

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

Frank Dermody

Shawn Dillon

David S. Hickernell

Sara Manzano-Díaz (phone)

Nedia Ralston

Frances J. Regan

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/DESIGNEES IN ATTENDANCE:

Fred Strathmeyer, Ex-Officio Member,
Department of Agriculture

Adria Zimmerman, Ex-Officio Member,
Department of Revenue

Jennifer Langan, Ex-Officio Member,
Department of Treasurer

Reporter: Rachel Wilbur-Adams

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A P P E A R A N C E S

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

Kevin F. O'Toole, Executive Director

David Rhen, Director of Budget

Heidi Zula, Director of Human Resources

Steve Cook, Chief Counsel

Chad Zimmermann, Deputy Chief Counsel

Robert Wood, Senior Counsel

Cyrus Pitre, Chief Enforcement Counsel

Sean M. Hannon, Director of Licensing

Office of Enforcement Counsel - Also presenting:

Juan Sanchez, John Crohe, Ashley Gabrielle, Andrea
Roberts, Dustin Miller

OTHER ATTENDEES FOR MEETING AND/OR PUBLIC HEARINGS:

STADIUM CASINO WESTMORELAND, RE, LLC d/b/a LIVE!

CASINO PITTSBURGH - Consent Agreement

Thomas Diehl, Esquire, Vice President of Legal,

Stadium Casino Westmoreland RE, LLC

Sean Sullivan, Executive Vice President and General
Manager, Live! Casino Pittsburgh

Kirk Dean, Risk and Safety Assessment Manager, Live!

1 Casino Pittsburgh
2 Brent Colston, Vice President of Gaming Operations,
3 Live! Casino Pittsburgh

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5 OTHER ATTENDEES FOR MEETING AND/OR PUBLIC HEARINGS:

6 BETMGM - Consent Agreement:

7 Sarah Brennan, Senior Director of Compliance
8 Alana Sacerdote, Responsible Gambling Manager
9 Joseph Caputi, Senior Legal Counsel, Regulatory Team

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11 OTHER ATTENDEES FOR MEETING AND/OR PUBLIC HEARINGS:

12 RUSH STREET GAMING, LLC and MARC ARNDT - Consent

13 Agreement:

14 John Donnelly, Esquire, Donnelly & Associates, P.C.
15 Marc Arndt, Chief Financial Officer, Rush Street
16 Gaming, LLC

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CHAIR: Good morning. I'm Denise Smyler, Chair of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. At this time, I would like to ask everyone to please silence your cell phones and all electronic devices. With seven Board Members present this morning, I'd like to now call today's meeting to order. And I would note for the record that Commissioner Manzano-Díaz is participating by phone. Sarah, can you hear me?

MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Yes. Good morning, Madam Chair.

CHAIR: Good morning, Sara. Thank you. In addition to the seven Board Members, we also have our Ex-Officio Members, Fred Strathmeyer, representing Russell Redding, Secretary for the Department of Agriculture. Adria Zimmerman, representing Pat Browne, Secretary for the Department of Revenue, and Jennifer Langan, representing Stacy Garrity, State Treasurer. Thank you, Ex-Officios for joining us.

As the first order of business, I'd like to now ask everyone to please stand and join me in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1 (PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED)

2 CHAIR: By way of announcements, the
3 Board held an Executive Session yesterday, Tuesday,
4 January 28, to discuss personnel matters and to
5 conduct quasi-judicial deliberations relating to
6 matters coming before the Board.

7 I would like to now ask for the
8 approval of the Board Meeting Transcript and Minutes
9 from the October 23, 2024 meeting. May I have a
10 motion, please?

11 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
12 moves that the Board approve the Minutes and
13 Transcript of the October 23rd, 2024 meeting.

14 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
15 Hickernell seconds.

16 CHAIR: All in favor?

17 (AYES RESPOND)

18 CHAIR: All opposed?

19 (NO RESPONSE)

20 CHAIR: The motion passes.

21 I would like to now ask for approval
22 of the Board Meeting Transcript and Minutes from the
23 November 20th, 2024 meeting.

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

1 the Minutes and Transcript of the November 20th, 2024
2 meeting.

3 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
4 seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?
6 (AYES RESPOND)

7 CHAIR: All opposed?
8 (NO RESPONSE)

9 CHAIR: The motion passes. Now we
10 will hear from our Executive Director, Kevin O'Toole.
11 Kevin?

12 MR. O'TOOLE: Good morning, Chair
13 Smyler. Good morning, Members of the Board. For my
14 report this morning, I would like to share the key
15 data regarding gaming revenue produced by the
16 Pennsylvania casino industry in calendar year 2024.

17 Our Office of Communications recently
18 issued two press releases. One summarized revenue
19 for the month of December 2024, and the other
20 provided information about the entire calendar year
21 of 2024. Gaming revenue for the month of December
22 reached \$533 million in taxable revenue. That figure
23 helped to propel calendar year 2024 revenue from all
24 sources of gaming activity to \$6.1 billion.

25 The \$6.1 billion is a 7.73 percent

1 increase over the combined gaming revenue of 5.7
2 billion in calendar year 2023. The resulting gaming
3 tax revenue for 2024 was 2.66 billion dollars, an
4 8.53 percent increase over the \$2.45 billion in
5 gaming tax revenue generated in 2023.

6 Breaking down the \$6.1 billion total
7 revenue figure; land-based casinos generated \$3.38
8 billion in gaming revenue from the play of slot
9 machines, table games and poker. That represents a
10 1.5 percent decrease when compared to 2023. Online
11 casino games, online table games and online poker
12 revenue for 2024, amounted to almost 2.2 billion
13 dollars, a 25 percent increase over the \$1.7 billion
14 produced in 2023. Sports wagering revenue for
15 calendar year 2024 was \$510 million, an 11.36 percent
16 increase over the previous calendar year.

17 These figures depict some pretty
18 obvious tendencies, one being that online casino
19 gaming in its first six years continues to grow at a
20 significant clip. Also, sports wagering continues to
21 gain more and more followers as evidenced by
22 significantly greater handle totaling \$8.4 billion
23 this past year, a 9.62 percent increase over the
24 previous year.

25 Overall, Pennsylvanians continue to

1 show that licensed and regulated gambling is an
2 activity that they enjoy participating in. As we
3 move into the new year, the Pennsylvania Gaming
4 Control Board and its staff will continue to do its
5 part to ensure that tested and approved games,
6 whether offered in a retail casino facility or
7 online, are intended to protect the public and ensure
8 fairness in all aspects of gaming activity.

9 Before I close, I would like to note
10 that gaming taxes are certainly very important, but
11 equally important are the local share assessments
12 that the casino industry funds. In the past several
13 weeks, public notifications were made by a number of
14 counties that local share assessment funds were being
15 dispersed to local municipalities.

16 These disbursements are aimed at
17 improving infrastructure, public safety and community
18 health. Indeed, these projects are truly beneficial
19 to the community and they make a difference. It is
20 these assessments and disbursements that are made on
21 a local and a county-wide basis that benefits so many
22 communities in the Commonwealth and make the gaming
23 industry so important to so many people. That's my
24 report for today. Thank you, Chair.

25 CHAIR: Thank you, Kevin. Next, we

1 will hear from the Director of Budget, David Rhen.
2 Dave?

3 MR. RHEN: Good morning Chair Smyler
4 and Board Members. I'm here today to present a recap
5 of expenditures through the first half of the fiscal
6 year ending December 31, 2024.

7 Board expenses for the first half of
8 the fiscal year were \$25,676,000, comprising
9 \$22,527,000 in personnel expenses and \$3,149,000 in
10 operating expenses. Compared to the prior year,
11 personnel expenses increased by \$1,273,000, while
12 operating expenses grew by \$1,197,000. Total payroll
13 costs amounted to \$22,527,000, including salary costs
14 of \$13,346,000 and benefit costs of \$9,181,000.

15 The increase in personnel expenses is
16 primarily attributed to an increase in the employee
17 count, union-negotiated raises and increased benefit
18 costs. Operating expenses through December totaled
19 \$3,149,000. The largest operating expenses included
20 \$1,356,000 for services, which includes IT consulting
21 expenses and interagency billings. \$747,000 for
22 rentals and leases, \$746,000 for other operating
23 expenses, which includes the categories of
24 subscriptions, which is primarily database services
25 for background investigations, and insurance, which

1 includes the directors and officers insurance.

2 Overall, the growth in operating
3 expenses reflects increased investments in technology
4 modernization to support organizational operations,
5 and timing differences in payments for the directors
6 insurance and IT billings from the Office of
7 Administration. The expenditure trends for the first
8 half of the fiscal year indicate alignment with
9 projected growth in personnel and operating expenses.
10 That concludes my remarks.

11 CHAIR: Thank you. Any questions or
12 comments from the Board? No? Thank you very much,
13 Dave.

14 MR. RHEN: Thank you.

15 CHAIR: Now, we will hear from our
16 Human Resources Director, Heidi Zula. Heidi?

17 MS. ZULA: Good morning, Madam Chair
18 and Members of the Board. The Office of Human
19 Resources has one motion for your consideration today
20 relative to the hiring of three individuals. The
21 following three individuals have completed the
22 background investigation and drug screening and are
23 ready for presentation to the Board.

24 Jonathan Inman has been selected as a
25 Casino Compliance Representative at the Rivers Casino

1 Pittsburgh and is recommended for hire by Greg
2 Hazzouri, Director of Casino Compliance. Jacob
3 Garland has been selected as a Casino Compliance
4 Representative at Hollywood Casino York and is
5 recommended for hire by Greg Hazzouri, Director of
6 Casino Compliance. Finally, Breanna Blane has been
7 selected as a Licensing Analyst for the Bureau of
8 Licensing and is recommended for hire by Sean Hannon,
9 Director of Licensing.

10 Unless there are any questions, I ask
11 that the Board consider a motion to approve the
12 hiring actions as indicated.

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

15 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
16 Dillon moves that the Board approve the applicants
17 for hire as proposed by the Human Resources Director.

18 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
19 seconds.

20 CHAIR: All in favor?

21 (AYES RESPOND)

22 CHAIR: All opposed?

23 (NO RESPONSE)

24 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

25 MS. ZULA: Thank you.

1 CHAIR: Thank you, Heidi. Next, is
2 our Office of Chief Counsel.

3 ATTORNEY COOK: Morning. The first
4 agenda item for the OCC is a - relates to a temporary
5 regulation which Senior Counsel Robert Wood will
6 present.

7 ATTORNEY WOOD: Thank you. Good
8 morning, Madam Chair. Members of the Board this
9 morning, as Steve said, I have one item for the
10 Board's consideration. Temporary Rulemaking Number
11 125-252, which relates to Table Games, Rules and
12 Procedures.

13 This package contains new table games,
14 variations on existing table games and some
15 variations on side wager options. Additionally, this
16 package will make a couple of corrections to
17 published temporary regs that are out there for table
18 games, rules and procedures. Prior to this morning's
19 meeting, copies of these materials were provided to
20 you. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to
21 answer them this morning, or if not, I would ask the
22 Board to adopt a motion approving these regs (sic).

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

25 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,

1 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board adopt
2 Temporary Regulation Number 125-252 regarding Tables
3 Games, Rules and Procedures, as described by the OCC.

4 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
5 seconds.

6 CHAIR: All in favor?

7 (AYES RESPOND)

8 CHAIR: All opposed?

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

11 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board
12 are six Petitions. Each of these Petitions are being
13 brought before the Board on the documentary record,
14 as the Office of Enforcement Counsel has no objection
15 to the requested relief. In each of these matters
16 the Board has, in advance of this meeting, been
17 provided with the entire documentary record filed
18 with record prior to today.

19 The first Petition before the Board
20 today is Stakelogic USA Limited and Sega Sammy
21 Creation, Inc.'s Joint Petition for approval of a
22 change of control. Stakelogic USA Limited is
23 licensed with the Board as an Interactive gaming
24 Manufacturer and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of
25 Stakelogic BV, a private company incorporated in the

1 Netherlands. Sega Sammy Creation, Inc. is a Japanese
2 company fully owned by Sega Sammy Holdings, Inc., a
3 publicly-traded company.

4 Sega Sammy USA, Inc. is also a wholly-
5 owned subsidiary of Sega Sammy Holdings, and filed an
6 application for a Slot Machine Manufacturer License.
7 Both Sega Sammy Creation and Sega Sammy Holdings, I
8 wish I would have read that before - have submitted
9 an Application as affiliates of Sega Sammy USA.

10 on July 26, 2024, Sega Sammy Creation
11 and Stakelogic entered into a shared purchase
12 agreement. Per the agreement, Sega Sammy Creation
13 will purchase Stakelogic and all subsidiaries and a
14 result in Sega Sammy Creation becoming 100 percent
15 direct owner of Stakelogic BV. If approved by the
16 Board, the closing date is expected to occur on
17 January 30th, 2025.

18 The Petitioners also request that
19 certain information in the Pleadings be maintained as
20 confidential. The OEC has no objection to the relief
21 requested, subject to conditions in its Answer and
22 with great relief, I now put this matter before the
23 Board for consideration.

24 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
25 Did you say that Sega Sammy -. May I have a motion,

1 please.

2 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner
3 Regan moves that the Board grant the Petition for
4 Approval of a Change in Control as described by the
5 OCC. I further move that Petitioner's request for
6 confidentiality be granted.

7 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
8 seconds.

9 CHAIR: All in favor?

10 (AYES RESPOND)

11 CHAIR: All opposed?

12 (NO RESPONSE)

13 CHAIR: Motion passes.

14 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board
15 is a Joint Petition seeking approval of a Dutch
16 Foundation's acquisition of an indirect ownership
17 interest in an iGaming manufacturer.

18 Wazdan PA, LLC is a licensed iGaming
19 Manufacturer and is a company that provides
20 interactive gaming to iGaming operators and
21 certificate holders in Pennsylvania. Wazdan PA's
22 current ownership flows through two intermediary
23 companies to an individual by the name of Radoslaw
24 Chyra.

25 For estate planning purposes, Mr.

1 Chyra has decided to establish a Dutch foundation,
2 similar to a trust, called Wazdan Stichting, which
3 will hold the vast majority of the ownership in
4 Wazdan, PA. Mr. Chyra's role in Wazdan Stichting
5 will be like that of a beneficiary of a trust and he
6 will effectively remain Wazdan PA's 100 percent
7 indirect beneficial owner. Additionally, two
8 directors of the foundation have applied for
9 licensure with the Board.

10 The OEC has no objection to the
11 requested relief, subject to conditions outlined in
12 its Answer and OEC has also requested that certain
13 information in the Answer be maintained as
14 confidential and this matter is now ripe for the
15 Board's consideration.

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

18 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
19 moves that the Board grant the Petition for Approval
20 of the Change as Control as described by the OCC. I
21 further move that OEC's Request for Confidentiality
22 is granted in part, as will be explained in the Board
23 Order.

24 CHAIR: Second?

25 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody

1 seconds.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 (AYES RESPOND)

4 CHAIR: All opposed?

5 (NO RESPONSE)

6 CHAIR: Motion passes.

7 ATTORNEY COOK: Next is Hillyard,
8 Inc.'s Petition for Removal from the Prohibited
9 Gaming Service Provider List. Hillyard, Inc.
10 provides sales and services of janitorial supplies
11 and equipment.

12 On December 18, 2008, Hillyard was
13 placed on the prohibited gaming service provider list
14 after they failed to cure deficiencies in their
15 application for licensure as a registered vendor. On
16 September 12th, 2012, the Board issued an order
17 granting request from Hillyard to be removed from the
18 list subject to payment of past due investigative
19 fees and a civil penalty to be due within 15 days of
20 the Board's Order.

21 Hillyard failed to comply with the
22 Board's Order and remained on the Prohibited Gaming
23 Service Provider List. Hillyard is now again
24 requesting removal from the list and is in full
25 compliance with the Board's earlier Order. The OEC

1 has no objection to this request and this matter is
2 now ripe for the Board's consideration.

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

5 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
6 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board grant
7 Hillyard Incorporation's Petition for Removal from
8 the Prohibited Gaming Service Provider List, as
9 described by the OCC.

10 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
11 Hickernell seconds.

12 CHAIR: All in favor?

13 (AYES RESPOND)

14 CHAIR: All opposed?

15 (NO RESPONSE)

16 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

17 ATTORNEY COOK: Next is a request for
18 removal from the Involuntary Exclusion List. On
19 January 16, 2016, while at the Mohegan Sun, Pocono
20 Downs, Christopher Gillispie and a friend were
21 speaking with a female patron when another friend
22 stole the patron's phone. Mr. Gillispie was charged
23 and pled guilty to disorderly conduct. Consequently,
24 the OEC filed a Petition to place Mr. Gillespie on
25 the Exclusion List, and thereafter on August 16,

1 2016, the Board placed him on the List. In the
2 request before the Board, he requests removal from
3 the List. He avers that he has no longer had any
4 contact with the individuals who he was with that
5 night and that he has now chosen a sober lifestyle
6 and has been sober for three years.

7 As it has been over eight years since
8 Mr. Gillispie was placed on the Exclusion List. OEC
9 has no objection to his request to be removed and
10 this matter is now ripe for the Board's
11 consideration.

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

14 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,
15 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board grant
16 Christopher Gillispie's Petition for Removal from the
17 Involuntary Exclusion List as described by the OCC.

18 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
19 seconds.

20 CHAIR: All in favor?

21 (AYES RESPOND)

22 CHAIR: All opposed?

23 (NO RESPONSE)

24 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

25 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board

1 is a Request for Removal from the Self-Exclusion
2 List. On September 9th, 2014, an individual with the
3 initials M.T. placed himself on the List, choosing
4 the lifetime self-exclusion option. On October 6,
5 2024, M.T. filed a Request for Removal from the List
6 stating that he has not gamed in the Commonwealth
7 since placing himself on the List, and further
8 stating that he is committed to abstaining from
9 gaming and only wishes to utilize other entertainment
10 services offered at casinos.

11 M.T. included with his Petition, a
12 Problem Gambling Assessment Verification Form, signed
13 by a Certified Assessment Provider, confirming that
14 an assessment of M.T. was performed and that problem
15 gambling treatment was not recommended. The OEC
16 filed an Answer stating that they had no objection to
17 M.T.'s request.

18 Despite the fact that M.T. did violate
19 his exclusion on four occasions between 2015 and
20 2017, OEC did not allow those exclusions - or those
21 violations to stand in the way of their
22 recommendation that he be removed. However, since
23 over seven years has passed since the last violation,
24 and this matter is now ripe for the Board's
25 consideration.

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

3 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair?
4 Commissioner Dillon moves that the Board grant M.T.'s
5 Petition for Removal from the Casino Self-Exclusion
6 List, as described by the OCC.

7 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
8 seconds.

9 CHAIR: All in favor?
10 (AYES RESPOND)

11 CHAIR: All opposed?
12 (NO RESPONSE)

13 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

14 ATTORNEY COOK: The final Petition
15 before the Board today is a second Petition
16 Requesting Removal from the Self-Exclusion List. On
17 November 15th, 2013, an individual with the initials
18 P.R. placed himself on the List, choosing the
19 lifetime self-exclusion option. On May 7, 2024, P.R.
20 filed a request to be removed from the List.

21 P.R. included with his Petition, a
22 Problem Gambling Assessment Verification Form, signed
23 by a Certified Assessment Provider, confirming that
24 an assessment of P.R. was performed and problem
25 gambling treatment was not recommended. P.R. did not

1 violate - or did violate on his exclusion on two
2 occasions; once in 2015 and once in 2019, however, on
3 both of those occasions, he did not game.

4 The OEC filed an Answer stating it had
5 no objection to P.R.'s request to be removed from the
6 Self-Exclusion List, as now more than ten years has
7 placed since his placement on the list and he's
8 supplied all the required documentation, pursuant to
9 the Board's regulations and this matter is now ripe
10 for the Board's Consideration.

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

13 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
14 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board grant
15 P.R.'s Petition for Removal from the Casino Self-
16 Exclusion List, as described by the OCC.

17 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan seconds.

18 CHAIR: All in favor?

19 (AYES RESPOND)

20 CHAIR: All opposed?

21 (NO RESPONSE)

22 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

23 ATTORNEY COOK: Our next presenter
24 with Withdrawals and Reports and Recommendations is
25 Deputy Chief Counsel Chad Zimmermann.

1 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Good morning,
2 Commissioners. The next matter before the Board
3 today pertains to several unopposed Petitions to
4 Withdraw Applications or Surrender the Credentials of
5 the following individuals and entities;

6 Olga Bajela, Jonathan Dalli, Ember
7 Sub, LLC, Escrow Newco Corp, Colin Henson, Apple Rose
8 Marasigan, Jeff Yass, Dylan Slaney, Christie Hill,
9 Istvan Lagaert, Andrew Lenard, Liv Biesemans, Mark
10 McLaughlin, Brian Carroll, Benjamin Parr, Joseph
11 Heffernan, CEP V Co-Investment Limited Partnership,
12 Clairvest Equity Partners V Limited Partnership,
13 Clairvest Equity Partners V-A Limited Partnership.

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 requestor.
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 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
23 moves that the Board issue orders to approve the
24 Withdrawals and Surrenders as described by the OCC.

25 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon

1 seconds.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 (AYES RESPOND)

4 CHAIR: All opposed?

5 (NO RESPONSE)

6 CHAIR: Motion carries.

7 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the
8 Board for consideration are 11 Reports and
9 Recommendations received from the Office of Hearings
10 and Appeals. These Reports and Recommendations,
11 along with their evidentiary record for each hearing,
12 have been provided to the Board in advance of this
13 meeting.

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

22 The first Report and Recommendation
23 before the Board today pertains to Ta'Janea Bradley-
24 Johnson. Ms. Bradley-Johnson holds a Non-Gaming
25 Employee Registration and worked as a Games Presenter

1 at Evolution US, LLC. On September 4, 2024, the OEC
2 filed a complaint for emergency suspension of Ms.
3 Bradley-Johnson's registration after receiving notice
4 that she was criminally charged with felony and
5 misdemeanor offenses. As a result of these charges,
6 the Board's Executive Director issued an emergency
7 order suspending Ms. Bradley-Johnson's registration.

8 A hearing in this matter was held in
9 October 2024. OEC appeared at the hearing and
10 provided testimony and documentary evidence. Ms.
11 Bradley-Johnson appeared but chose not to testify.
12 Evidence presented show that on August 18, 2024,
13 while gaming at Live! Philadelphia Casino and Hotel,
14 Ms. Bradley-Johnson took chips from a roulette table
15 on ten separate occasions, totaling \$1,790. She then
16 wagered with the chips and won approximately \$500.

17 Consequently, a Report and
18 Recommendation was issued recommending that the
19 emergency suspension of Ms. Bradley-Johnson's
20 Registration remain in effect and this matter is now
21 ripe 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 adopt the Report and

1 Recommendation issued by the OHA, as described by the
2 OCC, and that the suspension of Ta'Janea Bradley-
3 Johnson's Non-Gaming Employee Registration remain in
4 effect.

5 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
6 Hickernell seconds.

7 CHAIR: All in favor?
8 (AYES RESPOND)

9 CHAIR: All opposed?
10 (NO RESPONSE)

11 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

12 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next is the
13 Report and Recommendation regarding Zane Rekun. Mr.
14 Rekun holds a Gaming Employee Occupation Permit and
15 works as a Table Games Dealer at Mount Airy Casino
16 Resort. On August 27, 2024, the OEC filed a
17 complaint for emergency suspension of Mr. Rekun's
18 permit after receiving notice that he was charged
19 with two felony offenses. As a result of these
20 charges, the Board's Executive Director issued an
21 emergency order suspending Mr. Rekun's permit.

22 A hearing in this matter was held in
23 September 2024. OEC appeared for the hearing
24 presenting testimony and documentary evidence. Mr.
25 Rekun appeared and testified on his own behalf.

1 Evidence and testimony showed that Mr. Rekun, while
2 heavily intoxicated, got into a physical argument and
3 altercation with his girlfriend, now his wife,
4 resulting in him being charged with felony
5 strangulation, simple assault, harassment and felony
6 aggravated assault.

7 Mr. Rekun testified that prior to this
8 incident, he had never been charged or accused of any
9 violence, that he was heavily intoxicated at the time
10 of the incident and that he has sought treatment
11 since. He further provided letters from the Table
12 Games Instructor at Mount Airy who spoke to Mr.
13 Rekun's personality and demeanor at work, as well as
14 an unsigned letter from his wife stating that the
15 incident occurred due to his intoxication and he was
16 seeking help for his drinking.

17 Following the hearing, a Report and
18 Recommendation was issued recommending that
19 suspension of Mr. Rekun's Permit remain in effect,
20 and this matter is now ripe 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 that the suspension of Zane
3 Rekun's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit remain in
4 effect.

5 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
6 seconds.

7 CHAIR: All in favor?
8 (AYES RESPOND)

9 CHAIR: All opposed?
10 (NO RESPONSE)

11 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

12 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next is another
13 Report and Recommendation stemming from an emergency
14 suspension. Carmen Vincente holds a Gaming Employee
15 Occupation Permit and worked as a Table Games Dealer
16 at Mount Airy Casino Resort.

17 On August 27, 2024, the OEC filed a
18 complaint seeking emergency suspension of Ms.
19 Vincente's permit after receiving notice that she was
20 criminally charged with felony and misdemeanor drug
21 offenses. As a result of these charges, the Board's
22 Executive Director issued an emergency order
23 suspending Ms. Vincente's Gaming Permit.

24 A hearing in this matter was held on
25 September 12, 2024. OEC appeared at the hearing

1 providing testimony and documentary evidence. Ms.
2 Vincente appeared and also testified on her own
3 behalf. Evidence presented at the hearing showed
4 that the charges stemmed from allegations that after
5 a search warrant was obtained and executed for Ms.
6 Vincente's home, the search found controlled
7 substances and drug paraphernalia, along with a large
8 sum of cash and firearms in her home.

9 Additionally, there were two children
10 in the home and the controlled substances were
11 accessible to them. Testimony further showed that
12 Ms. Vincente was part of a group chat discussing the
13 sale and usage of controlled substances. Ms.
14 Vincente testified that there were two individuals
15 who were in custody for these allegations and that
16 she had nothing to do with the situation.

17 Consequently, a Report and
18 Recommendation was issued recommending that the
19 emergency suspension of Ms. Vincente's permit remain
20 in effect, and this matter is now ready for the
21 Board's consideration.

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

24 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
25 Dillon moves that the Board adopt the Report and

1 Recommendation issued by the OHA, as described by the
2 OCC, and that the suspension of Carmen Vincente's
3 Gaming Employee Occupation Permit remain in effect.

4 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
5 seconds.

6 CHAIR: All in favor?

7 (AYES RESPOND)

8 CHAIR: All opposed?

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 CHAIR: Motion passes.

11 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The next Report
12 and Recommendation before the Board today pertains to
13 Tyler Norwood. In March of 2022, Mr. Norwood was
14 issued a Gaming Employee Occupation Permit to work as
15 a Sportsbook Ticket Writer for American Wagering,
16 Inc. at Harrah's Philadelphia Casino and Racetrack.

17 On April 22, 2024, the OEC filed a
18 Complaint for revocation of Mr. Norwood's permit
19 after receiving notice that while working at
20 Harrah's, he had placed tips he received in his
21 pocket instead of in the designated tip box to be
22 shared with his fellow coworkers.

23 A hearing in this matter was held in
24 August of 2024. OEC appeared at the hearing
25 providing testimony, documentary and surveillance

1 evidence. Mr. Norwood appeared, but declined to
2 provide any testimony or evidence. Evidence
3 presented showed that Mr. Norwood on two occasions
4 received tip money, pretended to place the money in
5 the tip box, and then later placed the money in his
6 pocket. Mr. Norwood was terminated from American
7 Wagering because of this incident.

8 After hearing all the evidence
9 presented, a Report and Recommendation was issued
10 recommending that Mr. Norwood's permit be revoked,
11 and this matter is now ready for the Board's
12 consideration.

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

15 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
16 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board adopt the
17 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA, as
18 described by the OCC, and that Tyler Norwood's Gaming
19 Employee Occupation Permit be revoked.

20 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
21 seconds.

22 CHAIR: All in favor?

23 (AYES RESPOND)

24 CHAIR: All opposed?

25 (NO RESPONSE)

1 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

2 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Jasen Watson is
3 the next Report and Recommendation before the Board
4 today. In August 2017, Mr. Watson was issued a
5 Gaming Employee Occupation Permit and worked as a
6 Field Technician for Aristocrat Technologies. On
7 October 24, 2023, the OEC filed a complaint to
8 suspend Mr. Watson's permit after his failure to
9 comply with his statement of conditions.

10 Specifically, at the time of the
11 renewal of his permit, it was discovered that he had
12 outstanding taxes owed to the IRS for the years 2016
13 through 2018. Mr. Watson was to provide
14 documentation based upon a special condition in his
15 statement of conditions within one year of his
16 renewal showing that it satisfied all taxes owed,
17 enter a payment plan for the outstanding payments or
18 that he was having his wages garnished to satisfy the
19 payment plan.

20 He was also required to produce a 2019
21 tax transcript showing whether he owed taxes for that
22 year. Mr. Watson failed to comply with a special
23 condition. A hearing in this matter was held
24 February 2024. OEC appeared offering testimony and
25 documentary evidence. Mr. Watson appeared and

1 testified on his own behalf. Following that hearing,
2 based upon his testimony, the record was left open to
3 allow Mr. Watson to provide additional information.

4 That second hearing was held in
5 September 2024. However, he failed to appear and the
6 record was then closed. A Report and Recommendation
7 was issued recommending that Mr. Watson's permit be
8 suspended and this matter is now ready for the
9 Board's consideration.

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

12 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves
13 that the Board adopt the Report and Recommendation
14 issued by the OHA, as described by the OCC, and that
15 Jasen Watson's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit be
16 suspended.

17 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
18 seconds.

19 CHAIR: All in favor?

20 (AYES RESPOND)

21 CHAIR: All opposed?

22 (NO RESPONSE)

23 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

24 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Lok Khanal is
25 the next Report and Recommendation before the Board

1 today. Mr. Khanal was issued a Gaming Employee
2 Occupation Permit in 2018 and was employed as a Table
3 Games Dealer at Rivers Casino Pittsburgh.

4 On May 12, 2023, Lok Khanal submitted
5 his renewal application for his permit. On May 13,
6 2024, the OEC sent Mr. Khanal a notice recommending
7 denial of his renewal application based upon his
8 criminal record since initially being granted a
9 permit.

10 A hearing in this matter was held
11 August of 2024. OEC appeared and presented testimony
12 and documentary evidence. Mr. Khanal appeared and
13 testified on his own behalf. Evidence presented at
14 the hearing show that in November 2018, during Mr.
15 Khanal's initial application process, he amended his
16 application to include a DUI offense which was a
17 second offense. He again amended his application in
18 January 2019 to include another DUI, which is a third
19 offense which was a felony.

20 Mr. Khanal testified that he had not
21 had any employment-related issues during his time as
22 a Table Games Dealer. Consequently, a Report and
23 Recommendation was issued recommending that Mr.
24 Khanal's renewal application be denied as his felony
25 conviction renders him ineligible to hold a permit

1 and this matter is now ready for the Board's
2 consideration.

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

5 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
6 moves that the Board adopt the Report and
7 Recommendation issued by the OHA, as described by the
8 OCC, and Lok Khanal's Gaming Employee Occupation
9 Permit Renewal Application be denied.

10 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
11 Hickernell seconds.

12 CHAIR: All in favor?
13 (AYES RESPOND)

14 CHAIR: All opposed?
15 (NO RESPONSE)

16 CHAIR: Motion carries.

17 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Gregory Brown's
18 matter is next before the Board. On April 10, 2024,
19 the OEC filed a Petition to place Gregory Brown on
20 the exclusion list. A hearing in this matter was
21 held September of 2024, OEC appeared, presenting
22 testimony, documentary and surveillance evidence.
23 Although receiving proper notice, Mr. Brown failed to
24 appear.

25 The evidence and testimony presented

1 at the hearing show that on April 16, 2022, Mr. Brown
2 left a child, approximately 10 to 12 years old,
3 unattended in a vehicle at Live! Philadelphia. Prior
4 to him placing a bet, Mr. Brown was confronted by
5 security, escorted to the parking lot and then
6 permanently evicted. The child was left alone for
7 approximately 10 minutes before Mr. Brown returned to
8 the car.

9 Mr. Brown violated his eviction on
10 several occasions by entering Live! Philadelphia.
11 Additionally, Mr. Brown had other incidents of bad
12 conduct in the casinos and the Commonwealth,
13 consisting of past posting bets at Rivers
14 Philadelphia, failing to pay for services at a
15 restaurant at Live! Philadelphia and violating, on
16 several occasions, his permanent evictions from
17 Rivers Philadelphia.

18 After hearing all the evidence
19 presented a Report and Recommendation was issued
20 recommending that Gregory Brown be placed on the
21 Board's Involuntary Exclusion List and this matter is
22 now ripe for the Board's consideration.

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

25 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,

1 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board adopt the
2 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA, as
3 described by the OCC, and that Gregory Brown - you're
4 requesting that he remain on the Involuntary
5 Exclusion List?

6 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Be placed on the
7 Involuntary -.

8 MR. DERMODY: Be placed on the
9 Involuntary Exclusion List. It's not quite what it
10 says on this Order. All right. Is that clear?

11 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Yeah.

12 MR. DERMODY: Okay.

13 CHAIR: May I have a second, please?

14 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
15 Hickernell seconds.

16 CHAIR: All in favor?

17 (AYES RESPOND)

18 CHAIR: All opposed?

19 (NO RESPONSE)

20 CHAIR: The motion passes.

21 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The Report and
22 Recommendation pertaining to Jack Mars in next before
23 the Board today. On May 1st, 2024, the OEC filed a
24 Petition to place Jack Mars on the Involuntary
25 Exclusion List. OEC appeared presenting testimony

1 and documentary evidence. Although receiving proper
2 notice, Mr. Mars failed to appear.

3 The evidence and testimony presented
4 at the hearing showed that on December 20th, 2023 and
5 February 15, 2024, Mr. Mars engaged in collusion with
6 both a table games dealer and table game supervisor
7 at Rivers Casino Pittsburgh during play at
8 Interblock's Roulette Gaming System. The table games
9 dealer would deliberately spin the ball in the wrong
10 direction, which resulted in invalid spin. And then
11 without surveillance review and in a manner that's
12 inconsistent with Interblock roulette, the table game
13 supervisor would approve the invalid spins, resulting
14 in Mr. Mars and another patron winning money to which
15 they were not entitled to receive.

16 Mr. Mars was charged with theft-
17 related felonies and misdemeanors. He was accepted
18 into the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition
19 Program and is required to complete community
20 service, pay restitution and also may not enter
21 Rivers Casino.

22 After hearing all the evidence
23 presented, a Report and Recommendation was issued
24 recommending that Mr. Mars be placed on the Board's
25 Involuntary Exclusion List. This matter is now ready

1 for the Board's consideration.

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

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

9 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
10 seconds.

11 CHAIR: All in favor?
12 (AYES RESPOND)

13 CHAIR: All opposed?
14 (NO RESPONSE)

15 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

16 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Anna Truskin is
17 the next Report and Recommendation before the Board
18 today. In August of 2022, the OEC filed a Petition
19 to place Ms. Truskin on the Board's Involuntary
20 Exclusion List, alleging that on June 29, 2021, she
21 left a 14-month old child unattended in a vehicle
22 while she made a deposit at the Sportsbook at Valley
23 Forge Casino Resort.

24 On March 22nd, 2023, the Board issued
25 an Order placing Ms. Truskin on the list. In April

1 of 2024, Ms. Truskin filed her request to be removed
2 from the list, saying that she understands that she
3 made a terrible error in judgment. She's embarrassed
4 by her actions and is concerned that her placement on
5 the list will label her as a bad parent and could
6 affect her professionally if she decides to return to
7 teaching.

8 OEC filed Answer objecting to Ms.
9 Truskin's request. A hearing in this matter was held
10 in August 2024, OEC appeared with documentary
11 evidence pertaining to her original placement on the
12 list. Ms. Truskin appeared and testified on her own
13 behalf reiterating the reasons that she stated in her
14 Petition requesting early removal, additionally
15 stating that she has complied with the Board Order
16 excluding her from casinos and even if removed from
17 the list, she would not game at Valley Forge as
18 they've permanently evicted her.

19 Following a hearing, a Report and
20 Recommendation was issued recommending denial of Ms.
21 Truskin's request for early removal from the list as
22 she did not present evidence of extraordinary
23 circumstances that would justify her removal from the
24 list before at least the five years had run. This
25 matter is now ripe for the Board's consideration.

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

3 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
4 Dillon moves that the Board adopt the Report and
5 Recommendation issued by the OHA, as described by the
6 OCC, and that Anna Truskin's Petition for Removal
7 from the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List be denied
8 and that she remain on the list.

9 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
10 seconds.

11 CHAIR: All in favor?
12 (AYES RESPOND)

13 CHAIR: All opposed?
14 (NO RESPONSE)

15 CHAIR: Motion carries.

16 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the
17 Board is a Report and Recommendation stemming from a
18 request for early removal from the Involuntary
19 Exclusion List. The underlying facts in this matter
20 are that on October 22nd, 2022, Mr. Ojhakeem Miller
21 left five children unattended in a vehicle at Presque
22 Isle Downs and Casino while he gamed.

23 In January 2023, the OEC filed a
24 Petition requesting that Mr. Miller be placed on the
25 Board's list for his actions. Consequently, on May

1 24, 2023, the Board issued an order placing Mr.
2 Miller on the list. On June 13, 2024, Mr. Miller
3 filed a Petition requesting removal from the list.
4 The OEC filed an Answer objecting to this request.

5 The hearing of this matter was held in
6 September 2024. Mr. Miller failed to appear for the
7 hearing. OEC appeared and moved to dismiss a
8 Petition based on Mr. Miller's absence. A Report and
9 Recommendation was issued recommending that Mr.
10 Miller's Petition be dismissed or denied, and this
11 matter is now ripe for the Board's consideration.

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

14 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
15 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board adopt the
16 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as
17 described by the OCC, and that Ojhakeem Miller's
18 Petition for Removal from the Board's Involuntary
19 Exclusion List be denied and that he remain on the
20 list.

21 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
22 seconds.

23 CHAIR: All in favor?
24 (AYES RESPOND)

25 CHAIR: All opposed?

1 (NO RESPONSE)

2 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

3 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The Final Report
4 and Recommendation before the Board today stems from
5 a request for early removal from the Voluntary Self-
6 Exclusion List by an individual with the initials
7 B.N. By way of background, B.N. placed himself on
8 the Interactive Gaming Self-Exclusion List on October
9 25th, 2023, choosing the lifetime exclusion period.
10 In B.N.'s request for removal from the list, he
11 claims that he, himself, did not sign up for the
12 Exclusion List, but rather that a significant other
13 at the time signed him up for the exclusion.

14 The OEC filed an Answer objecting to
15 the request and thereafter, the Director of the OHA
16 issued a Decision and Order denying the request.
17 B.N. appealed the decision and a hearing was held on
18 October 8, 2024. B.N. failed to appear for the
19 hearing. OEC appeared at the hearing and made an
20 oral motion to dismiss B.N.'s Petition. Following
21 the hearing, the Report and Recommendation was
22 issued, recommending that B.N.'s Petition for Early
23 Removal from the List be dismissed and or denied, and
24 this matter is now ripe for the Board's
25 consideration.

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

3 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commission
4 Regan moves that the Board adopt the Report or
5 Recommendation issued by the OHA, as described by the
6 OCC, and that B.N.'s Petition for Removal from the
7 Interactive Gaming Self-Exclusion List be denied and
8 he remain on the Interactive Gaming Self-Exclusion
9 List.

10 CHAIR: May I have a second?

11 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
12 seconds.

13 CHAIR: All in favor?

14 (AYES RESPOND)

15 CHAIR: All opposed?

16 (NO RESPONSE)

17 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

18 ATTORNEY COOK: That concludes the
19 matters of the OCC. Go birds.

20 CHAIR: Thank you, Chad, Steve and
21 Robert. We will now have the Bureau of Licensing
22 matters presented by the Director of the Bureau of
23 Licensing, Sean Hannon. Sean?

24 MR. HANNON: Good morning, Madam
25 Chair, Members of the Board. First licensing matter

1 for your consideration is the Renewal of a Sports
2 Wagering Certificate for Stadium Casino RE, LLC doing
3 business as Live! Hotel and Casino Philadelphia. The
4 Bureau of Licensing, BIE and Office of Sports
5 Wagering Operations has completed its review of the
6 documents and the Bureau of Licensing has provided
7 you with a background investigation and suitability
8 report.

9 I have provided you with a draft order
10 and ask that you consider the renewal of Category 2
11 licensee Stadium Casino RE, LLC's Sports Wagering
12 Certificate.

13 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
14 objection.

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

17 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
18 moves that the Board grant the Sports Wagering
19 Certificate Renewal as described by the Bureau of
20 Licensing.

21 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
22 seconds.

23 CHAIR: All in favor?

24 (AYES RESPOND)

25 CHAIR: All opposed?

1 (NO RESPONSE)

2 CHAIR: Motion passes.

3 MR. HANNON: The next licensing matter
4 for consideration is the approval of an Interactive
5 Gaming and Sports Wagering Operator Licenses for
6 Hillside Pennsylvania, LLC, doing business as Bet365.
7 Formed in Delaware on November 28, 2022, Hillside's
8 principal place of business is in Marlton, New
9 Jersey. The company operates an interactive gaming
10 and sports betting platform for use in the
11 Commonwealth.

12 Hillside received interim
13 authorization on May 15, 2024. The BIE has completed
14 its investigation and the Bureau of Licensing has
15 provided you with a background investigation and
16 suitability report and the approval is ready for your
17 consideration.

18 I have provided you with draft orders
19 and ask that you first consider the order to approve
20 Hillside Pennsylvania for an Interactive Gaming
21 Operator License.

22 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
23 has no objection.

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

1 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner
2 Regan moves that the Board grant the Interactive
3 Gaming Operator License as described by the Bureau of
4 Licensing.

5 MS. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
6 Hickernell seconds.

7 CHAIR: All in favor?
8 (AYES RESPOND)

9 CHAIR: All opposed?
10 (NO RESPONSE)

11 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

12 MR. HANNON: Next is consideration of
13 Hillside Pennsylvania for a Sports Wagering Operator
14 License.

15 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
16 has no objections.

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

19 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,
20 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board grant
21 the Sports Wagering Operator License, as described by
22 the Bureau of Licensing.

23 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
24 seconds.

25 CHAIR: All in favor?

1 (AYES RESPOND)

2 CHAIR: All opposed?

3 (NO RESPONSE)

4 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

5 MR. HANNON: In addition, we have
6 consideration of five Video Gaming Terminal
7 Establishment License Renewals for CHR Corp, doing
8 business as, Rutters. The Rutter's locations being
9 presented for renewal are Stores 36, 37, 56, 60 and
10 77.

11 The BIE has completed its
12 investigation and the Bureau of Licensing as provided
13 you with a background investigation and suitability
14 report for each. I have provided you with draft
15 orders and ask the Board first consider the order to
16 renew the Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License
17 for Rutter's Store Number 36, located at 3050
18 Heidelberg Road in York Springs.

19 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
20 has no objection.

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

23 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
24 Dillon moves that the Board grant the Video Gaming
25 Terminal Establishment License Renewal as described

1 by the Bureau of Licensing.

2 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
3 seconds.

4 CHAIR: All in favor?

5 (AYES RESPOND)

6 CHAIR: All opposed?

7 (NO RESPONSE)

8 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

9 MR. HANNON: Next is the order to
10 renew the license for Rutter's Store Number 37,
11 located at 27335 Route 75 Northern Mifflintown.

12 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
13 has no objection.

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

16 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
17 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board grant the
18 Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License Renewal
19 as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

20 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
21 seconds.

22 CHAIR: All in favor?

23 (AYES RESPOND)

24 CHAIR: All opposed?

25 (NO RESPONSE)

1 CHAIR: Motion carries.

2 MR. HANNON: Next is the order to
3 renew the license for Rutter's Store Number 56,
4 located at 368 Lewisberry Road, New Cumberland.

5 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
6 has no objection.

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

9 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves
10 that the Board grant the Video Gaming Terminal
11 Establishment License Renewal as described by the
12 Bureau of Licensing.

13 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
14 seconds.

15 CHAIR: All in favor?

16 (AYES RESPOND)

17 CHAIR: All opposed?

18 (NO RESPONSE)

19 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

20 MR. HANNON: Also the order to renew
21 the license for Rutter's Store Number 60, located at
22 4425 West Market Street in York.

23 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
24 has no objection.

25 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

1 May I have a motion, please?

2 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
3 moves that the Board grant the Video Gaming Terminal
4 Establishment License Renewal as described by the
5 Bureau of Licensing.

6 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
7 Hickernell seconds.

8 CHAIR: All in favor?

9 (AYES RESPOND)

10 CHAIR: All opposed?

11 (NO RESPONSE)

12 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

13 MR. HANNON: And finally, the order to
14 renew the license for Rutter's Store Number 77,
15 located at 77 Benvenue Road in Duncannon.

16 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
17 has no objection.

18 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

19 May I have a motion, please?

20 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
21 Dillon moves that the Board grant the Video Gaming
22 Terminal Establishment License Renewal as described
23 by the Bureau of Licensing.

24 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
25 Hickernell seconds.

1 CHAIR: All in favor?

2 (AYES RESPOND)

3 CHAIR: All opposed?

4 (NO RESPONSE)

5 CHAIR: The motion passes.

6 MR. HANNON: Next, there are
7 Principal, Key Employee and Qualifier Licenses. The
8 Bureau of Licensing provided you with a proposed
9 order for six Principals, four Key Employees and one
10 Qualifier. I ask that the Board consider the order
11 approving these licenses.

12 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
13 has no objection.

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

16 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,
17 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board grant
18 the Principal, Key Employee and Qualifier Licenses as
19 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

20 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
21 seconds.

22 CHAIR: All in favor?

23 (AYES RESPOND)

24 CHAIR: All opposed?

25 (NO RESPONSE)

1 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

2 MR. HANNON: There are also Principal
3 and Key Employee Temporary Credentials. The Bureau
4 of Licensing provided you with an order regarding the
5 issuance of Temporary Credentials for five Principals
6 and 17 Key Employees. I ask that the Board consider
7 the order approving these credentials.

8 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
9 has no objection.

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

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

16 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
17 seconds.

18 CHAIR: All in favor?

19 (AYES RESPOND)

20 CHAIR: All opposed?

21 (NO RESPONSE)

22 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

23 MR. HANNON: Additionally for your
24 consideration are Gaming Employee Permits and Non-
25 Gaming Employee Registrations. The Bureau of

1 Licensing has provided you with a list of 489
2 individuals, to whom the Bureau's granted Temporary
3 or Full Occupation Permits, and 191 individuals to
4 whom the Bureau's granted registrations under the
5 authority delegated to the Bureau of Licensing.

6 I ask that the Board consider a motion
7 approving the order.

8 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
9 has no objection.

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

12 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
13 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the
14 Applications for Gaming Employee Occupation Permits
15 and Non-Gaming Employee Registrations, as described
16 by the Bureau of Licensing.

17 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
18 seconds.

19 CHAIR: All in favor?

20 (AYES RESPOND)

21 CHAIR: All opposed?

22 (NO RESPONSE)

23 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

24 MR. HANNON: Next, there's a
25 recommendation of denial for one Gaming, three Non-

1 Gaming Applicants and one Principal Applicant. The
2 Bureau of Licensing has provided you with the order
3 addressing the applicants, who the OEC has
4 recommended for denial. I ask that the Board
5 consider the order approving these denials.

6 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC continues to
7 request denial in each matter.

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

10 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves
11 that the Board deny the Gaming and Non-Gaming and
12 Principal Employee Applications, as described by the
13 Bureau of Licensing.

14 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
15 seconds.

16 CHAIR: All in favor?

17 (AYES RESPOND)

18 CHAIR: All opposed?

19 (NO RESPONSE)

20 CHAIR: Motions' adopted.

21 MR. HANNON: The next matter for
22 consideration is Withdrawal Requests. In each case,
23 the license, permit or registration is no longer
24 required. For today's meeting, I have provided the
25 Board with 26 Gaming and 18 Non-Gaming Applicants. I

1 ask that the Board consider the order approving these
2 withdrawals.

3 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
4 has no objection.

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

7 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
8 moves that the Board grant the Withdrawal of the
9 Gaming and Non-Gaming Employee Applications as
10 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

11 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
12 seconds.

13 CHAIR: All in favor?

14 (AYES RESPOND)

15 CHAIR: All opposed?

16 (NO RESPONSE)

17 CHAIR: The motion carries.

18 MR. HANNON: In addition, we have an
19 order to renew the Gaming Service Provider
20 Certification for GeoComply Solutions Incorporated,
21 doing business as, GeoComply, as well as initially
22 certify Synergy Glass and Door Services, LLC. I have
23 provided you with a draft order and ask the Board
24 consider the Order certifying these companies.

25 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel

1 has no objection.

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

4 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
5 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the
6 Gaming Service Provider Certifications as described
7 by the Bureau of Licensing.

8 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
9 Hickernell seconds.

10 CHAIR: All in favor?
11 (AYES RESPOND)

12 CHAIR: All opposed?
13 (NO RESPONSE)

14 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

15 MR. HANNON: Finally for your
16 consideration are Gaming Service Provider
17 Registrations. The Bureau of Licensing provided you
18 with an order and an attached list of eight
19 Registered Gaming Service Provider Applicants. I ask
20 that the Board consider the order registering these
21 Gaming Service Providers.

22 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
23 has no objection.

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

1 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves
2 that the Board approve the Gaming Service Provider
3 Registrations as described by the Bureau of
4 Licensing.

5 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
6 seconds.

7 CHAIR: All in favor?

8 (AYES RESPOND)

9 CHAIR: All opposed?

10 (NO RESPONSE)

11 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

12 MR. HANNON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

13 CHAIR: Thank you, Sean. Next is the
14 OEC, Cyrus Pitre. Cyrus?

15 ATTORNEY PITRE: Good morning, Madam
16 Chair. Members of the Board, the OEC will present 15
17 matters today for the Board's consideration in which
18 we will request the approval of three Consent
19 Agreements, four Revocations, one Suspension and
20 seven Involuntary Exclusions.

21 The next matter on the agenda for the
22 Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement between
23 the OEC and Category 4 Licensee Stadium Casino
24 Westmoreland RE, LLC, doing business as, Live! Casino
25 Pittsburgh. The matter will be presented by

1 Assistant Enforcement Counsel Juan Sanchez.
2 Representatives for Live! Pittsburgh are present.
3 And at this time I request that those individuals
4 please introduce themselves for the record and that
5 all non-attorney witnesses please stand and be sworn.

6 ATTORNEY DIEHL: Yes, I'm Tom Diehl,
7 Vice President of Legal for Stadium Casino
8 Westmoreland RE, LLC. And I'll let the gentleman
9 next to me go ahead and introduce himself.

10 MR. SULLIVAN: Sean Sullivan,
11 Executive Vice President and General Manager of Live!
12 Casino Pittsburgh.

13 MR. DEAN: Kirk Dean, the Risk and
14 Safety Manager at Live! Casino Pittsburgh.

15 MR. COLSTON: Brent Colston, Vice
16 President of Gaming Operations, Live! Casino
17 Pittsburgh.

18 ATTORNEY DIEHL: And although they're
19 not necessarily going to make a separate
20 presentation, they're going to be available for
21 answering questions and therefore, as indicated, it
22 would be appropriate to go ahead and swear them in at
23 this point.

24 CHAIR: I would also ask them to spell
25 their names for the Court Reporter.

1 ATTORNEY DIEHL: I will start with, D-
2 I-E-H-L, for last name, Diehl.

3 MR. SULLIVAN: Sean, S-E-A-N,
4 Sullivan, S-U-L-L-I-V-A-N.

5 MR. DEAN: Kirk Dean, K-I-R-K,
6 D-E-A-N.

7 MR. COLSTON: B-R-E-N-T,
8 C-O-L-S-T-O-N.

9 CHAIR: Now, gentlemen, would you
10 stand and be sworn in by the Court Reporter, please?

11 COURT REPORTER: Can you raise your
12 right hands? Thank you.

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14 (WHEREUPON, WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE)

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16 ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: Chair Smyler,
17 Members of the Board, Juan Sanchez,
18 S-A-N-C-H-E-Z, Assistant Enforcement Counsel with the
19 OEC. This Consent Agreement involves Live! Casino
20 Pittsburgh's use of revoked slot machine software on
21 the casino gaming floor.

22 On May 9, 2022, the Board's Bureau of
23 Gaming Laboratory Operations issued a Memorandum to
24 each slot machine licensee, which revoked and
25 replaced gaming system software as well as provided

1 for a period of 180 days to complete this transition.
2 After the tolling of the 180-day compliance period,
3 the Bureau of Casino Compliance confirmed with Live!
4 Casino Pittsburgh staff that the revoked software was
5 still active in 11 slot machines, in service on Live!
6 Casinos Pittsburgh's gaming floor for 36 hours and 18
7 minutes in violation of the Board's regulations.

8 The OEC and Live! Casino Pittsburgh
9 respectfully requests that the Board approve the
10 Consent Agreement and Stipulations of Settlement,
11 which requires Live! Casino Pittsburgh to pay a civil
12 penalty of \$7,500, as well as a \$2,500 administrative
13 fee for costs incurred by the Board staff in
14 connection with this matter.

15 If you have any questions, we would be
16 happy to address them at this time.

17 CHAIR: Thank you. Live! Casino
18 Pittsburgh, would you like to address the Board?

19 ATTORNEY DIEHL: Yes. We heard
20 Attorney Sanchez's overview of the facts and also
21 reviewed the Consent Agreement prior to coming in
22 here. And it accurately, both accurately reflect the
23 facts as we understand them.

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

1 ATTORNEY DIEHL: Oh, I apologize. I
2 was also going to introduce - I just want to
3 introduce the facts.

4 CHAIR: I think we had a lot of
5 questions, go ahead.

6 ATTORNEY DIEHL: Yeah, 100 percent,
7 and hopefully I can anticipate several of those. As
8 you know, whenever we review, whenever we receive a
9 Consent Agreement, we, number one, want to review
10 what happened, of course. And we also want to put
11 together, you know, what remediation has already
12 taken place before we start our review and, if
13 necessary, if we can improve that.

14 And we did that in this case. And it
15 reminded me of a podcast I was listening to recently
16 on Ancient Rome from a professor at the University of
17 Wisconsin and he was presented with the question of
18 why it was that ancient Greece within its peak of
19 Alexander the Great, fragmented within 40 to 50
20 years. Whereas, in contrast, the Roman Empire from
21 its peak, maybe the second century, continued for
22 multiple centuries thereafter, depending whether you
23 conclude Byzantium and 4 to 12 centuries afterwards.

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25 But at any rate, his answer is what I

1 thought applied here. He said Rome was much better
2 at putting in place policies and procedures to ensure
3 their success, no matter who the person was at the
4 helm. So, when we reviewed here, we looked at our
5 policies and procedures that were in place for
6 reviewing revocation notices. And that's what we're
7 discussing here at issue and ours, we found out, was
8 much more event driven.

9 And by that I mean, whenever the
10 Bureau of Gaming Lab Operations would send out a
11 notice, it would trigger a response where our team
12 would look at the floor, which would trigger ordering
13 software, which would trigger receiving the software,
14 which would trigger making the change, but if
15 anything along that chain broke, there wasn't a
16 parallel process or procedure to make sure that it
17 was revisited.

18 So in this case, what immediately took
19 place, and this was something that took place in
20 2022, our operator recognized, hey, this had fallen
21 through the cracks within the 180 days to review it.
22 At some point that chain had broken and put in place
23 a policy and procedure where he would review the
24 notices. Like, literally, it was a physical type of
25 application where it was on his desk and he would

1 review of this.

2 CHAIR: Who's the he?

3 ATTORNEY DIEHL: In this case it would
4 be Josh Willett. He was the actual Gaming Service
5 Manager. He's not here with us today, but he's
6 something that we reviewed and was part of this
7 process of reviewing and helped us understand what
8 his process was and what led to the events that we're
9 discussing here today.

10 And then now that we have additional
11 eyes on that as well, we said, hey, we like that, but
12 we also can think we can make it even better still,
13 because it still would have a situation where you had
14 the process and had somebody that was reviewing it.
15 We want multiple eyes on it. We want redundancy
16 that's built into the process.

17 So, then we then take it and then say
18 in addition that why don't you put those, the notices
19 on a spreadsheet? And once you put those
20 spreadsheets on something that's going to be reviewed
21 on a weekly basis and you have the gentleman at the
22 end of the table here, he's our VP of Gaming
23 Operations, he has a weekly slots review where that's
24 being added to it as well, so that you would have the
25 list. And again, these take place - there's usually

1 several of these notices per month where you have a
2 cascading effect, where new ones come on and other
3 ones fall off, depending upon whenever the software
4 is upgraded.

5 It's been described to me by analogy
6 as like whenever you would update Windows 11, when
7 something has to be renewed and has to be refreshed.
8 By definition, once it's been renewed and updated,
9 the other one falls off, which is what took place in
10 this situation.

11 So, again, what we found out, kind of
12 like a lesson from ancient Rome, you want to make
13 sure your policies and procedures are in place so
14 that even if one person falls off and doesn't see it,
15 we have a system that runs in parallel that tracks
16 that and that's essentially what we took place here.

17 In this instance, the gentleman that
18 we referred to earlier was coached and brought - and
19 said, hey, you know, thanks for making sure to let us
20 know, letting us know what you've done in this
21 instance, but he was advised that this is not
22 protocol and we might want to bring these things to
23 our attention earlier. We think he responded well.

24 We also think it's also an institute.
25 - it's an organizational responsibility to make sure

1 our people succeed, and we have policies in place to
2 assist them. And since 2022, I guess, when this took
3 place, November was the deadline, we have not had a
4 reoccurrence. So, that's something that shows that
5 we're at least going in the right direction. And
6 with that, and before your questions, I think we also
7 have a few words from our General Manager.

8 MR. SULLIVAN: I would just simply add
9 that we take these very serious. We're embarrassed
10 that we're here. We don't want you to recognize us.
11 So, hopefully we're infrequent enough. But I think
12 Tom touched on a couple of points. We did counsel
13 the person, Josh, who's our slot tech manager, on the
14 failure of this, in a sense, disciplined him.

15 We have set up additional procedures
16 as Tom mentioned. We haven't seen a reoccurrence in
17 close to two and-a-half, three years. So, something
18 might be working. Could also say we're lucky, but
19 these things happen a lot. They happen four or five
20 times a month. So, our track record looks pretty
21 good. Brent has stepped up his effort in weekly
22 meetings, one-on-ones with Josh to make sure there's
23 nothing outstanding.

24 So, I think we're bolstered up and
25 ready. Never say never, but I think we've done a

1 good job, and I just wanted to express that we do
2 take these serious. We do not like being here as
3 much as we love to see faces and friends, but I would
4 just simply conclude in that. And Kirk is our
5 Compliance Manager, and of course he takes these even
6 more serious and understands the complications if
7 we're here frequently. So, love the Rome analogy and
8 what he said.

9 ATTORNEY DIEHL: If you have any other
10 questions, we're certainly available.

11 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
12 the Board?

13 MR. DILLON: Yes. I like to add. How
14 often do you guys get these updates? How often do
15 they come through? You said four or five times a
16 month?

17 MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah, I mean, it's -
18 and Cyrus and others can attest to that. It's
19 frequent. And we do get them and this one was an
20 interesting curveball. They're usually 90 days
21 notification. This one was 180. So, I think Josh
22 got kind of lazy and it drifted off his plate
23 somehow, is at least that's what he says, but the
24 truth of the matter is he dropped the ball and he's
25 held accountable for that. But this one was a longer

1 lead time, and I think it got him out of his cycle
2 and dropped it. And no excuses, I mean, we messed it
3 up.

4 MR. DILLON: How many slot machines do
5 you have on the floor?

6 MR. SULLIVAN: So we're a category
7 four, 750 machines, and this particular item is
8 related to 11 machines. So, it's not a massive
9 issue. And it's an upgrade, I believe so. Upgrades;
10 you know, I get upgrades for my vehicles all the
11 time. It doesn't mean the brakes are going to fall
12 off and I'm going to get in a wreck. It's an upgrade
13 and it happens. So, I don't think the Commonwealth,
14 the constituents, the customers were affected in any
15 negative way, but clearly, when we get these notices,
16 we want to be responsive.

17 MR. DILLON: So, out of 750, you
18 missed 11 machines?

19 MR. SULLIVAN: Yes. If it was one
20 machine, it's still the point of the matter, and we
21 take it seriously. And, you know, but 11 machines in
22 this particular one, sometimes it might be more,
23 sometimes it might be less. And the way Tom
24 described it, the manufacturer sends a notification.
25 Gaming looks it over, they approve, and correct me if

1 I'm wrong, they approve the upgrade, and then they
2 give it to us.

3 We order the parts for the upgrade.
4 So, there is a process. There's a couple of failure
5 points if you're not on your game. So we're stepping
6 up our game and we're going to make sure there is
7 redundancy and that we don't come back here with
8 this.

9 CHAIR: Anything else, Commissioner
10 Dillon?

11 MR. DILLON: No. I'm good. Thanks.

12 CHAIR: Any other questions or
13 comments?

14 Okay.

15 May I have a motion, please?

16 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,
17 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve
18 the Consent Agreement between the OEC and Stadium
19 Casino Westmoreland, RE, LLC, doing business as,
20 Live! Casino Pittsburgh, as described by the OEC.

21 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
22 seconds.

23 CHAIR: All in favor?

24 (AYES RESPOND)

25 CHAIR: All opposed?

1 (NO RESPONSE)

2 CHAIR: The motion's adopted.

3 MR. SULLIVAN: Thank you.

4 CHAIR: Thank you, gentlemen. Thank
5 you for the steps you've taken to address the
6 situation.

7 MR. SULLIVAN: Hope not to see you
8 soon.

9 ATTORNEY PITRE: Next matter on the
10 agenda for the Board's consideration is a Consent
11 Agreement between the OEC and Interactive Gaming
12 Operator BetMGM. The matter will be presented by
13 Senior Enforcement Counsel John Crohe.
14 Representatives for BetMGM are present and at this
15 time I would request that those individuals please
16 introduce themselves for the record and that all non-
17 attorney witnesses please stand and be sworn.

18 MS. BRENNAN: Hello, my name is Sarah
19 Brennan, Senior Director of Compliance.

20 MS. SACERDOTE: Hi, my name is Alana
21 Sacerdote, Responsible Gambling Manager.

22 ATTORNEY CAPUTI: Hello, my name is
23 Joseph Caputi. I'm Senior Legal Counsel for the
24 Regulatory team.

25 CHAIR: And would you also spell your

1 names for the court reporter? And then all non-
2 attorney witnesses please stand and be sworn.

3 MS. BRENNAN: Yes. Sarah, S-A-R-A-H,
4 Brennan, B-R-E-N-N-A-N.

5 MS. SACERDOTE: Alana, A-L-A-N-A,
6 Sacerdote, S-A-C-E-R-D-O-T-E.

7 CHAIR: Thank you for spelling that.

8 ATTORNEY CAPUTI: Joseph Caputi,
9 J-O-S-E-P-H, C-A-P-U-T-I.

10 CHAIR: And non-attorney witnesses,
11 please stand and be sworn.

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13 (WHEREUPON, WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE.)

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15 CHAIR: OEC, you may proceed.

16 ATTORNEY CROHE: Thank you. Good
17 morning, Chair, Members of the Board, John Crohe,
18 C-R-O-H-E, Senior Enforcement Counsel for the OEC.
19 This matter involves Interactive Gaming Self-
20 Exclusion Violations.

21 In March 2021, BetMGM completed an
22 audit which revealed that 148 accounts had wagering
23 activity by individuals on the Interactive Self-
24 Exclusion List. Of these accounts, a total of
25 \$252,035.55 was deposited by self-excluded

1 individuals, and a total of \$82,460.30 was withdrawn
2 by self-excluded individuals for a total difference
3 of \$169,575.25 retained by BetMGM.

4 Then on April 9th, 2021, BetMGM self-
5 reported that a self-excluded individual was able to
6 access their account and deposit a total of \$580.
7 Next, on July 22nd, 2022, BetMGM self-reported that a
8 self-excluded individual who was able to gain access
9 to their account, deposit a total of \$700 and
10 withdrew \$100, a total difference of \$600 retained by
11 BetMGM.

12 Finally, on July 10th, 2023, two
13 additional self-excluded accounts had wagering
14 activity while individuals were on the Interactive
15 Gaming Self-Exclusion List. Of these accounts, a
16 total of \$183,065.45 was deposited by self-excluded
17 individuals and \$92,916.59 was withdrawn by self-
18 excluded individuals, a difference of \$90,148.86
19 retained by BetMGM.

20 In total, these reviews revealed that
21 \$436,381 was deposited by self-excluded individuals
22 and \$175,476.89 was withdrawn by individuals on the
23 Interactive Self-Exclusion List, a difference of
24 \$260,904.11 which was retained by BetMGM.

25 The OEC and BetMGM, LLC respectfully

1 request that the Board approve the Consent Agreement
2 and Stipulations of Settlement and that BetMGM, LLC
3 pay a civil penalty of \$260,905, as well as a \$2,500
4 administrative fee for costs incurred by Board staff
5 in connection with investigations into this matter.
6 And finally, that BETMGM make a donation to the
7 Pennsylvania Council on Problem Gambling in the
8 amount of \$20,000.

9 CHAIR: Thank you. BetMGM, would you
10 like to address the Board?

11 MS. BRENNAN: Yes, thank you. We
12 appreciate the Commission, the Board and the OEC
13 working with us to reach an agreement and a
14 settlement agreement and we agree with the terms.
15 We've worked closely through these issues with the
16 Board, first by self-reporting when they were
17 identified and then carefully through the remediation
18 measures that were implemented as a result.

19 BetMGM is committed to the protection
20 of patrons in the Commonwealth and regrets and
21 apologizes that these four issues have occurred. As
22 indicated by the OEC, each was self-reported by
23 BetMGM upon self-audit. Once these individuals were
24 identified as having had access to our platform, we
25 immediately closed their accounts and then did

1 internal investigations to understand how each
2 instance occurred.

3 The first instance and obviously the
4 most significant with the largest number of
5 individuals having had access to the platform was
6 addressed immediately as it was understood that this
7 issue occurred because the PII of the individuals was
8 not being effectively consumed by our platform.

9 We address this issue by instating a
10 process of manual review for individuals as soon as
11 we get the data from the Board, we do a line-by-line
12 manual review of each data set to ensure that there
13 are no false positives, that there are accurate
14 identifying details per individual. Then we run the
15 information through our back office system and we run
16 the final number of individuals who's been uploaded
17 against the final report readout of the individuals
18 who have actually been updated to ensure that the
19 numbers match. This is a manual review that is
20 conducted by our RG team, led by Alana.

21 I would also like to indicate that
22 obviously the first issue occurred in 2021. Our
23 staff at the time during startup, nature of our
24 business and the industry, was very small. At this
25 time we have nine individuals committed to this

1 process within the Compliance Department at BetMGM.

2 At the time of this instance, the
3 Compliance Department at BetMGM was roughly nine
4 people in total. Now there's nine committed just to
5 RG, and the department on the whole is numbers nearly
6 100.

7 Our commitment to compliance and
8 responsible gambling expands past just manual
9 processes, but also has been committed to increasing
10 training of all of our staff, enhancements in our
11 technology and the way in which our back office
12 upload system for self-excluded patrons has been
13 configured, manual reviews, audit by our internal
14 audit team and oversight and additional training by
15 our Director of Responsible Gambling, our Manager of
16 Responsible Gambling and in partnership with EPIC,
17 who trains our entire business team on the importance
18 of RG across all streams.

19 The second, third and fourth instances
20 of violation were smaller in nature. Three
21 individuals were able to gain access through manual
22 errors by an individual who mis-entered the PII of
23 the patrons. One was inadvertently not removed after
24 having been removed from the Board's list and then
25 reinstated to the Board's list. And the fourth was a

1 technological misconfiguration that despite strenuous
2 testing could not be replicated by our technical
3 teams.

4 We have not had any further instances
5 of the same issues since these have occurred and the
6 remediation measures we've put into place have been
7 effective. We're happy to answer any additional
8 questions you have. But again, I would like to thank
9 you all, thank the Board, OEC and affirm our
10 commitment to RG by BetMGM.

11 CHAIR: Thank you. Any questions or
12 comments from the Board? Actually, Commissioner
13 Manzano-Díaz, do you have any questions?

14 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: No, not at this
15 time. Thank you, Madam Chair.

16 CHAIR: Okay.

17 Thank you. Any other Commissioners
18 have any questions or comments?

19 MR. DILLON: Just one.

20 CHAIR: Commissioner Dillon?

21 MR. DILLON: Just one. The one it
22 looks like the last persons you had two people at the
23 end there that were your last two that were
24 discovered, they deposited \$183,000. Is that what I
25 was told?

1 ATTORNEY CAPUTI: That was the
2 combined deposit between the two individuals, yes.

3 MR. DILLON: I mean who's got that
4 kind of money to deposit, 183,000? Does that raise a
5 red flag? Like if somebody puts that big deposit
6 into an account, doesn't that, like don't somebody
7 gotta' (sic) look at that?

8 MS. BRENNAN: We do evaluate players
9 for any inconsistency in play behavior. We have
10 anti-money laundering team, but we have players of
11 all value who wager on our platform. And so you
12 know, you have recreational players, you have players
13 who deposit more than others.

14 So based only on deposit amount, it
15 wouldn't necessarily raise a flag if there weren't
16 other issues that would have been flagged by fraud
17 risk or AML. We are happy to offer a more private
18 conversation about the types of risk and fraud flags
19 that may be raised by a patron, but it isn't
20 information that we would share in a public meeting.

21 MR. DILLON: Thank you.

22 CHAIR: And I only have one question.
23 You said, I think it was the second time, it was a
24 human error?

25 MS. BRENNAN: Yes, ma'am.

1 CHAIR: So, what do you do about that?
2 How do you address that?

3 MS. BRENNAN: That's a challenging one
4 because as you know, humans make mistakes. So when
5 the issue was identified and the individual who had
6 made the mistake was forthcoming in the fact that
7 they had identified how it happened and that it was a
8 miss on their part, we went over the process with
9 them again, exactly how it works. And that
10 individual has not made the same mistake twice.

11 It's challenging, you know, BetMGM is
12 an operator that operates in 29 states and there's 29
13 different ways that we consume self-exclusion lists.
14 And so, unfortunately, at this point in time in the
15 industry, much of it is still manual. And anytime
16 you have manual intervention, you will have mistakes.

17 CHAIR: Okay.

18 Thank you. Any other questions or
19 comments? May I have a motion, please?

20 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
21 Dillon moves that the Board approve the Consent
22 Agreement between the OEC and BetMGM, as described by
23 the OEC.

24 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
25 seconds.

1 CHAIR: All in favor?

2 (AYES RESPOND)

3 CHAIR: All opposed?

4 (NO RESPONSE)

5 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

6 MS. BRENNAN: Thank you.

7 CHAIR: Thank you very much.

8 ATTORNEY PITRE: The next matter on
9 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a Consent
10 Agreement between the OEC and Principal Entity
11 Licensee, Rush Street Gaming, LLC and Principal
12 Licensee, Marc Arndt.

13 The matter will be presented by Senior
14 Enforcement Counsel Ashley Gabrielle, representatives
15 for Rush Street Gaming, LLC and Mr. Arndt - Mr. Arndt
16 is present, okay. And at this time, I request that
17 those individuals please introduce themselves for the
18 record, and that all non-attorney witnesses please
19 stand and be sworn.

20 MR. ARNDT: Marc Arndt, Rush Street
21 Gaming CFO, M-A-R-C, A-R-N-D-T.

22 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Good morning, John
23 Donnelly, Counsel on behalf of Rush Street, and my
24 name is D-O-N-N-E-L-L-Y.

25 CHAIR: Mr. Arndt, would you stand to

1 be sworn, please?

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MARC ARNDT,

4 CALLED AS A WITNESS IN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING, AND
5 HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AND SAID AS
6 FOLLOWS:

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CHAIR: OEC, you may proceed.

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ATTORNEY GABRIELLE: Thank you. Good
10 morning, Chair and Commissioners, Ashley Gabrielle,
11 G-A-B-R-I-E-L-L-E, Senior Enforcement Counsel for the
12 OEC.

13 This proposed Consent Agreement
14 involves Principal Entity Licensee Rush Street
15 Gaming, LLC, which I will refer to as RSG. RSG
16 performs management consulting services for Rivers
17 Casino Pittsburgh and Rivers Casino Philadelphia and
18 for Sports Wagering Operator and Interactive Gaming
19 Operator Licensee Rush Street Interactive PA, LLC.

20 The Pennsylvania Racehorse Development
21 and Gaming Act and the Pennsylvania Gaming Control
22 Board's regulations require an application for the
23 renewal of a principal license to be submitted at
24 least 180 days prior to the expiration of a license.
25 RSG failed to timely submit the principal license

1 renewal application for Mark Arndt to the Board's
2 Bureau of Licensing.

3 Mr. Arndt has been continuously
4 licensed by the Board as a Principal since 2018 and
5 employed by RSG as Chief Financial Officer since May
6 2022. The due date for the submission of Mr. Arndt's
7 Principal license renewal application was April 30,
8 2023, which is 180 days before his license expiration
9 date of October 30th, 2023. Mr. Arndt's renewal
10 Principal License Application was ultimately
11 submitted to the Bureau of Licensing on October 31,
12 2023, which is 184 days late.

13 According to RSG, the application was
14 filed late due to staffing changes. As a result, a
15 new Licensing Coordinator has been appointed, who has
16 created a new process to track renewal license
17 applications. The OEC requests that the Board
18 approve this Consent Agreement and Stipulation of
19 Settlement. The terms of the Consent Agreement
20 include a provision that RSG shall reinforce its
21 existing policies and provide training and guidance
22 to its employees, which will minimize the opportunity
23 for a similar incident to occur in the future.

24 That RSG shall pay a civil penalty in
25 the amount of \$13,800, and \$2,500 for the costs

1 incurred by the OEC, the BIE and other related staff
2 in connection with this matter within five days of
3 the Board's approval. If there are any questions, we
4 are happy to address them at this time.

5 CHAIR: Rush Street, would you like to
6 address the Board?

7 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Yes. Thank you.
8 Just to point out this is it's happened one time and
9 almost close, getting close to almost 20 years coming
10 up pretty soon. So it was just a human error. The
11 person who was responsible for tracking this is no
12 longer with us. New person's in who's very talented
13 and we recognize that principals have responsibility
14 too. So, we're not trying to dodge that, but
15 sometimes oversights occur and that's what happened
16 here.

17 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
18 the Board?

19 Okay.

20 I do have a question. You said
21 oversights occur if somebody new is in. So, were
22 there any processes or procedures or anything that
23 were modified to make sure it didn't happen again?

24 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Yes, there's the
25 three, actually four things. There's now a master

1 calendar that's being kept by the young lady who does
2 it now. And she's a veteran employee, had been Rush
3 Street earlier on, very talented. Left and then came
4 back. So, I've got a lot of faith in her and so does
5 the company. She also instituted a tracking system.
6 She deals now directly with property compliance who
7 does get notices from the staff. And she deals with
8 me too, who gets notices.

9 So, we've got four fail-safes in
10 place. Hopefully this will not happen again.

11 CHAIR: Had you received notice of
12 this?

13 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Did I?

14 CHAIR: Yes.

15 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Yeah, I receive a
16 notice. Sean sends me a big notice all the time with
17 all the dates and I send it up to Chicago. What I
18 didn't do prior to that time was I didn't then
19 calendar it, and I do now calendar it. So, my fault
20 too.

21 CHAIR: Okay.

22 Thank you. Any other questions or
23 comments? May I have a motion, please?

24 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
25 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the

1 Consent Agreement between the OEC and the Rush Street
2 Gaming, LLC and Marc Arndt, as described by the OEC.

3 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
4 seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?
6 (AYES RESPOND)

7 CHAIR: All opposed?
8 (NO RESPONSE)

9 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

10 MR. ARNDT: Thank you.

11 CHAIR: Thank you.

12 ATTORNEY PITRE: The next five matters
13 on the agenda consist of enforcement actions in which
14 the OEC filed complaints seeking the suspension or
15 revocation of permits or registrations previously
16 issued by the Board. The Complaint in each matter
17 has been filed with the Board's OHA and properly
18 served upon the individual named in each complaint.
19 The individual named in each complaint failed to
20 respond within 30 days as required by Board
21 regulation.

22 As a result, the OEC filed a request
23 for Default Judgement in each instance and properly
24 served the same upon each respondent. Therefore, all
25 facts in each complaint are deemed admitted. All

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

4 In each matter, we will provide a
5 brief summary of the facts and make a request for the
6 appropriate Board action.

7 ATTORNEY ROBERTS: Good morning,
8 Chair, Members of the Board. The next matter on the
9 agenda for the Board's consideration - I apologize.
10 Andrea Roberts, R-O-B-E-R-T-S, Assistant Enforcement
11 Counsel. The next matter on the agenda for the
12 Board's consideration is the revocation of the Gaming
13 Employee Occupation Permit issued to Naim Littles.

14 Mr. Littles was previously employed as
15 a security officer at Live! Casino and Hotel
16 Philadelphia. While working at Live!'s 10th Street
17 checkpoint, Mr. Littles permitted two underage
18 individuals to enter the gaming floor upon payment of
19 \$40, Live! terminated Mr. Little's employment as a
20 result of this incident, Mr. Littles was criminally
21 charged for his actions.

22 At this time, the OEC requests that
23 the Board revoke the Gaming Employee Occupation
24 Permit issued to Naim Littles.

25 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

1 May I have a motion, please.

2 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner
3 Regan moves that the Board approve the revocation of
4 Naim Little's Gaming Employee Occupation permit for
5 the conduct described by the OEC.

6 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
7 seconds.

8 CHAIR: All in favor?

9 (AYES RESPOND)

10 CHAIR: All opposed?

11 (NO RESPONSE)

12 CHAIR: Motion passes.

13 ATTORNEY MILLER: Good morning, Chair
14 Smyler, Members of the Board. Dustin Miller on
15 behalf of the OEC. M-I-L-L-E-R. The next matter on
16 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the
17 suspension of the Gaming Level Two Employee
18 Occupation Permit issued to Jawan Hunter. Mr. Hunter
19 was previously employed as a sportsbook supervisor at
20 Live! Philadelphia.

21 Mr. Hunter was criminally charged with
22 theft by unlawful taking, theft by deception, theft
23 receiving stolen property and access device fraud.
24 All of these charges are third degree felonies. This
25 criminal case is active and scheduled for a pretrial

1 conference. Following these charges, Mr. Hunter was
2 terminated from Live! Philadelphia.

3 At this time, the OEC requests that
4 the Board suspend the Gaming Level Two Employee
5 Occupation Permit issued to Jawan Hunter.

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

8 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
9 moves that the Board approve the suspension of Jawan
10 Hunter's Gaming Level Two Employee Occupation Permit
11 for the conduct described by the OEC.

12 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
13 seconds.

14 CHAIR: All in favor?
15 (AYES RESPOND)

16 CHAIR: All opposed?
17 (NO RESPONSE)

18 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

19 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter on
20 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the
21 revocation of the Non-Gaming Employee Registration
22 issued to Demetrius Smith.

23 Mr. Smith was previously employed as a
24 cashier and food host at Valley Forge Casino. While
25 he was working the cash register at Valley Forge, a

1 patron handed in a wallet left behind by another
2 guest. The wallet contained \$600 in cash. Mr. Smith
3 was observed walking to a storage area with the
4 wallet and fidgeting with the wallet and his pocket.
5 When he handed in the wallet, a hundred dollars was
6 missing and ultimately he admitted to taking the
7 money. He was terminated from Valley Forge Casino.

8 At this time, the OEC requests that
9 the Board revoke the Non-Gaming Employee Registration
10 issued to Demetrius Smith.

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

13 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
14 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the
15 revocation of Demetrius Smith's Non-Gaming Employee
16 Registration for the conduct described by the OEC.

17 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
18 Hickernell seconds.

19 CHAIR: All in favor?

20 (AYES RESPOND)

21 CHAIR: All opposed?

22 (NO RESPONSE)

23 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

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

1 revocation of the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit
2 issued to Shannon Spriggs.

3 Ms. Spriggs was previously employed as
4 a guest services representative at Live!
5 Philadelphia. While working at Live! Philadelphia,
6 Ms. Spriggs pocketed patron's tips, as opposed to
7 putting them into a shared tip box, in compliance
8 with the policy. She was terminated from Live!
9 Philadelphia and criminally-charged for her conduct.

10 At this time, the OEC requests that
11 the Board revoke the Gaming Employee Occupation
12 Permit issued to Shannon Spriggs.

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

15 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,
16 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve
17 the revocation of Shannon Spriggs' Gaming Employee
18 Occupation Permit for the conduct described by the
19 OEC.

20 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
21 seconds.

22 CHAIR: All in favor?

23 (AYES RESPOND)

24 CHAIR: All opposed?

25 (NO RESPONSE)

1 CHAIR: Motion passes.

2 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter on
3 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the
4 revocation of the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit
5 issued to Khai Loun Ho.

6 Mr. Ho was previously employed as a
7 table games dealer at Live! Philadelphia Hotel and
8 Casino. Mr. Ho was involved in a cheating scheme
9 that took place over several weeks at Live!
10 Philadelphia with four patrons. In some instances,
11 he would change the outcome of the games to favor the
12 patrons, and at other times he would change the
13 patron's bets after the outcome had been determined.
14 He was terminated from Live! Philadelphia and
15 criminally charged for his conduct.

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

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 Khai Loun Ho's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit for
24 the conduct described by the OEC.

25 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody

1 seconds.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 (AYES RESPOND)

4 CHAIR: All opposed?

5 (NO RESPONSE)

6 CHAIR: The motion passes.

7 ATTORNEY PITRE: The remaining matters
8 on the agenda consist of enforcement actions in which
9 the OEC filed Petitions Seeking the Involuntary
10 Exclusion of individuals who are inimical to the
11 interest of the Commonwealth and/or licensed gaming
12 therein.

13 In each instance, the Petition for
14 Exclusion has been filed with the Board's OHA and
15 properly served upon the individual named in the
16 petition. The individual named in each petition
17 failed to respond within 30 days as required by Board
18 regulation. As a result, the OEC filed a request for
19 Default Judgment in each instance and properly served
20 the same upon each individual. Therefore, all facts
21 in each Petition are deemed admitted. All filed
22 documents have been provided to the Board and the
23 matters are presently ripe for the Board's
24 consideration.

25 In each instance, if the Board orders

1 the proposed exclusion, each individual's photo,
2 personal identifiers and a summary of the inimical
3 conduct may be placed on the Board's public website.
4 Once again, in each matter, we will provide a brief
5 summary of the facts and make a request for the
6 appropriate Board action.

7 ATTORNEY MILLER: Dustin Miller, once
8 again, on behalf of the OEC. The next two matters on
9 the agenda are related and are requests to place Khai
10 Loun Ho and Hang Lin on the Involuntary Exclusion
11 List. With the Board's permission, I will read one
12 set of facts and then request that each individual be
13 placed on the Exclusion List.

14 As stated in the previous matter, Mr.
15 Ho was previously employed as a table games dealer at
16 Live! Philadelphia when he was caught facilitating a
17 cheating scheme. Hang Lin was one of the patrons
18 involved in that cheating scheme and benefited
19 approximately \$45,974.25 to which he was not
20 entitled. Mr. Lin was permanently evicted from Live!
21 Philadelphia and criminally charged for his actions.

22 At this time, the OEC requests that
23 the Board place Khai Loun Ho on the Board's
24 Involuntary Exclusion List.

25 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

1 May I have a motion, please?

2 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
3 Commissioner Dermody moves the Board approve the
4 addition of Khai Loun Ho to the Pennsylvania Gaming
5 Control Board's Involuntary Exclusion List for the
6 conduct described by the OEC.

7 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
8 seconds.

9 CHAIR: All in favor?

10 (AYES RESPOND)

11 CHAIR: All opposed?

12 (NO RESPONSE)

13 CHAIR: Motion passes.

14 ATTORNEY MILLER: And now at this
15 time, the OEC requests that the Board place Hang Lin
16 on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

17 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

18 May I have a motion, please?

19 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner
20 Regan moves that the Board approve the addition of
21 Hang Lin to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for
22 the conduct described by the OEC.

23 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
24 seconds.

25 CHAIR: All in favor?

1 (AYES RESPOND)

2 CHAIR: All opposed?

3 (NO RESPONSE)

4 CHAIR: Motion passes.

5 ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: Again, Juan Sanchez
6 with the OEC. The next two matters on the agenda are
7 related and are a request to place Joshua Hazzard and
8 Davante Sconiers Miller on the Involuntary Exclusion
9 List. With the Board's permission, I will read one
10 set of facts and then request that each individual be
11 placed on the Exclusion List.

12 Mr. Hazzard and Mr. Sconiers Miller
13 arrived at Wind Creek Bethlehem Casino and Mount Airy
14 Casino Resort on multiple dates, bought into table
15 games with numerous counterfeit bills and then some
16 instances, received cash payments which totaled
17 \$39,900. After little or low wager gameplay.

18 The Pennsylvania State Police arrested
19 and criminally charged them with two criminal
20 complaints for actions at each casino. Both men
21 pleaded guilty to felony offenses and are court
22 ordered to pay full restitution. Both casinos
23 permanently evicted Mr. Hazzard and Mr. Sconiers
24 Miller from their property as a result of their
25 actions.

1 At this time, the OEC requests that
2 the Board place Joshua Hazzard on the Board's
3 Involuntary 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 Joshua
8 Hazzard to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for
9 the conduct described by the OEC.

10 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
11 Hickernell seconds.

12 CHAIR: All in favor?

13 (AYES RESPOND)

14 CHAIR: All opposed?

15 (NO RESPONSE)

16 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

17 ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: At this time, the
18 OEC requests that the Board place Davante Sconiers
19 Miller on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

22 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves
23 the Board approve the addition of Davante Miller to
24 the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct
25 described by the OEC.

1 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
2 Hickernell seconds.

3 CHAIR: All in favor?
4 (AYES RESPOND)

5 CHAIR: All opposed?
6 (NO RESPONSE)

7 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

8 ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: Again, Juan Sanchez
9 with the OEC. The next matter on the agenda for the
10 Board's consideration is a request to place Amarilys
11 Ortiz on the Involuntary Exclusion List. Amarilys
12 Ortiz left their 12-year old child unattended for
13 approximately 26 minutes inside the bus lobby of
14 Mount Airy Casino Resort and went inside to play slot
15 machines. Law enforcement did not file criminal
16 charges arising out of this incident, but the casino
17 permanently evicted her from their property.

18 At this time, the OEC requests that
19 the Board place Amarilys Ortiz on the Board's
20 Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

23 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,
24 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve
25 the addition of Amarilys Ortiz to the Pennsylvania

1 Gaming Control Board's Involuntary Exclusion List for
2 the conduct described by the OEC.

3 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
4 seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?
6 (AYES RESPOND)

7 CHAIR: All opposed?
8 (NO RESPONSE)

9 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

10 ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: Again, Juan Sanchez
11 with the OEC. The next matter on the agenda for the
12 Board's consideration is a request to place Jin-Xuan
13 Yu on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

14 Mr. Yu used a clicker device to keep a
15 running count of the cards while playing at a
16 blackjack table game at Wind Creek Bethlehem on three
17 dates and won a total \$430 with the cheating device.
18 Pennsylvania State Police criminally charged him with
19 misdemeanor cheating offenses. Wind Creek Bethlehem
20 banned Mr. Yu for a day from their property and he
21 has not paid restitution. At this time, the OEC
22 requests that the Board place Jin-Xuan Yu on the
23 Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

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 approve the addition of
3 Jin-Xuan Yu to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List
4 for the conduct described by the OEC.

5 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
6 seconds.

7 CHAIR: All in favor?

8 (AYES RESPOND)

9 CHAIR: All opposed?

10 (NO RESPONSE)

11 CHAIR: Motion passes.

12 ATTORNEY CROHE: John Crohe once again
13 for the OEC. The next matter on the agenda for the
14 Board's consideration is a request to place Kristie
15 Kessler on the Interactive Gaming Involuntary
16 Exclusion List.

17 Ms. Kessler opened an interactive
18 gaming account on Unibet's interactive gaming
19 platform and created nine accounts on Unibet using
20 the personal identifying information of other
21 individuals. Unibet closed all affected accounts.

22 The OEC now requests that the Board
23 place Kristie Kessler on the Interactive Gaming
24 Involuntary Exclusion List.

25 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

1 May I have a motion, please?

2 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
3 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the
4 addition of Kristie Kessler to the Pennsylvania
5 Gaming Control Board's Involuntary Interactive Gaming
6 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

7 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
8 seconds.

9 CHAIR: All in favor?

10 (AYES RESPOND)

11 CHAIR: All opposed?

12 (NO RESPONSE)

13 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

14 ATTORNEY PITRE: Thank you. That
15 concludes our business.

16 CHAIR: Thank you. The last item on
17 the agenda today is public comment. Is there anyone
18 in the room that would like to address the Board?

19 Seeing no one, that concludes today's
20 meeting. The next public meeting of the Board will
21 be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 10:00
22 a.m. at this location. And now, may I please have a
23 motion to adjourn?

24 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves
25 to adjourn.

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MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston

seconds.

CHAIR: All in favor?

(AYES RESPOND)

CHAIR: All opposed?

(NO RESPONSE)

CHAIR: Motion's adopted. We are
adjourned. Thank you, everyone. .

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MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11:36 A.M.


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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings, held before Chair Smyler, was reported by me on January 29, 2025, and that I, Rachel Wilbur-Adams, read this transcript, and that I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceeding.

Dated the 19th day of February, 2025.


Rachel Wilbur-Adams,
Court Reporter

