



STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

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

January Gambling Commission Meeting Minutes

The Red Lion
2300 Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, WA 98502
January 12, 2017

Commissioners Present:

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

Ex Officios Present:

Senator Steve Conway

Staff Present:

David Trujillo, Director, Amy Hunter, Deputy Director, Tina Griffin, Assistant Director
Brian Considine, Managing Attorney/Legal Liaison, Haylee Mills, Staff Attorney, Julie Lies,
Tribal Liaison, John Meader, Assistant Attorney General, Heather Songer, Public Information
Officer, Julie Anderson, Executive Assistant

-Public Meeting-

Chair Sizemore welcomed everyone to the Red Lion in Olympia. He called the meeting of the Washington State Gambling Commission to order at 11:05 a.m. on January 12, 2017 and immediately went into Executive Session where the Commissioners discussed Pending Investigations, Tribal Negotiations and Litigation.

The public meeting reconvened at 2:05 pm.

The Chair welcomed everyone back to the meeting and introductions were made. There were about 25 people in attendance.

Director's Report:

Director Trujillo reported the Lacey Headquarters was not moving at this time. He announced the agency had signed a lease extension. He introduced the Gambling Commission's newest staff member Haylee Mills, Staff Attorney. Haylee started at the Gambling Commission in November 2016. She is a Utah native, and attended both college and law school at the University of Utah. Following a judicial clerkship in Federal District Court, she opened her own firm in 2010 where she succeeded at criminal defense and a general civil practice. In 2015, she took a job as a deputy prosecutor in Pacific County, Washington. Welcome Haylee.

Tab 1a

Consent Agenda

November Minutes/New Licensees

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

Commissioner Gray seconded the motion.

The motion passed. 5:0

Commissioner Patterson moved to approve the Class III certifications for the Snoqualmie Tribe as presented.

Commissioner Gray seconded the motion.

Commissioner Stearns abstained from the vote for Snoqualmie Tribe.

The motion passed. 4:0

Tab 1b

Legislative Report

Haylee Mills presented the legislative report to the Commissioners. Commissioners unanimously voted to oppose House Bill 1016. HB 1016, requires a finding of guilt before forfeiture of unlawful gambling equipment, property and/or proceeds seized under RCW 9.46.231 could occur. [This bill would apply to the Gambling Commission, as well as to other law enforcement agencies].

Commissioner Patterson moved that the Washington State Gambling Commission take a position against HB 1016 based on the concerns raised by staff. We feel we have appropriately pursued civil seizures/forfeitures and ask this be conveyed.

Commissioner Gray seconded the motion.

The motion passed. 5:0

Opposition letter was presented to Chair Jenkins on January 18, 2017.

Tab 1c Default

Haylee Mills presented the materials for this tab.

Commissioner Gray moved to revoke the Card Room License for Rasy M. Eng.

Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion.

The motion passed. 5:0

Commissioner Patterson moved to revoke the Card Room License for Megan Ky.

Commissioner Gray seconded the motion.

The motion passed. 5:0

Commissioner Gray moved to revoke the Class III Certification for Lalith P. Mulatiyana.

Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

The motion passed. 4:0

Commissioner Stearns abstained from the vote.

Commissioner Stearns moved to revoke the Class III Certification for Stewart G. Robertson.

Commissioner Gray seconded the motion.

The motion passed. 5:0

Tab 1c

Fee Restructure Work Group Update

Deputy Director Hunter gave a recap of the two Fee Restructure Work Group meetings that occurred in November. No other meetings are currently scheduled. There was no public comment.

Tab 2

Petition from the Recreational Gaming Association (Final Action)

Promotions

WAC 230-06-030 Restrictions and conditions for gambling promotions

WAC 230-06-031 Using wheels in promotional contests of chance, fund raising events, or gambling activities- Promotional Contests of Chance (PCOC)

Assistant Director Griffin presented the materials for this tab. There was no comment from the petitioner or the Commissioners.

Commissioner Troyer moved to approve version 3 of WAC 230-06-030 and the original version of WAC 230-06-031, effective 31 days from filing.

Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

The motion passed. 5:0

Tab 3

Petition from Warren Montney (Final Action)

Restrictions and Conditions for Gambling Promotions

WAC 230-15-353 Using match play coupons in nonhouse-banked card rooms.

WAC 230-15-453 Using match play or similar coupons in gambling promotions.

Assistant Director Griffin presented the materials for this tab. There was no comment from the petitioner or the Commissioners.

Commissioner Troyer moved to approve the new WAC 230-15-353 and the amended WAC 230-15-453, effective 31 days from filing.

Commissioner Gray seconded the motion.

The motion passed. 5:0

There was no public comment.

Chair Sizemore reminded the audience the next Gambling Commission meeting would be held at the Red Lion, February 9th. And the Commission would still meet even though it would be a light agenda. Commissioner Patterson will not be at the February meeting and Commissioner Gray will be calling in.

Director Trujillo reminded everyone of our social media presence and asked the audience to follow us on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.

The February Commission Meeting will be held at Gambling Commission Headquarters.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 PM.