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Gambling Control Board
Minutes of July 16, 2024 Board Meeting
Held in person at 45 Commerce Drive & online via Zoom application.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Steven Silver, Board Chair
Sari Greene, Board Member
Kelly Bickmore, Board Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joseph Hanslip, Board Member - Absent
Noel March, Board Member - Absent

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)	Michael Sauschuck, DPS Commissioner
Vicki Gardner, Inspector Supervisor	
Mallory Reilly, Office Specialist	
Alex Joutov, Auditor	
Cami Hippler, Office Associate (Virtual)	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Steven Silver called the meeting to order at 9:00 am in person & via Zoom application online.

2. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

June 25 2024 Meeting Minutes Approval –

Board member Sari Greene moved to approve the June 25, 2024 meeting minutes. Board Chair Steven Silver seconded the motion. Moved to roll call vote.

Members

<i>Sari Greene:</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Kelly Bickmore:</i>	<i>Abstained</i>
<i>Steven Silver</i>	<i>Yea</i>

2 In favor, 1 abstained, the motion passed.

3. OPERATIONS REPORT – Inspector Supervisor Vicki Gardner

In June 2024 there were 10 Shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. On-site inspectors completed 29 checklists which resulted in 0 complaints of potential violations. There was 1 formal complaint which was reported by Deputy Director Matthew Motti, regarding inadequate audio/visual monitoring. There were 3 minor violations which will continue to be monitored from the activity log, and 1 patron complaint. There were 9 self-exclusions.

Oxford Casino had 16 calls for service to Oxford PD, 5 in the parking lot, 1 in the hotel and 10 were Casino related, including, intoxication, trespass, requests for an office, suspicious activity, drug activity, agency assist, traffic offense, and vandalism. Hollywood Casino had 12 calls for service to Bangor PD, 4 in the parking garage or outside, 1 in the hotel or lobby, and 7 in the casino, including disorderly, intoxications, PD accident, 911 hangup, information, robbery, suspicious activity and wanted out.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT – Alex Joutov

Total Casino Tax Revenue paid to the State of Maine decreased by 4.31% in June 2024 for both facilities compared to the same months in 2023. Total revenue collected year to date is \$33,450,183.00, a decrease of 3.33% (or \$1,151,745.00) compared to the same months in the prior year.

Specifically, by Casino —

The Oxford casino reported total net win from Slot machines of 7.88% in June 2024. Reported total win from Table Games was 23.80% in June 2024. The Hollywood casino reported total net win from Slot machines of 8.24% in June 2024. Reported total win from Table Games was 24.81% in June 2024.

In the area of Advance Deposit Wagering –

We observed a decrease of 11% for June 2024, compared to the same month in 2023.

2024 Year to Date Tax Revenue collected from in-state and out of state races was \$109,129.00, a decrease of 7.4% (or \$8,708.00) compared to the same months in the prior year.

Board Chair Steven Silver asked if there is any sense of Sports Wagering causing the decreases that were observed in the Casino tax revenue. Board member Greene asked for the addition of Sports Wagering information in the auditor report to draw conclusions to this.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Legal review of rules regarding chapter 28 advance deposit wagering has a deadline of Sept. 30.
- FBMS rules have been sent to the Secretary of State's office for a third publication.
- Director Champion will be meeting with GLI and BMM tomorrow to discuss other states certification process for labs and will present recommendations at the September meeting which may include rulemaking.
- Director Champion is working on rules for Chapter 13 for a public hearing and written comment.

6. LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW – N/A

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – N/A

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Administrative Staffing levels – DPS Commissioner Michael Sauschuck

Commissioner Sauschuck discussed the current staffing levels and the increased workload that the Gambling Control Unit has experienced since 2017. Board discussion occurred at this time.

b) Scheduling change rationale – DPS Commissioner Michael Sauschuck

Commissioner Sauschuck described the reasoning behind changing the inspector schedules, providing examples of facilities where there are days without inspectors on duty and facilities with inspectors on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Board Discussion occurred at this time.

c) Review the rules affected by Schedule –

Board members discussed the different daily tasks/processes highlighted by the casinos that have been affected or may be affected by the inspector schedule change. Processes affected by the schedule change include the payout of jackpots exceeding \$2,500, the issuance of temporary ID's to employees, and ram clears for slot machines and other devices. The Board ultimately decided to have the Director pull back the current publication of the rulemaking package so the Board can consider whether and how to amend the rules with which licensees have encountered difficulty complying due to the schedule change.

Board member Sari Greene moved to retract rules currently submitted to the Secretary of State. Board Chair Steven Silver seconded the motion.

Members

Sari Greene: Yea

Kelly Bickmore: Yea

Steven Silver Yea

3 In favor, the motion passed.

Board member Sari Greene moved to implement guidance when a notification is required that the casino notifies the unit by email. Board Chair Steven Silver seconded the motion.

Members

Sari Greene: Yea

Kelly Bickmore: Yea

Steven Silver Yea

3 In favor, the motion passed.

d) Review and update license application forms –

The Board would like a section added to the Business Entity Initial and Renewal applications for the vendors to describe the goods or services provided to the State of Maine.

9. BOARD BUSINESS –

Chair Silver asked if there have been any complaints since January because that was the last one listed on the dashboard. Director Champion will be discussing this topic at the September Board meeting.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS –

