



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
GAMBLING COMMISSION

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

**August Gambling Commission Meeting Recap**

South Puget Sound Community College Lacey Campus  
4220 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE  
Lacey, WA 98503  
August 10, 2017

**Commissioners Present:**

Bud Sizemore, Chair  
Julia Patterson, Vice Chair  
Kelsey Gray, PhD.  
Chris Stearns  
Ed Troyer

**Ex Officios Present:**

Senator Steve Conway  
Senator Lynda Wilson

**Staff Present:**

David Trujillo, Director; Amy Hunter, Deputy Director; Tina Griffin, Assistant Director; Michael Kashmar, Chief Financial Officer; John Meader, Assistant Attorney General; Julie Lies, Tribal Liaison; Heather Songer, Public Information Officer; Julie Anderson, Executive Assistant.

**1<sup>st</sup> Executive Session**

Chair Sizemore called the August 10, 2017 Gambling Commission Meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. He recessed the meeting to Executive Session at 11:07 pursuant to the RCW 42.30 and stated the Commissioners would discuss Tribal Negotiations, Pending Investigations and Litigation. He announced the Commissioners would return at approximately 12 pm.

At 12:00 pm an announcement was made by Julie Anderson that Executive Session would be extended by another 30 minutes, reconvening the Public Meeting at 12:30 pm.

**-Public Meeting-  
August 10, 2017**

**Chair Sizemore** called the Gambling Commission to order at 12:36 pm. He welcomed everyone to the South Puget Sound Community College Lacey Campus and introductions were made.

There were about 25 people in attendance.

**Recognition for 25 Years of State Service – Director Trujillo**

Chair Sizemore recognized Director Trujillo for his 25 years of service and awarded him the Washington State pin and Gambling Commission certificate.

### **Director's Update:**

Director Trujillo acknowledged a few individuals in the audience; Bill Goforth, Executive Director, from the Nisqually Gaming Agency, Dick Kellogg, Executive Director, from the Cowlitz Tribal Gaming Commission, and Warren Oliver, Executive Director, from the Muckleshoot Gaming Commission.

Director Trujillo attended and observed the first of two physical agility tests in August. The Gambling Commission conducts these tests for new Special Agent candidates. The agency recruitment team expected 10 individuals to do the physical testing. Eight individuals showed and six passed. After passing the physical agility test they continue on to the interview process. He asked to please encourage anybody and everybody that is interested, to apply for a job.

### **Tab 1**

#### **Consent Agenda:**

#### **July Commission Meeting Minutes/ /New Licensees**

*Commissioner Patterson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.*

*Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion.*

*The motion passed. 5:0*

#### **Snoqualmie Class III Gaming Employees Licensees**

*Commissioner Gray moved to approve Snoqualmie Class III Gaming Employees as presented.*

*Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.*

*The motion passed. 4:0*

*Commissioner Stearns abstained.*

### **Tab 2**

#### **Petition for Rule Change (Duck Unlimited)**

Tina Griffin presented the materials for tab 2. Scott Eisenhauer from Ducks Unlimited joined Tina for this presentation. This petition was up for Discussion Only. Ducks Unlimited petitioned for a rule change to allow them to assign a dollar value of the individual raffle ticket of \$100 rather than \$25, for any multicomponent packages that they could offer. The other policy consideration is that in 2009, the legislature did authorize raffle ticket values up to \$100. Chair Sizemore asked for clarification regarding members' dues. Commissioner Patterson asked about the proceeds and where they end up. Scott indicated that part of the dues does go to conservation efforts and the proceeds stay in Washington.

### **Tab 3**

#### **Presentation – Budget 2017-19**

Mike Kashmar presented the materials for tab 3. Mike went over the Fiscal Year Recap, Revised 2017-19 Revenue Estimate, Revised 2017-19 Expenditure Estimate, Revised Estimated Working Capital Balance and the Staff Recommendations. Commissioner Troyer commented on the presentation saying it was one of the best budget presentations he has ever seen. Commissioner Stearns asked if we could start capturing the amount of expenditures we're currently doing for criminal investigations and other investigations. He stated that it is anticipated that internet gambling cases will continue to grow. Commissioner Stearns also asked about the funding for the criminal enforcement work the Gambling Commission currently does. Mike told the

Commissioners that the Gambling Commission did submit a fiscal note for 3.5 million in the last legislative session.

*Commissioner Troyer moved to adopt the 2017-19 Budget as presented by staff.*

*Commissioner Gray seconded the motion.*

*The motion passed. 5:0*

#### **Tab 4**

#### **Presentation – Problem Gambling**

Lisa Saila presented the materials for tab 4. Deputy Director Amy Hunter introduced Lisa in her role as Problem Gambling Liaison. Lisa announced that she attended the 31st National Conference on Problem Gambling in Portland, Oregon. She attended multiple sessions over four days regarding problem gambling treatment, responsible gaming and regulation, community recovery, and problem gambling prevention. Lisa also attended a tribal summit along with Commissioners Patterson and Stearns. It was the first tribal summit that the council has offered, that brought forward the discussion about innovative gaming practices for tribal casinos including key leaders from tribal gaming across the entire United States. It allowed for networking opportunities with tribal leaders, casino executives, responsible gaming advocates, and also treatment providers. Lisa spoke about the breakout sessions offered and how innovative we're becoming with problem gambling issues. She commented on the Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, CT where they have a five-year self-exclusion program. If an individual violates the self-exclusion program they can be arrested for trespassing and then their jackpot winnings could be surrendered. In Oklahoma where the Oklahoma Association for Problem Gambling and Compulsive Gambling has a nonprofit organization that partners with tribal casinos for training on Problem Gambling, they also have a training program for responsible gaming that includes certification as long as the individual goes through the necessary number of steps. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, has a six month, one year, two year, or three year self-exclusion programs. To enroll in one of the programs there, you have to go to either go to the casino, the Massachusetts Gaming or Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling. Senator Conway asked about specific numbers of individuals that self-exclude. Lisa will get back to the Senator and Commissioners with the number at a later date. Commissioner Patterson added three points of interest to her;

- 1) State-wide banning or self-exclusion program for Washington.
- 2) Data sharing with the Tribes and Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling across the state to solve the problem gambling situation.
- 3) In-patient treatment facility for Washington and revenue sources that the state can tap into for treatment costs.

Commissioner Patterson asked staff to bring back to the Commissioners a plan or road map next year, on how the Gambling Commission can make progress in these three areas. Commissioner Stearns gave a brief report about attending the conference as well. He spoke about presenting at the conference on two separate panels. The first panel was at the tribal summit and he sat next to Ray Pineault, President and General Manager of the Mohegan Sun. The second panel was at the National Council on Program Gambling Conference. He asked if staff could follow up on the use of state seizure funds that other states are using. Lastly, Commissioner Stearns reported that Massachusetts had two programs. First they have Game Sense which was created by the British Columbia Lottery and is currently at the Massachusetts Casino at Plainridge Park. It'll be expanded to Wynn and MGM Casinos. Game Sense is a user-friendly and customer based

program. The goal of Game Sense is to provide information in a non-threatening way. Commissioner Stearns asked staff to follow up with both Massachusetts and British Columbia Lottery to learn more about Game Sense.

Director Trujillo reminded everyone that Dolores Chiechi, Executive Director with Recreational Game Association is a board member on the National Council on Problem Gambling.

Amy mentioned that the tribal summit may be held in New Mexico next year. The July 2017 National Problem Gambling conference was the second-most attended conference in their 31 years of having the conference.

Amy also reminded Commissioners that Maureen Greeley, ECPG and Ann Gray, DSHS, will both present at the September Commission meeting to give an update on their programs, including how they work together. Evergreen Council is putting together a video for training employees, which Director Trujillo and Commissioners Patterson and Stearns were in. She announced to the Commissioners that staff will be contacting them to organize a tour of the Kalispel Tribe's Camas Path facility at Airway Heights.

Senator Conway reiterated Commissioner Patterson's request for recommendations around the three issues to the legislature regarding problem gaming: first, state-wide program for self-exclusion in Washington. second, inpatient treatment facility in Washington, third, state funding source for treatment.

Commissioner Stearns asked about using state seizure funds for public awareness and best practices for educating Washington consumers on gaming, for example using Game Sense or Play My Way. Chair Sizemore asked staff to report back on these issues by the October or November meeting. Chair Sizemore said the presentation was great.

Director Trujillo introduced a new employee to the Licensing Unit at Washington State Gambling Commission, Mr. Chris Huss.

#### **Public Comment-**

There was no public comment.

#### **General discussion and Other Business-**

Commissioner Troyer asked if there was any news about modernization of gaming. Director Trujillo did not have a report back at this time.

Senator Conway stated the issue of the expansion of gaming is a legislative concern. And any time new technology is introduced, if it's going to be used to expand gambling, Senator Conway asked that those considerations go to the legislature.

Senator Wilson asked for the definition of expansion of gambling. Commissioner Patterson asked staff to bring information back to the Commissioners on the issue of expansion of gaming. Commissioner Gray seconded that idea to ensure that the Commission and staff is keeping gambling legal and honest. Chair Sizemore, recognizing staff workload asked for a report back at the January Commission Meeting. Director Trujillo agreed with January.

Chair Sizemore reminded Commissioners that the September commission meeting will be held at the Red Lion by the River in Spokane, September 14th and 15th. Staff is trying to coordinate some tours for Commissioners and Ex Officios that are able to make the meeting. He said to contact Julie Anderson for the details.

**2nd Executive Session**

Chair Sizemore recessed the meeting to Executive Session at 11:07 pursuant to the RCW 42.30.110, to discuss employee performance evaluations. The Chair said the meeting will reconvene in approximately 90 minutes.

**Public Meeting**

**Chair Sizemore** called the Gambling Commission back at 3:29 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.