



STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

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

February Special Commission Meeting Minutes

Gambling Commission Headquarters

Virtual Meeting

***February 24, 2021**

Commissioners Present:

Bud Sizemore, Chair (Via Teams)

Julia Patterson (Via Teams)

Alicia Levy (Via Teams)

Lauren King (Via Teams)

Staff Present:

Dave Trujillo, Director; and Julie Anderson, Executive Assistant.

Staff Present-Virtual:

Tina Griffin, Assistant Director; Brian Considine, Legal and Legislative Manager (LLM); Julie Lies, Tribal Liaison; Ashlie Laydon, Rules Coordinator; and Suzanne Becker, Assistant Attorney General.

Public Meeting Call to Order

Commissioner Levy called the virtual special commission meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

Commissioner Levy asked Director Trujillo to call the roll. All Commissioners were present.

There were 37 people who attended the virtual meeting.

Tab 1

Rule Petition up for Discussion and Possible filing – Sports Wagering Pre-Licensing Investigations

Brian Considine, Legal and Legislative Manager presented the materials for this tab. LLM Considine summarized actions the Commissioners had taken at their January Commission meeting to file proposed sports wagering pre-licensing investigation rule language. LLM Considine informed the Commissioners that a couple technical changes had been made since filing the proposed language. Based on some stakeholder feedback and internal staff discussion, the term “pre-licensing qualification” was changed to “pre-licensing investigation” to better align with the agency’s processes. Additionally, the term “letter” was removed to provide the agency flexibility in how they communicate the final determination on a pre-licensing investigation application.

However, the substance of the rule remains the same and the Commissioners can take final action on this rule. Staff recommends approval of this rule and that it go into effect 31 days after filing of the rule.

* 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.

Commissioner Levy asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

Commissioner Sizemore moved to approve the rule as presented by staff 31 days after filing with the Office of the Code Revisor – expected on or about March 29, 2021.

Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

The motion passed. 4:0

LLM Considine discussed, after the vote, the next steps agency staff will take. LLM Considine informed the Commissioners that staff will launch a webpage devoted to this new process and application and he hopes that will occur on February 26th or March 1st. LLM Considine also indicated that he would send an email with information about the final rule and webpage for the pre-licensing investigation process. He provided his email in the Teams chat box if anyone wanted to send him their contact information to be added to the email list. Lastly, LLM Considine indicated that staff would begin accepting applications once the webpage and application are posted but would not finish any investigation or make a final determination until the rules go into effect at the end of March.

The special commission meeting adjourned at 2:13 PM.