

Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission

Minutes of Public Session
March 19, 2015

Public Session

I. Call to Order

The March 19, 2015 meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission was called to order by Chairman Roger Hutson at approximately 9:30 a.m. at the Division of Gaming office, 17301 W. Colfax Ave, Suite 135, Golden, Colorado. Commissioners Jannine Mohr, Chuck Murphy and Doug Darr were present and a quorum existed. Commissioner Bill Hughes arrived during Agenda item II – Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission.

Officials & Administrators in Attendance

Roger Hutson, Chairman
Jannine Mohr, Vice-Chairman
Chuck Murphy, Commissioner
Doug Darr, Commissioner
Bill Hughes, Commissioner
Ron Kammerzell, Deputy Senior Director, Enforcement Business Group
Flavio Quintana, Director
Brenda Davis, Director of Administration
Ceri Williams, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Geri Clerkin, Chief Auditor
Eric Shannon, Accountant
Kirsten Gregg, Agent in Charge, Golden
Lad Sullivan, Agent in Charge, Central City
Chris Moore, Agent in Charge, Cripple Creek
Ronni Hunter, Rules Manager

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II. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission

The Chairman extended an opportunity for the public in attendance to address the Commission on any topic not on the agenda.

Lois Rice, Executive Director, Colorado Gaming Association (CGA), introduced two guests that are in the gambling addiction treatment field; Charlie Johns, President, Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado and Joe Sprague, President, Center for Governmental Training. In the past, Mr. Sprague's firm was elected to administer a program in Colorado to certify mental health practitioners in gambling addiction. Ms. Rice, on behalf of the CGA, presented the Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado (PGCC) with a distribution of CGA's annual stipend

Next, Mr. Sprague addressed the Commission, providing a brief history of his organization, its mission and gambling addiction statistics.

Mr. Johns then discussed problem gambling as an addiction and presented the PGCC's approach to increase public and counselor awareness about the matter.

Finally, Roger Baker, Gilpin County Manager, presented the Commission with employment statistics specific to Colorado and a comparative analysis narrowed to industries within certain Colorado counties.

III. Consideration of Disciplinary Actions

Ceri Williams, Senior Assistant Attorney General, presented the Findings, Conclusions and Order in Case No. DOG14004351, In the Matter of Vikki Van Wagoner, Support License No. 43905 and the Order to Show Cause in Case No. DOG15000582, In the Matter of Michael Anthony Arroyo II, Support License No. 43251.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the disciplinary actions.

IV. Consideration of Colorado Gaming Rule 3 – Applications, Investigations, and Licensure

The Commission voted unanimously to open the hearing on Colorado Gaming Regulation, Rule 3.

Jill Vaughan, Budget Director, and Steve Paine, Budget Analyst, presented information regarding Colorado Limited Gaming Regulation 47.1-305 for Fiscal Year 2016.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the hearing on Colorado Gaming Regulation, Rule 3, and make no changes.

V. Division Financial Statement

Eric Shannon, Accountant, presented the Statement of Gaming Revenues, Gaming Taxes, and Expenditures (unaudited) for the seven (7) months ending January 31, 2015.

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

VI. Consideration of Organizational Matters

Approval of Minutes – Minutes of the February 19, 2015 Public Session of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission were approved as presented.

Directors' Update:

Ron Kammerzell, Deputy Senior Director, Enforcement Business Group, presented the Commissioners with a copy of HB15-1047. HB15-1047 essentially makes it clear that internet sweepstakes cafes are illegal under Colorado law. Mr. Kammerzell continued by providing a brief history of where the bill originated and how it came to successfully pass during the current legislative session. HB15-1047 was signed into law by the Governor on March 13th.

Flavio Quintana, Director, Division of Gaming, introduced July Vang, who is a new Auditor in the Golden office. Welcome aboard, July! The Audit section is now fully staffed throughout the Division offices. Director Quintana continued by addressing the license fee analysis process, for which a stakeholder workshop has been scheduled on March 26th. The background license fee analysis will be presented to the Commission in May. Next, Mr. Quintana advised that Executive Management is working diligently to fill the vacant Chief of Investigations position. Finally, it was announced that Brenda Davis will be retiring at the end of April. Best of luck to you, Brenda!

Executive Session

The Commission voted unanimously to go into Executive Session pursuant to sections 24-6-402(3)(a)(III), 12-47.1-522(1)(a) and 12-47.1-527(1) of the Colorado Revised Statutes to review confidential reports from the Division of Gaming.

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VII. Approval of Licensing Actions

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the renewal of the Retail Licenses for Pioneer Group, Inc. d/b/a Bronco Billy's Sports Bar & Casino, Pioneer Group, Inc. d/b/a Buffalo Billy's Casino and Pioneer Group, Inc. d/b/a Billy's Casino. The licenses shall expire two years from the date of their current expirations.

The Chairman extended an additional opportunity for the public to address the Commission; no one came forward.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.



Allison Yunko, Secretary to the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission