



ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

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Regular Meeting, Open Session Minutes Illinois Gaming Board Chicago, Illinois December 8, 2021

The Illinois Gaming Board convened for a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. On November 12, 2021, Governor JB Pritzker issued a statewide disaster proclamation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act, the Board determined it was not practical or prudent, nor was it feasible, to hold an in person meeting due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the Board held the meeting through electronic means. The meeting was accessible on the morning of December 8, 2021, via livestream at: <https://multimedia.illinois.gov/igb/igb-live.html>.

A roll call was taken. The following Board members were present: Chairman Charles Schmadeke, Member Marc Bell, Member Anthony Garcia and Member Dionne Hayden. Four members of the Board being present, a quorum was satisfied.

At approximately 9:01 A.M., Member Garcia moved that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c), paragraphs (4), (11), (21) and (36) of the Open Meetings Act and Section 6(d) of the Illinois Gambling Act to discuss items on the closed session agenda relating to evidence received per the Board's adjudicatory authority, pending litigation, the review of closed session minutes of the Special Meeting Meetings held on November 18, 2021 and to deliberate on decisions of the Illinois Gaming Board in which there is discussed personal, commercial, financial, or other information obtained from any source that is privileged, proprietary, confidential, or a trade secret; or information specifically exempted from disclosure by federal or State law. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. Thereafter, the Board held its closed session meeting through electronic means, the minutes of which are separately recorded. The Board's closed session meeting was not accessible via livestream at <https://multimedia.illinois.gov/igb/igb-live.html>.

At approximately 11:02 A.M., the Board reconvened its Regular Meeting of Wednesday, December 8, 2021 pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.* The meeting was held through electronic means and was accessible via livestream at: <https://multimedia.illinois.gov/igb/igb-live.html>.

Another roll call was taken. The following Board members were present: Chairman Charles Schmadeke, Member Marc Bell, Member Anthony Garcia and Member Dionne Hayden. Four members of the Board being present, a quorum was satisfied.

APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board voted unanimously to approve the open session minutes from its Special Meeting held on November 18, 2021.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Fruchter began his report by announcing that Walkers Bluff Casino Resort, the applicant for an Owners license in Williamson County, recently commenced construction on its permanent casino facility. Administrator Fruchter noted that the IGB received three timely bid submissions for the online only sports wagering licenses that the IGB is authorized to issue under the Sports Wagering Act. The IGB also received one untimely bid which was rejected.

Administrator Fruchter announced that there are approximately 42,047 video gaming terminals ("VGTs") currently operating in 7,898 location establishments. Approximately 4,570 of those establishments have 5 or more VGTS currently operating. For the month of October, VGTs generated total tax revenue of \$74,480,843 of which \$63,527,779 went to the State of Illinois and \$10,953,064 went to local municipalities. Casinos produced State tax of approximately \$29,124,528, with an additional \$6,196,200 going to the host communities. Sports wagering generated State tax of \$7,889,526. For the 10-month period ending October 31, 2021, combined gaming generated a total of \$848,096,038 in State tax and \$160,998,932 in local tax. Administrator Fruchter noted that, in advance of the IGB issuing a Request for Proposals ("RFPs") in connection with the upcoming procurement for the Central Communications System, the IGB is seeking commentary from Video Gaming licensees, stakeholders and the public about potential features, functionality, requirements and related matters. He further noted that the public commentary period begins today (December 8, 2021) and ends on January 14, 2022. All comments will be posted on the IGB's website under Video Gaming FAQs and comments should be sent to igb.directorofpolicy@illinois.gov.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Proposed New Permanent Rule for Video Gaming – 1800.2070 Progressive Meters

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve for submission to the Index Department of the Secretary of State on First Notice the proposed permanent Video Gaming Rule 1800.2070.

CASINO

OWNERS LICENSEE ITEMS

- Consideration of Matters Related to the Pending Applications for the Owners License to be Located in Waukegan

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board, the Administrator approved CDI-RSQ Waukegan, LLC's request to withdraw its Owners license application for the license to be issued in Waukegan.

The Board voted unanimously to individually vote on each of the two remaining applications submitted for the Waukegan Owners license for the purpose of selecting the winning proposal and sole applicant for

the Owners license to be issued in Waukegan.

The Board voted unanimously to approve Full House Resorts, Inc. d/b/a American Place to become the final applicant for the Waukegan Owners license.

- Finding of Preliminary Suitability – Rule 230(c)

The Board voted unanimously to find Full House Resorts, Inc. d/b/a American Place preliminarily suitable for an Owners license.

- Consideration of Matters Related to the Pending Applications for the Owners License to be Located in South Suburban Cook County

The Board voted unanimously to reject South Suburban Development, LLC to become the final applicant for the South Suburban Cook County Owners license.

The Board voted unanimously to approve Wind Creek IL LLC to become the final applicant for the South Suburban Cook County Owners license.

- Finding of Preliminary Suitability – Rule 230(c)

The Board voted unanimously to find Wind Creek IL LLC preliminarily suitable for an Owners license.
Key Persons

- Key Person Suitability Determination for Trust and Individuals of the Waukegan Owners License Applicant found Preliminarily Suitable

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to find the following individuals and trust suitable as key persons of Full House Resorts, Inc. d/b/a American Place

- Kenneth Adams
- Carl Braunlich
- Lewis Fanger
- Eric Green
- Elaine Guidroz
- Michael Hartmeier
- Daniel Lee
- Kathleen Marshall
- Michael Shaunnessy
- Kathern S. Green Irrevocable Trust

- Key Person Suitability Determination for Entities and Individuals of the South Suburban Owners License Applicant found Preliminarily Suitable

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to find the following individuals and entities suitable as key persons of Wind Creek IL LLC:

- Stephanie Bryan
- Dewitt Carter
- Candace Fayard
- Sandy Hollinger
- Timothy Manning
- Malcom Martin
- Robert McGhee
- Charlotte Meckel
- Arthur Mothershed
- Brent Pinkston
- Teresa Poust
- Jon Weglarz
- Vanya Weglarz
- Westly Woodruff
- Jon S. Weglarz, LLC
- PCI Gaming Authority
- The Poarch Band of Creek Indians
- V. Kathryn Weglarz, LLC

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS

Level 2 and Level 3 License Applications – Approvals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to approve 6 Level 2 and 11 Level 3 occupational license applicants.

Occupational License Renewals by the Administrator

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator renewed the Level 1, 2, and 3 licenses of individuals who were licensed or renewed in December 2020 and who have properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Illinois Gambling Act and the Board’s Rules.

SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS

License Renewals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to renew Ainsworth Game Technology, Inc.’s Casino Supplier License for a period of four years, retroactive to November 2021, and expiring in November 2025 upon the condition that it continues to provide the requested updates until further notice.

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator renewed the Casino Supplier license of Everi Games, Inc. for a period of four years, retroactive to November 2021, and expiring in November 2025, and the Casino Supplier license of Everi Payments, Inc. for a period of four years, expiring in December 2025.

SPORTS WAGERING

SPORTS WAGERING OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS

Level 2 and Level 3 License Applications – Approvals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 23 Level 2 sports wagering occupational licenses.

Level 1, 2, and 3 License Renewals – Administrator Delegation

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator renewed the Level 1, 2, and 3 Sports Wagering licenses of the individuals who were licensed or renewed in December 2020 who have properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Sports Wagering Act and the Board's Rules.

VIDEO GAMING

VIDEO GAMING MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR, SUPPLIER LICENSE RENEWALS

License Renewals – Administrator Delegation

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator renewed the Video Gaming Manufacturer and Distributor licenses of IGT for a period of one year, retroactive to August 2021, and expiring in August 2022. The Administrator further renewed the Video Gaming Supplier license of Illinois Rewards, Inc. for a period of one year, expiring in December 2022.

TERMINAL OPERATOR LICENSEE ITEMS

License Renewals – Administrator Delegation

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator renewed the following Terminal Operator licenses for a period of one year, retroactive to November 2021, and expiring in November 2022:

- Dearborn Gaming, LLC
- Elite Gaming, LLC
- Illinois Gaming Entertainment, LLC
- National Gaming Operators LLC
- United Gaming Operator LLC

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator renewed the following Terminal Operator licenses for a period of one year, and expiring in December 2022:

- 777 Gaming, LLC

- Jackpot Video Gaming Inc.
- LS Gaming LLC
- Springfield Gaming, LLC
- Sunrise Gaming, LLC

TECHNICIANS & TERMINAL HANDLERS

Initial Licenses – Approvals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 1 Technician and 2 Terminal Handler licenses for a period of one year, expiring in December 2022, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before December 31, 2021.

License Non-Renewal

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to deny renewal to Michael Baxter.

VG Technicians and Terminal Handler License Renewals – Administrator Delegation

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator renewed the licenses of Technicians and Terminal Handlers who were licensed or renewed in December 2020 who have properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules.

VIDEO GAMING ESTABLISHMENT APPLICANT ITEMS

Initial Licenses - Approvals & Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 65 Video Gaming Establishment License applications for a period of one year, expiring in December 2022, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before January 31, 2022, and issue a Notice of Denial to the following applicant:

- GPM Midwest 18, LLC d/b/a Fas Mart #561 (200702438)

VG Location Establishment Applicants – Rescission of Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to rescind its previous denial of Proviso Petroleum Co d/b/a King Gas and grant leave to withdraw its hearing request.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to rescind its previous denial, grant Shotgun Eddys, Inc. d/b/a Shotgun Eddys, Inc. an establishment license, and grant its request to withdraw its hearing.

VG Location Establishment Renewals – Administrator Delegation

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator renewed the Video Gaming Location Establishment licenses that were licensed or renewed in December 2020 who have

properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules.

Location Establishment License Non-Renewals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to deny the renewal of Sanfilippo, LLC d/b/a Penny Road Pub (180702785).

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to deny the renewal of Sammy Jo, Inc. d/b/a Sammy's Slots (150703785).

ADJOURN

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.