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CHAIRMAN:

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I am Bill Ryan, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. Before we begin, I would like to ask everyone to please turn off or at least put on silent your cell phones and other electronic devices. Thank you.

With us today is Jennifer Langan,
representing State Treasurer Robert McCord. Bob Coyne
representing Secretary for the Department of Revenue,
Dan Mooser. And Jorge Augusto representing Secretary
of Agriculture George Greig. Thank you for coming.
All of the members of the Board being

present, I will call this meeting to order. And,
first, I would ask everyone to stand for the Pledge of
Allegiance.

19 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

CHAIRMAN:

Thank you. First, some announcements.

The Board held an executive session on September 17th for the purpose of discussing the available category 2 license for the City of Philadelphia. An executive session was also held on October 7th for the purpose of

1 discussing litigation involving the Board and to

2 conduct quasi judicial deliberations relating to

3 matters being considered by the Board today.

4 Moving onto our program. We will first

5 hear from our Executive Director Kevin O'Toole.

MR. O'TOOLE:

7 Good morning, Chairman Ryan, members of

8 the Board. This time of year, the Board issues several

key reports. In a recent public meeting, we presented

10 the Horse Racing Benchmark Report prepared by our

11 Director of Racetrack Gaming, Kevin Kyle.

12 And last month we presented the

13 Diversity Report prepared by our Director of Diversity,

14 Mazel Daniels.

Today I am pleased to acknowledge that the

16 Board's Office of Communications recently issued the

17 9th annual report of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control

18 Board.

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19 This annual report is a collaborative

20 effort by the entire staff. It includes statistical

21 summaries and charts, a statement of revenue and

22 expenditures and information on each casino regarding

23 the revenues earned and taxes paid during fiscal year

24 2013 - 2014.

25 A few of the accomplishments that are

reflected in this year's annual report include the
following: Number one, the Office of Enforcement
Counsel entered into 23 consent agreements last fiscal
year pertaining to situations of non-compliance.

That resulted in not only the payment of fines by the casinos involved, but also the commitment from those casinos to improve or reinforce policies and procedures to minimize future non-compliance.

Secondly, the Bureau of Investigations, once again, completed over 8,000 background investigations pertaining to casino entities, slot machine manufacturers, table game manufacturers, suppliers, qualifiers, casino employees, and vendors.

Third, the Office of Hearings & Appeals processed 88 involuntary exclusion petitions filed by the Office of Enforcement Counsel. Many of these petitions resulted in cheaters being banned from returning to Pennsylvania casinos.

The Board's annual report also contains the executive session log for fiscal year 2013 - 2014. This supplements each public meeting when the Chairman announces executive sessions that have been held since the previous public meeting.

This log lists the dates and the topics discussed during each executive session held by the

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A very important accomplishment also noted in the annual report relates to the participation and the Board's speakers bureau by Chairman Ryan and each member of the Board.

Over 90 speaking engagements were held throughout Pennsylvania during the past fiscal year that were coordinated by our Communications Director Doug Carbock and Deputy Director Richard McGarvey. We are very appreciative of the full Board participating in those events.

These speaking engagements reached numerous citizens and community groups. They allow for very important exchange of information and viewpoints on the casino industry and casino regulation.

The full annual report can be accessed by the public on the home page of the Board's web site at gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov. Thank you very much, Chairman.

CHAIRMAN:

Thank you, Kevin. Any questions or comments from the Board? Ex-Officio members? Next we will hear from our Director of Financial Management, David Rhen.

MR. RHEN:

Good morning. I have two topics of 1 discussion for today. First, I will provide a quarterly budget update. Second, I will present the 3 2015 - 2016 proposed budget for your distribution.

For the first quarter of the fiscal year which ended September 30th, expenditures totaled \$8.1 million or 1 percent higher than for the same quarter last year.

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89 percent of expenses for the quarter were for payroll, which totaled \$7.2 million. 11 4.9 percent above last year's first quarter total. However, there were fewer payrolls that posted in the

13 first quarter of this year. If we adjust for the same number of payrolls, expenditures would be up about 6.6 14 15 percent in personnel.

This is with two fewer paid employees on average for the quarter. 309 employees on average for the first quarter this year versus 311 for the first quarter last year.

20 Salaries, overtime, and pay-outs totaled

\$4.5 million and benefits totaled \$2.7 million. 21

22 As a percentage of salaries paid, benefits totaled 62

23 percent of total salaries compared to 54 percent of

24 salaries in the same quarter last year.

Operating and fixed asset expenses

- 1 combined totaled \$908,000. This was down 22 percent
- 2 from the same quarter of last year. And the decline is
- 3 primarily a result of timing differences in paying
- 4 | invoices and the one-time cost related to casino
- 5 licensing investigations.
- 6 Rentals and leases was the largest
- 7 single line item expenditure accounting for \$470,000 or
- 8 57 percent of operating expenses. The next largest
- 9 operating expenditure was for tele-communications at
- 10 \$106,000. Followed by other operating expenses at
- 11 | \$91,000 and services at \$73,000.
- 12 That concludes my report on the
- 13 quarterly expenses. I would be glad to take any
- 14 questions, otherwise proceed to the budget.

- 16 Any questions from the Board?
- 17 | Ex-Officio members? Okay, David, why don't you proceed
- 18 to the next item on the agenda.

MR. RHEN:

- 20 Okay. The Gaming Board's proposed
- 21 | fiscal year 2015 2016 budget request is \$39,770,000
- 22 | for administration and \$2,000,000 for statutorily
- 23 mandated local law enforcement grants.
- 24 Funding for the Board supports oversight
- 25 of over 26,400 slot machines and nearly 1100 table

- 1 games operating at 12 casinos throughout the state.
- Last fiscal year, the gaming industry
- 3 returned \$1.4 billion in tax revenue to the
- 4 Commonwealth. Overall, this request is \$1.8 million
- 5 higher that the current year budget.
- 6 The increase is a result of rising pension
- $7\mid$ and health benefit costs. Next fiscal year will see a
- 8 25 percent increase in pension rates with total cost
- 9 equivalent to 25 percent of salary expenditures and an
- 10 | 11 percent increase in health benefits equivalent to 34
- 11 percent of salaries.
- The Board's budget includes \$34.4
- 13 million for personnel and benefits and \$5.4 million for
- 14 operating fixed asset expenses. The personnel budget
- 15 is 86 percent of the overall budget and includes 310
- 16 | filled positions with no new or vacant positions
- 17 | funded.
- 18 The benefit rate is 68 percent of salary
- 19 expenses. And consistent with the instructions of the
- 20 Governor's budget office, this budget includes no
- 21 additional funding for new raises next year.
- The operating and fixed asset budget is 14
- 23 percent of the overall request and a total operating
- 24 and fixed asset budget request of \$5.4 million and
- 25 essential massed average actual expenses for the prior

1 three fiscal years.

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The proposed budget would be funded through a combination of \$7 million in restrictive revenue, including application license fees and charge backs of gaming lab costs to manufacturers and \$32.77 million in drawdown accounts from escrow accounts funded by casino operators.

That includes my presentation on the budget. I would be happy to answer any question.

Otherwise, I would appreciate your consideration of a motion to approve the 2015 - 2016 budget request.

CHAIRMAN:

Any questions from the Board?

MR. FAJT:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Dave, I just want drive home one point. I thought I heard you say -- and I think it's true -- that in the personnel number that the benefit charge is 68 percent of the salaries; is that correct?

MR. RHEN:

That's correct.

MR. FAJT:

And the reason for that is because of the pension issue we have in the state right now along with the increasing healthcare costs; is that correct?

- 1 from the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office.
- 2 | In accordance with the Board's new guidelines, the
- 3 district attorney's office is asking for a two-year
- 4 grant at \$250,000 per year.
- First year from 2014 to 2015. Second year
- 6 | would be the appropriation of \$250,000 would be made
- 7 | for the 2015 to 2016 as long as they meet core
- 8 quidelines.
- 9 This grant is sought pursuant to the
- 10 Gaming Act and the guidelines that have been set forth
- 11 by the Board. And I am proposing that you accept this
- 12 and recommend approval.
- 13 CHAIRMAN:
- 14 Any questions from the Board? May I
- 15 have a motion?
- MR. MCNALLY:
- 17 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board
- 18 approve the local law enforcement grant for the
- 19 | Montgomery County District Attorney's Office as
- 20 presented by the Office of Chief Counsel.
- MR. MOSCATO:
- 22 Second.
- 23 CHAIRMAN:
- 24 All in favor?
- 25 ALL SAY AYE

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2 Opposed? The motion carries. Thank 3 you, Denise.

MR. SHERMAN:

Today we have one matter on the agenda under petitions, which can be decided on the documents of record as the Office of Enforcement Counsel has not objected to the relief requested.

Specifically, former gaming permitee Richard Brown has requested that the denial of his gaming employee occupation permit renewal application be reconsidered by the Board.

Brown had received a gaming employee permit in November 2010 and worked as a security 14 15 officer at Sugarhouse Casino. In September 2013, he 16 filed for the renewal of that permit.

During the investigation, it was discovered that Mr. Brown had an outstanding tax issue with the Department of Revenue. Upon that discovery, the Bureau of Investigation Enforcement contacted Mr. Brown several times. Mr. Brown did not rectify the tax deficiency.

Thereafter, the Office Enforcement Counsel sent a letter to Mr. Brown on July 2nd informing him he had 10 days to take care of the issue with the

- 1 Department of Revenue, and that if he filed to do so,
- 2 he would recommend that his application be denied.
- 3 No response again was heard from
- 4 Mr. Brown. And, as such, the matter came to the Board
- 5 on default on September 17th of this year. And the
- 6 Board denied his application.
- 7 Apparently, that finally got Mr. Brown's
- 8 attention because within a week he rectified the tax
- 9 deficiency with the Department of Revenue. And that's
- 10 been confirmed by the Bureau of Licensing and the
- 11 Office of Enforcement Counsel.
- 12 And now that he is current, he is asking
- 13 that the Board reconsider the denial of his permit and
- 14 grant the renewal so that he can go back to work.
- 15 That's the matter now before the Board.
- 16 CHAIRMAN:
- 17 Any questions or comments from the
- 18 Board?
- MR. WOODS:
- Just one question. You said numerous
- 21 times they tried to contact him. Was that by certified
- 22 mail, phone call, however, for the record?
- MR. SHERMAN:
- 24 I think enforcement counsel might have
- 25 to answer how they do it. We know there's

18 documentation that enforcement counsel will attempt to contact the individual as we said numerous times. 3 that's consistent with all of these cases that we see. 4 MR. WOODS: 5 Thank you. CHAIRMAN: 7 Any other questions? Do I have a motion? 8 9 MR. MOSCATO: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board 10 11 grant the request for reconsideration of the denial of Richard Brown's gaming employee permit renewal as 13 described by the Office of Chief Counsel and that Mr. Brown's permit be renewed given he stay compliant 14 with the Department of Revenue. 15 16 MR. WOODS: 17 Second. 18 CHAIRMAN: 19 All in favor? 20 ALL SAY AYE 21 CHAIRMAN: 22 Opposed? Motion carried. 23 MR. SHERMAN: 24 That's all of the matters of the Office of 25 Chief Counsel.

Thank you, Doug. We will now move to the Bureau of Licensing.

MS. HENSEL:

Thank you, Chairman Ryan, and members of the Board. Before the Board today will be motions regarding one gaming related gaming service provider and 424 principal key gaming and non-gaming employees. In addition, there will be the consideration of three gaming service provider applicants.

The first matter for your consideration is the approval of a gaming-related gaming service provider certification for Global Innovative Gaming LLC.

Global Innovative Gaming is a Delaware-based company that has developed a new table game, High Roll Dice. Regulations regarding High Roll Dice were approved by the Board at the September Board meeting.

The Bureau of Investigation and Enforcements completed its investigation of this company. And the Bureau of Licensing has provided you with the background investigation and suitability report for the applicant.

I ask that the Board consider the motion

20 approving Global Innovative Gaming LLC. For 1 certification. 3 CHAIRMAN: Any comments from enforcement counsel? 4 5 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel has no objection. 7 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments from the 8 9 Ex-officio members? May I have a motion? Board? 10 MR. WOODS: 11 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board approve the gaming-related gaming service provider 13 certification for Global Innovative Gaming LLC. As described by the Bureau of Licensing. 14 15 MR. FAJT: 16 Second. 17 CHAIRMAN: 18 All in favor? 19 ALL SAY AYE 2.0 CHAIRMAN: 21 Opposed? Motion carries. 22 MS. HENSEL: 23 Next for your consideration is the 24 approval of principal and key employee licenses. 25 Prior to this meeting, the Bureau of Licensing provided

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1	you with a proposed Order for one principal and 15 key
2	employee licenses for category 1, category, 2, and
3	category 3 licensees. I ask that the Board consider
4	the Order approving these licenses?
5	<u>CHAIRMAN:</u>
6	Any comments from enforcement counsel?
7	ATTORNEY PITRE:
8	Enforcement Counsel has no objection.
9	CHAIRMAN:
10	Any questions or comments from the
11	Board? Ex-officio members? May I have a motion?
12	MR. FAJT:
13	Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board
14	approve the issuance of principal and key employee
15	licenses as described by the Bureau of Licensing.
16	MS. KAISER:
17	Second.
18	CHAIRMAN:
19	All in favor?
20	ALL SAY AYE
21	CHAIRMAN:
22	Opposed? Motion carries.
23	MS. HENSEL:
24	In addition, there are 10 temporary
25	principal and key employee licenses. Prior to this

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1	meeting, the Bureau of Licensing provided you with an
2	Order regarding the issuance of temporary licenses for
3	three principal and eight key employees.
4	I ask that the Board consider the Order
5	approving these licenses.
6	CHAIRMAN:
7	Any comments from Enforcement Counsel?
8	ATTORNEY PITRE:
9	Enforcement Counsel has no objection.
10	CHAIRMAN:
11	Any questions or comments from the
12	Board? Ex-officio members? May I have a motion?
13	MR. FAJT:
14	Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board
15	approve the issuance of temporary principal and key
16	employee licenses as described by the Bureau of
17	Licensing.
18	MS. KAISER:
19	Second.
20	CHAIRMAN:
21	All in favor?
22	ALL SAY AYE
23	CHAIRMAN:
24	Opposed? The motion carries.
25	MS. HENSEL:

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1	There are also gaming permits and
2	non-gaming registrations. Prior to this meeting, the
3	Bureau of Licensing provided you with a list of 293
4	individuals to whom the Bureau has granted temporary or
5	full occupation permits and 92 individuals to whom the
6	Bureau has granted registrations under the authority
7	delegated to the Bureau of Licensing.
8	I ask that the Board consider a motion
9	approving the Order.
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
16	Board? Ex-officio members?
17	<u>CHAIRMAN:</u>
18	May I have a motion?
19	MS. KAISER:
20	Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board
21	approve the issuance of gaming employee permits and
22	non-gaming employee registrations as described by the
23	Bureau of Licensing.
24	MR. MCCALL:
25	Second.

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1	CHAIRMAN:
2	All in favor?
3	ALL SAY AYE
4	CHAIRMAN:
5	Opposed? The motion carries.
6	MS. HENSEL:
7	Next there is a recommendation of denial
8	for one gaming and one non-gaming employee applicants.
9	The Bureau of Licensing has provided you with the
10	Orders addressing these applicants who the Office of
11	Enforcement Counsel has recommended for denial.
12	The applicants failed to request a hearing
13	with the specified time periods. I ask that the Board
14	consider the Orders denying the gaming and non-gaming
15	employee applications.
16	CHAIRMAN:
17	Any comments from the Enforcement Counsel?
18	ATTORNEY PITRE:
19	Enforcement Counsel continues to recommend
20	denial in each instance.
21	<pre>CHAIRMAN:</pre>
22	Any requests or comments from the Board?
23	Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?
24	MR. MCCALL:
25	Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board deny

MR. MCNALLY:

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1	Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board
2	approve the withdrawals as described by the Bureau of
3	Licensing.
4	MR. MOSCATO:
5	Second.
6	CHAIRMAN:
7	All in favor?
8	ALL SAY AYE
9	CHAIRMAN:
10	Opposed? Motion carries.
11	MS. HENSEL:
12	Finally, for your consideration are gaming
13	service provide registrations. The Bureau of Licensing
14	provided you with an Order and an attached list of
15	three registered gaming service provider applicants.
16	I ask that the Board consider the Order
17	registering these gaming service provider.
18	<u>CHAIRMAN:</u>
19	Any comments from Enforcement Counsel.
20	ATTORNEY PITRE:
21	Enforcement Counsel has no objection.
22	CHAIRMAN:
23	Any questions or comments from the
24	Board? Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?
25	MS. KAISER:

27 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board 1 issue an Order to approve the applications for gaming service provider registration as described by the 3 Bureau of Licensing. 5 MR. MCCALL: Second. 7 CHAIRMAN: All in favor? 8 9 ALL SAY AYE 10 CHAIRMAN: 11 Opposed? The motion carries. 12 MS. HENSEL: That concludes the matters of the Bureau 13 of Licensing. 14 15 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Susan. Next we will hear 16 17 from the Office of Enforcement, Cyrus Pitre. 18 ATTORNEY PITRE: 19 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Board. We have 23 matters for the Board's 20 21 consideration today, consisting of 3 consent 22 agreements, 9 revocations, 1 suspension and 10 involuntary exclusions. 23 24 The first matter that will be considered 25 is a consent agreement between the Office of

- 1 Enforcement Counsel and Sugarhouse HSP Gaming.
- 2 Mr. Michael Sklar is here on behalf of Sugarhouse. He
- 3 has Ms. Cook with him. And Jim Armstrong will present
- 4 | the matter for the Board's consideration.

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Mr. Armstrong.

ATTORNEY ARMSTRONG:

8 Chairman, as the Board is aware, we

- 9 presented this matter at the previous meeting in
- 10 September. It was tabled. We are here to re-present
- 11 it to the Board for your consideration.

12 CHAIRMAN:

- Okay. Why don't we go, basically, into
- 14 what we are talking about.

15 ATTORNEY ARMSTRONG:

- 16 Iteration of the facts?
- 17 CHAIRMAN:
- 18 Yes.

19 ATTORNEY ARMSTRONG:

- 20 This matter on the agenda is a consent
- 21 agreement reached between the Office of Enforcement
- 22 | Counsel and Sugarhouse Casino in regard to two
- 23 | incidents of underage gaming occurring at Sugarhouse
- 24 Casino.
- In the first instance, on January 10th

of this year, a 19-year-old man was permitted entry
into Sugarhouse by a security officer after he produced
false identification.

The license that the underage person presented belonged to someone else and had the other person's picture on it. The underage subject attempted to buy in for \$60 of a Black Jack game.

He was asked for identification by the dealer. The dealer did not believe the picture on the identification was the subject, and she showed it to a table game supervisor.

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After reviewing the identification, the table game supervisor accepted it and authorized the buy-in. The underage patron lost the \$60 after playing four hands of Black Jack.

He was subsequently asked for identification by the pit manager who rejected the identification and notified security. The underage patron was taken into custody and presented to the State Police who charged him with underage gaming.

The security officer was disciplined with a written warning and the table games supervisor received counseling for checking identification.

The second incident was on February

12th. Three patrons entered Sugarhouse through the

main doors. Two of the patrons were stopped by a security officer and asked for identification.

They were found to be over 21 years old and permitted entry. The third patron who was underage was not stopped by security and was not asked to produce identification.

The underage patron was able to play five different slot machines from 8:33 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. At 9:30, a player services agent noticed the underage patron playing slot machines and asked them for identification.

He reported he did not have any.

Security officers responded and took the underage patron into custody. He was subsequently determined to be only 18 years old and was cited by the Pennsylvania State Police for underage gambling.

A voucher and \$361 in cash was confiscated from the underage patron, and he was formally evicted from Sugarhouse. The security officer was disciplined with a written warning.

The Office of Enforcement Counsel and Sugarhouse Casino respectfully request that the Board approve the proposed consent agreement and stipulations of settlement which require Sugarhouse to reinforce its policies and training to prevent similar incidents of

1 underage of gambling violations.

Sugarhouse will also pay a civil penalty
of \$20,000 and Sugarhouse will pay a fee of \$2500 for
costs incurred by the Office of Enforcement Counsel to
the Bureau of Consumer Compliance and other staff in
connection with this investigation in this matter.

We would be glad to answer any questions you may have.

ATTORNEY SKLAR:

Good morning, Mr. Chairman, members of the

11 Board. With me this morning is Rose Cook, Vice

12 President of Gaming at Sugarhouse Casino. I would like

13 to have her sworn.

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15 ROSE COOK, HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AS

16 | FOLLOWS:

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ATTORNEY SKLAR:

19 Mr. Chairman, the facts that

20 Mr. Armstrong recited are accurate. There's one

21 additional piece of information which Commissioner Fajt

22 | at the last hearing raised as a concern, the disincline

23 to the table games supervisor.

In addition to the counseling, he was

25 | issued a written warning, which is in his file. It's

- 1 the same level of warning that was issued to the
- 2 security officer who let the underage patron come in
- 3 through the front doors.
- $4 \mid$ I will let Rose add to that. She is
- 5 available for any questions.
- 6 A. Well, there really isn't much more to
- 7 say to that. At the time of the incident, what
- 8 happened was the dealer felt that there was a possible
- 9 problem there.
- 10 She asked the supervisor to check the I.D. The
- 11 supervisor who had just come to work, checked the I.D.
- 12 Looked at the patron from the side.
- 13 Due to the angle on the game, thought that it was okay.
- Mentioned that to the dealer. The dealer was just
- 15 getting off of the game, went to the pit manager and at
- 16 that time said she didn't feel comfortable with it.
- 17 We have these extra checkpoints in place. So that
- 18 pit manager went over and again asked for the I.D. and
- 19 also did not feel that it was correct at that time.
- 20 | Got a hold of table shift manager and security, and
- 21 that's when we took the patron into the back.
- 22 The shift manager spoke to the supervisor at the
- 23 time with the counseling and then the next day gave the
- 24 verbal -- I mean, the written warning level 1.
- 25 CHAIRMAN:

Any questions from OEC? 1 2 ATTORNEY PITRE: 3 No questions. 4 CHAIRMAN: 5 Any questions from the Board? MR. FAJT: 7 Ms. Cook, thank you very much for being As you know, I did express some concerns about here. this issue the last time and asked that somebody from 10 Sugarhouse be here. 11 We have a long history on this Board with underage gambling. And we take it very, very 13 seriously. We say that all the time. And we mean 14 that. 15 Could you explain to me the significance of a written warning in the file? Does that mean that 16 the next time this supervisor has a written warning 17 that they are terminated? Or is this one of three 18 strikes and they are out? What is the significance of 19 20 the written warning? 21 This is elevated. This is an elevated discipline. Α. 22 So this would be the second strike. So there would be 23 one more strike and then terminated. 2.4 MR. FAJT:

So if this supervisor does one more, you

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- 1 know, admittance of an underage gamer, they would be
- 2 out, at that point? Or is there -- I am not sure I
- 3 understand.
- 4 the second strike. The next strike, this person is
- 5 terminated; is that correct or not?
- 6 A. No. That's not correct.
- 7 MR. FAJT:
- 8 That is not correct. So explain that to
- 9 me again. Is this the first strike of three?
- 10 A. This is actually the second level of discipline.
- 11 | So it's an elevated level of discipline. The first
- 12 level is the counseling. The second level is the
- 13 written level one. Third level, written level two and
- 14 | then --
- 15 MR. FAJT:
- 16 Termination?
- 17 A. Yeah.
- 18 CHAIRMAN:
- 19 If I could interrupt. So there is no
- 20 suspension in this graduated level?
- 21 A. No. No.
- 22 ATTORNEY SKLAR:
- Let me add. It all depends on the
- 24 circumstances. So it's not set in stone this person
- 25 was issued a written level one. If there's a second

- 1 incident, depending on the severity and the 2 circumstances, they could be terminated.
- Someone could be terminated for one 4 incident. It really depends on the circumstances.
- 5 A. Yes. To Michael's point, the majority
- 6 of these really go through security because of the
- 7 situation. So security has a matrix. They got with
- 8 | Human Resources, Wendy, and have a set matrix.
- 9 Very few of these table games land in
- 10 the other world because most are caught at the front
- 11 door. So I was talking to Michael. We will be setting
- 12 up a matrix in table games as well because I think we
- 13 are the second most frequented place where we can
- 14 actually catch these types of incidents because we have
- 15 the most face time with this guest.
- So you have got different levels. You have the
- 17 level where it's a mistake. In a case like this where,
- 18 yes, it is checked. It was a sideways thing. It was
- 19 checked. It was a mistaken situation.
- 20 It wasn't egregious. It wasn't, like, I am not
- 21 | going to look. I don't care. Whatever, deal with it
- 22 and don't bother me. It was checked. It was a
- 23 mistake.
- You have got a situation like Michael would talk
- 25 about where it's going to be completely different if

somebody didn't even bother to look. We are going to take that very, very seriously.

We do take all of this very, very seriously. We don't want underage patrons in there. That's an issue for us as much as it is an issue for anybody.

We are not interested in that customer coming in and gambling with us. We have no interest in that.

MR. FAJT:

Our point is exactly that. It's a good segue into my last comment. We have said from the get-go with table games, we see that very differently. At least I see that very differently than somebody as an underage gamer at a slot machine.

Their backs are to the floor, much more difficult to see them. When you have a dealer who is engaging somebody face-to-face and they have a concern about that person's age and call over a supervisor to say, I have a concern, and that supervisor overrules that dealer because they look at them from the side, that's troubling to me.

I am going to vote to approve this, but
I am concerned that the level of discipline as levied
by the casino is not enough for this employee. But I
will vote to approve it.

But I just would ask that you reconsider

1 your level of discipline when somebody in the

2 supervisory level does what this person did. Because I

3 think it's wrong.

ATTORNEY SKLAR:

5 Let me add. Again, Sugarhouse accepts

6 full responsibility.

MR. FAJT:

8 I understand that. That's not the issue

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ATTORNEY SKLAR:

But I just want to highlight the

12 | individual was only able to play four hands of Black

13 Jack. It wasn't a situation where he was permitted to

14 sit there for hours upon hours.

15 And there's been incidents like that.

16 Here, the second system and checks in place did kick in

17 and he was removed after four hands. I understand

18 your point. And we do take it very, very seriously.

19 CHAIRMAN:

20 Any other questions? May I have a motion?

MR. MCCALL:

22 Mr. Chairman, I move the Board issue an

23 Order to approve the consent agreement between the

24 Office of Enforcement Counsel and Sugarhouse HSP Gaming

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MR. MCNALLY:

2 Second.

3 CHAIRMAN:

All in favor?

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CHAIRMAN:

7 Opposed? The motion carries. Thank

8 you both.

ATTORNEY PITRE:

10 The next matter that we have on the agenda

11 | for the Board's consideration is a consent agreement

12 between the Office of Enforcement Counsel and Mr.

13 Michael Bowman.

14 Glenn Stuart will present the matter on

15 behalf of the Office of Enforcement Counsel. Steve

16 Schrier is here on behalf of Mr. Bowman.

ATTORNEY STUART:

18 Presently before the Board for

19 consideration is a consent agreement between the Office

20 of Enforcement Counsel and key employee licensee

21 Michael Bowman.

On May 25th, 2013, two 20-year-old females

23 gained access to Valley Forge's gaming floor. These

24 | individuals were attending a banquet at Valley Forge

25 and were registered overnight guests of the hotel.

Neither individuals received a casino access pass as an overnight event attendee or as a registered overnight guest at the time of check-in.

Rather, surveillance footage shows Mr. Bowman, who served as Valley Forge's president and chief executive office, talking with these two individuals and a male patron who appeared well over the age of 30 during an encounter in Valley Forge's casino lobby area.

These individuals advised Mr. Bowman that they were banquet attendees and registered overnight guests, but did not received casino access passes.

Surveillance footage then shows Mr. Bowman going to the services desk and obtaining casino access passes for all three individuals. When these individuals approached the casino's main entrance, the security officer on duty requested that one of the females produce identification because the security officer believed she appeared under the age of 30.

The female provided the security officer with her identification, which illustrated that she was only 20 years of age. While the security officer was questioning the female about her age, surveillance footage shows Mr. Bowman approaching the security office and waiving his hands in a forward motion.

- 1 As a result, the security officer
- 2 permitted casino access to all three without asking for
- 3 identification from the second female patron.
- 4 Subsequent investigation revealed that the other patron
- 5 was also only 20 years of age at the time of the
- 6 incident.
- 7 After admitting these individuals to the
- 8 gaming floor, the security officer immediately notified
- 9 a security supervisor. The security supervisor
- 10 immediately notified Valley Forge's Director of
- 11 Security.
- 12 At the direction of Mr. Bowman, the
- 13 Director of Security was reporting directly to Valley
- 14 Forge's Vice President of Gaming Operations relating to
- 15 all operational matters.
- 16 In accordance with this line of reporting,
- 17 the Director of Security immediately notified the Vice
- 18 | President of Gaming Operations. The Director of
- 19 | Security and Vice President of Gaming Operations
- 20 attempted to locate the female patrons on the gaming
- 21 | floor, but were unsuccessful.
- 22 The Vice President of Gaming Operations
- 23 also could not locate Mr. Bowman on property and waited
- 24 until four days after the incident to have a
- 25 face-to-face meeting with Mr. Bowman.

Immediately following this meeting, Mr. Bowman contacted Valley Forge's legal counsel regarding the incident. The following day, Valley 3 Forge's legal counsel contacted the Board's casino compliance representative stationed at Valley Forge.

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The two females were on the gaming floor for approximately 28 minutes. And there was no evidence to suggest or illustrate that either wagered while on the gaming floor or that either consumed alcohol while on the gaming floor.

The Office of Enforcement Counsel and Mr. Bowman have entered into the instant consent agreement as a result of Mr. Bowman providing casino access passes to individuals without confirming their eligibility for casino access, for aiding two individuals under the age of 21 in accessing Valley Forge's gaming floor, for reporting the incident to legal counsel instead of immediately reporting the incident to Board staff, and for implementing a line of reporting between the Director of Security and the Vice President of Gaming Operations, which is contrary to Valley Forge's approved internal controls.

The terms of the consent agreement would require Mr. Bowman's key employee license to be suspended for a period of 15 consecutive calendar days, 1 for Mr. Bowman to attend eight hours of education

2 regarding casino compliance and/or problem gaming, and

3 for Mr. Bowman to issue a formal letter to all Valley

4 Forge employees apologizing for his actions.

The proposed consent agreement between the Office of Enforcement Counsel and key employee licensee Michael Bowman is now ripe for Board consideration.

CHAIRMAN:

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Counsel for Mr. Bowman wish to speak?

ATTORNEY SCHRIER:

11 Yes. Good morning, Mr. Chairman,

12 members of the Board. My name is Steven D. Schrier.

13 I am with the law firm of Blank Rome LLP. And I am

14 here representing Mr. Bowman personally in this matter.

Not the company. But in the room today is

16 Alex Figueras, who is the Chief Financial Officer of

17 | Valley Forge Casino and also Michael Fabious of the law

18 | firm Ballard Spahr who represents Valley Forge Casino.

19 I think you have heard Mr. Stuart describe

20 the events leading up to the consent agreement

21 regarding this evening, a Memorial Day weekend in 2013,

22 | which is over 16 months ago.

23 Thankfully, as we have discussed in the

24 | past, the two underage persons were only on the gaming

25 | floor for a total of 28 minutes and did not gamble and

I did not drink at that time.

Mr. Bowman and two other company

executives appeared before you June 11th of this year.

At that time, they voluntarily waived their rights,

providing sworn testimony to you.

I think Mr. Bowman and his fellow executives answered all of the Board's questions about the incident to the best of his ability and his recollection.

I am sure you recall it. It's posted on the Board's web site. I don't intend to go into any of the testimony or facts again today.

Suffice to say that the Board's concerns were heard loudly and clearly by Mr. Bowman. It was a personally humbling and embarrassing experience for him to be here and his June apology to you as well as his commitment at that time to creating the proper culture and environment of Valley Forge Casino and setting the highest example as the top person at the organization regarding compliance and problem gaming and ethics continues as he sits here before you today.

First off, I want to say Mr. Bowman appreciates the opportunity to come back again before you to seek approval of the revised consent and to put this behind him and behind you.

Since June, the Office of Enforcement Counsel and Mr. Bowman have agreed to a much more significant penalty, actual suspension of his key license for a period of 15 consecutive days.

In addition, he is required to apologize to his casino employees and to undergo at least eight hours of training in compliance and problem gaming.

These penalties, as you know, will follow him throughout the remainder of his licensed career in the gaming industry. In addition to the serious penalties that have been outlined in this consent, I want to highlight what Mr. Bowman and Valley Forge Casino have independently done both before and after this Board heard the matter on June 11th to ensure compliance, ethics, and problem gaming.

As you may recall, Mr. Bowman received a reprimand for this incident from the Internal Audit Committee. He was requested at that time to institute a compliance committee at the property, which he did. He was also required to implement and set up a confidential, anonymous employee hotline for his employees to use confidentially if they had any concerns about ethics or compliance, which he did.

In July of this year, Mr. Bowman
25 provided a personal letter of apology to all of his

- casino employees and take full responsibility for his He highlighted that compliance was of the utmost importance to the company and he noted every 3 employee's rights and obligations to report any concerns they have to the new anonymous hotline to
- ensure every employee's commitment to ethics compliance.

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- He has instituted quarterly meetings with department heads to discuss compliance alone and 10 address any concerns they may have. The minutes of 11 those meetings are taken.
 - In the first week of July, Mr. Bowman held a live meeting with all of his management where he apologized again his for actions and he explained his and his company's commitment to complete compliance.
 - He then held three separate all employee meetings, one for each shift of employees where Mr. Bowman again explained his mistakes, renewed his commitment to ethics and compliance. In addition, there were presentations by Valley Forge management about compliance, the significance of internal controls and problem gaming.
 - The representative of the anonymous employee hotline company also spoke to each four separate times emphasizing the confidential nature of

1 the hotline and how it worked.

The meetings were videotaped and the slides from that meeting along with the videotape have been provided to the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Now all new hires at the property are required to review this program as part of their orientation.

Rather than waiting for this consent to be approved, Mr. Bowman attended a compliance course presented by Peter Burnhart, former Chair of the Gaming Control Board, at the National Center for Responsible Gaming conference a week ago. We will provide details of that to BIE.

He signed up to attend a program on Casino Compliance For Executives, which is offered by a company called Casino Essentials. And, again, the details of this course will be provided to BIE.

He will attend similar courses through accredited organizations to either meet or exceed the eight hours required by his consent agreement in the next 180 days. He will communicate the details of that to BIE.

Finally, although not a part of this consent, if the consent is approved, Mr. Bowman will be penalized further by the company and docked two

weeks of his pay, which is similar to the penalty the Vice President of Casino Operations received from the company at the time of the incident.

Recognizing the Board's stated concerns last hearing that his penalty should be at least as significant as the other executives, this consent, in my humble opinion, goes well beyond that.

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Fifteen days suspension of his key license represents an extremely significant penalty for a man who has been licensed in this industry for 25 years without any blemish.

The suspension means that will be completely off property and have no contact with the with the company while he is gone. He would ask for consideration to prepare some period of time -- we are suggesting 10 days -- so that when he leaves, they can be prepared and he can be prepared for his suspension period and there will be no further contact with him during that time by the company to him or him to any management or representatives of the company.

The CFO, Alex Figueras who is here today, will be taking on the responsibility of CEO, which is what is called for in the company's internal controls.

25 Also, Mr. Robert Pickus, the Executive

- 1 Chairman of Valley Forge Casino Resort Board, is
- 2 prepared to step in, if needed, and will be monitoring
- 3 the company during this time.
- If this consent is approved today, he will
- 5 hold a meeting tomorrow with all management to ensure
- 6 that they understand the terms of this suspension and
- 7 that there will be no contact with
- 8 Mr. Bowman during his absence.
- 9 As he testified in June, Mr. Bowman
- 10 understands the Board's concerns and the consequences
- 11 of his action. He has used this as a teaching tool
- 12 | with all of his employees. As the top executive, he
- 13 understands that he is held to the highest of standards
- 14 when it comes to issues of compliance and problem
- 15 gaming and ethics.
- 16 There are no excuses. As he testified
- 17 under oath in June, he takes full responsibility for
- 18 this incident and would respectfully ask the Board to
- 19 approve the consent.
- 20 Mr. Bowman is here today and would like to
- 21 say a few words, if he can be sworn.
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- 23 MICHAEL BOWMAN, HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED
- 24 AS FOLLOWS:
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1 A. Mr. Chairman and members of the Board, thank you

2 | for hearing me again. June's hearing was one the most

difficult things I have ever been through in my entire

4 career. As I said then in much more detail, I just

5 want you to know that I take full responsibility for

6 all the actions. And I accept the penalty that was

7 agreed upon.

As you heard, I have apologized to my staff. I
have held live meetings to ensure that our culture is
clearly one in compliance, respect for all laws and
gaming regulations. Again, I apologize and I can tell

12 you this is just not me. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN:

14 Anything from OEC?

ATTORNEY PITRE:

16 We have nothing further.

CHAIRMAN:

18 Questions from the Board?

MR. FAJT:

One comment, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr.

21 Schrier and Mr. Bowman. I appreciate your sincerity

22 and believe that you now understand the significance of

23 this.

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- 24 A. Yes, sir.
- MR. FAJT:

And I thank you for being here and saying what you said today.

CHAIRMAN:

I guess, Mr. Bowman, I guess there is one thing I would like to know. Do you understand the recklessness of your conduct on that day?

7 Α. I absolutely understand the recklessness of my conduct, and it was unacceptable, sir.

CHAIRMAN:

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MR. MCNALLY:

Just briefly. I want to thank counsel 13 of providing us a copy of the audit committee's report. I do note in reviewing it there is, quite frankly, no 14

mention of the very reason why these 15

patrons were waived through. 16

But, that being the case, I will attribute 17

that to a scrivener's error and not a lack of full 18

disclosure to the audit committee. I do applaud you 19

20 for the measures that you have taken.

21 And I feel confident that you have taken 22 this very seriously and hopefully will not see this 23 replicate itself.

MR. WOODS:

Question of Enforcement Counsel.

part of this new consent decree has he already complied with, would you believe?

ATTORNEY STUART:

He has, according to him, he has complied with some of the hours of education. We have not received confirmation on that. So we are going to request that they provide some sort of proof that he has complied with the provisions of the eight hours of the education.

Other than that, nothing. We are still waiting for him to serve the 15 days.

MR. WOODS:

The letter of apology --

ATTORNEY STUART:

The letter of apology, we have seen a draft letter. We have also spoken with one of the employees during a subsequent investigation and he did mention something about receiving a letter from Mr. Bowman.

So we feel confident that this letter was distributed to the employees, but we would still like to see a finalized letter. We have seen a draft. We would like to see a finalized letter. So all that's outstanding is the proof of education and the 15 day suspension.

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1	MR. WOODS:
2	Mr. Bowman, your suspension and then the
3	internal activity on your salary, they are concurrent?
4	You are going to lose your salary during that 15 days?
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7	Is that how that works? It's not in
8	addition?
9	A. No. During that time, sir.
10	CHAIRMAN:
11	Okay. May I have a motion?
12	MR. MCNALLY:
13	Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board
14	issue an Order to approve the consent agreement between
15	the Office of Enforcement Counsel and Michael Bowman.
16	CHAIRMAN:
17	Second?
18	MR. MCCALL:
19	Second.
20	CHAIRMAN:
21	All in favor?
22	ALL SAY AYE
23	CHAIRMAN:
24	Opposed? Motion carries.
25	ATTORNEY PITRE:

The next matter on the Board's agenda is a 1 consent agreement between the Office of Enforcement Counsel and Mr. David A. Tull. Ms. Cassandra 3 Fenstermaker, Assistant Enforcement Counsel, will present the matter for the Board's consideration.

ATTORNEY FENSTERMAKER:

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Good morning, Chairman Ryan, members of the Board. I am Cassandra Fenstermaker. We have today for the Board's consideration a consent agreement between the Office of Enforcement Counsel and David A. Tull.

In January of 2014, Mr. Tull was observed by surveillance at Harris Philadelphia Casino and Racetrack utilizing 11 different Harris player's club cards, which were not issued to him.

He redeemed at least \$5,000 in pre-slot play issued to the holders of those cards and received vouchers redeemable for cash worth more than a \$3,000.

Mr. Tull asserts that he was granted permission to utilize the other individuals' total rewards card and their free play and, in fact, several individuals submitted notarized statements stating the same.

As a result of his activity at Harris 25 Philadelphia, Mr. Tull was criminally charged with one count of unlaw use of a computer, one count of access device fraud, and one count of theft by deception.

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On August 20, 2014, Mr. Tull was granted ARD for the theft charge, which includes 12 months of probation and restitution to Harris Philadelphia. The other charges were dismissed by ARD.

On June 11th, 2014, the Office of Enforcement Counsel filed a petition to place Mr. Tull on the PGCB exclusion list as a result of his actions while patronizing Harris Philadelphia and as a result of his then pending control charges.

Mr. Tull filed a response in a timely manner and a hearing date was set. Prior to the hearing on this matter, the parties executed a consent agreement, which is before you today.

Pursuant to the consent agreement, the parties have agreed that Mr. Tull will be placed on the exclusion list for a period of two years after which time he can petition the Board for removal from the exclusion list.

The Office of Enforcement Counsel requests the Board approve the consent agreement as presented today and I'd be happy to answer any questions that you might have.

CHAIRMAN:

55 Any questions from the Board? Questions 1 2 from Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion? 3 MR. MOSCATO: 4 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue an Order to approve the consent agreement between the Office of Enforcement Counsel and David A. Tull. 7 MR. WOODS: Second. 8 9 CHAIRMAN: 10 All in favor? 11 ALL SAY AYE 12 CHAIRMAN: Opposed? The motion carries. 13 14 ATTORNEY FENSTERMAKER: 15 The next matter we have for your 16 consideration is a complaint to revoke the G2 employee 17 permit of John S. Gurka. The Office of Enforcement 18 Counsel filed a complaint on or about July 1st, 2014. 19 Mr. Gurka was observed entering false 20 ratings for a patron, Mr. Joseph Corbi, while employed as a table games supervisor at Harris Philadelphia 21 22 Casino and Racetrack. 23 His actions resulted in multiple 24 criminal charges for which he was granted ARD on or 25 about May 22nd, 2014.

Prior to today's public meeting, 1 Mr. Gurka submitted a letter to the Board advising that his action are common practice in the industry and stating that he has not been found guilty of any charges. OEC disagrees with Mr. Gurka's statement 6 7 that it is common practice in the industry and, in fact, actively pursues enforcement actions against those individuals who engage in similar behavior. And, additionally, OEC asserts that 10 Mr. Gurka's is currently on probation as a result of 11 12 the criminal charges filed against him in this matter. 13 The complaint was served on Mr. Gurka on July 1st, 2014. Mr. Gurka failed to 14 15 respond to the complaint in any way and, therefore, all 16 facts alleged in the complaint are deemed admitted as 17 fact and his right to a hearing has been waived. 18 The Office of Enforcement Counsel filed a request to enter judgement upon default on August 4, 19 20 2014, and, at this time, request that Mr. Gurka's G2 employee permit be revoked. 21 22 CHAIRMAN: 23 Any questions, comments from the Board? 24 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion? 25 MR. WOODS:

57 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board 1 issue an order to approve the revocation of John S. 3 Gurka's gaming employee permit as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel. 5 MR. FAJT: Second. 7 CHAIRMAN: All in favor? 8 9 ALL SAY AYE 10 CHAIRMAN: 11 Opposed? The motion carries. 12 ATTORNEY PITRE: 13 The next matter that we have on the agenda for the Board's consideration is a revocation of Mr. 14 Ernest M. Greenawalt's gaming employee permit. That 15 matter will be presented by Assistant Enforcement 16 Counsel Glenn Stuart. 17 18 ATTORNEY STUART: 19 Presently before the Board for its 20 consideration is a petition seeking to revoke the gaming permit for Mr. Ernest Greenawalt. Mr. 21 22 Greenawalt was previously employed as a dealer at Lady 23 Luck Casino. On November 2nd, 2013, Mr. Greenawalt 24

attempted to evade police after the police spotted him

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- 1 driving a vehicle with an expired registration.
- 2 At the time, Mr. Greenawalt's driver's license was
- 3 suspended due to a previous conviction for driving
- 4 under the influence.
- 5 Mr. Greenawalt noticed the police were
- 6 in pursuit of his vehicle, he accelerated to speeds
- 7 exceeding 100 miles per hour, ran several stop signs,
- 8 passed motorists and oncoming traffic and hit a police
- 9 cruiser and a fence.
- 10 As a result, Mr. Greenawalt was charged
- 11 | with one count of fleeing or attempting to elude
- 12 police, a third degree felony; one count of recklessly
- 13 endangering another person, one count of accidents
- 14 involving damage to an attended vehicle or property,
- 15 one count of accidents involving damage to unattended
- 16 vehicle or property, one count of driving under a
- 17 suspended license, and one count of driving an
- 18 unregistered vehicle. These charges remain pending at
- 19 this time.
- 20 Mr. Greenawalt was also charged with one
- 21 count of reckless driving, one count of careless
- 22 driving, one count of driving at unsafe speed, and six
- 23 counts of duty to stop at a stop sign; however, these
- 24 charges were all withdrawn.
- 25 Mr. Greenawalt notified the Board of his

- 1 arrest on November 28, 2013. Mr. Greenawalt had been
- 2 let go from his employment on September 9, 2013 in an
- 3 attempt to reduce the casino's staffing level.
- 4 Mr. Greenawalt is not currently employed
- 5 at any licensed facility in the Commonwealth. In light
- 6 of this arrest and the underlying facts, EOC filed a
- 7 complaint to revoke Mr. Greenawalt's gaming permit.
- 8 OEC served Mr. Greenawalt with this complaint on July
- 9 16, 2014.
- 10 The complaint advised Mr. Greenawalt to
- 11 request a hearing within 30 days; however,
- 12 Mr. Greenawalt did not request a hearing. And all
- 13 facts contained in the complaint are, therefore, deemed
- 14 admitted.
- OEC filed a request to enter default
- 16 | judgement in the matter on August 26, 2014. As such,
- 17 the revocation of Ernest Greenawalt's gaming permit is
- 18 | now ripe for Board's consideration.
- 19 CHAIRMAN:
- 20 Is Ernest Greenawalt in the hearing
- 21 room? Any questions or comments from the Board?
- 22 Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion?
- MR. FAJT:
- 24 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board
- 25 | issue an Order to approve the suspension of Ernest

1 Greenawalt's gaming employee permit pursuant to the 2 facts alleged by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

MS. KAISER:

4 Second.

CHAIRMAN:

All in favor?

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Opposed? Motion carries.

ATTORNEY PITRE:

The next matter that we have for the Board's consideration is the revocation of Rodman Jolly's G2 employee permit. That matter will be presented by Assistant Enforcement Counsel Dustin Miller.

16 ATTORNEY MILLER:

Good morning, Chairman Ryan, members of the Board. Dustin Miller on behalf of the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Mr. Jolly was employed as a poker room supervisor at Parks Casino permitted as a gaming employee. The Office of Enforcement Counsel filed an enforcement complaint to revoke Mr. Jolly's gaming permit for failing to maintain his suitability on March 13, 2014.

- 1 On October 29, 2013, Mr. Jolly
- 2 approached a betting kiosk on the first floor of Parks
- 3 East in the horse racing simulcast area. Earlier, a
- 4 patron had inserted a voucher for \$223.05 into the
- 5 kiosk and placed an \$18 wager on a race.
- 6 The patron forget to cash out the
- 7 remaining \$205.05 that remained on the kiosk.
- 8 Mr. Jolly noticed the credits remaining on the betting
- 9 kiosk and cashed out a voucher containing the balance
- 10 and took possession of it.
- 11 Several hours later, the patron returned
- 12 to Parks East to retrieve the money he left on the
- 13 kiosk. After a surveillance review of the incident, it
- 14 was determined that Mr. Jolly had taken the patron's
- 15 money from the kiosk.
- 16 Parks Casino personnel approached
- 17 Mr. Jolly and he admitted to cashing out the voucher,
- 18 Mr. Jolly immediately made restitution to the patron.
- 19 Mr. Jolly resigned from employment at Parks Casino on
- 20 November 1, 2013.
- 21 Pennsylvania State Police were notified of
- 22 Mr. Jolly's action, but criminal actions were not
- 23 filed. He is not currently employed at any
- 24 Pennsylvania casino.
- The enforcement complaint was properly

62 served upon Mr. Jolly to the address listed on his 1 application. Mr. Jolly did not respond to the filing 3 in any way. Due to Mr. Jolly's failure to respond, the averments in the complaint are deemed admitted as fact and his right to a hearing has been waived. 7 On August 25, 2014 the Office of Enforcement Counsel filed a request to enter judgement upon default. The matter is now before the Board to 10 consider the revocation of Mr. Jolly's gaming employee 11 permit. 12 CHAIRMAN: 13 Is Rodman Jolly in the hearing room? Any questions or comments from the Board? Ex-Officio 14 15 members? May I have a motion? 16 MS. KAISER: 17 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board 18 issue an Order to approve the Revocation of Rodman Jolly's G2 employee permit as described by the Office 19 2.0 of Enforcement Counsel. 21 MR. MCCALL: 22 Second. 23

CHAIRMAN:

24 All in favor?

25 ALL SAY AYE

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Opposed? The motion carries.

ATTORNEY MILLER:

The next matter today is a request for revocation involving Paul Roman. Mr. Roman was employed as a table games dealer at Parks Casino and permitted as a gaming employee.

The Office of Enforcement Counsel filed an enforcement complaint to revoke Mr. Roman's gaming permit for failing to maintain suitability on April 29, 2014.

On February 11, 2014, a patron of Parks

East reported to Parks Casino personnel that

Mr. Roman was removing chips from winning pots and
eventually placing the chips in his tip box.

The Parks Casino surveillance department did a seven-day review of Mr. Roman's work shifts which revealed that Mr. Roman had improperly removed chips from the winning pots on 99 occasions for a total of \$390.

Mr. Roman was suspended from employment on February 11th and was officially terminated from Parks on February 18, 2014.

Mr. Roman was charged with one count of theft by unlawful taking and one count of receiving

1 stolen property by Pennsylvania State Police for his

2 actions. He is not currently employed at any

3 Pennsylvania casino.

The enforcement complaint was properly served upon Mr. Roman to the address listed on his

6 application. Mr. Roman did not respond to the filing

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Due to Mr. Roman's failure to respond, the averments in the enforcement complaint are deemed admitted as fact and his right to a hearing is waived.

On August 26, 2014, the Office of

12 Enforcement Counsel filed a request to enter judgement

13 upon default. The matter is now before the Board to

14 consider the revocation of Mr. Roman's gaming employee

15 permit.

16 CHAIRMAN:

Is Paul M. Roman in the hearing room?

18 | Any questions or comments from the Board? Ex-Officio

19 members? May I have a motion?

MR. MCCALL:

21 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board

22 | issue an Order to approve the revocation of Paul

23 Roman's gaming employee permit as described by the

24 Office of Enforcement.

MR. MCNALLY:

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2 <u>CHAIRMAN:</u>

3 All in favor?

4 ALL SAY AYE

CHAIRMAN:

Opposed? The motion carries.

ATTORNEY PITRE:

The next matter that we have on the agenda for the Board's consideration is the revocation of Mr.

Thomas Letteer's gaming employee permit. That matter will be presented by Assistant Enforcement Counsel Melissa Powers.

ATTORNEY POWERS:

Good morning, Chairman, members of the Board. The next matter before you is that of Thomas Letteer. Mr. Letteer was employed at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs as a security officer until April of 2013 when he was terminated after being charged with accidents involving death, a felony of the second agree.

Mr. Letteer was involved in a car accident in December 2012 that resulted in the death of a five-year-old child. He fled the scene of the accident. He was later charged and found guilty on March 10, 2014. He is currently incarcerated for 2 to

1 5 years. On May 22nd, 2014, the Office of 3 Enforcement Counsel filed a complaint for revocation against Mr. Letteer seeking the revocation of his gaming employee permit. Mr. Letteer did not respond to the 6 7 complain within 30 days. Therefore, his right to a hearing has been waived and the facts alleged in the complaint are deemed to be admitted. 10 On August 14th, OEC filed a request for 11 default judgment. And, at this time, OEC would ask 12 that the Board revoke the gaming employee permit of Thomas Letteer. 13 14 CHAIRMAN: 15 Any questions or comments from the Ex-Officio members? May I have a motion? 16 Board? 17 MR. MCNALLY: 18 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue an Order to approve the revocation of Thomas 19 20 Letteer's gaming employee permit as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel. 21 22 MR. MOSCATO: 23 Second.

CHAIRMAN:

25 All in favor?

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3 Opposed? The motion carries.

ATTORNEY PITRE:

5 The next matter that we have for the

Board's consideration is the revocation of Mr. John A.

7 | Pezzuti's non-gaming employee registration. That

8 matter will be presented by Assistant Enforcement

9 Counsel David Tepper.

ATTORNEY TEPPER:

Good morning, Chairman Ryan, members of

12 the Board. The next two items, Mr. Simmons and

13 Mr. Pezzuti, arise from the same fact pattern. If it's

14 acceptable, I will present the fact pattern together

15 and then the revocation separately.

16 CHAIRMAN:

17 Fine.

ATTORNEY TEPPER:

19 Henry Simmons and John Pezzuti were

20 bartenders at Mount Airy Casino Resort. Mr. Simmons

21 and Mr. Pezzuit conspired to manipulate the comp system

22 | in order for them to steal money.

23 They would merge checks paid with cash

24 onto the checks of comped meals where there was extra

25 money left on the comp and deposit the cash paid into

1 their tip jars.

This course of conduct occurred from October 2011 until they were caught in March 2013 when they confessed. Upon review, it is estimated that together Mr. Pezzuti and Mr. Simmons stole between \$69,000 and \$71,000 from Mount Airy.

Charges against both individuals were filed in April 2014. John Pezzuti was issued a non-gaming employee registration by the Board in October 2009.

Mr. Pezzuti was charged with one count of receiving stolen property graded as a third degree felony, seven counts of theft by deception graded as a third degree felony, 11 counts of theft by deception graded as a first degree misdemeanor, and one count of conspiracy graded as a third degree misdemeanor.

Mr. Pezzuti was served with the petition to revoke his non-gaming employee registration on July 8, 2014. Mr. Pezzuti did not respond to the petition within 30 days, therefore, all facts alleged in the petition are deemed admitted.

The Office of Enforcement Counsel filed a request for default judgment on August 13, 2014, and, at this time, request that John Pezzuti's non-gaming employee registration be revoked.

1 CHAIRMAN: 2 Is John Pezzuti in the hearing room? 3 Any questions or comments? Ex-Officio members? have a motion? 5 MR. MOSCATO: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board 6 issue an Order to approve the revocation of John A. Pezzuti's non-gaming employee registration as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel. 10 MR. WOODS: 11 Second. 12 CHAIRMAN: All in favor? 13 SAY ALL AYE 14 15 CHAIRMAN: Motion carries. 16 ATTORNEY TEPPER: 17 18 Henry Simmons was issued a non-gaming employee registration by the Board in July 2009. 19 20 Mr. Simmons was charged with one count of receiving

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stolen property, graded as a third degree felony, 11

felony, 7 counts of theft by deception graded as a

graded as a third degree misdemeanor.

counts of theft by deception graded as a third degree

first degree misdemeanor, and one count of conspiracy

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70 Mr. Simmons was served with the petition 1 to revoke his non-gaming employee registration on July 19, 2014. Mr. Simmons did not respond to the petition 3 withing 30 days, therefore, all facts alleged in the petition are deemed to have been admitted. The Office of Enforcement Counsel filed 6 7 a request for default judgment on September 30th, 2014 and at this time request that Henry Simmons' non-gaming employee registration be revoked. 10 CHAIRMAN: 11 Is Henry Simmons in the hearing room? Any questions or comments from the Board? Ex-Officio 13 members? May I have a motion? 14 MS. KAISER: 15 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board 16 issue an Order to approve the revocation of Henry 17 Simmons' non-gaming employee registration as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel. 18 19 MR. MCCALL: 2.0 Second. 21 CHAIRMAN: 22 All in favor? 23 ALL SAY AYE 2.4 CHAIRMAN: 25 Opposed? Motion carries.

ATTORNEY PITRE:

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The next matter that we have on the agenda for the Board's consideration is the suspension of Jennifer Gallagher's non-gaming employee registration. That matter will be presented by Assistant Enforcement Counsel Beth Manifesto.

ATTORNEY MANIFESTO:

8 Good morning, Chairman Ryan, members of Beth Manifesto for the Office of 9 the Board. 10 Enforcement Counsel. I have three matters for the 11 Board today.

12 The first is regarding Jennifer Gallagher.

13 On July 22nd of 2014, the Office of Enforcement Counsel

filed a complaint to suspend the non-gaming 14

registration of Ms. Gallagher. 15

She had submitted an application with the Board on April 29, 2014 to work as a payroll 17 specialist at River's Casino. She was awarded a 18 non-gaming registration on May 5th. 19

OEC filed the complaint for suspension as a result of receiving notice that Ms. Gallagher had been arrested and charged with 35 counts of theft by unlawful taking graded as a misdemeanor 1 and 35 counts of forgery, a felony 3 on November 13, 2013.

Factually, the Affidavit of Probable Cause

1 states Ms. Gallagher was employed at an accounting firm

2 and she obtained checks belonging to one of its

3 clients. She then wrote out 35 checks to herself

4 without the account owner's permission and took

5 possession of the funds which total approximately

6 \$23,793. She was terminated from this employment.

The criminal information filed on August

12th of this year consolidated the theft charges and

she now faces one count of theft as a felony 3, 35

counts of forgery and an additional count of access

device used to obtain property or services as a felony

Her trial is set for November 3rd. The complaint for suspension was properly served on

Ms. Gallagher. She failed to respond in any manner.

Therefore, all facts alleged today in

17 the complaint are deemed admitted. A request to enter

18 judgment upon default was filed on September 3, 2014.

19 At this time, the Office of Enforcement Counsel request

20 that Jennifer Gallagher's non-gaming employee

21 registration be revoked. I'm sorry. Suspended.

22 And should she be convicted at trial, I will, of

23 course, be back in front of the Board again.

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Is Jennifer Gallagher in the hearing room?

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

MR. FAJT:

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue an Order to approve the suspension of Jennifer Gallagher's non-gaming employee registration as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

MR. WOODS:

Second.

CHAIRMAN:

11 All in favor?

12 ALL SAY AYE

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14 Opposed? The motion carries.

ATTORNEY MANIFESTO:

Thank you. The next incident involves

Samantina Perri. On July 22nd this year, the Office of

Enforcement Counsel filed a complaint to revoke the

gaming employee permit of Samantina Perri.

Ms. Perri applied for a position as a table games dealer with the River's Casino on May 7, 22 2013. She was awarded a permit on June 5, 2013; however, she failed to complete the dealer training

24 program and was then not offered a position by River's

25 Casino.

OEC filed the complaint for revocation 1 after receiving a notice that Ms. Perri was charged with the acquisition, obtaining, or possession of a controlled substance by misrepresentation, an ungraded felony as well as one count of felony 3 criminal conspiracy.

Regarding the drug case, Ms. Perri admitted to having knowingly presented a forged prescription to a pharmacist on March 25, 2013, which bore her name as the patient. 10

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She received this prescription from her co-conspirator. Ms. Perri obtained 150 Oxycodone pills. She stated she gave the pills to her co-conspirator who then paid her between one to two hundred dollars and also gave her several of the pills in exchange for her participation in the crime.

The doctor was contacted whose name appeared on the script and stated she did not authorize the script.

The complaint was properly served and sent to Ms. Perri who failed to respond to the complaint in any way. Therefore, all facts alleged in the complaint are deemed admitted.

A request to enter judgment upon default was filed on September 3, 2014. At this time, the

1 Office of Enforcement Counsel requests that

2 Ms. Perri's gaming permit be revoked.

CHAIRMAN:

4 Is Samantina Perri in the hearing room?

5 Any questions or comments from the Board? Ex-Officio

6 | members? May I have a motion?

MR. WOODS:

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board

9 issue an Order to approve the revocation of Samantina

10 Perri's gaming employee permit as described by the

11 Office of Enforcement Counsel.

12 MR. FAJT:

13 Second.

14 CHAIRMAN:

15 All in favor?

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17 CHAIRMAN:

18 Opposed? The motion carries.

19 ATTORNEY MANIFESTO:

20 The last issue I have involves Russell

21 Zier. On June 28th of 2014, the Office of Enforcement

22 | Counsel filed a complaint to revoke the gaming employee

23 permit of Mr. Zier.

24 He had filed an application with the Board

25 for his permit to work in the position of slot

- 1 technician at River's casino. On April 12th of 2012,
- 2 he was awarded a gaming permit.
- 3 Mr. Zier never began employment in the
- 4 gaming industry as Rivers chose not to extend an offer
- 5 of employment. OEC filed the complaint for revocation
- 6 after receiving notice that Mr. Zier had been arrested
- 7 on November 20, 2013 for a felony 1 burglary,
- 8 misdemeanor 1 theft by unlawful taking, misdemeanor 1
- 9 receiving stolen property and a felony 2 criminal
- 10 conspiracy.
- 11 Regarding that case, Ronald Zier called
- 12 the police stating a large number of brass statutes had
- 13 been stolen from his garage. The police located the
- 14 scrap yard that purchased the brass from
- 15 Mr. Zier's co-conspirator.
- 16 The police then interviewed Mr. Zier who
- 17 admitted to taking the items from the victim's garage
- 18 and that he had a drug problem and needed the money.
- 19 He was also subsequently arrested on January 2 of this
- 20 year with felony 3 criminal trespass, a felony 3 theft
- 21 by unlawful taking, and also a felony 3 receiving
- 22 | stolen property.
- 23 His trial date is set for October 27th.
- 24 | The complaint was properly served upon Mr. Zier. He
- 25 | failed to respond to the complaint in any way;

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1	therefore, all facts alleged are deemed admitted.	
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3	was filed on August 22nd of this year. And, at this	
4	time, the Office of Enforcement Counsel requests that	
5	his gaming employee permit be revoked.	
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7	Is Russell Zier in the hearing room?	
8	Any questions or comments from the Board? Ex-Officio	
9	members? Do I have a motion?	
10	MR. FAJT:	
11	Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board	
12	issue an Order to approve the revocation of Russell	
13	Zier's gaming employee permit as described by the	
14	Office of Enforcement Counsel.	
15	MS. KAISER:	
16	Second.	
17	<u>CHAIRMAN:</u>	
18	All in favor?	
19	ALL SAY AYE	
20	<u>CHAIRMAN:</u>	
21	Opposed? The motion carries.	
22	ATTORNEY MANIFESTO:	
23	Thank you.	
24	ATTORNEY PITRE:	
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- 1 for the Board's consideration is the placement of Mr.
- 2 Joseph Corbi on the PGCB's involuntary exclusion list.
- 3 That matter will be presented by Assistant Enforcement
- 4 Counsel, Cassandra Fenstermaker.

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ATTORNEY FENSTERMAKER:

- Good morning again. We have for your consideration a petition to place Joseph Corbi on the Board's exclusion list, which was filed by the Office
- 9 of Enforcement Counsel on July 1st, 2014.
- 10 Mr. Corbi had been receiving false ratings
- 11 from table games supervisor John Gurka and received
- 12 comps as a result of those false ratings.
- 13 As a result, Mr. Corbi plead guilty to one count of
- 14 conspiracy, unlaw to take or claim and one count of
- 15 unlaw to take or claim.
- 16 The petition was served on Mr. Corbi on
- 17 July 1st, 2014. Mr. Corbi failed to respond to the
- 18 petition in any way; and, therefore, all facts alleged
- 19 | in the complaint are deemed admitted as fact and his
- 20 right to a hearing has been waived.
- 21 The Office of Enforcement Counsel filed
- 22 | a request to enter judgment on August 19, 2014 and, at
- 23 this time, request that Mr. Corbi be replaced on the
- 24 Board's exclusion list.
- 25 CHAIRMAN:

79 Is Joseph Corbi in the hearing room? 1 Any questions or comments from the Board? Ex-Officio May I have a motion? 3 members? 4 MS. KAISER: 5 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue an Order to approve the addition of Joseph Corbi to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board Involuntary Exclusion List as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel. 10 MR. MCCALL: 11 Second. 12 CHAIRMAN: 13 All of those in favor? ALL SAY AYE 14 15 CHAIRMAN: 16 Opposed? The motion carries. 17 ATTORNEY FENSTERMAKER: 18 Next we have for your consideration a petition to place Tio Tjau Ming on the exclusion list. 19 20 A petition was filed by the Office of Enforcement Counsel on July 15, 2014 after Mr. Ming was observed 21 22 placing -- past posting bets after the dealer signaled 23 that no more bets were permitted. 24 Mr. Ming was charged with violations of 25 the Gaming Act and with one count of theft; however, he

80 pled to one count of disorderly conduct. The petition was served on Mr. Ming on 3 July 15, 2015. He failed to respond to the petition in any way; and, therefore, all the facts alleged in the complaint are deemed admitted as facts and his right to a hearing has been waived. The Office of Enforcement Counsel filed 7 a request to enter judgement on August 25, 2014 and, at this time, request that Mr. Ming be added to the exclusion list. 10 11 CHAIRMAN: 12 Is Tio Tjan Ming in the hearing room? 13 Any questions or comments from the Board? Ex-Officio members? Do I have a motion? 14 15 MR. MCCALL: 16 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board 17 issue an Order to approve the addition of Tio Tjau Ming to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's Involuntary 18 Exclusion List as described by the Office of 19 20 Enforcement Counsel. 21 MR. MCNALLY: 22 Second. 23 CHAIRMAN: 24 All in favor?

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Opposed? The motion carries.

ATTORNEY PITRE:

The next matter that we have on the agenda for the Board's consideration is the placement of Mr. Jerson J. Cordero-Nova on the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion list. That matter will be presented by Assistant Enforcement Counsel, Dustin Miller.

ATTORNEY MILLER:

Good morning again. The Office of
Enforcement Counsel filed a petition to place
Mr. Cordero-Nova on the exclusion list for attempting
to purchase gaming chips at Parks Casino with
counterfeit money on November 16th and 17th, 2013.

On November 17, 2013, Mr. Cordero-Nova attempted to purchase gaming chips at a Black Jack table inside Parks Casino using two counterfeit \$50 bills.

The dealer spotted the counterfeit
bills, and Mr. Cordero-Nova was questioned by
Pennsylvania State Police regarding the bills.
Ultimately, he was released without being charged.

However, a day before, on November 16th,
Parks Casino count room personnel had identified 18 \$50 bills that were counterfeit while conducting a

- 1 count of table games proceeds from November 15th 2 through 16th.
- On November 18, Parks Casino count room

 personnel found 24 \$50 bills that were counterfeit

 while conducting a count of table games proceeds from

 November 16th through the 17th.
- Pennsylvania State Police reviewed

 8 surveillance footage from those dates and were able to

 9 positively identify Mr. Cordero-Nova as the patron who

 10 had bought gaming chips with the counterfeit bills.
- Also, the counterfeit bills collected in the count room had the same serial number as the bills found in Mr. Cordero-Nova's possession. A warrant was issued for Mr. Cordero-Nova on November 27, 2013. And he was arrested inside Parks Casino on January 19, 2014.
- Mr. Cordero-Nova was charged with 47

 18 counts of forgery and two counts of theft by deception.

 19 A petition was properly served upon
- 20 Mr. Cordero-Nova at his home address by certified and 21 first-class mail.
- Mr. Cordero-Nova did not respond to the
 filing in any way. Due to Mr. Corder-Nova's failure to
 respond, the averments in the petition are deemed to be
 admitted as fact and his right to a hearing has been

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On August 25th, 2014, the Office of Enforcement Counsel filed a request to enter judgement upon default. The matter is now before the Board to consider the placement of Jerson Cordero-Nova on the Board's excluded person list.

CHAIRMAN:

Is Jerson Cordero-Nova in the hearing room? Any questions or comments from the Board?

MR. FAJT:

One question, if I might. Dustin, you had mentioned that the surveillance was able to determine that the counterfeit bills, the serial numbers of the counterfeit bills were in possession of Mr.

15 Cordero-Nova.

I assume that the surveillance cameras were of sufficient quality that they were able to see him?

ATTORNEY MILLER:

Yes. They knew what he looked like, obviously, from the State Police had picked him up that day or the day before. So the way the incidents occurred, the gaming day, which I don't really want to go into when the gaming day is.

But it's a 24 hour period. And this

happened right around the period when the gaming day changed. So that's when some -- and he had been gaming right around that time period. So some of the bills were on one gaming day. Some of them were on another gaming day. And he was arrested or at least detained for a while around that time. So using all of the surveillance, their personal interaction with him, they were able to 10 determine that he was the one that had all of those 11 bills. 12 MR. FAJT: 13 Thank you. 14 MR. MOSCATO: 15 Do we know if the proper federal 16 agencies were notified? 17 ATTORNEY MILLER: 18 Sure. Yes. 19 CHAIRMAN: 2.0 Okay. I have a motion? 21 MR. MCNALLY: 22 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board 23 issue an Order to approve the addition of Jerson

Cordero-Nova to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

Involuntary Exclusion list as described by the Office

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1 of Enforcement Counsel.

2 MR. MOSCATO:

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7 <u>CHAIRMAN:</u>

8 Opposed? Motion carries.

ATTORNEY MILLER:

10 The next matter today is a request for

11 placement on the Board's excluded persons list

12 | involving Arthur Griesemer.

The Office of Enforcement Counsel filed

14 a petition to place Mr. Griesemer on the exclusion list

15 for possessing illegal controlled substances at Parks

16 Casino on March 15, 2014 as well as a number of other

17 | incidents at Pennsylvania casinos dating back to 2010.

In the March 15, 2014 incident,

19 Mr. Griesemer lost his wallet inside Parks Casino,

20 which was found by Parks Casino personnel. The Parks

21 Casino security department inspected the contents of

22 the wallet to determine its owner.

23 While searching the wallet, they found a

24 baggy containing a white crystalline substance. The

25 security officer inspecting the wallet believed the

1 substance to be illegal drugs and turned the wallet 2 over to the on-site Pennsylvania State Police.

inside his wallet was crystal methamphetamine.

- Mr. Griesemer reported that his wallet was
 missing later that day and was questioned by
 Pennsylvania State Police. Mr. Griesemer admitted to
 Pennsylvania State Police that the substance found
- Mr. Griesemer was arrested at that time
 and another bag of crystal methamphetamine and other
 pills were found on his person. Mr. Griesemer was
 charged with possession of a controlled substance by a
 person not registered and possession of drug
 paraphernalia by State Police.
- Mr. Griesemer was also involved in a

 number of other incidents at Pennsylvania casinos

 dating back to 2010. In these incidents,

 Mr. Griesemer would approach a slot machine that had

 the credits from another patron's play remaining and

 Mr. Griesemer would use the other patron's credits to

 play the slot machines.
- In March 2010, he played \$5 worth of credits that were not his at Sand's Bethlehem Casino.

 In October of 2010, he played \$94 worth of credits that were not his at Parks Casino. And in December of 2012, Mr. Griesemer, played \$67 worth of credits that

1 did not belong to him at Sugarhouse Casino.

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In each instance, Mr. Griesemer was not criminally charged by State Police. But he was forced to make restitution to the rightful owner of the credits. Mr. Griesemer was permanently evicted from Sugarhouse Casino for the 2012 incident.

The petition to exclude him was properly served upon Mr. Griesemer to the address listed on the criminal complaint filed against by both certified and first-class mail.

Mr. Griesemer did not respond to the filing in any way. Due to Mr. Griesemer's failure to respond, the averments in the petition are deemed to be admitted as fact and his right to a hearing has been waived.

On May 27, 2014, the Office of Enforcement Counsel filed a request to enter judgment upon default. The matter is now before the Board to consider the placement of Arthur Griesemer on the Board's excluded persons list.

CHAIRMAN:

Is Arthur Griesemer in the hearing room.

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

MR. MOSCATO:

88 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board 1 issue an Order to approve the addition of Arthur P. Griesemer to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion list as 3 described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel. 5 MR. WOODS: Second. 7 CHAIRMAN: All in favor? 8 9 ALL SAY AYE 10 CHAIRMAN: 11 Opposed? Motion carries. 12 ATTORNEY MILLER: 13 The next matter today is a request for placement on the Board's excluded persons list 14 15 involving Radik Pinkhasov. The Office of Enforcement Counsel filed 16 17 a petition to place Mr. Pinkhasov on the exclusion list for attempting to steal \$43,500 from Parks Casino on 18 October 28, 2013. 19 20 At that time, Mr. Pinkhasov reached across a Black Jack table in the high limit area of 21 22 Parks Casino and grabbed 17 gaming chips worth \$43,500 23 from the chip float. 24 After a brief struggle with the dealer, Mr. Pinkhasov was detained by a nearby Parks security

1 officer who witnessed the incident.

The security officer held Mr. Pinkhasov

until State Police could arrive. Mr. Pinkhasov was

taken into custody and charged with robbery, theft by

unlaw taking, receiving stolen property, and disorderly

conduct for the incident.

The petition was properly served

upon Mr. Pinkhasov to his home address by both

certified and first-class mail. Mr. Pinkhasov did not

respond to the filing in any way.

Due to Mr. Pinkhasov's failure to respond,
the averments in the petition are deemed admitted and
his right to a hearing has been waived.

On April 9, 2014, the Office of Enforcement Counsel filed a request to enter judgement upon default. The matter is now before the Board to consider the placement of Radik Pinkhasov on the Board's excluded persons list.

Is Radik Pinkhasov in the hearing room.

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21 Any questions or comments from the Board? Ex-Officio 22 members? Do I have a motion?

MR. WOODS:

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue an Order to approve the addition of Radik

1 Pinkhasov to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion list as 2 described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

MR. FAJT:

4 Second.

CHAIRMAN:

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Opposed? The motion carries.

ATTORNEY MILLER:

The next matter today is a request for placement on the excluded persons list involving Benito Rodriguez. The Office of Enforcement Counsel filed a petition to place Mr. Rodriguez on the exclusion list for cheating while playing Spanish 21 at Parks Casino on March 23rd, 2014.

At that time, Mr. Rodriguez past posted a \$50 wager while playing Spanish 21 at approximately 4:52 a.m. Parks Casino table games personnel suspected that the wager was past posted and asked for surveillance review, which confirmed their suspicions.

Mr. Rodriguez was approached by on-site Pennsylvania State Police following the incident. He was charged with a misdemeanor violation of the Gaming Act for his actions.

Mr. Rodriquez had previously been 1 evicted from Parks Casino for incidents in 2010 and 2012. The petition was properly served upon 3 Mr. Rodriquez at his home address by both certified and first-class mail. 6 Mr. Rodriguez did not respond to the filing in any way. Due to Mr. Rodriguez's failure to respond, the averments in the petition are deemed to be admitted as fact and his right to a hearing has been 10 waived. 11 On May 7th, 2014, the Office of 12 Enforcement Counsel filed a request to enter judgement 13 upon default. The matter is now before the Board to consider the placement of Benito Rodriguez on the 14 15 Board's excluded persons list. 16 CHAIRMAN: 17 Is Benito Rodriguez in the hearing room? 18

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

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Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue an order to approve the addition of Benito Rodriguez to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion list as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

MS. KAISER:

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All in favor?

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CHAIRMAN:

Opposed? The motion carries.

ATTORNEY PITRE:

The next matter that we have on the agenda for the Board's consideration is the placement of Roy Kirscheneiter on the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion list.

That matter and the remaining matters will be presented by Assistant Enforcement Counsel Melissa Powers.

ATTORNEY POWERS:

Chairman Ryan, members of the Board, the next is that of Roy Kirscheneiter. On June 20, 2014, the Office of Enforcement Counsel filed a petition to place Mr. Kirscheneiter on the Board's involuntary exclusion list after surveillance showed him cheating at a craps table at Mohegan Sun Pocono Downs on December 4th, 2013.

Mr. Kirscheneiter placed a late bet, was overpaid \$7 and was charged criminally. He pled guilty to theft by unlawful taking, a misdemeanor of the third degree.

Mr. Kirscheneiter did not respond to the

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2	hearing has k	peen waived and the facts alleged in the
3	petition are	deemed as admitted.
4		On August 22nd, 2014, OEC filed a
5	request for d	default judgment and, at this time, asks
6	that the Boar	ed place Roy Kirscheneiter on the Board's
7	Involuntary E	Exclusion list.
8		CHAIRMAN:
9		Is Roy Kirscheneiter in the hearing
10	room?	
11		MR. KIRSCHENEITER:
12		Yes, I am.
13		<pre>CHAIRMAN:</pre>
14		Do you want to come forward, sir?
15	I would take	it you want to speak to the Board?
16		MR. KIRSCHENEITER:
17		Yes.
18		<pre>CHAIRMAN:</pre>
19		Please stand and state your name and spell
20	your last nam	ne.
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22	ROY KIRSCHENE	CITER, HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN,
23	TESTIFIED AS	FOLLOWS:
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25		CHAIRMAN:

- 1 Sir, you may sit down. What do you have
- 2 to say, sir?
- 3 A. What it was is, it was a \$5 thing and I paid 7.
- 4 Instantly, instantly, he said, I think that was late.
- $5 \mid I$ gave him \$10 back. I never even got the change of
- 6 the \$3. He said that was it.
- 7 A couple minutes later, a little bit later, a
- 8 short time, the State Police came up and said, we want
- 9 to talk with you. They took my name. They said, okay.
- 10 They left.
- I heard from the State Police a few weeks later
- 12 after that saying, come down for fingerprinting and
- 13 pictures and stuff. That was done. Then I got that
- 14 letter. I sent -- I thought I sent the letter to the
- 15 right place saying what happened. Because I went to a
- 16 hearing at a Magistrate and the State Policeman that
- 17 was there said nothing should have happened. You paid
- 18 | it back right away and everything.
- 19 He said, I am not putting anything against you.
- 20 But if you plead not guilty, it goes on file. If you
- 21 plead guilty to the minimal thing, it's over. You pay
- 22 a fine. I paid the fine. I paid the lawyer. I
- 23 thought that was the end.
- 24 After that, that's when I got that letter in June.
- 25 | I thought I sent the right thing back saying what I

- 1 did. I am not saying it was right. I even talked to
- 2 the State Policeman. He said it's not in my hands.
- 3 It's the Gaming Board. We are done.
- 4 \mid It's over with. He said, I think it's over with
- 5 anyway.
- 6 I said, well, it doesn't look that way. Then when
- 7 | I got another letter, that's why I am here today. And,
- 8 like I said, I paid it back additionally. I have been
- 9 going there ever since.
- 10 It says don't bring nobody with you. But I could
- 11 have got letters from people or whatever I guess and
- 12 that State Policeman. But it was only over \$7. And I
- 13 paid them back \$10 even. They didn't give me change.
- 14 It was, like, I left it go at the time. It was an
- 15 honest mistake. It wasn't the regular bet. It was the
- 16 odds table. An extra \$5 was put down.
- 17 CHAIRMAN:
- 18 Sir, you admitted you did what you were
- 19 accused of doing, correct?
- 20 A. Yes, sir.
- 21 CHAIRMAN:
- 22 And the police gave you a break. Your
- 23 problem is with the Gaming Board.
- 24 A. Yeah, they said that's separate.
- 25 CHAIRMAN:

- 1 | We would leave it to the Board's
- 2 discretion. I just want to impress upon
- 3 Mr. Kirscheneiter that when you attend the casinos and
- 4 you enjoy the entertainment at the casinos and you
- 5 participate in the games, we expect you to participate
- 6 in the games in a fair manner.
- 7 A. Yes.

8 ATTORNEY PITRE:

- 9 And not attempt to cheat or do anything --
- 10 A. Yes.

11 ATTORNEY PITRE:

- 12 -- that's in contradiction to the play
- 13 at the casino.
- 14 A. Yeah.

15 ATTORNEY PITRE:

- 16 I am going to leave it to the Board's
- 17 discretion. And I really wouldn't have an objection if
- 18 the Board would allow Mr. Kirscheneiter the chance
- 19 to go back to the casino.
- 20 However, Mr. Kirscheneiter, if I see
- 21 | your name anywhere in any report, you will never go
- 22 | back to another casino in this Commonwealth again.
- 23 A. Yes, sir.

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ATTORNEY PITRE:

So I will leave it to the Board's

1 discretion with regard to that. And we would have no

2 objection.

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CHAIRMAN:

4 How about a 30 day exclusion?

ATTORNEY PITRE:

6 Do you think you need a little break?

7 A. It wouldn't hurt. Saves me money.

CHAIRMAN:

9 So if the Board agrees to this, you

- 10 | would be excluded from casinos for 30 days. After
- 11 that, you can go back in, but you can't be doing this
- 12 anymore.
- 13 A. No. No. This happened last year.

14 CHAIRMAN:

- I understand that, sir.
- 16 A. I have been going back. I go back all the time.

17 ATTORNEY PITRE:

- 18 Mr. Kirscheneiter, this is what you need
- 19 to understand. The Board is going to say that you
- 20 can't go back for 30 days.
- 21 A. Yes.

22 ATTORNEY PITRE:

- 23 Until you receive a letter from
- 24 Ms. Powers telling you that it is okay for you to go
- 25 back --

- 1 A. Right. Don't go.
- 2 ATTORNEY PITRE:
- 3 -- stay away.
- 4 A. Stay away. Okay.

ATTORNEY PITRE:

- Do you understand that? And then
- 7 Ms. Powers will have her telephone number. You can
- 8 call her to confirm. You can check with her to make
- 9 sure she has your right address. Because I don't want
- 10 any confusion. Because if you go to the another
- 11 casino, you will be arrested.
- 12 A. I think I have a number for her. I
- 13 think I did call her.
- MR. MCCALL:
- To be clear, he should understand that
- 16 this 30 day suspension starts the minute he leaves
- 17 here?

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- 18 ATTORNEY PITRE:
- 19 Yes.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 ATTORNEY PITRE:
- 22 Yes.
- MR. MCCALL:
- 24 Will he receive anything in writing to
- 25 that effect as well or just notification after the 30

100 days is up? 1 2 ATTORNEY PITRE: 3 He will receive notification after the 30 days is up. And his lovely photo will be placed upon our exclusion list for 30 days. 6 MR. MCCALL: 7 You are clear with that? That's starting today? 8 9 Α. Yes. 10 MR. MCCALL: 11 No casino for 30 days. You will get a 12 letter. 13 Α. Yeah. 14 MR. MCCALL: 15 Okay, I am fine with that. 16 CHAIRMAN: And understand, sir, you can't just wander 17 back in and hope you don't get caught. If you get 18 caught, you are going to have bigger problems. 19 20 Α. I just wait for a letter from her. 21 CHAIRMAN: 22 Stay out of the casinos for 30 days 23 until you get the letter. 24 That's easy.

CHAIRMAN:

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Do we have a motion? 1 2 MS. KAISER: 3 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board issue an order to approve the addition of Roy Kirscheneiter to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's Involuntary Exclusion list for 30 days as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel. 8 MR. MCCALL: 9 Second. 10 CHAIRMAN: 11 All in favor? 12 ALL SAY AYE 13 CHAIRMAN: 14 Opposed? The motion carries. Wе understand each other, sir? 15 Wait until a letter from her. 16 Yeah. 17 ATTORNEY PITRE: 18 Have a seat. Wait for me right here. will talk to you. 19 20 ATTORNEY POWERS: 21 The next matter that I have for the 22 Board this morning is that of Salvatore Leggio. July 3, 2014, the Office of Enforcement Counsel filed 23 24 a petition to place Mr. Leggio on the Board's 25 Involuntary Exclusion list after surveillance showed

- 1 him cheating at a Midi-Baccarat table game at Mohegan 2 Sun on November 10, 2013.
- He moved a losing bet to a winning bet and was paid \$1,500 when he should have lost \$1,500.
- He was charged criminally and pled guilty to disorderly conduct on February 27, 2014.
- 7 Mr. Leggio did not respond to OEC's
 8 petition in any way. Therefore, his right to a hearing
 9 has been waived and the facts alleged in the petition
 10 are deemed admitted.
- On August 21, 2014, OEC filed a request
 for default judgement and, at this time, OEC asks that
 the Board place Salvatore Leggio on the Board's
 Involuntary Exclusion list.

15 CHAIRMAN:

Is Salvatore Leggio in the hearing room?

Questions or comments from the Board? Ex-Officio

members? May I have a motion?

MR. MCCALL:

I move that the Board issue an Order to approve the addition of Salvatore Leggio to the PBCB Involuntary Exclusion list as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

MR. MOSCATO:

25 Second.

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CHAIRMAN:

2 All of those in favor?

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CHAIRMAN:

The motion carries. Opposed?

ATTORNEY POWERS:

The next matter that I have for the Board this morning is that of Oikong Ngai. On June 17th, 2014, the Office of Enforcement Counsel filed a petition to place Mr. Ngai on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion list after surveillance showed him cheating at a Midi-Baccarat at Mohegan Sun on May 19, 2013.

He capped a winning bet on two different occasions and was overpaid a total of \$300. He was 15 charged criminally and was admitted into the Luzerne 16 County ARD program on March 14, 2014.

Mr. Ngai did not respond to OEC's petition in any way. Therefore, his right to a hearing has been waived and the facts alleged in the petition are deemed admitted.

On August 14, 2014, OEC filed a request for default judgement and, at this time, we ask that the Board place Qikong Ngai on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion list.

CHAIRMAN:

Is Qikong Ngai in the hearing room? 1 2 questions or comments from the Board? Ex-Officio May I have a motion? 3 members? 4 MR. MOSCATO: 5 Mr. Chairman, I would move that the Board issue an Order to approve the addition of Qikong 7 Ngai to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion list as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel. 9 MR. WOODS: 10 Second. 11 CHAIRMAN: 12 All in favor? 13 ALL SAY AYE 14 CHAIRMAN: 15 The motion carries. Opposed? 16 ATTORNEY POWERS: 17 The final matter before you this morning is that of Demetrious Spougiadakis on June 17, 2014. 18 The Office of Enforcement Counsel filed a petition to 19 20 place Mr. Spougiadakis on the Board's Involuntary 21 Exclusion list after he was arrested for stealing a 22 voucher valued at \$562.65 from another patron at 23 Mohegan Sun on September 8, 2013. 24 Mr. Spougiadakis pled guilty to theft of 25 property lost, mislaid, or delivered by mistake, a

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misdemeanor on December 10, 2013. Mr. Spougiadakis did
   not respond to OEC's petition in any way. Therefore,
   his right to a hearing has been waived and the facts
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   alleged in the petition are deemed admitted.
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                On August 14, 2014, OEC filed a request
   for default judgment and, at this time, would ask that
   the Board place Demetrious Spougiadakis on the Board's
   Involuntary Exclusion list.
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                CHAIRMAN:
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                Is Demetrious Spougiadakis in the
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   hearing room? Questions or comments from the Board?
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   Ex-Officio members? Do I have a motion?
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                MR. WOODS:
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                Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board
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   issue an Order to approve the addition of Demetrious
   Spougiadakis to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion list as
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   described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.
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                MR. FAJT:
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                All in favor?
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   ALL SAY AYE
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                 Opposed? The motion carries.
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1	That concludes our business.
2	CHAIRMAN:
3	Thank you very much. Ladies and
4	gentlemen, that concludes today's meeting. Our next
5	scheduled public meeting will be on Wednesday, November
6	19th and we will begin at 10 a.m.
7	Any final comments from the Board? May
8	I have a motion to adjourn?
9	MR. FAJT:
10	So moved.
11	MS. KAISER:
12	Second.
13	CHAIRMAN:
14	All in favor.
15	ALL SAY AYE
16	CHAIRMAN:
17	Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen.
18	Appreciate your assistance.
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20	MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11:36 A.M.
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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that I was present upon the hearing of the above-entitled matter and reported stenographically the proceedings and the testimony produced; and I further certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of my said stenographic notes.

9 Michelle S. Parke, Notary

Court Reporter
