



STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

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

March Gambling Commission Meeting Minutes

Hampton Inn and Suites
4301 Martin Way E.
Olympia, WA 98516
March 9, 2017

Commissioners Present:

Bud Sizemore, Chair
Julia Patterson, Vice 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 meeting at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Olympia. He called the meeting of the Washington State Gambling Commission to order at 11:05 a.m. on March 9, 2017. Commissioner Kelsey Gray joined the meeting via phone. Introductions were made.

There were about 24 people in attendance.

Tab 1a

Consent Agenda:

February Commission Meeting Minutes/February Special Meeting Minutes/New Licensees

Commissioner Patterson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion.

The motion passed. 4:0

Snoqualmie Class III Gaming Employees Licensees

Commissioner Troyer moved to approve Snoqualmie Class III Gaming report as presented.

Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

The motion passed. 3:0

Commissioner Stearns abstained.

Director's Update:

Director Trujillo recognized three employees for their State Service. The recognized employees had their pictures taken with the Commissioners.

- **Michelle Rancour for 10 years of State Service.**
- **Elizabeth O'Hara for 15 years of State Service.**
- **Jessica Quiles for 16 years of State Service. Jessica is leaving the Gambling Commission and her last day will be March 10.**

Tab 1b

Legislative Update

Brian Considine presented the legislative report to the Commissioners. The Gambling Commission started the 2017 legislative session with following roughly 100 bills and as of the March 8th cutoff date the Gambling Commission had roughly 45 bills to follow. Brian highlighted a few of the top bills that the Gambling Commission is following.

HB 1274 (agency request legislation) removes the requirement that a bona fide charity or nonprofit have no less than 15 active members, each with the right to an equal vote in the election of the officers, or board members, if any, who determine the policies of the organization. HB 1274 was passed out of Senate Commerce, Labor & Sports Committee on March 9. HB 1274 is the companion bill to SB 5190. HB 5190 will be heard March 13 in a Public hearing at 1:30 p.m. in House Commerce and Gaming Committee. HB 1475 (also agency request legislation) authorizes an officer of the gambling commission who is designated with police powers to take action to prevent physical injuries or substantial damages to a person or property under certain circumstances. HB 1475 was also passed out of Senate Commerce, Labor & Sports Committee on March 9.

SB 5671 simplifies the process for bona fide charitable and non-profit organizations to engage in activities and social pastimes and raise funds for their authorized purposes was heard and passed in the Senate. SB 5671 was passed out of the Senate on March 3. The Commissioners still oppose the SB 5671 but would change their position to neutral if the bill is amended to only contain the 4 raffles/\$10,000 provision. Staff could work with the sponsor on other issues in the interim.

Brian also spoke about HB 2103. HB 2103 would require the legislature to appropriate, from the state general fund, money sufficient to fund the commission's law enforcement powers, duties and authority. This bill is sponsored by Representative Sawyer and was referred to the Appropriations Committee on February 14. This bill did not get a hearing in the House. Brian stated the bill would be "necessary to implement the budget"; therefore, action could still be taken on the bill.

Tab 2

Problem Gambling Awareness Month Presentation

Elizabeth Glavish, Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling (ECPG) and Brad Galvin, Lummi Nation, presented. Maureen Greeley was not able to attend the meeting. Elizabeth thanked Amy and the Gambling Commission for their support during Problem Gambling Awareness Month. She also thanked Commissioner Patterson and Director Trujillo for their participation in making

a short video regarding Problem Gambling. ECPG is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides training, treatment and awareness on the issue of problem gambling and gambling addiction. March is the official National Problem Gambling Awareness Month and Governor Inslee has named March Problem Gambling Awareness Month for Washington as well. For more information on Problem Gambling Awareness Month please go to www.ncpgambling.org/state/washington/

Brad Galvin from Lummi Nation spoke about what problem gambling programs Lummi Nation offers and what they will be doing for Problem Gambling Awareness Month. Brad runs the responsible gambling program department at Lummi Nation in Bellingham. He is a mental health counselor, a chemical dependency professional and a national certified gambling counselor. A big part of what Lummi Nation does for Whatcom County is geared around advocating and supporting the community. People throughout Whatcom County can utilize the services at Lummi Nation. Lummi Nation recognizes there's a much higher prevalence of gambling addictions among their tribal members. They also support community events. They have a 26 week group curriculum for gambling addiction. They also provide family counseling. Two or three times a month Brad presents to chemical dependency and outpatient groups. For more information on Lummi Nation problem gambling programs contact Brad Galvin at 360-312-2019.

The Gambling Commission meeting adjourned for Executive Session at 12:22. The meeting reconvened at 2:55 pm and was immediately adjourned.