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Gambling Control Board
Minutes of May 21, 2024 Board Meeting
Held in person at Hollywood Casino & online via Zoom application.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Steven Silver, Board Chair
Sari Greene, Board Member
Kelly Bickmore, Board Member
Joseph Hanslip, Board Member (Virtual)

STAFF PRESENT

Milton Champion, Executive Director	Jennifer Willis, Assistant Attorney General
Matthew Motti, Deputy Director	Philip Mantis, Assistant Attorney General
Det. Don Armstrong, MSP (Virtual)	
Vicki Gardner, Inspector Supervisor	
Mallory Reilly, Office Specialist	
Alex Joutov, Auditor	
Amanda Spencer, Auditor	
Cami Hippler, Office Associate	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Steven Silver called the meeting to order at 9:19 AM in-person & via Zoom application online.

2. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

The March meeting minutes were not made available in time for Board members to review.

3. OPERATIONS REPORT – Inspector Supervisor Vicki Gardner

In March 2024 there were 9 Shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. On-site inspectors completed 694 observations and 31 checklists. There were 21 self-exclusions. There were 6 minor violations that will continue to be monitored from the Unit's activity log. There were 0 patron complaints; and there were 0 formal complaints of potential violation placed on the dashboard.

Oxford Casino had 19 calls for service to Oxford PD, 10 in the parking lot and 9 were Casino related, including 911 hang up, disorderly, intoxication, trespass, and walk through. Hollywood Casino had 14 calls for service to Bangor PD, 5 in the parking garage or outside, 3 in the hotel or lobby, and 6 in the casino, including wanted outs, information, disorderly, and subpoena service.

In April 2024 there were 14 Shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. On-site inspectors completed 764 observations and 31 checklists. There were 10 self-exclusions. There was 1 minor violation that will continue to be monitored from the Unit's activity log. There were 0 patron complaints; and there were 0 formal complaints of potential violation placed on the dashboard.

Oxford Casino had 20 calls for service to Oxford PD, 9 in the parking lot and 11 were Casino related, including intoxication, traffic calls, theft, and disorderly. Hollywood Casino had 11 calls for service to Bangor PD, 5 in the parking garage or outside, 1 in the hotel or lobby, and 5 in the casino, including information, intoxication, lost property, and wanted out.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT – Alex Joutov

Total Casino Tax Revenue paid to the State of Maine decreased by 2.32% in March and increased by 9.71% in April 2024 for both facilities compared to the same months in 2023.

Total revenue collected year to date is \$21,805,665, a decrease of 4.11% compared to the same months in the prior year.

Specifically, by Casino —

The Oxford casino reported total net win from Slot machines of 8.00% in March and 7.90% in April 2024. Reported total wins from Table Games were 29.87% in March and 22.47% in April 2024.

The Hollywood casino reported total net win from Slot machines of 8.37% in March and 8.75% in April 2024. Reported total wins from Table Games were 25.99% in March and 21.71% in April 2024.

In the area of Advance Deposit Wagering –

We observed an increase of 0.2% for March and a decrease of 17.7% for April 2024, compared to the same months in 2023.

2024 Year-to-Date Tax Revenue collected from in-state and out-of-state races was \$68,797, a decrease of 13.6% compared to the same months in the prior year.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

LD 2080 An Act to Create a Universal Exclusion List for All Forms of Gambling in the State was approved by Governor Mills on April 16, 2024 and becomes law on August 9, 2024. The Universal list and administration thereof will be under the Boards direction and/or oversight. The proposed text in the casino and advance deposit wagering areas shall be presented to the Board at the September 17th meeting in order to proceed with rulemaking in this area. In addition, the Unit shall have separate proposed rule changes in the area of fantasy contest and sports wagering to work alongside Board rules.

LD 504 An Act Regarding Licensing Fees for Small Slot Distributors was approved by Governor Mills on April 22, 2024 and becomes law August 9, 2024. This bill changed the law but does not

require rulemaking. The application and background investigation are not different from a regular slot machine Distributor. The only difference is the small distributors can only have up to 50 machines per casino with the license fee of \$50,000 for initial application and \$10,000 for annual renewal.

Transition meetings have gone very well, and the Unit and licensees are ready to go through the process beginning June 3, 2024 to meet the deadline of June 30, 2024. The basis statement of comments from the first publication shall be presented to the Board at the June meeting, most of which shall be recommended for approval. The first publication had a typo, and a second publication is being made tomorrow with written comments due June 22.

6. LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

a) Everi Payments, Inc. – Gambling Services Associate - Initial

Board member Sari Greene moved to approve Everi Payments, Inc. as a Gambling Services Vendor in the state of Maine. Board member Joseph Hanslip seconded the motion. Moved to roll call.

Members

Sari Greene: Yea
Joseph Hanslip: Yea
Steven Silver: Yea
Kelly Bickmore: Yea

4 in favor, the motion passed.

b) Gaming Partners International USA Inc. – Table Game Distributor - Renewal

Board member Kelly Bickmore moved to approve Gaming Partners International USA Inc. as a Table Game Distributor in the State of Maine. Board member Sari Greene seconded the motion. Moved to roll call.

Members

Sari Greene: Yea
Joseph Hanslip: Yea
Steven Silver: Yea
Kelly Bickmore: Yea

4 in favor, the motion passed.

c) BB Development/Oxford Casino – Casino Operator – Renewal

-Will add the date of when the Town’s signature occurred.

Board member Joseph Hanslip moved to approve BB Development/Oxford Casino as a Casino Operator in the State of Maine. Board member Sari Greene seconded the motion. Moved to roll call.

Members

Sari Greene: Yea
Joseph Hanslip: Yea
Steven Silver: Yea
Kelly Bickmore: Yea

4 in favor, the motion passed.

Board member Greene asked for a question in the Business Entity application for the vendor to explain what it is they do in the State. Director Champion indicated that the application will be amended accordingly.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Review of Hollywood Casino AS400 project –
Board member Greene had no concerns with roll out of AS400.

- b) ADW Rules – Basis Statement for approval and processing for adopting rules.
AAG Willis suggested making an amendment to the basis statement to correct specific wording.

Board member Sari Greene moved to accept the basis statement with an amendment to correct the suggested wording changes and rules for final adoption. Board member Kelly Bickmore seconded the motion. Moved to roll call.

Members

Sari Greene: Yea
Joseph Hanslip: Yea
Steven Silver: Yea
Kelly Bickmore: Yea

4 in favor, the motion passed.

Board member Sari Greene moved to adopt the 3rd publication of the rules as proposed. Board member Kelly Bickmore seconded the motion. Moved to roll call.

Members

Sari Greene: Yea
Joseph Hanslip: Yea
Steven Silver: Yea
Kelly Bickmore: Yea

4 in favor, the motion passed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Self-exclusion reinstatement patron A

Board member Joseph Hanslip moved to approve the removal of patron A from the self-exclusion list. Board Chair Sari Greene seconded the motion. Moved to roll call.

Members

Sari Greene: Yea
Joseph Hanslip: Yea
Steven Silver: Yea
Kelly Bickmore: Yea

4 in favor, the motion passed.

- b) Self-exclusion reinstatement patron B

Board member Sari Greene moved to approve the removal of patron B from the self-exclusion list. Board member Kelly Bickmore seconded the motion. Moved to roll call.

Members

Sari Greene: Yea
Joseph Hanslip: Yea
Steven Silver: Yea
Kelly Bickmore: Yea

4 in favor, the motion passed.

9. BOARD BUSINESS –

Board Chair Steven Silver informed the Board that the 7 applications for licensure originally included for the May agenda were split up between the May and June meetings. He addressed the Board and said that the decision could be made later, but he suggests revisiting Resolution 13 which gives the Director authority to approve any license renewal with minor changes to address only, and he suggests that be changed to only bringing to the Board any company renewals with adverse actions. Board member Greene indicated she agreed with that suggestion if there are only changes to the company address, but if there are changes to ownership structure or principals, those applications should still be brought before the Board for approval. The Board's advising AAGs suggested that draft amendments to the referenced Resolution could be presented to the Board for its approval.

Board Chair Steven Silver asked that Social Security numbers, birthdates, and other identifying (but irrelevant) information be redacted from applications and other materials presented to the Board for security reasons. Chair Silver also indicated a need for new iPads.

The addition of a June meeting was raised by Board Chair silver, and he asked the other members if they would prefer to skip the July meeting or skip the August meeting. A decision will be made at the June meeting.

Chair Silver asked about how the scheduling would look like for the facility-based monitoring system, when the Inspectors take over the responsibilities. Director Champion stated a schedule has been created but he cannot have any discussions on the matter.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS –

State Senator Joe Baldacci raised his concerns about in-person Sports Wagering not being offered in facilities yet. Chair Silver indicated that the Board does not have jurisdiction over Sports Wagering.

Austin Muchemore attempted to comment about the Sports Wagering rules, and was directed to provide those comments to the Executive Director.

Matt Gallagher, GM of Oxford Casino made two comments. First, he requested guidance on compliance during the transition period away from the Sci Games central monitoring system. The Executive Director indicated that he anticipated a grace period related to potential violations during the transition period. Second, Mr. Gallagher asked about whether casino employees are permitted to handle patron requests for self-exclusion that occur when a State Inspector is not present at a casino. Board Chair Steven Silver expressed concerns with Casino employees performing this function.

Matt Gallagher GM of Oxford Casino and Austin Muchemore GM of Hollywood Casino, both presented to Lori Manson and Scott Gagnon of Adcare, funds raised for Adcare by programs in the month of March which is known as Responsible Gaming month. Scott Gagnon, Executive Director of Adcare took this

time to thank the Board for their service and assistance over the years, and to inform the Board that he will be leaving in the coming months.

Scott Gagnon of AdCare offered public comment responding to the issue related to the timing of accepting self-exclusion requests and said it is important to process a self-exclusion request as soon as possible after the request is made to best assist the requestor succeed, Mr. Gagnon also added his viewpoint that the funding for AdCare as allocated goes very quickly, but that the staff does an excellent job with programming within those financial constraints.

11. Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on June 18, 2024,* at 9:00 a.m. at 45 Commerce Drive in Augusta. The meeting will also be available via Zoom. *The June meeting date was later changed to June 25, 2024.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Board member Sari Greene moved to adjourn the Gambling Control Board meeting. Board member Kelly Bickmore seconded the motion. Motion moves to roll call.

Members

Sari Greene:	Yea
Joseph Hanslip:	Yea
Steven Silver:	Yea
Kelly Bickmore:	Yea

4 in favor, the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mallory Reilly

Office Specialist I

Board approved: 6/25/2024