



PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Meeting of the Board

September 12, 2007

Minutes

A meeting of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board was held on September 12, 2007 in the Gittis Student Center, Temple University, 1755 North 13th Street, Philadelphia. The meeting began shortly after 10:00 a.m.

Members in attendance were:

Mary DiGiacomo Colins, Chairman
Raymond S. Angeli
Jeffrey W. Coy
James B. Ginty
Kenneth W. McCabe – via teleconference
Sanford Rivers
Gary A. Sojka

Individuals who appeared officially before the Board:

Nanette Horner – compulsive and problem gambling
Philip Satre – presentation on compulsive and problem gambling
Melinda Tucker – racetrack gaming
Kim Hankins – update from The Meadows Standardbred Owners Association
Michael Walsh – administration update
Kevin Hayes – Mt. Airy #1 LLC update
Richard Sandusky - regulations

A quorum of the Board being present, Chairman Colins called the meeting to order.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Colins announced that the Board held executive sessions on September 5, 6, 10 and 11 and prior to today's meeting, in accordance with the Sunshine Act to discuss personnel issues, privileged agency business, the potential acquisition and/or lease of real property and to consult with counsel and other professional advisors to the Board concerning current litigation or matters in which complaints are expected to be filed.

SWEARING IN OF JAMES B. GINTY

Judge Victor DiNubile of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County administered the oath of office to James B. Ginty. Following the swearing in, Board Member Ginty took his seat on the Board.

TRANSCRIPTS/MINUTES

On a motion by Board Member Angeli, seconded by Board Member Sojka, the transcripts and minutes of the July 16, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved.

COMPULSIVE & PROBLEM GAMBLING

PGCB MOTION NO. 2007-150 CPG – Statement of Policy for Release of Information on Self Exclusion List

Motion Made: Board Member Ginty
Seconded: Board Member Rivers

Resolved, the Board hereby approves the Statement of Policy regarding disclosure of information on the PGCB Self-Exclusion List.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

RACETRACK GAMING

Mr. Kim Hankins, Executive Director, The Meadows Standardbred Owners Association provided an update on how slots gaming impacted racing at the respective pari-mutuel facilities.

ADMINISTRATION

PGCB MOTION NO. 2007-151 HR – Employment

Motion Made: Board Member Rivers
Seconded: Board Member Coy

New Hires:
Walter Sokolowski, BIE, Casino Enforcement Agent
Mark Hemak, BIE, Casino Enforcement Agent
Nicholas Valvano, BIE, Casino Enforcement Agent
Tobey Forseman, Administration, Web Designer

Resolved, the Board hereby approves the hiring of the above candidates for employment.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PGCB RESOLUTION NO. 2007-12 OCC – Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association to take possession of Slot Machines

Motion Made: Board Member Sojka
Seconded: Board Member Rivers

- WHEREAS Under Section 1202(a) of the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (the “Act”), the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (the “Board”) has general and sole regulatory authority over all gaming activities or related activities pursuant to the Act; and
- WHEREAS The Board has adopted regulations governing the possession and movement of slot machines in the Commonwealth, specifically 58 Pa. Code, Chapter 463a, Possession of Slot Machines; and
- WHEREAS Under 58 Pa. Code Section 463a.1(b)(1), the Board may authorize the possession of slot machines in this Commonwealth for the purpose of maintaining for use or training upon its finding that the possession of slot machines by such persons in this Commonwealth is not contrary to the goals and objectives of the Act; and
- WHEREAS Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association, an entity for which a Category 1 Slot Machine License was approved on December 20, 2006, has submitted a written request to the Board in compliance with the regulations, to possess slot machines and related equipment in a secure facility at its site at 720 Bow Creek Road, East Hanover Township, Dauphin County; and
- WHEREAS The Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement has inspected the facility and has not found any outstanding security issues that would indicate that the facility is unsuitable to possess and store slot machines; and
- WHEREAS The Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement has reviewed the surveillance and security department protocols proposed by Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association to secure the slot machines and determined them to be adequate; and
- WHEREAS Slot machines may only be installed and configured at the facility by persons who have been permitted or licensed as appropriate by the Board; and
- WHEREAS Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association agrees to comply with the requirements of Chapter 463a pertaining to possession and transportation of slot machines in this Commonwealth and to store and secure the slot machines in accordance with the protocols incorporated herein; be it

RESOLVED That the Board authorizes the possession of slot machines by Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association for the purpose of maintaining them for use or training in compliance with the requirements of 58 Pa. Code, Chapter 463a, subject to compliance by Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association with all applicable requirements with regard to possession, transportation and securing of slot machines.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

PGCB MOTION NO. 2007-152 REG – Final-form Regulation for Chapters 429a, 433a, 435a, 437a and 441a

Motion Made: Board Member Rivers
Seconded: Board Member Sojka

Resolved, the Board hereby adopts the Final-form Regulation No. 125-64 pertaining to Chapters 429a, 433a, 435a, 437a and 441a and directs that this regulation be published on the Board's website.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2007-153 REG – Proposed Regulation for Chapters 421a and 423a

Motion Made: Board Member Angeli
Seconded: Board Member McCabe

Resolved, the Board hereby adopts the proposed Regulation 125-72 amending Chapters 421a and 423a and directs that this regulation be published on the Board's website.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2007-154 REG – Proposed Regulation for Chapters 405a and 461a

Motion Made: Board Member Coy
Seconded: Board Member Rivers

Resolved, the Board hereby adopts the proposed Regulation No, 125-71 amending Chapters 405a and 461a and directs that this regulation be published on the Board's website.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

ADJOURNMENT

Due to repeated interruptions by audience members, Chairman Colins announced that the meeting was adjourned.