



ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

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Regular Meeting, Open Session Minutes Illinois Gaming Board Chicago, Illinois December 8, 2022

The Illinois Gaming Board convened for a Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 9:00 A.M. On November 10, 2022, Governor JB Pritzker issued a statewide disaster proclamation in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act, the Board determined it was not practical or prudent, nor was it feasible, to hold an exclusively in person meeting due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the Board held the meeting at 555 West Monroe Street, First Floor Conference Room, Chicago, Illinois, and through electronic means. The meeting was accessible on the morning of December 8, 2022, via livestream at: <https://multimedia.illinois.gov/igb/igb-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.

At approximately 9:00 A.M., Member Garcia moved to go into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c), paragraphs (1), (4), (11), (21) and (36) of the Open Meetings Act and Section 6(d) of the Illinois Gambling Act to discuss items on the closed session agenda relating to the employment and performance of a specific employee, pending litigation, the review of closed session minutes of the Regular Board Meetings, and to deliberate on decisions of the Illinois Gaming Board in which there is discussed personal, commercial, financial, or other information obtained from any source that is privileged, proprietary, confidential, or a trade secret; or information specifically exempted from the disclosure by federal or State law. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. Thereafter, the Board held its closed session meeting in person and through electronic means, the minutes of which are separately recorded. The Board's closed session meeting was not accessible via livestream at <https://multimedia.illinois.gov/igb/igb-live.html>.

At 10:25 A.M., the Board attempted to reconvene its Regular Meeting of Thursday, December 8, 2022, pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.* but technical difficulties with the livestream feed forced a restart. At approximately 10:32 A.M., the Board reconvened its Regular Meeting of Thursday, December 8, 2022, pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.* The meeting was held in person and through electronic means. The meeting was accessible on the morning of December 8, 2022, via livestream at: <https://multimedia.illinois.gov/igb/igb-live.html>.

Another 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

The Board voted unanimously to approve the open session minutes from its Regular Meeting held on October 27, 2022.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Fruchter began his comments by informing listeners that the first IGB Board meeting in 2023 is scheduled for February 9th. He then announced the remainder of the 2023 Board meeting schedule as follows: March 16th, April 30th, June 15th, July 27th, September 14th, October 26th and December 7th.

Administrator Fruchter provided an update on the supplemental Online only Master Sports Wagering license application competitive selection process. The Administrator reminded everyone that the initial competitive selection process under Sports Wagering Rule 620 resulted in the award of no licenses and at the end of that process, the Board had no applicants. Consequently, under Rule 620, the Administrator initiated a supplemental competitive selection process and application period for the three Online only licenses which opened on November 1, 2022 and will close at 11:59 P.M. Central Standard Time on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. He noted that no bids will be accepted after the close of the application period. The Administrator further noted that application materials are available on the IGB's website and he encouraged all interested parties to apply.

Administrator Fruchter noted that as of November 30, 2022, there were 8,225 Licensed Establishments operating an aggregate of 44,955 video gaming terminals ("VGTs"). Of that total, 43,939 VGTs are using the updated \$4 maximum bet software and over 5,300 establishments had more than 5 VGTs in operation. In November, Illinois VGTs generated Net Terminal Income ("NTI") of \$224,806,372, which created a total tax of \$76,434,264. The State received \$65,193,933 and local municipalities received \$11,240,330. Illinois' eleven operating casinos produced Adjusted Gross Receipt ("AGR") of \$113,990,258 and a total wagering tax of \$37,542,420. The State received \$31,072,214, while host communities received \$6,470,206. For the month of October, Sports Wagering generated AGR of \$102,088,548 with a total sports wagering tax of \$16,350,363. Of that amount, the State's received \$15,313,282, while Cook County received \$1,037,081. Total gaming tax for the period between January-November 2022 (except sports wagering, which only reported through October) was \$1,138,776,238 with the State receiving \$957,477,051 and local governments receiving the remaining \$181,299,166.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Board voted unanimously to deny the petition for hearing submitted by a Self-Excluded Person following the Administrator's Notice of Denial of Removal from the Self-Exclusion List.

The Board voted unanimously to approve for submission to the Index Department of the Secretary of State

on First Notice proposed permanent Casino Rule 3000.560.

The Board voted unanimously to approve for submission to the Index Department of the Secretary of State on First Notice the proposed amendments to Casino Rules 3000.606, 3000.665, 3000.800 and 3000.840.

The Board voted unanimously to approve for submission to the Index Department of the Secretary of State on First Notice proposed permanent Video Gaming Rules 1800.322 and 1800.450 and the proposed amendment to Rule 1800.430.

CASINO

OWNERS LICENSEE ITEMS

Final Consideration – Owners License Renewal

The Board voted unanimously to renew HC Aurora, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Aurora’s Owners license for a period of four years, expiring in December 2026. Furthermore, Board found the following individuals and business entities still suitable as key persons of HC Aurora, LLC:

1. Peter M. Carlino
2. Todd M. George
3. Jason R. Grover
4. David A. Handler
5. Shamira Mavany
6. Richard M. Primus
7. Jay A. Snowden
8. Jason A. Taylor
9. Rafael R. Verde
10. Brian C. Wasilefski
11. Penn Entertainment, Inc.
12. Penn Tenant, LLC
13. Penn National Holdings, LLC
14. CRC Holdings, Inc.
15. Hollywood Casinos, LLC

SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS

License Renewals – Administrator Delegation

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator renewed the Casino Supplier license of Incredible Technologies, Inc., for a period of four years, expiring in December 2026. Furthermore, the Board found the following individuals still suitable as key persons of Incredible Technologies, Inc.:

1. Elaine Alison Hodgson
2. Richard Allen Ditton

3. James Michael Dore

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS

Level 2 and Level 3 License Applications – Approvals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to approve 68 Level 2 and 91 Level 3 occupational license applicants.

Occupational License Renewals – Administrator Delegation

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 November 2021 or December 2021 who have properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Illinois Gambling Act and the Board's Rules.

SPORTS WAGERING

SWA Level 2 & 3 Applications - Approvals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to approve 140 Level 2 and 1 Level 1 sports wagering occupational licenses.

Level 1, 2, and 3 License Renewals – Administrator Delegation

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator renewed the Level 1, 2, and 3 Sports Wagering licenses of the individuals who were licensed or renewed in November 2021 or December 2021 who have properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Sports Wagering Act and the Board’s Rules.

VIDEO GAMING

Initial Video Gaming Manufacturer, Distributor and Supplier Licenses – Administrator Delegation

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020 to issue licenses under the Illinois Gambling Act, the Video Gaming Act or the Sports Wagering Act to all individuals and entities already licensed by the Board, the Administrator granted Video Gaming Manufacturer, Distributor, and Supplier licenses to Everi Games Inc. and granted Video Gaming Distributor and Supplier licenses to Everi Payments Inc.

Supplier License Renewal – Administrator Delegation

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator renewed the Video Gaming Supplier license of Illinois Rewards, Inc. for a period of 4 years, expiring in December 2026.

Terminal Operator License Renewals – Administrator Delegation

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 4 years, retroactive to November 2022 and expiring in November 2026:

1. Angelle & Green Gaming LLC (120603342)
2. CCFVG, Inc. (190602017)
3. Dearborn Gaming, LLC (140601146)
4. Empire Gaming, LLC (170602320)
5. Illinois Gaming Entertainment LLC (190601703)
6. Kronos Gaming LLC (210601076)
7. National Gaming Operators LLC (180601426)

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 4 years, expiring in December 2026:

1. 777 Gaming, LLC (190602526)
2. Jackpot Video Gaming Inc. (160601205)
3. LS Gaming LLC (190602161)
4. Sunrise Gaming, LLC (180602738)

TECHNICIANS & TERMINAL HANDLERS

Initial Licenses – Approvals and Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to approve 2 Technician license and 37 Terminal Handler licenses for a period of two years, expiring in December 2024, subject to licensee’s payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before January 31, 2023 and to issue a Notice of Denial to: Tiffany Navaye Hall.

VG Technicians and Terminal Handler License Renewals – Administrator Delegation

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 November 2021 or December 2021, for a period of two years expiring in November or December 2024, who have properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules.

VIDEO GAMING ESTABLISHMENT APPLICANT ITEMS

Initial Licenses - Approvals & Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to approve 82 Video Gaming Establishment License applications for a period of two years, expiring in December 2024, subject to licensee’s payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before January 31, 2023, and to issue Notices of Denial to the following applicants:

1. Cajun Blue, LLC d/b/a Bluefish Café (210702643)
2. Gloria's Family Affairs LLC d/b/a The Duo Like Mother Like Daughter (220701383)

VG Location Establishment – License Non-Renewal

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal to: Sunrise Motel Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Manny's (160703130)

VG Location Establishment Renewals – Administrator Delegation

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 November 2021 or December 2021 for a period of two years, expiring in November or December 2024, who have properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules.

VG Rescissions

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to rescind the denial of Gaming Productions, Inc. (200600480) and grant it a Terminal Operator license.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to rescind the denial of DEE BEE's, Inc. d/b/a DEE BEE's (210700435) and grant it a Location Establishment license.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to rescind the denial of Pana Gaming Parlor, Inc. d/b/a Pana Gaming Parlor (210700262) and grant it a Location Establishment and to rescind the license non-renewal of Livingston Gas & Grocery Inc. d/b/a Livingston Shell (130706660) and renew its Location Establishment license.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to rescind the denial of GPM Midwest 18, LLC d/b/a Fas Mart #561 (200702438) and grant it a VG Location Establishment license.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to rescind the denial of SOFIA'S STEFANIS, Inc. d/b/a SOFIAS STEFANIS BAR & GRILL (210701321) and grant it a VG Location Establishment license.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to rescind the denial of A.A.A.M & V, Inc. d/b/a Bago Lounge - Wine and Slots (210700330) and grant it a VG Location Establishment license.

LITIGATION

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the Administrative Law Judge's recommended decision in 21 GB 012, *In re the Denial of O & S Alkabsh Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Krispy Krunchy Chicken*, as a final Board order.

ADJOURN

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.