



ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

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Regular Meeting, Open Session Minutes Illinois Gaming Board Chicago, Illinois July 30, 2020

The Illinois Gaming Board (“Board”) convened for a Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at approximately 10:00 A.M. In accordance with Section 12 of the July 24, 2020 Disaster Proclamation issued by Governor JB Pritzker, in-person attendance of more than fifty 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 July 30, 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, Member Dionne Hayden and Member Ruben Ramirez. Four members of the Board being present, a quorum was satisfied.

APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board unanimously approved the open session minutes from its Regular Meeting held on Thursday, June 11, 2020 and noted one correction to the minutes; specifically, that Floyd Rosamond was approved as a Level 1 Sports Wagering Act licensee in his capacity as Director of IT at Rivers Casino and not as Director of Surveillance.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Schmadeke noted that the July 30, 2020 meeting was the second virtual meeting held by the Board and its first ever live stream video meeting. By holding virtual meetings, the Chairman hopes to forestall the spread of the Corona virus while allowing the Board to further its mission and purpose. He also reminded everyone of the importance of adopting certain recommended public health and safety practices such as hand washing, wearing of face masks and social distancing especially when engaging in gambling-related activities.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Fruchter began with several comments regarding the July 1, 2020 resumption of gaming following the March 16, 2020 statewide shut down in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Administrator outlined the many efforts undertaken by IGB staff, other government agencies and the gaming industry which led to the resumption of gaming in the State of Illinois in a safe and responsible manner. He urged all industry participants to abide by all laws, rules, protocols and resumption plans in their gaming operations, but also in ordinary life. He noted that disregard for simple, common-sense

measures could have harmful consequences, including the potential shut-down of gaming operations again which no one wants to see happen. The Administrator also acknowledged the national coin

shortage, which is directly impacting the redemption of video gaming winnings. He mentioned the IGB's emergency rule on this subject as a way to address the topic and hopefully alleviate the problem. Administrator Fruchter spoke briefly about Sports Wagering and the importance of complying with rules related to the commencement of wagering and the approval of authorized events and competition. Administrator Fruchter made some general comments regarding new casino applications, the IGB vetting process for new applications and the importance of complying with the statute, rules and application instructions. He specifically mentioned the ethical conduct provisions of the Illinois Gambling Act as it relates to host communities and the ethical duty to disclose communications under the statute and related adopted Board rule. Lastly, Administrator Fruchter mentioned the pending Inducement Rule and noted how the IGB received comments on this proposal in June. He alluded to likelihood that IGB staff would have a dialogue with all stakeholders before the Inducement Rule moves forward.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

The Board entertained comments from the following four public speakers:

- Randi Wagner - owner of Wagner's Lounge.
- Shelly Gibson - Chief Legal & People Officer and Secretary for Thorntons Inc.
- Anita Bedell – Executive Director, Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems
- Andy Sotiropoulos – owner of Connie's & Giannis, Inc.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- **Online Sports Branding Rule**

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve for submission to the Index Department of the Secretary of State on First Notice proposed permanent Rule 1900.1260 for Sports Wagering.

- **Dissemination of Closed Session Minutes**

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve the dissemination of the minutes of closed sessions held by the Board from January 2019 through December 2019.

CASINO

Request to Withdraw Owners License Application

- **Haven Gaming, LLC**

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant Haven Gaming, LLC's request to withdraw its Owners license application.

Finding of Preliminary Suitability

- **Hawthorne Race Course, Inc.**

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to find Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. preliminarily suitable for an Organization Gaming license.

Casino Supplier License Renewal by Administrator

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator renewed the Casino Supplier licenses of **Gaming Partners International USA, Inc.** and **IGT** for a period of four years, expiring in July 2024.

Key Person Approvals

- **Terrence Patrick Downey**, Director/President/Board Member of Casino Queen, Inc. d/b/a DraftKings at Casino Queen

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to find Terrence Patrick Downey suitable as a key person of Casino Queen, Inc. d/b/a DraftKings at Casino Queen in his capacity as Director/President/Board Member.

- **Cheryl Regina Ash**, Director/Board Member/Corporate CFO of Casino Queen, Inc. d/b/a DraftKings at Casino Queen

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to find Cheryl Regina Ash suitable as a key person of Casino Queen, Inc. d/b/a DraftKings at Casino Queen in her capacity as Director/Board Member/Corporate CFO.

- **William Michael Reeg**, Senior Vice President of Operations of Caesars Entertainment, Inc., key person for Elgin Riverboat Resort d/b/a Grand Victoria Casino.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to find William Michael Reeg suitable as a key person of Elgin Riverboat Resort d/b/a Grand Victoria Casino in his capacity as Senior Vice President of Operations of Caesars Entertainment, Inc.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS

Level 1 License Applications – Approvals and Denials

- **Suzanne Davis** – Level 1 – Casino Queen, Inc. d/b/a DraftKings at Casino Queen – Internal Auditor

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to Suzanne Davis as a Level 1 Occupational Licensee in her position as Internal Auditor at Casino Queen, Inc. d/b/a DraftKings at Casino Queen.

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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 20 Level 2 and Level 3 occupational license applicants and issue Notices of Denial to **Anita Lnora Jefferson, Nancy Nhung Mai, and Thomas Dean Pierce.**

License Renewals and Non-Renewals:

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator renewed the Level 1, 2, and 3 licenses of individuals who were licensed or renewed in July 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

- **Hawthorne Race Course, Inc.**

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to approve the application of Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. for a Master Sports Wagering license, for a period of four years, expiring in July 2024.

SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS

Approvals and Denials

- **IGT**

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator granted a Sports Wagering Supplier license to IGT for a period of four years, expiring in July 2024.

SPORTS WAGERING OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS

Level 1 License Applications – Approvals and Denials

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator granted Level 1 Sports Wagering Occupational licenses to the following individuals in connection with sports wagering operations at Casino Queen, Inc. d/b/a DraftKings at Casino Queen:

1. **Patrick K. Delaney – Security Director**
2. **Jeffrey P. Eckert – Director of Surveillance**
3. **Mitchell K. Johnson – General Manager**
4. **Brady John Ranek – Director of IT**
5. **Marc Vanderweele – Sportsbook Manager**

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Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator granted Level 1 Sports Wagering Occupational licenses to the following individuals in connection with sports wagering operations at Elgin Riverboat Resort d/b/a Grand Victoria Casino:

1. **Jonathan A. Grossman – Director of Finance**
2. **David P. Ryan – Director of Security**
3. **Anthony S. Lacerba – Director of Surveillance**

Level 2 License Applications – Approvals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to approve the Level 2 sports wagering occupational licenses of 124 individual applicants whose names appeared on the list provided to the Board.

VIDEO GAMING

MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR & SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS

- **Creative Game Technologies, LLC**

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to deny the Video Gaming Manufacturer license application of Creative Game Technologies, LLC.

License Renewals

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator renewed the Video Gaming Supplier licenses of **CountR GmbH** and **M3 Technology Solutions, LLC** for a period of one year, expiring in July 2021 and the Video Gaming Manufacturer, Distributor, and Supplier licenses of **Novomatic Americas Sales, LLC** for a period of one year, retroactive to May, expiring in May 2021.

TERMINAL OPERATOR LICENSEE ITEMS

License Renewals

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator renewed the following Video Gaming Terminal Operator licenses for a period of one year, expiring in July 2021:

1. **FJC Technologies, LLC**
2. **G.F.M. Gaming, LLC**
3. **Illinois Gaming and Coin-Op LLC**
4. **Pocket Aces Gaming, Inc.**

TECHNICIANS & TERMINAL HANDLERS

Initial Licenses – Approval and Denials

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The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 4 Terminal Handler licenses from the list of applicants provided to the Board, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before August 31, 2020 and further to issue Notices of Denial to **Ivan Monarrez** and **Steven Michael Jones**.

License Renewals and Non-Renewals

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator renewed the licenses of Technicians and Terminal Handlers who were licensed or renewed in July 2019 who have properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal to **Brian DeWayne Willingham**.

VIDEO GAMING ESTABLISHMENT APPLICATIONS

Initial Licenses - Approvals & Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 107 Video Gaming Establishment License applications, for a period of one year, expiring in July 2021, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before August 31, 2020, and to issue Notices of Denial to the following applicants:

1. **1948 Concepts, LLC d/b/a 18 West Bar & Grill**
2. **435 Banquets, Inc. d/b/a 435 Banquets**
3. **Biagio Cirrincione, Inc. d/b/a Suparossa Cucina Biagio**
4. **K&J Investment Management Group, Inc. d/b/a Eggsperience**
5. **Los Comales Nine Inc. d/b/a Los Comales Nine Inc.**
6. **Mikrif Inc. d/b/a Belvidere Liquors**
7. **RRML Inc. d/b/a RRML Inc.**
8. **Restaurante Mi Pueblo, Incorporated d/b/a Restaurante Mi Pueblo**
9. **Roccovino's, Inc. d/b/a Roccovinos Restaurante & Pizza**

Statutorily Ineligible Denials

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020 to deny applications where, after staff's investigation, a determination was made that the applicant is prohibited by statute or rule from holding the applied-for license, the administrator denied the Video Gaming Establishment Applications of the following applicants:

1. **Henry Grocer's Inc. d/b/a Henry Food & Deli**
2. **Phoenix Nightclub, LLC d/b/a Phoenix Nightclub**
3. **Ramey's Bar and Grill LLC d/b/a Ramey's Bar and Grill**
4. **Tasty Food, Inc. d/b/a Maxfields Pancake House**

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Location Establishment License Renewals

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the administrator renewed the Video Gaming Location Establishment licenses that were licensed or renewed in July 2019 and who have properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules.

License Non-Renewals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal to **Long Grove Pizza & BBQ, LLC d/b/a Village Pizza & BBQ of Long Grove**.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal to **Dos Alacranes Inc. d/b/a Dos Amigos**.

At this point, Member Garcia excused himself from the meeting. With three members of the Board present, a quorum was satisfied.

The Board voted three to zero to adopt the staff's recommendation to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal to **Triple L AG Supply, Inc. d/b/a Bucks Crossing**.

ADJOURN

The Board voted three to zero to adjourn the meeting.