



ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

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Regular Meeting, Open Session Minutes Illinois Gaming Board Chicago, Illinois December 7, 2023

The Illinois Gaming Board convened for a Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 9:01 A.M. in the 6th Floor Legislative Hearing Room of the Michael A. Bilandic Building, 160 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL, and through electronic means pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.* The meeting was accessible on the morning of December 7, 2023, via livestream at: <https://multimedia.illinois.gov/igb/igb-live.html>.

A roll call was taken. The following Board members were physically present in the 6th Floor Legislative Hearing Room: Chairman Charles Schmadeke, Member Dionne Hayden and Member Anthony Garcia. Member James Kolar participated in the meeting electronically via WebEx. Four members of the Board being present, a quorum was satisfied.

At approximately 9:02 A.M., Member Hayden moved to 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, pending litigation, the review of closed session minutes of the Regular Board Meetings, 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 Garcia 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>.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Members Garcia took a moment to acknowledge and thank the IGB staff for all their hard work throughout the year.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Fruchter also thanked IGB staff for all their hard work throughout the year and then provided a summary of various projects and work the IGB has engaged in this year including the opening of four new casinos, two new sportsbooks and the continued growth within the Video Gaming industry.

Administrator Fruchter reminded the Video Gaming audience that the industry's compliance with Rule 350 needs to be a focus. The Administrator noted that the IGB's financial audit unit is conducting an audit of

Rule 350(f) compliance. This rule requires timely and complete reports to be submitted to the IGB on goods and services provided to Establishments, including cost-sharing arrangements between the parties. The Administrator stated if a licensee is unwilling or unable to comply with this requirement, it will lead to questions about the licensee's good standing and participation in the industry. He added that the IGB intends to strictly enforce Rule 350(f) and discipline will ensue if parties are noncompliant.

Administrator Fruchter noted that the IGB posted on its website the approved language for responsible gaming signage now required under Rule 1750. He also confirmed that the IGB has made its second notice filing to the Video Gaming vertical integration rule proposals it made earlier this year.

Administrator Fruchter noted that there are 8,443 licensed Video Gaming Establishments that host an aggregate of 46,899 video gaming terminals ("VGTs"). The vast majority of those VGTs (46,419) are operating with the updated maximum bet software. In addition, 5,923 of the Establishments host more than five VGTs on site. In October, Illinois VGTs generated Net Terminal Income ("NTI") of \$238,632,707, which yielded total tax of \$81,130,834. The State retained \$69,202,782 in taxes, while municipalities and counties received \$11,928,051. In November, Illinois casinos produced Adjusted Gross Receipts ("AGR") of \$130,364,756 and total tax of \$41,522,094. The State kept \$33,706,244 in taxes while host communities collected \$7,815,850. In September, Sports Wagering AGR was \$86,222,260, which produced a State tax of \$12,933,339. Cook County also received an additional \$925,553. The year-to-date tax collections across all industries (with varying reporting periods in each segment) totaled \$1,288,794,402 in taxes received. Of that amount, the State received approximately \$1,081,572,356, while local communities received \$207,222,046.

The Administrator announced that the IGB will meet on the following eight Thursdays in 2024:

February 08, 2024

March 14, 2024

April 25, 2024

June 06, 2024

July 25, 2024

September 12, 2024

October 24, 2024

December 12, 2024

APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from its Regular Meeting held on October 26, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Proposed Amendments to Casino Rules 3000.200, 3000.245; Proposed Amendment to SWA Rule 1900.520 and Proposed Amendment to Video Gaming Rule 1800.420

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 amendments to Casino Rules 3000.200, 3000.245, Sports Wagering Rule 1900.520 and Video Gaming Rule 1800.420.

CASINO

OWNERS LICENSEE ITEMS

Disassociation – Matthew Dean Monson and Equitable Veterans Solutions LLC – Key Persons for Danville Development, LLC d/b/a Golden Nugget Danville

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to order Danville Development, LLC d/b/a Golden Nugget Danville to disassociate from Matthew Dean Monson and Equitable Veterans Solutions LLC.

SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS

Initial Casino Supplier License Application - VEMCO LLC

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to deny VEMCO LLC leave to withdraw its application. The Board further voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to deny VEMCO LLC's application.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS

Level 1 License Applications – Approvals and Denials

The Administrator announced the Board tabled consideration of the Level 1 License application submitted by Travis Hicks, Director of Security for Walker's Bluff Casino Resort.

Level 2 and 3 License Applications – Approvals and Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 48 Level 2 and 94 Level 3 occupational license applicants and to issue Notices of Denial to the following individuals:

1. Andre Jerome Boyd
2. Justice Maxwell Ramirez
3. Milena Sabina Kasprzyk
4. Antonae Ahmiah Goshay
5. Sydni Tiera Hanson
6. Jason James Hummel
7. Kasiann Abigail Dukes

Occupational License Renewals by the Administrator

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on February 9, 2023, the Administrator renewed the Level 1, 2, and 3 licenses of individuals who were licensed or renewed in November or December 2022

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

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 64 Level 2 sports wagering occupational licenses.

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

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on February 9, 2023, the Administrator renewed the Level 1, 2, and 3 Sports Wagering licenses of the individuals who were licensed or renewed in November or December 2022 who have properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Sports Wagering Act and the Board's Rule.

VIDEO GAMING

TERMINAL OPERATOR LICENSEE ITEMS

Initial Licenses – Approvals and Denials

- BG-ILCO LLC

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to deny BG-ILCO LLC's terminal operator license application.

TECHNICIANS & TERMINAL HANDLERS

Initial Licenses – Approvals and Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 2 Technician licenses and 25 Terminal Handler licenses for a period of two years, expiring in December 2025, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before January 31, 2024.

VIDEO GAMING ESTABLISHMENT APPLICANT ITEMS

Initial Licenses – Approvals and Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 96 Video Gaming

Establishment license applications for a period of two years, expiring in December 2025, subject to the licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before January 31, 2024, and to issue a Notice of Denial to:

1. MARS SUPERMARKET, INC. d/b/a MARS SUPERMARKET, INC.

VG Location Establishments – Rescissions

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to rescind the denial and grant Alimi Brothers, LLC d/b/a Village Inn Pancake House a location establishment license.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to rescind the denial and grant RWBC Inc. d/b/a Main Street Pour House a location establishment license.

REQUESTS FOR HEARING

- Bevda's Inc. d/b/a Bevda's Inc.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to deny the Request for Hearing submitted by Bevda's Inc.

- Alton Market Inc. d/b/a Alton Market Inc.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to deny the Request for Hearing submitted by Alton Market Inc.

- Mikey's Bar and Grill, LTD. d/b/a The Junkyard Bar and Grill

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to deny the Request for Hearing submitted by Mikey's Bar and Grill, LTD.

- Alisa Vaughn d/b/a Jewelbox Gaming Lounge

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to deny the Request for Hearing submitted by Alisa Vaughn d/b/a Jewelbox Gaming Lounge.

RULE 320 FINAL BOARD ORDERS

- Eureka Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Universal Gaming Group, Petitioner v. Gold Rush Amusements, Inc., Respondent re: Ayushi Inc. d/b/a JD Food & Liquor (22-UP-018)

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to adopt the administrator's recommended decision in its entirety as a Final Board Order.

DISASSOCIATIONS

- Matthew Dean Monson (PSIC)

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to order J&J Ventures Gaming, LLC to disassociate from Matthew Dean Monson.

ADJOURN

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.