

## **Ohio State Racing Commission**

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## Minutes of the Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting held on October 30, 2019

- 1-The Ohio State Racing Commission (Commission) held its monthly meeting October 30, 2019 at the Riffe Center, 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio, Room 1948, at 10 am.
- 2-Commission Chairman Scott Borgemenke called the meeting to order. Commissioners Beth Hansen, Greg Simpson, William Patmon Jr. and Thomas Winters were present.
- 3-Commissioner Simpson moved to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2019 Commission meeting. Commissioner Winters seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 4- Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed Executive Director approvals. Commissioner Winters moved to ratify the Executive Director's approvals. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 5A-Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley 2020 meet requests. Commissioner Simpson moved to approve Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley's 2020 meet requests. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 5B-Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed Miami Valley Gaming and Racing 2020 meet requests. Commissioner Winters moved to approve Miami Valley's 2020 meet requests. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 6-Executive Director William Crawford discussed Commission Resolution 2019-08 Casino Revenue Distribution. Commissioner Simpson moved to approve the Resolution 2019-08. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 7-Executive Director William Crawford discussed Commission Resolution 2019-09 to allow the executive director to approve certain requests. Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Resolution 2019-09. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 8A-Executive Director William Crawford discussed the Commission's approval of Northfield Park to be settlement agents for Northfield Park, Belterra Park and Scioto Downs for 2020. Commissioner Simpson moved to approve of Northfield Park to be settlement agents for Northfield Park, Belterra Park and Scioto Downs for 2020. Commissioner Winters seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 8B-Executive Director William Crawford discussed the Commission's approval of Jack Thistledown to be its own settlement agent for 2020. Commissioner Winters moved to defer Jack Thistledown to be

its own settlement agent for 2020. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

8C-Executive Director William Crawford discussed the Commission's approval of Hollywood Gaming at Dayton and Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley for each entity to act as its own settlement agent for 2020. Commissioner Winters moved to approve Hollywood Gaming at Dayton and Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley for each entity to act as its own settlement agent for 2020. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

8D-Executive Director William Crawford discussed the Commission's approval of Miami Valley Gaming to act as its own settlement agent for 2020. Commissioner Hansen moved to approve Miami Valley Gaming and Racing to act as its own settlement agent for 2020. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

9-Dave Basler discussed the appointment of Mike Rone to a three-year term as a trustee for the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Health Fund. Commissioner Hansen move to approve the appointment of Mike Rone trustee for a three-year term for the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Health Fund. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

10-Zach Kurt discussed the State Auditor's bi-annual audit of the Commission finances. The audit reviewed 2018 and 2019 fiscal years. The State Auditor had two comments. One involving purse subsidy quarter reconciliations. The other comment was policies and procedures over revenue payroll and nonpayroll. The Commission has responded to each of those comments. The Commission has added the purse subsidy quarterly reconciliation into the policies and procedures. The policies and procedures over revenue have been updated and will be submitted to the Commission at a later meeting.

- 11- Dr. James Robertson, Commission consulting veterinarian, gave an update on catastrophic horse fatalities at Ohio racetracks. He stated there were three catastrophic breakdowns thru October 23, 2019. In 2019 there has been a total of 36 catastrophic deaths with 33 Thoroughbred and 3 Standardbred due to training or racing.
- 12-Sherry White, Commission Fiscal Officer, gave her monthly financial report. She stated Commission expenses are up two percent over last fiscal year due to payroll costs, information technology costs and travel costs.
- 13A-Commissioner Hansen gave a Medication Committee report. Executive Director Bill Crawford discuss the steps taken by the Commission to inform every one of the new therapeutic drugs thresholds. The Commission has sent out news releases about the thresholds. The new thresholds are listed on the Commission website. The Commission has sent out two different letters to every Commission licensed veterinarian informing them of the new thresholds and the procedures to have samples tested by the Ohio Department of Agriculture lab. Dr. Robertson is fielding calls from veterinarians about the thresholds and testing procedures. The Commission is going to have judges and stewards talking about the new thresholds with the horsemen.
- 13B-Commissioner Simpson gave a Safety Committee report. He stated the first safety committee meeting will be held on November 25, 2019 after the November Commission meeting.
- 14-John Oberle discussed VICI Properties proposed purchase of the Thistledown Racetrack real property from Jack Entertainment. Mr. Oberle discussed Gaming and Leisure Properties International proposed purchase of the Belterra Park real property from Boyd Gaming.

15-There were no public comments.

16- There being no further business, Commissioner Winters moved to go into executive session to discuss pending or imminent court actions with our counsel. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion to go into executive session was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Chairman Borgemenke stated after executive session, the commission would only move to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Winters moved to go out of executive session. Commission Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

17-Commissioner Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

The public meeting adjourned at 11:09 am.

Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting Monday, November 25, 2019 @ 10 am 77 South High Street, Room 1948 Columbus, Ohio 43215

Scott Borgemenke, Chairman

William Crawford Executive Director