



ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

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Regular Meeting, Open Session Minutes Illinois Gaming Board Chicago, Illinois February 8, 2024

The Illinois Gaming Board convened for a Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. in the 5th Floor Auditorium 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 February 8, 2024, via livestream at: <https://multimedia.illinois.gov/igb/igb-live.html>.

A roll call was taken. The following Board members were physically present: Chairman Charles Schmadeke, Member Dionne Hayden and Member James Kolar. Three members of the Board being present, a quorum was satisfied.

At approximately 9:01 A.M., Member Kolar 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 Hayden 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 10:50 A.M., the Board reconvened its Regular Meeting of Thursday, February 8, 2024, pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.* The meeting was held in person and through electronic means. The meeting was accessible on the morning of February 8, 2024 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 Dionne Hayden and Member James Kolar. Three members of the Board being present, a quorum was satisfied.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Fruchter began the meeting by noting that the Super Bowl is on Sunday, February 11, 2024 which heightens awareness of the need for responsible gaming measures. He advised people to stay within their limits and only use licensed Illinois operators when making wagers. Administrator Fruchter mentioned several resources that are available to those seeking help with problem gambling. He also explained that certain kinds of “prop bets” are legal for Illinois sports wagering operators to offer while others are not.

Administrator Fruchter noted that as of today, Illinois has 15 casinos, 13 sportsbooks, 57 active Terminal Operators, 8,443 licensed Establishments and 47,014 video gaming terminals (“VGTs”). In December, Illinois VGTs generated Net Terminal Income (“NTI”) of \$250,905,997, which produced a State tax of \$72,766,024 and local tax of \$12,540,893. Illinois’ casinos had Adjusted Gross Receipts (“AGR”) of \$141,227,205, which resulted in State tax of \$37,810,380 and local tax of \$8,491,196. Sports wagering had AGR of \$128,430,319, resulting in State tax of \$19,264,547 and Cook County tax of \$1,252,546. In 2023, Illinois generated \$1,550,367,441 of gaming tax revenue. The State received \$1,307,113,715, while local communities received \$243,253,726.

In January 2024, VGTs had NTI of \$221,171,692, which produced \$64,142,000 in State tax and \$11,056,478 in local tax. Casinos had AGR of \$118,642,379 which resulted in State tax of \$13,582,335 and local tax of \$7,168,464.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from its Regular Meeting held on December 7, 2023.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to find that the need for confidentiality still exists for the closed session minutes of the Board’s Closed Session meetings in 2023 along with all other closed session minutes not yet approved by the Board for dissemination.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Rule 1900.1130 Request – Major League Soccer

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to issue an Order prohibiting sports wagering on the issuance of yellow and red cards in all soccer matches.

Board Resolution to Extend Existing Resolution and to Amend to Allow the Administrator to approve authorized games for play by an Owners licensee under Section 3000.605 of the Board’s Rules

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to renew the existing February 9, 2023 Board Resolution to Delegate Certain Authority to the Administrator and have it remain in effect until the first regular Board meeting of the 2025 calendar year, unless modified by the Board. Furthermore, the board approved an amendment to the Board Resolution to Delegate Certain Authority to the Administrator

to include the authority to approve authorized games for play by an Owners licensee under Section 3000.605 of the Board's Rules.

CASINO

OWNERS/ORGANIZATION GAMING LICENSEE ITEMS

Request for Initial Consideration of Owners License Renewal - by Administrator

The Administrator informed the Board that Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation d/b/a Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino had asked the Board for initial consideration of its Owners license renewal.

Request to Extend Operations at Temporary Casino Facility

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant FHR-Illinois LLC d/b/a The Temporary by American Place's request to extend operations at its temporary casino located at 600 Lakehurst Road in Waukegan for an additional 18 months, until August 17, 2027.

Key Person Suitability Determinations

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to find Claudette Marie Soto suitable as a key person of FHR-Illinois LLC d/b/a The Temporary by American Place.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to find Lauren Chelsea Westerfield suitable as a key person of Casino Queen, Inc. d/b/a DraftKings at Casino Queen.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to the following individuals and business entities suitable as key persons of Walker's Bluff Casino Resort, LLC:

1. ECR Williamson County, LLC
2. River Run at Walker's Bluff, LLC
3. Elite Casino Resorts, LLC
4. Lyon County Resort & Casino, LLC
5. Scott County Casino, LLC
6. Washington County Casino Resort, LLC
7. Kehl Group-Scott County, LLC
8. Lyon Investment, LLC
9. Catfish Bend Riverside, LLC
10. Kehl Management, Inc.
11. Kehl Development Corporation
12. Ruth Ann Kehl

The Board further approved the following individuals and trusts as owners of Walkers Bluff Casino Resort, LLC:

1. Jeanne Marie Kehl
2. Kevin Andrew Kehl
3. Cody Jonathan Kehl
4. Jacob Robert Winter
5. Krystina Lynn Moore
6. Christina Marie Kehl-Anglin
7. Cynthia Ann Winter
8. Tina Marie Kehl
9. Tanner Christian Kehl
10. Alexander James Kruse
11. Ruth A. Kehl Grandchildren's Trust Dated 11/05/97
12. Ruth A. Kehl Grandchildren's Trust FBO Cody J. Kehl
13. Ruth A. Kehl Grandchildren's Trust FBO Jacob R. Winter
14. Ruth A. Kehl Grandchildren's Trust FBO Tanner C. Kehl
15. Ruth A. Kehl Grandchildren's Trust FBO Krystina L. Kehl
16. Alexander J. Kruse Trust Dated July 31, 2016
17. Robert A Kehl 2020 Trust

Organization Gaming License Applications – Status Updates

Representatives of Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. d/b/a Hawthorne Casino and Race Course addressed the Board regarding the status of Hawthorne's casino project.

Representatives of Fairmount Park, Inc. d/b/a Fairmount Park addressed the Board regarding the status of Fairmount's casino project.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS

Level 1 Approvals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve Norbert Roman Jardeleza as a Level 1 Occupational licensee at FHR-Illinois LLC d/b/a The Temporary by American Place.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve Randall James Peterson as a Level 1 Occupational licensee at Alton Casino, LLC d/b/a Argosy Casino Alton.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve David Charles Strebeck as a Level 1 Occupational licensee at The Rock Island Boatworks, LLC d/b/a Bally's Quad Cities Casino & Hotel.

Level 2 and 3 License Applications – Approvals and Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 78 Level 2 and 97 Level 3 occupational license applicants. The Board further voted to issue Notices of Denial to:

1. Austin Emmanuel Ekhaguosa
2. Sean Elijah Carey
3. Darrius Darnell Seals

4. Andre Durrell Knox
5. Kevin Edward Thomas Williams
6. Laila Popal
7. Madison Alyssa Scheuerlein
8. Bridgette Earlene Stermin

Occupational License Renewals by the Administrator

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on February 8, 2024, the Administrator renewed the Level 1, 2, and 3 licenses of individuals who were licensed or renewed in January or February 2023 and who have properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Illinois Gambling Act and the Board's Rules.

Casino Supplier License Renewal by the Administrator

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on February 8, 2024, the Administrator renewed the Casino Supplier license of Genesis Gaming Solutions, Inc. for a period of four years, expiring February 2028.

SPORTS WAGERING

SPORTS WAGERING SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEM

Initial Supplier License Approval

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant Score Media and Gaming Inc. d/b/a theScore a Supplier license, for a period of four years, expiring February 2028, and further found the following individuals and business entities suitable as key persons:

1. Jay Anthony Snowden
2. Benjamin David Levy
3. Gregory David Cordivari
4. 1317769 B.C. Ltd.
5. 1317774 B.C. Ltd.
6. Penn Interactive Ventures, LLC,
7. Penn Entertainment, Inc. f/k/a Penn National Gaming, Inc.

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 58 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 8, 2024, the Administrator renewed the Level 1, 2, and 3 Sports Wagering licenses of the individuals who were licensed or renewed in January or February 2023 who have properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Sports Wagering Act and the Board's Rules.

VIDEO GAMING

TECHNICIANS & TERMINAL HANDLERS

Initial Licenses – Approvals and Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 1 Technician license and 72 Terminal Handler licenses for a period of two years, expiring in February 2026, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before March 31, 2024.

Renewals by Administrator

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on February 8, 2024, the Administrator renewed the licenses of Technicians and Terminal Handlers who were licensed or renewed in January or February 2022 for a period of two years, expiring in January or February 2026, 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

VG Location Establishment Approvals and Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 143 Video Gaming Establishment license applications for a period of two years, expiring in February 2026, subject to the licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before March 31, 2024, and to issue Notices of Denial to:

1. CJS GAMING BAR, LLC d/b/a CJS GAMING BAR, LLC
2. El Cactus Mexican Grill Inc d/b/a El Cactus Mexican Grill Inc.
3. Jay Maa Mogal LLC d/b/a On the Rocks
4. Uma Bhavani, Inc. d/b/a Heart Spin City

VG Location Establishment Denials – Statutory by Administrator

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on February 8, 2024, the Administrator denied the following Video Gaming Location Establishment applications as ineligible under the VGA and Rules:

1. DMD Bacaba 320 Inc. d/b/a Bacaba Liquors
2. JAI SRIRAM INC. d/b/a AM STAR
3. QUICK HITS LLC d/b/a QUICK HITS LLC

VG Location Establishment License Renewals by Administrator

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on February 8, 2024, the Administrator renewed the licenses of Video Gaming Location Establishments who were licensed or renewed in January or February 2026 who have properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules.

REQUESTS FOR HEARING

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to deny the Request for Hearing submitted by Torrence Liquors Corp. d/b/a Bevda's.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to deny the Request for Hearing submitted by BG-ILCO LLC.

LITIGATION

- Lucky Lincoln Gaming, LLC v. IGB, Circuit Court of Cook County, 2018 CH 00593

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to delegate authority to the Administrator to enter into a settlement resolving Lucky Lincoln Gaming's fee petition.

- In Re: Revocation of Lucky Lincoln Gaming, LLC (23 GB 004) Licensed Terminal Operator

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to reject the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Decision on summary judgment, remand and order the Administrative Law Judge to commence proceedings, including a hearing, consistent with the Board's forthcoming written order.

- In Re: Denial of Jose T. Camacho (21 GB 003), Terminal Handler Applicant

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to adopt the Administrative Law Judge's Recommendation as a Final Board Order.

ADJOURN

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.