

**OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**10 A.M. – October 5, 2011
RIFFE CENTER, 77 SOUTH HIGH STREET
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COLUMBUS, OH 43215**

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chair Jo Ann Davidson. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Martin Hoke, Ranjan Manoranjan, John Steinhauer and June Taylor were in attendance. Commissioner Silverman arrived at the meeting at 11:45 a.m. after an excused absence at the beginning of the meeting. The minutes of the September 21, 2011 meeting were approved.

John Williams of the Casino Control Commission reviewed the Third Party Accounting and Engineering Rule draft dated 10-3-2011. All requested changes have been incorporated into the draft. Resolution 2011-14 to adopt the Third Party Accounting and Engineering Rule was approved by the Commission upon a motion from Commissioner Steinhauer and seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan.

Chair Davidson announced that due to reorganization in the Attorney General's Office, Susan Choe is now the lead attorney staffing the Casino Control Commission under the leadership of Peter Thomas, Chief, Charitable Law Section. Hilary Damaser chose to stay in her position at Boards and Commissions. Chair Davidson thanked Hilary for her assistance to the Commission and commented that it would have been impossible for the Commission to accomplish all they have without the support of the Attorney General's staff under her leadership.

Executive Director Matt Schuler provided a brief report to Commission members. He indicated that John Barron has joined the Commission staff as Deputy Director and General Counsel. The next priority is to hire additional key staff members. Deputy Directors with gaming experience will be needed for two areas—License Administration and Regulatory Compliance—and he indicated that aggressive outreach is underway. A staff member to serve as Criminal Justice Coordinator is also a priority. Executive Director Schuler said he and the Chair had met with more than 25 potential vendor applicants, as well as the Chair of the Nevada Gaming Board and the New Jersey Department of Gaming Enforcement and is pleased that they are very willing to share their expertise and knowledge. Chair Davidson also introduced Kathy Kelly, Executive Administrative Assistant for the Commission, who will be helping with administrative issues.

Following a motion from Commissioner Steinhauer and seconded by Commissioner Taylor, the Commission approved Spectrum Gaming Group's recommendations on the Blueprint Review for Rock Ohio Caesars by adopting Resolution 2011-22 as agreement has been reached on all issues.

Michael Weinman, Director of Government Affairs for the Ohio Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), requested an opportunity to make public comments on the law enforcement issue under consideration by the Commission. He said the FOP represents 26,000 active and retired police officers. He said that the FOP recommends that the Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) be

chosen as the state's gaming agents. When questioned about their motivation for commenting in favor of BCI, Mr. Weinman indicated that the FOP represents only the nine Ohio State Highway Patrol Police Officers, not the Troopers, but represents numerous BCI employees. He said the BCI employees are best able to represent the Casino Control Commission.

Brian Johnson of the Attorney General's office reviewed the Ohio Supplement to the Key Employees Application dated 9-20-2011. Outstanding procedural issues include working through the process of dealing with out-of-state and in-state fingerprinting issues, application fees and IT capabilities for processing the application will require additional internal discussion.

Regarding the Scope of Licensing Briefs, Chair Davidson said that the operators had been asked to detail their concerns and Spectrum Gaming Group has met with operators on these issues. Briefs were received on time from all parties except for Apollo and TPG which were received at the Commission meeting. John Oberle and Albert Lin, Attorneys from Schottenstein, Zox and Dunn, as well as David Brooks, General Counsel for Fortress Investment Group, presented a power point presentation to confirm areas of agreement, discuss areas of concern and recommendations for solutions. After detailed discussion, Resolution 2011-21, drafted and outlined orally for the Commission by Susan Choe of the Attorney General's office (copy attached to the minutes), was approved by the Commission upon a motion made by Commissioner Hoke and seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Regarding the Carlino and Gardner trusts, no motion was made to reconsider the Commission's earlier determination that the family trusts must file. The Apollo and TPG brief will be reviewed by Spectrum Gaming Group and further discussion on Apollo and TPG will be on the agenda for the October 19 Commission meeting.

The Gaming Employee License Application dated 10-3-2011 was considered by the Commission. Chair Davidson indicated that, although she had not met with potential members of a working committee because of their attendance at an out-of-state gaming conference, she had some conversation with casino operator representatives about the possibility of the companies paying the background and application fees upfront and recovering the fees through payroll deduction from the casino employee. Upon a motion from Commissioner Taylor which was seconded by Commissioner Hoke, the Commission approved the application with agreement from the operators and vendors that they will pay the fees.

The Commission meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.