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GAMING CONTROL BOARD MEETING

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APPEARANCES:

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KENNETH T. McCABE, MEMBER

SANFORD RIVERS, MEMBER

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1 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Now we will move into
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- the Board meeting. All right? We are going to
- 3 start this process and try to go as quickly as
- 4 we can.
- 5 I am calling the -- good morning or
- 6 good afternoon by now. I am Tad Decker,
- 7 Chairman of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control
- 8 Board, and I welcome all of you and the public
- 9 to this meeting.
- 10 Please note that Commissioner Mary
- 11 Colins is on the phone. Mary, are you there?
- 12 COMMISSIONER COLINS: Yes, I am. I --
- 13 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Great. It is
- 14 actually working. It's is gerrymandered, we
- 15 appreciate that, but it is working.
- 16 A quorum of the Board is present and
- therefore the meeting is officially called to
- 18 order.
- 19 As always, let me ask everyone to turn
- off their cell phones, including the Chairman.
- 21 Technically, do we do the pledge of
- 22 allegiance again?
- 23 COMMISSIONER COLINS: No.
- 24 THE BOARD: [NOS]
- 25 CHAIRMAN DECKER: We have had it once

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1 today so I presume that is enough.
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- 2 As you know, we expect to vote on the
- 3 final application -- well, excuse me. We hope
- 4 to vote later today on the final application for
- 5 Category 1 -- we will see what happens after the
- 6 continuance -- and we will reconvene later today
- 7 for a Category 3 licensing hearing. It will be
- 8 after lunch. We will address that time period
- 9 when we get to it.
- 10 The Board held executive sessions on
- 11 October 11th and yesterday and this morning to
- 12 discuss personnel matters. No business was
- 13 conducted at these meetings.
- 14 Our first action item is the
- transcripts of the meetings for meetings on
- 16 September 12th and September 27th.
- 17 May I have a motion for their approval?
- 18 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Mr. Chairman, I
- 19 move that the Board approve the transcripts and
- 20 minutes of the September 12th, 2006 and
- 21 September 27th, 2006 meetings.
- 22 CHAIRMAN DECKER: May I have a second,
- 23 please?
- 24 COMMISSIONER COY: Second.
- 25 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any questions or

- 1 comments?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 3 CHAIRMAN DECKER: All those in favor,
- 4 please indicate by saying aye.
- 5 THE BOARD: Aye.
- 6 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Opposed?
- 7 THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 8 CHAIRMAN DECKER: The motion carries.
- 9 By way of new business, I think Anne is doing
- something right now, and if she comes back we
- 11 will do her report.
- 12 Let's see. I am looking who is next.
- 13 I guess, since Michael Walsh is sitting here --
- 14 I thought Nan Horner was going to make a
- presentation next. Is Nan here? No?
- Okay. Let's postpone that. Nan is
- 17 here. Okay. Here she comes. Great. Thank
- 18 you, Nan.
- Okay. We, Anne, we are ready for your
- 20 executive report, and then Nan, I believe, is
- 21 going to make a report on problem gaming.
- 22 Great.
- MS. NEEB: Good afternoon, Chairman
- 24 Decker and members of the Board. I have two
- 25 agenda items today, but before I would like to

1 give you a brief overview of something that has

- 2 been going on in the agency.
- 3 Later today the Board will move on to
- 4 the next class of suitability hearings, which
- 5 will be for Woodlands Fayette, which is a
- 6 Category 3 Resort Applicant.
- 7 The hearings for the Category 2
- 8 applicants will be held in November and
- 9 December.
- 10 With regard to those hearings, I would
- 11 like to note the Board recently announced a
- 12 revised licensing hearing schedule.
- The months and dates have been posted
- on the Board's website and will direct
- individuals to the site to make sure they have
- 16 the correct dates.
- 17 Basically, we have rescheduled the
- 18 Category 2 at-large hearing from the week of the
- 19 general election to the first week of December
- to better accommodate the public and members of
- 21 the media who wish to attend these hearings.
- 22 In addition, there are a few other
- 23 minor changes, including the start time of some
- of our Category 2 hearings. Again, these times
- are listed on the website.

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                Following the Board's action toward the
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       Conditional Category 1 licenses, staff has been
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       working on site at several of these properties
       that plan to commence slot operations in the
       near future.
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       opened would be the Mohegan Sun property at
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       Pocono Downs, and we have deployed staff on
       east, west and central offices to oversee the
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       start-up.
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                I would estimate that approximately 40
       employees of the Gaming Control Board have
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       worked diligently at these properties on every
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       issue from security, licensing, layout, employee
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       certification, and really have been putting in
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       many, many hours so that this property can get
       up and running. The scheduled date for that
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       property for opening right now, in the event
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       that all of the testing is okay, will be on
       November the 14th.
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                The activities for getting these
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       properties up includes -- probably one of the
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       most cumbersome parts of this is getting all of
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       the employees that are going to work at the
       facility licensed in their appropriate category.
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- 2 check, fingerprinting, credit checks, tax
- 3 clearance checks and a review of any NCIC
- 4 reports of all of these employees with their
- 5 correct classification. This has been a
- 6 monumental effort.
- 7 CHAIRMAN DECKER: I would like to take
- 8 a second to digress and thank some people.
- 9 I certainly didn't know and I think the
- 10 Board members didn't know five months ago or six
- 11 months ago how much was going to be involved in
- 12 getting these things open, and how much work
- 13 there would be.
- I would like to thank a number of
- 15 people, starting with Richard Williamson from
- 16 the head of our lab and his team, and Maureen
- 17 Williamson, Pam Freebel and Melinda Tucker and
- others in the General Counsel's Office.
- I mean, without Maureen's help here --
- 20 I don't think she is here today. Maybe she is,
- 21 yeah. Without her help, this would not be
- 22 possible.
- Jerry Stoll, BIE group. Obviously
- 24 Denyse Miskin and her group, and the licensing
- group headed up by Susan, I mean, just

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1 phenomenal.
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- 2 I would also like to thank the State
- 3 Police, who have been unbelievably involved in
- 4 this and unbelievably helpful.
- 5 Is Captain Allue here today? He
- 6 probably had to leave or he is probably doing
- 7 background investigations. But Captain Allue
- 8 and -- I think it is Sergeant Deandrea, if I
- 9 have the right name, they have done an
- 10 incredible job and helped with our BIE putting a
- 11 process in place that gets these employees
- 12 licensed and gets them background -- they have
- 13 fingerprints, et cetera. We are very happy
- 14 about that. And all of the people from our
- 15 staff who, without these extraordinary efforts,
- we wouldn't be able to meet this November 14th
- 17 deadline.
- 18 Anne?
- MS. NEEB: That's correct. It's been a
- 20 monumental effort and we are really, really
- 21 pleased.
- 22 In addition to doing all of the
- 23 employee-related matters and security issues, I
- 24 would just like to report that the gaming lab
- 25 has performed interoperability tests with the

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1 central control system; and that's in the
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- 2 in-house monitoring system from the casino
- 3 computer system.
- 4 We are pleased to report that those
- 5 test results so far have been very positive. We
- 6 have not seen any major glitches. We hope it
- 7 continues to work that way.
- 8 So as you can see, in addition to the
- 9 licensing activities of the Board, the agency as
- 10 a whole is actively engaged in the start-up of
- all of these properties and we are very excited
- 12 and very busy.
- 13 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Right. And we
- shouldn't underestimate the efforts that have
- 15 been -- not only by our staff but DOR. I see
- 16 Curt Haines in the audience.
- 17 MS. NEEB: GTECH.
- 18 CHAIRMAN DECKER: I'm sorry, and
- 19 GTECH -- to get the central control systems in
- 20 place.
- 21 MS. NEEB: That is basically what we
- 22 have been doing by way of in-house and at casino
- 23 sites.
- 24 What I have here today with me -- we
- 25 are also very excited to announce that our

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1 compulsive gaming program has been put into
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- 2 place and has been posted on the website.
- I have here with me, this morning, Nan
- 4 Horner, who is the Director of Compulsive Gaming
- 5 and Problem Gaming Activities, and she is going
- 6 to give you an update on what exactly the
- 7 compulsive gaming program entails and what our
- 8 efforts have been thus far.
- 9 MS. HORNER: Good morning.
- 10 Yesterday, as you may know, we launched
- 11 the self-exclusion program on the Board's
- 12 website.
- 13 The primary objective of the Gaming Act
- is for the Board to protect the public, and in
- so doing, it is not just the regulation of
- 16 gaming activities but the protection of the
- 17 people of the Commonwealth, so we established a
- 18 self-exclusion application and instructions.
- 19 A person can go onto the Board's
- 20 website. They can obtain the self-exclusion
- 21 program brochure, which has questions and
- 22 answers.
- We have the instructions for a person
- 24 to be placed on the self-exclusion list and an
- 25 application to be placed on the self-exclusion

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1 list. A person may only place themselves on the
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- 2 list, a family member may not do that. You have
- 3 to come in person, and we will accept the
- 4 application.
- 5 The facilities will have to obtain the
- 6 list of self-excluded persons, make sure that
- 7 they are not gaming on property, they are not
- 8 accepting winnings, complementaries,
- 9 check-cashing privileges, while they are on the
- 10 list.
- 11 A person can be placed on the list for
- 12 a duration of one year, five years or lifetime;
- and if they place themselves on the list for one
- 14 year or five years, after that time frame has
- 15 elapsed, they must come back to us to be removed
- from the list or they remain on the list.
- 17 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Even if they came
- 18 back during the interim period over three years
- or five years, whatever, Nan, they would have to
- 20 come back to get approval to get off the list?
- MS. HORNER: That is correct. Yes.
- So we launched that yesterday. We are
- 23 being very proactive in the area of compulsive
- and problem gambling.
- I have been meeting with the Department

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of Health and other Commonwealth agencies. This
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- is just the first of the compulsive and problem
- 3 gambling programs that we will be establishing.
- 4 CHAIRMAN DECKER: That is great. Any
- 5 questions for Nan?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 7 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Nan, we are really
- 8 grateful that you left the licensing area and
- 9 took on this assignment. I mean, we are in the
- 10 midst of it, you haven't totally left, but we
- 11 appreciate your taking on this really important
- 12 subject and jumping into it with all of the
- 13 background and knowledge you have over the years
- of teaching it, et cetera.
- 15 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, I
- 16 hereby move that the Board approve the order
- 17 which delegates the authority to remove and
- 18 approve compulsive and problem gaming plans
- 19 pursuant to applicable regulations to the
- 20 Director of Compulsive and Gaming Enforcement.
- 21 CHAIRMAN DECKER: A second, please?
- 22 COMMISSIONER McCabe: Second.
- 23 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any comments or
- 24 second for Nan?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]

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1 CHAIRMAN DECKER: All those in favor,
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- 2 please indicate by saying aye.
- 3 THE BOARD: Aye.
- 4 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any opposed?
- 5 THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 6 CHAIRMAN DECKER: The motion passes.
- 7 Thank you very much. Thank you very, very much.
- 8 Anne, what's -- yes, please?
- 9 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Mr. Chairman, I
- 10 believe that I -- in the Executive Director's
- 11 report, it indicated that there needs to be
- 12 action delegating for the start-up of the first
- 13 casino. Correct?
- MS. NEEB: Yes. We have a motion to
- 15 authorize at the property. There's a
- 16 requirement for a sign-off order, and we are
- going to ask the Board to authorize Commissioner
- 18 Raymond Angeli to determine the successful
- 19 completion of the test period, and to authorize
- 20 the effective date and time which the slot
- 21 operation may commence at Mohegan Sun at Pocono
- 22 Downs.
- 23 It is currently scheduled for November
- 24 the 14th, as long as all of the test periods run
- on the 10th and the 12th are in compliance with

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1 the state systems. We ask for that motion.
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- 2 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Okay. Thank you.
- 3 COMMISSIONER COY: Mr. Chairman, I move
- 4 that the Board, having consulted with the
- 5 Executive Director, authorize Commissioner
- 6 Raymond Angeli to determine the successful
- 7 completion for the test period and to authorize
- 8 the effective date and time at which slot
- 9 operations may commence at Mohegan Sun at Pocono
- 10 Downs, pursuant to the Board's order of October
- 11 6th, 2006.
- 12 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: Second.
- 13 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Does Commissioner
- 14 Angeli have to recuse himself? Only kidding.
- MS. NEEB: No.
- 16 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any comments or
- 17 questions for Anne?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 19 CHAIRMAN DECKER: All those in favor,
- 20 please indicate by saying aye.
- THE BOARD: Aye.
- 22 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any opposed?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 24 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you. The
- 25 motion passes.

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1 MS. NEEB: Thank you.
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- 2 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you, Anne.
- 3 Is there anything else in the report?
- 4 MS. NEEB: That is all I have.
- 5 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you.
- 6 MS. NEEB: Thank you.
- 7 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Okay. Next up is
- 8 Greg -- our esteemed colleague, Secretary of
- 9 Revenue, he is an ex-officio member of the
- 10 Board. He is going to introduce a presentation
- on the central control computer system, which,
- of course, is mandated by Act 71.
- 13 SECRETARY FAJT: Thank you,
- 14 Mr. Chairman.
- 15 Curt, do you want to come up to the
- 16 table?
- 17 MR. HAINES: [COMPLIED]
- 18 SECRETARY FAJT: We thought with the
- 19 anticipated opening of Mohegan Sun -- the soft
- opening on November the 10th and 12th, with hard
- 21 opening slated for November 14th -- that this
- 22 would be a good time for Curt and Richard
- 23 Williamson to do a joint presentation on where
- 24 we are, both for the public's edification and
- also for the Board, as to where we are with the

1 central computer system and how that work is

- 2 progressing.
- I mean, from an overview you heard Anne
- 4 mention earlier, it is going very well, and a
- 5 lot of that credit goes to the two folks that
- 6 are in front of us now, Richard and Curt.
- 7 And, Tad, I wanted to say one other
- 8 thing, your folks at the Gaming Board have been
- 9 very, very helpful in turning around, along with
- 10 the State Police, the background checks for some
- of the GTECH employees that we need to have on
- the floor at Mohegan Sun right now and some of
- 13 the folks here in Harrisburg, including
- 14 Department of Revenue employees.
- I am going up to Mohegan Sun tomorrow,
- just to kind of kick the tires, and we have, I
- think, many of our auditors, and I think the
- 18 Department of Revenue is going to have somewhere
- around 15 to 20 employees there tomorrow.
- 20 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Great.
- 21 SECRETARY FAJT: So, with that, Curt
- 22 and Richard, thanks for being here. I will turn
- 23 it over to you guys.
- 24 MR. HAINES: Good afternoon and hello,
- 25 again. It's been about six months, I think,

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1 since I have been at one of your meetings; and a
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- 2 couple weeks ago my boss, Secretary Fajt, came
- in and said, Haines, it's about time you go and
- 4 sit in front of the Board and tell us what you
- 5 have been doing for the last six months.
- 6 Because what I have been doing and
- 7 Richard and our teams have been doing are so
- 8 intertwined, we just thought it would be a good
- 9 time for a joint discussion, ultimately leading
- 10 to hopefully getting the Board a comfort level
- 11 that the central control system is indeed ready
- to be deployed in support of Mohegan Sun.
- 13 In the interest of time, I will skip
- 14 the first part of my talk, which was pretty much
- 15 a history lesson.
- By now, everybody knows Act 71 mandates
- 17 the central control system. Most people know
- 18 revenue went on in a competitive process,
- 19 selected GTECH, executed a contract, and we have
- 20 been working with them since -- in detail since
- 21 last November of 2005.
- In November, we convened a total of six
- 23 state agencies who are going to be stakeholders
- of this central control system.
- 25 In the Department of Revenue, there are

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1 four work units. Obviously, our executive
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- office, our Bureau of Information Systems;
- 3 Bureau of Fiscal Management; and our Bureau of
- 4 Audits are going to be players in or users of
- 5 the central control system. At the Gaming
- 6 Control Board, obviously, the lab and Richard
- 7 and his staff, and also the Bureau of
- 8 Investigation and Enforcement. The Pennsylvania
- 9 State Police were invited to participate in
- 10 those early requirement meetings.
- 11 The Office of the Budget, the
- 12 comptroller's operations, who have duties to
- make certain that the processes and procedures
- 14 that we engage to collect money and remit money,
- and the bank money, are being signed and
- 16 secured.
- 17 The State Treasurer's Office was asked
- 18 to participate, because ultimately they banked
- 19 the funds that we will be receiving from the
- 20 operators, and they had to establish a unique
- 21 account codes and things like that; and also the
- 22 Governor's Office of Administration because
- 23 ultimately the output from the central control
- 24 system will go into the state central accounting
- 25 system or the SAP system, as it's come to be

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- 2 So we got all of these people together,
- 3 and the GTECH project team basically started to
- 4 tell us what their system does.
- 5 This is a transfer product. It has
- 6 been deployed in other jurisdictions. Most
- 7 recently we have Atlantic Lottery from Canada
- 8 that I think is three or four eastern provinces,
- 9 and GTECH came in and said, Here is what the
- 10 system can do now.
- 11 The six agencies working together said,
- Yes, we need that function; yes, we need this
- 13 function; no, we don't need that; or in some
- 14 cases, Act 71 prohibits us from employing that
- 15 function, for instance, player tracking.
- So we went through, literally, three
- 17 months of extremely detailed meetings and worked
- with everybody involved to figure out exactly
- what this computer system has to do to meet its
- 20 Act 71 requirements and to support gaming across
- 21 all of these agencies.
- We actually got to the point where we
- 23 finished that. We had the documents which were
- yeah thick, submitted to each of the agencies
- for their review and formal sign-off. So we

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1 knew what the target was.
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- 2 GTECH's development folks went away for
- 3 several months and made all of the changes that
- 4 Pennsylvania needs to meet its Act 71
- 5 obligations.
- About that time, thanks to Richard and
- 7 his folks and their contacts with the
- 8 prospective operators, when GTECH went away to
- 9 do those system modifications, we invited all of
- 10 the prospective operators into a detailed
- 11 meeting to begin to explain to them how the
- 12 central control system is going to operate, what
- they have to do to support it, and they have a
- lot to do to support this, particularly in the
- 15 construction of their casino.
- We began a very good dialogue with
- 17 those operators and the first four or five class
- ones, obviously, we have continued literally
- 19 weekly discussions and dialogues with them from
- 20 the project team.
- 21 As I said, in June -- in addition to
- 22 the six agencies, five operators came to the
- 23 table and we have been moving forward in rolling
- 24 this out.
- 25 In September, the -- well, actually it

1 was in August, we began system testing of all of

- those modifications through the GTECH central
- 3 control system.
- 4 Under our contact with GTECH, an
- 5 independent third party company, Gaming Labs
- 6 International, was engaged to help Revenue test
- 7 that the system modifications that we requested
- 8 were, indeed, functioning properly and it was
- 9 benchmarked against those requirements; and all
- 10 six agencies had to find for the system, and the
- 11 first week of September GLI indicated that it
- 12 had -- the system had passed that certification
- 13 review process and the system had met all of the
- 14 requirements that we had laid out for it.
- 15 And about that time -- and I will soon
- 16 defer to Richard -- his folks were up and
- 17 running in the lab, connecting to the test
- 18 system of the central computer system; and in
- 19 addition to the GLI testing, his folks were
- 20 certifying individual slot machines, but at the
- 21 same time, in our opinion, performing yet
- 22 another layer of testing over and above what GLI
- have done.
- So by the end of September, we had
- 25 identified a number of issues and had corrected

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1 them, and we were feeling more and more
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- 2 comfortable that this system was ready to roll
- 3 out.
- 4 Once again, talking weekly with the --
- 5 especially the folks at Mohegan Sun. So we got
- 6 to the point at the end of September that, yes,
- 7 this system is what we needed to do.
- 8 What it is doing is it is logging all
- 9 activity from every individual slot machine on
- 10 the casino floor. Every time there is a bill
- inserted, a voucher, a cash-out, a play, a
- drawer opened, that event is logged with the
- 13 financial details of that event on the central
- 14 control system. It issues alerts, when things
- 15 like door openings occur, unexpected events so
- 16 that the Bureau of Investigative Enforcement and
- other folks at the gaming site know that
- 18 something out of the ordinary has occurred and
- 19 they can dispatch people to see what is going
- 20 on.
- 21 Probably the most important thing it
- does is every single day it certifies that the
- 23 software that was on every one of these machines
- has not been tampered with.
- 25 Each machine has a unique software

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1 signature, and every single day the system will
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- 2 pull that individual machine, compare it to the
- 3 software signature registered on the central
- 4 system, and if it doesn't match, it immediately
- 5 disables that machine and issues an alert.
- 6 It does that certification any time
- 7 that a technician would open a drawer for a cash
- 8 sweep or for any number of legitimate things
- 9 that have to occur in the maintenance of these
- 10 slot machines.
- 11 So that is, probably from an integrity
- 12 standpoint, one of the most important things
- 13 that the central system does, is to verify that
- 14 no software has changed beyond it's original
- 15 deployment.
- 16 It also calculates, based on all of
- 17 this mass transaction input into the system, the
- 18 gross terminal revenue of every individual slot
- 19 machine and then collectively for that casino
- 20 for each operating day.
- 21 Overnight the system will calculate
- 22 what the casino operator owes, as far as its
- 23 state taxes are concerned. It will initially,
- very early in the morning, present an electronic
- 25 invoice to the Department of Revenue, fiscal

1 management, for them to take one last review of

- 2 it.
- 3 Once they approve it, it will send that
- 4 electronic invoice onto the individual operator
- 5 at the venue for payment, electronic funds
- 6 payment that morning, I think no later than
- 7 11:00.
- 8 Those funds should be hitting the State
- 9 Treasurer's office for processing an investment
- of those funds and accounting its proper
- disbursement based on Act 71.
- The system, also, we were almost
- obsessed on the point of redundancy of these
- 14 systems. We knew from day one the last thing we
- 15 needed or wanted or could tolerate was a venue
- operator being down, because the state's central
- 17 control system was not functioning properly or
- 18 it had crashed or we had lost communication with
- 19 the venue.
- 20 So we have worked with GTECH and the
- 21 operators to build in a very large amount or a
- 22 high amount of redundancy, so that duplicate
- 23 tasks from every venue into the central control
- 24 system.
- There are a total of three computer

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1 systems being updated with every single
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- 2 transaction that occurs at each individual slot
- 3 machine; two here at the primary site in
- 4 Harrisburg, and one in Austin, Texas, which is
- 5 the disaster recovery site for the state's
- 6 central control system.
- Myself and a senior member of our BIS,
- 8 of our Information Systems Bureau, traveled to
- 9 Austin to see that site and to, basically, make
- 10 certain that it was secure; and it was a
- 11 state-of-the-art data center and GTECH is
- 12 supporting gaming operations in the entire
- western hemisphere in that operation.
- So every single time something occurs
- 15 at the slot machine, all three of those computer
- 16 systems would get simultaneously updated.
- We also did tests where we actually
- disabled communications from the casino to make
- 19 certain that processing could be switched to
- 20 Austin. We did dry runs in that. We are very
- 21 comfortable that the redundancy we built into
- this is about as good as you can get.
- We also have engineered this so that in
- the hopefully very unlikely event the central
- 25 system has lost communication with the venue,

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that the venue doesn't have to shut down, and
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- there would be no loss of integrity.
- 3 We have data storage devices deployed
- 4 in each of the venues that will continue to
- 5 track and log all of the activity going on at
- 6 each individual slot machine so that when
- 7 communications are restored, that data is
- 8 transferred back up to the central system, and
- 9 all of the accounting and the safeguards are
- 10 still in place for that.
- 11 We had originally -- Atlantic Lottery
- in Canada had 12-hour support of the casino. We
- 13 upped it -- we upped that to 24 hours, and the
- 14 history of this is, it's only been, I think, one
- 15 time for an hour in Rhode Island that their
- 16 central system has lost -- was down because of
- 17 communication failure.
- 18 So we feel we have built into this
- 19 Pennsylvania infrastructure a good bit of
- 20 safeguards, so as not to negatively impact the
- venue operator, while at the same time
- 22 guaranteeing integrity of those gaming
- 23 operations.
- 24 The system has many, many reports in it
- to support the six agencies, and as we speak,

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1 this week, literally at this time there are
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- 2 people being trained in those reports so they
- 3 know how to access the data they need to do
- 4 their job.
- We also, in the process, determined
- 6 that we needed a test system so that the gaming
- 7 lab can hook up to and basically continue their
- 8 ongoing certification process of slot machines,
- 9 and I think at this point I will turn it over to
- 10 Richard to describe exactly how they are using
- 11 that system and what the future entails.
- 12 MR. WILLIAMSON: Thank you, Curt. Good
- 13 afternoon.
- Just to summarize quickly. What we are
- doing is we have a system in the lab, which is a
- 16 test system, the computer sending it over where
- 17 the main computer is. We hooked up all of the
- 18 slot machines to it after it became available to
- 19 us. We quickly ran through -- quickly and
- 20 thoroughly ran through all of the slot machine
- 21 programs to make sure that they were operating
- 22 correctly, and where there were any problems
- 23 detected, the beauty of the world economy with
- 24 GTECH is they actually had their Polish team
- work on it overnight and had the corrections

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1 back to us the next day by 3:00 in the
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- 2 afternoon. So they were very responsive to us,
- 3 and enabled us to continue quickly and get
- 4 through our testing process. The tool will be
- 5 available to us on an ongoing basis with support
- 6 from GTECH with the support of DOR.
- 7 CHAIRMAN DECKER: That's great. Any
- 8 questions for either Curt or Richard on that
- 9 subject? It is a very good report.
- 10 THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 11 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Great.
- 12 I'm sure we will be hearing more about
- the success as it is installed. Thank you.
- 14 Our next item is administration. Mike
- Walsh, I think he has an important announcement
- for us and two action items. Right, Michael?
- 17 MR. WALSH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- The two proposed hires for today are --
- one is in the Bureau of Licensing and one is in
- 20 the Bureau of Gaming Laboratory Operations.
- 21 Jennifer Lang is being recommended for a
- 22 licensing technician position; and in the Bureau
- of Licensing, a Michael Feldman, for a Gaming
- 24 Lab Trainee position in the Bureau of Gaming Lab
- operations.

1 CHAIRMAN DECKER: May I have a motion?

2	COMMISSIONER RIVERS: Based on	
3	recommendation of Director of Administration, I	
4	move to hire the two individuals mentioned.	
5	CHAIRMAN DECKER: Second, please?	
6	COMMISSIONER McCABE: Second.	
7	CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you. Any	
8	comments or questions from Michael?	
9	THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]	
10	CHAIRMAN DECKER: All of those in	
11	favor?	
12	THE BOARD: Aye.	
13	CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any opposed?	
14	THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]	
15	CHAIRMAN DECKER: Motion carries.	
16	Thank you.	
17	MR. WALSH: The second item is	
18	requesting Board approval to enter into a lease	
19	agreement, which would be an amendment to our	
20	current lease, at the Verizon Towers here in	
21	downtown Harrisburg, and this would be for the	
22	almost 20,000 square feet of space on the 10th	
23	floor of the building, which will outfit	
24	primarily gaming lab operation's lab space and	
25	Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement, Chief	

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- 2 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Okay.
- 3 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, I
- 4 hereby move that the Board approve a seven-year
- 5 lease agreement for 19,824 square feet of office
- 6 space at a rate of \$22.08 per square foot at 303
- 7 Walnut Street, Verizon Tower, Tenth Floor,
- 8 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
- 9 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Second?
- 10 COMMISSIONER COLINS: Second.
- 11 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you.
- 12 Any questions or comments?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 14 CHAIRMAN DECKER: All those in favor?
- THE BOARD: Aye.
- 16 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any opposed?
- 17 THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 18 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Motion carries.
- 19 Thank you, Michael, very much.
- 20 Okay. I think next up is Office of
- 21 General Council, Frank Donaghue, along with
- 22 Maureen Williamson.
- Melinda is here too? No? Oh, and
- 24 Richard. Thank you.
- 25 And Michelle. Did I introduce Michelle

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- 2 MR. DONAGHUE: Good afternoon,
- 3 Mr. Chairman and Board Members.
- 4 The Office of Chief Council is
- 5 presenting three items today. The first is the
- 6 gaming floor plan for Mohegan Sun at Pocono
- 7 Down, which Maureen Williamson, Deputy Chief
- 8 Counsel for gaming operations, will present.
- 9 The second is a set of guidelines for
- 10 the use of funds allocated to horsemen's
- 11 organizations. Section 1406 (b) of the Act
- requires the Board to establish these guidelines
- to ensure that the funds allocated are used to
- finance programs that benefit all horsemen.
- The final item is another proposed
- 16 rulemaking change packet that will convert
- temporary regulatory Chapters 465, 466 and 467
- 18 to permanent regulations.
- 19 After Board adoption, this proposed
- 20 rule will be sent to the Office of Budget, to
- 21 the Legislative Reference Bureau, to the
- 22 standing committees in the House and the Senate
- 23 and to the Independent Regulatory Review
- 24 Commission to start the first phase of
- 25 regulatory review process.

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                The public will then have 30 days to
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       submit comments, and the Independent Regulatory
       Review Commission will have an additional 30
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       days to submit its comments. The standing
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       committees may submit comments at any time.
                I will now ask Maureen to present the
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       floor plan for Pocono Downs.
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                MS. WILLIAMSON: Good morning or good
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       afternoon.
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                If there really was ever any doubt left
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       in anyone's mind that we are about to actually
       do this, I think they should be resolved today
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       when I am very pleased to present for the
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       Board's consideration the floor plan for Mohegan
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       Sun at Pocono Downs.
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       prerequisite to the conduct of test night and a
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       prerequisite to an actual authorization to
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       commence slot operations is that the Board
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       approve a floor plan which shows the gaming
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       floor itself and any amenities and restricted
       areas that are servicing the slot operation.
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For consideration today, there is a

floor plan prepared by the architectural firm of

Jeter, Cook & Jetson.

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1 It is a plan that was originally drawn
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- 2 as of November 5th, 2005, and has been revised
- 3 through October 23rd. It depicts a maximum of
- 4 36,016 square feet of gaming floor space and
- 5 maximum slot configuration of 1172 slot
- 6 machines. It depicts all of those slot machines
- 7 with a zone, bank and location number, all slot
- 8 seating.
- 9 It depicts the surveillance plan,
- 10 security zones and the location of amenities
- 11 servicing the facilities, such as account room,
- 12 cashier's cage, ATM, voucher redemption machines
- and things of that nature.
- 14 The plan is proprietary to Downs
- Racing, on the basis of the fact it depicts in a
- 16 great deal of detail its surveillance and
- 17 security plans, and so for that reason it will
- 18 be retained as confidential by the Board.
- 19 So I would respectfully request that
- 20 the Board adopt the resolution adopting this
- 21 floor plan as presented.
- 22 COMMISSIONER ANGELI: Mr. Chairman, I
- 23 move that the Board approve the floor plan of
- 24 Downs Racing as prepared.
- 25 COMMISSIONER COY: Second.

1	CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any questions?
2	THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
3	CHAIRMAN DECKER: All those in favor,
4	please indicate by saying aye.
5	THE BOARD: Aye.
6	CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any opposed?
7	THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
8	CHAIRMAN DECKER: The motion carries.
9	Thank you, Maureen.
10	MS. WILLIAMSON: Thank you.
11	MR. DONAGHUE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman
12	Now Richard Sandusky will now speak to
13	the issue of the horsemen's organization
14	guidelines.
15	MR. SANDUSKY: Good afternoon.
16	Melinda got called back to work on a
17	couple of other more pressing issues so I am
18	standing in for her.
19	Today the guidelines that you have, as
20	Frank noted, are guidelines that are required by
21	Act 71, and they address how funds that are
22	allocated to horsemen's organizations are to be
23	distributed and various auditing and reporting

I would note that these guidelines were

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requirements included.

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- 2 organizations. They were given to both of the
- 3 horse racing commissions, and copies have been
- 4 distributed to the attorneys representing all of
- 5 the Category 1 Licensees and applicants.
- 6 No one from any one of those groups had
- 7 any comments or concerns with the guidelines.
- 8 So unless there are any questions on specific
- 9 portions of them, I would ask for a motion for
- 10 approval of the guidelines by the Board.
- 11 COMMISSIONER COLINS: Mr. Chairman, I
- move that the Board adopt the guidelines for the
- use of funds allocated to horsemen's
- 14 organizations, such as required by Section
- 15 1406(b) of the Act; that the Board publish these
- 16 guidelines as a notice and guidelines in the
- 17 Pennsylvania Bulletin; and that the Board post
- these guidelines on the Board's website.
- 19 COMMISSIONER COY: Second.
- 20 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Just so our
- 21 stenographer can hear that, we are adopting the
- 22 guidelines with respect to the use of funds. Am
- 23 I correct on that, Richard?
- MR. SANDUSKY: That's correct.
- 25 CHAIRMAN DECKER: I didn't know if you

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1 could hear.
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- 2 MR. SANDUSKY: The other two parts were
- 3 that we would put them on our website and they
- 4 will be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.
- 5 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Okay. Thank you.
- 6 Any questions?
- 7 THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 8 CHAIRMAN DECKER: All those in favor
- 9 indicate by saying aye.
- 10 THE BOARD: Aye.
- 11 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any opposed?
- 12 THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 13 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you. The
- 14 motion carries.
- I think next we have Maureen and
- 16 Michelle on certain Chapters --
- 17 MR. DONAGHUE: That's correct.
- 18 CHAIRMAN DECKER: -- 465, 466 and 467.
- 19 Michelle?
- MS. AFRAGOLA: Yes. Thank you.
- 21 As Frank mentioned, the regulations
- that are offered for your consideration today
- 23 are Chapters 465, 466 and 467.
- 24 These regulations pertain to accounting
- 25 and internal control standards. They also

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1 pertain to slot computer systems and
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- 2 commencement of operations.
- 3 These regulations have been edited and
- 4 revised by our staff, and in her spare time
- 5 Maureen has assisted us with this.
- 6 Upon your approval, the regulations
- 7 will be sent to Budget, the appropriate
- 8 Legislative Committees, IRCC, and the
- 9 Pennsylvania Bulletin for the beginning of a
- 10 30-day public comment period.
- I will now go over, briefly, some of
- 12 the amendments: Chapter 465 discusses the
- auditing, accounting and reporting requirements,
- 14 which the facilities must have in place during
- 15 the operation of the facility.
- These regulations include procedures
- and protocols related to accounting, auditing,
- 18 reporting, surveillance, suspicious activity
- 19 reporting, et cetera.
- 20 The changes in this chapter are largely
- 21 editorial. The definition section, which was
- 465.1, has been moved to the beginning of the
- subpart, which is Chapter 461.
- 24 Aside from that, in Section 465.9, the
- video surveillance retention requirements have

1 been amended, as well as the conditions for wire

- 2 transfer reversals.
- 3 Two additional sections have been added
- 4 to this chapter relating to the gaming day and
- 5 signature, and these are just provisions that
- 6 were originally in the definition section, and
- 7 we have moved them to separate sections.
- 8 Chapter 466 relates to slot computer
- 9 systems and Chapter 467 relates to commencement
- 10 of slot operations. These were just editorial
- 11 changes. There have been no substantive changes
- in these chapters.
- 13 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Okay.
- MS. AFRAGOLA: And that concludes my
- 15 presentation.
- 16 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you. Any
- 17 questions?
- 18 COMMISSIONER COY: Mr. Chairman, I move
- 19 that the Board adopt the proposed regulations
- 20 number 125-49, pertaining to Chapters 465, 466
- and 467; and that the Board establish a public
- 22 comment period of 30 days; and that the Board
- post this proposed regulation on the Board's
- 24 website.
- 25 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: Second.

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1 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you. All in
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- 2 favor?
- 3 THE BOARD: Aye.
- 4 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any opposed?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 6 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Motion carries.
- 7 Thank you, Frank, and the rest of the
- 8 members of the staff.
- 9 MR. DONAGHUE: Thank you.
- 10 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Okay.
- 11 Next up is hearings and appeals,
- 12 Michael Edmiston. I guess -- Mickey Kane, are
- you coming up as well?
- MR. EDMISTON: Good afternoon,
- Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board.
- 16 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Doug Sherman is here
- 17 as well. Thank you, Michael. I appreciate it.
- 18 MR. EDMISTON: This first order of
- 19 business is to withdraw -- the agenda calls for
- 20 the consideration of the withdrawal of Seven
- 21 Springs Farm, and Counsel Doug Sherwin is here
- 22 to join us in that aspect of your program.
- 23 Doug?
- MR. SHERWIN: Good afternoon, Chairman
- 25 Decker and Members of the Board.

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                Currently pending before the Board is a
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       petition by Seven Springs Farms Incorporated to
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       withdraw its application for a conditional -- or
       I'm sorry -- a Category 3 slot machine license,
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       along with those associated applications from
       consideration by the Board.
                The withdrawal is to be without
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       prejudice. The petition has been reviewed and
       is in -- it's appropriate in form, and it's
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       based on the inability of the present owners of
       Seven Springs Farms Incorporated to achieve an
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       ownership structure in compliance with the Act,
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       while still preserving the owner's obligations
       to its major league baseball interests.
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       not indicated any objection to the withdraw of
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       the Category 3 application and its associated
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       costs, which are owed to the Board for
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       investigation matters, are fulfilled prior to
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       the issuance of the withdrawal.
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       Springs Farms Incorporated has been contacted.
       He represents that he concurs and is in
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       agreement with this requirement of the Office of
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- 2 Upon this basis, we request that the
- 3 Board consider the petition to withdraw the
- 4 application of Seven Springs Farms; and that the
- 5 associated application also be withdrawn under
- 6 these terms.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, I
- 8 move that the Board approve the order granting
- 9 withdrawal of the application of Seven Springs
- 10 Farm Incorporated, and all applications and
- 11 waiver requests associated therewith.
- 12 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you.
- 13 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Second.
- 14 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you. Are there
- any questions or comments?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 17 CHAIRMAN DECKER: All those in favor,
- 18 please indicate by saying aye.
- 19 THE BOARD: Aye.
- 20 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any opposed?
- 21 THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 22 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Motion carries.
- 23 Thank you.
- Now we are onto General Withdrawal
- 25 Petitions, Michael.

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1 MR. EDMISTON: That's correct,
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- 2 Mr. Chairman.
- 3 You have before you -- or will shortly
- 4 -- a motion authorizing, approving the
- 5 withdrawal of two affiliate applications, two
- 6 permittee applications, one entity qualifier
- 7 application, 14 key employer qualifier, employee
- 8 qualifier applications and one manufacturer
- 9 license application.
- There are no issues with these items en
- 11 masse as to the approval without prejudice by
- the Office of Chief Enforcement Council, and
- there has been consent and a reconciliation --
- 14 excuse me -- there has been a reconciliation of
- 15 accounts and consent by the attorneys for all of
- 16 the withdrawals.
- There are two exceptions to that
- 18 general statement. One of the key employee
- 19 qualifiers is a withdrawal with prejudice, one
- of the 14, and the manufacturer license
- 21 applicant is subject to conditions that relate
- 22 to expenditures for investigation.
- That is all I have for you.
- 24 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Okay. May I have a
- 25 motion?

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1 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Mr. Chairman, I
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- 2 move that the Board approve the order granting
- 3 withdrawal of the applications of Paulette
- Bailey, Eugene D. DeNardo, Michael Mauser, MLGC,
- 5 LP, Robert Neugebauer, North American Gaming,
- 6 Inc., Timothy B. Nyman, Marc Crisafulli, Philip
- 7 R. Lochner, Jr., Christine Cournoyer, Burnett W.
- 8 Donoho, Paget Alves and William Meadowbrook and
- 9 Reginald C. Orme, PDS Holding Company, Inc.; and
- 10 the key employee qualifier applications of Peter
- 11 Douglas Cleary and Lona Mae Finley, Bradley K.
- 12 Serwin, the St. George Group, LLC and Matthew
- 13 Wetzel.
- 14 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Okay. Thank you.
- 15 Second?
- 16 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: Second.
- 17 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any questions or
- 18 comments?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 20 CHAIRMAN DECKER: All those in favor?
- 21 THE BOARD: Aye.
- 22 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Opposed?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 24 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Motion carries.
- 25 Thank you.

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1 I think we have another item. Mickey?
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- 2 MS. KANE: Yes, Mr. Chairman and
- 3 Members of the Board.
- 4 You have before you for disposition
- 5 today two motions requesting attorneys licensed
- 6 in Nevada be granted permission to appear before
- 7 Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board for the
- 8 purpose of representing a specific entity that
- 9 has business before the Board.
- 10 The status of these attorneys was
- 11 reviewed by the Office of Chief Counsel, which
- 12 has expressed no objection.
- 13 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you. May I
- 14 have a motion?
- 15 COMMISSIONER RIVERS: Yes.
- Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board
- 17 approve the order granting the motion for
- 18 admission pro hac vice to John A. Godfrey and
- 19 Lynn Handler.
- 20 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: Second.
- 21 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you. Any
- 22 questions?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 24 CHAIRMAN DECKER: All of those in
- 25 favor?

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1 THE BOARD: Aye.
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- 2 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any opposed?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 4 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Motion carries.
- 5 Thank you Doug, Michael and Mickey.
- 6 Richard, please.
- 7 I will introduce Richard Williamson,
- 8 Director of our Gaming Laboratory Operations.
- 9 MR. WILLIAMSON: Good afternoon,
- 10 Chairman Decker and illustrious Board Members
- 11 all.
- I have a few agenda items to present
- for your consideration and action. Pursuant to
- 14 Section 1320, the Board may determine at its
- 15 discretion that the slot machine testing
- 16 certification standards of another jurisdiction
- 17 within the United States can be relied upon for
- 18 the abbreviated process.
- I have a long-standing relationship
- 20 with the Michigan Gaming Control Board's Gaming
- 21 Laboratory and was instrumental in its
- 22 development. I even lost an employee to that
- agency for the cause.
- 24 The rules and procedures of MGCB are
- 25 substantially similar to those of the

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1 Commonwealth. It is the recommendation of the
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- 2 Bureau of Gaming Laboratory Operations that the
- 3 Board approve the Michigan Gaming Control Board
- 4 as a peer jurisdiction, upon which this agency
- 5 can rely for the purpose of the abbreviated
- 6 process authorized in Section 1320.
- 7 COMMISSIONER ANGELI: Mr. Chairman,
- 8 pursuant to Section 1320 of the Pennsylvania
- 9 Racehorse Development and Gaming Act, and based
- 10 upon careful comparison of applicable regulatory
- 11 requirements, I would like to move that the
- 12 Board determine that the slot machine and
- associated equipment testing standards of
- 14 Michigan are sufficiently comprehensive and
- 15 thorough and provide similar adequate safeguards
- 16 to those required under Act's regulations and
- 17 the technical standards adopted by the Board to
- 18 permit the Board to rely on approvals by those
- 19 jurisdictions for the purposes of implementing
- an abbreviated testing process for slot machines
- 21 and associated equipment conducted pursuant to
- the Act in Chapter 461 of the Pennsylvania
- 23 Gaming Control Board regulations.
- 24 COMMISSIONER COY: Second.
- 25 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you.

1	Any questions for Richard?
2	THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
3	CHAIRMAN DECKER: All those in favor?
4	THE BOARD: Aye.
5	CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any opposed?
6	THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
7	CHAIRMAN DECKER: Motion carries.
8	Thank you.
9	MR. WILLIAMSON: Before you is a
10	resolution to approve the latest results of the
11	lab's review. The Bureau of Gaming Laboratory
12	Operations recommends the approval of 3,024
13	percentages and the rejection of 84 percentages
14	Although approved under other state's
15	rules, the rejected percentages failed to meet
16	the Commonwealth's minimum standards.
17	These programs represent product
18	submissions from Aristocrat, Atronic, Bally,
19	IGT, Konami, WMS Gaming; and jurisdictions upon
20	which this agency relied were New Jersey,
21	Nevada, Michigan and Pennsylvania.
22	CHAIRMAN DECKER: Richard, are some of
23	these new to Pennsylvania or that is going to
24	come up later?

MR. WILLIAMSON: Some of these are new

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1 to Pennsylvania, yes.
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- 2 CHAIRMAN DECKER: So it's the first
- 3 time they've been introduced anywhere. Correct?
- 4 MR. WILLIAMSON: Yes, that's correct.
- 5 CHAIRMAN DECKER: That's very
- 6 interesting.
- 7 May I have a motion, please?
- 8 COMMISSIONER COLINS: I would like to
- 9 move that the Board approve Resolution 2006-33
- 10 GL to approve slot machine programs and
- 11 theoretical payout percentages.
- 12 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you. May I
- have a second, please?
- 14 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: Second.
- 15 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any questions?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 17 CHAIRMAN DECKER: All those in favor,
- 18 please indicate by saying aye.
- 19 THE BOARD: Aye.
- 20 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any opposed?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 22 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Motion carries.
- 23 Thank you.
- 24 Richard?
- MR. WILLIAMSON: The next agenda item I

would like to hold until after a licensing

- 2 matter is brought up.
- 3 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Okay.
- 4 MR. WILLIAMSON: So we will pass that.
- 5 In order for the Board to quickly
- 6 respond to the needs of the slot machine
- 7 licensees, it is a recommendation of this Bureau
- 8 that delegated authority be granted to the
- 9 Executive Director for Product Approval that are
- 10 necessary between the regular meetings of the
- 11 Board.
- 12 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, I
- move that we delegate authority to the Executive
- 14 Director for the approval of slot machine
- prototypes and associated equipment prototypes
- 16 and modifications thereto.
- 17 COMMISSIONER COY: Second.
- 18 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any questions?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 20 CHAIRMAN DECKER: All those in favor?
- THE BOARD: Aye.
- 22 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any opposed?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 24 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Motion carries.
- MR. WILLIAMSON: This resolution for

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1 your consideration, this next one, is in
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- 2 response to Harrah's Downs and Marina, LLC, a
- 3 request to possess slot machines at its facility
- at 1 Morton Avenue in Chester, Pennsylvania.
- 5 The area where the slot machines will
- 6 be placed is the actual area where the gaming
- 7 activity will occur.
- 8 Agents of BIE have inspected the
- 9 facility and, as a result, the interposes no
- 10 objections to this request.
- 11 The requisite conditions for
- 12 transportation and access to the slot machines
- 13 by licensed personnel is part of the resolution.
- 14 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Mr. Chairman --
- 15 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Yes, please.
- 16 COMMISSIONER McCABE: -- I move to
- approve resolution 2006-35 GL, which authorizes
- 18 the possession of slot machines by Chester Downs
- and Marina, LLC, for the purpose of maintaining
- them for use or training in compliance with
- 21 requirements of 58 PA Code, Chapter 463, subject
- 22 to compliance by Chester Downs Marina, LLC with
- 23 all applicable requirements with regard to
- 24 possession, transportation and securing slot
- 25 machines.

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1 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you. A second?
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- 2 COMMISSIONER RIVERS: Second.
- 3 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you.
- 4 Any questions for Richard on that
- 5 point?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 7 CHAIRMAN DECKER: All of those in
- 8 favor, please indicate by saying aye.
- 9 THE BOARD: Aye.
- 10 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any opposed?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 12 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Motion carries.
- 13 Thank you, Richard. We will hear from you again
- shortly.
- MR. WILLIAMSON: Yes, after Director
- 16 Hensel.
- 17 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Well, what we have
- decided to do, before we turn to licensing, we
- 19 are going to take a recess now and have our
- lunch, and also we are going to come back and
- 21 then deal with our -- excuse me -- our
- 22 suitability hearing on a Category 3 licensee,
- and then we will come back and reconvene the
- 24 Board meeting.
- 25 So we will take 20 minutes. We will

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1 come back here at 20 of 2.
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- 2 (Meeting recessed for lunch and
- 3 continuation of a suitability hearing from
- 4 1:20 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.)
- 5 CHAIRMAN DECKER: We will reconvene our
- 6 Board Meeting for today. Our next topic is,
- 7 coincidentally, licensing.
- 8 We have a Conditional one -- excuse me,
- 9 Conditional Category 1 operator license for
- 10 Presque Isle Downs, Inc. Am I correct?
- MR. SCHWOYER: There are two pending
- 12 withdrawal petitions.
- 13 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Fine. That is still
- part of that overall umbrella, is it not?
- MR. SCHWOYER: Yes, sir.
- 16 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Okay. Then let's go
- 17 ahead. Michael, you first?
- MR. SCHWOYER: Yes, sir.
- 19 There are two withdrawal petitions
- 20 filed by Presque Isle Downs. One docketed at
- 21 1350-09-06-P108 --
- 22 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Okay.
- 23 MR. SCHWOYER: -- that is the key
- 24 employer qualifier application of Theodore
- 25 Dragisich; and one docket at 1350-10-06-P123,

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1 petition to withdraw the key employer qualifier
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- 2 entity of Technica Development Corp and the
- 3 application filed and waiver applications filed
- 4 in connection therewith.
- 5 The Office of Enforcement Council is
- 6 recommending those petitions be granted without
- 7 prejudice and the Dragisich withdrawal order,
- 8 the Office of Enforcement Council is
- 9 recommending that that be subject to four
- 10 conditions, which are set forth in the proposed
- 11 order.
- 12 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, I
- move that we approve the petitions to withdraw
- both applications.
- 15 COMMISSIONER COY: Second.
- 16 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Are there any
- 17 questions or comments for the staff about this
- 18 Applicant?
- 19 COMMISSIONER COLINS: My concerns have
- 20 been by addressed so I have nothing further.
- 21 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Okay. So now we are
- voting on the withdrawal of these applicants.
- 23 All of those in favor, please indicate by saying
- 24 aye.
- THE BOARD: Aye.

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1 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any opposed?
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- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 3 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Motion carries.
- 4 Thank you. Next up?
- 5 MS. HENSEL: Thank you, Chairman
- 6 Decker, and good afternoon, Members of the
- 7 Board. There are several licensing matters that
- 8 I would like to bring to your attention today.
- 9 The first is to present the Presque
- 10 Isle Downs, Inc., Conditional Category 1 license
- 11 application.
- 12 Presque Isle Downs has had its
- suitability hearing, and you've had an
- opportunity to review the record, including the
- 15 suitability report.
- 16 Should the Board approve Presque Isle
- Downs, Inc., it would be subject to a number of
- 18 provisions. I would like to briefly review some
- 19 of these items with you.
- 20 First, prior to license issuance, the
- 21 applicant would be required to complete the
- 22 following: Pay any outstanding fee other than
- 23 the \$50 million licensing fee, sign a statement
- of conditions, and pay the one-time \$50 million
- 25 slot machine license fee required by Racehorse

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1 Development and Gaming Act. This must be made
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- 2 no later than four months from the date of
- 3 approval of license or 10 business days prior to
- 4 the beginning of the test period necessary to
- 5 commence slot machine operations, whichever
- 6 would commence first. The 30-day appeal period
- 7 would also have had to expire.
- 8 In addition, with respect to the
- 9 commencement of slot machine operations, the
- 10 Board's approval of a license would include a
- 11 delegation of authority to a designated board
- member.
- This delegation would grant the
- 14 delegated board member the authority to permit
- the approved licensee to commence a test period
- pursuant to the Board's regulations.
- 17 The delegation would also include, in
- 18 consultation with the Executive Director, the
- 19 ability for the designated board member to
- 20 determine the successful completion of the test
- 21 period, and to authorize the effective date and
- time at which slot operations may commence.
- 23 As was true with the other conditional
- 24 Category 1 applicants, those approved for a
- 25 conditional Category 1 license are subject to a

1 statement of conditions containing general and,

- 2 in some cases, specific conditions.
- 3 The Presque Isle Downs application is
- 4 now before the Board for consideration. As has
- 5 been stated in the record, the Bureau of
- 6 Investigations and Enforcement, the Bureau of
- 7 Licensing, and the Bureau of Corporate
- 8 Compliance and Internal Controls are not aware
- 9 of any information that would preclude
- 10 licensure.
- 11 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you. Anything
- 12 else?
- 13 MR. SCHWOYER: I would just like to
- 14 reiterate that the Office of Enforcement Council
- is recommending that in addition to the general
- statement of conditions applicable to Category 1
- 17 applications or licenses, that the Presque Isle
- Downs' license, should the Board approve their
- 19 application, be subject to some special
- 20 conditions pertaining to some individuals and
- 21 some companies as well as business operations.
- 22 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you.
- Denyse, do you have anything else to
- 24 add?
- MS. MISKIN: No.

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2	All right. May I have a motion?
3	COMMISSIONER RIVERS: Yes.
4	Mr. Chairman, after considering all of
5	the information in the evidentiary record,
6	considering the application of Presque Isle
7	Downs, I make a motion to approve Presque Isle
8	Downs for a Conditional Category 1 slot machine
9	license under Section 1315 of the Pennsylvania
10	Racehorse Development and Gaming Act, and award
11	the appropriate license to its key employee
12	qualifiers to whom the Bureau of Investigation
13	and Enforcement and the Bureau of Licensing has
14	no objections.
15	COMMISSIONER COLINS: This is
16	Commissioner Colins. Is there a vote? I cannot

CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you.

- 18 MS. NEEB: Yes, there is a vote, and I
- 19 would request the Board do a roll call.
- 20 CHAIRMAN DECKER: We need a second.
- 21 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: Second.
- 22 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Are there any
- 23 questions first?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 25 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Can we have the roll

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- 2 MR. RESCH: Angeli.
- 3 COMMISSIONER ANGELI: Yes.
- 4 MR. RESCH: Colins. Colins.
- 5 MS. NEEB: Commissioner Colins, can you
- 6 hear?
- 7 COMMISSIONER COLINS: Yes. If it is
- 8 time to vote, I vote yes.
- 9 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Okay. Thank you.
- MR. RESCH: Coy.
- 11 COMMISSIONER COY: Yep.
- MR. RESCH: Marshall.
- 13 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: Yes.
- MR. RESCH: McCabe.
- 15 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Yes.
- MR. RESCH: Rivers.
- 17 COMMISSIONER RIVERS: Yes.
- MR. RESCH: Decker.
- 19 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Yes.
- MR. RESCH: Motion passes.
- 21 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Motion passes. Thank
- 22 you and congratulations to our new license --
- 23 new approved Applicant, I should say, Presque
- 24 Isle Downs. Thank you.
- 25 Susan?

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1 MS. HENSEL: Mr. Chairman, I would like
2 to next turn the Board's attention to two
3 manufacturer applicants.
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- Prior to today's meeting, each of you

 was provided with background investigation and

 executive summary suitability report for Mikohn

 Gaming Corporation and DigiDeal Corporation.
- 8 The applications for both of these
 9 applicants were put through our standard
 10 licensing procedure, including an investigation
 11 by the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement.
- Should the Board approve licensure for
 these companies, they would be subject to a
 series of standard conditions. We have provided
 copies of the standard conditions to you, and at
 prior public meetings of the Board have
 explained the general nature of these
- 18 conditions.
- In addition, you have been provided

 with the manufacturer orders for these

 applicants. The orders are standard and have

 been read into the record on prior occasions. I

 will provide the draft orders to the
- 24 stenographer for incorporation into the record
- 25 following this meeting.

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- 2 Counsel Mike Schwoyer, and neither the Bureau of
- 3 Investigation and Enforcement nor the Bureau of
- 4 Licensing have identified any issues that would
- 5 preclude licensure.
- 6 Mr. Chairman, we present these
- 7 applications to you for your consideration and
- 8 ask that the Board vote on the two applicants
- 9 individually.
- 10 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you. I will
- 11 start with -- I am going to mess this up.
- 12 Mikohn?
- 13 COMMISSIONER ANGELI: Mr. Chairman, I
- 14 move that the Board adopt the order approving
- 15 manufacturer license for Mikohn Gaming
- 16 Corporation.
- 17 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: Second.
- 18 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any questions?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 20 CHAIRMAN DECKER: All those in favor,
- 21 please indicate by saying aye.
- 22 THE BOARD: Aye.
- 23 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any opposed?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 25 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Motion carries.

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1 Now we will move on to the second
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- 2 applicant, DigiDeal Corp. Even I can pronounce
- 3 that.
- 4 COMMISSIONER COLINS: Mr. Chairman, I
- 5 would like to make a motion to adopt the Board
- 6 order approving a manufacturer license for
- 7 DigiDeal Corporation.
- 8 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: Second.
- 9 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any questions?
- 10 THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 11 CHAIRMAN DECKER: All of those in
- 12 favor?
- THE BOARD: Aye.
- 14 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any against?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 16 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Motion carries.
- 17 Thank you.
- MS. HENSEL: The next item before you
- is an order approving the reports from the
- 20 Bureau of Licensing on gaming and non-gaming
- 21 employees.
- 22 Prior to this meeting, the Bureau of
- 23 Licensing provided you with a list of 254
- individuals, who the Bureau granted occupation
- 25 permits to under the authority delegated to the

1 Director of Licensing at the Board's last

- 2 meeting.
- 3 These individuals are primarily
- 4 employed by Downs Racing, LP and a variety of
- 5 manufacturers and suppliers.
- 6 I ask that the Board vote on the
- 7 proposed order.
- 8 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you.
- 9 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, I
- 10 move that we approve an order accepting the
- 11 report of the Bureau of Licensing regarding the
- issuance of employee credentials, permits and
- 13 registrations.
- 14 COMMISSIONER RIVERS: Second.
- 15 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you.
- Any questions or comments?
- 17 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: Should I read
- 18 the 250?
- 19 CHAIRMAN DECKER: All those in favor,
- 20 quickly.
- 21 THE BOARD: Aye.
- 22 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any opposed?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 24 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Motion carries.
- 25 Susan?

Т	MS. HENSEL: The final item from the
2	Bureau of Licensing is an amendment to the order
3	delegating authority to the Director of
4	Licensing to issue appropriate permits,
5	registrations and credentials to gaming and
6	non-gaming employees.
7	The amendment would also permit the
8	issuance of temporary key licenses to key
9	employees of manufacturers and suppliers.
10	This delegation will only be exercised
11	upon the Bureau of Licensing's receipt of
12	assurances from the Director of the Bureau of
13	Investigations and Enforcement that no reason
14	exists upon which to deny the temporary
15	credentials.
16	The Bureau of Licensing will continue
17	to present its report listing all gaming,
18	non-gaming and key employees to the Board for
19	your approval, should you accept this amendment.
20	CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you, Susan.
21	May I have a motion, please?
22	COMMISSIONER COY: Mr. Chairman, I
23	hereby move that the Board approve the order
24	which delegates the authority to issue key

25 employee licenses and gaming employee occupation

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1 permits, non-gaming employee registrations and
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- 2 appropriate credentials to employees and slot
- 3 machine licensees, manufacturer licensees,
- 4 supply licensees, certified vendor licensees or
- 5 applicants to the Director of the Bureau of
- 6 Licenses.
- 7 COMMISSIONER RIVERS: Second.
- 8 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you. Any
- 9 questions or comments?
- 10 THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 11 CHAIRMAN DECKER: All of those in
- 12 favor?
- THE BOARD: Aye.
- 14 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any opposed?
- THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
- 16 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Motion carries.
- 17 Thank you, Susan, Denyse, Michael. Is there
- 18 another one?
- MS. HENSEL: No, that concludes our
- 20 presentation.
- 21 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Richard.
- MR. WILLIAMSON: Timing is everything.
- 23 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you.
- MR. WILLIAMSON: Good afternoon.
- 25 The next and last item before you is

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1 resolution to approve slot machines and
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- 2 associated equipment, hardware and software.
- This list includes slot machine models,
- 4 bill validators, printers, slot machine
- 5 operating systems, a slot monitoring system, a
- 6 casino management system, a voucher system, a
- 7 player tracking system, automated gaming voucher
- 8 and coupon redemption machine, count room
- 9 equipment and progressive controllers.
- 10 This collection of products were
- 11 submitted from Aristocrat, Atronic, Bally, IGT,
- 12 Konami, PGI, also known as Mikohn, WMS Gaming,
- Western Money Systems. And the jurisdictions
- 14 upon which this agency relied were New Jersey,
- 15 Nevada, Michigan and Pennsylvania.
- 16 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you. May I
- 17 have a motion?
- 18 COMMISSIONER COY: Mr. Chairman, I move
- to approve Resolution 2006-34, Gaming Laboratory
- 20 Operations to approve slot machine and
- 21 associated equipment, hardware and software.
- 22 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: Second.
- 23 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Motion carries.
- 24 Thank you, Richard. I presume nobody
- 25 had any questions for them since we discussed

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- 2 MR. WILLIAMSON: It's a huge list. I
- 3 wish to acknowledge the efforts of my staff,
- 4 Michael Cruz, Heather Dill and Nimish Purohit --
- 5 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you, again.
- 6 Great help.
- 7 MR. WILLIAMSON: Thank you very much.
- 8 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Now, to our favorite
- 9 item. Adjournment.
- 10 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: Second.
- 11 COMMISSIONER COY: So moved.
- 12 CHAIRMAN DECKER: But before we do
- 13 that, I want to make just a quick scheduling
- 14 note. Obviously we will reconvene in five
- 15 seconds for our licensing hearing or suitability
- 16 hearing, then we will be -- excuse me -- and I
- 17 also want to mention that we are going to be
- 18 holding hearings on the five Category 2
- 19 applicants for Philadelphia on November 13th,
- 20 14th and 15th, and remind everyone that we are
- 21 having the same suitability hearings on three
- 22 Category 2 applicants for Pittsburgh on November
- 23 20th and 21st.
- Our next public meeting will be held --
- 25 excuse me. I thought we -- our next public

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meeting is on November 21st at 1:00 p.m. All of
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       these hearings will take place at the State
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                Again, like all of our hearings and
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       meetings, they will be open to the public.
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       adjournment. All of those in favor?
                THE BOARD: Aye.
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                CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any opposed?
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                THE BOARD: [NO RESPONSE]
                CHAIRMAN DECKER: The motion carries.
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       We are adjourned.
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                (Board meeting concluded at 2:29 p.m.)
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2	and evidence are contained fully and accurately
3	in the notes taken by me on the within
4	proceedings and that this is a correct
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