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Gambling Control Board
Minutes of April 19, 2022 Board Meeting
Held online via Zoom application.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steven Silver called the meeting to order at 9:05 am via Zoom application online due to the current coronavirus pandemic.

MEMBERS PRESENT ONLINE

Steven Silver, Board Chair
Sari Greene
Dr. Charmaine Brown

STAFF PRESENT ONLINE

Milton Champion, Executive Director
Detective Don Armstrong
Vicki Gardner, Inspector Supervisor
Alex Joutov, Auditor

Mallory Reilly, Office Specialist I
Cami Hippler, Office Assistant II
Katie Johnson, Assistant Attorney General
Philip Mantis, Assistant Attorney General

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

March 2022 Meeting Minutes approval

Ms. Sari Greene moves to approve the March 15, 2022 meeting minutes. Dr. Charmaine Brown seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver	Yea
Sari Greene:	Yea
Dr. Charmaine Brown:	Abstain

The motion passed 2 in favor, 1 abstention.

OPERATIONS REPORT – VICKI GARDNER, INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR

In March 2022 there were 9 shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. On-site inspectors completed 788 observations and 36 checklists.

There were 9 self-exclusions. There were 6 minor incidents that will continue to be monitored from the activity log, 2 patron complaints; and 1 formal complaint of potential violation placed on the dashboard.

There were 28 calls for service at Hollywood Casino, of those 12 were parking lot/garage related, 4 outside, 6 hotel, and 6 Casino. Oxford had 17 calls for service, of those 4 were parking lot related, 5 hotel, 13 Casino.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Alex Joutov, Auditor

For the month of March 2022, the Unit has identified an increase of 30.8% in total tax revenue for both facilities versus March 2021. Year to date the Unit has identified the same increase of 42.8% versus last year at the same time.

Oxford reported a 7.9% win for the month of March from slots and 24.2% win from table games. Oxford's payback percentage was 92%. Average gross win per machine was \$256.59. Hollywood reported a 9.5% average win for the month of March from slots and 23.2% win from table games. Hollywood's payback percentage was 90.5%. Average gross win per machine was \$212.91

In the area of advance deposit wagering for the month of March 2022, we have identified a decrease of 6.7% for total in state and out of state tax revenue collected.

There has been a year-to-date decrease of 8.1% for total in state and out of state tax revenue collected versus last year at the same time.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

On March 1st, Scientific Games announced that due to the company's sale of their lottery business, it would be doing business going forward as Light and Wonder. A formal name change will take place at a later date.

Director Champion met with GLI and Light and Wonder on availability of downloading Bin files from GLI for all licensed manufacturers prior to or with software installation into the central monitoring system. These are set-up files for the central system and have nothing to do with game outcome or play of the game.

There are two contracts coming up for review – 1) the Penn ADW contract, which the Director stated was initially signed for 5 years and good until May 2025, and- 2) the central site monitoring system contract with Scientific Games will have to have an amendment by July, which may require the approval of a new contract, the name will need to be changed to Light and Wonder.

License Applications for Review-

Hollywood Casino Bangor – Casino Operator License

Dr. Charmaine Brown moves to approve the February 2022 renewal application for HC Bangor LLC dba Hollywood Casino Hotel & Raceway. Ms. Sari Greene seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver **Yea**

Sari Greene: **Yea**

Dr. Charmaine Brown: **Yea**

The motion passed, 3 in favor.

Everi Payments Inc. & Everi Holdings Inc. – Gambling Services Vendor

Ms. Sari Greene moves to approve the renewal gambling services vendor application for Everi Payments Inc. & Everi Holdings Inc. Dr. Charmaine Brown seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver **Yea**

Sari Greene: **Yea**

Dr. Charmaine Brown: **Yea**

The motion passed, 3 in favor.

Patriot Gaming & Electronics – Gambling Services Vendor

Dr. Charmaine Brown moves to approve the renewal gambling services vendor application for Patriot Gaming & Electronics. Chair Steven Silver seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver **Yea**

Sari Greene: **Yea**

Dr. Charmaine Brown: **Yea**

The motion passed, 3 in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Appendix A – update after comment review from April 12th-

Ms. Sari Greene moves to republish Appendix A package for rulemaking. Dr. Charmaine Brown seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver **Yea**

Sari Greene: **Yea**

Dr. Charmaine Brown: **Yea**

The motion passed, 3 in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Rulemaking on Chapter 13 self-exclusions – section 7 - Removal from Self-Exclusions list-

The changes to chapter 13 outlines the process for removal from the self-exclusion list.

Ms. Sari Greene moves to publish chapter 13-self exclusion for rulemaking. Dr. Charmaine Brown seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver **Yea**

Sari Greene: **Yea**

Dr. Charmaine Brown: **Yea**

The motion passed, 3 in favor.

Resolution 13 – Potential changes to authority delegation-

There was Board discussion on possible changes that can be made to lower the number of company renewals being brought to the Board for approval. Suggested changes such as adding “material changes” to the resolution to allow the Director a little more discretion about what is brought before the Board and striking out the first item of resolution 13 (company address changes). Director Champion will be bringing a draft of resolution 13 with these changes to the Board for approval at the next meeting.

Board Business-

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Austin Muchemore, GM Hollywood Casino, presented to the Board new technology (Veridocs) for their Casino Responsible Gaming program, which will aid security to ensure minors and self-excluded patrons do not gain entrance as well as aiding responsible alcohol service. Oxford Casino is looking into this technology.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Sari Greene moves to adjourn the Gambling Control Board meeting. Dr. Charmaine Brown seconded the motion. Motion moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver **Yea**

Sari Greene **Yea**

Dr. Charmaine Brown: **Yea**

The motion passed 3 in favor, motion passes.

The meeting adjourns at 10:17 AM. The next Board meeting will be held on May 17, 2022 at 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mallory Reilly

Office Specialist I

Board approved: May 17, 2022