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Gambling Control Board
Minutes of October 26, 2021 Board Meeting
Held online via Zoom application.

CALL TO ORDER

Board member Chief Noel March filled in for Chair Steven Silver who was absent. Chief March called the meeting to order at 9:02 am via Zoom application online due to the current coronavirus pandemic.

MEMBERS PRESENT ONLINE

Chief Noel March
Sari Greene
Dr. Charmaine Brown
Joseph Hanslip

STAFF PRESENT ONLINE

Milton Champion, Executive Director
Vicki Gardner, Inspector Supervisor
Mallory Reilly, Office Specialist I
Det. Don Armstrong
Wyatt Bisbee, Auditor
Alex Joutov, Auditor
Cami Hippler, Office Assistant II

Katie Johnson, Assistant Attorney General
John Nichols, Assistant Attorney General

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

September 2021 Meeting Minutes approval

Ms. Sari Greene moves to approve the September 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Joseph Hanslip seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

Sari Greene:	Yea
Dr. Charmaine Brown:	Yea
Joseph Hanslip:	Yea
Noel March:	Yea

The motion passed 4 in favor, motion passes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In September 2021 there were 15 shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. On-site inspectors completed 680 observations and 26 checklists. There were 11 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 1 formal complaint of potential violation placed on the dashboard.

For the month of September 2021, the Unit has identified an increase of 72.1% in total tax revenue for both facilities versus September 2020. Year to date the Unit has identified an increase of 115.1% versus last year at the same time. Oxford reported an 8.1% win for the month of September from slots and 25.8% win from table games. Oxford's payback percentage was 91.9%. Average gross win per machine of \$267.70. Hollywood reported a 9.6% average win for the month of September from slots and 24.4% win from table games. Hollywood's payback percentage was 90.4%. Average gross win per machine was \$224.72.

STATE POLICE REPORT

Detective Don Armstrong informed the Board that since his last presentation there have been 39 new license investigations, and 45 renewal application investigations conducted, with 54 licenses still pending. There were 6 TITO thefts; funds were recovered in 5 cases, and 1 is being looked into further. 0 counterfeit bills were reported. Oxford Police Department had 10 calls for service, and Bangor Police Department had 15 calls for service, most of which were calls due to events in the hotel and parking garage.

License Applications for Review-

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Self-Exclusion Request for removal Guidelines – Ohio/Maryland workbook

Ms. Sari Greene Moves to table this discussion until the November meeting when Chair Steven Silver will be present. Dr. Charmaine Brown seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

Sari Greene:	Yea
Dr. Charmaine Brown:	Yea
Joseph Hanslip:	Yea
Noel March:	Yea

The motion passed 4 in favor, motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 14 - Guidelines for 60-day employee renewal applications-

Resolution 14 would allow the Board to delegate to the Director the authority to issue a letter of guidance to any applicant who fails to submit a renewal application at least 60 days prior to the expiration date of a Board license.

Dr. Charmaine Brown moves to approve Resolution 14. Ms. Sari Greene and Joseph Hanslip both seconded the motion. Motion moves to roll call.

Members

Sari Greene: Yea

Dr. Charmaine Brown: Yea

Joseph Hanslip: Yea

Noel March: Yea

The motion passed 4 in favor, motion passes.

Adoption Package – Table Count

Director Champion reported that the Board received 0 comments on proposed changes to Board Rules Chapter 5, Appendix A, page 28 concerning the counting and recording of drop boxes.

Dr. Charmaine Brown moves to approve final adoption for the rule and written basis statement.

Ms. Sari Greene seconds the motion. Motion moves to roll call.

Members

Sari Greene: Yea

Dr. Charmaine Brown: Yea

Joseph Hanslip: Yea

Noel March: Yea

The motion passed 4 in favor, motion passes.

Internal Control Changes – Security/Surveillance – Oxford

James Bonsant, Oxford Casino Director of Compliance, presented to the Board the Casino's request to modify its internal controls to separate the position of Sr. Director of Security and Surveillance into two separate roles (Director of Security and Director of Surveillance).

Mr. Joseph Hanslip moves to approve the internal control changes in the organizational chart for Oxford Casino. Ms. Sari Greene seconded the motion. The motion moves to roll call.

Members

Sari Greene: Yea

Dr. Charmaine Brown: Yea

Joseph Hanslip: Yea

Noel March: Yea

The motion passed 4 in favor, motion passes.

Board Business-

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT –

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

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

Members

Sari Greene: **Yea**

Dr. Charmaine Brown: **Yea**

Joseph Hanslip: **Yea**

Noel March: **Yea**

The motion passed 4 in favor, motion passes.

The meeting adjourns at 9:39 AM. The next Board meeting will be held on November 16, 2021 at 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mallory Reilly

Office Specialist I

Board approved: November 16, 2021