

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD

PUBLIC MEETING  
Cadillac Place Hearing Room and Via Zoom  
3062 W. Grand Blvd., Suite L-700  
Detroit, Michigan 48202

**FEBRUARY 15, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

On Tuesday February 15, 2021, the Michigan Gaming Control Board held a public meeting, in person and via Zoom, at the Board's office in Cadillac Place, 3062 W. Grand Boulevard, Suite L-700, Detroit, Michigan 48202.

**Present:** In attendance were the following Board Members:

Linda Forte, Chair  
Mr. Andrew Palms  
Deidre Lambert-Bounds  
Joni Thrower-Davis

Also attending:

Henry Williams, Executive Director  
Diane Brown, Board Analyst  
Mr. Gerald Whalen, Assistant Attorney General  
Ms. Bethany McCune, Assistant Attorney General  
D/F/Lt. Marcus Trammel, MSP  
Mary Kay Bean, Communications Specialist

**Business:**

Ms. Forte called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and all Board Members were present.

There was no preliminary business to discuss.

Ms. Forte stated the first order of business was to approve the minutes from the Board's regular public meeting held December 14, 2021. It was noted Board Members previously received copies of the minutes. Board Members were asked if there were any questions, concerns, or corrections; there were none.

A motion was made by Mr. Palms and supported by Ms. Lambert-Bounds that the Board accept and approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021, regular public meeting. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Williams presented his report to the Board stating since the last board meeting three new employees were hired, and one resigned their position with MGCB. MGCB has 144 full-time employees and 25 vacant positions. Mr. Williams also informed the Board of the promotions of several Board employees.

Regarding the Board's budget, as of January 31, 2022, total expenditures were \$9,524,731 leaving an unexpended balance of \$25,436,064 in appropriated funding for fiscal year 2022, which includes funds for anticipated expenditures to the Attorney General's Office and the Michigan State Police.

Mr. Williams reported the three Detroit commercial casinos continued to operate at full capacity on a 24-hour-per-day, 7-day-per-week basis.

For casino operations, in December 2021 and January 2022, the casinos reported \$112.5 million in monthly aggregate revenue in December and \$100.9 million monthly aggregate revenue in January.

For the months ending December 31, 2021, and January 31, 2022, gaming taxes for the three Detroit casinos was \$17 million compared to \$8.8 million for the same period in 2020.

The three Detroit casinos reported paying the State of Michigan \$120,568 million in retail sports betting taxes. For the months of December 2021 and January 2022, the three Detroit casinos reported paying the City of Detroit \$147,361 in retail sports betting taxes. For December 2021 and January 2022, the three Detroit casinos reported paying the City of Detroit \$29.9 million in wagering taxes and development agreement payments, compared to \$12.9 million for the same period the previous year.

Mr. Williams reported the total handle from Lawful Sports Betting Act and Lawful Internet Gaming Act for January 2021 through December 2021 was \$3.7 billion for sports betting, \$1.4 billion in from gross receipts, \$1.11 billion was from internet casino gaming, and \$292.2 million from internet sports betting.

For January through December 2021, \$208.94 million in state taxes and payments; \$201.67 million from internet gaming and \$7.27 million from internet sports betting have been paid. City of Detroit received \$55.28 million from internet gaming and \$4.07 million from internet sports betting for a total of \$59.35 million in taxes and fees. Tribal operator's payments through December were \$22.4 million.

Mr. Williams informed the Board that since the December public meeting, the employee licensing section completed required background investigations of 128 pending level one and level two occupational license applications, 60 level three license applications, and 415 license renewal requests. Mr. William stated he previously approved the 415 renewal requests and the 60 level three applications. The remaining 128 level one and level two requests were part of the Board's agenda for this meeting.

Mr. Williams then went on to explain the new law signed in October 2020, regarding Disassociated Persons. Public Act 225 of 2020 signed by the Governor, allows Disassociated Persons to request removal from the lifetime ban after five years on the list. Currently there are 4,185 individuals on the list. As of January 31, 2022, the Board has received 903 applications seeking removal. Of those, 819 requests have been approved (17 have requested placement back on the list), and 49 requests were denied due to the applicants either not being eligible or not responding to information requested from the board. The remaining 35 requests are currently under review.

Regarding the Responsible Gaming Database (RGD), which created a statewide responsible gaming database, as of January 31, 2022; there have been 114 applications requesting placement in the RGD. 97 participants have been placed on the Internet Gaming list and 93 have

been placed on the Internet Sports Betting list. 16 applications received were incomplete and were returned for additional information. One application is pending processing.

Mr. Williams informed the Board that effective December 2019, the Gaming Control and Revenue Act was signed into law which allows the board to consider a waiver of misdemeanor convictions of at least ten years old for occupational license applications. This is providing the applicant does not pose a threat to the integrity of gaming, the applicant's conviction did not involve gambling, dishonesty, theft, or fraud; and the applicant is otherwise eligible and suitable. Since the December 14, 2021, public meeting two waivers were issued, and one was denied due to the applicant not being willing to accept responsibility for the conviction.

Mr. Williams added that two minor-in-the casino citations has been issued since the December 2021 meeting.

Mr. Williams additionally informed the board of a section of the Michigan Gaming Control and Revenue Act which allows for an individual to place their name on the list of disassociated persons. The Act also requires that if an individual enters a casino and wins money, the Board will confiscate the winnings. The Board shall deposit any winnings collected, into the Compulsive Gaming Prevention Fund. In November of 2021, the process for receipt of the confiscated funds was changed from MSP to the Enforcement Section regulation officers. As a result of the change, MSP turned over to the board, a total of \$94,427. The total of funds confiscated in 2021 was \$1256,176.

For Michigan State Police, Mr. Williams referred the Board to their copy of his report. Due to the report containing propriety and investigation information, Mr. Williams did not disclose the information in the public forum.

First regular agenda item the Board considered for approval was the recommendation of the Executive Director and the Casino Operations Division's Employee Licensing staff regarding the 128 Level 1 and Level 2 occupational license applications.

There being no questions from Board Members, it was moved by Board Member Lambert-Bounds and supported by Ms. Davis that the Board enter an Order accepting and adopting the recommendations. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

The next agenda item was consideration of the Licensing & Investigations Division's recommendation and the Executive Director's report regarding the pending supplier license applications of AGS LLC; American Wagering, Inc. d/b/a William Hill Sports Book; Overdrive Marketing, Inc.; Pala Interactive, LLC; PointsBet MI LLC; Poker Royalty LLC; SBTech Malta Limited d/b/a SBTech; SimpleBet, Inc.; TCS John Huxley America, Inc.; and WSI US, LLC d/b/a Wynn Sports. There were no questions from Board members. Ms. Davis made a motion for approval which was supported by Mr. Palms. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Next agenda item was consideration of the Licensing & Investigations Division's recommendations regarding the pending supplier license renewal requests of Allied-Eagle Supply Company d/b/a Allied Office Specialists; Atlas Wholesale Food Company; CountR GmbH; Curtis Glass Company; Data Financial Incorporated; Essex Linen Supply Limited; General Linen Supply Company d/b/a General Linen and Uniform Service; House Advantage, LLC; Masque Publishing, Inc.; Micro Wise Inc.; Midwest Game Supply Company; MIG East LLC; Motor City Electric Co. with New Key Persons Courteney Lynn McInerney and John Randall Bishop; Northern Lakes Seafood & Meats L.L.C.; TCS John Huxley America, Inc. with New Key Persons Belgravia AB and Phillip Lee; The Printer Inc.; and The United States Playing Card Company.

There being no questions from Board Members, Ms. Lambert-Bounds supported the motion put forth by Mr. Palms that the Board enter Orders finding the suppliers and their qualifiers eligible and suitable for license renewal and, accordingly, grant the requests for a one-year period. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Next was consideration by the Board of the Licensing & Investigations Division's recommendations regarding the suitability of New Key Persons of supplier licensees Bet Fair Interactive US LLC d/b/a FanDuel Sportsbook; BetMGM, LLC d/b/a ROAR Digital; Don Best Sports Corporation; Gaming Partners International USA, Inc. d/b/a GPI USA; GeoComply Solutions, Inc.; Greektown Casino L.L.C. d/b/a Greektown Casino; NYX Digital Gaming USA LLC, Parx Interactive Michigan Inc.; Penn Sports Interactive LLC; SG Gaming, Inc. d/b/a Scientific Games; Stadium Technology Group, LLC; and TSG Interactive US Services Limited d/b/a Fox Bet. Board Members did not have any questions therefore, Ms. Lambert-Bounds put forth a motion for approval. The motion was supported by Ms. Davis. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

The Board then considered the Licensing & Investigations Division's recommendations regarding the Transfer of Interest of supplier licensee, TCS John Huxley American, Inc. There were no questions from Board Members. Ms. Davis made the motion for approval which was supported by Mr. Palms. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Next for Board consideration was the Casino Operations Division's recommendation regarding the Acknowledgement of Violation of casino licensee Greektown Casino L.L.C. d/b/a Greektown Casino. There were no questions from Board Members. A motion was made by Mr. Palms that the Board approve, which was supported by Ms. Lambert-Bounds. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

The Board next considered the Casino Operations Division's recommendation regarding the Acknowledgment of Violation of occupational licensee Jennifer Blake. Assistant Attorney General Bethany McCune summarized the facts of the Violation. There were no questions from Board Members. Ms. Lambert-Bounds made the motion for approval which was supported by Ms. Davis. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

There were no requests from the public to address the Board.

Ms. Forte then announced the Board's next regular public meeting would be held Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Forte then asked for a motion to go into closed session. Ms. Lambert-Bounds made the motion which was supported by Mr. Palms. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

Following the closed session, the public meeting resumed, and a voice vote was taken to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2021, closed session. Motion carried.

Ms. Lambert-Bounds then made a motion to adjourn the public meeting which was supported by Ms. Davis. A roll call voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Ms. Forte adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

*Diane Brown*

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Diane Brown, Board Analyst