

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

April 18, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
MEETING MINUTES

On Tuesday April 18, 2023, 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
Derek Mathis, Board Analyst
Bethany McCune, Assistant Attorney General
Gerald Whalen, Assistant Attorney General
D/F/Lt. Marcus Trammel, MSP
Jasmine Tompkins, Director of External Affairs

Business:

Ms. Forte called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 February 21, 2023. It was noted Board Members previously received copies of the minutes. Board Members were asked if there were any questions, concerns, or corrections. The board minutes from the February Board Meeting stated an April 11th date, which should be changed to match the actual date of April 18th.

A motion was made by Mr. Palms and supported by Ms. Lambert-Bounds that the Board accept and approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023, 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 four new employees were hired, and two resigned their position with MGCB. MGCB has 168 full-time employees and 17 vacant positions. Mr. Williams also informed the Board of the promotions of one Board employee.

As of March 31st, 2023, total MGCB expenditures were \$14,630,987. This leaves an unexpended balance of \$25,121,932 in appropriated funding for fiscal year 2023, 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 \$105.5 million in monthly aggregate revenue in February 2023, and \$119.2 million in monthly aggregate revenue in March 2023.

For the months ending February, and March 2023, gaming taxes for the three Detroit casinos was \$18 million compared to \$17.5 million for the same period the previous year.

The three Detroit casinos reported paying the State of Michigan \$70,695 in retail sports betting taxes.

For January through March 2023, there were \$86.1 million in total taxes and payments; \$82.4 million from internet gaming and \$3.8 million from internet sports betting have been paid. City of Detroit taxes and fees for January through March 2023, were \$23.8 million which consisted of 22.1 million from internet gaming, and 1.7 million from internet sports betting. Tribal operator's payments through March were \$9.4 million.

Mr. Williams informed the Board that since the February public meeting, the employee licensing section completed required background investigations of 146 pending level one and level two occupational license applications, 65 level three license applications, and 467 license renewal requests. Mr. William stated he previously approved the 467 renewal requests and the 65 level three applications. The remaining 146 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. As of April 7th, 2023, the Board has received 1,242 applications seeking removal. Of those, 1,078 requests have been approved (57 have requested placement back on the list), and 79 requests were denied due to the applicants either not being eligible or not responding to information requested from the board. The remaining 28 requests are currently under review.

Mr. Williams added that we issued one waiver since the February 21st, 2023 public meeting.

For mentioned notables, Mr. Williams discussed the agencies winter sock drive for the homeless. In less than a month we set a goal of collecting 1,000 pair of new socks to donate and was able to collect 2,200 pair of socks. Mr. Williams thanked our partners, such as MSP who collected and donated 300 pairs of socks and Charlotte Davidson whose Corvette Club also donated 400 pairs of socks. One organization, Homeless Angels in Lansing, Michigan, and the Noah Project here in Detroit, Michigan split the donations equally between the two organizations. Mr. Williams thanked everyone for their participation.

Mr. Williams also spoke about March's launch of our Responsible Gaming messaging campaign, "Don't Regret the Bet" due to the legislature passing and the Governor signing our 2023 budget request of \$3 million. This is a statewide media campaign involving TV, radio, and social media. Mr. Williams went on to motion the audience to view the monitors and screens to view the ads that

are currently playing statewide. Mr. Williams went on to explain that this is an attempt to provide citizens with the assistance and guidance on how to bet responsibly.

Mr. Williams also spoke at the Women's History Month event on March 20th called "Beyond the Board", in which he thanked the Board Members for their participation.

Mr. Williams also spoke on the Michigan Gaming Control Board monthly podcast recently started called "Double Down Michigan". Two interviews have already posted, with one including Sandra Johnson who is the Responsible Gaming Manager. Sandra Johnson provided great insight and information for citizens regarding responsible gaming versus problem gambling. Another interview was with Michael Burke, who is the president of the Michigan Association of Problem Gamblers who shared a remarkable story about recovery.

Mr. Williams went on to address the great work done by our social media specialist Marie, putting together these podcasts in such a quick and professional manner. Mr. Williams also thanked Mary Kay for assisting in drafting the questions asked to each of the panelists that was interviewed.

Mr. Williams continued and informed the Board that after over 40 years working in the capacity of Public Information, Mary Kay has decided to retire this coming May. Mr. Williams went on to thank her for the years of great service she's done in messaging for this organization. Mr. Williams went on to motion for the audience to give Mary Kay an applause for her years of service.

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.

Chairwoman Forte thanked Mr. Williams for his report and the agency for supporting the community through the staff's sock drive. Chairwoman Forte also gave Mary Kay a congratulations on her service.

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 146 Level 1 and Level 2 occupational license applications.

There being no questions from Board Members, it was moved by Board Member Davis and supported by Mr. Palms 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 4 The Company LTD d/b/a 4 The Player, Bekins Commercial Installations Inc. d/b/a BCI Worldwide, and Play'N Go New Jersey LLC.

There were no questions from Board members. Ms. Lambert-Bounds made a motion for approval which was supported by Ms. Davis. 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 Bulletproof Solutions, Inc., Cadillac Coffee Company, Cadillac Travel, Inc., Carmela Foods Distributing, Inc., Core Electric Company, Inc. d/b/a Core Group Services, Curtis Glass Company, Detroit Spectrum Painters, Inc., Essex Linen Supply Limited, Halifax Security, Inc. d/b/a North American Video, Incredible Technologies, Inc., LNW Gaming, Inc., MRP Supply, Inc., Northern Lakes Seafood &

Meats, L.L.C., Renaissance Man Food Services, LLC, TCS John Huxley America, Inc., The Printer, Inc., The United States Playing Card Company, and Universal Hotel Supply Inc., Bulletproof Solutions, Inc., Cadillac Coffee Company, Cadillac Travel, Inc., Carmela Foods Distributing, Inc., Core Electric Company, Inc. d/b/a Core Group Services, Curtis Glass Company, Detroit Spectrum Painters, Inc., Essex Linen Supply Limited, Halifax Security, Inc. d/b/a North American Video, Incredible Technologies, Inc., LNW Gaming, Inc., MRP Supply, Inc., Northern Lakes Seafood & Meats, L.L.C., Renaissance Man Food Services, LLC, TCS John Huxley America, Inc., The Printer, Inc., The United States Playing Card Company, and Universal Hotel Supply, Inc.

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 of 888 Atlantic Limited, with New Key Person Ori Shaked, Ainsworth Game Technology Limited, with New Key Person JFG Privatstiftung, ASF LTD d/b/a Angstrom Sports, with New Key Person Benjamin David Levy, Betfair Interactive US LLC d/b/a FanDuel Sportsbook, with New Key Person David Patrick Jennings, Evolution US LLC, with New Key Person Jacob Emanuel Claesson, Galaxy Gaming, Inc., with New Key Person Meredith Bea Brill, GAN Nevada Inc., with New Key Persons Brian P Chang & Eric Jon Green, GeoComply Solutions Inc., with New Key Persons BXG Gaia Purchaser LLC, BXG Gaia NonVoteco LLC, BXG Gaia Voteco LLC, Viral Ketan Patel, Vishal Rajan Amin, & Kathryn Sarah Lever, Greentube USA LLC, with New Key Person JFG Privatstiftung, Metric Gaming Services Limited, with New Key Person Daniel John Banham, Novomatic Americas Sales LLC, with New Key Person JFG Privatstiftung, Penn Sports Interactive, LLC, with New Key Person Benjamin David Levy, PointsBet Michigan LLC, with New Key Person Benjamin David Levy, Sportradar Solutions LLC d/b/a Sportradar, with New Key Person Andrew Hungerford Mark Bimson, The United States Playing Card Company, with New Key Person Julie Aline De Cartier De Marchienne, and TSG Interactive US Services Limited d/b/a Fox Bet, with New Key Persons Robert Coldrake, Alan Peter Clarke, & Atif Choudhry Rafiq.

Board Members did not have any questions therefore, Ms. Davis put forth a motion for approval. The motion was supported by Mr. Palms. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Next Item is Consideration of the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendations Regarding the Pending Requests for Approval of New Key Persons of Casino, Internet Gaming Operator and Sports Betting Operator Licensee of Detroit Entertainment, L.L.C. d/b/a MotorCity Casino, with New Key Person Bradley Jerome Bailey and MGM Grand Casino, LLC d/b/a MGM Grand Detroit Casino, with New Key Person Matthew Douglas Buckley.

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.

The Board then considered the Licensing & Investigations Division's recommendations regarding the Transfer of Interests of supplier licensees, Ainsworth Game Technology Limited, GeoComply Solutions, Inc., Greentube USA LLC, and Novomatic Americas Sales LLC.

There were no questions from Board Members. Mr. Palms made the motion for approval which was supported by Ms. Davis. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

The Board next considered the Casino Operations Division's recommendation regarding the Acknowledgement of Violation of casino licensee Greektown Casino, L.L.C.

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

The Board next considered the Casino Operations Division's recommendation regarding the Proposal for Decision of occupational licensee Evette Jackson. Assistant Attorney General Bethany McCune summarized the facts of the Violation. 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.

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 June 13th, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Forte then asked for a motion to go into closed session. Mr. Palms made the motion which was supported by Ms. Lambert-Bounds. 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 February 21, 2023, closed session. Motion carried.

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

Ms. Forte adjourned the meeting at 09:47 a.m.

Derek Mathis

Derek Mathis, Board Analyst