



STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

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

April Gambling Commission Meeting Minutes

Hampton Inn and Suites
4301 Martin Way E.
Olympia, WA 98516
April 13, 2017

Commissioners Present:

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

Staff Present:

David Trujillo, Director; Amy Hunter, Deputy Director; Tina Griffin, Assistant Director;
Brian Considine, Legal and Legislative Manager; Haylee Mills, Staff Attorney; John Meader,
Assistant Attorney General; Julie Anderson, Executive Assistant

-Public Meeting-

Chair Sizemore called the Gambling Commission meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the Hampton Inn and Suites in Olympia and introductions were made.

There were about 17 people in attendance.

Tab 1a

Consent Agenda:

March Commission Meeting Minutes/ /New Licensees

Commissioner Gray moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Troyer seconded the motion.

The motion passed. 4:0 (Commissioner Stearns had not arrived yet)

Snoqualmie Class III Gaming Employees Licensees

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

Commissioner Troyer seconded the motion.

The motion passed. 4:0

Commissioner Stearns abstained. (He had just arrived, but does not vote for this item)

Director's Update:

Director Trujillo reported on the Gambling Commission's Headquarter Building / Move status. The agency is working with Department of Enterprise Services in an effort to reduce our

footprint and with that we are looking into a restacking model. This will allow us to stay in our current location with a smaller footprint. He also mentioned the upcoming job fairs and recruitment efforts our HR department has been involved with. Director Trujillo asked members of the audience if they knew of anyone that would be a good fit in the agency to please send them along.

Chair Sizemore commented on the agency's staff newsletter saying "It's a great looking document and it provides a lot of good information."

Tab 1b Legislative Update

Brian Considine presented the legislative report to the Commissioners. Brian mentioned that the Legislative cutoff date was yesterday (April 12, 2017) and many bills died but a lot have passed. And of the bills that passed were HB 1274 and HB 1475. 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 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. Brian thanked Chair Sizemore for his assistance with HB 1475 and the prime sponsor Representative Irwin, who was also a great help to us.

Brian highlighted HB 2186 for the Commissioners. HB 2186 could raise the B&O tax an additional 20%. Our licensees will go from paying 1.5% in B&O tax to 1.8%. Brian will provide more information at the next Commission Meeting.

Finally, Brian announced the Gambling Commission now has a full Commission with ex officio members. Republican Senator Lynda Wilson from Clark County was appointed in early April. Chair Sizemore mentioned that all Four Ex Officios should be at the May meeting.

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Haylee presented the materials for this tab.

Commissioner Patterson moved to revoke the Card Room License for Chandara Loeur.

Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion.

The motion passed. 5:0

Commissioner Troyer asked Haylee if Chandara Loeur has been charged with criminal charges. Haylee told the Commissioners that she would get back to them with an update regarding this case. Commissioner Troyer also asked if the Gambling Commission forwards the information on to the County Prosecutor. Commissioner Patterson asked if Haylee could let the Prosecutor know that the Gambling Commission was asking about consequences for the individuals who conspired with the licensee.

Commissioner Troyer announced that he attended the opening day at Emerald Downs and noticed the card room was now open. It is located where the Turf Club was. It does not have a

separate entrance. He said you can sit at the tables and play poker and look out the window and watch the races.

Other Business-

Public Comment- Victor Mena, President of the RGA and COO for Washington Gold Casinos. Victor spoke a little about HB 2186, the B&O tax bill. He stated that this bill could impact some of the House-Banked card rooms by \$15,000 a year. He mentioned the smaller card rooms are already feeling the pressure from the minimum wage increase.

Maureen Greeley from Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling spoke about an upcoming Problem Gambling conference April 25 & 26, 2017 in Olympia. Commissioner Stearns will be speaking at that conference. The National Problem Gambling Conference will be in Portland, Or. July 19-22, 2017.

No other public comment.

The Gambling Commission public meeting adjourned for Executive Session at 12:12, so the Commissioners could discuss Pending Investigations, Tribal Negotiations and Litigations. The meeting reconvened at 3:35 pm and was immediately adjourned.