ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

BOARD RESOLUTION PER SECTION 3000.260 TO ALLOW THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ISSUE TEMPORARY BADGES TO APPLICANTS ELIGIBLE FOR LICENSURE PER PUBLIC ACT 103-0550

WHEREAS, On August 11, 2023, Governor JB Pritzker signed into law Public Act 103-0550 amending Section 9 of the Illinois Gambling Act [230 ILCS 10/1, et seq.], and allowing the Illinois Gaming Board to issue non-gaming occupational licenses to individuals with felony convictions and convictions for crimes involving dishonesty or moral turpitude; and,

WHEREAS, Public Act 103-0550 expands employment opportunities for convicted individuals who are committed to being productive members of their communities; and,

WHEREAS, Public Act 103-0550 will become effective January 1, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Gambling Act is to benefit the people of the State of Illinois by assisting economic development, an essential part of which is to provide jobs to citizens of the State of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Gaming Board has all powers necessary and proper to fully and effectively administer, regulate, and enforce the systems of riverboat and casino gambling; and,

WHEREAS, Board Rule 3000.245(b)(3) provides that the Administrator may not issue a temporary identification badge, which allows an applicant to work pending licensure by the Board, to any applicant statutorily ineligible for licensure; and,

WHEREAS, Board Rule 3000.260 authorizes the Board to waive any licensing requirement or procedure provided by Board rule if it determines that such waiver is in the best interests of the public and the gaming industry;

THEREFORE, the Board now finds that it is in the best interest of the State, its gaming industry, its citizens, and the overall efficiency of the Board to allow otherwise qualified individuals to work at casinos under a temporary identification badge if that individual would be licensable on January 1, 2024;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board now waives Board Rule 3000.245(b)(3) to the extent that it prohibits the Administrator from issuing a temporary identification badge to an individual who would be eligible for licensure on January 1, 2024 under Public Act 103-0550.

VOTED THIS THE FOURTEENTH DAY QF SEPTEMBER, 2023.

Charles Schmadeke, Chairman

Dionne R. Hayden, Member

Anthony Garcia, Member

Jim Kolar, Member