay a

1 civil penalty of \$10,000, as well as a \$2,500  
2 administrative fee for costs incurred by Board staff  
3 in connection with investigations into this matter.

4 CHAIR: Thank you.

5 Live! would you want to address the  
6 Board at this time?

7 MR. CLARK: Yes, just briefly. I  
8 wanted to indicate that the recitation of facts as  
9 presented by OEC is accurate and we are here  
10 available for questioning, if necessary.

11 CHAIR: Can you put your mic closer?

12 MR. CLARK: Yes, certainly.

13 CHAIR: Thank you. Any questions or  
14 comments from the Board?

15 I'd like to know what actions you have  
16 taken to make sure this does not occur again.

17 MR. CLARK: Yes, certainly. I would  
18 like to thank, quite frankly, Elena Portman of DGC,  
19 who's not here today. However, as you know, whenever  
20 you're involved in online gaming or sports wagering,  
21 it does require a team. And we're here in the  
22 capacity of the certificate holder. DGC was here in  
23 capacity of the platform provider and operator.

24 And once we received notice from the  
25 Gaming Control Board of the Consent Agreement, I

1 immediately reached out to DGC and spoke with Elena,  
2 who was incredibly responsive. And she helped walk  
3 us through the process and put ourselves in contact  
4 with the remaining operators.

5                   This was an instance where the vendor  
6 that DGC was using at the time simply made a human  
7 error, as I understand it. They have a mechanism by  
8 which they would be able to catch prop wagers. This  
9 is an instance where you had a prop bet placed on  
10 college games that were not yet approved by the  
11 Gaming Control Board.

12                   Once it was brought to their  
13 attention, they then immediately reported it to DGC  
14 and then contacted the Gaming Control Board.

15                   What we did in this instance, one of  
16 the things that Elena and her company did was help us  
17 improve our communications. Because again, this was  
18 something that Live!, as a certificate holder did not  
19 realize at first. And then we realized, as we're  
20 going back through the process and recreating what  
21 steps took place, we then put in place mechanisms  
22 where we'd be contacted immediately and be able to  
23 get involved in the process, quite frankly, earlier.

24                   Separate from this, independent of  
25 this, DGC was in the process of changing the vendors

1 and the vendor that was involved with that  
2 transaction at the time. Again, as I understand it,  
3 independent of this has been replaced by another  
4 provider, so that we're taking the lessons we learned  
5 here with respect to the human error that was  
6 involved in missing this prop wager and putting  
7 safeguards in place to keep that from happening in  
8 the future.

9 Now, with respect to the specifics of  
10 the safeguards, I'd have to defer to DGC, which is  
11 why we have some of the representatives here today.

12 ATTORNEY HAYES: Madam Chair, members  
13 of the Board, Kevin Hayes. I'm here on behalf of  
14 Digital Gaming Corporation.

15 In short, Digital Gaming Corporation  
16 has communicated to its current platform provider,  
17 which is Marown, that college prop bets are not  
18 permitted in Pennsylvania, they cannot be accepted.  
19 That's been clearly communicated to them.

20 Obviously there was a system error  
21 that allowed this to occur back in September of 2022.  
22 As soon as we were made aware of it, the issue was  
23 investigated, and made sure that all the parties  
24 involved understood that college prop bets cannot be  
25 accepted. So, we've communicated that on an ongoing

1 basis to our - the platform provider to ensure that  
2 does not happen again.

3 CHAIR: And it has not happened since?

4 ATTORNEY HAYES: Not that I'm aware  
5 of, no. That's correct.

6 CHAIR: Any other questions or  
7 comments?

8 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz.

9 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: So, with regard to  
10 the new company that has been told about what  
11 happened previously, can you explain to us, what is  
12 the mechanism? So, it appears that this went on for  
13 at least a month or so before it was discovered. So,  
14 how is it that if it were to happen again, that  
15 you'll be notified not a month later, but  
16 immediately? How would that work?

17 ATTORNEY HAYES: Corey may have better  
18 operational knowledge as to how that occurred, so  
19 I'll defer to Corey March.

20 MR. MARCH: Yes, now that this has  
21 occurred, we're definitely more aware of it and  
22 proactive to search for it. That's actually part of  
23 my job responsibility, and I've since been hired  
24 since this occurrence to oversee the operational  
25 functionality of the product. So, on a day-to-day

1 basis I am monitoring the site to make sure that  
2 nothing of this nature is occurring.

3 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: So you're getting  
4 reports on a daily basis on this?

5 MR. MARCH: Yes.

6 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Okay, alright. Thank  
7 you.

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

10 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
11 Regan moves that the Board approve the Consent  
12 Agreement between the OEC and Stadium Casino RE, LLC,  
13 doing business as Live! Casino Hotel Philadelphia as  
14 described by the OEC.

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

17 CHAIR: All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

19 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion is  
20 adopted.

21 Thank you very much for appearing,  
22 gentlemen.

23 ATTORNEY HAYES: Thank you.

24 ATTORNEY PITRE: The next matter on  
25 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a Consent

1 Agreement between the OEC and Fantasy Contest  
2 Operator, Crown PA DFS, Inc., doing business as  
3 DraftKings.

4 The matter will once again be  
5 presented by Senior Enforcement Counsel, John Crohe.

6 Representatives for DraftKings are  
7 present and at this time I request that those  
8 individuals please introduce themselves for the  
9 record and that any non-attorney witnesses please  
10 stand and be sworn.

11 ATTORNEY HAYES: Madam Chair, members  
12 of the Board, Kevin Hayes again, on behalf of Crown  
13 PA DFS, Inc., which is the Sports or the Fantasy  
14 Contest Operator. Here with me today is Jacob List,  
15 who is a Senior Director of Regulatory Operations for  
16 DraftKings, and Mr. List will have to be sworn in.

17 CHAIR: Please stand and be sworn in  
18 by the court reporter.

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JAKE LIST,

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

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COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

1                    CHAIR: And Mr. List, can you just  
2 spell your name for the court reporter, please?

3                    MR. LIST: The spelling of my name?

4                    CHAIR: Yes.

5                    MR. LIST: J-A-K-E, L-I-S-T.

6                    CHAIR: Just like it sounds. Thank  
7 you.

8                    OEC, you may proceed.

9                    ATTORNEY CROHE: Madam Chair, members  
10 of the Board, John Crohe, once again for the OEC.

11                    The next matter on the agenda for the  
12 Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement reached  
13 between Crown PA DFS, Inc., doing business as  
14 DraftKings and the OEC, concerning an unauthorized  
15 Fantasy offering.

16                    On August 17, 2022, DraftKings began  
17 offering Reignmakers Football Contests in  
18 Pennsylvania. In Reignmakers Contests, patrons  
19 utilized their own collection of digital player cards  
20 to create Fantasy Sports lineups and compete against  
21 each other in contests based on a Fantasy point  
22 scoring system to win prizes funded by DraftKings.

23                    On August 24th, 2022, the Board's  
24 Executive Director issued a letter to DraftKings  
25 demanding that DraftKings cease offering Reignmakers



1 Contests in Pennsylvania.

2                   On October 7, 2022, DraftKings issued  
3 a confirmation email to Board staff stating that  
4 Reignmakers Contests were closed in Pennsylvania.

5                   On October 26, 2022, DraftKings  
6 discovered that a patron was able to enter a  
7 Reignmakers Contest while physically located in  
8 another jurisdiction, which did not permit  
9 Reignmakers Contests, due to a technical error.

10                   Upon further investigation, DraftKings  
11 discovered that patrons located in Pennsylvania were  
12 also impacted by the error and thus were also able to  
13 still participate in a Reignmakers Contest.

14                   On October 27th, 2022, DraftKings  
15 deployed an emergency release to correct the issue.

16                   In total, 201 individuals physically  
17 located in Pennsylvania were able to enter a total of  
18 686 Reignmakers Contests following DraftKings  
19 informing Board staff that Reignmakers Contests had  
20 been closed in Pennsylvania. DraftKings thereafter  
21 removed all upcoming Rainmaker Contest entries in  
22 which the user had entered from Pennsylvania.

23                   The OEC and Crown PA DFS, Inc., doing  
24 business as DraftKings, respectfully request that the  
25 Board approve the Consent Agreement and Stipulations

1 of Settlement, and that Crown PA DFS, Inc., doing  
2 business as DraftKings, pay a civil penalty of  
3 \$10,000, as well as a \$2,500 administrative fee for  
4 costs incurred by Board staff in connection with  
5 investigations into this matter.

6 CHAIR: Thank you.

7 DraftKings, would you like to address  
8 the Board?

9 ATTORNEY HAYES: With your permission,  
10 Madam Chair, briefly.

11 We listened to the recitation of the  
12 facts, as well as the facts set forth in the Consent  
13 Agreement and the conditions in that agreement. And  
14 on behalf of Crown PA DFS, we agree with them.

15 As you know, Crown PA DFS, or  
16 DraftKings, was among the initial group of Fantasy  
17 Contest Operators to begin operations in a regulated  
18 environment back in 2018.

19 I represented Crown PA DFS before this  
20 Board since 2018, and I can attest that they are  
21 firmly committed to ensuring regulatory compliance in  
22 all aspects of their operations.

23 As Enforcement Counsel indicated, as  
24 indicated in the Consent Agreement, this is the first  
25 Consent Agreement for Crown PA DFS, and it is the

1 first Consent Agreement with regard to any of  
2 DraftKing's operations in Pennsylvania.

3 At this time, with your permission,  
4 Madam Chair, I'd like to introduce Jake List, who is  
5 here with me today. Again, Jake is the Senior  
6 Director of Regulatory Operations for DraftKings, who  
7 would like to offer a brief statement.

8 CHAIR: You may proceed, Mr. List.

9 MR. LIST: Madam Chair and members of  
10 the Board, good morning. Since launching its Fantasy  
11 operations under the Regulation of the PGCB in 2018,  
12 DraftKings has enjoyed positive and productive  
13 working relationship with the members of your staff,  
14 who have worked so diligently to launch Fantasy  
15 Sports, iGaming and Sports Wagering operations in  
16 Pennsylvania.

17 We value our relationship with the  
18 PGCB and appreciate the important role your agency  
19 has in maintaining the integrity of Fantasy Sports  
20 and gaming in Pennsylvania.

21 We have taken responsibility for the  
22 incident as described in the Consent Agreement and  
23 put in remediations in place to make sure that it  
24 does not occur again. I appreciate the opportunity  
25 to appear in front of you today.

1                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?  
2                   Commissioner Manzano-Díaz.

3                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Could you please  
4 describe the remediations that you put in place?  
5 Because at first you thought you had remediated it.  
6 Apparently that was not successful. So, now you have  
7 new remediations in place? Could you please describe  
8 that for the Board.

9                   MR. LIST: Yes, that's correct. So,  
10 apart from obviously shutting down the game  
11 correctly, in the second instance. We have put  
12 monitoring in place which essentially will alert us  
13 for any entry into that specific game that is made in  
14 a prohibited jurisdiction, which includes  
15 Pennsylvania.

16                   CHAIR: They accepted NFTs.  
17                   Right? Yes? Which we don't accept here.

18                   ATTORNEY HAYES: This game involved  
19 NRTs, correct.

20                   CHAIR: Any other questions or  
21 comments?

22                   Hearing none, may I have a motion,  
23 please?

24                   MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
25 Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board approve the Consent

1 Agreement between the OEC and Crown PA DFS, Inc.,  
2 doing business as DraftKings as described by the OEC.

3 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner  
4 Hickernell seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

7 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's  
8 adopted. Thank you, gentlemen.

9 ATTORNEY HAYES: Thank you.

10 ATTORNEY PITRE: The remaining matters  
11 on the agenda consist of enforcement actions in which  
12 the OEC filed Petitions seeking the involuntary  
13 exclusion of individuals whose presence in a licensed  
14 facility are inimical to the interests of the  
15 Commonwealth and/or licensed gaming therein.

16 In each instance, the Petition for  
17 Exclusion has been filed with the Board's OHA and  
18 properly served upon the individual named in the  
19 Petition. The individual named in each Petition  
20 failed to respond within 30 days, as required by  
21 Board regulation. As a result, the OEC filed a  
22 request for Default Judgment in each instance and  
23 properly served the same upon each individual.

24 Therefore, all facts in each Petition  
25 are deemed admitted, all filed documents have been

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

3 In each instance, if the Board orders  
4 a proposed exclusion, each individual's photo,  
5 personal identifiers and a summary of the inimical  
6 conduct may be placed on the Board's public website.

7 Once again, in each matter, we will  
8 provide a brief summary of the facts and make a  
9 request for the appropriate Board action.

10 ATTORNEY MONAGHAN: Good morning.  
11 Thomas Monaghan, M-O-N-A-G-H-A-N, with the OEC. The  
12 next matter on the agenda for the Board's  
13 consideration is a request to place Tyler Bayly on  
14 the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

15 On multiple dates, Mr. Bayly cheated  
16 by past posting his wagers while playing Roulette at  
17 Wind Creek Bethlehem Casino. He was criminally  
18 charged and permanently evicted from Wind Creek for  
19 his actions. At this time the OEC requests the Board  
20 place Tyler Bayly on the Board's Involuntary  
21 Exclusion List.

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 approve

1 the addition of Tyler Bayly to the Pennsylvania  
2 Gaming Control Board's Involuntary Exclusion List for  
3 the conduct described by the OEC.

4 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon  
5 seconds.

6 CHAIR: All in favor?

7 AYES RESPOND

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

10 ATTORNEY ROLAND: Morning, Madam  
11 Chair, members of the Board, Michael Roland, R-O-L-A-  
12 N-D, with the OEC.

13 Next on the agenda is a request to  
14 place Neera Hudson on the Involuntary Exclusion List.  
15 The Rivers Philadelphia Surveillance Department  
16 notified Security that a blue Ford Mustang was  
17 driving recklessly on the property of Rivers  
18 Philadelphia Casino. Several vehicles and a patron  
19 were struck by the vehicle, which then drove from the  
20 scene.

21 Neera Hudson was later identified as  
22 the driver of the vehicle when she was involved in a  
23 fatal accident in the City of Philadelphia. Ms.  
24 Hudson was criminally charged with 23 separate  
25 charges related to the incidents, nine of which are

1 felonies, and the charges are pending. And Ms.  
2 Hudson remains in custody.

3 The OEC now requests that the Board  
4 place Neera Hudson on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

7 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner  
8 Dillon moves that the Board approve the addition of  
9 Neera Hudson to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List  
10 for the conduct described by the OEC.

11 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
12 Manzano-Díaz second.

13 CHAIR: All in favor?

14 AYES RESPOND

15 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

16 ATTORNEY ROLAND: The next three  
17 matters on the agenda are related and are requests to  
18 place Shakirah Britton, Dashaun Singleton and Rasheed  
19 Mason on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

20 With the Board's permission, I will  
21 read one set of facts and then request that each  
22 individual be placed on the list.

23 A Buick sedan was observed arriving at  
24 Parx Casino. Rasheed Mason was then observed exiting  
25 the vehicle and entering the Gaming Floor. While on



1 the floor, Mr. Mason met Dashaun Singleton and the  
2 two proceeded to steal a total of \$4,000 in chips  
3 from a table game float.

4           The two individuals then fled out the  
5 west entrance to the D-3 section of the parking lot,  
6 where they entered a Buick sedan which was being  
7 driven by Shakirah Britton. The three individuals  
8 then immediately sped off the property.

9           Surveillance footage also shows that  
10 the vehicle license plate was covered by a piece of  
11 cardboard. Mr. Mason and Mr. Singleton were both  
12 criminally charged by the Pennsylvania State Police  
13 with robbery, theft by unlawful taking, receiving  
14 stolen property, and harassment. Mr. Singleton's  
15 criminal matters are pending and Mr. Mason's criminal  
16 case is listed as inactive.

17           Ms. Britton was not criminally  
18 charged.

19           Specific to Mr. Singleton. He was  
20 also involved in a similar incident at Rivers  
21 Philadelphia. He took \$10,500 in chips in that  
22 incident.

23           Specific to Mr. Mason, he was involved  
24 in a similar incident at Rivers Philadelphia. He  
25 originally took \$1,000 in chips. However, Mr. Mason

1 abandoned the chips before leaving the casino, and  
2 they were recovered.

3 The OEC now requests that the Board  
4 place Shakirah Britton on the Involuntary Exclusion  
5 List.

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

8 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,  
9 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board  
10 approve the addition of Shakirah Britton to the PGCB  
11 Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct described  
12 by the OEC.

13 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan  
14 seconds.

15 CHAIR: All in favor?

16 AYES RESPOND

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

19 ATTORNEY ROLAND: The OEC now requests  
20 that the Board place Dashaun Singleton on the  
21 Involuntary Exclusion List.

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 approve the addition of

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

3 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner  
4 Hickernell seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

7 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

8 ATTORNEY ROLAND: And the OEC now  
9 requests that the Board place Rasheed Mason on the  
10 Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

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

18 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner  
19 Manzano-Díaz, second.

20 CHAIR: All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

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

24 ATTORNEY PITRE: Thank you. That  
25 concludes our business.

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CHAIR: Thank you, gentlemen.

The last item on the agenda today is public comment.

Is there anyone in the room that would like to address the Board? Seeing no one approach the front of the room, let's move to adjourn.

So, that concludes today's meeting. The next public meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at this location.

May I have a motion to adjourn, please?

MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves to adjourn.

MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon seconds.

CHAIR: All in favor?

AYES RESPOND

CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's adopted. We are now adjourned.

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MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11:14 A.M.

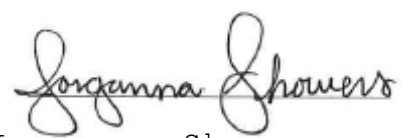
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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings, Kovach was reported by me on March 20, 2024 and that I, Jorganna Showers, read this transcript and that I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceeding.

Dated the 9th day of April, 2024.



Jorganna Showers,  
Court Reporter

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