

## Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission

Minutes of Public Session  
January 16, 2020

### Public Session

#### **I. Call to Order**

The January 16, 2020 meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission was called to order by Chair Kristen Blessman at approximately 9:14 a.m. at the Division of Gaming office, 17301 W. Colfax Ave, Suite 135, Golden, Colorado. Commissioners Coleman, Nathan and Davis were present and a quorum existed. Commissioner Carlson was excused for good cause.

#### Officials & Administrators in Attendance

Kristen Blessman, Chair  
Shawn Coleman, Commissioner  
Richard Nathan, Commissioner  
Justin Davis, Commissioner  
Cory Amend, Senior Director, Enforcement  
Dan Hartman, Director  
Kenya Collins, Director of Administration  
Matt Heap, Chief of Investigation  
Ceri Williams, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Paul Hogan, Chief Auditor  
Vickie Floyd, Controller  
John Madruga, Agent in Charge, Background Unit  
Mike Ezard, Supervisory Investigator, Cripple Creek  
Brad Nelson, Tables Games Chairman  
Ronni Hunter, Rules Manager  
Breanne Rodlin, Assistant to the Director, Secretary to the Commission

### Executive Session

The Commission voted unanimously to go into Executive Session pursuant to sections 24-6-402(3)(a)(III), 44-30-521(1)(a), and 44-30-526(1) of the Colorado Revised Statutes to review confidential reports from the Division of Gaming.

### Public Session (reconvened)

#### **II. Approval of Licensing Actions**

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the renewal of the Retail Licenses for FHR-Colorado LLC d/b/a Bronco Billy's Casino, FHR-Colorado LLC d/b/a Christmas Casino & Inn

by Bronco Billy's, FHR-Colorado d/b/a Billy's Casino, and Minter Holdings, LLC d/b/a Johnny Nolon's Casino. The licenses shall expire two years from the date of their current expirations. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the renewal of the Operator License for Full House Resorts, Inc. and Manufacturer/Distributor License for FHR-Colorado LLC d/b/a Bronco Billy's Casino. The licenses shall expire two years from the date of their current expirations.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Change of Ownership of the Retail License for Kings, Queens, and Jacks, LLC d/b/a Saratoga Casino Black Hawk.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the First Licensing of the Retail Licenses for Affinity Gaming Black Hawk, LLC d/b/a Golden Mardi Gras, Affinity Gaming Black Hawk, LLC d/b/a Golden Gates, Affinity Gaming Black Hawk, LLC d/b/a Golden Gulch, and the First Licensing of the Manufacturer/Distributor License for Twin River Worldwide Holdings, Inc.

The licenses shall be effective for a term of two years from the approval date, and the Retail licenses shall be subject to the Standard Conditions for a Retail License.

### **III. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission**

Mr. Bob Griffin, a member of the public from Castle Pines, addressed the Commission and thanked the Division for the transparency provided to the public during the Sports Betting implementation process. He stated that he and his fellow community members were concerned about citizen's protections as far as fraud control and responsible gaming. He also described that the public had questions about the taxation process for Sports Betting.

Mr. Griffin thanked the Commission for the opportunity to have his voice heard. Chair Blessman thanked him for his comments and referred to Director Hartman to discuss next steps for follow-up to the public's concerns.

Director Hartman explained that he and other senior staff from the Division would provide Mr. Griffin contact information so that they could follow-up.

### **IV. Consideration of Disciplinary Actions**

The Commission voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Stipulation and Agreement in Case No. DOG 19003573, In the Matter of Bally Gaming, Inc., Manufacturer/Distributor License No. 15-05799-0001.

### **V. Consideration of Division Financial Statements for November 2019**

Vickie Floyd, Controller, presented the Statement of Gaming Revenues, Gaming Taxes, and Expenditures (unaudited) for the five (5) months ending November 30, 2019.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the financial statement and authorize its distribution.

## **VI. Consideration of Rule 3 for Sports Betting**

The Commission voted unanimously to open the hearing on Colorado Sports Betting Rule 3: Applications, Investigations, and Licensure.

Chair Blessman swore in Dan Hartman, Director, to give the presentation outlining Sports Betting Rule 3.

Director Hartman stated that Rule 3 was previously presented as an emergency rule in order to begin the licensing process for Sports Betting Operators. He stated that the rule is now before the Commission for permanent adoption. He also explained that Rule 3 had been discussed and edited extensively during the December 2019 stakeholder work groups.

Discussion was had by the Commission regarding the phrasing of 3.1 (1) "Vendor Major License," and 3.1 (3) "Vendor Minor License." It was concluded that to keep the distinction between Vendor Licenses, the titles would remain as is.

Commissioner Nathan asked for clarification from Director Hartman regarding Section 3.4 of Rule 3. He asked if the fee to accompany the application as designated by Section 3.4 (1) was set by the Director and approved by the Commission. Director Hartman stated that the Commission had approved the Sports Betting Licensing Fee Schedule at the November 21, 2019 meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission.

Commissioner Nathan then asked for further explanation regarding Section 3.5. He asked if the licensing fee was used to reimburse the Division for investigations of licensees as designated by 3.5 (1). Director Hartman responded, "yes." Commissioner Nathan then asked if the Division kept hourly records of investigations that were to be covered by the licensing fee and if the applicants (licensees) could request records of receipts. Director Hartman replied "yes," to both questions.

The public was given the opportunity to testify on Sports Betting Rule 3. The public gave no testimony. The Commission voted unanimously to close the hearing on Colorado Sports Betting Rule 3.

The Commission then voted unanimously to approve Sports Betting Rule 3, as presented.

## **VII. Consideration of Interagency Governmental Agreements.**

Director Hartman presented the Interagency Governmental Agreements between the Division of Gaming and the Colorado State Patrol, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, and Department of Fire Prevention and Control.

Chair Blessman asked why the external agencies were not in attendance. Director Hartman replied stating that the agency representatives had already confirmed that they were comfortable with the proposed agreements.

Following discussion, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Interagency Governmental Agreement with the Colorado State Patrol.

The Commission then voted unanimously to approve the Interagency Governmental Agreement with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.

Finally, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Interagency Governmental Agreement with the Department of Fire Prevention and Control.

### **VIII. Consideration of Organizational Matters**

#### **1. Approval of Property Ownership**

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the list of Gaming employees with personal residential properties in Gilpin or Teller Counties.

#### **2. Adoption of Minutes for December 19, 2019**

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2019 Public Session of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission.

#### **3. Director's Update**

Senior Director of Enforcement, Cory Amend, commended the staff for their work and efforts handling Gaming and Sports Betting matters. He also stated that Mr. Bob Griffin, public member who addressed the Commission, would be receiving business cards from himself (Senior Director Amend), Director Hartman, and Chief of Investigations Matt Heap, to continue conversations regarding public concerns and Sports Betting.

Dan Hartman, Director of the Division of Gaming, stated that the next Sports Betting Stakeholder Rule Work Groups would take place on January 31, 2020. He explained that the work groups would be condensed from five to two, and would address rules 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, and he detailed that more information and invitations to the work groups would be sent in the coming days.

### **Adjournment**

The January 16, 2020 meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission was adjourned at 10:40 am by Chair Blessman.