



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
GAMBLING COMMISSION

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

## February Gambling Commission Meeting Minutes

Gambling Commission Headquarters  
4565 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE  
Lacey, WA 98503  
February 9, 2017

### **Commissioners Present:**

Bud Sizemore, Chair  
Chris Stearns  
Ed Troyer  
Kelsey Gray, PhD. (via Phone)

### **Staff Present:**

David Trujillo, Director; Amy Hunter, Deputy Director; Tina Griffin, Assistant Director; Brian Considine, Managing Attorney/Legislative Liaison; John Meader, Assistant Attorney General; Heather Songer, Public Information Officer; Julie Anderson, Executive Assistant

### **-Public Meeting-**

**Chair Sizemore** welcomed everyone to the Gambling Commission Headquarters. He called the meeting of the Washington State Gambling Commission to order at 11:05 a.m. on February 9, 2017. Chair Sizemore confirmed a quorum. Commissioner Kelsey Gray joined the meeting via phone. Introductions were made.

There were about 15 people in attendance.

### **Consent Agenda/Director's Report:**

#### **Tab 1a**

#### **Director's Report/Consent Agenda**

Director Trujillo welcomed everyone to the Lacey Headquarters for the February Commission Meeting. He announced the meeting is streaming through Periscope.

Director Trujillo introduced the newest member of the staff, Tribal Gaming Unit Agent Patrick Gilbrech. Patrick has a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology and Masters of Science degree in Accounting from Indiana University. He also has an MBA from Butler University. He was also an officer for the Chesapeake Police Department. We are very happy to have him. Welcome Patrick.

Director Trujillo mentioned that the agency has four negotiations that they are working on and said there would be tours of our gaming lab to anyone after the public portion of the meeting adjourns.

## **January Minutes/New Licensees**

*Commissioner Troyer moved to approve the first two items under the Director's report as presented.*

*Commissioner Gray seconded the motion.*

*The motion passed. 3:0*

*Commissioner Stearns arrived after the vote was taken..*

## **Tab 1b**

### **Legislative Report**

Brian Considine presented the legislative report to the Commissioners.

*Commissioner Stearns moved that the Washington State Gambling Commission take a position against SB 5211 based on the concerns raised by staff.*

*Commissioner Gray seconded the motion.*

*The motion passed. 4:0*

Commissioners also voted 4-0 to oppose SB 5671 as written. Staff will work with Commissioners and bill sponsors to develop new language to find ways to help nonprofits.

*Commissioner Troyer moved that the Washington State Gambling Commission take a position against SB 5611 based on the concerns raised by staff.*

*Commissioner Gray seconded the motion.*

*The motion passed. 4:0*

## **Tab 2**

### **Success of Online Transaction Rules**

Jennifer LaMont presented the Success of Online Transaction Rules to the Commission. Jennifer updated the Commissioners on the success of the rule they passed in 2015 requiring licensees to conduct transactions on-line. Before the rule change, only 33% of the organizational licensees renewed online. Now, 80% renew online. And, 61% of individual licensees renewed online. Now 96% renew online. No public comment.

Ann Gray re-introduced herself to the Commissioners and staff. She has been hired as the Program Manager for the state's Problem Gambling Program, which is within DSHS's Behavioral Health Administration.

Chair Sizemore reminded the audience the next Gambling Commission meeting would be held at the Hampton Inn and Suites, March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Chair Sizemore adjourned the public meeting at 12:04 to go into a working lunch for Executive Session where the Commissioners will discuss Pending Investigations, Tribal Negotiations and Litigation.

The Commissioners adjourned the Executive Session at 1:30.

Meeting adjourned at 1:31 PM.