



# ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

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## **Regular Meeting, Open Session Minutes – Riverboat and Video Gaming Illinois Gaming Board Chicago, Illinois April 18, 2019**

Illinois Gaming Board (“Board”) convened for a Regular Meeting – Riverboat and Video Gaming – on Thursday April 18, 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.

A roll call was taken. The following Board members were physically present: Chairman Don Tracy, Member Steve Dolins, Member Ruben Ramirez and Member Dee Robinson. Four members of the Board being physically present, a quorum was satisfied.

At approximately 9:05 A.M., Member Dolins moved that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c), paragraphs (1), (11), (14), and (21) of the Open Meetings Act and Section 6(d) of the Riverboat Gambling Act to discuss items on the closed session agenda relating to specific personnel, the closed session minutes, investigations, and pending litigation. Member Robinson seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. Thereafter, the Board moved from the Conference Room on the 5th Floor of the Michael Bilandic Building to the Conference Room on the 3rd Floor of the building for a closed session meeting; the minutes of which are separately recorded.

At approximately 10:00 A.M., the Board returned to the Conference Room on the 5th Floor of the Michael Bilandic Building Center, in Chicago, Illinois to reconvene its Regular Meeting – Riverboat and Video Gaming – of Thursday April 18, 2019 pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.

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### **APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

Member Robinson moved that the Board approve the open session minutes from its Regular Meeting of March 1, 2019. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

### **CHAIRMAN COMMENTS**

The Chairman introduced and welcomed the Board’s newest member, Ruben Ramirez, to the IGB. Chairman Tracy also thanked former Member Hector Alejandro for his years of dedicated service to the Board and congratulated Member Robinson on her recent marriage. The Chairman announced that the next Board meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2019.

## ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Acting Administrator Agostino Lorenzini reported that there are currently 6,851 licensed locations operating approximately 31,091 video gaming terminals. He also reported that the IGB has converted approximately 70% of the video gaming terminals to the G2S protocol which translates to roughly 21,800 machines at 4,700 licensed location establishments.

## PUBLIC COMMENTARY

The Board entertained comments made by the following individuals on the following topics:

- Randi M. Wagner, owner of Wagner's Lounge regarding use agreement dispute with terminal operators involved with her Video Gaming Location Establishment.
- Sherry Wessel, Senior Vice President and GM of Southern Illinois Riverboat/Casino Cruises d/b/a Harrah's Metropolis Casino, regarding recent flooding at the casino.
- Client Koester, an owner of the Knotty Pine Bar & Grill LLC regarding use agreement dispute with terminal operator involved with his Video Gaming Location Establishment.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RIVERBOAT RULES

Member Robinson moved that the Board approve for submission to the Index Department of the Secretary of State on First Notice, the proposed amendments to Rule 3000.286, which addresses contracting goals for veteran owned businesses and numerical goals for all types of firms covered by the Rule. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

## RIVERBOAT SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS

### Supplier License Renewal

- **Advantage Promotional Systems, Inc.**

Member Dolins moved move that the Board renew the Riverboat Supplier License of **Advantage Promotional Systems, Inc.** for a period of four years, expiring April 2023, and approve the following individual as a Key Person:

**Gregory W. Davis – President and 100% owner**

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

### Supplier Key Person – Approvals and Denials

- **Julie A. Montana – Suzohapp Gaming Solutions, LLC – President/Owner**

Member Robinson moved move that the Board find Julie Montana suitable as a Key Person of Suzohapp Gaming Solutions, LLC in her role as President and 100% owner. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Ronald K. Partridge – Suzohapp Gaming Solutions, LLC – President/CEO of Suzohapp,**

Inc.

Member Dolins moved that the Board find Ronald Partridge suitable as a Key Person of Suzohapp Gaming Solutions, LLC in his role as President and Chief Executive Officer of Suzohapp, Inc. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

## **OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS**

### Initial Level 1 Licenses – Approvals and Denials:

- **Charles Joseph Natoli, Jr. – Level 1 – Elgin Riverboat Resort d/b/a Grand Victoria Casino**  
– Chief Information Officer

Member Dolins moved that the Board approve Charles Natoli, Jr. as a Level 1 Occupational Licensee in his position as Chief Information Officer for Elgin Riverboat Resort d/b/a Grand Victoria Casino. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Jason Ryan Grover – Level 1 – Alton Casino, LLC d/b/a Argosy Casino Alton – IT**  
Director

Member Robinson moved that the Board approve Jason Grover as a Level 1 Occupational Licensee in his position as IT Director 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 Dolins moved that the Board approve **73 Level 2** occupational licenses and **174 Level 3** occupational licenses and authorize the Administrator to issue Notices of Denial to:

- **Mario Lashun Clark, Jr.**
- **John Lee Wilbourn**
- **Cheryl Lynn Poniatowski**
- **Fantasia Parker**
- **Jannetta Lashunda Lewis**

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

Member Dolins further moved that the Board grant **Mercedes Andrea Lucio** a level 2 occupational license. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-1 via voice vote. Member Robinson voted nay.

### Requests for Hearing

Member Robinson moved that the Board rescind the previous denial, grant a Level 2 occupational license to **Chad Alexander Jenkins** and deny the request for hearing as moot. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

## **DISCIPLINARY COMPLAINTS**

Member Robinson moved that the Administrator issue a Disciplinary Complaint revoking the Level 2 occupational license of **Junior Cebrero**, 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 **Dominic David Armstrong**, 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 Ramirez 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 **Rosedell Chester**, 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 Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Robinson moved that the Administrator issue a Disciplinary Complaint revoking the Level 3 occupational license of **Raeann Elizabeth Hohenwater** 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 Robinson moved that the Administrator issue a Disciplinary Complaint revoking the Level 3 occupational license of **William Lee Greer** 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 2 occupational license of **Bairon Chavez**, 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 Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Robinson moved that the Administrator issue a Disciplinary Complaint revoking the Level 3 occupational license of **Rosa Carpio Contreras** 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 Robinson moved that the Administrator issue a Disciplinary Complaint revoking the Level 3 occupational license of **Don Gary Tobin** 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 2

occupational licenses of **Jason Matthew Martin** and **Anthony James Perkins** 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 Ramirez 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 **Joshua David Johnson** 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 Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Robinson moved that the Administrator issue a Disciplinary Complaint revoking the Level 2 occupational license of **De'Ante Michael Young** 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 Robinson moved that the Administrator issue a Disciplinary Complaint revoking the Level 2 occupational license of **Dareus Lee Nixon** 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.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO VIDEO GAMING RULES**

- **Proposal to add Section 1800.321 – Procurement of Use Agreements**

Member Dolins moved that the Board approve for submission to the Index Department of the Secretary of State on First Notice the proposed Rule 1800.321 which addresses the procurement of use agreements. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Proposed Amendment to Section 1800.210 – Employment of Minors**

Member Robinson moved that the Board approve for submission to the Index Department of the Secretary of State on First Notice the proposed amendments to Rule 1800.210 which addresses the employment of minors. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

## **VIDEO GAMING MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR & SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS**

- **AGS, LLC** (retroactive to January 2019)

Member Dolins moved that the Board **renew AGS, LLC's** Video Gaming Manufacturer, Distributor and Supplier licenses for a period of one year, retroactive to January 2019, and expiring in January 2020. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

## **TERMINAL OPERATOR LICENSEE ITEMS**

### Initial License

- **Top Notch Entertainment, LLC**

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

#### License Renewals – March and April

Member Robinson moved that the Board **renew** the following Terminal Operator licenses for a period of one year, retroactive to March 2019, expiring in March 2020:

- **Accel Entertainment Gaming, LLC**
- **Arkadian Gaming, LLC**
- **Ashiq Gaming, LLC**
- **B&B Amusement of Illinois, LLC**
- **Compact Disc Amusements, Limited**
- **Emperor Video Slots Corporation**
- **Eureka Entertainment, LLC**
- **Fair Share Gaming, LLC**
- **Leisure Time Gaming & Amusements, Inc.**

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

Member Dolins moved that the Board **renew** the following Terminal Operator licenses for a period of one year, expiring in April 2020:

- **DaRoute LLC**
- **Great Lakes Vending Corporation**
- **Gaming & Entertainment Management – Illinois LLC**
- **Grand River Jackpot, LLC**
- **Illinois Operators, Inc.**
- **Lucky Day LLC**
- **Midwest Electronics Gaming, LLC**
- **Sinbad’s Castle Arcade, Ltd.**
- **T’s Gaming, LLC**
- **Velasquez Gaming, LLC**
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Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

## **TECHNICIANS & TERMINAL HANDLERS**

### Initial Licenses – Approval and Denials

Member Robinson moved that the Board approve **89** Terminal Handler licenses and **1** Technician license, and authorize the Administrator to issue **Notices of Denial** to the following:

- **Lorena Henao**
- **Nathaniel Homer Clerk**
- **Albert Joseph Humbracht**

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

### License Renewals and Non-Renewals

Member Dolins moved that the Board **renew** the **Technician** and **Terminal Handler** licenses that were licensed or renewed in April 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 Ramirez 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 **144** Video Gaming Establishment Licenses, for a period of one year, expiring in April 2020, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before May 31, 2019; and further authorize the Administrator to issue **Notices of Denial** to the following applicants:

- **CARLOS MEXICAN GRILL & SEAFOOD #4 INC.**
- **DIAZ MAYA'S RESTAURANT, INC. d/b/a MAYA'S RESTAURANT**
- **El Jalapeno, Inc. d/b/a El Jalapeno**
- **Alibye, Inc. d/b/a Club 717**
- **DAVEY INC. d/b/a NUTTIES**
- **FIGUEROA RESTAURANTS, LTD. d/b/a BUENA VISTA**
- **HACIENDA EL SOMBRERO RESTAURANT BAR, CORP. d/b/a HACIENDA EL SOMBRERO**
- **Julia L Reaves d/b/a ED & MILLIES TAVERN**
- **Kayleigh Shoup d/b/a The Topsy Hippie**
- **MARS SUPERMARKET, INC. d/b/a MARS SUPERMARKET**
- **Trackside Diner and Bar LLC d/b/a Trackside Bar-N-Grill**
- **Untouchables Motorcycle Club d/b/a Untouchables Motorcycle Club**
- **Washington Ent. LLC d/b/a Ava's Café**
- **Wileniel Medina Pagan d/b/a Noche Azul Sports Bar**
- **Donald Johnson d/b/a Rail City Saloon**
- **Ottawa A'LURE, INC. d/b/a A'LURE**
- **EL NUEVO VALLARTA SPORTS BAR AND GRILL INC.**
- **Chances R, LLC d/b/a Chances R**
- **DREWSKIE'S, LLC d/b/a DREWSKIE'S**
- **Voice Enterprises, LLC d/b/a SanDDy's**
- **Pitch Peoria LLC d/b/a Pitch Karaoke Bar**

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

Member Robinson moved that the Board grant an establishment license to **CH House Corp. d/b/a The Coach House Bar & Grill**. Member Dolins recused himself. The motion failed with a 2-1 vote. Chairman Tracy voted nay.

Member Robinson moved that the Board grant an establishment license to **Nikolamarko Foods and Liquor, Inc. d/b/a Foremost Foods & Liquor**. Member Dolins motioned to table. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Robinson moved to table licensing decisions on **Sangamo Surf Club d/b/a Sangamo Surf Club** and **Television-Radio-Newspaper Club of Springfield d/b/a TRN Club of Springfield** until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Chairman Tracy recused himself. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

#### License Renewals and Non-Renewals

Member Dolins moved that the Board **renew** the licenses of Retail Establishments, Truck Stop Establishments, Veteran Establishments and Fraternal Establishments that were licensed or renewed in April 2018 and that have properly updated their applications, timely paid their annual fee, and are otherwise in compliance with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules. Member Ramirez 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 grant the hearing request submitted by **Lucky Esther's, Incorporated**. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board permit the withdrawal of the hearing request made by **Wonder Foods, Inc.** Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

##### Requests to Reapply

Member Robinson moved that the Board grant the request by **PILOT TRAVEL CENTERS LLC d/b/a Pilot Travel Center #643 (121009090)**, 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 **DOWNTOWN LOUNGE, INC.** to reapply for an establishment license. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Robinson moved that the Board grant **BNT Group LLC d/b/a BP Washington Park** leave to reapply. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

#### **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

##### Disassociations

Member Robinson moved that **Gaming & Entertainment Management - Illinois LLC** be ordered to disassociate from **Timothy Keith Evitts**. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.



Member Robinson moved that **Hyperactive Gaming, LLC** be ordered to disassociate from **James A. Jones**. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that **Hyperactive Gaming, LLC** be ordered to disassociate from **Wilma Cabell**.

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

Member Dolins moved that **Illinois Gaming Investors LLC** be ordered to disassociate from **Tina Goodwin**. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that **Velasquez Gaming, LLC** be ordered to disassociate from **Nikolaos Mikroulis**. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Robinson moved that **Lucky Lincoln Gaming, LLC** be ordered to disassociate from **Eric Platt**. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

## **LITIGATION/SETTLEMENTS**

Member Robinson moved that the Board authorize the Administrator to enter into a settlement agreement regarding the nonrenewal of **DOC'S DINER INC. d/b/a DOC'S DINER**, and if appropriate, to rescind this non-renewal and renew this license. 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 nonrenewal of **Lansing Investment Corporation d/b/a Kilroy's** and if appropriate, to rescind this non-renewal and renew this license. Member Ramirez 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 **Scorchy Cafe Italiano, Inc. d/b/a Scorchy Cafe Italiano** and to rescind the denial and grant it an establishment license. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Robinson moved that the Board authorize the Administrator to enter into a settlement agreement regarding the DC-V-18-166 against **Tap Room Gaming, LLC** and if appropriate, to administratively dismiss and otherwise address the matter. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Robinson moved that the Board authorize the Administrator to enter into a settlement agreement regarding the DC-V-18-143 against **Bull Dog Ale House, Inc. d/b/a Bull Dog Ale House** and if appropriate, to administratively dismiss and otherwise address the matter. 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 non-renewal of **Jack's or Better, Inc. d/b/a Jack's or Better** and to resolve the matter. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board adopt Administrative Law Judge's recommended decision in 18 GB 033 regarding **C & D's Silver Dollar Lounge, Inc.** as a final Board order. Member Ramirez

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

## **ADJOURN**

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