



ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

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Regular Meeting, Open Session Minutes – Riverboat and Video Gaming Illinois Gaming Board Chicago, Illinois January 30, 2019

Illinois Gaming Board (“Board”) convened for a Regular Meeting – Riverboat and Video Gaming – on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 in the Conference Room on the 5th Floor of the Michael Bilandic Building Center, in Chicago, Illinois pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.

The following Board members were physically present: Chairman Don Tracy, Members Hector Alejandro, Member Steve Dolins. Due to illness, Member Dee Robinson participated telephonically. Three members of the Board physically being present, a quorum was satisfied.

APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Member Alejandro moved that the Board approve the open session minutes from its Regular Meeting of December 12, 2018. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT/COMMENTS

Chairman Tracy thanked staff and members of the public for braving the bitterly cold outside temperatures and for allowing the meeting to take place as scheduled. Chairman Tracy briefly commented about some recent press coverage regarding the Illinois Gaming Board. The Chairman acknowledged the recent departures of Mark Stevens and Frank Spizziri from the Illinois Gaming Board and thanked them for their years of service to the agency. The Chairman then announced that the Board would be proposing a new Video Gaming rule on inducements at the day’s meeting. The Chairman also expressed his desire and intent to develop a stronger Self-Exclusion program for Video Gaming in the near future.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Acting Administrator Agostino Lorenzini reported that there are approximately 6,843 licensed video gaming location establishments operating approximately 31,046 video gaming terminals.

RIVERBOAT PROPOSED RULE

Administrator Lorenzini announced that a proposed draft of a Rule to implement an amendment to the Riverboat Gambling Act with respect to veterans’ percentages would not be presented at today’s meeting due to some recently raised questions and concerns that staff needs additional time to investigate before

presenting to the Board.

OWNER LICENSEE ITEMS

Final Consideration:

- **Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino-Des Plaines** – Request for Final Consideration for subsidiary guarantee regarding refinancing transaction

Member Alejandro moved that the Board approve the refinancing request, including subsidiary guarantee by **Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC** of \$600 million, subject to the final documentation being provided to the Illinois Gaming Board upon execution, and subject to revocation of this approval if the Administrator determines that the terms and conditions are not materially consistent with the terms provided. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

RIVERBOAT SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS

- **Ainsworth Game Technology, Inc.**

Member Dolins moved move that the Board amend its November 2018 motion to be read as follows, effective as of the date of said motion:

Based on staff's investigation and recommendation, I move that the Administrator issue **Ainsworth Game Technology, Inc.** a Riverboat Supplier License for a period of one year, expiring in November 2019, and approve the following entities and individuals as Key Persons under Rule 222(C)(4):

Novo Invest GmbH;

Novomatic AG;

Ainsworth Game Technology Limited;

AGT Pty Ltd.

Daniel Gladstone, in his roles as Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director;

Johann Graf, in his roles as Owner and Managing Member of **Novo Invest GmbH**; *and*

Ryan Comstock, in his role as Chief Operating Officer.

Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Data Financial, Inc.**

Member Alejandro moved that the Board renew **Data Financial, Inc.**'s Riverboat Supplier License for a period of four years, expiring January 2023, and approve the following individuals as Key Persons under Rule 222(C)(4):

Marc Masi, in his role as Owner and Co-President; and

Steven Schroeder, in his role as Owner and Co-President.

Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Midwest Game Supply Company**

Member Dolins moved that the Board **renew Midwest Game Supply Company's** Riverboat Supplier License for a period of four years, expiring January 2023, and approve the following individuals as Key Persons under Rule 222(C)(4):

Linda Sohm, in her role as Owner and President; and
Charles Sohm, in his role as Owner.

Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS

Level 1 Items:

- **Sherri Bruno – Alton Casino, LLC d/b/a Argosy Casino Alton – Director of Finance**

Member Alejandro moved that the Board approve **Sherri Bruno** as a Level 1 Occupational Licensee in her position as Director of Finance for **Alton Casino, LLC d/b/a Argosy Casino Alton**. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Initial Level 2 and Level 3 Licenses – Approvals and Denials:

Member Alejandro moved that the Board **approve 72 Level 2** occupational licenses and **134 Level 3** occupational licenses. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

DISCIPLINARY COMPLAINTS

Member Dolins moved that the Administrator issue a Disciplinary Complaint revoking the Level 3 occupational license of **Michael Montgomery Tarver**, with said action taking effect 21 days after the Notice of Disciplinary Complaint is served, unless an answer is properly filed within that timeframe in accordance with Rule 1125. Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Alejandro moved that the Administrator issue a Disciplinary Complaint revoking the Level 3 occupational license of **Kathleen Lynn Castillo**, with said action taking effect 21 days after the Notice of Disciplinary Complaint is served, unless an answer is properly filed within that timeframe in accordance with Rule 1125. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Administrator issue a Disciplinary Complaint revoking the Level 3 occupational license of **Brian Joseph Vickers**, with said action taking effect 21 days after the Notice of Disciplinary Complaint is served, unless an answer is properly filed within that timeframe in accordance with Rule 1125. Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Administrator issue a Disciplinary Complaint revoking the Level 2 occupational license of **Kyler Uriah Bunton**, with said action taking effect 21 days after the Notice of

Disciplinary Complaint is served, unless an answer is properly filed within that timeframe in accordance with Rule 1125. Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

PROPOSED VIDEO GAMING RULE 340

Member Dolins moved that the Board approve for submission to the Index Department of the Secretary of State on First Notice the proposed Rule 1800.340, which addresses inducements. Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

VIDEO GAMING MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR & SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS

- **SUZHAPP Gaming Solutions, LLC** (retroactive to June, 2018)

Member Alejandro moved that the Board renew **SUZHAPP Gaming Solutions, LLC**’s Video Gaming Distributor license for a period of one year, retroactive to June 2018. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

TERMINAL OPERATOR LICENSEE ITEMS

Initial Licenses

- **Admira, LLC**

Member Alejandro moved that the Board issue a Terminal Operator license to **Admira, LLC** for a term of one year, expiring in January 2020, as the applicant has demonstrated its qualifications and suitability for licensure. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Wild Money Gaming, LLC**

Member Dolins moved that the Board deny **Wild Money Gaming, LLC**’s application for a Terminal Operator license. Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

License Renewals

Member Alejandro moved that that the Board renew the following Terminal Operator’s licenses for a period of one year, expiring in January 2020:

- **Andy’s Video Gaming Co. (January renewal)**
- **Heck Gaming, LLC (January renewal)**
- **Illinois Gaming Systems, LLC (January renewal)**
- **Illinois Gold Rush, Inc. (January renewal)**
- **Illinois Video Slot Management Corp. (January renewal)**
- **J&J Ventures Gaming, LLC (January renewal)**
- **JHey Enterprises, LLC (January renewal)**
- **Midwest SRO, LLC (January renewal)**
- **Quad Gaming, Inc. (January renewal)**

- **Royal Entertainment LLC (January renewal)**
- **Sparrow Gaming Inc. (January renewal)**

Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

TECHNICIANS & TERMINAL HANDLERS

Initial Licenses – Approval and Denials

Member Dolins moved the Board **approve 66 Terminal Handler licenses and 1 Technician license**, and authorize the Administrator to issue **Notices of Denial** to the following:

- **Steven Novak**
- **Derrick Anthony Asbury**
- **Antonio Mark Medina**
- **Sofia Alvarado White**
- **Richard Robert Dugan**

Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

License Renewals and Non-Renewals

Member Dolins moved that the Board **renew** the **Technicians** and **Terminal Handlers** licenses who were licensed or renewed in January 2018 and who have properly updated their applications, timely paid their annual fees, and are in compliance with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules. Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

VIDEO GAMING ESTABLISHMENT APPLICATIONS

Initial Licenses - Approvals & Denials

Member Dolins moved that the Board **approve 137 Video Gaming Establishment Licenses**, for a period of one year, expiring in January 2020, and authorize the Administrator to issue **Notices of Denial** to:

- **MICHELLE D. MILLER d/b/a RIVERVIEW LODGE (170703724)**
- **AUNT MAGGIE'S CATERING, INC. d/b/a AUNT MAGGIE'S CATERING (180701493)**
- **THE HAPPY PLACE CAFE COMPANY d/b/a THE HAPPY PLACE CAFÉ (180701447)**
- **JAMESON PUB, INC. d/b/a SKOOTER'S ROADHOUSE (180701510)**
- **ROUGH ROAD LLC d/b/a FREEDOM BAR (180703665) Hurst**
- **TNT SECURITIES INC. d/b/a TNT'S (180700517)**

Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Alejandro moved that the Board grant an establishment license to **DONKEY INN BAR AND GRILL, INC d/b/a THE DONKEY INN**. Member Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0 via voice vote. Member Dolins recused himself.

Member Dolins moved that the Board rescind the January 9, 2018 Notice of Non-Renewal issued to **CASALE PIZZA, INC. d/b/a CASALE PIZZA** and renew its license retroactive to December 2017. Member Alejandre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

License Renewals and Non-Renewals

Member Alejandre moved that the Board **renew** the licenses of Retail Establishments, Truck Stop Establishments, Veteran Establishments and Fraternal Establishments that were licensed or renewed in January 2018 and that have properly updated their applications, timely paid their annual fee, and are otherwise in compliance with the requirements of the Act and the Board's Rules. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

REQUESTS FOR HEARING, REQUESTS TO REAPPLY

Requests for Hearing

Member Dolins moved that the Board **deny** the hearing request submitted by **ANTHONY RAY JEMISON**. Member Alejandre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board **grant** the hearing request submitted by **TIMOTHY KEITH EVITTS**. Member Alejandre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Alejandre moved that the Board **grant** the hearing request submitted by **MICHAEL EDWARD WHITE**. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Alejandre moved that the Board **rescind** the Notice of Denial issued to **G-TOWN DEUCE INVESTMENTS LLC d/b/a RED DEUCE** and **approve** its application for an establishment license. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board **grant** the request for hearing submitted by **RACHELS CAFÉ INC. d/b/a RACHEL'S CAFE**. Member Alejandre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board **grant** the hearing request submitted by **SUNSHINE USA ENTERPRISES, INC. d/b/a MORRIS CITGO**. Member Alejandre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Alejandre moved that the Board **deny** the hearing request submitted by **LAVUE MANAGEMENT CORPORATION d/b/a LAVUE BAR & GRILL**. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Alejandre moved that the Board **grant** the hearing request submitted by **ONESTI ENTERTAINMENT CORPORATION d/b/a ARCADIA THEATRE**. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Alejandro moved that the Board **grant** the hearing request submitted by **PUB 225 LLC d/b/a PUB 225**. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board **grant** the hearing request submitted by **SCORCHY CAFÉ ITALIANO, INC d/b/a SCORCHY CAFÉ ITALIANO**. Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board **grant** the hearing request submitted by **CALM & CHAOS LLC d/b/a THE IRISH LEGEND**. Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Requests to Reapply

Member Alejandro moved that the Board **grant** the request by **SLR VENTURES, LLC d/b/a CAFE SLR.**, to reapply for an establishment license. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board **grant** the request by **TRAVAN, INC. d/b/a ANGELO'S RESTAURANT AND PIZZA**, to reapply for an establishment license. Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Alejandro moved that the Board **grant** **LAVUE MANAGEMENT CORPORATION d/b/a LAVUE BAR & GRILL** leave to reapply. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Location Licensees

Member Alejandro moved that the Administrator issue a disciplinary complaint fining **AGS, LLC** \$5,000, with said action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an Answer is properly filed within that timeframe, and revoking the license if neither the fine is paid nor an answer is properly filed within that timeframe. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Administrator issue a disciplinary complaint fining **SUZHAPP Gaming Solutions, LLC** \$5,000 with said action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an Answer is properly filed within that timeframe, and revoking the license if neither the fine is paid nor an answer is properly filed within that timeframe. Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Terminal Operators

Member Alejandro moved that the Administrator issue a disciplinary complaint fining **TAP ROOM GAMING**, \$2,000, with said action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an Answer is properly filed within that timeframe, and revoking the licensee if neither the fine is

paid nor an answer is properly filed within that timeframe. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Administrator issue a disciplinary complaint fining **VETERANS VGT LLC \$2,000** with said action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an Answer is properly filed within that timeframe, and revoking the licensee if neither the fine is paid nor an answer is properly filed within that timeframe. Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Administrator issue a disciplinary complaint fining **LEISURE TIME GAMING & AMUSEMENTS, INC.** \$15,000 with said action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an Answer is properly filed within that timeframe, and revoking the licensee if neither the fine is paid nor an answer is properly filed within that timeframe. Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Terminal Handlers

Member Dolins moved that the Administrator issue a disciplinary complaint fining Terminal Handler **Eric Jaye Hamilton** \$500 with said action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an Answer is properly filed within that timeframe, and revoking the license if neither the fine is paid nor an answer is properly filed within that timeframe. Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Alejandro moved that the Administrator issue a disciplinary complaint fining Terminal Handler **Samuel Ramos Navejas** \$500 with said action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an Answer is properly filed within that timeframe, and revoking the license if neither the fine is paid nor an answer is properly filed within that timeframe. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Alejandro moved that the Administrator issue a disciplinary complaint fining Terminal Handler **Kevin Mark Kruk** \$1,200 with said action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an Answer is properly filed within that timeframe, and revoking the license if neither the fine is paid nor an answer is properly filed within that timeframe. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Administrator issue a disciplinary complaint fining Terminal Handler **Robert Delfico Civitella** \$1,000 with said action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an Answer is properly filed within that timeframe, and revoking the license if neither the fine is paid nor an answer is properly filed within that timeframe. Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Administrator issue a disciplinary complaint fining Terminal Handler **James Thomas Stewart** \$1,000 with said action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an Answer is properly filed within that timeframe, and revoking the license if neither the fine is paid nor an answer is properly filed within that timeframe. Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Alejandro moved that the Administrator issue a disciplinary complaint revoking **Matthew Ian Scott's** Terminal Handler's license, with said action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the

Complaint, unless an Answer is properly filed within that timeframe. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Alejandro moved that the Administrator issue a disciplinary complaint revoking the Terminal Handler license of **Kathryn Denise Keesen** with said action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an Answer is properly filed within that timeframe. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Location Discipline

Member Alejandro moved that the Administrator issue a disciplinary complaint fining **MICHAELS GAMING INC. d/b/a BELLA'S CAFFE** \$2,000 with said action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an Answer is properly filed within that timeframe, and revoking the license if neither the fine is paid nor an answer is properly filed within that timeframe. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins further moved that the Administrator issue a disciplinary complaint fining **TEAM BJA LLC d/b/a LACEY'S PLACE** \$2,000 with said action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an Answer is properly filed within that timeframe, and revoking the license if neither the fine is paid nor an answer is properly filed within that timeframe. Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Alejandro moved that the Administrator issue a disciplinary complaint fining **LOU'S TAP, INC. d/b/a LOUIE'S TAP HOUSE** \$1,500 with said action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an Answer is properly filed within that timeframe, and revoking the license if neither the fine is paid nor an answer is properly filed within that timeframe. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Administrator issue a disciplinary complaint fining **TINA G'S INC. d/b/a TINA G'S** \$5,000 for permitting a minor to play VGTs and an additional \$5,000 for providing alcohol to a minor, with said action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an Answer is properly filed within that timeframe, and revoking the license if neither the fine is paid nor an answer is properly filed within that timeframe. Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Administrator issue disciplinary complaints revoking the following establishments for failing to respond to a Board order with said action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an Answer is properly filed within that timeframe:

1. **LSB One, Inc d/b/a Lock Stock & Barrel**
2. **The Grove Bar and Grill Inc. d/b/a The Grove Bar and Grill**
3. **TILTED OBT, INC. d/b/a TILTED KILT**
4. **Fuzzy's, Inc. d/b/a Fuzzy's Tavern**
5. **Puzzled Minds Management Group, LLC d/b/a JT's Corner Tap & Eatery**

Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

LITIGATION/SETTLEMENTS

Member Alejandre moved that the Board adopt the administrative law judge's decision in 18-GB-003, **DOLLY'S CAFÉ, LLC, d/b/a LULU'S PLACE**, as a final Board order. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Alejandre moved that the Board adopt the administrative law judge's decision in 18-GB-025, **HANOVER ENTERPRISES, INC. d/b/a FIRE HOUSE PUB**, as a final Board order. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board authorize the Administrator to enter into a settlement agreement regarding the denial of **How-Dog, Inc. d/b/a Cactus Country**, and if appropriate, to rescind this denial and issue this applicant a license. Member Alejandre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Alejandre moved that the Board authorize the Administrator to enter into a settlement agreement regarding the denial of **Jenny's LLC – Sparta and Jenny's LLC Freeburg**, and if appropriate, to rescind this disciplinary complaint. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board authorize the Administrator to enter into a settlement agreement regarding the denial of **Damaschke International Inc. d/b/a Lacey's Place (Lic. # 150703775)**, and if appropriate, to rescind this disciplinary complaint. Member Alejandre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

ADJOURN

Member Alejandre moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.