

# Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission

Minutes of Public Session  
October 18, 2018

## Open House

## Public Session

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

The October 18, 2018 meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission was called to order by Chair Jannine Mohr at approximately 10:02 a.m. at the Division of Gaming office, 142 Lawrence Street, Central City, Colorado. Commissioners Mares, Shirley and Carlson were present and a quorum existed.

#### Officials & Administrators in Attendance

Jannine Mohr, Chair  
Cynthia Mares, Vice-Chair  
Ryan Shirley, Commissioner  
Tim Carlson, Commissioner  
Cory Amend, Senior Director, Enforcement Business Group  
Donia Amick, Director  
Kenya Collins, Director of Administration  
Kirsten Gregg, Chief of Investigations  
Ceri Williams, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Paul Hogan, Chief Auditor  
Tseko Ivanov, Reporting Accountant  
John Madruga, Agent in Charge, Golden  
Lad Sullivan, Agent in Charge, Central City  
Billy Vidmar, Supervisory Investigator, Cripple Creek  
Brenda Davis, Audit and Program Manager  
Ramon Alvarado, Budget Manager, Enforcement (via telephone)  
Wendy Spaulding, 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.

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

The Chair extended an opportunity for the public in attendance to address the Commission on any topic not on the agenda; no one came forward.

### **III. Approval of Licensing Actions**

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Renewal of the Retail Licenses for Affinity Gaming Black Hawk, LLC d/b/a Golden Gulch, Affinity Gaming Black Hawk, LLC d/b/a Golden Gates, Affinity Gaming Black Hawk, LLC d/b/a Golden Mardi Gras; and the Manufacturer/Distributor License for Affinity Gaming Black Hawk, LLC d/b/a Golden Mardi Gras.

The licenses shall expire two years from the date of their current expirations.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the First Licensing of the Retail License for FHR – Colorado LLC d/b/a Christmas Casino & Inn by Bronco Billy’s.

The license shall expire on February 18, 2020, at the request of FHR, to coincide with the remaining licenses pursuant to the surrender of Buffalo Billy’s Casino retail license #31201421, and shall be subject to the Standard Conditions for a Retail License.

### **IV. Consideration of Amendments to Rule 1 – General Rules and Rule 6 – Declaratory Orders**

The Commission voted unanimously to open the hearing on proposed amendments to Colorado Limited Gaming Regulations, Rule 1 and Rule 6. Kirsten Gregg, Chief of Investigations, presented the proposed changes. Chief Gregg tendered a written statement by the Colorado Gaming Association (CGA) for inclusion in the rule making record.

The public was given an opportunity to testify. Mr. Mark Grueskin, General Counsel for CGA, came forward to thank the Division for its willingness to address the lingering issue and thanked Chief Gregg for her fortitude in keeping the project moving forward and running smoothly. He stated the CGA is in support of Rule 1 as proposed. Mr. Sean Demeule, General Manager, Ameristar Casino Black Hawk, came forward to thank the Division and Chief Gregg for their work on the linger rule and stated they are in support of Rule 1 as proposed.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the rulemaking hearing and to amend Colorado Limited Gaming Regulations, Rules 1 and 6, as presented.

### **V. Consideration of Supplemental Budget Request for FY18 and FY19**

Ramon Alvarado, Budget Manager, presented the supplemental budget changes (via telephone) and explained that the Division previously requested \$42,000 in spending authority for FY17-18 to facilitate tax system programming for the Electronic Promotional Credit System (EPCS). Because the programming did not begin when anticipated, the supplemental request asked that the Commission grant \$42,000 in spending authority for FY19 to facilitate the programming in the current fiscal year.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the changes to the budget as presented.

## **VI. Division Financial Statement**

Tseko Ivanov, Reporting Accountant, presented the Statement of Gaming Revenues, Gaming Taxes, and Expenditures (unaudited) for the two (2) months ending August 31, 2018.

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

## **VII. Consideration of Organizational Matters**

Approval of Minutes – Minutes of the September 20, 2018 Public Session of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission were approved as presented.

### Directors' Update:

*Cory Amend, Senior Director, Enforcement*, apprised the Commission of the Division's annual trip to meet with the Ute Mountain Ute and the Southern Ute Tribes. Director Amend explained that the conversations between the Division and the Tribes were stimulating and educational as this was his first time attending the tribal meetings.

*Donia Amick, Director, Division of Gaming*, thanked the Central City office and the community for their hospitality. Director Amick updated the Commission on the progress of the Resolution regarding marijuana and limited gaming suitability that was passed at the September meeting. She explained that John Madruga, Agent in Charge, has made significant progress toward creating solid policies and procedures.

Chair Mohr explained that this will be her last trip to Central City as part of the Gaming Commission as her term expires June 2018. She thanked members of Central City for their hospitality throughout the years and stated she will greatly miss the annual trip to the city.

The public was given an opportunity to address the Commission before adjournment.

Mr. Dan Lee, CEO and President, FHR-Colorado, LLC, Christmas Casino, came forward to thank the Commission for issuing the first retail license for the casino and thanked John Madruga and his team for processing the license so quickly so that the casino could be ready to open before the holiday season. Mr. Lee then described the Christmas theme and highlights of the casino décor.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:49 a.m.

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Wendy Spaulding, Secretary to the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission