



# ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

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## **Regular Meeting, Open Session Minutes Illinois Gaming Board Chicago, Illinois July 28, 2022**

The Illinois Gaming Board convened for a Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 9:30 A.M. On July 22, 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 exclusively in-person meeting due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the Board held the meeting at the Michael A. Bilandic Building, 160 N. LaSalle Street, Room C-600, Chicago, Illinois, and through electronic means. The meeting was accessible on the morning of July 22, 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 9:31 A.M., Member Hayden moved to go into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c), paragraphs (1), (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, pending litigation, the review of closed session minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held June 16, 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 in person and 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 10:40 A.M., the Board reconvened its Regular Meeting of Thursday, July 22, 2022, pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.* The meeting was held in Room C-600 of the Michael A. Bilandic Building, 160 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, and through electronic means. The meeting was accessible on the morning of July 22, 2022, 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.

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

None.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

The Board voted unanimously to approve for submission to the Index Department of the Secretary of State on First Notice the proposed amendments to Section 1800 for Video Gaming to implement and effectuate licensure requirements and processes for sales agents and brokers.

## **APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

The Board voted unanimously to approve the open session minutes from its Regular Meeting held on June 16, 2022.

## **CASINO**

### **OWNERS LICENSEE ITEMS**

The Board voted unanimously to renew the Owners license of HC Joliet, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Joliet's for a period of four years, expiring in July 2026 and found the following individuals and business entities still suitable as key persons of HC Joliet, LLC:

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| 1. David A. Handler    | 8. Jason R. Grover              |
| 2. Jay A. Snowden      | 9. Penn National Gaming, Inc.   |
| 3. Todd M. George      | 10. Penn Tenant, LLC            |
| 4. Richard M. Primus   | 11. Penn National Holdings, LLC |
| 5. Shamira Mavany      | 12. CRC Holdings, Inc.          |
| 6. Jason A. Taylor     |                                 |
| 7. Brian C. Wasilefski |                                 |

### **OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS**

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

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant Alevtina Panasyuk a Level 1 Occupational license in her position as Internal Auditor for Casino Queen, Inc. d/b/a DraftKings at Casino Queen.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant Gregory Demarco a Level 1 Occupational license in his position as Director of Property Operations at HC Joliet, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Joliet.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant Harry Cochran a Level

1 Occupational license in his position as Sportsbook Manager for 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 Jeffery Rozell Jr. a Level 1 Occupational license in his position as Director of Compliance at HC Aurora, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Aurora and HC Joliet, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Joliet.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant Michael Lee Thoma a Level 1 Occupational license in his position as Vice President/General Manager for Alton Casino, LLC d/b/a Argosy Casino Alton

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant Paul French a Level 1 Occupational license in his position as Vice President of Slots at Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino-Des Plaines.

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

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 67 Level 2 and 80 Level 3 occupational license applicants. Furthermore, the Board voted unanimously to issue a Notice of Denial to Shanice Eunice Johnson.

### 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 July 2021, who have properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Illinois Gambling Act and the Board's Rules.

### Supplier License Renewals

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator renewed the Casino Supplier license of Casinomoney, Inc., for a period of four years, expiring July 2026 and found the following individuals and trusts still suitable as key persons of Casinomoney, Inc:

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| 1. Lawrence Dunnwald | 5. Cheryl Seger                        |
| 2. Joelle Dunnwald   | 6. The Dunnwald Family Trust           |
| 3. William Dunnwald  | 7. The William and Sara Dunnwald Trust |
| 4. Sara Dunnwald     |  |

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator renewed the Casino Supplier license of HR Rockford, LLC, for a period of four years, expiring July 2026 and found the following business entities and individuals still suitable as key persons of HR Rockford, LLC:

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| 1. Seminole Hard Rock International, LLC | 8. Carla S. Gopher     |
| 2. SHRE/SHRI, LLC                        | 9. Alexander P. Johns  |
| 3. Seminole HR Holdings, LLC             | 10. Michael D. Rumbolz |
| 4. James F. Allen                        | 11. Jim Shore          |
| 5. Jon S. Lucas                          | 12. Connie Whidden     |
| 6. Agnes Billie-Motlow                   | 13. Brad Buchanan      |
| 7. Robert L. Gips                        |                        |

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, the Administrator renewed the Casino Supplier license of Landry Holdings LLC, d/b/a Casino Tech for a period of four years, retroactive to April 2022, expiring in April 2026 and found the following individuals still suitable as key persons of Landry Holdings LLC: Richard J. Landry and Maritza C. Landry.

## **SPORTS WAGERING**

### **SPORTS WAGERING OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS**

#### **Level 1 License Applications – Administrator Delegation**

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board to issue licenses to all individuals and entities licensed by the Board, the Administrator granted Level 1 Sports Wagering licenses to the following individuals:

1. Alevtina Panasyuk, Internal Auditor for Casino Queen, Inc. d/b/a DraftKings at Casino Queen.
2. Gregory Demarco, Director of Property Operations at HC Joliet, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Joliet.
3. Harry Cochran, Sportsbook Manager for Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation d/b/a Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino.
4. Jeffery Rozell Jr., Director of Compliance at HC Aurora, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Aurora and HC Joliet, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Joliet.
5. Michael Lee Thoma, Vice President/General Manager for Alton Casino, LLC d/b/a Argosy Casino Alton.
6. Paul French, Vice President of Slots at Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino-Des Plaines.

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

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve **149** Level 2 sports wagering occupational licenses and to issue a Notice of Denial to Shanice Eunice Johnson.

#### **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 July 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 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 Supplier licenses of CountR GmbH and M3 Technology Solutions, LLC for a period of four years, expiring July 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, expiring in July 2026:

1. DK Gaming LLC (200601010)
2. G.F.M. Gaming, LLC (120613050)
3. Illinois Gaming and Coin-Op LLC (120600184)
4. Maya Gaming LLC (200602175)
5. Pocket Aces Gaming Inc. (150603895)

## **TECHNICIANS & TERMINAL HANDLERS**

### **Initial Licenses – Approvals**

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve **13** Terminal Handler licenses for a period of two years, expiring in July 2024, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before August 31, 2022, and to issue a Notice of Denial to Perrin Glen Wells (200501722).

### **VG Terminal Handler Non-Renewals**

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal to Nathan James Alderson (160501940).

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal to Thomas Michael Dal Pozzo (150502244).

### **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 July 21, 2022 for a period of two years expiring in July 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 **119** Video Gaming Establishment License applications for a period of two years, expiring in July 2024, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before August 31, 2022, and to issue Notices of Denial to the following applicants:

1. 1011 Restaurant & Tapas Inc. d/b/a 1011 Restaurant & Tapas (210703139)
2. Gold Rush Entertainment LLC d/b/a The Gold Rush (210703851)

3. MJFO COMPANY 2, LLC d/b/a Patsy's (210703404)
4. Moonlight Bay Marina, LLC d/b/a Moonlight Bay Marina LLC (210701473)
5. The Food Dude Catering & Food Truck Company, LLC d/b/a Gaming Royale (210702320)

Member Hayden moved that the Board adopt staff's recommendation to consider six Hometown Plaza Video Gaming Location Establishment license applications as a group for the purposes of Board voting and further moved that the Board adopt staff's recommendation to deny each of the six applications. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendations resulting in the denial of the following six video Gaming Location Establishment license applications:

1. JACKPOTS HOMETOWN LLC d/b/a JACKPOTS (210700775)
2. Gelly Wine Bar LLC d/b/a Gelly Wine Bar (210701249)
3. KANDILA CAFE, INC. d/b/a KANDILA CAFE, INC. (210700604)
4. SOUTHWEST GAMING CAFE INC. d/b/a PATTY'S CAFÉ (210700214)
5. Lorena's Luck Inc. d/b/a Lorena's Luck Inc. (210702718)
6. BLUE TONE SPORTS SLOTS LOUNGE, INC. d/b/a BLUE TONE SPORTS SLOTS LOUNGE INC (210701322)

#### VG Location Establishment Denial – statutorily ineligible

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on June 11, 2020, to deny applications where staff's investigation determines that applicant is prohibited by statute or rule from holding the applied-for license, the Administrator denied the following Video Gaming Location Establishment license applications as each is ineligible under the VGA and Rules:

1. Big AL'S Hideout Bar & Grill LLC d/b/a Big AL's Hideout Bar & Grill LLC (210701470)
2. Diane K Miller Inc. d/b/a Trust Me Tavern (210702144)
3. Grandview Gaming Inc. d/b/a Grandview Gaming (210703421)
4. Fatkids Bar & Grill LLC d/b/a Fatkids Bar & Grill (210700488)

#### VG Location Establishment Rescissions

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to rescind seven previously issued denials to the following 101 S, Commercial, LLC applicants and to either grant the applicant a Video Gaming Location Establishment license or allow it to reapply:

1. 101 S. Commercial, LLC d/b/a Kay's Place – Hillside (200702303)
2. 101 S. Commercial, LLC d/b/a Kay's Place – Brighton (200702631)
3. 101 S. Commercial, LLC d/b/a Kay's Place – Mt. Vernon (200701694)
4. 101 S. Commercial, LLC d/b/a Kay's Place – Mt. Vernon (200701729)
5. 101 S. Commercial, LLC d/b/a Kay's Place – Harrisburg (210701843)
6. 101 S. Commercial, LLC d/b/a Kay's Place – Lincoln (210702517)
7. 101 S. Commercial, LLC d/b/a Kay's Place – Decatur (210702516)

#### VG Location Establishment Non-Renewals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to deny renewal to Martin & Bayley, Inc. d/b/a Huck's #379 – Marion (201000225).

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to deny renewal to Capone's, Inc. d/b/a Capone's – South Beloit (140701513).

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

**ADJOURN**

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.