



STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

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

January Special Gambling Commission Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting
*January 20, 2021

Commissioners Present:

Julia Patterson (Federal Way Office)
Alicia Levy (Federal Way Office)
Kristine Reeves (Federal Way Office)
Sarah E. Lawson (Federal Way Office)

Ex Officio Members Present:

Staff Present – Federal Way Office:

Lisa Benavidez, HR Director (HRD)

Special Executive Session

Vice Chair Patterson called the public meeting to order at 8:45AM. Vice Chair Patterson Commissioners Levy, Lawson and Reeves were in the Federal Way Office in person along with Human Resources Director Lisa Benavidez for the sole purpose of continuing to evaluate the candidate qualifications for our open director position. **Vice Chair Patterson** announced that the Executive Session would adjourn at approximately 1:00 PM.

Executive Session was extended 10 minutes.

The meeting was opened to the public at 1:10 PM.

Vice Chair Patterson called the roll to ensure a quorum. **Vice Chair Patterson** restated the purpose of the meeting and asked if any Commissioners had any comments to share.

Commissioner Reeves thanked both candidates for their exceptional interviews and stated that both candidates were outstanding.

MOTION

Commissioner Levy moved to approve candidate A 11 as the apparent best candidate for the director position and authorize our HR director to engage in initial negotiations and background evaluations with this candidate.

Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion.

The motion passed. 3:1

Vice Chair Patterson adjourned the meeting at 1:14 PM.

* 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.