



ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

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Regular Meeting, Open Session Minutes Illinois Gaming Board Chicago, Illinois April 25, 2024

The Illinois Gaming Board convened for a Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 25, 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 March 14, 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 Anthony Garcia, Member Dionne Hayden and Member James Kolar. Four members of the Board being present, a quorum was satisfied.

At approximately 9:01 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 Kolar 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 10:00 A.M., the Board reconvened its Regular Meeting of Thursday, April 25, 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 March 14, 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 Anthony Garcia, Member Dionne Hayden and Member James Kolar. Four members of the Board being present, a quorum was satisfied.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from its Regular Meeting held on March 14, 2024

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Fruchter began his report with a reminder about the IGB's request for public commentary on topic of possible rulemaking that would allow temporary operating permits, expedited licensing and/or conditional licensure for video gaming location establishments in limited circumstances. He reminded listeners that all comments must be submitted to the IGB by 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2024. Next, the Administrator made a few comments regarding advertising and marketing practices in the gambling industry. He reminded operators that underage gambling and gambling advertisements remain an important public concern and that Board rules prohibit directly marketing and advertising to persons under 21 years of age. The Administrator also addressed the important public concern involving illegal gambling and reminded people only to place wagers with legal and approved Illinois casino, video gaming and sports wagering operators. Administrator Fruchter pointed out that the unauthorized and illegal options for gambling offer no consumer protections, money laundering controls or responsible gaming oversight. These illegal gambling businesses are owned and operated by individuals who have not undergone background checks and produce revenue that is not shared by the State or local municipalities in the form of tax revenue. The Administrator also encouraged people to use the prohibited conduct portal available on the IGB's website to report any alleged underage gambling, non-compliant advertising or violations of any other casino, video gaming or sports wagering laws or rules.

Administrator Fruchter noted that Illinois has 15 operating casinos, 14 sportsbooks (13 of which are open and operating) and 59 Terminal Operators. He noted that there are 8,556 licensed establishments operating a total of 47,754 video gaming terminals ("VGTs") of which 47,392 have the \$4 max bet software and more than five VGTs are present in 6,129 licensed establishments.

In March, Illinois' VGTs produced net terminal income ("NTI") of \$276,390,729, which resulted in total tax of \$93,971,567. The State received \$80,156,414, while local municipalities/counties received \$13,815,153. In the same period, Illinois' casinos produced adjusted gross receipts ("AGR") of \$152,291,102, which generated \$31,887,332 of total tax. The State received \$22,686,797 and host communities received \$9,200,535. In February, Illinois' sportsbooks generated AGR of \$83,536,412, which generated total tax of \$13,452,316. The State received \$12,530,461 and Cook County received \$921,855. Between January and March (but only February for sportsbooks), Illinois' gaming segments have generated a total tax of \$366,693,314. The State's share was \$302,603,240, while locals kept the remaining \$64,090,074.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

None.

CASINO

OWNERS/ORGANIZATION GAMING LICENSEE ITEMS

Key Person Suitability Determinations – Other owner approval

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to find Shawn Michael Griffin suitable as a key person of Danville Development, LLC d/b/a Golden Nugget Danville and further approve the following individuals as owners of Danville Development, LLC d/b/a Golden Nugget Danville:

1. Herbert Todd Bullard
2. Karen Ann Eng
3. Emery Todd Lewis
4. Andrew Douglas Pond

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to find John Thomas Janicky and Timothy Louis Stephens suitable as key persons of Casino Queen, Inc. d/b/a DraftKings at Casino Queen.

SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS

Initial Supplier Licensee Application

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant American Gaming & Electronics, Inc. a Casino Supplier license for a period of four years, expiring April 2028 and further found Anthony Russel Tomasello suitable as a key person of American Gaming & Electronics.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant First American Bankcard, Inc. a Casino Supplier license for a period of four years, expiring April 2028 and further found Anthony Felix Rabito, Jr. suitable as a key person of First American Bankcard, Inc.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS

Level 1 License Applications – Approvals and Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve Timothy James Stransky as a Level 1 Occupational licensee at Walker's Bluff Casino Resort, LLC.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve Jessica Ellen Russell as a Level 1 Occupational licensee at Walker's Bluff Casino Resort, LLC.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve Samantha Marie Osborne 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 76 Level 2 and 86 Level 3

occupational license applicants. The Board further voted to issue a Notice of Denial to:

1. Anton Aleksandr Kholod
2. Tarra Lynn Tidd
3. Edward Howard Adams, Jr.
4. Elanna Lorraine Winnett
5. Ronelda Dawn Bieniek
6. Darius Christopher Brown
7. Neal Jonathan Logan

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 April 2023 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 SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEM

Initial Management Services Provider License Approval

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant Crown IL Gaming LLC d/b/a DraftKings a Sports Wagering Management Services Provider license for a period of four years, expiring April 2028, and further found the following individuals and business entities suitable as key persons:

1. Crown Gaming, Inc.
2. DK Crown Holdings Inc.
3. DraftKings Holdings Inc.
4. DraftKings Inc.
5. Jason Daniel Robins
6. Jason Kyun Park
7. Matthew Philip Kalish
8. Paul Liberman

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant Northside Crown Gaming LLC a Sports Wagering Management Services Provider license for a period of four years, expiring April 2028, and further found the following individuals and business entities suitable as key persons:

1. Crown IL Gaming LLC
2. Crown Gaming Inc.
3. DK Crown Holdings Inc.
4. DraftKings Holdings Inc.
5. DraftKings, Inc.
6. Jason Daniel Robins

7. Jason Kyun Park
8. Paul Liberman
9. Robert Stanton Dodge

Initial Master Sports Wagering Sports Facility License Approval

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant Northside Crown Gaming LLC a Sports Wagering Master Sports Wagering Sports Facility license for a period of four years, expiring April 2028 and further found the following business entities, trust, and individuals suitable as key persons:

1. Crown IL Gaming LLC
2. Crown Gaming Inc.
3. DK Crown Holdings Inc.
4. DraftKings Holdings Inc.
5. DraftKings, Inc.
6. Wrigley Field Holdings, LLC
7. Chicago Baseball Holdings, LLC
8. Northside Entertainment Holdings LLC
9. Northside Acquisition, LLC
10. Joe and Marlene Ricketts Grandchildren's Education Trust
11. RPTC, Inc.
12. Jason Daniel Robins
13. Jason Kyun Park
14. Paul Liberman
15. Robert Dodge
16. Jonathan Louis Greifenkamp
17. Crane Harris Kenney
18. Callan Elizabeth Ricketts
19. Clara Lauren Ricketts
20. Cole Henry Ricketts
21. Daphne Philomene Ricketts
22. Eleanor Elaine Ricketts
23. Margot Elizabeth Ricketts
24. Pascale Laurine Ricketts
25. Quinn Joseph Ricketts
26. Roscoe Rollins Ricketts

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 111 Level 2 Sports Wagering Occupational licenses. Furthermore, the Board voted to issue a Notice of Denial to:

1. Neal Jonathan Logan (24DKS0027802)

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 April 2023 who have properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Sports Wagering Act and the Board's Rules.

VIDEO GAMING

SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEM

Initial License – Approval

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant Landry Holdings, LLC d/b/a Casino Tech a Video Gaming Supplier license for a period of two years, expiring in April 2026.

TERMINAL OPERATOR LICENSEE ITEMS

Initial Licenses – Approvals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant Gamacy, LLC a terminal operator license for a period of four years, expiring April 2028.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant Merrill Ridge, LLC a terminal operator license for a period of four years, expiring April 2028.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant Outplay Entertainment, LLC a terminal operator license for a period of four years, expiring April 2028.

TECHNICIANS & TERMINAL HANDLERS

Initial Licenses – Approvals and Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 4 Technician licenses and 37 Terminal Handler licenses for a period of two years, expiring in March 2026, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before April 30, 2024.

VG Terminal Handler – Rescission of Denial

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to rescind its March 14, 2024 denial and grant James Daryck Bosley a terminal handler license for a period of two years, expiring in April 2026, subject to his payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before May 31, 2024.

VG Terminal Handler Non-Renewal

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal to:

1. Justin Michael Heren

VG Technicians and Terminal Handlers License 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 April 2022 for a period of two years, expiring in April 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 132 Video Gaming Establishment license applications for a period of two years, expiring in April 2026, subject to the licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before May 31, 2024, and to issue Notices of Denial to:

1. El Vallarta Sports Bar & Grill 2 Inc. d/b/a El Vallarta Sports Bar & Grill
2. Fairview BP Inc. d/b/a Sav-On Liquor & Wine #9
3. Indian Tadka of Chicago LLC d/b/a Indian Tadka of Chicago
4. Primo's Lounge Inc. d/b/a Primo's Lounge

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. La Fuente 4 Mexican Restaurant LLC d/b/a La Fuente 4 Mexican Restaurant

VG Location Establishment License Non-Renewals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to issue Notices of Non-Renewal to the following location establishment licensees:

1. AR OIL INC. d/b/a AR Oil Inc
2. Bryan's Boondock's, Inc., d/b/a Bryan's Boondocks, Inc.
3. DGC 132012, Inc. d/b/a El Progreso Latino
4. Maria's Pizza of Amboy Inc. d/b/a Maria's Pizza
5. YMPV, Inc. d/b/a Crave Bar & Food Joynt

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 April 2022 for a period of two years expiring in April 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 LaSheryl Doris Poole.

RULE 320 FINAL BOARD ORDERS

Administrator Recommended Decision

- (19-UP-035) Accel Entertainment Gaming, LLC, Petitioner v. Midwest Electronics Gaming, LLC d/b/a ME Gaming, Respondent, In Re: Foxhole Pub N Grub, Inc. d/b/a Foxhole Pub N Grub (License No. 150702886)

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to issue a final Board Order that:

- (1) Allows Accel to withdraw its Petition;
- (2) Declines to address Midwest's arguments and allegations in its Exceptions that go beyond the scope of Rule 320; and
- (3) Dismisses this Petition.

ADJOURN

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.