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PUBLIC MEETING

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CHAIRMAN:

We are back on the record. Good morning, everyone. My name is Bill Ryan, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. Before we begin, I would ask everyone to please turn off or at least put on silent cell phones and other electronic devices. Thank you very much. With us today is Jorge Augusto, representing Russell Redding, Secretary for the Department of Agriculture; Jennifer Langan from the State Treasurer's Office; and Bob Coyne, representing the Acting Secretary, Department of Revenue, Eileen McNulty. Thank you for coming.

All the members of the Board are present, and I will, therefore, call this meeting to order. I would ask everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

PUBLIC HEARINGS WERE HELD (SEPARATE TRANSCRIPTS)

The Board held an Executive Session yesterday, May 19th, for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and conduct quasi-judicial deliberations related to matters being considered by the Board today.

1 We just, again, convened for an Executive
2 Session to discuss the two public hearings regarding
3 Western PA Gaming Ventures and Endeka Entertainment.
4 Also, as previously announced, we will be holding
5 casino license renewal hearings on Tuesday, June 2nd
6 and Wednesday, June 3rd of 2015, to gather evidence,
7 including public comment, on the renewals of the
8 casino licenses for Holdings Acquisition Company,
9 L.P., operator of the Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh, and
10 Washington Trotting Association, Inc., operator of the
11 Meadows Casino in Washington County. The June 2nd
12 hearing for the Rivers Casino will begin at 1:00 p.m.
13 at the Allegheny County Courthouse, in the Gold Room,
14 436 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The
15 deadline for registration to speak at this hearing is
16 noon on Sunday, May 31st. Written comments can also
17 be mailed with a postmark no later than Friday, May
18 29th.

19 The June 3rd hearing for the Meadows
20 Casino will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Washington
21 County Courthouse, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street,
22 Washington, PA. The deadline for registration to
23 speak at this hearing is noon on Monday, June 1st.
24 Written comments can also be mailed with a postmark no
25 later than Friday, May 29th.

1 Citizens, community groups and elected
2 officials wishing to present oral or written testimony
3 which will become part of the evidentiary record of
4 these matters can now register for either of these
5 events by clicking special links on the quick link
6 section of the home page on the PGCB website,
7 www.gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov.

8 We'd also like to announce that the
9 Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board will hold a public
10 hearing regarding casino license renewal for HSP
11 Gaming, L.P., operator of the SugarHouse Casino on
12 July 9th, at 10:00 a.m., at the Pennsylvania
13 Convention Center, located at 1101 Arch Street,
14 Philadelphia, PA, in Room 115A. Deadlines for
15 registration to speak at this hearing and for receipt
16 of public comment on the SugarHouse renewal will be
17 posted on the Board's website in the coming days. For
18 all these matters written comments should be mailed to
19 the PA Gaming Control Board, P.O. Box 69060,
20 Harrisburg, PA, 17106, attention: Board Clerk. The
21 comments can also be faxed prior to the deadlines to
22 (717)265-7416.

23 Okay. We now will have consideration of
24 a motion to approve the minutes and transcript of the
25 March 31st, 2015 meeting. May I have such a motion?

1 MR. FAJT:

2 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board
3 approve the minutes and transcript of the March 31,
4 2015 meeting.

5 MS. KAISER:

6 Second.

7 CHAIRMAN:

8 All in favor?

9 AYES RESPOND

10 CHAIRMAN:

11 Opposed? The motion carries. Next we'll
12 hear from our Director of Human Resources, Claire
13 Yantis. Claire?

14 MS. YANTIS:

15 Good morning, Chairman and Board members.
16 The Office of Human Resources has one motion for your
17 consideration today relative to the next batch of
18 policies. As mentioned during the February Board
19 meeting, we are working with Executive Director
20 O'Toole to revise current policies and draft new
21 policies regarding PGC procedures and processes.
22 Copies of three revised and one new policy was
23 provided to you in advance of the meeting, accompanied
24 by a memo explaining the recommended changes.

25 To summarize, the policies contained in

1 this set is Policy 418 Procurement, which is a new
2 policy that outlines the philosophy and process for
3 procurement of supplies, construction and services in
4 adherence with the Procurement Code. The policy
5 outlines options or methods for such procurement and
6 determines positions designated with specific roles
7 responsible for contracting.

8 The next three policies are revised
9 policies. The revisions were minor, as all of those
10 policies were originally adopted in 2012. Policy 407,
11 Travel Expenses and Approval, and Policy 417, Out-of-
12 State Travel, both of those policies were amended to
13 add language to the scope of the policy, clarifying
14 the coordination of the policies with a Collective
15 Bargaining Agreement. In addition, Policy 417, Out-
16 of-State Travel, had an addition of language to
17 clarify out-of-state travel for conferences and
18 speaking engagements.

19 And the last policy, 408, Automotive
20 Policy, was amended to add language clarifying the
21 circumstances under which employees may use a vehicle
22 for commuting in accordance with DGS directives and
23 manuals. Unless you have any questions, I ask for a
24 motion approving the policies as outlined.

25 CHAIRMAN:

1 Any questions or comments from the Board?
2 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

3 MR. MCCALL:

4 Mr. Chairman, I move that the board
5 approve the changes to the policies, as outlined by
6 the Director of Human Resources.

7 MR. MCNALLY:

8 Second.

9 CHAIRMAN:

10 All in favor?

11 AYES RESPOND

12 CHAIRMAN:

13 Opposed? The motion carries.

14 MS. YANTIS:

15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN:

17 Thank you, Claire. Next.

18 ATTORNEY SHERMAN:

19 Good morning, Chairman and members of the
20 Board. Our first agenda item relates to a statement
21 of policy, which Assistant Chief Counsel Susan Yocum
22 is here to present.

23 ATTORNEY YOCUM:

24 Good morning, Chairman, members of the
25 Board.

1 CHAIRMAN:

2 Good morning, Susan.

3 ATTORNEY YOCUM:

4 The one agenda item for your
5 consideration is a Statement of Policy 125-191, which
6 will add a new side wager, the Super Four progressive
7 side wager to the game of Black Jack. Included in
8 this rulemaking are the rules of play, dealing
9 procedures and the permissible payout odds for the
10 wager. I'll be happy to answer any questions you may
11 have.

12 CHAIRMAN:

13 Any questions or comments from the Board?
14 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

15 MR. MCNALLY:

16 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board adopt
17 Statement of Policy 125-191 as presented by the Office
18 of Chief Counsel (OCC).

19 MR. MOSCATO:

20 Second.

21 CHAIRMAN:

22 All in favor?

23 AYES RESPOND

24 CHAIRMAN:

25 Opposed? The motion carries.

1 ATTORNEY YOCUM:

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN:

4 Thank you, Susan.

5 ATTORNEY SHERMAN:

6 Today the Board has two petitions on the
7 agenda. Each of these matters was heard by the Board
8 earlier today during the public hearings.
9 Additionally, as to each of the petitions, the Board
10 has, in advance of the meeting, been provided with all
11 pleadings in the record.

12 The first petition before the Board today
13 is that of Western Pennsylvania Gaming Ventures, LLC.
14 You've heard earlier the history of that entity's
15 involvement with the Endeka Entertainment project and
16 the reasons why Western Pennsylvania Gaming Ventures
17 is now requesting that the Board permit the withdrawal
18 of their application, as well as the applications of
19 their principals and affiliates. In addition, Western
20 Pennsylvania Gaming Ventures is seeking release of the
21 \$50 million bond they had posted in support of the
22 project. The matter is complete, before the Board and
23 ready for a decision.

24 CHAIRMAN:

25 Any questions or comments from the Board?

1 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

2 MR. MCNALLY:

3 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue
4 an order to grant the petition of Western PA Gaming
5 Ventures, LLC, for withdrawal of application and
6 release of bond described by the OCC.

7 MR. FAJT:

8 Second.

9 CHAIRMAN:

10 All in favor?

11 AYES RESPOND

12 CHAIRMAN:

13 Opposed? Motion carries.

14 ATTORNEY SHERMAN:

15 The second petition before the Board is
16 that of Endeka Entertainment. Of course, the Board
17 also heard a presentation by Endeka and its new
18 partners just a short while ago and subject to
19 questioning of the Board. In May of 2013 Endeka had
20 filed their application to obtain the remaining
21 Category 1 License in the Commonwealth. Of course,
22 they had entered into a joint venture with Western
23 Pennsylvania Gaming Ventures to develop the proposed
24 facility. Western Pennsylvania Gaming Ventures now
25 has been withdrawn, and Endeka has represented that

1 the new replacement group, that being Mr. Procacci and
2 Merit Gaming, would take the place of Western
3 Pennsylvania Gaming Ventures in that venture.

4 Endeka is requesting an extension of
5 additional time of six months to come into compliance
6 with the requirements of the OEC and the Bureau of
7 Investigations and Enforcement (BIE) and provide all
8 of the requirements in order to go through licensing.

9 If the Board is inclined to grant such a
10 motion, there are a number --- we would suggest on
11 behalf of the OCC that the extension be granted
12 conditionally, subject to some expressed conditions
13 that would be set forth in the Order. Those would
14 include that the six-month extension would run until
15 November 20th, 2015 and not beyond, that the
16 applications of Mr. Procacci and the persons
17 affiliated with Merit Gaming would be submitted to OEC
18 and BIE and the Bureau of Licensing by June 1st, 2015,
19 that a bond in the amount of \$50 million would be
20 posted with the Board by June 1st, 2015, that any
21 other outstanding applications on behalf of
22 individuals that had been requested by BIE and OEC
23 will be submitted to the Board --- or to the Bureau of
24 Licensing, BIE and OEC by June 15th of 2015, that by
25 no later than November 20th of 2015 Endeka

1 Entertainment provides to OEC and to the Board
2 demonstration of approval of the change in structure
3 and licensing by the Harness Racing Commission, and
4 finally, that a comprehensive monthly update to the
5 Board beginning July 1st, 2015 and continuing on the
6 1st of each month thereafter be submitted detailing
7 the actions accomplished in the prior month by Endeika
8 Entertainment to come into full compliance and move
9 the ball forward, as well as what the anticipated
10 actions will be over the next month. The report
11 should be submitted to the OCC, with a copy to the
12 OEC. It will thereafter be distributed to the Board
13 so that everybody is updated and has some assurance
14 that, again, the ball is moving forward. Subject to
15 those conditions, we would suggest it's ready for the
16 Board's decision.

17 MR. MOSCATO:

18 Mr. Chairman?

19 CHAIRMAN:

20 Tony?

21 MR. MOSCATO:

22 Point of clarification, Mr. Chairman.

23 The first two items that you mentioned, you said June
24 1st.

25 ATTORNEY SHERMAN:

1 Yes. That was the submission of the
2 applications of Mr. Procacci, Merit Gaming and persons
3 affiliated with Merit Gaming. That was the date that
4 Mr. Doherty had indicated that those would be filed.
5 The other June 1st date was the submission of the \$50
6 million bond.

7 MR. MOSCATO:

8 I thought we had discussed June the 15th.

9 ATTORNEY SHERMAN:

10 June 15th was for all of the other
11 individuals who I --- Office of Enforcement ---
12 individuals who Enforcement counsel has previously
13 requested applications from, not the new individuals.

14 MR. MOSCATO:

15 Okay.

16 MR. MCCALL:

17 Mr. Chairman?

18 CHAIRMAN:

19 Yes, sir.

20 MR. MCCALL:

21 Mr. Sherman, should we have a reference
22 to the 1308(c) provision in that requirement as well?

23 ATTORNEY SHERMAN:

24 I don't know that that's necessary at
25 this point. That's a statutory requirement, which I

1 --- we'll know pretty soon whether or not it's
2 complied with. And if it is not complied with, the
3 application just simply by statute --- it can't go
4 forward.

5 MR. MCNALLY:

6 Can we put into this or as a condition
7 that any applications not completed by June 15th are
8 divested from the application?

9 ATTORNEY SHERMAN:

10 That would be the natural course of
11 events. I'm not sure that --- I mean, obviously, you
12 have very broad discretion. You can condition almost
13 anything that you want, within reason. But I think
14 the --- simply having the deadline of June 15th for
15 the submission, either they will or they won't. If
16 they don't, there would need to be divestment or there
17 would be in compliance.

18 CHAIRMAN:

19 Okay. Any other questions or comments
20 from the Board on this particular motion?

21 MR. MOSCATO:

22 Mr. Chairman, one more point of
23 clarification. Right on with what Commissioner
24 McNally said, I, too, would like to see that condition
25 in there, that any application not submitted by the

1 15th of June is no longer considered part of the
2 project.

3 ATTORNEY SHERMAN:

4 We can certainly add that in.

5 CHAIRMAN:

6 Any other questions? Comments from the
7 Board? Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

8 MR. MOSCATO:

9 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue
10 an Order to grant the petition of Endeka
11 Entertainment, L.P., for Extension of Time, as
12 described by the OCC.

13 MR. WOODS:

14 Second.

15 CHAIRMAN:

16 All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

18 CHAIRMAN:

19 Opposed? The motion carries.

20 ATTORNEY SHERMAN:

21 Next, presenting Withdrawals and Reports
22 and Recommendations is Deputy Chief Counsel Steve
23 Cook.

24 ATTORNEY COOK:

25 Good afternoon.

1 CHAIRMAN:

2 Good morning, Steve.

3 ATTORNEY COOK:

4 Good morning. The Board has received
5 eight unopposed petitions to withdraw applications or
6 surrender credentials of 16 individuals. The persons
7 subject to these petitions are as follows, the persons
8 or entities: Gravity Media, LLC, Gem Casino Travel,
9 LLC, Ashok Jacob, Adam Chibib, Justin Orlando, Michael
10 Maples, Patrick Ramsey, Robert Repass, Stephan
11 Greathouse, Jason Kremer, Steven Ives, Todd McTavish,
12 Joseph Rutigliano, Timothy Edwards Notaro, Yuan Wu and
13 Herve Eschasseriau. The OEC has no objections to any
14 of these withdrawals or surrenders. As a result, if
15 the Board were inclined to grant same, it would be
16 doing so without prejudice.

17 CHAIRMAN:

18 Questions or comments from the Board?
19 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

20 MR. WOODS:

21 Mr. Chairman, I move that the board issue
22 Orders to approve the withdrawals and surrenders as
23 described by the OCC.

24 MR. FAJT:

25 Second.

1 CHAIRMAN:

2 All in favor?

3 AYES RESPOND

4 CHAIRMAN:

5 Opposed? The motion carries.

6 ATTORNEY COOK:

7 Next before the Board for consideration
8 are several Reports and Recommendations received from
9 the Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA). These
10 Reports and Recommendations, as well as the complete
11 evidentiary record in each matter, have been provided
12 to the Board in advance of this meeting.
13 Additionally, in each case, the person at issue was
14 notified that the Board would be taking up the matter
15 today and that they have the right to come forward and
16 briefly address the Board. If any of these persons
17 are present today and wish to address the Board, I'd
18 ask them to come forward when their matter is called.

19 The first Report and Recommendation
20 before the Board pertains to Roberto Corona. On
21 December 15th, 2015, the OEC filed a petition to place
22 Roberto Corona on the Exclusion List after discovering
23 that he attempted to obtain a duplicate Player's Club
24 card at the Sands Casino by utilizing a false U.S.
25 Permanent Resident card bearing another individual's

1 name. For this conduct, Mr. Corona was charged
2 criminally as well, sentenced to between 4 and 12
3 months incarceration after a finding of guilt, and
4 he's presently on probation.

5 Mr. Corona requested a hearing, which was
6 scheduled and held on February 19th, 2015. However,
7 despite receiving notice, he did not attend that
8 hearing. As a result, it occurred in his absence.
9 And OEC put on evidence to support their request that
10 he be placed on the Exclusion List. As a result, the
11 Report and Recommendation issued by the Hearing
12 Officer recommends that, in fact, he be placed on the
13 Exclusion List. And that is the Recommendation before
14 the Board today.

15 CHAIRMAN:

16 Any questions or comments from the Board?
17 Ex-Officio members? Can I have a motion?

18 MR. FAJT:

19 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board adopt
20 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA
21 regarding the placement of Roberto Corona on the PGCB
22 Involuntary Exclusion List, as described by the OCC.

23 MS. KAISER:

24 Second.

25 CHAIRMAN:

1 All in favor?

2 AYES RESPOND

3 CHAIRMAN:

4 Opposed? The motion carries.

5 ATTORNEY COOK:

6 George Cowan is the next Report and
7 Recommendation before the Board. On February 8th,
8 2012, Mr. Cowan was issued a G2 permit to work as a
9 Table Games Supervisor at Parx Casino. Mr. Cowan also
10 worked part time at Valley Forge as a Table Games
11 Dealer until December 11th, 2014, when he was
12 terminated after engaging in improper activity while
13 dealing Pai Gow Tiles. Specifically, he manipulated
14 the tiles, failed to properly deal the tiles and, when
15 doing so, failed to collect losing bets from a --- I
16 believe there might have only been one person at his
17 table placing wagers. Effectively, was playing with
18 the tiles could have cost the customer some money. He
19 didn't collect that money. Mr. Cowan submitted a
20 written statement to Valley Forge admitting his
21 conduct.

22 Upon discovering his behavior at Valley
23 Forge, Parx ultimately terminated Mr. Cowan as well on
24 December 17th, 2014.

25 Subsequently, the OEC filed a Complaint

1 on December 22nd, 2014, requesting that his Permit be
2 suspended.

3 A hearing in this matter was held on
4 February 12th of 2015. OEC had approved --- appeared
5 and presented testimony and evidence. Additionally,
6 Mr. Cowan also appeared with counsel, who participated
7 in the process.

8 Based upon all the evidence presented,
9 the Hearing Officer issued a Report and Recommendation
10 recommending that this individual's Permit be
11 suspended for a period of two years. And this matter
12 is now ripe for the Board's consideration.

13 CHAIRMAN:

14 Any questions or comments from the Board?
15 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

16 MS. KAISER:

17 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board adopt
18 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA
19 regarding the Gaming Level 2 Employee Occupation
20 Permit for George Cowan, as described by the OCC.

21 MR. MCCALL:

22 Second.

23 CHAIRMAN:

24 All in favor?

25 AYES RESPOND

1 CHAIRMAN:

2 Opposed? The motion carries.

3 ATTORNEY COOK:

4 The next matter before the Board pertains
5 to Phuc Do. On November 6th, 2014, the OEC filed a
6 Complaint to place Mr. Do on the Board's Exclusion
7 List, alleging that on July 21st, 2014 he took a cell
8 phone that had fallen out of another patron's pocket
9 at the Hollywood Casino. The casino's surveillance
10 footage shows Mr. Do picked up the cell phone, placed
11 it in his pocket and left the casino. Mr. Do later
12 returned to the casino and was confronted by security.
13 He was given multiple opportunities to return the cell
14 phone in question but continuously denied that he had
15 actually taken it. Thereafter, the Pennsylvania State
16 Police were called, escorted Mr. Do to his vehicle,
17 and the phone was recovered in that vehicle. He was
18 ultimately charged with theft and disorderly conduct,
19 later pleading guilty to disorderly conduct.

20 A hearing in this matter was held on
21 February 17th, 2015, with both the OEC and Mr. Do
22 participating. During that hearing, the parties
23 entered a Stipulation of Facts in which Mr. Do
24 admitted his conduct but essentially argued that it
25 was a one-time occurrence and a lapse in judgment.

1 Thereafter, a Report and Recommendation was issued
2 recommending that Mr. Do be placed on the Exclusion
3 List based upon this conduct. And that is the
4 Recommendation before the Board.

5 CHAIRMAN:

6 Questions or comments from the Board?
7 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

8 MR. MCCALL:

9 Mr. Chairman, I move the Board adopt the
10 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA regarding
11 the placement of Phuc Nmn Do on the Involuntary
12 Exclusion List, as described by the OCC.

13 MR. MCNALLY:

14 Second.

15 CHAIRMAN:

16 All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

18 CHAIRMAN:

19 Opposed? The motion carries.

20 ATTORNEY COOK:

21 The next Report and Recommendation before
22 the Board stems from a request to be removed from the
23 Voluntary Self-Exclusion List.

24 Pursuant to the Findings of Fact in the
25 Report and Recommendation, on August 16th, 2013 an

1 individual with the initials, M.F. entered Mohegan Sun
2 at Pocono Downs Casino, met with a Casino Compliance
3 Representative and requested to be placed on the
4 Lifetime Self-Exclusion List. The CCR conducted a
5 mandatory interview with this individual and completed
6 all of the required procedures. Thereafter, M.F.
7 signed an Acknowledgment Form selecting the lifetime
8 self-exclusion option.

9 On November 24th, 2014, M.F. filed a
10 request for early removal from the Voluntary Self-
11 Exclusion List, stating that he no longer had a
12 gambling problem and would like to participate in the
13 non-gambling activities at the various casinos in the
14 Commonwealth.

15 The OEC filed an Answer objecting to this
16 request and a hearing was held on February 5th, 2015.
17 M.F. did not appear at the hearing. As a result, OEC
18 was the only party who put in evidence. And based
19 upon that evidence, the Report and Recommendation
20 issued recommends that this individual stay on the
21 Self-Exclusion List. And that is the Recommendation
22 before the Board.

23 CHAIRMAN:

24 Any questions or comments from the Board?
25 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

1 MR. MCNALLY:

2 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue
3 an Order to adopt the Report and Recommendation issued
4 by the OHA regarding the petition of M.F. to be
5 removed from the Self-Exclusion List, as described by
6 the OCC.

7 MR. MOSCATO:

8 Second.

9 CHAIRMAN:

10 All in favor?

11 AYES RESPOND

12 CHAIRMAN:

13 Opposed? The motion carries.

14 ATTORNEY COOK:

15 The next Report and Recommendation also
16 pertains to a request for early removal from the
17 Voluntary Self-Exclusion List. Specifically, on July
18 16th, 2011, R.J.A. appeared at the SugarHouse Casino
19 and requested to be placed on the Board Self-Exclusion
20 List.

21 This individual was interviewed by a
22 Casino Compliance Representative, who completed all of
23 the required procedures, and R.J.A. ultimately
24 selected a five-year period of self-exclusion, which
25 would run until July of 2016.

1 On December 19th, 2014, R.J.A. filed a
2 request for early removal from the Voluntary Exclusion
3 List, stating that he was not in the right state of
4 mind when he was placed on the list and feels that his
5 gambling issues are now under control.

6 The OEC filed an Answer objecting to this
7 request and a hearing was held on February 26th, 2015.
8 Despite receiving notice, R.J.A. did not attend that
9 hearing, OEC was the only party to put in evidence,
10 and again the Hearing Officer recommends that R.J.A.
11 remain on the Self-Exclusion List.

12 CHAIRMAN:

13 Any questions or comments from the Board?
14 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

15 MR. MOSCATO:

16 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board adopt
17 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA
18 regarding the petition of R.J.A. to be removed from
19 the Self-Exclusion List, as described by the OCC.

20 MR. WOODS:

21 Second.

22 CHAIRMAN:

23 All in favor?

24 AYES RESPOND

25 CHAIRMAN:

1 Opposed? The motion carries.

2 ATTORNEY COOK:

3 The next matter before the Board is the
4 Report and Recommendation pertaining to Steven Ripple.
5 Mr. Ripple was issued a Gaming Employee Permit on
6 November 18th, 2014, and worked as a Table Games
7 Dealer at the Rivers Casino. BIE was notified by the
8 Pennsylvania State Police that Mr. Ripple had been
9 arrested on January 27th, 2015, and charged with
10 several drug charges, drug-related offenses, including
11 felony offenses.

12 Upon learning of this matter, the OEC
13 filed a Request for Emergency Suspension of Mr.
14 Ripple's Gaming Permit, which the Executive Director
15 signed on February 12th, 2015.

16 An evidentiary hearing was then scheduled
17 and held on March 2nd, 2015. Despite receiving
18 notice, Mr. Ripple did not attend that hearing. It
19 occurred in his absence, with OEC putting on evidence
20 of the arrest and pending felony charges.

21 As a result of that evidence, a Report
22 and Recommendation was issued, recommending that the
23 suspension of Mr. Ripple remain in place. And that is
24 the recommendation before the Board.

25 CHAIRMAN:

1 Any questions or comments from the Board?
2 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

3 MR. WOODS:

4 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board adopt
5 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA
6 regarding the Gaming Employee Permit of Steven Ripple,
7 as described by the OCC.

8 MR. FAJT:

9 Second.

10 CHAIRMAN:

11 All in favor?

12 AYES RESPOND

13 CHAIRMAN:

14 Opposed? The motion carries.

15 ATTORNEY COOK:

16 The final Report and Recommendation
17 before the Board today pertains to Aaron Sherman. On
18 December 29th, 2014, the OEC filed a petition to place
19 Mr. Sherman on the Exclusion List for engaging in past
20 posting or bet capping while playing at the Hollywood
21 Casino.

22 A hearing in this matter was held on
23 February 19th, 2015. OEC appeared, offering testimony
24 exhibits. Mr. Sherman also appeared at the hearing
25 without counsel and testified on his own behalf.

1 During the hearing, Mr. Sherman admitted that he
2 capped bets at least five times on one occasion and
3 was evicted by the casino for that conduct. He also
4 admitted to past posting bets on another occasion and
5 again being ejected from the casino for that conduct.
6 Mr. Sherman stated that he saw other patrons
7 past-posting as well and weren't removed, while he
8 knew it was wrong he thought it was what everybody was
9 doing. And he also minimized his conduct by
10 indicating that his bets were small in nature. Based
11 upon all the evidence, the Hearing Officer ultimately
12 issued a Report and Recommendation recommending that
13 Mr. Sherman be placed on the Board's Exclusion List.
14 And that is the Recommendation before the Board.

15 CHAIRMAN:

16 Any questions or comments from the Board?
17 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

18 MR. FAJT:

19 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board adopt
20 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA
21 regarding the placement of Aaron Sherman on the
22 Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board Involuntary
23 Exclusion List, as described by the OCC.

24 MS. KAISER:

25 Second.

1 CHAIRMAN:

2 All in favor?

3 AYES RESPOND

4 CHAIRMAN:

5 Opposed? Motion carries.

6 ATTORNEY COOK:

7 And that concludes all the matters of the
8 OCC.

9 CHAIRMAN:

10 Thank you, gentlemen. Next we'll have
11 our Director of Licensing, Susan Hensel.

12 MS. HENSEL:

13 Thank you, Chairman Ryan and members of
14 the Board. Before the Board today will be motions
15 regarding 751 Principal, Key, Gaming and Non-Gaming
16 Employees. In addition, there will be the
17 consideration of 11 Gaming Service Provider
18 Applications.

19 The first matter for your consideration
20 is the approval of Principal and Key Employee
21 Licenses. Prior to this meeting, the Bureau of
22 Licensing provided you with a Proposed Order for 11
23 Principal and 16 Key Employee Licenses. I ask that
24 the Board consider the Order approving these licenses.

25 CHAIRMAN:

1 Any comments from Enforcement Counsel?

2 ATTORNEY PITRE:

3 Enforcement Counsel has no objection.

4 CHAIRMAN:

5 Any questions or comments from the Board?

6 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

7 MR. MCCALL:

8 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board
9 approve the issuance of Principal and Key Employee
10 Licenses, as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

11 MR. MCNALLY:

12 Second.

13 CHAIRMAN:

14 All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

16 CHAIRMAN:

17 Opposed? The motion carries.

18 MS. HENSEL:

19 Also, there are Temporary Principal and
20 Key Employee Licenses. Prior to this meeting the
21 Bureau of Licensing provided you with an Order
22 regarding the issuance of Temporary Licenses for 18
23 --- 8 Principals and 19 Key Employees. I ask that the
24 Board consider the Order approving these licenses.

25 CHAIRMAN:

1 Any comments from Enforcement Counsel?

2 ATTORNEY PITRE:

3 Enforcement Counsel has no objection.

4 CHAIRMAN:

5 Any questions or comments from the Board?

6 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

7 MR. MCNALLY:

8 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board
9 approve the issuance of Temporary Principal and Key
10 Employee Credentials, as described by the Bureau of
11 Licensing.

12 MR. MOSCATO:

13 Second.

14 CHAIRMAN:

15 All in favor?

16 AYES RESPOND

17 CHAIRMAN:

18 Opposed? The motion carries.

19 MS. HENSEL:

20 Next for your consideration are Gaming
21 Permits and Non-Gaming Registrations. Prior to this
22 meeting, the Bureau of Licensing provided you with a
23 list of 536 individuals to whom the Bureau has granted
24 Temporary or Full Occupation Permits and 144
25 individuals to whom the Bureau has granted

1 registrations under the authority delegated to the
2 Bureau of Licensing. I ask that the Board consider a
3 motion approving the Order.

4 CHAIRMAN:

5 Any comments from Enforcement Counsel?

6 ATTORNEY PITRE:

7 Enforcement Counsel has no objection.

8 CHAIRMAN:

9 Any questions or comments from the Board?
10 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

11 MR. MOSCATO:

12 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board
13 approve the issuance of Gaming Employee Permits and
14 Non-Gaming Employee Registrations, as described by the
15 Bureau of Licensing.

16 MR. WOODS:

17 Second.

18 CHAIRMAN:

19 All in favor?

20 AYES RESPOND

21 CHAIRMAN:

22 Opposed? The motion carries.

23 MS. HENSEL:

24 In addition, there are recommendations of
25 denial for three Gaming and one Non-Gaming Employee

1 Applicants. In each case the Applicant failed to
2 request a hearing within the specified time frame.

3 The Bureau of Licensing has provided you
4 with Orders addressing these Applicants who the OEC
5 has recommended for denial. I ask that the Board
6 consider a motion approving the Denial Orders.

7 CHAIRMAN:

8 Any comments from Enforcement Counsel?

9 ATTORNEY PITRE:

10 Enforcement Counsel continues to
11 recommend denial in each instance.

12 CHAIRMAN:

13 Any questions or comments from the Board?
14 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

15 MR. WOODS:

16 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board deny
17 the Gaming Employee and Non-Gaming Employee
18 Applications, as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

19 MR. FAJT:

20 Second.

21 CHAIRMAN:

22 All in favor?

23 AYES RESPOND

24 CHAIRMAN:

25 Opposed? The motion carries.

1 MS. HENSEL:

2 Also for your consideration are
3 withdrawal requests for Gaming and Non-Gaming Employee
4 Applicants. In each case the License or Permit is no
5 longer required. For today's meeting I have provided
6 the Board with a list of nine Gaming and four Non-
7 Gaming Employee Applicant Withdrawals for approval. I
8 ask that the Board consider the Order approving the
9 list of withdrawals.

10 CHAIRMAN:

11 Any comments from Enforcement Counsel?

12 ATTORNEY PITRE:

13 Enforcement Counsel has no objection.

14 CHAIRMAN:

15 Any questions or comments from the Board?
16 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

17 MR. FAJT:

18 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board
19 approve the withdrawals, as described by the Bureau of
20 Licensing.

21 MS. KAISER:

22 Second.

23 CHAIRMAN:

24 All in favor?

25 AYES RESPOND

1 CHAIRMAN:

2 Opposed? The motion carries.

3 MS. HENSEL:

4 Next we have an Order to certify the
5 following Gaming Service Providers: Paper Products
6 Company, Inc.; Carol Philp, Inc., doing business as
7 CPI Creative; and Livengood Excavators, Inc. I'd ask
8 that the Board consider the Order approving these
9 Gaming Service Providers for certification.

10 CHAIRMAN:

11 Any comments from Enforcement Counsel?

12 ATTORNEY PITRE:

13 Enforcement Counsel has no objection.

14 CHAIRMAN:

15 Any questions or comments from the Board?

16 MR. FAJT:

17 Yes. Mr. Chairman, I'd like to recuse
18 myself from this motion. I do know the Lackner
19 family, who are the owners of Paper Products Company.

20 CHAIRMAN:

21 Thank you, sir. The record will note
22 that Commissioner Fajt has recused himself on this
23 matter. Any other questions? May I have a motion?

24 MS. KAISER:

25 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue

1 an Order to approve the applications for Gaming
2 Service Provider Certification, as described by the
3 Bureau of Licensing.

4 MR. MCCALL:

5 Second.

6 CHAIRMAN:

7 All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

9 CHAIRMAN:

10 Opposed? The motion carries.

11 MS. HENSEL:

12 Finally for your consideration are Gaming
13 Service Provider Registrations. The Bureau of
14 Licensing provided you with an Order and an attached
15 list of eight registered Gaming Service Provider
16 Applicants. I ask that the Board consider the Order
17 registering these Gaming Service Providers.

18 CHAIRMAN:

19 Any comments from Enforcement Counsel?

20 ATTORNEY PITRE:

21 Enforcement Counsel has no objection.

22 CHAIRMAN:

23 Any questions or comments from the Board?
24 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

25 MR. MCCALL:

1 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue
2 an Order to approve the applications for Gaming
3 Service Provider Registration, as described by the
4 Bureau of Licensing.

5 MR. MCNALLY:

6 Second.

7 CHAIRMAN:

8 All in favor?

9 AYES RESPOND

10 CHAIRMAN:

11 Opposed? The motion carries.

12 MS. HENSEL:

13 That concludes the matters of the Bureau
14 of Licensing.

15 CHAIRMAN:

16 Thank you, Susan. Next is the OEC.
17 Cyrus?

18 ATTORNEY PITRE:

19 The OEC will present 11 matters for the
20 Board's consideration today, consisting of one Consent
21 Agreement, three Revocations, one Suspension and six
22 Involuntary Exclusions.

23 The first matter on the agenda is a
24 Consent Agreement that has been negotiated between the
25 OEC and Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association,

1 doing business as Hollywood Casino at Penn National.
2 Mr. Hayles is present. Mr. Roland will present the
3 matter on behalf of the OEC.

4 ATTORNEY ROLAND:

5 Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, members of
6 the Board. Michael Roland, R-O-L-A-N-D, with the OEC.
7 Our first matter is the Proposed Consent Agreement
8 which involves a scenario where the integrity of the
9 game may have been compromised on Hollywood Casino's
10 floor.

11 On August the 3rd, 2014, surveillance
12 notified the Board's Bureau of Casino Compliance of a
13 potential procedural violation on the casino floor.
14 Surveillance advised that the game Pai Gow Poker had
15 been dealt incorrectly for a two-hour and 38-minute
16 period. In all, a total of 53 hands were dealt in
17 error.

18 At 11:05 the random number generator on
19 the table broke. Dice were introduced to the table to
20 replace the failed equipment, as required. The Dealer
21 was then instructed by a Floor Person to deal the
22 cards counterclockwise. The Dealer complied and some
23 of the guests at the table complained.

24 At 1:00 a.m. a change in Dealers took
25 place. The second Dealer was confused as to which

1 direction to deal the cards because the players
2 instructed her to deal counterclockwise, the same as
3 the previous Dealer. The second Dealer called a
4 second Floor Person to the table, who also instructed
5 that Dealer to deal the cards counterclockwise.

6 At 2:00 a.m. a shift change occurred
7 again and a third Dealer dealt his first hand
8 counterclockwise, as the previous Dealers had done.
9 The third Dealer then dealt his second hand clockwise.
10 From that point on, the game was dealt correctly, with
11 cards being sent out clockwise. Because the Dealers
12 dealt counterclockwise repeatedly during the game, the
13 integrity of the game was compromised. Additionally,
14 the conduct of dealing Pai Gow Poker counterclockwise
15 for two hours and 38 minutes is a violation of the
16 Board's regulations, specifically 645(a), which
17 instructs that the game shall be dealt in a clockwise
18 manner. The error was continued by five Hollywood
19 employees, that being three Dealers and two Floor
20 Persons during the course of play.

21 The OEC requests that the Board approve
22 the Consent Agreement and Stipulation of Settlement
23 entered into between the parties. The terms of the
24 settlement include that Hollywood shall pay a civil
25 penalty in the amount of \$7,500 to the Board within

1 five days of the Board's Order approving this Consent
2 Agreement. Hollywood shall also pay to the Board
3 \$2,500 for the costs incurred by OEC, BIE and other
4 related staff in connection with this matter.
5 Further, Hollywood shall immediately review policies
6 and controls and provide training and guidance to the
7 employees, which will minimize the opportunity for
8 reoccurrence of this incident in the future.

9 One note to add, if this Consent
10 Agreement is adopted by the Board, members of
11 Hollywood have reached out to OEC about the five-day
12 period for payment of the fines. They have some
13 internal matters going on with their computer systems
14 and their finance department and have asked that that
15 number be bumped up to ten. The OEC has no objection
16 to that. And at this point we're open to any
17 questions you might have.

18 CHAIRMAN:
19 Counselor?

20 MR. HAYLES:
21 Chairman, members of the Board, Bill
22 Hayles, General Manager of Hollywood Casino. A
23 disappointing series of events, obviously, that led to
24 this violation. We concur with the Consent Agreement
25 completely and that the employees that involved the

1 management group that was involved in this have been
2 disciplined and coached as they should.

3 CHAIRMAN:

4 Any questions from the Board? Ex-Officio
5 members? Thank you, sir. May I have a motion?

6 MR. MOSCATO:

7 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue
8 an Order to approve the Consent Agreement between the
9 OEC and Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association,
10 as described by the OEC.

11 MR. WOODS:

12 Second.

13 CHAIRMAN:

14 All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

16 CHAIRMAN:

17 Opposed? Motion carries. Thank you,
18 gentlemen.

19 ATTORNEY PITRE:

20 The next four matters on the agenda
21 consist of enforcement actions in which the OEC has
22 filed a complaint seeking the suspension or revocation
23 of the License, Permit or Registration of the
24 individuals licensed by the Board.

25 In each instance the Complaint has been

1 filed with the Board's OHA and properly served by
2 certified and/or first-class mail upon the individual
3 named in the Complaint. In each instance the
4 individual named in the Complaint failed to respond
5 within 30 days, as required by Board regulation. As a
6 result, the OEC filed a request for default judgment
7 in each instance and properly served the default
8 judgment upon each individual by certified and/or
9 regular mail. As a result, the facts in each
10 complaint are deemed admitted, all filed documents
11 have been provided to the Board, and the matters are
12 presently ripe for Board consideration. In each
13 instance we will provide a brief summary of the facts
14 and request the appropriate Board action.

15 ATTORNEY ADAMS:

16 Good morning, Chairman Ryan, members of
17 the Board, Kim Adams, Assistant Enforcement Counsel.
18 The next matter is a revocation of Jacob Hall's Gaming
19 Employee Permit. While working at Rivers Casino as a
20 Cage Cashier, Mr. Hall, on more than one occasion, was
21 removing and taking money from the bill validator
22 boxes. Mr. Hall took approximately \$1,600 belonging
23 to Rivers Casino. Criminal charges were filed against
24 him. The OEC is requesting the Board revoke Mr.
25 Hall's Gaming Employee Permit.

1 CHAIRMAN:

2 Is Jacob Hall present in the hearing
3 room?

4 NO RESPONSE

5 CHAIRMAN:

6 Any questions or comments from the Board?
7 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

8 MR. FAJT:

9 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue
10 an Order to approve the revocation of Jacob Hall's
11 Gaming Employee Permit, as described by the OEC.

12 MS. KAISER:

13 Second.

14 CHAIRMAN:

15 All in favor?

16 AYES RESPOND

17 CHAIRMAN:

18 Opposed? The motion carries.

19 ATTORNEY ESTRIPLET:

20 Good afternoon, Chairman Ryan, members of
21 the Board. Carmelia Estriplet, E-S-T-R-I-P-L-E-T,
22 Assistant Enforcement Counsel. I'm before you to
23 request the suspension of the Non-Gaming Employee
24 Registration of James Thomas Logan. Mr. Logan is
25 currently employed by Pittsburgh Stage, Inc., as a

1 technician. OEC filed the request for suspension
2 after learning that Mr. Logan was charged with two
3 counts of DUI, one count of reckless driving, and one
4 count of accidents involving death or personal injury.
5 The charge of accidents involving death or personal
6 injury was withdrawn, and Mr. Logan entered into the
7 ARD program. And at this time we ask that you approve
8 the suspension of Mr. Logan's Non-Gaming Employee
9 Registration.

10 CHAIRMAN:

11 Is James Thomas Logan in the hearing
12 room?

13 NO RESPONSE

14 CHAIRMAN:

15 Any questions or comments from the Board?
16 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

17 MS. KAISER:

18 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue
19 an Order to approve the suspension of James Logan's
20 Non-Gaming Employee Registration, as described by the
21 OEC.

22 MR. MCCALL:

23 Second.

24 CHAIRMAN:

25 All in favor?

1 AYES RESPOND

2 CHAIRMAN:

3 Opposed? The motion carries.

4 ATTORNEY ROLAND:

5 The next matter is a request to revoke
6 the Gaming Employee Permit of Eugene Robinson. Mr.
7 Robinson was a Security Officer at Sands Casino until
8 he was arrested in September of 2013 by the Bethlehem
9 Police Department. Mr. Robinson was charged with
10 Felony 1, Robbery; Felony 1, Conspiracy to Commit
11 Robbery; Misdemeanor 1, Receiving Stolen Property; and
12 Misdemeanor 1, Theft by Unlawful Taking.

13 It was alleged in the Criminal Complaint
14 and Affidavit of Probable Cause that Mr. Robinson and
15 another male entered a woman's car and robbed her and
16 her passengers at gunpoint. On April 14th, 2014, Mr.
17 Robinson entered a negotiated guilty plea to
18 conspiracy to commit theft by unlawful taking. All
19 the other charges were withdrawn. He was sentenced to
20 11 months, 29 days to 23 months, 29 days incarceration
21 and 12 months probation. Mr. Robinson has been
22 released on parole on July 15th, 2014, and is not
23 currently employed by any casino in the Commonwealth
24 of Pennsylvania. The matter is now before the Board
25 to consider the revocation of Mr. Robinson's Gaming

1 Employee Permit.

2 CHAIRMAN:

3 Is Eugene Robinson present in the hearing
4 room?

5 NO RESPONSE

6 CHAIRMAN:

7 Any questions or comments from the Board?
8 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

9 MR. MCCALL:

10 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue
11 an Order to approve the revocation of Eugene
12 Robinson's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit, as
13 described by the OEC.

14 MR. MCNALLY:

15 Second.

16 CHAIRMAN:

17 All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

19 CHAIRMAN:

20 Opposed? The motion carries.

21 ATTORNEY PITRE:

22 The next matter on the agenda for the
23 Board's consideration is the revocation of Mr. Robert
24 Muckelston's Non-Gaming Employee Registration. On
25 October 8th, 2014, Mr. Muckelston stole the bicycle of

1 a coworker at SugarHouse Casino. Although he was not
2 charged criminally, he was terminated from the casino
3 for this conduct. Mr. Muckelston did not request a
4 hearing to the response --- and filed a response to
5 the Complaint. Mr. Muckelston was escorted to the
6 bank to withdraw funds to reimburse the individual
7 whose bike was stolen by the Philadelphia Police
8 Department. As a result, they didn't file any charges
9 against him. However, we still would like to request
10 that the Board revoke Mr. Robert Muckelston's Non-
11 Gaming Employee Registration.

12 CHAIRMAN:

13 Is Robert Muckelston present in the
14 hearing room?

15 NO RESPONSE

16 CHAIRMAN:

17 Questions or comments from the Board?
18 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

19 MR. MCNALLY:

20 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue
21 an Order to approve the revocation of Robert
22 Muckelston's Non-Gaming Employee Registration, as
23 described by the OEC.

24 MR. MOSCATO:

25 Second.

1 CHAIRMAN:

2 All in favor?

3 AYES RESPOND

4 CHAIRMAN:

5 Opposed? The motion carries.

6 ATTORNEY PITRE:

7 The next six matters on the agenda
8 consist of enforcement actions in which the OEC have
9 filed petitions seeking involuntary exclusion of
10 individuals whose presence in a licensed facility are
11 inimical to the interests of the Commonwealth and/or
12 licensed gaming therein. In each instance, the
13 Petition for Exclusion has been filed with the Board's
14 OHA and properly served by certified and/or first-
15 class mail upon the individual named in the petition.
16 In each instance, the individual named in the 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 default judgment upon each individual by certified
21 and/or regular mail. As a result, the facts in each
22 petition are deemed admitted. All filed documents
23 have been provided to the Board and the matters are
24 presently ripe for Board consideration. In each
25 instance we will provide a brief summary of the facts

1 and request the appropriate Board action.

2 ATTORNEY ROLAND:

3 The next matter is a request to place Jed
4 Connally on the Involuntary Exclusion List. On or
5 about June 17th, 2014, Sands Security became aware of
6 a patron using a false identification on the floor.
7 This was uncovered by a Pit Clerk who attempted to
8 scan the ID. The supplied identification provided
9 different expiration dates with every scan. The
10 patron was confronted by Pennsylvania State Police and
11 removed from the gaming floor. It was determined that
12 the person in question was Jed Bernard Connally. Mr.
13 Connally had an outstanding warrant for credit card
14 fraud and he had the identities of six other
15 individuals in his possession. Pennsylvania State
16 Police placed Mr. Connally under arrest, and he was
17 charged with six counts of possessing an access
18 device, knowing it to be altered or counterfeit, three
19 counts of tampering with public records or
20 identifications, and one count of false identification
21 to law enforcement officers.

22 On October 16th, 2014, Mr. Connally pled
23 guilty to one count of tampering with public records,
24 one count of false identification to law enforcement
25 and one count of possessing an access device, knowing

1 it to be altered or counterfeit. All other charges
2 were withdrawn. Mr. Connally was sentenced to a
3 maximum of six months incarceration and received
4 credit for 122 days served. The matter is now before
5 the Board to consider the placement of Jed Connally on
6 the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

7 CHAIRMAN:

8 Is Jed Connally present in the hearing
9 room?

10 NO RESPONSE

11 CHAIRMAN:

12 Any questions or comments from the Board?
13 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

14 MR. MOSCATO:

15 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue
16 an Order to approve the addition of Jed Connally to
17 the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List, as described by
18 the OEC.

19 MR. WOODS:

20 Second.

21 CHAIRMAN:

22 All in favor?

23 AYES RESPOND

24 CHAIRMAN:

25 Opposed? Motion carries.

1 ATTORNEY ROLAND:

2 The next matter is a request to place
3 Telvil Destin on the Involuntary Exclusion List. On
4 February 19th, 2015, the Bureau of Casino Compliance
5 was notified by surveillance that a patron, Mr.
6 Destin, had allegedly capped his wager on the game
7 House Money Black Jack at the Sands Casino. The
8 Dealer questioned the legitimacy of one of Mr.
9 Destin's wagers and contacted a Table Games
10 Supervisor. Upon review of surveillance, Mr. Destin
11 was observed capping, pinching and posting his wagers
12 on 46 different occasions. The total illegally
13 obtained by Mr. Destin was \$745. Mr. Destin was
14 issued a permanent eviction by Sands security and
15 cited by the Pennsylvania State Police under the
16 Gaming Act under Title Four, specifically 1518(a)(7),
17 and also with theft by deception. The charges are
18 still pending and the matter is now before the Board
19 to consider the placement of Telvil Destin on the
20 Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

21 CHAIRMAN:

22 Is Telvil Destin present in the hearing
23 room?

24 NO RESPONSE

25 CHAIRMAN:

1 Any questions or comments from the Board?
2 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

3 MR. WOODS:

4 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue
5 an Order to approve the addition of Telvil Destin to
6 the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List, as described by
7 the OEC.

8 MR. FAJT:

9 Second.

10 CHAIRMAN:

11 All in favor?

12 AYES RESPOND

13 CHAIRMAN:

14 Opposed? Motion carries.

15 ATTORNEY ROLAND:

16 The next matter is a request to place
17 David Hohn on the Involuntary Exclusion List. On
18 September 28th, 2014, the Bureau of Casino Compliance
19 was notified by the surveillance department that the
20 Pennsylvania State Police will be serving a warrant on
21 a patron known as Charles Taylor. Pennsylvania State
22 Police approached Mr. Taylor in the Premier Slots Room
23 and took HIM into custody. Mr. Taylor was taken to
24 the Pennsylvania State Police office, where he was
25 held until agents from Homeland Security arrived.

1 According to law enforcement personnel, Charles Taylor
2 is an alias for David Hohn. Mr. Hohn was issued a
3 permanent eviction by Sands Security. Two agents from
4 Homeland Security took Mr. Hohn into custody and
5 transported him off property. It was discovered that
6 Mr. Hohn had won 14 jackpots at Bethlehem Sands, six
7 jackpots at Parx and four jackpots at Mount Airy. Mr.
8 Hohn collected all of these jackpots under the fake
9 identity of Charles Taylor.

10 Mr. Hohn was previously criminally
11 indicted on July 22nd, 2013, under 8 U.S.C. 1326 for
12 illegal reentry into the United States and two counts
13 of Social Security fraud. The matter is now before
14 the Board to consider the placement of David Hohn on
15 the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

16 CHAIRMAN:

17 Is David Hohn, a/k/a Charles Taylor,
18 present in the hearing room?

19 NO RESPONSE

20 CHAIRMAN:

21 Any questions from the Board? Comments
22 from the Board? Ex-Officio members? May I have a
23 motion?

24 MR. FAJT:

25 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue

1 an Order to approve the addition of David Hohn to the
2 Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board Involuntary
3 Exclusion List, as described by the OEC.

4 MS. KAISER:

5 Second.

6 CHAIRMAN:

7 All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

9 CHAIRMAN:

10 Opposed? Motion carries.

11 ATTORNEY ROLAND:

12 The next request is to place Louis
13 Sgambetterra on the Involuntary Exclusion List. On
14 February 8th, 2015, Mr. Sgambetterra became aggressive
15 and hostile towards Sands Table Games staff and shoved
16 Sands Security Guards while he was gaming at Sands
17 Casino.

18 A review of video surveillance presented
19 that Mr. Sgambetterra joined the play at a Craps
20 Table. Within one minute Mr. Sgambetterra became
21 aggressive and hostile towards Sands Table Games staff
22 and threw his chips in their direction. While
23 departing the table, Mr. Sgambetterra shoved a Sands
24 Security Guard with his forearm. Within seconds, Mr.
25 Sgambetterra shoved a second Sands Security Guard in

1 her shoulder with his forearm. Mr. Sgambetterra was
2 charged with harassment and he was permanently evicted
3 from Sands property. The charge is still pending, and
4 the matter is now before the Board to consider the
5 placement of Louis Sgambetterra on the Board's
6 Involuntary Exclusion List.

7 CHAIRMAN:

8 Is Louis Sgambetterra present in the
9 hearing room?

10 NO RESPONSE

11 CHAIRMAN:

12 Any questions or comments from the Board?
13 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

14 MS. KAISER:

15 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue
16 an Order to approve the addition of Louis Sgambetterra
17 to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List, as described
18 by the OEC.

19 MR. MCCALL:

20 Second.

21 CHAIRMAN:

22 All in favor?

23 AYES RESPOND

24 CHAIRMAN:

25 Opposed? The motion carries.

1 ATTORNEY TEPPER:

2 Good afternoon, Chairman Ryan and members
3 of the Board. David Tepper, T-E-P-P-E-R, and I have
4 the next two matters to the agenda. The next matter
5 for your consideration is the petition to place Walter
6 Cruz on the Board's Exclusion List. On August 20th,
7 2014, Mr. Cruz passed counterfeit hundred-dollar bills
8 at Mount Airy Casino. Mr. Cruz has pled guilty to
9 federal counterfeiting charges and is currently
10 awaiting sentencing. At this time the OEC requests
11 that Walter Cruz be placed on the Board's Exclusion
12 List.

13 CHAIRMAN:

14 Is Walter Cruz, Jr. present in the
15 hearing room?

16 NO RESPONSE

17 CHAIRMAN:

18 Any questions or comments from the Board?
19 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

20 MR. MCNALLY:

21 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue
22 an Order to approve the addition of Walter Cruz, Jr.
23 to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List, as described
24 by the OEC.

25 MR. MOSCATO:

1 Second.

2 CHAIRMAN:

3 All in favor?

4 AYES RESPOND

5 CHAIRMAN:

6 Opposed? The motion carries.

7 ATTORNEY TEPPER:

8 The next matter is a petition to place
9 Chang Wang Lin on the Exclusion List. On January 1st,
10 2015, Mr. Lin cheated while playing Pai Gow at Mount
11 Airy. As a result of misconduct, Mr. Lin pled guilty
12 to one count of theft by deception. At this point the
13 OEC requests that Chang Wang Lin be placed on the
14 Board's Exclusion List.

15 CHAIRMAN:

16 Is Chang Wang Lin present in the hearing
17 room?

18 NO RESPONSE

19 CHAIRMAN:

20 Any questions or comments from the Board?
21 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?

22 MR. MOSCATO:

23 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue
24 an Order to approve the addition of Chang Wang Lin to
25 the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List.

1 MR. WOODS:

2 Second.

3 CHAIRMAN:

4 All in favor?

5 AYES RESPOND

6 CHAIRMAN:

7 Opposed? The motion carries.

8 ATTORNEY PITRE:

9 That concludes our business.

10 CHAIRMAN:

11 Thank you, gentlemen. Ladies and
12 gentlemen, that concludes today's meeting. Our next
13 scheduled public meeting will be Wednesday, June 10th.
14 We'll begin at 10:00 a.m. in this room. Any final
15 comments from the Board? Ex-Officio's? May I have a
16 motion to adjourn?

17 MR. MCNALLY:

18 Mr. Chairman, I move that we adjourn.

19 CHAIRMAN:

20 Second?

21 MR. FAJT:

22 Second.

23 CHAIRMAN:

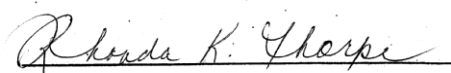
24 The meeting is adjourned. Thank you all.

25 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:20 P.M.

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings,
meeting held before Chairman Ryan was reported by me
on 5/20/2015 and that I Rhonda K. Thorpe read this
transcript and that I attest that this transcript is a
true and accurate record of the proceeding.


Court Reporter