



# ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

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## **Regular Meeting, Open Session Minutes Illinois Gaming Board Chicago, Illinois October 24, 2024**

The Illinois Gaming Board convened for a Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 24, 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 October 24, 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 Seann Brannon. Three members of the Board being present, a quorum was satisfied.

At approximately 9:01 A.M., Member Brannon 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 10:18 A.M., the Board reconvened its Regular Meeting of Thursday, October 24, 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 October 24, 2024 via livestream at: <https://multimedia.illinois.gov/igb/igb-live.html>.

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES and CLOSED SESSION MINUTES REVIEW**

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from its Regular Meeting held on September 12, 2024.

The Board voted unanimously to find that the need for confidentiality no longer exists for the closed session minutes of the Board's Closed Session meetings held on February 9, 2023, March 16, 2023, April 27, 2023, June 15, 2023, July 27, 2023, September 14, 2023, December 7, 2023, and February 8, 2024. Furthermore, the Board found that the need for confidentiality continues to exist for the June 9, 2021, March 14, 2024, and April 25, 2024 closed session minutes and all other closed session minutes not yet approved by the Board for public inspection.

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Marcus Fruchter began his report by announcing the IGB's meeting schedule for 2025. The Administrator noted that the Board will hold meetings on the following dates: February 6, March 13, April 24, June 5, July 24, September 11, October 23, and December 11.

Next, the Administrator announced that the IGB is initiating a new public comment process to seek comments and proposals on two significant potential future Video Gaming rules. First, the IGB is seeking comments for a rule that would bring video gaming into the IGB's Self-Exclusion Program (the "SEP") for problem gamblers. The SEP is currently available to patrons of casinos and sports wagering operators, but not video gaming. He also noted that the IGB is seeking public comments and proposals on future rulemaking for implementation and regulation of cashless technology in video gaming. The Administrator encouraged the public and stakeholders to submit their suggestions and comments via the IGB's on-line inquiry form on the IGB's website by 5:00 p.m. Central on January 12, 2025.

Administrator Fruchter reminded all listeners that they should only patronize legal, regulated IGB-approved casino, video gaming and sport wagering operators and to avoid wagering with unlicensed and unregulated operators.

Administrator Fruchter noted that Illinois has 15 operating casinos with a 16<sup>th</sup> on the horizon, 15 approved sportsbooks, 58 licensed terminal operators, 8,683 licensed Video Gaming Location Establishments and 48,751 Video Gaming Terminals ("VGTs") currently in operation with 48,446 of those VGTs using the max-bet software.

The Administrator then provided listeners the monthly revenue numbers for casino, video gaming and sports wagering. In the month of September, VGTs generated Net Terminal Income ("NTI") of \$240,794,657, which yielded a total tax of \$84,277,954. The State retained \$71,888,330, while municipalities and counties earned \$12,389,624. Illinois casinos produced Adjusted Gross Receipts ("AGR") of \$138,961,068, which generated a total tax of \$43,830,559. The State received \$34,789,757, while host communities received \$9,040,802. In August, sports wagering AGR was \$59,161,811, which resulted in total tax of \$14,274,082. The State received \$13,648,921 and Cook County took in \$625,158. Taking Illinois' gaming industry as a whole from January through August 2024, total gaming tax revenue was \$1,202,489,905.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

None.

## ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Proposed New Casino Rule 3000.175 - Human Trafficking Recognition Training, Reporting and Signage

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 proposed permanent Rule 3000.175 (for Casino) regarding Human Trafficking Recognition Training, Reporting and Signage.

- Rule 1900.1130 Request to Prohibit Wagering on Injuries, Officiating Related, Player Conduct and Pre-Determined Events in any National Football League Game

The Board entertained comments from a representative for the NFL in support of the Rule 1130 Request. However, due to an oversight, IGB staff did not publish the request sufficiently in advance of the meeting as required under the rule; therefore, the Board was unable to vote on the NFL's request.

The Administrator issued a temporary suspension under Rule 1130(i) to prohibit the "objectionable bets" discussed in the NFL's Request to Prohibit and announced that the temporary suspension will remain in place until the next Board meeting on December 12, 2024 when the Board will revisit this issue and vote on the NFL's Request. The Administrator noted that per Rules 1130(i)(2) and 1120(b)(5), no wagers of the type or form covered by the NFL's Rule 1130 Request may be placed on redeemed.

## CASINO

### OWNERS/ORGANIZATION GAMING LICENSEE ITEMS

#### Request for Final Consideration of Owners License Renewal

- Elgin Riverboat Resort d/b/a Grand Victoria Casino

The Board voted unanimously to renew Elgin Riverboat Resort d/b/a Grand Victoria Casino's Owners license *for a period of four years expiring in October 2028* and further found that the following individuals and business entities remain suitable as key persons of Elgin Riverboat Resort d/b/a Grand Victoria Casino:

1. **Herman Campuzano**
2. **Anthony Louis Carano**
3. **Gary Louis Carano**
4. **Edmund Lawrence Quatmann Jr.**
5. **Thomas Robert Reeg**
6. **Bret Daniel Yunker**
7. **Stephanie Dana Lepori**
8. **William Michael Reeg**
9. **Caesars Entertainment, Inc.**
10. **Elgin Holdings I LLC**
11. **Elgin Holdings II LLC**

## Request to Transfer Ownership in Organization Gaming License Applicant

- Fairmount Park, Inc. d/b/a FanDuel Sports Book and Horseracing

The Administrator informed the audience that the Board temporarily tabled this item and will address the request under the Sports Wagering portion of the meeting agenda.

## **OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS**

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

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 38 Level 2 and 70 Level 3 occupational license applicants. The Board further voted to issue a Notices of Denial to:

#### **1. Grace Yasmin Tavsanli (24W008393)**

### 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 October 2023 who have properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Illinois Gambling 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 Level 3 Occupational license applicant: **Jermaine Lamar Ledbetter (23Y004333)**.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to deny the Request for Hearing submitted by Level 2 Occupational license applicant: **Jamor Javelle Pearson (24K102342)**.

## **SPORTS WAGERING**

### **MASTER SPORTS WAGERING ITEM**

### Fairmount Park, Inc. d/b/a FanDuel Sports Book and Horseracing

- Waiver of Two-Meeting Rule and Request to Transfer Ownership in Organization Gaming License Applicant
- Waiver of Two-Meeting Rule and Request to Transfer Ownership in Master Sports Wagering License
- Final Consideration of Master Sports Wagering License Renewal - Fairmount Park, Inc. d/b/a FanDuel Sportsbook and Horse Racing

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to waive the two-meeting rule and give immediate attention to the action requests.

Thereafter, the Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to approve the request to transfer ownership in Fairmount Holdings, Inc., the 100% owner of Fairmount Park, Inc. as it relates to the Organization Gaming License applicant and to find the following individuals and business entities suitable as key persons of Fairmount Park, Inc. d/b/a FanDuel Sports Book and Horseracing (in relation to Organization Gaming License applicant):

1. **Mathew Scot Ellis**
2. **Derek Scott Harmer**
3. **Andrew Harry Rubenstein**
4. **Accel Entertainment, Inc.**
5. **Accel Entertainment LLC**
6. **Harry R. LLC**

Further, the Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to find that the following business entities and individuals remain suitable as key persons of Fairmount Park, Inc. d/b/a FanDuel Sports Book and Horseracing (in relation to Organization Gaming License applicant):

1. **William Paul Stiritz**
2. **Robert Vincent Vitale**
3. **Connie Lee Reames**
4. **Fairmount Holdings, Inc.**

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to renew Fairmount Park, Inc.'s d/b/a FanDuel Sportsbook and Horse Racing's Master Sports Wagering license for a period of four years, expiring in October 2028.

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

## **VIDEO GAMING**

## **TERMINAL OPERATOR LICENSEE ITEMS**

### **Initial Licenses – Approvals and Denials**

- Traayo Gaming LLC d/b/a Traayo Gaming

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant Traayo Gaming LLC d/b/a Traayo Gaming a terminal operator license, for a period of four years, expiring October 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 48 Terminal Handler licenses for a period of two years, expiring in October 2026, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before November 30, 2024.

### 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 October 2022, for a period of two years expiring in October 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 98 Video Gaming Establishment license applications for a period of two years, expiring in October 2026, subject to the licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before November 30, 2024 and to issue Notices of Denial to:

1. **BCG RESTAURANT GROUP INC. d/b/a THORABELLA'S (240700443)**
2. **Jam Bug LLC d/b/a The Chinchbug (240700054)**
3. **Knox Investments, Inc. d/b/a The Pony (230701819)**

### VG Location Establishment – Rescission of Non-Renewal

- **DGC 132012, Inc. d/b/a El Progreso Latino (200702439)**

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to rescind the non-renewal and renewing DGC 132012, Inc. d/b/a El Progreso Latino's license for a period of two years, retroactive to April 2024, to avoid any lapse in the license.

- **Bryan's Boondocks, Inc. d/b/a Bryan's Boondocks, Inc. (150703469)**

The Board voted unanimously to rescind the non-renewal and to renew Bryan's Boondocks, Inc.'s license for a period of two years, retroactive to April 2024, to avoid any lapse in the license.

- **SHRI GASOLINE INC., d/b/a BP SHOP (190701195)**

The Board voted unanimously to rescind the non-renewal and to renew SHRI GASOLINE INC., d/b/a BP SHOP's license for a period of two years, retroactive to September 2024, to avoid any lapse in the license.

- **ARBUDA OAKLAWN INC., d/b/a OAKLAWN WINE AND SPIRITS (230701896)**

The Board voted unanimously to rescind the denial and grant ARBUDA OAKLAWN INC., d/b/a OAKLAWN WINE AND SPIRITS a location establishment license, for a period of two years, expiring in October 2026, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before November 30, 2024.

#### VG Location Establishment License Non-Renewals

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

##### **1. Primo's Tacos Inc. d/b/a Primo's Tacos (210700940)**

#### 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 October 2022, for a period of two years expiring in October 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**

- **GAMMON COACH HOUSE LLC d/b/a GAMMON COACH HOUSE (2407005940)**

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to deny the Request for Hearing submitted by GAMMON COACH HOUSE LLC d/b/a GAMMON COACH HOUSE.

- **Rudraya Corp. d/b/a Bravo Pizza and Italian Restaurant (220703209)**

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to deny the Request for Hearing submitted by Rudraya Corp. d/b/a Bravo Pizza and Italian Restaurant.

#### **RULE 320 FINAL BOARD ORDERS**

##### Administrator Recommended Decision

- **24-UP-004 Lucky Lincoln Gaming, LLC, Petitioner v. La Oficina Bar and Gaming, Inc. d/b/a La Oficina Bar and Gaming Inc., Respondent and Accel Entertainment Gaming, LLC**

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

- (1) Declines to address arguments and allegations in the Exceptions that go beyond the scope of Rule 320;
- (2) Adopts the Administrator's Recommended Decision as a Final Board Order; and

(3) Grants in part, and denies in part, Lucky Lincoln's Petition.

- 24-UP-008 Lucky Lincoln Gaming, LLC, Petitioner ("Lucky Lincoln") v. Huddle Bar & Grill Inc. d/b/a 1101 Bar & Grill, Respondent and Accel Entertainment Gaming, LLC

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

- (1) Declines to address arguments and allegations in the Exceptions that go beyond the scope of Rule 320;
- (2) Adopts the Administrator's Recommended Decision as a Final Board Order; and
- (3) Grants in part, and denies in part, Lucky Lincoln's Petition.

## **ADJOURN**

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.