

## Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission

Minutes of Public Session  
October 17, 2024

### PUBLIC SESSION

#### **I. Call to Order**

Vice-Chair Tipton called the October 17, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission to order at 9:16 a.m. MDT in person at the Division of Gaming Office at 1707 Cole Blvd., Suite 300, Lakewood, CO 80401, and virtually via Zoom. Commissioners Hyland, George, and Workman were present in person, and a quorum existed. Chair Armstrong was excused for good cause.

#### Officials & Administrators in Attendance

John Tipton, Commissioner Vice-Chair  
Kevin Hyland, Commissioner  
Ahilya George, Commissioner  
Phil Workman, Commissioner  
Michael Phibbs, Senior Director, Specialized Business Group  
Christopher Schroder, Director  
Kirsten Gregg, Chief of Investigations via Zoom  
Kenya Collins, Director of Administration via Zoom  
Bradford Jones, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Torrey Samson, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Paul Hogan, Chief Auditor  
J. Wolff, Agent in Charge, Central City/Black Hawk  
Bradley Nelson, Agent in Charge, Cripple Creek  
John Madruga, Agent in Charge, Background Unit  
Andrew Fulton, Agent in Charge, Sports Betting  
Dane Albin, Supervisory Investigator, Cripple Creek  
Michael Payne, Table Games Chair  
Breanne Nolan, Executive Assistant, Secretary to CLGCC

#### **II. Swearing in of Commissioner Workman**

Vice Chair Tipton welcomed Phil Workman as the newest member of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission, filling the role as its registered voter member.

Commissioner Workman introduced himself and stated that he was looking forward to the experience serving as a Gaming Commissioner. He detailed growing up in Nebraska and his experience working as a policy analyst and project manager for the City and County of Denver.

Christopher Schroder, Director, Division of Gaming, administered the oath of office and officially swore in Commissioner Workman as a member of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission.

### **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, as well as review the confidential status report for Sports Betting Rule 5.4.

The Executive Session was called to order at 9:20 a.m. MDT.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

The Public Session was called back to order by Vice-Chair Tipton at 10:21 a.m. MDT.

### **III. Approval of Licensing Actions**

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Renewal of the Retail and Master Licenses for GNCC, LLC d/b/a Golden Nugget. The Retail and Master Licenses will expire two years from their current dates of expiration.

The reissuance of the above Master license does not concurrently grant approval to entities or individuals with whom this licensee has 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 Reissuance of the Temporary Vendor Major Licenses for BetMakers MTS, LLC and Better Collective USA, Inc. d/b/a Better Collective. These Temporary Vendor Major Licenses were issued pending the final results of the Division's background investigations.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Renewal of the Vendor Major License for PT Services (Delaware) LLC. This Vendor Major License will expire two years from its current date of expiration.

In accordance with Commission Policy 24-01, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the First Vendor Minor Licenses and Renewals of the Vendor Minor Licenses listed in the Consent Agenda in the October 2024 public packet.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the modification for PointsBet Colorado LLC's licenses, numbers 37255440 and 37255441, of a D/B/A Name Change, allowing two new "Doing Business As" registrations to include Fanatics Betting and Gaming, as well as Fanatics Sportsbook. This modification does not otherwise modify PointsBet Colorado LLC's licenses, including the expiration dates.

### **IV. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission**

The Chair gave anyone from the public an opportunity to address the Commission on any item not appearing in the agenda. No members of the public came forward.

#### **V. Consideration of Limited Gaming Financial Statements for August 2024**

The Commission and Tseko Ivanov, Reporting Accounting, discussed the increased costs of the “automobile line” of the financial statements. Tseko Ivanov explained that these extra costs were associated with increased vehicle numbers from 37 to 41 and insurance fees which increased from \$16 to \$29. Michael Phibbs, Senior Director of the Specialized Business Group, explained that fleet service costs change year to year based on usage and that the increase would be related to last year’s operational costs, fuel costs, and repair costs.

Commissioner Hyland asked if the increase in materials, supplies, and services was related to the new Black Hawk office space move. Tseko Ivanov responded that the costs for the new space would come out of the “Operating Expenses” line and that the materials supplies, and services was related building maintenance, custodial fees, or supplies for any of the three Division offices. He explained that in the future, a detailed report showing variances of cost increases or decreases could be included in the financial statement memo.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Gaming Revenues, Gaming Taxes, and Expenditures (unaudited) for the two months ending on August 31, 2024, and to authorize its distribution.

#### **VI. Consideration of Division Sports Betting Financial Statement for August 2024**

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Sports Betting Revenues, Taxes, and Expenditures (unaudited) for the two months ending on August 31, 2024, and to authorize its distribution.

#### **VII. Consideration of Supplemental Budget Changes – Division of Gaming FY24-25**

Kristi Piazza, Budget Manager, Specialized Business Group presented the Fiscal Year 24-25 Supplemental Budget Changes for the Division of Gaming.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the decrease of \$13,077 to the Limited Gaming Budget for Fiscal Year 24-25.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the increase of \$1,300 to the Sports Betting Budget for Fiscal Year 24-25.

#### **VIII. Consideration of Organizational Matters**

Approval of the minutes from the September 19, 2024, public session of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission were moved to the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Michael Phibbs, Senior Director of the Specialized Business Group, gave an update regarding the Black Hawk Division of Gaming office move. He stated that there were ongoing lease negotiations between the Department of Revenue and the building owner. He explained that construction could not begin until the negotiations had been reached, but that the construction bids were valid until December and the Department was hopeful it would not have to put the

project back out to bid. Commissioner Hyland asked if there was an update regarding the status of the federal grant to provide body cameras to the Division. Senior Director Phibbs responded that the Division was supposed to receive an update in September, but there had not been further correspondence from the grant program coordinators. Commissioner Hyland asked if there were any updates regarding uniform implementation for Division investigators. Senior Director Phibbs stated that field investigators were going to be wearing them by December, and they were only for staff who had enforcement/investigative duty.

Christopher Schroder, Director Division of Gaming welcomed Commissioner Workman and stated the Commission had a full five members for the first time in over a year. He also stated that Agent in Charge, Brad Nelson, was retiring. He explained that the Division was sad to see AIC Nelson leave, but was excited for his new chapter. AIC Nelson had been with the Division for 20 years, starting in 2004 after a 23-year career in law enforcement with the Northglenn Police Department.

Kirsten Gregg, Chief of Investigations, thanked AIC Nelson for his over 40 years of public service. She stated that the Division was very lucky to have him, and she was grateful to know him for over 30 years and valued his friendship, mentorship, and guidance.

Brad Nelson stated that working for the Division of Gaming allowed him to follow his dream of moving to a rural property and leaving the Denver metro area. He stated that the Division provided the opportunity to work with likeable and respectable staff. He explained that he took great interest in table games, serving on the committee for years, eventually becoming the Table Games Chair. He stated that he wanted to retire in 2021 but was offered the chance to become the Agent-in-Charge of the Cripple Creek Office and stayed with the encouragement of Chief Gregg. AIC Nelson stated that Dane Albin would be the new Agent in Charge of the Cripple Creek office. He expressed his gratitude to the Division and said it was wonderful to work with the industry members and casino staff in Cripple Creek.

Vice-Chair Tipton thanked Brad Nelson for his service, on behalf of the Commission, and wished him the best.

## **IX. Opportunity for the Industry Members to Address the Commission**

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

## **X. Adjournment**

Prior to adjournment, Bradford Jones, Senior Assistant Attorney General, stated that he and Torrey Samson, Senior Assistant Attorney General, would be conducting annual training for the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission at the November 21, 2024, meeting.

The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the October 17, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission at approximately 11:00 a.m. MDT.

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Breanne Nolan, Secretary to the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission