

Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission

Minutes of Public Session
January 18, 2024

PUBLIC SESSION

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Landaveri called the January 18, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission to order at 9:22 a.m. MST in person at the 1707 Cole Blvd., Suite 300 Lakewood, CO 80401, Division of Gaming Office and virtually via Cisco Webex. Commissioner Tipton was present via Cisco Webex and Commissioner Coleman was present in person, and a quorum existed. Commissioner Armstrong was excused for good cause.

Officials & Administrators in Attendance

Patsy Landaveri, Vice-Chair
Shawn Coleman, Commissioner
John Tipton, Commissioner via Cisco Webex
Michael Phibbs, Senior Director, Specialized Business Group
Christopher Schroder, Director
Kenya Collins, Director of Administration via Cisco Webex
Bradford Jones, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Torrey Samson, Assistant Attorney General
Paul Hogan, Chief Auditor
J. Wolff, Agent in Charge, Central City/Black Hawk
Brett Buckingham, Agent in Charge, Sports Betting
John Madruga, Agent in Charge, Background Unit
Jon Sullivan, Supervisory Investigator, Background Unit
Allen Hiserodt, Supervisory Investigator, Sports Betting
Shannon Gray, Public Information Officer, Specialized Business Group
Breanne Nolan, Executive Assistant, Secretary to CLGCC

II. Swearing in of Investigators

Christopher Schroder, Director, Division of Gaming, appointed John Charest, Vincent D'Angelo, Mathew Tanis, Chris Kreiger, Patrick Maul, Robert Thornberg, and Matthew Williams as Investigators for the Colorado Division of Gaming, effective on their respective dates of hire.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission voted unanimously to go into the Executive Session pursuant to sections 24-6-402(3)(a) (III), 44-30-521(1)(a), 44-30-526(1)(d), and 44-30-1507 of the Colorado Revised Statutes to review confidential background licensing reports that were scheduled for consideration in the Public Session.

The Executive Session was called to order at 9:30 a.m. MST.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Public Session was called back to order by Vice-Chair Landaveri at 9:57 a.m. MST.

III. Approval of Licensing Actions

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Renewal of the Retail and Master Licenses for Minter Holdings LLC d/b/a Johnny Nolon's Casino; G.F. Gaming Corporation d/b/a The Famous Bonanza Casino; and G.F. Gaming Corporation d/b/a Easy Street Casino. These Retail and Master licenses will expire two years from their current dates of expiration.

The issuance of the above Master licenses does not concurrently grant approval to entities or individuals with whom these licensees have entered into, or considered entering into contracts for sports betting operations or internet sports betting operations; nor does it preclude any entities or individuals from being called forward by the Division to conduct a comprehensive background investigation regarding their suitability to operate in Colorado.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the First Vendor Major License for SIG Sports Analytics Holdings, Inc.; and STRIVE PLATFORM LTD. d/b/a Strive Gaming. These Vendor Major Licenses will expire two years from their dates of issuance.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the First Vendor Minor Licenses for BRAZE, INC.; ENJOY BASKETBALL INC.; Horizon Media LLC; Jumio Services Corporation; oddshustle LLC d/b/a betlogical; Push Cash Inc.; Skybox Performance Marketing LLC d/b/a Leads IQ; and Sprinklr, Inc. These Vendor Minor Licenses will expire two years from their dates of issuance.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Renewal of the Vendor Minor Licenses for Betting on Content, LLC d/b/a BOC Agency; Metric Gaming Services Limited; and THING OR TWO LTD. These Vendor Minor Licenses will expire two years from their current dates of expiration.

IV. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission

The Chair gave the public an opportunity to address the Commission on any item not appearing in the agenda.

Peggy Brown, President, Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado, thanked the Division for its efforts in implementing HB22-1402 and the Responsible Gaming Grant Program. She also commented that the Division of Gaming had taken ownership of the self-exclusion list. She also commended Director Christopher Schroder's work in responsible gaming and mentioned that PGCC had been introduced to the Division's new Responsible Gaming Manager, Corrie Martinez.

V. Consideration of the order to Show Cause for Hedge, Inc.

Torrey Samson, Assistant Attorney General, presented the Order to Show Cause for Hedge, Inc. Discussion was had between the Commission, Torrey Samson, and AIC Brett Buckingham regarding the licensure status of Hedge, Inc.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign and issue the: Order to Show Cause for Case No. DOG23004277 in the matter of Hedge, Inc. Vendor Minor License 94971638.

VI. Consideration of Limited Gaming Financial Statements for November 2023

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Gaming Revenues, Gaming Taxes, and Expenditures (unaudited) for the five months ending on November 30, 2023, and to authorize its distribution.

VII. Consideration of Division Sports Betting Financial Statement for November 2023

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Sports Betting Revenues, Taxes, and Expenditures (unaudited) for the five months ending on November 30, 2023, and to authorize its distribution.

VIII. Consideration of Limited Gaming Rules 10 & 29

The Commission voted unanimously to open the rulemaking hearing on Colorado Limited Gaming Rules 10 & 29.

Corrie Martinez, Responsible Gaming Manager, was sworn in and gave the presentation on Limited Gaming Rule 29 during which she presented additional amendments proposed by Division of Gaming staff based on stakeholder comments.

Discussion was had by the Commission, Corrie Martinez, and Director Christopher Schroder regarding advertisement definitions.

Michael Payne, Table Games Manager, was sworn in and gave the presentation of Limited Gaming Rule 10.

Discussion was had between the Commission and Michael Payne.

The Chair extended an opportunity for the public to testify on behalf of Limited Gaming Rules 10 & 29.

Peggy Brown, President, Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado, stated that the PGCC supported all proposed amendments to Limited Gaming Rule 29.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the public comment portion of the rulemaking hearing for Limited Gaming Rules 10 & 29.

During deliberations, Commissioner Coleman proposed an additional amendment to Rule 29. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the amendments to Colorado Limited Gaming Rules 10 & 29, as modified.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the rulemaking hearing on Limited Gaming Rules 10 & 29.

IX. Consideration of Sports Betting Rule 9

The Commission voted unanimously to open the rulemaking hearing on Colorado Sports Betting Rule 9.

Corrie Martinez, Responsible Gaming Manager, was sworn in and gave the presentation for Sports Betting Rule 9 during which she presented additional amendments proposed by Division of Gaming staff based on stakeholder comments.

Discussion was had between the Commission and Corrie Martinez.

The Chair extended an opportunity for the public to testify on behalf of Sports Betting Rule 9. No members of the public came forward to testify.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the public comment portion of the rulemaking hearing for Sports Betting Rule 9.

Following deliberations, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the amendments to Colorado Sports Betting Rule 9.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the rulemaking hearing on Sports Betting Rule 9.

X. Presentations by 2023 Responsible Gaming Grant Recipients

The Vice-Chair introduced the 2023 Responsible Gaming Grant Recipients and explained that each presenter could give an 8-minute presentation, per project.

Daniel Umfleet, Jackie Stanmyre, Trent Lambert, Dr. Nathan Smith, and David Yeager were introduced as presenters for Kindbridge Research Institute (KRI).

Daniel Umfleet, Jackie Stanmyre, and David Yeager gave the presentation for KRI's first project: "Strategic Approaches to Gambling Expansion – A Review of Gambling Treatment Quality and Availability in Colorado."

Daniel Umfleet, Dr. Nathan Smith, and Trent Lambert gave the presentation for KRI's second project: "Colorado Military Problem Gambling Research, Education, and Recovery Program." Discussion was had between the Commission, Mr. Umfleet, Dr. Smith, and Mr. Lambert.

Daniel Umfleet gave the presentation for KRI's third project: "Athlete Well-being Program."

Corrie Martinez, Responsible Gaming Manager, presented the project for the Colorado Division of Gaming: "Play Legal, Play Responsible, Play Safe Marketing Campaign."

Peggy Brown and Deitra Sandy presented the first project from the Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado (PGCC): "Problem Gambling Center."

Jamie Glick presented the second project for PGCC: "Collegiate Gambling Education and Prevention Program."

Brittany Beath and Patricia Lepiani presented the third project for PGCC: “Problem Gambling Awareness & Education Project.” Discussion was had between the Commission and Ms. Lepiani.

Marlene Warner, Chelsea Turner, and Phil Sherwood presented the project for the Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health titled: “Building Capacity in Colorado for a System of Responsible and Problem Gambling-Informed Stakeholders.”

XI. Consideration of Organizational Matters

The Commission approved the minutes from the December 21, 2023 Public Session of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission, as presented.

Michael Phibbs, Senior Director, Specialized Business Group, stated that the Department was still searching for a fifth Gaming Commissioner. He stated that this individual had to be a Certified Public Accountant and that they must reside in a judicial district on the western slope.

Christopher Schroder, Director, Division of Gaming, stated that the stakeholder workshop for exchange wagering would be held on February 12, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. MST. He also commented that since taking over the self-exclusion list, the Division had approximately 100 people sign up for self-exclusion, bring the grand total of excluded individuals to approximately 600.

XII. Opportunity for Industry Members to Address the Commission

The Chair gave an opportunity to anyone from the gaming industry to address the Commission regarding any current issues or events. No members of the industry came forward.

XIII. Adjournment

The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the January 18, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission at 12:06 p.m. MST.

Breanne Nolan, Secretary to the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission