## **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

## **Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission**

Minutes of Public Session February 15, 2024

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

## I. Call to Order

Chair Armstrong called the February 15, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission to order at 9:17 a.m. MST in person at the 1707 Cole Blvd., Suite 300 Lakewood, CO 80401, Division of Gaming Office and virtually via Cisco Webex. Commissioners Tipton and Coleman were present in person, and a quorum existed. Commissioner Landaveri was excused for good cause.

#### Officials & Administrators in Attendance

Kevin Armstrong, Chair

Shawn Coleman, Commissioner

John Tipton, Commissioner

Michael Phibbs, Senior Director, Specialized Business Group

Christopher Schroder, Director

Kirsten Gregg, Chief of Investigations

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

Michael Payne, Table Games Chair via Cisco Webex

Corrie Martinez, Responsible Gaming Manager

Shannon Gray, Public Information Officer, Specialized Business Group

Breanne Nolan, Executive Assistant, Secretary to CLGCC

#### **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 9:20 a.m. MST.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

The Public Session was called back to order by Chair Armstrong at 10:06 a.m. MST.

## II. Approval of Licensing Actions

Senior Assistant Attorney General Bradford Jones announced that there were amendments to the licensing action section of the agenda. He stated that the amendments included adding "temporary" to the Reissuance of the *Temporary* Sports Betting License for Crown CO Gaming LLC d/b/a DraftKings, the Reissuance of the *Temporary* Internet Sports Betting Licenses for Crown CO Gaming LLC d/b/a DraftKings and BETFAIR INTERACTIVE US LLC d/b/a FANDUEL SPORTSBOOK, as well as the Reissuance of the *Temporary* Vendor Major Licenses for SBTech Malta Limited, SPortradar Solutions LLC, Sports Information Services Limited d/b/a Kambi, and Stadium Technology Group, LLC.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the First Retail and Master Licenses for 118 Main Street Gaming, LLC d/b/a Empire Club Casino. These Retail and Master licenses will expire two years from their current dates of expiration.

The issuance 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 Renewal of the Retail and Master Licenses for FHR-Colorado LLC d/b/a Bronco Billy's Casino; FHR-Colorado LLC d/b/a Billy's Casino; and FHR-Colorado LLC d/b/a Chamonix Casino & Hotel. 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 Renewal of the Manufacturer/Distributor License for FHR – Colorado LLC d/b/a Bronco Billy's Casino. This Manufacturer/Distributor License will expire two years from its current date of expiration.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Renewal of the Operator License for Full House Resorts, Inc. This Operator License will expire two years from its current date of expiration.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Renewal of the Sports Betting Operator License for Internet Sports International, Ltd d/b/a ISI, Ltd. This Sports Betting Operator License will expire two years from its current date of expiration.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Reissuance of the Temporary Sports Betting Operator License for Crown CO Gaming LLC d/b/a DraftKings. This Temporary Sports Betting

Operator License was reissued pending the final result of the Division's background investigation.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Reissuance of the Temporary Internet Sports Betting Operator License for Crown CO Gaming LLC d/b/a DraftKings and BETFAIR INTERACTIVE US LLC d/b/a FANDUEL SPORTSBOOK. These Temporary Internet Sports Betting Operator Licenses were reissued pending the final results of the Division's background investigations.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the First Vendor Major Licenses IMG ARENA US, LLC and SPORTCAST PTY LTD. These Vendor Major Licenses will expire two years from their dates of issuance.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Change of Ownership and Renewal of the Vendor Major License for NYX Digital Gaming (USA), LLC. This Vendor Major License will expire two years from its current date of expiration.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Reissuance of the Temporary Vendor Major Licenses for SBTech Malta Limited; Sportradar Solutions LLC; Sports Information Services Limited d/b/a Kambi; and Stadium Technology Group, LLC. These Temporary Vendor Major Licenses were reissued pending the final results of the Division's background investigations.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the First Vendor Minor Licenses for Draft Brackets LLC d/b/a Draft Brackets; INOVA SOLUTIONS, INC.; OpTic Group, Inc.; OpticOdds Inc; The Arena Media Brands, LLC; and United Tote Gaming Services, LLC. 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 CheckdGroup Limited; CHIRP GOLF LLC d/b/a Chirp Golf; Darkside Management Ltd.; FLATIRON COLLECTIVE INC.; FTN Network, LLC d/b/a FTN Fantasy; Ingo Money, Inc.; OBeP Payments LLC d/b/a Trustly, Inc.; Pavilion Payments Gaming Services Inc. d/b/a Pavilion Payments; Prove Identity, Inc.; Slam Media Inc; Soundside Games LLC; YourPay LLC; and Morpheus Data Systems, Inc d/b/a BettorOff. These Vendor Minor Licenses will expire two years from their current dates of expiration.

#### III. 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, extended an invitation to the Commission to attend the Colorado Problem Gambling Awareness Luncheon on Thursday, March 14 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. at the Denver Marriot West.

## IV. Consideration of Notice of Denial in the Matter of the Application of Carlos Quevedo License #56711

Torrey Samson, Assistant Attorney General, presented the Denial in the matter of the application of Carlos Quevedo. Discussion was had by the Commission and Ms. Samson.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Chair to sign and issue the: Denial for Case No. DOG23002958 in the matter of the application of Carlos Quevedo LIC# 56711.

#### V. Consideration of Limited Gaming Financial Statements for December 2023

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Gaming Revenues, Gaming Taxes, and Expenditures (unaudited) for the six months ending on December 31, 2023, and to authorize its distribution.

#### VI. Consideration of Division Sports Betting Financial Statement for December 2023

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Sports Betting Revenues, Taxes, and Expenditures (unaudited) for the six months ending on December 31, 2023, and to authorize its distribution.

## VII. Supplemental Budget Changes for Limited Gaming & Sports Betting – Funding Appropriation Changes

Kristi Piazza, Budget Manager, Specialized Business Group, presented the Funding Appropriation Changes for the Limited Gaming and Sports Betting budgets. Ms. Piazza and Senior Assistant Attorney General, Bradford Jones, discussed and confirmed that these changes were not a decision item and were presented to the Commission publicly for information purposes only.

# VIII. Consideration of Supplemental Budget Changes for Limited Gaming & Sports Betting – Background Investigations

Kristi Piazza, Budget Manager, Specialized Business Group, presented the Limited Gaming Supplemental Budget Changes – Background Investigations.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Supplemental Limited Gaming Budget Change of a \$700,000 increase in Operating Expenses for appropriation TCCCEBKGD, Background Investigations, for Fiscal Year 2024.

Kristi Piazza presented the Sports Betting Background Investigations Supplemental Budget Changes.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Supplemental Sports Betting Budget Change of a \$50,000 increase in Operating Expenses for appropriation TCCCESBBK, Background Investigations, for Fiscal Year 2024.

## IX. Consideration of Limited Gaming Rule 21

The Commission voted unanimously to open the rulemaking hearing on Colorado Limited Gaming Rule 21.

Michael Payne, Table Games Manager, was sworn in and gave the presentation for Rule 21.

Discussion was had between the Commission, Mr. Payne, and Senior Assistant Attorney General Jones.

The Chair extended an opportunity for the public to testify on behalf of Limited Gaming Rule 2.1

Daniel White, General Manger, Gilpin Casino was sworn in and asked clarifying questions regarding context of Limited Gaming Rule 21.

Discussion was had between Mr. White and Mr. Payne.

Christopher Schroder was sworn in and provided clarifying information to Mr. White.

Senior Assistant Attorney General Jones suggested that if there were further questions requiring input from other operators, the rulemaking hearing should be tabled until the March meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission.

Discussion was had between the Commission and Mr. White regarding submission of further comments from additional operators and the Colorado Gaming Association to the Colorado Division of Gaming.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the public comment portion of the rulemaking hearing for Limited Gaming Rule 21.

The Commission voted unanimously to table the rulemaking hearing on Colorado Limited Gaming Rule 21 until the March 21, 2024, meeting and encouraged additional comments to be sent via email to the Colorado Division of Gaming.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the rulemaking hearing for Limited Gaming Rule 29.

## X. Consideration of Responsible Gaming Grant Applications for FY24

Corrie Martinez, Responsible Gaming Manager, gave a presentation outlining the submitted responsible gaming grant applications, each applicant's requested funding amount, and the Division's recommendations on funding each grant application.

There was a total of twelve applications, from five organizations, submitted. The total amount requested was \$4,449,447.86. The Division recommended funding for seven of the applications

with a total funding amount of \$1,960,470.60, and recommended not funding the requested employee salaries in any of the applications.

There was discussion between the Commission, Ms. Martinez, Senior Assistant Attorney General Jones, and Senior Director Michael Phibbs. It was suggested that comments from individuals with each organization were heard prior to the Commission voting on funding approval.

The first application presented was the "Problem Gambling Awareness & Education Project" from the Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado. Ms. Martinez stated that the total funding requested was \$651,500 and the Division recommended funding of \$599,500.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Grant Request for the Problem Gaming Coalition of Colorado – Problem Gambling and Awareness in-part for a total of \$599,500 with a funding period of 12 months.

The Commission took a recess at 11:58 a.m. MST.

The Public Session of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission was called back to order at 12:14 p.m. MST.

The second application discussed was the "Problem Gambling Center" submitted by the Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado. Ms. Martinez stated that the total funding requested was \$651,970.00 and the Division recommended funding of \$149,540.60. Ms. Martinez explained that the recommended funding total excluded monies requested for salaries.

Discussion was had between Peggy Brown, President of the PGCC, Jamie Glick, Board Member of the PGCC, and the Commission. Ms. Martinez clarified that salary budget lines were excluded from recommended funding totals for all applicants.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Grant Request for the Problem Gaming Coalition of Colorado – Problem Gambling Center in-part for a total of \$149,540.60 with a funding period of 12 months.

The third application presented was Kindbridge Research Institute's "Healthy Gaming Education Program." Ms. Martinez stated that the total funding requested was \$146,250 and the Division recommended a funding total of \$71,500. Kindbridge Research Institute's Dr. Nathan Smith, Executive Director, and Daniel Umfleet, Board Director, confirmed that the "Healthy Gaming and Education Program" could be completed with the funding amount proposed by the Division of Gaming.

Following discussion amongst the Commissioners, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Grant Request for Kindbridge Research Institute (KRI) – Healthy Gaming Education Program in-part for a total of \$71,500 with a funding period of 12 months.

The fourth application discussed was Kindbridge Research Institute's "Screening and Telehealth Enhancement for Gambling Disorder (STEGD) Initiative in Colorado." Ms. Martinez stated that

the total funding requested was \$795,132 and the Division recommended a funding total of \$500,060. There were no comments from KRI regarding this application.

Following discussion amongst the Commissioners, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Grant Request for Kindbridge Research Institute – Screening and Telehealth Enhancement for Gambling Disorder Initiative in Colorado in-part for a total of \$500,060 with a funding period of 12 months.

The fifth application presented was the "Colorado Military Problem Gambling Research, Education & Recovery Program Phase 2" submitted by Kindbridge Research Institute. Ms. Martinez stated that the total funding requested was \$585,117 and the Division recommended a funding amount of \$404,970. Daniel Umfleet and Dr. Nathan Smith, Kindbridge Research Institute, gave a presentation regarding project updates for phase 2 and consideration of feedback received by the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission. Discussion was had between the Commission, Dr. Smith, and Mr. Umfleet, regarding the request and whether the program would be limited to all enlisted military personnel and veterans. Dr. Smith and Mr. Umfleet confirmed that they had taken the Commission's past comments into account and would be broadening the scope of the project to all enlisted personnel and veterans.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Grant Request for Kindbridge Research Institute – Colorado Military Problem Gambling Research, Education & Recovery Program Phase 2 in-part for a total of \$404,910 with a funding period of 12 months.

The sixth application presented was the "Colorado Athlete Wellbeing Program Phase 2" submitted by Kindbridge Research Institute. Ms. Martinez stated that the total funding requested was \$259,857 and the Division recommended a funding amount of \$171,710. No comments were made by KRI.

Following discussion amongst the Commissioners, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Grant Request for Kindbridge Research Institute – Colorado Athlete Wellbeing Program Phase 2 in-part for a total of \$171,710 with a funding period of 12 months.

The seventh application presented was "The Standford Gambling Addiction Therapy Study (SGATS) in Colorado" submitted by Kindbridge Research Institute. Ms. Martinez stated that the total funding requested was \$67,275 and the Division recommended a funding amount of \$63,250. No comments were made by KRI.

Following discussion amongst the Commissioners, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Grant Request for Kindbridge Research Institute – The Stanford Gambling Addiction Therapy Study (SGATS) in Colorado for a total of \$63,250 with a funding period of 12 months.

The eighth application presented was Kindbridge Research Institute's "Research Project: Young and Emerging Adults Attitudes Survey." Ms. Martinez stated that the total funding requested was \$175,000 but that the Division did not recommend funding for this application due to the lack of evidence of an agreement with the Colorado Department of Education for the proposed programs to be allowed in Colorado schools. Daniel Umfleet commented that KRI could resubmit this application during the 2025 submission round of Colorado Responsible Gaming Grant Program.

Discussion was had by Teresa Fiore, Vice President of Partnerships, EPIC Global Solutions, and Director Christopher Schroder. Director Schroder explained that rejection letters would be sent to applicants outlining reasoning for funding denial. Discussion was had by the Commission and Director Schroder.

The Commission voted unanimously to deny funding for Grant Request for Kindbridge Research Institute – Research Project: Young and Emerging Adults Attitudes Survey based on the Division's grant review committee recommendation, lack of compatibility with the suite of submitted grant applications, and the funds available in the gaming grant budget.

The ninth application presented was "The Colorado Advertising Compliance Review" submitted by Kindbridge Research Institute (KRI). Ms. Martinez stated that the total funding requested was \$288,990 but that the Division did not recommend funding for this application, as the Division of Gaming would be completing a similar project. No comments were made by representatives of KRI.

Following discussion amongst the Commissioners, the Commission voted unanimously to deny funding for the Grant Request for Kindbridge Research Institute – The Colorado Advertising Compliance Review based on the Division's grant review committee recommendation, lack of compatibility with the suite of submitted grant applications, and the funds available in the gaming grant budget.

The tenth application presented was "Connecting Research and Practice" submitted by the International Center for Responsible Gaming (ICRG). Ms. Martinez stated that the total funding requested was \$198,800 but that the Division did not recommend funding as sponsorships for conferences were not within grant requirement scope of directly addressing the issue of problem gaming in Colorado. Arthur Paikowsky, President, ICRG, provided clarifying comments regarding the purpose and benefit of the proposed conference in Colorado. Discussion was had by Mr. Paikowsky and the Commission. Director Christopher Schroder repeated that rejection letters with full explanations for funding denial would be sent to applicants and encouraged ICRG to edit its application and apply for funding in 2025.

Following discussion amongst the Commissioners, the Commission voted unanimously to deny funding for the Grant Request for International Center for Responsible Gaming – Connecting Research and Practice based on the Division's grant review committee recommendation, lack of compatibility with the suite of submitted grant applications, and the funds available in the gaming grant budget.

The eleventh application considered was "Mobile Sports Wagering: The Effect of Data Accessibility and Visualization" submitted by iProtekt Research Foundation. Ms. Martinez stated that the total funding requested was \$290,556.86 but that the Division did not recommend funding due to lack of eligibility under 501c3 and that per rule, applicants must be non-profit organizations. Discussion was had by the Commission.

Following discussion amongst the Commissioners, the Commission voted unanimously to deny funding for the Grant Request for iProtekt Research Foundation – Mobile Sports Wagering: The Effect of Data Accessibility and Visualization based on the Division's grant review committee

recommendation, lack of compatibility with the suite of submitted grant applications, and the funds available in the gaming grant budget.

The twelfth and final application presented was "Treatment, Recover, and Awareness: An Integrated Approach to Mitigating Gambling Harm in Colorado" submitted by the Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health. Ms. Martinez stated that the total funding requested was \$375,000 but that the Division did not recommend funding due to a previously funded project with similar goals in fiscal year 2023 as well as current efforts by the Colorado Division of Gaming to advertise responsible gaming, causing redundancy.

The Commission voted unanimously to deny funding for the Grant Request for The Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health – Treatment, Recovery and Awareness: An Integrated Approach to Mitigating Gambling Harm in Colorado based on the Division's grant review committee recommendation, lack of compatibility with the suite of submitted grant applications, and the funds available in the gaming grant budget.

## **XI.** Consideration of Organizational Matters

The Commission approved the minutes from the November 16, 2023, and January 18, 2024, Public Sessions of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission, as presented.

Christopher Schroder, Director, Division of Gaming, stated that the Division had completed an assessment through a third party and that the Division would implement a best practices policy based on the results of the assessment. He explained that a stakeholder workshop regarding rules for exchange wagering was held on February 12, 2024, and the Division was in the process of collecting further comments on those rules. He also detailed that the total handle of 2024 Superbowl bets was \$46,354,977, including online wagers of \$45,316,809 and retail wagers of \$1,038,369, which was a 22% increase from 2023. He stated that over \$29,228,265 in bets were made as well as futures bets of \$17,126,712.12, making a total win percentage of 14.3%.

## 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 February 15, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission at 1:09 p.m. MST.

Breanne Nolan, Secretary to the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission

## **Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission**

Minutes of Public Session March 29, 2024

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

#### I. Call to Order

Chair Armstrong called the March 29, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission to order at 8:45 a.m. MDT via Cisco Webex. Commissioners Tipton and Coleman were present via Cisco Webex, and a quorum existed.

The Chair relinquished the floor to Chris Schroder, Director, Division of Gaming. Director Schroder thanked the Commission for their flexibility the schedule the March meeting and stated that Commissioner Landaveri had resigned from the Limited Gaming Control Commission. He explained that the Division was in search of a CPA member and business member for the Commission and if any parties were interested, they could reach out for an application.

## Officials & Administrators in Attendance

Kevin Armstrong, Chair
Shawn Coleman, Commissioner
John Tipton, Commissioner
Michael Phibbs, Senior Director, Specialized Business Group
Christopher Schroder, Director
Kirsten Gregg, Chief of Investigations
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
John Madruga, Agent in Charge, Background Unit
Chris Krieger, Criminal Investigator, Sports Betting

Breanne Nolan, Executive Assistant, Secretary to CLGCC

#### **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 8:58 a.m. MDT.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

The Public Session was called back to order by Chair Armstrong at 9:20 a.m. MDT.

#### II. Approval of Licensing Actions

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Renewal and Change of Ownership of the Manufacturer/Distributor License for Merit Cripple Creek LLC. This Manufacturer/Distributor License will expire two years from its current date of expiration.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Renewal of the Associated Equipment Supplier License for Genesis Gaming Solutions, Inc. This Associated Equipment Supplier License will expire two years from its current date of expiration.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the First Vendor Major License for INTELLR, INC. This Vendor Major License will expire two years from its date of issuance.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Reissuance of the Temporary Internet Sports Betting Operator Licenses for American Wagering, Inc. d/b/a Caesars Sportsbook; Digital Gaming Corporation USA d/b/a Betway; Rush Street Interactive Colorado, LLC; Smarkets USA OP CO. d/b/a SBK; and BetMGM, LLC d/b/a Roar Digital. These Temporary Sports Betting Internet Operator Licenses were reissued pending the final result of the Division's background investigations.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Reissuance of the Temporary Sports Betting Operator Licenses for American Wagering Inc. d/b/a Caesars Sportsbook (Horseshoe) and American Wagering Inc. d/b/a Caesars Sportsbook (Lady Luck). These Temporary Sports Betting Operator Licenses were reissued pending the final results of the Division's background investigations.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the First Temporary Sports Betting Operator Licenses for American Wagering Inc. d/b/a Caesars Sportsbook (Grand Z) and American Wagering Inc. d/b/a Caesars Sportsbook (Z Casino). These Temporary Sports Betting Operator Licenses were issued pending the final result of the Division's background investigation.

Bradford Jones, Senior Assistant Attorney General, suggested that due to multiple Commissioners' time constraints, the Vendor Minor licensing actions should be held over until the Commission's April 2024 meeting. He stated that existing Vendor Licenses would remain active per section 24-4-104(7), C.R.S., and continuance letters would be issued by the Division. Senior Assistant Attorney General Jones then suggested that the Commission address the financial statements and proposed Commission Policy 24-01, while all other remaining matters would be considered at the April 18, 2024 meeting or an emergency meeting.

## IV. Consideration of Limited Gaming Financial Statements for January 2024

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

#### V. Consideration of Division Sports Betting Financial Statement for January 2024

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

## VIII. Consideration of Proposed Commission Policy 24-01

Chris Schroder, Director, Division of Gaming, presented proposed Commission Policy 24-01 regarding the consideration of licensing matters through a consent agenda. Discussion was had by Director Schroder, Senior Assistant Attorney General Jones, and the Commission.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve Commission Policy 24-01, as presented.

#### XIII. Adjournment

Director Schroder stated that remaining matters on the March 29, 2024, meeting agenda would be addressed at the April 18, 2024 meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission.

The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the March 29, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission at 9:33 a.m. MDT.

Breanne Nolan, Secretary to the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission

## **Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission**

Minutes of Public Session April 18, 2024

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

#### I. Call to Order

Chair Armstrong called the April 18, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission to order at 9:20 a.m. MDT in person at the 1707 Cole Blvd., Suite 300 Lakewood, CO 80401, Division of Gaming Office and virtually via Cisco Webex. Commissioners Tipton and Coleman were present in person, and a quorum existed.

## Officials & Administrators in Attendance

Kevin Armstrong, Chair

Shawn Coleman, Commissioner

John Tipton, Commissioner

Christopher Schroder, Director

Kirsten Gregg, Chief of Investigations

Allen Hiserodt, Chief of Sports Betting

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

Bradley Nelson, Agent in Charge, Cripple Creek

John Madruga, Agent in Charge, Background Unit

Michael Payne, Table Games Chair

Andrew Leibbrand, Criminal Investigator, Limited Gaming

Spencer Loos, Criminal Investigator, Limited Gaming

Breanne Nolan, Executive Assistant, Secretary to CLGCC

#### II. Swearing in of Investigators

The Chair appointed Andrew Leibbrand and Spencer Loos, Investigators for the Colorado Division of Gaming effective on their respective dates of hire. Investigators Leibbrand and Loos repeated the Oath of Office that was administered by Chair Sherriff Armstrong.

#### **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 9:25 a.m. MDT.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

The Public Session was called back to order by Chair Armstrong at 9:48 a.m. MDT.

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

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Reissuance of the Vendor Major License for Swish Analytics US Inc. This Vendor Major License will expire two years from its current date of expiration.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the First Vendor Minor Licenses and the Renewals of the Vendor Minor Licenses listed in the Consent Agenda in the April 2024 public materials. These Vendor Minor Licenses listed in the Consent Agenda will expire two years from their dates of issuance and/or expiration.

#### 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 one from the public came forward for comment.

#### V. Consideration of Limited Gaming Financial Statements for February 2024

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Gaming Revenues, Gaming Taxes, and Expenditures (unaudited) for the eight months ending on February 29, 2024, and to authorize its distribution.

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

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Sports Betting Revenues, Taxes, and Expenditures (unaudited) for the eight months ending on February 29, 2024, and to authorize its distribution.

#### VII. Consideration of the and Settlement Agreement in the Matter of Hedge, Inc.

Torrey Samson, Assistant Attorney General, presented the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement for Hedge, Inc. Discussion was had by the Commission and Assistant Attorney General Samson regarding Hedge, Inc.'s barring from future licensure in Colorado, as an entity.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Chair to sign and issue the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement in Case No. DOG23004277 in the Matter of Hedge, Inc. Vendor Minor License No. 94971638.

#### VIII. Consideration of Involuntary Exclusion for Andrew Matthew Baca

Bradford Jones, Senior Assistant Attorney General, gave an overview of the action for petition of involuntary exclusion.

J. Wolff, Agent in Charge, Central City Investigations, presented the memo to support recommendation of Involuntary Exclusion for Andrew Matthew Baca. Discussion was had between the Commission, AIC Wolff, and Senior Assistant Attorney General Jones, regarding the charges and incident leading to Andrew Matthew Baca's recommendation for Involuntary Exclusion.

Prior to the call for a motion, Senior Assistant Attorney General Jones recommended that the Commission state which factors, violating section 44-30-1703 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, contributed to Involuntary Exclusion recommendation for Andrew Matthew Baca.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Division's petition to involuntarily and permanently exclude Andrew Matthew Baca from gaming in Colorado, based on actions that posed a threat to licensees and public of Colorado, existence of prior convictions in other jurisdictions, and reputation that threatens gaming in Colorado. The Commission directed the Commission's Attorneys General representatives to prepare an order to memorialize the decision which would be reviewed and signed by the Chair.

## IX. Consideration of Involuntary Exclusion for Shaun Joseph Benward

Michael Payne, Table Games Chair, presented the memo to support recommendation of Involuntary Exclusion for Shaun Joseph Benward. Discussion was had by the Commission and Mr. Payne regarding the past charges and current case against Shaun Joseph Benward.

Discussion was also had by the Commission and Christopher Schroder, Director, Division of Gaming, regarding the trend in actions and charges against Shaun Joseph Benward in Colorado and multiple jurisdictions, dating back to 2014.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Division's petition to involuntarily and permanently exclude Shaun Joseph Benward on the following basis: the individual's presence poses a threat to gaming licensees or members of the public, the individual's reputation adversely effects the Colorado gaming industry, the individual's prior exclusions and ejections from establishments under rules and regulations in other jurisdictions, the individual is a career professional offender of gaming laws throughout the country, and the individual's prior actions from 2014 as well as 2023 with outstanding warrants. The Commission directed the Commission's Attorneys General representatives to prepare an order to memorialize the decision, which would be reviewed and signed by the Chair.

# X. Comments from the Division of Gaming regarding the Responsible Gaming Grant Program – iProtekt

Christopher Schroder, Director, Colorado Division of Gaming, commented on an application from iProtekt that was submitted during the 2024 Responsible Gaming Grant Program. He stated after further examination, the Division determined iProtekt had obtained non-profit status and was an eligible organization for grant funding. He invited iProtekt to apply for a responsible gaming grant in the future.

## XI. Consideration of Limited Gaming Rules 10, 12, 21 & 28

The Commission voted unanimously to open the rulemaking hearing on Colorado Limited Gaming Rules 10, 12, 21 & 28.

Michael Payne, Table Games Chair, was sworn in and gave the presentation for Gaming Rules 10, 12, 21 & 28.

Discussion was had between the Commission and Mr. Payne regarding identification of betting sensor lens color for different wager amounts, under Rule 12 30-1254(5)(A).

Christopher Schroder, Director, Division of Gaming, was sworn in for comment. He stated that as the rules were written, the Division has no input on color, rather requests there be delineation between sensor color for a wager that was made on the progressive.

Commissioner Tipton stated that, based on comments, the rule be amended to add "color to be determined by the casino."

The Chair extended an opportunity for the public to testify on behalf of Limited Gaming Rules 10, 12, 21 & 28. No members of the public came forward to testify.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the public comment portion of the rulemaking hearing for Limited Gaming Rules 10, 12, 21 & 28.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the amendments to Colorado Limited Gaming Rules 10, 12, 21 & 28, as amended with added language, "as determined by the Casino" under Rule 12 30-1254(5)(A) as noted by the Commission and its counsel.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the rulemaking hearing on Colorado Limited Gaming Rules 10, 12, 21 & 28.

## XII. Consideration of Colorado Sports Betting Rules 1 & 7 – Exchange Wagering

The Commission voted unanimously to open the rulemaking hearing on Colorado Sports Betting Rules 1 & 7.

Allen Hiserodt, Chief of Sports Betting, and Mia Tsuchimoto, Sports Betting Program Manager, were sworn in and gave the presentation for Sports Betting Rules 1 & 7. Christopher Schroder, Director, Division of Gaming was sworn in for comments.

Discussion was had by the Commission, Director Schroder, Chief Hiserodt, and Assistant Attorney General Torrey Samson, regarding the definition of and background checks for entities as described in Rule 7.6.

The Chair extended an opportunity for the public to testify on behalf of Sports Betting Rules 1 & 7.

Alex Kane, CEO, SportTrade Inc., commended the Division and Commission for bringing rules for exchange wagering forward in Colorado, as an operator that already offers this type of wagering in New Jersey. He also commented that per the Colorado rules, an Internet Sports Betting Operator was required to register market makers prices and may market its activity as exchange wagering or as "betting against friends", and he believed that this action could have responsible gaming implications.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the public comment portion of the rulemaking hearing for Sports Betting Rules 1 & 7.

The Commission deliberately prior to calling for a motion. Commissioner Tipton stated that he would like the Division to look at including entities in background investigations, in the future. Commissioner Tipton commented that it was time to move forward with approval of these regulations and that he found all comments from Stakeholders and the Division to be valid and constructive.

Senior Assistant Attorney Bradford Jones stated that he was not adding to deliberations, but there would be a stakeholder notification process for viable solution to entity wagering and significantly more information regarding this topic if it were to move forward.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the amendments to Colorado Sports Betting Rules 1 & 7, as presented.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the rulemaking hearing on Colorado Sports Betting Rules 1 & 7.

## XIII. Rulemaking Hearing on Colorado Gaming Rule 14, Gaming Tax

The Commission voted unanimously to open the rulemaking hearing on Colorado Gaming Rules 14, Gaming Tax.

Paul Hogan, Chief Auditor, was sworn in and gave a presentation overviewing the Gaming Tax Setting process.

Paul Hogan submitted into the record, the Statements of Gaming Impacts/Annual Reports for the Colorado Judicial Branch. He noted that these documents were included in the materials as part of the tax setting hearing.

Mark Superka, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, Colorado Community College System, gave a presentation regarding the gaming impacts for the over 114,000 who attend schools within the Community College System.

Discussion was had between the Commission and Mr. Superka regarding the seven percent of out of state students and the programs they participated in. Mr. Superka stated that a majority of out of state students were enrolled in specialty programs at rural schools.

Penfield W. Tate III, Board Chair; Annie Levinsky, Chief of Staff; and Patrick Eidman, Chief Preservation Officer; all gave a presentation regarding the Statement of Gaming Impacts and Annual Report for History Colorado.

Mr. Penfield W. Tate III expressed appreciation for ongoing opportunities and support for funding History Colorado activities that benefitted the citizens of Colorado.

Ms. Annie Levinsky detailed multiple History Colorado projects that were funded in 2023, including the "Hands on History Program" for children through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and the "Buffalo Soldiers Exhibit" at Fort Garland. She stated that History Colorado served 500,000 people in person at its over 11 museums and historical sites and 2.5 million people digitally through these same exhibits.

Mr. Patrick Eidmann stated that as of FY23, History Colorado (HC) had funded 5,500 projects reaching all 64 counties in Colorado. He explained that HC had a commitment to reach urban and rural communities and that there were a total of 113 grants submitted for a total funding amount of \$10.9 million. He also detailed current projects such as the Historical Grave Hotel in

Idaho Springs serving as affordable living for seniors; the Costilla County School restoration to serve as a community gathering space and internet hub; and the Alpine Tunnel in Palisade. He stated that over \$360 million had been invested in state project and sixty percent of grants were awarded to rural communities for downtown restorations and other capital improvements.

Discussion was had between the Commission and Mr. Eidmann regarding affordable housing grants and how gaming communities could try to implement them.

The Chair extended an opportunity for members of the public to testify on behalf of Gaming Rule 14, Gaming Tax. No members of the public came forward to testify.

The Commission voted unanimously to close and continue the hearing on Gaming Rule 14, Gaming Tax, until approximately 9:55 a.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at the Lakewood Division of Gaming Office and via Cisco Webex.

## XIV. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Requests

Matt Packard, Chief, Colorado State Patrol presented the area impact and budget requests for Colorado State Patrol (CSP). He distributed copies of the CSP annual report to the Commissioners and detailed that most of the intervention in gaming towns was spent on traffic incidents. He explained that in 2023, there was a nineteen percent reduction in fatalities on state roads when compared to 2022 and that in gaming towns/areas, there was only 1 fatality in 2023 and there were 5 in 2022. He stated that in total, there were 20 CSP uniformed members in gaming areas as well as 1 full time support person.

Discussion was had between the Commission and Chief Packard regarding the increase in personal services outlined in the budget request. Chief Packard and Terri Enderly, Budget Director, Colorado Department of Public Safety, explained that this \$127,000 increase was due to rises in IT and employee benefits costs.

Chair Armstrong stated that he appreciated the partnership with Colorado State Patrol in Gilpin County and that a collaboration between the two organizations helped create and implement an active shooter policy over the past year.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request of the Colorado State Patrol in the amount of \$4,792,146.

Chris Brunette, Fire and Life Safety Section Chief, presented the fiscal year 2025 budget request for the Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) on behalf of Director Mike Morgan. He stated that the DFPC provided oversight to gaming communities for inspection of fire systems and fire suppression, and ensured those systems were installed and maintained properly. He explained that the DFPC also provided trainings in local jurisdictions. Chief Brunette stated that the Division consisted of two fire investigation teams and saw a minimal increase of 2.7% to cover common policy cost increases and a 3% salary increase.

Discussion was had between the Commission and Chief Brunette on the process of fire inspections for Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek. It was explained that DFPC aided in inspections in Black Hawk and Central City but the cities had final determination; whereas, in Cripple Creek, DFPC has sole authority to approve or deny fire inspections.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request of the Division of Fire Prevention and Control in the amount of \$237,875.

## XV. Consideration of Organizational Matters

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2024, and March 29, 2024, Public Sessions of Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission, as presented.

Christopher Schroder, Director Division of Gaming, stated that due to scheduling conflicts, the May meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission (CLGCC) would be moved to Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. at the Lakewood Division of Gaming Office and via Cisco Webex. He also stated that there would soon be an opening for the registered voter member of the CLGCC, and that the Division was currently interviewing for the Certified Public Accountant and corporate business members of the Commission.

Bradford Jones, Senior Assistant Attorney General, stated that the election for Vice-Chair of the Commission would occur at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

## XVI. 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.

#### XIII. Adjournment

The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the April 14, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission at 12:11 p.m. MDT.

Breanne Nolan, Secretary to the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission

## **Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission**

Minutes of Public Session May 23, 2024

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

#### I. Call to Order

Chair Armstrong called the May 23, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission to order at 9:17 a.m. MDT in person at the 1707 Cole Blvd., Suite 300 Lakewood, CO 80401, Division of Gaming Office and virtually via Cisco Webex. Commissioners Tipton and Coleman were present in person, and a quorum existed.

## Officials & Administrators in Attendance

Kevin Armstrong, Chair

Shawn Coleman, Vice-Chair

John Tipton, Commissioner

Michael Phibbs, Senior Director, Specialized Business Group

Christopher Schroder, Director

Kirsten Gregg, Chief of Investigations via Cisco Webex

Allen Hiserodt, Chief of Sports Betting

Kenya Collins, Director of Administration via Cisco Webex

Bradford Jones, 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

Michael Payne, Table Games Chair

Breanne Nolan, Executive Assistant, Secretary to CLGCC

#### II. Vice Chair Election for Remainder of Fiscal Year 2023-2024

The Chair relinquished the floor to Senior Assistant Attorney General Bradford Jones to conduct the election for the Vice-Chair of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Commissioner Tipton nominated Commissioner Coleman to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission. Commissioner Coleman accepted the nomination and was elected as the Vice-Chair of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Vice-Chair Coleman thanked his fellow Commissioners for their nomination and support.

#### **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 9:24 a.m. MDT.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

The Public Session was called back to order by Chair Armstrong at 9:53 a.m. MDT.

## III. Approval of Licensing Actions

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Renewal of the Retail and Master Licenses for G Investments, LLC d/b/a Colorado Grande Hotel and Casino. These 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 First Vendor Minor Licenses and the Renewals of the Vendor Minor Licenses listed in the Consent Agenda in the May 2024 public materials. These Vendor Minor Licenses will expire two years from their dates of issuance and/or expiration.

#### 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 one from the public came forward for comment.

#### V. Consideration of Limited Gaming Financial Statements for March 2024

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

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

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

## VII. Consideration of Limited Gaming Rules 10 & 21

The Commission voted unanimously to open the rulemaking hearing on Colorado Limited Gaming Rules 10 & 21.

Michael Payne, Table Games Chair, was sworn in and gave the presentation for Limited Gaming Rules 10 & 21.

Discussion was had between the Commission and Table Games Chair Payne regarding identification of betting sensor lens color for different wager amounts, under Rule 12 30-1254(5)(A).

Christopher Schroder, Director, Division of Gaming, was sworn in for comment. He stated that as the rules were written, the Division had no input on color; rather, requested that there be delineation between sensor color for a wager that was made on the progressive.

Commissioner Tipton stated that, based on comments, the rule be amended to add "color to be determined by the casino."

The Chair extended an opportunity for the public to testify on behalf of Limited Gaming Rules 10 & 21. No members of the public came forward to testify.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the public comment portion of the rulemaking hearing for Limited Gaming Rules 10 & 21.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the amendments to Colorado Limited Gaming Rules 10 & 21, as amended, with added language, "as determined by the Casino" under Rule 12 30-1254(5)(A) as noted by the Commission and its counsel.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the rulemaking hearing on Colorado Limited Gaming Rules 10 & 21.

#### VIII. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Requests

Kristi Piazza, Budget Manager, Specialized Business Group, presented the Fiscal Year 2025 Limited Gaming Budget Request. Discussion was had between the Commission, Budget Manager Piazza, and Director Christopher Schroder.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Limited Gaming Budget Request in the amount of \$22,271,423.

Kristi Piazza presented the Fiscal Year 2025 Responsible Gaming Fund Budget Request.

Bradford Jones, Senior Assistant Attorney General, made the motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Responsible Gaming Fund Budget Request in the amount of \$3,958,326. The Commission voted unanimously to accept the motion.

Kristi Piazza presented the Fiscal Year 2025 Sports Betting Budget Request. Discussion was had by the Commission and Budget Manager Piazza.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Sports Betting Budget Request in the amount of \$5,199,857.

## IX. Rulemaking Hearing on Colorado Gaming Rule 14, Gaming Tax

The Commission voted unanimously to reopen the rulemaking hearing on Colorado Gaming Rule 14, Gaming Tax.

Paul Hogan, Chief Auditor, was sworn in and gave the report from the City of Black Hawk. The City of Black Hawk recommended that no change be made to the tax rate for fiscal year 2025.

Paul Hogan submitted the report from the City of Central into the record. He stated that the City of Central requested the tax rate remain unchanged for fiscal year 2025.

Paul Hogan presented the report from the County of Gilpin. He stated that the County of Gilpin requested that the "Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission keep current tax rates in place for the upcoming fiscal year (FY25)," as stated in the County's report.

Paul Harris, Finance Director, City of Cripple Creek, was sworn in and presented the report for the City of Cripple Creek. He stated that the City of Cripple Creek requested no change to the tax rate for fiscal year 2025. Discussion was had by the Commission and Finance Director Harris regarding affordable housing options for casino workers.

Daniel Holmes, Partner and National Practice Leader for Gaming Services Practice, RubinBrown LLP, gave a presentation on gaming industry performance trends, as well as detailed gaming revenues statistics with regard to earnings and taxes of casinos within Colorado. Discussion was had between the Commission and Mr. Holmes regarding ratios of current assets over current liabilities which placed casinos into tax rate tiers.

## **Executive Session II**

The Commission voted unanimously to go into Executive Session pursuant to sections 24-6-402(3)(a)(II) and (III) and 44-30-526(1) and (3) of the Colorado Revised Statutes to discuss confidential tax information of individual casinos and to receive legal advice regarding the Commission's tax authority, if necessary.

Executive Session II was called to order by Chair Armstrong at 11:04 a.m. MDT.

## **Public Session (reconvened)**

The Public Session was called back to order by Chair Armstrong at 11:14 a.m. MDT.

The Chair extended an opportunity for members of the public to testify on behalf of Gaming Rule 14, Gaming Tax. No members of the public came forward to testify.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the public comment portion of the rulemaking hearing for Colorado Rule 14, Gaming Tax.

After public deliberation amongst the Commissioners, the Commission voted unanimously to make no change to Colorado Limited Gaming Rule 14, Gaming Tax, basis for fiscal year 2025.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the hearing on Gaming Rule 14, Gaming Tax.

## X. Consideration of Organizational Matters

Michael Phibbs, Senior Director, Specialized Business Group, stated that a new building had been chosen for the new location of the Central City Division of Gaming office and that negotiations with the property owner had begun. He explained that moving the office into a more modern building was beneficial and that he hoped to report back on the progress of the move soon. He also detailed that during the 2024 legislative session, a bill to add a referendum to the ballot in November would give voters the ability to remove the cap on the \$29 million in tax revenue that is kept by the State of Colorado, allowing the distribution of tax revenue to beneficiaries to be increased.

Senior Director Phibbs stated that himself as well as Christopher Schroder, Director of the Colorado Division of Gaming; Katherine Redhorse, Executive Director of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs; and Paul Hogan, Chief Auditor of the Division of Gaming, visited the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Divisions of Gaming. He stated that there were discussions regarding the Tribes' position of sovereignty, as well as collaborations on investigative issues, resource sharing, and the opportunity to partner on responsible gaming activities. He also stated that the Tribes requested to be considered stakeholders and to be included early on in any rulemaking or policy changes.

Lastly, Senior Director Phibbs explained that the Governor put together a proposal to allow the casinos located on Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute land to participate in online sports betting. He stated that this also involved negotiations between the Division of Gaming as well as Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Divisions of Gaming, which proposed sharing background investigations, patron complaints, and suspensions. He said that he would leave it up to the Governor's Office to discuss specifics of these negotiations.

Christopher Schroder, Director Division of Gaming, stated that Kevin Hyland would be joining the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission in June as the Certified Public Accountant member.

#### XI. 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.

#### XII. Adjournment

The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the May 23, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission at 11:28 a.m. MDT.

Breanne Nolan, Secretary to the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission

## **Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission**

Minutes of Public Session June 20, 2024

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

## I. Call to Order

Chair Armstrong called the June 20, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission to order at 9:20 a.m. MDT in person at the 1707 Cole Blvd., Suite 300 Lakewood, CO 80401, Division of Gaming Office and virtually via Cisco Webex. Commissioners Coleman, Tipton, and Hyland were present in person, and a quorum existed.

## Officials & Administrators in Attendance

Kevin Armstrong, Chair

Shawn Coleman, Vice-Chair

John Tipton, Commissioner

Kevin Hyland, Commissioner

Christopher Schroder, Director

Kirsten Gregg, Chief of Investigations

Allen Hiserodt, Chief of Sports Betting

Kenya Collins, Director of Administration via Cisco Webex

Bradford Jones, 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

Michael Payne, Table Games Chair

Breanne Nolan, Executive Assistant, Secretary to CLGCC

#### II. Introduction of New Commissioner

The Chair introduced Kevin Hyland as the Certified Public Accountant member of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission.

Commissioner Hyland introduced himself and stated that he had previous experience working with the Colorado State Auditor's Office, the Division of Gaming, and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. He explained that he currently worked for a large pension company as a senior investigator and that he was excited to serve as Commissioner.

Christopher Schroder, Director, Division of Gaming, stated that Governor Polis had appointed Kevin Hyland as a Commissioner on the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission pending his certification by the Colorado State Senate. Director Schroder administered the oath of office to Commissioner Hyland.

#### **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 9:27 a.m. MDT.

#### PUBLIC SESSION

The Public Session was called back to order by Chair Armstrong at 9:38 a.m. MDT.

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

Bradford Jones, Senior Assistant Attorney General, noted that there was a typo in the consent agenda that was posted on the Division's website and that Integrity Compliance 360 Inc. was a separate license from Panda Score S.A.S.

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 June 2024 public packet.

## 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 one from the public came forward for comment.

#### V. Consideration of Limited Gaming Financial Statements for April 2024

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Gaming Revenues, Gaming Taxes, and Expenditures (unaudited) for the ten months ending on April 30, 2024, and to authorize its distribution.

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

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Sports Betting Revenues, Taxes, and Expenditures (unaudited) for the ten months ending on April 30, 2024, and to authorize its distribution.

## VII. Consideration of the Stipulation and Agreement in the Matter of PlayUp Interactive CO Inc.

Torrey Samson, Assistant Attorney General, presented the Stipulation and Agreement in the Matter of PlayUp Interactive CO Inc. Discussion was had between the Commission and Assistant Attorney General Samson.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Stipulation and Agreement in Case No. DOG23002150 in the matter of PlayUp Interactive CO Inc. d/b/a PlayUp – Temporary Internet Sports Betting Operator License No. 94560453.

#### VIII. Consideration of Limited Gaming Rules 23 & 28

Bradford Jones, Senior Assistant Attorney General, stated that after consultation with Division of Gaming staff, it was recommended that Limited Gaming Rules 23 & 28 be tabled until the July 11, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission to allow changes regarding clarity and conciseness to be made. Discussion was had between the Commission and Senior Assistant Attorney General Jones regarding the timeline of the edits to the rules.

The Commission voted unanimously to table Limited Gaming Rules 23 & 28 until the July 11, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission.

#### IX. Consideration of Organizational Matters

Christopher Schroder, Director Division of Gaming, thanked Commissioner Coleman for his valued service as a member of the Commission and welcomed Commissioner Hyland. Director Schroder stated that he was celebrating his one-year anniversary with the Division and thanked Senior Director, Michael Phibbs, for hiring him as well as Division staff for their support and contributions to the Division's continued success. He then detailed accomplishments of each section of the Division including Field Operations, Audit, Technical Services Group, Licensing, Background Investigations, and Enforcement for both Limited Gaming and Sports Betting.

Commissioner Coleman gave departing remarks following his tenure as a member of the Colorado Limited Gaming Commission. He detailed the selection process he experienced through Governor Jared Polis' office and thanked the Governor for the opportunity. He also thanked his fellow Commissioners and Division for their collaboration over the last four years.

#### XI. 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.

#### XII. Adjournment

The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the June 20, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission at 10:03 a.m. MDT.

Breanne Nolan, Secretary to the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission

## **Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission**

Minutes of Public Session July 11, 2024

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

#### I. Call to Order

Chair Armstrong called the July 11, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission to order at 9:15 a.m. MDT in person at the 1707 Cole Blvd., Suite 300 Lakewood, CO 80401, Division of Gaming Office and virtually via Zoom. Commissioners Tipton and Hyland were present in person, and a quorum existed.

## Officials & Administrators in Attendance

Kevin Armstrong, Chair
John Tipton, Commissioner Vice-Chair
Kevin Hyland, Commissioner
Christopher Schroder, Director
Kirsten Gregg, Chief of Investigations via Zoom
Allen Hiserodt, Chief of Sports Betting
Kenya Collins, Director of Administration via Zoom
Bradford Jones, 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
Breanne Nolan, Executive Assistant, Secretary to CLGCC

#### II. Commissioner Elections Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Chair Armstrong relinquished the floor to Senior Assistant Attorney General, Bradford Jones, to conduct the elections for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Senior Assistant Attorney General Jones opened nominations for the Chair. Commissioner Tipton nominated Commissioner Armstrong for the role as Chair and Commissioner Armstrong accepted the nomination. The Commission voted unanimously to elect Commissioner Armstrong as Chair of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission (CLGCC) for fiscal year 2024-2025. Chair Armstrong stated that he was honored to represent the CLGCC and the State of Colorado in upholding the integrity of the gaming industry.

Nominations for Vice-Chair were opened, and Chair Armstrong nominated Commissioner Tipton. Commissioner Tipton accepted the nomination. The Commission voted unanimously to elect Commissioner Tipton as Vice-Chair of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission

for fiscal year 2024-2025. Commissioner Tipton thanked his fellow Commissioners for their support and stated that he was honored to serve the CLGCC and State of Colorado.

#### **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 9:20 a.m. MDT.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

The Public Session was called back to order by Chair Armstrong at 9:54 a.m. MDT.

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

The Chair voted unanimously to approve the First Manufacturer/Distributor License for Kings, Queens, and Jacks, LLC d/b/a Saratoga Casino Black Hawk. The Manufacturer/Distributor License will expire two years from its date of issuance.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Change of Ownership of the Retail and Master Licenses for Kings, Queens, and Jacks, LLC d/b/a Saratoga Casino Black Hawk. The Retail and Master Licenses will expire two years form their current dates of expiration.

The Change of Ownership 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 Renewal of the Retail and Master Licenses for DOUBLE EAGLE RESORTS, INC. d/b/a Double Eagle Hotel & Casino. The Retail and Master Licenses will expire two years form 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 Renewal of the Manufacturer/Distributor Licenses for DOUBLE EAGLE RESORTS, INC. d/b/a Double Eagle Hotel & Casino and LNW Gaming, Inc. The Manufacturer/Distributor licenses will expire two years from their current dates of expiration.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Renewal of the Operator Licenses for LNW Gaming, Inc. and COLORADO CASINO RESORTS, INC. The Operator Licenses will expire two years from their current dates of expiration.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Temporary Manufacturer/Distributor Licenses for Empire Technological Group, Ltd. And JCM American Corporation d/b/a JCM Global. The Manufacturer/Distributor 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 LNW Gaming, Inc. The Vendor Major License will expire two years from its current date of expiration.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the First Internet Sports Betting Operator License and Sports Betting Operator Licenses for American Wagering, Inc. d/b/a Caesars Sportsbook. The Internet Sports Betting Operator License will expire two years from its date of issuance.

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 July 2024 public packet. See attached.

## 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 one from the public came forward for comment.

#### V. Consideration of Limited Gaming Financial Statements for May 2024

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

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

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

#### VII. Consideration of Limited Gaming Rules 23 & 28

The Commission voted unanimously to open the rulemaking hearing for Colorado Limited Gaming Rules 23 & 28.

Bradley Nelson, Agent in Charge, Cripple Creek Investigations, was sworn in and gave the presentation on Rules 23 & 28. Discussion was had between AIC Nelson and the Commission regarding field trials and rule location posting for Baccarat play, under Rule 28.

Bradford Jones, Senior Assistant Attorney General, reminded the Commission that Rules 23 & 28 were presented at the June Commission meeting but were tabled until July. Discussion was had between Senior AAG Jones and the Commission regarding changes made to the proposed rules.

The Chair gave an opportunity for the public to address the Commission on Rules 23 & 28. No members of the public came forward to testify.

After public deliberation, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the amendments to Colorado Limited Gaming Rules 23 & 28, as presented.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the rulemaking hearing for Rules 23 & 28.

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

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2024, and June 20, 2024, Public Sessions of Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission, as presented.

Michael Phibbs, Senior Director, Specialized Business Group, stated that the current Division of Gaming office in Central City was in disrepair and due to the high costs associated with fixing the building, the Division was working on acquiring a new building in the Black Hawk area. He explained that the Department of Revenue was working to procure a lease on a new building, and that details of the acquisition would be presented to the Commission as soon as details were finalized. Discussion was had between Senior Director Phibbs and the Commission regarding parking accommodations, as well as access to the building. It was noted that parking would be shared with the Ameristar Casino, in its public parking structure, and that the Department of Law was negotiating the contract for the building lease.

Christopher Schroder, Director Division of Gaming, stated that interviews were scheduled for the next week to fill the remaining two positions on the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission. He was hopeful that an update would be shared in August.

## XI. 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.

#### XII. Adjournment

The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the July 11, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission at 10:18 a.m. MDT.

Breanne Nolan, Secretary to the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission

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July 2, 2024

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

# For the July 11, 2024, Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission meeting

Dear Members of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission,

The Division of Gaming submits this Consent Agenda for review and approval by the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission at its July 11th, 2024, meeting in accordance with Commission Policy 24-01 (approved March 29, 2024).

Under Commission Policy 24-01, the Commission may consider the listed matters as a group to be voted on and approved in mass upon a single motion. Upon a timely request, a Commissioner or the Director may remove any matter from the consent agenda for any reason. A request is timely if made prior to the vote on the consent agenda. If a matter is removed from this proposed consent agenda, then the Commission will consider and vote on the amended consent agenda before considering and voting on any removed matter(s) separately.

The Division proposes that the Commission approve the following new and renewal license applications for vendor minor sports betting licenses:

- First Vendor Minor License for
  - GAMING ASSOCIATES EUROPE LTD
  - Smart Gravity LLC
  - The Tenth Man Limited
- Renewal of the Vendor Minor License for
  - BetSwap Limited d/b/a BetSwap Technologies
  - o Boardroom 35, LLC
  - Cyan Blue Odds USA Limited d/b/a Oddschecker
  - Gametime United Inc.
  - Incubeta US Corp d/b/a Incubeta US
  - Little Star Media USA Limited d/b/a Super Free Bets
  - NCC Group Security Services Inc
  - TheRundown, Inc.
  - O Uniphore Technologies North America, Inc.
  - o Wiseclicks Technologies Ltd

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Respectfully,

Andrew Fulton,

Agent in Charge Sports Betting and Fantasy Sports,

Colorado Division of Gaming

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Minutes of the Emergency Meeting July 23, 2024

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

#### I. Call to Order

Chair Armstrong called the July 23, 2024, emergency meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission to order at 1:15 PM MDT virtually via Zoom. Commissioners Tipton and Hyland were present via Zoom, and a quorum existed.

# Officials & Administrators in Attendance – all via Zoom

Kevin Armstrong, Chair

John Tipton, Commissioner Vice-Chair

Kevin Hyland, Commissioner

Michael Phibbs, Senior Director Specialized Business Group

Christopher Schroder, Director

Kristi Piazza, Budget Manager, Specialized Business Group

Kirsten Gregg, Chief of Investigations

Allen Hiserodt, Chief of Sports Betting

Kenya Collins, Director of Administration

Bradford Jones, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Torrey Samson, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Vickie Floyd, Controller

Paul Hogan, Chief Auditor

J. Wolff, Agent in Charge, Central City/Black Hawk

Breanne Nolan, Executive Assistant, Secretary to CLGCC

# II. Consideration of Supplemental Budget Changes for Fiscal Year 2025

Michael Phibbs, Senior Director, Specialized Business Group, presented the supplemental budget changes to the Limited Gaming Budget for fiscal year 2025. The presentation included details requesting an additional appropriation to the Division of Gaming in the amount of \$495,500.00 to cover tenant improvements and moving costs associated with the relocation of the Central City Division Office. Kristi Piazza, Budget Manager, Specialized Business Group, and Christopher Schroder, Director, Division of Gaming were also present to make comments during the presentation.

Commissioner Hyland asked if there were any architectural service costs not listed in the budget outline. Senior Director Phibbs indicated that there were no architectural services costs.

Commissioner Hyland inquired about current issues with the Central City Office requiring the need for relocation. J. Wolff, Agent in Charge, responded that there is significant damage to the retaining walls around the Central City Office building due to erosion issues and the need for ADA compliance necessitated an extensive remodel to the back alley of the building. He

explained that the estimated total cost for just the back-alley fire escape and ADA compliant lift would be approximately \$800,000. He then detailed that there are also interior issues such as ongoing plumbing issues, HVAC updates needed, and general remodel due to the ailing, historic structure of the building.

Commissioner Hyland asked if there would be additional supplemental budget changes for parking at a new office, or if parking was included in another line item within the request. Senior Director Phibbs indicated that the Ameristar casino had agreed to allow the Division to use its parking structure for parking at the new office location, and this was to be included in the lease agreement. He did not anticipate an additional supplement for parking and that the contingency monies would not be spent on parking.

Commissioner Tipton requested the amount the Division was asking for contingency. Senior Director Phibbs stated that the contingency money would ideally not be spent, but would account for additional moving costs, IT infrastructure costs, and furniture damage or replacement that may happen during the move. Commissioner Tipton stated that projects he had worked on in the past typically went over budget and he wanted to ensure the Division had accounted for enough contingency money to use in the event of extra spending. Senior Director Phibbs explained that approximately \$83,000 would cover the physical move cost and the remaining \$130,000 would include the contingency costs.

Commissioner Tipton asked if anything in the proposed budget accounted for FF&E. Senior Director Phibbs stated that there was a plan, through the Department of Revenue's Facilities Division, to resize DOR offices and that there was a whole office suite available in the Cole building that had furniture and fixtures which would supply the new Black Hawk office space.

Commissioner Tipton asked Agent in Charge Wolff if the new building schematics and space availability would be suitable for the Black Hawk Investigations Unit. AIC Wolff believed that the space would be sufficient and explained that he was included in the planning and tenant improvement processes. He stated that very little of the new building needed tenant improvement and that the transition would be simple.

Commissioner Tipton asked if the budget was approved, how the Commission would identify which lines were for the move and which lines were contingent. He explained that he would prefer to vote on those lines separately, as opposed to voting on the total of \$172,000 for the total move cost. Senior Director Phibbs stated that approximately \$83,000 would be used for the move itself and the remainder would be spent on unanticipated/contingent costs. He explained that these costs were based on an estimate from the Facilities Division and that the Department had not seen an official bid for the move.

Commissioner Tipton asked if a third-party moving company would be hired. Senior Director Phibbs stated that the Facilities Division would arrange hiring of the third-party company through pricing agreements and bidding.

Commissioner Tipton clarified whether approximately \$122,550 of the budget would be for contingency costs and \$83,000 would be spent on moving expenses. Senior Director Phibbs confirmed those totals and explained that they were roughly based on the estimates received.

Commissioner Tipton asked Division of Gaming Director, Christopher Schroder, if it was possible to break those costs down in the official budget request received by the Commission. Director Schroder stated that the Division would be happy to provide those breakdowns, but that the timeline for approval may be altered.

Commissioner Tipton suggested that a motion be made to adopt the proposed budget of \$495,500 but that the Commission allocate \$60,000 for moving and the remaining balance of \$172,000 for contingency so that the Division could track costs of contingency versus moving. Senior Director Phibbs, through Breanne Nolan, Secretary to the CLGCC, provided a document listing official breakdown of costs to the Commission.

Senior Director Phibbs explained that the breakdown was actually as follows: contractor bid base, moving costs, card readers, cameras, window tint, window shades, signage all totaled at \$83,000, while the remainder of the request would be for contingency purposes. He explained that some of these contingencies may include door locks and card readers to make the building more secure, yet accessible to staff. He detailed that the Department aimed to by fiscally responsible with moving costs and that things like signage, window tint, and window shades were not critical to operation; and, therefore, could wait and be purchased with surplus operating expenses at the end of fiscal year 25.

Commissioner Tipton asked which costs accounted for the total line of \$172,550. Senior Director Phibbs stated that the budget was created by the Facilities Department but that the breakdown was sent via email. Chair Armstrong explained that, from his understanding, \$322,950 in construction costs and \$83,000 for moving costs would leave a balance of \$89,550 for contingency.

Commissioner Tipton asked if the Commission could vote on these totals and factor in additional contingency, to total the \$172,550, that the Department of Revenue and Division of Gaming seem to think it will spend so that the Commission will not have vote on additional budget requests in the future. Senior Director Phibbs stated that three separate motions, for three separate line items, could be made. He deferred to counsel and the budget manager to confirm whether these separate motions could be made.

Kristi Piazza, Budget Manager, Specialized Business Group, stated that from a budget perspective, it would be required to have the total lump sum approved or not approved but could breakdown the moving costs and contingency in further detail.

Senior Assistant Attorney General, Bradford Jones, explained that the Commission could make separate motions or could vote on the total lump sum with the following allocations: \$322,950 for tenant improvements, \$83,000 for moving costs, and \$89,550 for contingency.

Commissioner Tipton stated that he would like to make three separate motions, one for each budget line, but that he wanted to defer to his fellow Commissioners for their thoughts. Commissioner Hyland stated that, based on current experience and employer, contingency rates are approximately 35% of the total budget. He suggested that, as Commissioner Tipton had

alluded to earlier, real estate costs typically go over budget; therefore, contingency should be voted on separately.

Senior Assistant Attorney General Jones recommended that the Commission approve the total amount proposed, as there was documentation supporting the requested amounts and that if there was a need to increase the contingency fee, there would have to be a supplemental budget request made in the future. He stated that additional information and documentation would be provided in such an instance of an additional request, with a set dollar amount.

Commissioner Tipton stated that \$89,000 in contingency costs was close to Commissioner Hyland's suggestion of 30%.

Chair Armstrong thanked his fellow Commissioners as well as Department of Revenue and Division of Gaming staff for their comments.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the \$495,500 increase to the Limited Gaming Operating Budget, appropriation TCCCE1003, for fiscal year 2025 with the understanding of the following allocations: \$322,950 for tenant improvement costs, \$89,550 for contingency fees and costs, and \$83,000 for moving costs and any additional improvements.

# III. Adjournment

The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the July 23, 2024, emergency meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission at 1:47 PM.

Breanne Nolan, Secretary to the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission

Minutes of Public Session August 22, 2024

#### PUBLIC SESSION

#### I. Call to Order

Chair Armstrong called the August 22, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission to order at 9:15 a.m. MDT in person at the Department of Revenue Office at 1881 Pierce St., Lakewood, CO 80214, and virtually via Zoom. Commissioners Tipton, Hyland, and George were present in person, and a quorum existed.

#### Officials & Administrators in Attendance

Kevin Armstrong, Chair

John Tipton, Commissioner Vice-Chair

Kevin Hyland, Commissioner

Ahilya George, Commissioner

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 via Zoom

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

Ryan Galbreath, Investigator

Katherine Ford, Investigator

Charles Schoepflin, Investigator

Melinda Schubert, Investigator

Breanne Nolan, Executive Assistant, Secretary to CLGCC

# II. Swearing in of Commissioner George

Chair Armstrong introduced Ahilya George as the newest member of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission, filling the role of the corporate manager with five years of experience.

Commissioner George introduced herself and stated that she was excited about giving back to the citizens of Colorado and working with the Commission and Division of Gaming.

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

# III. Swearing in of Investigators

Chair Armstrong administered the oath to and appointed Ryan Galbreath, Katherine Forde, Charlie Schoepflin, and Melinda Schubert, 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 9:31 a.m. MDT.

#### PUBLIC SESSION

The Public Session was called back to order by Chair Armstrong at 10:26 a.m. MDT.

# IV. Approval of Licensing Actions

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the First Manufacturer/Distributor License for Acres Manufacturing Company. The Manufacturer/Distributor License will expire two years from its date of issuance.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Renewal of the Manufacturer/Distributor License for Aces Up Gaming Inc. This Manufacturer/Distributor License will expire two years from its current date of expiration.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Temporary Reissuance of the Vendor Major Licenses for GAN NEVADA, INC.; GBG ENDEAVORS LLC d/b/a MetaBet; NeoGames Solutions LLC d/b/a NeoGames; SimpleBet, Inc.: SIS CONTENT SERVICES, INC.; and Sports IQ Analytics Inc. The Vendor Major Licenses were issued pending the final results of the Divison's background investigations.

Bradford Jones, Senior Assistant Attorney General, stated the based on conflict of interest, under Commission Policy 24-01, the Commission can remove a license renewal or new application from the consent agenda. He explained that BMM International LLC would be removed from the consent agenda and voted on in a separate motion due to a conflict with a commissioner.

Prior to calling for a motion on the Sports Betting Licensing Actions, Chair Armstrong noted that there is an issue of licensees not submitting their renewal applications within 120 days of their renewal date. Commissioner Tipton stated that this issue was becoming burdensome to Division staff, requiring warning letters to be issued and multiple follow up calls to be made. Commissioner Hyland agreed that the failure to renew within 120 days was an important issue that needed more attention and accountability from licensees. Commissioner George stated that focusing on problem areas like this should be prioritized by the Division and that resolution was critical.

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 August 2024 public packet.

Commissioners Armstrong, Hyland, and George voted to approve the First Vendor Minor License for BMM INTERNATIONAL LLC. Commissioner Tipton recused himself from the vote due to a conflict. The Vendor Minor License will expire two years from its date of issuance.

#### V. 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 one from the public came forward for comment.

#### VI. Consideration of Limited Gaming Financial Statements for June 2024

Vickie Floyd, Controller, Division of Gaming, presented the Limited Gaming Financial Statements for June 2024. Discussion was had between Commissioner Hyland and Controller Floyd regarding the differences between the Responsible Gaming budget lines from 2023 and 2024.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Gaming Revenues, Gaming Taxes, and Expenditures (unaudited) for the twelve months ending on June 30, 2024, and to authorize its distribution.

# VII. Consideration of Limited Gaming and Extended Gaming Fund Distribution for Fiscal Year 2024

Tseko Ivanov, Reporting Accountant, Division of Gaming, presented the Fiscal Year 2024 Distribution of the Limited Gaming Fund and the Extended Gaming Fund. Discussion was had between the Commission and Tseko Ivanov regarding the processing of the distribution disbursement. It was confirmed that the deadline for the disbursement was September 1<sup>st</sup>; therefore, would be completed on the last business day of August.

The Commission voted unanimously to certify the Fiscal Year 2024 Distribution of the Limited Gaming Fund and the Extended Gaming Fund as presented by the Division.

#### VIII. Consideration of Division Sports Betting Financial Statement for June 2024

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Sports Betting Revenues, Taxes, and Expenditures (unaudited) for the twelve months ending on June 30, 2024, and to authorize its distribution.

# IX. Consideration of Colorado Limited Gaming Regulation 30-1403 Tax Rate Adjustments & Resulting Refunds

Paul Hogan, Chief Auditor, submitted into the record the data provided to the Commission regarding Colorado Limited Gaming Regulation 30-1403 Tax Rate Adjustments & Resulting Refunds. Discussion was had by the Commission, Chief Auditor Hogan and Senior Assistant Attorney General Jones regarding the trial program and data requirements to continue. It was

determined that if a 3.5% growth in EPC credits is met each year, the pilot program continues and ends if the growth rate and other benchmarks are not met.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the tax rate adjustments proposed by the Division of Gaming in accordance with Colorado Limited Gaming Regulation 30-1403. The tax rate adjustments under Gaming Regulation 30-1403 would be applied through the use of tax credits for use by each individual casino. The electronic promotional credits totaling \$1,825,852.66 would be allocated to the casinos based on each casino's reported share of electronic promotional credits.

# **VIII. Consideration of Organizational Matters**

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2024, Public Session of Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission, as presented.

Michael Phibbs, Senior Director, Specialized Business Group, explained that following the findings of the third-party consulting firm which analyzed best law enforcement practices for the Division, body worn camera procurement was in process. He stated that the Division applied for federal grants to receive the cameras and would find out in September if it received the funds. He also explained that a new licensing processing and reporting system was in the works and budget impacts would be seen in December. He explained that the Department of Revenue had transferred ownership of the Pierce Office to History Colorado for its artifact storage and procurement projects. He detailed that the Department had outgrown the building and an announcement regarding the relocation of the Divisions within the Pierce building would be made in the future. Finally, Senior Director Phibbs stated that there would be a referendum on the ballot in November which would remove the \$29 million cap on the revenue collected on sports betting taxes. This ballot would allow the Division of Gaming to keep more than \$29 million dollars for funding and keep the distribution amounts the same for the water conservation board.

Christopher Schroder, Director Division of Gaming, stated that he was hopeful the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission would have its final member, a CPA with 5 years of corporate experience, filled by October.

#### XI. 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.

#### XII. Adjournment

The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the July 11, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission at 11:10 a.m. MDT.

Breanne Nolan, Secretary to the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission

Minutes of Public Session September 19, 2024

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

#### I. Call to Order

Chair Armstrong called the September 19, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission to order at 9:17 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 Tipton, Hyland, and George were present in person, and a quorum existed.

## Officials & Administrators in Attendance

Kevin Armstrong, Chair

John Tipton, Commissioner Vice-Chair

Kevin Hyland, Commissioner

Ahilya George, Commissioner

Michael Phibbs, Senior Director, Specialized Business Group

Christopher Schroder, Director

Kirsten Gregg, Chief of Investigations

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

Breanne Nolan, Executive Assistant, Secretary to CLGCC

#### **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 9:22 a.m. MDT.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

The Public Session was called back to order by Chair Armstrong at 9:55 a.m. MDT.

#### II. Approval of Licensing Actions

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the First Retail and Master Licenses for RMG JN LLC d/b/a Johnny Nolon's Casino and RMG CG LLC d/b/a Colorado Grand Casino. The Retail and Master Licenses will expire two years from their dates of issuance.

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 Manufacturer/Distributor License for Rocky Mountain Gaming CC LLC. This Manufacturer/Distributor License will expire two years from its date of issuance.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the First Operator License for Rocky Mountain Gaming CC LLC. This Operator License will expire two years from its date of issuance.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Renewal of the Retail and Master Licenses for Dostal Alley, Inc. d/b/a Dostal Alley; CCSC/BLACKHAWK, INC. d/b/a Lady Luck Casino Black Hawk; and ISLE OF CAPRI BLACK HAWK, LLC d/b/a Horseshoe Black Hawk. The Retail and Master Licenses will expire two years from their current dates of expiration.

The reissuance 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 renewal of the Operator Licenses for CCSC/BLACKHAWK, INC. d/b/a Lady Luck Casino Black Hawk. This Operator License will expire two years from its current date of expiration.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Renewal of the Manufacturer/Distributor Licenses for IOC-BLACK HAWK DISTRIBUTION COMPANY, LLC. These Manufacturer/Distributor Licenses will expire two years from their current dates of expiration.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Change of Ownership of the Retail, Master, and Manufacturer/Distributor Licenses for Kings, Queens, and Jacks, LLC d/b/a Saratoga Casino Black Hawk. These Retail, Master, and Manufacturer/Distributor Licenses will expire two years from their current dates of expiration.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the First Vendor Major License for ONLINE VENTURE STRATEGIES, LLC. This Vendor Major License will expire two years from its date of issuance.

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 September 2024 public packet.

# III. 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.

Michael Gaughan, Rocky Mountain Gaming CC LLC, thanked the Commission for the issuance of the Retail and Master Licenses for Johnny Nolon's Casino and Colorado Grand Casino, as well as the Manufacturer/Distributor and Operator Licenses for Rocky Mountain Gaming CC LLC.

#### IV. Consideration of Limited Gaming Financial Statements for July 2024

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

#### V. Consideration of Division Sports Betting Financial Statement for July 2024

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

# VI. Consideration of Sports Betting Fund Distribution for Fiscal Year 2024

Ryan Golden, Deputy Controller, Division of Gaming, presented the Fiscal Year 2024 Distribution of the Sports Betting Fund. Discussion was had between Commissioner Hyland and Controller Vickie Floyd regarding ballot measure JJ, which would remove the \$29 million cap on sports betting taxes collected by the Division of Gaming, eliminating the refund of tax dollars to casinos/operators. Commissioner Hyland asked Vickie Floyd if a supplemental budget change would need to be made. Vickie Floyd explained that a supplemental budget change would not need to be made, as the funds would be transferred to the Sports Betting Fund, and a new fund would not be established.

The Commission voted unanimously to certify the Fiscal Year 2024 Distribution of the Sports Betting Fund, as presented by the Division, in the amount of \$29,974,019.46.

#### VII. Consideration of Limited Gaming Rule 4, Regulation 30-409.5

The Commission voted unanimously to open the rulemaking hearing on Colorado Limited Gaming Rule 4, Regulation 30-409.5.

Christopher Schroder, Director, Division of Gaming, was sworn in and gave the presentation on Rule 4, Regulation 30-409.5. The Commission and Director Schroder discussed the process of temporary license (badge) issuance to employees who may forgotten their credentials. Director Schroder explained that this would require an employee/licensee to go through the license (badge) reissuance process, as opposed to borrowing a temporary license.

The Chair gave anyone from the public and opportunity to address the Commission on Colorado Limited Gaming Rule 4, Regulation 30-409.5. No members of the public came forward to testify.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the public comment portion of the rulemaking hearing.

Following deliberations, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the amendments to Colorado Limited Gaming Rule 4, Regulation 30-409.5, as presented.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the rulemaking hearing on Colorado Limited Gaming Rule 4, Regulation 30-409.5.

#### VIII. Review of Status Reports from the FY24 Responsible Gaming Grant Recipients

Corrie Martinez, Responsible Gaming Manager, submitted the FY24 Responsible Gaming Grant Recipient status reports into the record. She allowed representatives from each organization to give brief presentations to the Commission and answer any questions.

Jamie Glick, President, Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado (PGCC), presented the milestones and goals for the following PGCC projects: Problem Gambling Center Project and the Awareness and Education Project – Year 2. Niles Koenigsberg, Marketing Manager of The Idea Marketing, and Brittany Beath, Marketing Manager of The Idea Marketing, discussed updates regarding the PGCC Awareness and Education Project – Year 2.

The Commission, Niles Koenigsberg, and Brittany Beath discussed the demographics reached through the PGCC Awareness & Education Project ad campaign. It was determined that through this second campaign, individuals targeted were between the ages of 25 to 45 and included Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, and other marginalized groups (BIPOC).

Dishi Umfleet, Operations Director of Kindbridge Research Institute, Mark Lucia, Program Manager (Military and Data) of Kindbridge Research Institute, and Laura Caster, Contractor of Kindbridge Research Institute, presented details regarding the following Kindbridge Research Institute Projects: Screening and Telehealth Enhancement for Gambling Disorder Initiative in Colorado (STEGD), Colorado Military Program Gambling Research, Education & Recovery Program – Phase 2, Athlete Well-Being – Phase 2, Healthy Gaming Education Project (HGEP), and Standford Gambling Addiction Therapy Study (SGATS).

Tthe Commission, Dishi Umfleet, and Laura Caster discussed the age groups of children participating in the Healthy Gaming Education Program (HGEP). It was determined that the current education materials were being developed for gambling prevention education for 7- to-11 year-olds and their parents, so that they may gain understanding of how to identify and navigate problem gambling behaviors. There was also discussion regarding attempts to establish a partnership with Kindbridge and the Denver Public School system to provide education through HGEP.

The Commission, Dishi Umfleet, and Mark Lucia discussed the outreach accomplished through the Colorado Military Program Research, Education & Recovery Program – Phase 2. Marck Lucia explained that Kindbridge had been in contact with the Fort Carson United States Army post to distribute education, resources, and physical services to active-duty military members. He stated that Fort Carson representatives seemed very open to the program and outreach. Dishi Umfleet detailed that Kindbridge's veterans education project leader was in contact with Buckley Airforce Base to set up meetings to get involved in disseminating education materials.

Corrie Martinez, Responsible Gaming Manager, thanked the Commission and grant recipients for their discussions, then concluded that status report presentation.

#### IX. Consideration of Organizational Matters

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the July 23 & August 22, 2024, Public Sessions of Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission, as presented.

Michael Phibbs, Senior Director of the Specialized Business Group, explained that the Department of Revenue and Division of Gaming were still working on lease negotiations for the Black Hawk Division office relocation project. He also stated that the Division of Gaming had planned to provide field investigators with uniforms and that the vendor had experienced some delays, but the uniforms were expected to roll-out in December. Senior Director Phibbs stated that the State of Colorado was working on a digital driver's license program. He explained that the identifications cards/driver's licenses (ID) could be stored in a Google or Apple Wallet on an individual's electronic device and that it would be biometrically verified and presented as a valid state ID card. He stated that a 30-minute presentation would be given at an upcoming meeting detailing the specifics of the mobile driver's license project and how it could be incorporated into Division and gaming operator practices.

Christopher Schroder, Director of the Division of Gaming, announced that members of the Nebraska Racing and Gaming Division were present and had been working with the Division all week to determine efficiencies and strategies between the two groups. He stated that the Nebraska Division members were also present for the Rocky Mountain Sports Betting Working Group that was held on September 18<sup>th</sup>. He explained that the working group met quarterly and was comprised of the Division, as well as regulators from other states in partnership with college athletics departments and professional athletics associations. He stated that a new Commissioner would begin in October, allowing the Commission to operate with a full five members. He explained that the Division had its bi-annual meeting with the Southern Ute Tribe Division of Gaming where collaboration on ongoing issues and efforts were discussed. Director Schroder stated that the Division would give its status report on the current fixed odds wagering trial at the October 17, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission. He also stated that September was Responsible Gaming Awareness and Education Month and that he was proud of the work done by the Division and its stakeholders on responsible gaming, highlighting the work done by Responsible Gaming Manager, Corrie Martinez.

Director Schroder recognized the retirement of Division of Gaming Controller, Vikie Floyd, and highlighted her outstanding work and achievements with the Division over the last 30 years. Vickie Floyd thanked Director Schroder for his kind words. She explained that she was proud that the Division had received clean audits every year since she joined in 1994 and that the Division was considered a role model for the Department. She recalled that when the Marijuana Enforcement Division was started, she was contacted by the head of Internal Audit for the Department of Revenue and asked if Gaming's accounting procedures could be sent over as a model for the new accounting department. She explained that through challenges and changes over the years, she would not have been successful without those who came before her, such as Commissioner Hyland who had trained her in her first position as Accounting Technician. She credited success to her dedicated staff and recognized Michele Routzon, Tseko Ivanov, and Ryan

Golden for their hard work. She stated that the accounting department would be left in great hands with her staff, Director Schroder, and an accomplished senior staff.

Chair Armstrong thanked Vickie Floyd for her dedication and service to the State of Colorado and Division of Gaming.

# X. 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.

# XI. Adjournment

The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the September 19, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission at 11:22 a.m. MDT.

Breanne Nolan, Secretary to the 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.

Breanne Nolan, Secretary to the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission

Minutes of Public Session November 21, 2024

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

#### I. Call to Order

Chair Armstrong called the November 21, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission to order at 9:15 a.m. MST in person at the Division of Gaming Office at 1707 Cole Blvd., Suite 300, Lakewood, CO 80401, and virtually via Zoom. Commissioners Hyland, and Workman were present in person and Commissioner Tipton was present via Zoom, and a quorum existed. Commissioner George was excused for good cause.

#### Officials & Administrators in Attendance

Kevin Armstrong, Commissioner, Chair

John Tipton, Commissioner Vice-Chair

Kevin Hyland, 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

Dane Albin, 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

#### **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 9:21 a.m. MST.

#### PUBLIC SESSION

The Public Session was called back to order by Chair Armstrong at 9:39 a.m. MST.

# II. Approval of Licensing Actions

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the renewal of the Manufacturer/Distributor Licenses for Ainsworth Game Technology Inc. and Ditronics Financial Services, LLC. The Manufacturer/Distributor Licenses will expire two years from their current dates of expiration.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the renewal of the Operator License for Ainsworth Game Technology Inc. The Operator License will expire two years from its current date of expiration.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Reissuance of the Internet Sports Betting Operator License for Betsson U.S. Corp d/b/a/ Betsson d/b/a/ Betsafe. The Internet Sports Betting Operator License will expire two years from its current date of expiration.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Reissuance of the Vendor Major License for Betsson U.S. Corp d/b/a/ Betsson d/b/a/ Betsafe. The 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 November 2024 public packet.

# III. 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.

# IV. Consideration of Limited Gaming Financial Statements for September 2024

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Gaming Revenues, Gaming Taxes, and Expenditures (unaudited) for the three months ending on September 30, 2024, and to authorize its distribution.

#### V. Consideration of Division Sports Betting Financial Statement for September 2024

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Sports Betting Revenues, Taxes, and Expenditures (unaudited) for the three months ending on September 30, 2024, and to authorize its distribution.

#### VI. Consideration of Limited Gaming Rule 21

The Commission voted unanimously to open the rulemaking hearing on Colorado Limited Gaming Rule 21.

Michael Payne, Table Games Chair, was sworn in and gave the presentation on Limited Gaming Rule 21. Bradford Jones, Senior Assistant Attorney General, stated that the newest version of the rules received by the Commission included both formatting changes and minor substantive changes suggested by Galaxy Games after the proposed rule was initially announced.

The Chair gave anyone from the public and opportunity to address the Commission on Colorado Limited Gaming Rule 21. No members of the public came forward to testify.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the public comment portion of the rulemaking hearing.

The public comment portion of the rulemaking hearing was reopened by the Commission so that a question could be asked.

Commissioner Hyland asked for clarification on the "final hold of 30%" that was included in the final version of Limited Gaming Rule 21.

Table Games Chair, Michael Payne, stated that this figure was what was kept and reported by the casinos at the end of the field trial.

Commissioner Tipton asked whether Galaxy Games had approached any other casinos to offer "Deuces Wild Xtreme." Table Games Chair Payne stated that the Monarch Casino Black Hawk was the only casino that was offered and completed the field trial between June 26, 2024, and September 11, 2024.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the public comment portion of the rulemaking hearing.

Following deliberations, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the amendments to Colorado Limited Gaming Rule 21, as presented.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the rulemaking hearing on Colorado Limited Gaming Rule 21.

#### VII. Consideration of Organizational Matters

# **Directors Updates**

The minutes from the September 19, 2024, and October 17, 2024, and public sessions of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission were approved as presented.

Michael Phibbs, Senior Director of the Specialized Business Group, stated that the Division'soffice move in Black Hawk was paused, pending ongoing negotiations between the building owner and Department of Revenue. He explained that the construction bid expired on December 31, 2024, and if negotiations had not progressed, the project would be put back out to bid. Senior Director Phibbs gave an update on the status of uniforms and body worn cameras for criminal investigators. He explained that Division of Gaming Investigators would be in uniforms by December 2024. He also stated that the Department of Revenue – Specialized Business Group – was notified it received the maximum grant funding amount for body worn cameras. He explained that contracts would be created to determine which Divisions would receive the cameras, and that the Division of Gaming Criminal Investigators were certainly on the list. He stated that the Division was hopeful body worn cameras would be used by March 2025.

Commissioner Hyland asked if the Department of Revenue and Division of Gaming would possible purchase the new Black Hawk office space. Senior Director Phibbs stated that this was currently not in discussion, but if it were, there would have to be value per square foot calculated and contracts would then be involved. Bradford Jones, Senior Assistant Attorney General, explained that any purchase of state owned buildings would involve the contracts unit of the Colorado Department of Law. Senior Director Phibbs stated that if the Division of Gaming was interested in purchasing the building, it would hold off until the lease was denied.

Commissioner Hyland asked for the construction bid expiration date. Senior Director Phibbs said the bid expired at midnight on December 31, 2024. Commissioner Hyland then asked for a move in timeline if the construction bid was denied. Senior Director Phibbs detailed that after the bid

was pushed back out for consideration, the proposals and build-out processes would be an additional 4-5 months, meaning a June or July move-in date.

Christopher Schroder, Director Division of Gaming stated that the Division had opened the Responsible Gaming Grant application period on November 1, 2024, and that applications were due by 5:00 p.m. MST. He explained that the grant applications would be reviewed by a committee from December to February and the grant applications would be presented to the Commission at its February 2025 meeting.

Commissioner Tipton asked if the Commission would review all applications that were submitted, in addition to project details and suggested offered services. Director Schroder confirmed that the Commission would receive all applications and full details, and that the Committee review would indicate whether the Division suggested funding.

#### MyColorado Mobile Driver's License (mDL) Presentation

Michael Phibbs, Senior Director, Specialized Business Group, and Michael Arrington, Chief Strategy Officer, Colorado Department of Revenue gave a presentation on the MyColorado Mobile Driver's License Project. Michael Arrington presented the slide deck which detailed the project timeline and explained the biometrics involved in the mDL. He stated that the mDL could be uploaded to Google, Apple, and Samsung wallets on mobile devices and that organizations could verify the mDL using partner tools like CREDENCE ID Tap2iD Mobile or IDEMIA. He explained that the mDL verification was safe, secure, and one hundred percent touchless, so users did not have to hand over their mobile device. Senior Director Phibbs stated that the gaming industry and operators could use mDL and its tools for age verification in casinos. He also explained that there was potential to use mDL for self-exclusion.

# VIII. 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.

#### IX. Annual Commissioner Training

Prior to beginning the annual training presentation, the Commission took a recess at 10:50 a.m. MST.

The Public Session was called back to order by Chair Armstrong at 11:00 a.m. MST.

Senior Assistant Attorneys General Torrey Samson and Bradford Jones presented the annual Commissioner training for fiscal year 2025 to Commissioners Armstrong, Tipton, Hyland, and Workman. Bradford Jones stated that the training was recorded and would be sent to Commissioner George for review, as she was excused from the November 21, 2024, meeting.

#### X. Adjournment

The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the November 21, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission at approximately 11:55 a.m. MST.

reanne Nolan, Secretary to the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission					

Minutes of Public Session December 19, 2024

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

#### I. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Tipton called the December 19, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission to order at 9:15 a.m. MST in person at the Division of Gaming Office at 1707 Cole Blvd., Suite 300, Lakewood, CO 80401, and virtually via Zoom. Commissioner Hyland was present in person, Commissioner Workman was present via Zoom, and a quorum existed. Commissioners Armstrong and George were excused for good cause.

#### Officials & Administrators in Attendance

John Tipton, Commissioner Vice-Chair

Kevin Hyland, Commissioner

Phil Workman, Commissioner via Zoom

Michael Phibbs, Senior Director, Specialized Business Group

Christopher Schroder, Director

Kirsten Gregg, Chief of Investigations

Allen Hiserodt, Chief of Sports Betting

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

Dane Albin, Agent in Charge, Cripple Creek

John Madruga, Agent in Charge, Background Unit

Andrew Fulton, Agent in Charge, Sports Betting

Michael Payne, Table Games Chair

Breanne Nolan, Executive Assistant, Secretary to CLGCC

#### **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 9:21 a.m. MST.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

The Public Session was called back to order by Vice-Chair Tipton at 9:46 a.m. MST.

#### II. Approval of Licensing Actions

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Renewal of the Retail and Master Licenses for Kings, Queens, and Jacks, LLC d/b/a Saratoga Casino Black Hawk. The Retail and Master Licenses shall expire two years from their current dates of expiration.

The issuance 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 issuance of the First Vendor Major License for Flexout Media Group FZCO d/b/a Flexout Media Group Inc. The Vendor Major License will expire two years from its current date of expiration.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Reissuance of the Internet Sports Betting Operator License for VHL Colorado, LLC d/b/a SI Sportsbook. The Internet Sports Betting Operator 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 listed in the Consent Agenda in the December 2024 public packet. The Vendor Minor Licenses will expire two years from their dates of issuance.

# III. 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.

#### IV. Consideration of Limited Gaming Financial Statements for October 2024

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

#### V. Consideration of Division Sports Betting Financial Statement for October 2024

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

#### VI. Consideration of Organizational Matters

# Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November 21, 2024, public session of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission was approved as presented.

#### **Directors Updates**

Michael Phibbs, Senior Director of the Specialized Business Group, stated that the building lease for the Division's new office in Black Hawk was still being negotiated. He explained that the Executive Director of the Department of Revenue and Deputy Attorney General were working with the Division of Gaming to reach a resolution with the building owner. He also stated that

the Cripple Creek Division office was undergoing a refresh and had received new carpet, paint, and furniture. Senior Director Phibbs gave an update on the status of uniforms for Division of Gaming Investigators. He explained that the uniforms were still receiving sewn on patches and would be issued the first week of January. He stated that after the Mobile Driver's License (mDL) presented in November, the Monarch Casino had expressed interest in the mDL program. He detailed that the Department of Revenue had ordered mDL readers for demonstrations for the Division of Gaming and Liquor Enforcement Division.

Vice-Chair Tipton asked if the Commission could receive a demonstration with the mDL readers and Senior Director Phibbs confirmed that once the scanners were received, a demonstration would be given.

Christopher Schroder, Director Division of Gaming stated that the Responsible Gaming Grant Application submission period had closed and that the Division would present the applications to the Commission at the February 20, 2024, meeting. He also wished the Commission, stakeholders, staff, and Attorneys General a happy holidays and new year.

# VII. 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.

#### VIII. Adjournment

The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the December 19, 2024, meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission at approximately 9:56 a.m. MST.

Breanne Nolan, Secretary to the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission