



STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

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

October Gambling Commission Meeting Minutes

Hybrid Meeting

October 6 & 7, 2022

October 6, 2022

Commissioners Present:

Chair Alicia Levy

Vice Chair Julia Patterson (Via Teams)

Bud Sizemore

Kristine Reeves

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; Chris Wilson, Deputy Director; George Schultz, IT; Suzanne Becker, Assistant Attorney General (AAG) and Julie Anderson, Executive Assistant

Staff Present Virtually:

Gary Drumheller, Assistant Director; Julie Lies, Tribal Liaison; Kriscinda Hansen, Chief Financial Officer; Jim Nicks, Agent in Charge; Jamie Doughty, Lab Administrator

There were nine people in the audience and 35 people virtually.

Tab 1

Consent Agenda

Chair Levy asked the Commissioners if they had any changes to the consent agenda. There were none.

Public Comment:

Chair Levy asked for public comment. There was none.

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

Commissioner Reeves seconded the motion.

The motion passed. 5:0

Director's Report

Director Griffin gave a brief update on the upcoming Centennial Accord that will be held at the Tulalip Casino on October 25, 2022. Director Griffin provided a summary of the commission's work with our tribal partners during the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, as published in the Centennial Accord report.

Tab 2

Petition for Review – The Pub Tavern

Andrea J. Clare, representing the petitioner, and Doug Van de Brake, representing WSGC, presented the materials for this tab. Ms. Clare presented oral arguments first. After Doug Van de Brake presented his arguments, the Commissioners adjourned to a closed session to discuss the case with their legal counsel.

After the meeting reconvened, Director Griffin called the roll to ensure a quorum.

Following the oral arguments and review of the record, the Commission denied the Pub Tavern's petition for review. The Commission affirmed, in its entirety, the administrative law judge's initial order, including the revocation of the Pub's Tavern license and adopted the initial order as the commission's final order.

Tab 3

Budget Review

Kriscinda Hansen, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) presented the materials for this tab. CFO Hansen gave a brief overview presentation and wrap up for fiscal year 2022.

Commissioner Sizemore inquired on the number of FTE's the agency now employees. **CFO Hansen** replied as of August 2022 the agency has 90 employees. **Commissioner Sizemore** affirmed that the agency would be fully staffed at 124 employees. **CFO Hansen** agreed.

Commissioner Sizemore also asked about the number of licensees that are declining. **CFO Hansen** replied that the nonprofits are lagging more so than any of the commercial licensees.

Director Griffin added that even though the agency is experiencing a cost savings because of staff vacancies, cost of goods and services continue to rise. **Representative Kloba** inquired on the licensing fees, so that it is more closely approximating the amount of money the agency needs to run the organization. **Director Griffin** indicated that the last time the fees were increased were in 2014.

Commissioner Reeves reiterated that the agency is not actually holding a cost savings or a surplus, they are reallocating resources at a higher rate in other areas and making up that difference elsewhere. **CFO Hansen** agreed. **Senator Conway** asked how often the agency raise the fees.

Director Griffin suggested that staff pull the data that the 2018 fee restructure was based on and aligning it with the revenue that the agency will need to collect for the group of licensees.

Commissioner Reeves added that the fee structure that we're proposing to continue using is sustainable, equitable, and inclusive. **Director Griffin** agreed.

Tab 4

Defaults

Adam Teal, Interim Legal Manager presented the materials for this tab.

Chair Levy asked if John Chang was present. He was not.

Commissioner Reeves moved to revoke John Chang's Public Card Room Employee license; Number 68-30886 as presented by staff.

Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

The motion passed. 5:0

Chair Levy asked if Mitchell Bonneville was present. He was not.

Commissioner Sizemore moved to revoke Mitchell Bonneville's Class III Employee certification; Number 69-49578 as presented by staff.

Commissioner Reeves seconded the motion.

The motion passed. 5:0

Director Griffin announced that Adam Teal would be leaving the Gambling Commission and that this was his last meeting. She thanked Mr. Teal for stepping forward over the last year plus into the interim role while continuing to do his work as staff attorney. She wished him the very best.

Chair Levy announced at 11:14 AM that the Commissioners would be going into Executive Session to discuss current and potential litigation with legal counsel, including tribal negotiations. Executive Session is expected to reconvene at 2:00 PM for the sole purpose of adjournment.

Executive Session adjourned at 2:02 PM and the public meeting adjourned at 2:03 PM.

**October Gambling Commission Meeting Minutes
Hybrid Meeting Day 2
October 7, 2022**

Commissioners Present:

Chair Alicia Levy
Vice Chair Julia Patterson
Bud Sizemore
Kristine Reeves (Via Teams)
Sarah Lawson

Ex Officio Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Tina Griffin, Director; Chris Wilson, Deputy Director; George Schultz, IT; and Julie Anderson, Executive Assistant

Staff Present Virtually:

Gary Drumheller, Assistant Director; Lisa Benavidez, HR Director; Julie Lies, Tribal Liaison; Jim Nicks, Agent in Charge; Dan Wegenast, TGU Agent in Charge; Jennifer LaMont, Licensing Agent in Charge; and Jamie Doughty, Lab Administrator

Chair Levy called day two of the October Commission meeting to order at 9:34 AM.

Tab 5

Strategic Planning Work Session

Director Griffin and **Deputy Director Chris Wilson** presented the materials for this tab. Commissioners and staff discussed the objectives from the 2018-2023 Strategic plan and what objectives still need to be completed. Staff presented ideas for the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan. After much discussion Commissioners asked staff to summarize the suggested goals and objectives that were discussed and bring the results back to a special meeting in December.

Staff will work with Commissioners on their schedules to determine the best date and time for a special meeting.

There was no action taken at this meeting.

Day two of the Commission meeting adjourned at 12:57 PM.