



ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

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Regular Meeting, Open Session Minutes Illinois Gaming Board Chicago, Illinois June 11, 2020

The Illinois Gaming Board (“Board”) convened for a Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at approximately 10:00 A.M. In accordance with Section 12 of the May 29, 2020 Disaster Proclamation issued by Governor JB Pritzker, in-person attendance of more than ten people at the regular meeting location was not feasible; therefore the Board held the meeting through electronic means. The meeting was accessible on the morning of June 11, 2020 via livestream at <https://multimedia.gov/igb/ibg-live.html>.

A roll call was taken. The following Board members were present: Chairman Charles Schmadeke, Member Anthony Garcia and Member Dionne Hayden. Three members of the Board being present, a quorum was satisfied.

APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES

By roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved the open session minutes from its Regular Meeting held on Thursday, January 30, 2020.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS

The Chairman announced that Member Steve Dolins resigned from the Board. The Chairman thanked Member Dolins for all of his hard work, dedication and service to the Board. The Chairman also thanked Administrator Fruchter and staff on how they dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on agency operations. Member Garcia and Member Hayden also expressed their gratitude to the Administrator and staff for keeping the agency operating during the pandemic and likewise thanked Member Dolins for his years of service to the Board.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

The Administrator thanked staff for all of their hard work in addressing the many challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. He also noted that this was the first virtual meeting held by the Board. The Administrator went on to note the various essential operations that staff at the IGB are involved in during the period in which gaming in the State of Illinois has been suspended. The Administrator noted that the IGB’s first priority during this period is to protect the health and safety of all citizens including those persons involved in gaming in Illinois. He acknowledged the pain and hardship caused by the pandemic and expressed his sincere sympathy to all those who lost family and friends to the virus. With reference to certain recent societal events, the Administrator acknowledged that the nation is hurting because of racism, violence and historic injustice and that the IGB stands with those who work for justice, positive change and peace. He went on to note that as a regulatory enforcement agency, the IGB

is committed to the principles of equality, equal justice under the law, fairness, inclusion and integrity. He stated that we the IGB will be part of the solution. Next, the Administrator discussed the current suspension of gaming in Illinois and outlined plans for the resumption of gaming in Illinois. He announced the recent release of certain protocols that casinos and video gaming terminal operators must follow in order to obtain approval to resume gaming operations. The Administrator mentioned a posted but unfiled draft emergency rule regarding “branding” for on-line sports wagering and solicited public commentary. He also mentioned some specific concerns related to the proposed video gaming rule regarding inducements and provided a final reminder to anyone who is interested to submit comments. Finally, the Administrator provided an update on the status of other recently implemented rules and thanked staff for all their efforts to make the June Board meeting possible.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

The Board entertained comments from Anita Bedell of the Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems speaking about Video Gaming and Sports Wagering. The Board then entertained comments from Kelly Graffe on behalf of K&J Investment Management Group, Inc. d/b/a Eggsperience, a Video Gaming Location Establishment applicant.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Board voted unanimously to accept the staff’s recommendation to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, On March 9, 2020, Governor JB Pritzker issued a Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation addressing the COVID-19 Pandemic, which is still in effect; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Gambling Act [230 ILCS 10/1, et seq.] establishes the Illinois Gaming Board (“the Board”) appointed by the Governor and which has all powers necessary and proper to fully and effectively administer, regulate, and enforce the systems of riverboat and casino gambling, sports wagering, and video gaming; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Gambling Act is to benefit the people of the State of Illinois by assisting economic development, promoting Illinois tourism, and increasing the amount of revenues available to the State to assist and support education, and to defray State expenses; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Gambling Act empowers the Board to delegate any of its powers under the Act for the purpose of administering and enforcing the Act and rules, and to take any other action as may be reasonable or appropriate to enforce the Act and the rules adopted by the Board; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Gambling Act prescribes an Administrator for the Board and mandates that the Administrator shall perform any and all duties that the Board shall assign him or her; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic confronts the State’s gaming industry with acute, unprecedented, and ever-changing challenges; and;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic also forces the Board to conduct its business facing unprecedented obstacles; and

WHEREAS, it would be impractical for the Board to meet and address the constantly evolving needs of the State's gaming industry;

THEREFORE, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of the State, its gaming industry, its citizens, and the overall efficiency of the Board to delegate to the Administrator, for the duration of, and the 60 days immediately following the termination of, the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, the following:

- 1) The authority to adopt and file emergency rules;
- 2) The authority to approve all changes enumerated in Section 3000.230(d)(1) of the Board's rules;
- 3) The authority to issue licenses under the Illinois Gambling Act, the Video Gaming Act, and the Sports Wagering Act to all individuals and entities already licensed by the Board;
- 4) The authority to grant land-based gaming requests from owners licensees per Section 7(e) of the Illinois Gambling Act;
- 5) The authority to approve requests to withdraw applications per Section 3000.220(e) of the Board's rules;
- 6) The authority to approve petitions to surrender a supplier's license per Section 3000.244 of the Board's rules;
- 7) The authority to issue Notices of Denial to all applicants who, after an appropriate investigation, Staff determined are prohibited by statute or rule from holding the license applied for;
- 8) The authority to grant any request for hearing;
- 9) The authority to grant leave to reapply for a license; and
- 10) The authority to initiate disciplinary proceedings per Section 3000.1110 of the Board's rules; and
- 11) The authority to settle any administrative hearing.

CASINO

OWNERS ITEMS

Initial Consideration

- **Elgin Riverboat Resort d/b/a Grand Victoria Casino** – Request for initial consideration, waiver of two-meeting rule to approve land-based gambling operations at Grand Victoria Casino

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to waive the two-meeting rule and approve Elgin Riverboat Resort d/b/a Grand Victoria Casino's request to conduct land-based gambling as payment of the required fee has been made in accordance with the Illinois Gambling Act.

- **Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation d/b/a Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino** – Request for Initial Consideration, Waiver of Two-Meeting Rule, and Final Consideration of Owners License renewal

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to waive the two-meeting rule and renew Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation d/b/a Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino's Owners license for a period of four years, retroactive to March 2020 and expiring in March 2024.

- **Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation d/b/a Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino** – Request for Initial Consideration, Waiver of Two-Meeting Rule, and Final Consideration of Financing Transaction by Boyd Gaming Corporation

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to waive the two-meeting rule and approve Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation’s request for subsidiary guarantee of debt financing change by parent entity Boyd Gaming Corporation, subject to final financing documentation being submitted to the Illinois Gaming Board upon execution, and under the condition that the Administrator may revoke said approval if the final terms and conditions are not materially consistent with the terms previously disclosed.

- **Lakeside Casino LLC** – Request for Leave to Amend Owners License Application

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to grant the request made by Lakeside Casino LLC to amend its Owners license application to make changes to two passive investors contained in the originally submitted application.

Key Person Approvals

- **Brett Yunker**, Chief Financial Officer of Eldorado Resorts, Inc.; **John Birchfield**, Senior Regional Director of Information Technology of Eldorado Resorts, Inc. and **Peter Broughton**, Senior Vice President of Information Technology of Eldorado Resorts, Inc., proposed key persons of Elgin Riverboat Resort d/b/a Grand Victoria Casino

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to find the following suitable as key persons of Elgin Riverboat Resort d/b/a Grand Victoria Casino in their respective capacities:

- **Brett Yunker**, Chief Financial Officer of Eldorado Resorts, Inc.
- **John Birchfield**, Senior Regional Director of Information Technology of Eldorado Resorts, Inc.
- **Peter Broughton**, Senior Vice President of Information Technology of Eldorado Resorts, Inc.

SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS

Final Consideration

- **Genesis Gaming Solutions, Inc.** – Final Consideration of Supplier License renewal

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to renew Genesis Gaming Solutions, Inc.’s Supplier license for a period of four years, retroactive to February 2020 and expiring in February 2024.

Key Persons

- **Samuel Levy** – Ainsworth Game Technology, Ltd. and Ainsworth Game Technology, Inc. in his capacity as Chief Executive Officer of Ainsworth Game Technology, Inc. and Ainsworth Game Technology, Ltd.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to find Samuel Levy suitable as a key person of Ainsworth Game Technology, Ltd. and Ainsworth Game Technology, Inc. in his capacity as Chief Executive Officer of Ainsworth Game Technology, Inc. and Ainsworth Game Technology, Ltd.

- **Hector Fernandez** – Aristocrat Technologies, Inc. in his capacity as President and Director

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to find Hector Fernandez suitable as a key person of Aristocrat Technologies, Inc. in his capacity as President and Director.

- **Daniel Gawel** – SuzoHapp Gaming Solutions LLC in his capacity as Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to find Daniel Gawel suitable as a key person of SuzoHapp Gaming Solutions LLC in his capacity as Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer.

Request to Surrender

- **Micro Gaming Technologies, Inc.** – Casino Supplier

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to grant Micro Gaming Technologies, Inc.’s request to surrender its license.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS

Level 1 License Applications – Approvals and Denials

- **Steven D. Harms** – Level 1 – Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation d/b/a Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino – Internal Auditor

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to approve Steven D. Harms as a Level 1 Occupational Licensee in his position as Internal Auditor at Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino.

- **David Lee Clark** – Level 1 – Elgin Riverboat Resort d/b/a Grand Victoria Casino – IT Manager

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to approve David Lee Clark as a Level 1 Occupational licensee in his position as IT Manager at Elgin Riverboat Resort d/b/a Grand Victoria Casino.

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Level 2 and Level 3 License Applications – Approvals and Denials:

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to approve 352 Level 2 and Level 3 occupational license applicants.

License Renewals and Non-Renewals:

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to renew the Level 1, 2, and 3 licenses of individuals who were licensed or renewed in February, March, April, May 2019, retroactive to the respective month in the year that those individuals were licensed or last renewed, and those individuals who were licensed or renewed in June 2019 and who have properly updated their applications, timely paid their annual fees, and complied with the requirements of the Illinois Gambling Act and the Board’s Rules.

SPORTS WAGERING

MASTER SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE ITEMS

Approvals and Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to approve the applications of the following Owners licensees for a Master Sports Wagering license, for a period of four years, expiring in June 2024:

- Alton Casino, LLC d/b/a Argosy Casino Alton
- Elgin Riverboat Resort d/b/a Grand Victoria Casino
- HC Aurora, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Aurora
- HC Joliet, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Joliet
- Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino
- Casino Queen, Inc. d/b/a Casino Queen
- Par-A-Dice Corporation d/b/a Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino

SPORTS WAGERING OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS

Level 1 License Applications – Approvals and Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to approve the following individuals as Level 1 Occupational Licensees for Alton Casino, LLC d/b/a Argosy Casino Alton as it relates to the Sports Wagering Act:

- Sherri Bruno, in her capacity as Director of Finance
- Marvin Javier, in his capacity as IT Manager
- Patrick Murray, in his capacity as Internal Audit Manager
- Donald Retzlaff, in his capacity as Director of Casino Operations
- Jeffrey Smith, in his capacity as Surveillance Manager
- Jeffrey Warr, in his capacity as Security Manager
- Steven Peate, in his capacity as Vice President and General Manager

- Jason Grover, in his capacity as IT Director

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve the following individuals as Level 1 Occupational Licensees for Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino-Des Plaines as it relates to the Sports Wagering Act:

- John Budnyk, in his capacity as Director of Surveillance
- Gregory Carlin, in his capacity as Chief Executive Officer
- Travis Clarke, in his capacity as Director of Security
- Michael Johnson, in his capacity as Internal Auditor
- Eric Jokisch, in his capacity as Internal Audit Manager
- Floyd Rosamond, in his capacity as director of Surveillance
- Joshua San Salvador, in his capacity as Assistant General Manager
- Jillian Wilcox, in her capacity as Vice President of Finance
- Corey Wise, in his capacity as Senior Vice President and General Manager

Level 2 Occupational Sports Wagering – Approvals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve the Level 2 sports wagering occupational licenses of 221 individual applicants.

VIDEO GAMING

MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR, & SUPPLIER LICENSES

Initial Licenses

- **RDK Distribution LLC**

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to issue a Video Gaming Distributor license to RDK Distribution LLC for a term of one year, expiring in June 2021, as the applicant has demonstrated its qualifications and suitability for licensure.

- **MobileMoney, Inc.**

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to issue a Video Gaming Supplier license to MobileMoney, Inc. for a term of one year, expiring in June 2021, as the applicant has demonstrated its qualifications and suitability for licensure.

License Renewals – retroactive to February

- **Patriot Gaming & Electronics, Inc.**

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to renew the Video Gaming Supplier license of Patriot Gaming & Electronics, Inc. for a period of one year, retroactive to February 2020 and expiring in February 2021.

License Renewals – June

- **Suzohapp Gaming Solutions, LLC**
- **Curo Group, LLC**
- **NRT Technology Corp.**

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to renew the Video Gaming Distributor license of Suzohapp Gaming Solutions, LLC and the Video Gaming Supplier licenses of Curo Group, LLC and NRT Technology Corp. for a period of one year, expiring in June 2021.

TERMINAL OPERATOR LICENSEE ITEMS

License Renewals

- Royal Entertainment LLC

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to renew Royal Entertainment LLC’s Terminal Operator license for a period of one year, retroactive to January 2020 and expiring in January 2021.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to renew the following Terminal Operator licenses for a period of one year, retroactive to February 2020 and expiring in February 2021:

- American Video Gaming, LLC
- Awesome Hand Services, LLC
- Latner Entertainment Group Illinois, LLC
- Renville Gaming, LLC
- Skyhigh Gaming, LLC

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to renew the following Terminal Operator licenses for a period of one year, retroactive to March 2020 and expiring in March 2021:

- Accel Entertainment Gaming, LLC
- Ashiq Gaming, LLC
- B&B Amusement of Illinois, LLC
- Compact Disc Amusements, Limited
- Dragonfly Gaming, Inc.
- Eureka Entertainment, LLC
- Fair Share Gaming, LLC
- Laurel Gaming, LLC
- Leisure Time Gaming & Amusements, Inc.
- Mississippi Gaming and Amusements, LLC
- WAMI Gaming, LLC

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to renew the following Terminal Operator licenses for a period of one year, retroactive to April 2020 and expiring in April 2021:

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- Da Route LLC
- Gaming & Entertainment Management – Illinois, LLC
- Great Lakes Vending Corporation
- Illinois Operators, Inc.
- Lucky Day LLC
- Midwest Electronics Gaming LLC
- Sinbad's Castle Arcade, Ltd.
- T's Gaming LLC
- Top Notch Entertainment, LLC
- Velasquez Gaming, LLC

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to renew the following Terminal Operator licenses for a period of one year, retroactive to May 2020 and expiring in May 2021:

- G3 Gaming, LLC
- Hyperactive Gaming, LLC
- Illinois Gaming Investors, LLC
- Skybox Gaming Group, LLC

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to renew the following Terminal Operator licenses for a period of one year, expiring in June 2021:

- AP Gaming LLC
- Arktyk Gaming Solutions LLC
- Golden Route Operations-Illinois LLC
- Lucky Street Gaming LLC

TECHNICIANS & TERMINAL HANDLERS

Initial Licenses – Approval and Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 1 Technician license and 84 Terminal Handler licenses, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before July 31, 2010.

License Renewals and Non-Renewals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to renew the licenses of Technicians and Terminal Handlers who were licensed or renewed in February, March, April, May 2019, retroactive to the respective month in the year that those individuals were licensed or last renewed, and those individuals who were licensed or renewed in June 2019 and who have properly updated their applications, timely paid their annual fees, and complied with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules.

VIDEO GAMING ESTABLISHMENT APPLICATIONS

Initial Licenses - Approvals & Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 168 Video Gaming Establishment License applications, for a period of one year, expiring in June 2021, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before July 31, 2020.

License Renewals and Non-Renewals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to renew the establishment licenses that were licensed or renewed in February, March, April, May 2019, retroactive to the respective month in the year that those individuals were licensed or last renewed, and those individuals who were licensed or renewed in June 2019, and who have properly updated their applications, timely paid their annual fees, and complied with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules.

REQUESTS FOR HEARING AND REQUESTS TO REAPPLY

Requests for Hearing

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant the request for hearing made by Lakeview Gaming, LLC.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant SOFIES WHISKEY AND WINE, LLC d/b/a Sofie's Whiskey & Wine an establishment license and deny the request for hearing as moot.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant the request for hearing made by TINLEY BEEF LLC d/b/a POP'S ITALIAN BEEF.

Requests to Reapply

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant A.B.E., Inc. d/b/a The Station leave to reapply.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant Live Star Banquet Hall, Inc. d/b/a Live Star Banquet Hall, Inc. leave to reapply.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant BRIDGEVIEW MEMORIAL AMVETS POST #192 d/b/a Bridgeview Memorial AMVETS Post 192 leave to reapply.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant Grinner's Place LLC d/b/a Grinner's Place leave to reapply.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant A & S Enterprises of Illinois, LLC d/b/a Pundrake leave to reapply.

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The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant BREEZE GAMING INC. d/b/a BREEZE GAMING leave to reapply.

ADJOURN

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.