



# ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

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## **Regular Meeting, Open Session Minutes Illinois Gaming Board Chicago, Illinois March 10, 2022**

The Illinois Gaming Board convened for a Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. On March 4, 2022, 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 March 10, 2022, 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 9:03 A.M., Member Garcia moved that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c), paragraphs (1), (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 the employment and performance of a specific employee, evidence received per the Board's adjudicatory authority, pending litigation, the review of closed session minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 27, 2022 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 the disclosure by federal or State law. Member Bell 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 10:05 A.M., the Board reconvened its Regular Meeting of Thursday, March 10, 2022 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 Regular Meeting held on January 27, 2022.

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Fruchter began the meeting by noting that March is National Problem Gambling Awareness month. The Administrator reiterated the Board's commitment to maintaining the safety of Illinois gaming including working with licensees and others stakeholders to encourage responsible gaming, address problem gambling head on and to assure that those who need help get the support, resources and services they deserve and that they do so without stigmatization.

In response to the recent Russian invasion of Ukraine, Administrator Fruchter announced that the IGB is temporarily suspending all wagering activity involving Russian or Belarusian sports, events, leagues and competitions.

Administrator Fruchter mentioned two recent amendments to the Sports Wagering Act that have taken effect. He noted that in-person registration for the creation of a sports wagering account is no longer required and that Illinois patrons are now allowed to place wagers on Illinois collegiate teams under a two-year pilot program.

Administrator Fruchter reported that there are currently 7,910 licensed Video Gaming Location Establishments operating approximately 42,476 VGTs. The Administrator noted that 4,775 of the Establishments are currently hosting more than 5 VGTs, while 40,861 of the VGTs are operating on the enhanced \$4 maximum bet software. In January 2021, VGTs generated Net Terminal Income of \$195,478,232 which generated \$66,462,240 in tax revenue. The State received approximately \$56,688,383 in taxes while local municipalities received \$9,773,856 in taxes. Illinois casinos generated Adjusted Gross Receipts ("AGR") of \$87,766,731, which resulted in State taxes of \$9,882,043 and local host community taxes of \$4,964,138. Sports wagering generated AGR of \$66,219,203, which yielded State taxes of approximately \$9,932,880. In total, Illinois received \$91,241,300 in gaming tax revenue from January, comprised of \$76,503,306 in State taxes and \$14,737,994 in local taxes.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

The Board entertained comments from Attorney James P. Murphy, Clark Hill PLC.

## **CASINO**

### **OWNERS LICENSEE ITEMS**

- **Request for Preliminary Suitability for Owners License – Danville Development, LLC**

The Board voted unanimously to find Danville Development, LLC preliminarily suitable for an Owners license.

### **OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS**

### **Level 1 License Applications – Approvals**

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant Mark Francis Ahlden a Level 1 Occupational license in his position as Senior Internal Auditor at Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation d/b/a Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant Shelly Jean Henson a Level 1 Occupational license in her position as Senior Internal Auditor at The Rock Island Boatworks d/b/a Bally's Quad Cities Casino & Hotel.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant Mark Allen Johnson a Level 1 Occupational license in his position as Director of Slot Operations at 815 Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Hard Rock Casino Rockford.

### **Level 2 and Level 3 License Applications – Approvals**

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 79 Level 2 and 84 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 February or March 2021 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**

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator renewed the Casino Supplier license of Patriot Gaming & Electronics, Inc. for a period of four years, expiring in February 2026.

The Administrator further renewed the Casino Supplier license of SUZOHAPP Gaming Solutions, LLC for a period of four years, expiring in March 2026.

## **SPORTS WAGERING**

## **SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS**

- **Swish Analytics Illinois Inc.**

The Board voted unanimously to grant Swish Analytics Illinois Inc. a Sports Wagering Supplier license for a period of four years, expiring in March 2026. Furthermore, the Board found the following

individuals and entities suitable as key persons:

1. Joseph Douglas Hagen
2. Robert Ryan Skoff
3. Corey Shigeru Beaumont
4. Swish Analytics Inc.
5. Swish Analytics US Inc.

- **United Tote Company**

The Board voted unanimously to grant United Tote Company Sports Wagering Supplier license for a period of four years, expiring in March 2026. Furthermore, the Board found the following individuals and entities suitable as key persons:

1. Nathaniel John Simon
2. Benjamin Charles Murr
3. Marcia Ann Dall
4. Churchill Downs, Incorporated
5. Youbet.com, LLC

## **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 188 Level 2 and 4 Level 3 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 February or March 2021 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**

#### **Initial License – Administrator Delegation**

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator issued a Video Gaming Distributor license to Patriot Gaming & Electronics Inc. for a period of four years, expiring in February 2026.

#### **License Renewals – Administrator Delegation**

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator renewed the Video

Gaming Distributor license of SUZOHAPP Gaming Solutions, LLC for a period of four years, expiring in March 2026. The Administrator further renewed the Video Gaming Supplier license of Patriot Gaming & Electronics Inc., retroactive to February 2022 and expiring in February 2026.

## **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 four years, retroactive to February 2022, expiring in February 2026:

- Awesome Hand Services, LLC
- Gold Rush Amusements, Inc.
- Lattner Entertainment Group Illinois, LLC
- Renville Gaming, 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 four years, expiring in March 2026:

- Accel Entertainment Gaming, LLC
- Ashiq Gaming, LLC
- B&B Amusement of Illinois, LLC
- Compact Disc Amusements, Limited
- Dragonfly Gaming, Inc.
- Eureka Entertainment, LLC
- Fair Share Gaming, LLC
- Laurel Gaming, LLC
- Mississippi Gaming and Amusements, LLC
- WAMI Gaming, LLC

## **TECHNICIANS & TERMINAL HANDLERS**

### **Initial Licenses – Approvals**

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 68 Terminal Handler licenses for a period of two years, expiring in March 2024, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before April 30, 2022, and issue Notices of Denial to Keith Michael Lemke and Jarid Scott Leadley.

### **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 February or March 2021, for a period of two years expiring in February or March 2024, 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 80 Video Gaming Establishment License applications for a period of two years, expiring in March 2024, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before April 30, 2022, and issue Notices of Denial to the following applicants:

1. 101 South Commercial, LLC d/b/a Kay's Place (210702516 – Decatur)
2. A.A.A.M. & V, Inc. d/b/a Bago Lounge – Wine and Slots (210700330)
3. GOTTI ENTERPRISES INC. d/b/a GOTTI'S CUCINA (210701203)
4. Main Street Slots, LLC d/b/a Main Street Slots (210700371)
5. RWBC Inc. d/b/a Main Street Pour House (2107700265)

### **VG Location Establishment Denial – statutorily ineligible**

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator denied the Video Gaming Location Establishment license applications of SARAH-AAFKE, LLC d/b/a SARAHS PLACE and BBQ CHICKEN SPING GROVE, INC. d/b/a BBQ Chicken as the applicants are ineligible under the VGA and Rules.

### **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 February or March 2021 for a period of two years, expiring in February or March 2024, who have properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules.

### **VG Location Establishment License Non-Renewals**

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to deny the renewal of FRYE DADDY'S, INC. d/b/a Hogs and Dogs Saloon (120709708).

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to deny the renewal of Martin & Bayley, Inc. d/b/a Huck's Convenience Store #197 131003829 Eldorado.

### **REQUESTS FOR HEARING**

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to deny PRIMAL MATTER INC. d/b/a SPRINGERS BAR N GRILL's request for hearing.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to deny Accel Entertainment Gaming, LLC's request for hearing.

### **RULE 320 PETITIONS**

1. Accel Entertainment Gaming, LLC, Petitioner, ("Accel") v. Midwest Electronics Gaming, LLC, Respondent, ("Midwest") re: Curtis G Redden Legion Post No. 210 d/b/a Curtis Redden American Legion Post 210 ("Curtis"), 18-UP-006;

2. Midwest Electronics Gaming, LLC, Petitioner – Cross Respondent, (“Midwest”) v. J&J Ventures Gaming, LLC, Respondent – Cross Petitioner (“J&J”) re: Lincoln Square Tavern, Inc. d/b/a Lincoln Square Tavern (“Lincoln Square”), 18-UP-007 and 18-UP-008;
3. Accel Entertainment Gaming, LLC, Petitioner, (“Accel”) v. Midwest Electronics Gaming, LLC, Respondent, (“Midwest”) re: Kelscotra, Incorporated d/b/a Sandy’s Bar & Grill (“Sandy’s”), 18-UP-011;
4. Accel Entertainment Gaming, LLC, Petitioner, (“Accel”) v. Midwest Electronics Gaming, LLC, Respondent, (“Midwest”) re: Wings of Shiloh, Inc. d/b/a Wings of Shiloh (“Shiloh”), Docket No. 18-UP-012;
5. Accel Entertainment Gaming, LLC, Petitioner, (“Accel”) v. Midwest Electronics Gaming, LLC, Respondent, (“Midwest”) re: Dutch Hollow Barn Corp. d/b/a Dutch Hollow Barn (“Dutch Hollow”), 18-UP-013;
6. Accel Entertainment Gaming, LLC, Petitioner, (“Accel”) v. Midwest Electronics Gaming, LLC, Respondent, (“Midwest”) re: El Gato Corp. d/b/a El Gato (“El Gato”), 18-UP-014;
7. Accel Entertainment Gaming, LLC, Petitioner, (“Accel”) v. Midwest Electronics Gaming, LLC, Respondent, (“Midwest”) re: Caseyville Inn Corp. d/b/a Caseyville Inn (“Caseyville”), Docket No. 18-UP-016;
8. Accel Entertainment Gaming, LLC, Petitioner, (“Accel”) v. Midwest Electronics Gaming, LLC, Respondent, (“Midwest”) re: Keyesport Memorial Post No. 1994 American Legion d/b/a J.H. Finley Memorial Post No. 1994 American Legion (“Keyesport”), 18-UP-025;
9. Accel Entertainment Gaming, LLC, Petitioner, (“Accel”) v. Midwest Electronics Gaming, LLC, Respondent, (“Midwest”) re: TROY POST 976 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, INC. d/b/a VFW POST 976 (“Troy”), 18-UP-031;
10. Accel Entertainment Gaming, LLC, Petitioner, (“Accel”) v. Midwest Electronics Gaming, LLC, Respondent, (“Midwest”) re: Buccaneers Club d/b/a Johnston City Buccaneers (“Buccaneers”), 19-UP-023;
11. Ralben, Inc. d/b/a Cadillac Jack’s, Petitioner, (“Ralben”) v. Midwest Electronics Gaming, LLC, Respondent, (“Midwest”), 19-UP-023.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt all eleven of the aforementioned Administrator’s Recommended Decisions.

## **DISASSOCIATIONS**

- **Kiran David Kasa (181704645), John Dentamaro (181704644) and Arlington Management Group, LLC (181704646) – Disclosed Sales Agents/OIPs for Gold Rush Amusements**

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to order Gold Rush Amusements, Inc. disassociate from Kiran David Kasa, John Dentamaro, and Arlington Management Group, LLC.

## **LITIGATION**

- **20 GB 001 – In re the Denial of Terrence Patrick Maloney**

The Board tabled consideration of the matter.

## **ADJOURN**

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.