



STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

"Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest"

April Gambling Commission Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

*April 14 & 15, 2022

Commissioners Present:

Bud Sizemore (Federal Way)
Julia Patterson (Federal Way)
Alicia Levy (Federal Way)
Kristine Reeves (Federal Way)
Sarah Lawson (Via Teams)

Ex Officio Members Present:

Senator Steve Conway (Via Teams)
Senator Jeff Holy (Via Teams)
Representative Shelley Kloba (Via Teams)

Staff Present :

Tina Griffin, Director; Julie Lies, Tribal Liaison (TL)

Staff Present Virtual:

Ashlie Laydon, Rules Coordinator (RC); Tommy Oakes, Interim Legislative Liaison (ILL); Julie Anderson, Executive Assistant; Nicole Frazer, Administrative Assistant; Rashida Robbins, Administrative Assistant and Suzanne Becker, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

Chair Sizemore called the virtual meeting to order at 9:34 AM and mentioned that TVW would be livestreaming the meeting. Director Griffin called the roll to ensure a quorum. Director Griffin confirmed a quorum. **Chair Sizemore** asked for a moment of silence to acknowledge any law enforcement officers that lost their lives since the commission last met.

There were 35 people in attendance.

Tab 1

Nisqually Indian Tribe

The Honorable William Frank III, Chairman, Nisqually Indian Tribe; Tina Griffin, Director and Julie Lies, Tribal Liaison presented the materials for this tab. **Director Griffin** began the presentation by explaining the process. The Honorable William Frank III thanked the Commissioners and staff for their work, he spoke about the history of the Nisqually Tribe. **Tribal Liaison Lies** provided a detailed account of the compact changes to the Tribe's Amendment.

Commissioner Patterson inquired on when the tribe expected to implement the higher wager limits and inquired on additional contributions to the community and to problem gambling.

Chairman Frank stated that they were ready as soon as the amendment was signed.

Senator Conway thanked Chairman Frank for the presentation and asked about sports wagering. Chairman Frank stated that the Tribes sportsbook was finished and ready to open.

* Governor Inslee issued [Proclamation 20-28.4](#) et al that suspended certain Open Public Meeting requirements, including in-person public meetings requirements for this Commission Meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment. TL Lies mentioned that there was no public comment that came through email.

Commissioner Levy moved to forward the proposed compact amendment to the governor for review and final execution.

Commissioner Reeves seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7:0

Chair Sizemore

Vice Chair Patterson

Commissioner Levy

Commissioner Reeves

Commissioner Lawson

Senator Conway

Representative Kloba

Next steps include forwarding the agreement to Governor Jay Inslee for his signature and final execution.

The public meeting adjourned at 10:03 AM. The commissioners took a short break before Executive Session where commissioners discussed potential litigation with legal counsel, including tribal negotiations.

Executive Session adjourned at 3:03 PM.

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Commissioners Present:

Bud Sizemore (Federal Way)
Patterson (Via Teams)
Alicia Levy (Federal Way)
Kristine Reeves (Federal Way) arrived at 9:57 AM
Sarah Lawson (Via Teams)

Ex Officios Present:

Senator Steve Conway (Via Teams) Julia
Representative Kloba (Via Teams)

Staff Present :

Tina Griffin, Director

Staff Present Virtual:

Ashlie Laydon, Rules Coordinator (RC); Tommy Oakes, Interim Legislative Liaison (ILL); Julie Anderson, Executive Assistant; Nicole Frazer, Administrative Assistant; Rashida Robbins, Administrative Assistant and Suzanne Becker, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

Chair Sizemore reconvened day two of the April commission meeting at 9:15 AM and Director Griffin called the roll to ensure a quorum. **Chair Sizemore** congratulated Director Griffin on being named director on April 1, 2022, after a yearlong process. Director Griffin was gracious and said she is looking forward to working with the commission and continued work with staff.

Tab 2

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Levy moved to approve the consent agenda as presented by staff.

Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Reeves was not present at this time.

The motion passed. 4:0

Director's Report

Director Griffin reported that the Gambling Commission passed accreditation with no findings. Chair Sizemore thanked the staff for all their hard work. Director Griffin gave a brief update on the hybrid meeting options. She showed a PowerPoint that outlined what the Gambling Commission has as options as to how and where they can hold their public meetings. The Gambling Commission has signed a contract with a consulting firm that will present officially to the commission at the May meeting.

Senator Conway and Representative Kloba both suggested we reach out to WaTech for guidance.

Director Griffin stated that the May meeting could be held at the Lacey headquarters. Public comment could be taken in person if they chose.

Chair Sizemore suggested that the Commission meet at a location in Olympia.

Tab 3

Legislative Wrap Up

Tommy Oakes, Interim Legislative Liaison (ILL) presented the materials for this tab. **ILL Oakes** gave a short wrap up of the 2022 legislative session.

Senator Conway asked ILL Oakes if limited law enforcement agencies have the necessary toolkit to recruit and retain qualified applicants. ILL Oakes asked if Senator Conway and Representative Kloba would partner with the agency to support a law enforcement contingent. Both Senator Conway and Representative Kloba said yes. Commissioners thanked ILL Oakes for his work during the 2022 session.

Public Comment:

Chair Sizemore asked for public comment. There was none.

Chair Sizemore adjourned the public meeting at 10:22 AM and announced that the commissioners would be taking a short break then going into executive session to review the performance of an employee.

Executive Session adjourned at 1:14 PM and the public meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.