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In The Matter Of:  
Florida Gaming Control Commission  
Public Meeting

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DATE: Thursday, February 5, 2026  
TIME: 9:32 a.m. to 11:12 a.m.  
LOCATION: Betty Easley Conference Center  
4075 Esplanade Way  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

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1 APPEARANCES:

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COMMISSIONERS

3 Chair Julie I. Brown

4 Vice Chair Tina Repp

5 Commissioner John D'Aquila

6 Commissioner Peter Cuderman

7 Commissioner William Spicola

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COMMISSION STAFF

10 Alana Zimmer, Executive Director

11 Brandon McCaffery, Deputy Executive Director

12 Elina Valentine, General Counsel

13 Joe Dillmore, Director of Pari-Mutuel Wagering

14 Carl Herold, Director of Law Enforcement

15 Marc Taupier, Deputy General Counsel

16 Justin Hundersmarck, Senior Attorney

17 Jamie Pouncey, Program Administrator

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20 OTHER PRESENT:

21 The Florida Channel

22 Various Members of the Public

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1 Proceedings began at 9:32 a.m.

2 CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Good morning, everyone.  
3 Today is February 5, 2026. This is the Florida  
4 Gaming Control Commission meeting. If you will  
5 please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, which  
6 will be led by Commissioner D'Aquila.

7 (Pledge of Allegiance)

8 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,  
9 Commissioner D'Aquila.

10 And we have some new folks joining us here on  
11 the bench and we're going to give them an  
12 opportunity in just a few moments to introduce  
13 themselves and share a little bit about them with  
14 you all.

15 It's an exciting time here at the Commission,  
16 but before we do that we are in a posture to take  
17 nominations for chair of the Gaming Commission.

18 Do I see any motions?

19 VICE CHAIR REPP: I'd like to make a motion to  
20 nominate Vice Chair Julie Brown as chair of the  
21 Commission.

22 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'd like to second  
23 that motion and nominate Julie Brown as chair of  
24 the Commission.

25 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. All those in favor

1 say aye.

2 (Aye responses)

3 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you all so much. And  
4 before we get into taking nominations for the vice  
5 chair, I first want to extend my sincere gratitude  
6 to Governor DeSantis for his trust in reappointing  
7 me the Commission for continuing to have competence  
8 in my service. I am honored beyond belief to this  
9 Commission.

10 I also want to thank my fellow commissioners  
11 and the new commissioners here for your trust and  
12 support as well as we move forward tackling some  
13 new and evolving issues in the Gaming Control  
14 Commission and it's just a privilege to serve here  
15 in this agency.

16 Finally, I do want to recognize commissioner  
17 -- former Commissioner Chuck Drago for his many  
18 years of service to the State of Florida and his  
19 contributions and dedication to this Commission  
20 since the inception. He is going to be missed.

21 With that, I would like to turn the  
22 theoretical gavel over to Commissioner Repp. She's  
23 going to preside over the nominations for vice  
24 chair, because I would like to make a motion.

25 Commissioner Repp.

1           VICE CHAIR REPP: Thank you. Are there any  
2 nominations for vice chair?

3           CHAIR BROWN: Yes. I would like to make a  
4 motion to nominate Commissioner Tina Repp as vice  
5 chair for a term of two years. And since  
6 Commissioner Repp's appointment in 2023 I have to  
7 say just your professionalism, fairness, and  
8 dedication to our Commission has just been  
9 incredible. And your background in law enforcement  
10 and law, you have such integrity and such sound  
11 judgment and I'm so excited to see what you can do  
12 over these next few years.

13          VICE CHAIR REPP: Thank you.

14          COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I would like to second  
15 that motion and add everything that  
16 Commissioner Brown just said.

17          VICE CHAIR REPP: All in favor.

18          (Aye responses)

19          CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. I will take the  
20 gavel back from you right now. Congratulations.

21          VICE CHAIR REPP: Thank you and thank you for  
22 your kind words. I too am grateful to the governor  
23 for his nomination and also the Commission for  
24 their trust and support of me. Thank you.

25          CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Vice Chair Repp, and

1 congratulations.

2 I'm going to give an opportunity for new --  
3 the new Commissioners, William Spicola,  
4 Commissioner Peter Cuderman to introduce themselves  
5 to you. They have extensive backgrounds and it's  
6 really exciting to be working with them already.

7 So we'll start with Commissioner Spicola.

8 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Good morning.

9 William Spicola. I'm really excited to be here. I  
10 cannot thank the governor putting his trust in me  
11 to take care of this position. I look forward to  
12 working with all the commissioners that have so  
13 much more experience than me, all the professional  
14 staff, and I think this is going to be a really  
15 great time as we continue to, you know, regulate  
16 that important industry here in Florida.

17 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Commissioner Spicola.  
18 Commissioner Cuderman.

19 COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: Thank you. Good  
20 morning. It's an absolute honor to be here. I'm  
21 thoroughly impressed by the caliber of folks that  
22 are working at the Gaming Control Commission.

23 When I was in the Governor's Office I made it  
24 a point to go out to all the different agencies and  
25 spend a couple days with them. And what I can say

1 about the Gaming Control Commission is -- is that  
2 every one of the tasks that they laid out in front  
3 of them when I went to meet with them a couple  
4 years ago have been met and exceeded.

5 It's particularly impressive the law  
6 enforcement aspect of this and the -- the work that  
7 you've done with different law enforcement,  
8 stakeholders across the state, sheriffs, police  
9 chiefs, and other agencies for the state, so very  
10 excited to be here. I look forward to being a part  
11 of a lot of these wins moving forward.

12 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Commissioner  
13 Cuderman. Well said. Thank you.

14 And with that, we are going to get right into  
15 the -- our agenda today. I will note we do have  
16 two attorney/client meetings at the end of the  
17 meeting, but I do anticipate this meeting being  
18 more brief than our usual meetings.

19 With that we're going into the approval of the  
20 meeting minutes and if the new commissioners have  
21 reviewed the minutes or watched them on TV on The  
22 Florida Channel, you are welcome to vote on that.

23 Can I get a motion to approve the January 8th,  
24 2025 -- '26 meeting.

25 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I make a motion to

1 approve the minutes of January 8, 2026.

2 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And a second.

3 COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: Second.

4 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. All those in favor  
5 say aye.

6 (Aye responses)

7 CHAIR BROWN: All right. We are going into  
8 our executive director update today. Hello and  
9 welcome.

10 MS. ZIMMER: Thank you. Good morning and  
11 welcome to our new commissioners.

12 It's been three months since I joined the  
13 Florida Gaming Control Commission and I'm really  
14 proud to share what we've done in the short amount  
15 of time.

16 Our incredible team works hard each and every  
17 day and it shows in both intangible and measurable  
18 ways. We've hired 13 new staff members, had over  
19 20 scheduled meetings with state lawmakers, joined  
20 two new social media platforms, and are  
21 consistently engaging new followers on all four of  
22 our platforms.

23 We've submitted 36 rule changes to update in  
24 advance our Commission's administrative procedures.  
25 We visited seven licensed pari-mutuel permit

1 locations across the state to get a better  
2 understanding of our partners, and we plan to get  
3 to the remaining 22 by the end of 2026. We've  
4 hosted two agency gatherings and participated in  
5 two community service events in the Tallahassee  
6 area.

7 Part of the people that are making this happen  
8 are our employees of the quarter, so I wanted to  
9 recognize each of these people.

10 The first person here is from administration  
11 and the administration's employee of the quarter is  
12 Brett Williams. During the quarter Brett has  
13 contributed to other roles outside of his position  
14 as applications development manager, which has had  
15 a very positive impact on Commission's operations.

16 And I can tell you firsthand, Brett has been  
17 helpful to me for any needs that I've had and I'm  
18 very -- I've been really impressed with his mind  
19 for innovation in our IT operations.

20 Brett continues to establish standards for  
21 application development and management streamlining  
22 the team's progress. He consistently finds ways to  
23 use resources more efficiently and effectively. He  
24 recognizes business needs and proactively addresses  
25 them for resolution.

1 He's always willing to assist regardless of  
2 the task's nature. He's a valuable team member and  
3 Division of Administration's employee of the  
4 quarter. So when I call you up here, Brett.

5 CHAIR BROWN: Congratulations, Brett.  
6 (Applause)

7 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Director. I know you  
8 have a few more.

9 MS. ZIMMER: From the Division of Gaming  
10 Enforcement we have LaTonya Banks who's our  
11 training accreditation manager. LaTonya spent the  
12 last several months meticulously reviewing agency  
13 policies to confirm compliance with the Florida Law  
14 Enforcement accreditation standards in an effort to  
15 posture the agency to apply for accreditation by  
16 the end of 2026. This is no small feat.

17 During this process she's made numerous  
18 recommendations on how to best modify our current  
19 policies to the standards. She's worked to create  
20 a training program to be used during the onboarding  
21 of new administrative positions to ensure  
22 standardized training across the three operational  
23 regions.

24 Additionally, every day she has a positive  
25 attitude and willingness to assist in whatever

1 capacity necessary demonstrating her  
2 professionalism and dedication to the mission of  
3 the agency. She's a true asset to DGE and is  
4 highly deserving of this recognition.

5 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

6 (Applause)

7 MS. ZIMMER: And she's wearing green.

8 Next up we have the office of our general  
9 counsel. This gentleman here to my left,  
10 Marc Taupier, he's our deputy general counsel and  
11 chief gaming enforcement legal adviser and the  
12 Office of the General Counsel wants to recognize  
13 Marc for his sharp legal skills and dedication to  
14 the success of the Office of the General Counsel,  
15 Division of Gaming Enforcement, and the Commission  
16 overall.

17 Marc is always willing to go the extra mile to  
18 support our mission, even serving as a special  
19 designated state attorney in a criminal case  
20 related to gambling offenses recently. And I can  
21 attest to how difficult that was and how great of a  
22 job he did in that -- in that particular matter.

23 CHAIR BROWN: Congratulations, Mr. Taupier.

24 (Applause)

25 MS. ZIMMER: And last but not least from

1 Pari-Mutuel Wagering we have Janai Cantero and she  
2 is the employee of the quarter here. She is an  
3 operations specialist assigned to the Hialeah Park  
4 Casino.

5 Although she's been with the FGCC for less  
6 than a year, she's consistently performed above  
7 expectations. She brings a bright and cheerful  
8 attitude to the workplace every day and I just want  
9 to say like that is one of the best parts of  
10 working at the Commission. Coming every morning  
11 and the attitudes of these people, it's contagious  
12 and people like this really help set that morale.

13 The past month Janai has demonstrated  
14 exceptional initiative in leadership. While her  
15 supervisor, Ernesto, was on vacation out of the  
16 country, she went above and beyond to support the  
17 team including additional licensing tasks.

18 She approached these responsibilities with  
19 eagerness and professionalism ensuring that operations  
20 continued smoothly in Ernesto's absence.

21 Additionally on November 13th and 14th Janai  
22 worked at the office alone when her coworker  
23 Flor had to take emergency leave. During  
24 this time she handled everything with composure and  
25 efficiency maintaining a high standard of service

1 and support.

2 Janai's proactive mindset, reliability, and  
3 positive demeanor make her an outstanding asset to  
4 the team, a deserving candidate of this  
5 recognition. And she of course is located in  
6 Hialeah, so she's not here today, but we have this  
7 certificate for her.

8 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Director Zimmer,  
9 and congratulations to her.

10 (Applause)

11 MS. ZIMMER: It feels a little weird holding  
12 someone else's...

13 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you for highlighting these  
14 individuals.

15 MS. ZIMMER: Thank you. Thank you. I'll turn  
16 it over next to Carl.

17 CHAIR BROWN: Director Herold, good morning.

18 MR. HEROLD: Good morning. And first  
19 congratulations, Chair and Vice Chair, and I'm very  
20 thankful to be here today and see our new  
21 commissioners and I know that you'll continue to  
22 guide and direct the agency in the fantastic way  
23 you've been doing for so long. So thank you and I  
24 appreciate the opportunity to speak.

25 Talking about the Gaming Enforcement Unit, I'd

1 like to highlight some of the activity that the  
2 unit had this past month. Fifty-two investigations  
3 were touched, and what that means is that some  
4 level of work was completed on 52 investigations  
5 that the investigators have.

6 The -- we had 15 businesses that were closed  
7 down or impacted because of operations this past  
8 month to include the seizure of 794 machines. We  
9 had 16 individuals who were arrested or received  
10 notice to appears, and a total of 28 charges  
11 against those 16 individuals.

12 And through our actions we were able to seize  
13 \$455,489 from our operations. And I think it's  
14 also important for me to identify that during those  
15 operations we seized two firearms and five grams of  
16 methamphetamine.

17 And I think that it's, you know, important to  
18 realize -- to share with everybody that the people  
19 that are actively involved in these bad activities  
20 with illegal casinos, bad people don't, you know,  
21 just stay within one lane. They -- they do bad  
22 things all the way around, and so in this  
23 particular case we see that there are drugs and  
24 there are illegal firearms being circulated within  
25 these locations.

1           Also this past month we had 245 investigative  
2 leads that came in through our file a complaint  
3 portal on our website. For -- 245 is about the  
4 median amount. It kind of circles between about  
5 215 all the way up to about 340. So it was about  
6 an average month for the investigative leads.

7           And as you probably already know 90 percent of  
8 our investigative leads come in through our  
9 portals, so we continue to stress to this -- the  
10 folks in Florida that it's important if you see  
11 illegal activity please get on our website and  
12 report those activities to us, because they have a  
13 meaningful impact on the investigations that we  
14 take into our into -- into our purview.

15           CHAIR BROWN: Director Herold, may I also just  
16 stop you for a second --

17           MR. HEROLD: Sure, please.

18           CHAIR BROWN: -- and highlight -- I think you  
19 inadvertently did not mention the destruction of  
20 additional slot machines, which now we are starting  
21 to see regularly, and I just want to compliment you  
22 on that and if you just want to highlight that  
23 aspect.

24           MR. HEROLD: Well, thank you. Destruction of  
25 slot machines is incredibly important, you know, we

1 only have so much warehouse space for the -- the  
2 cases that we take in. So we have one individual  
3 in our evidence property function that works very,  
4 very hard to coordinate with the State Attorney's  
5 Offices and local law enforcement to see if we have  
6 machines that can be destroyed.

7 This past month we only destroyed 200 -- 22  
8 machines, but I already have a list of nearly 400  
9 machines that are going to be destroyed this coming  
10 month.

11 So it is a lot of work, it's incredibly  
12 important. We have to be responsible with the  
13 resources that the state provides us, and so we're  
14 doing our due diligence in trying to take care of  
15 that.

16 CHAIR BROWN: Excellent. Commissioners, do  
17 you have any questions at this juncture for  
18 Director Herold?

19 Thank you.

20 MR. HEROLD: And that's pretty much it.

21 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. If there are no  
22 other questions for Director Herold, again, a great  
23 month. Continue the work you're doing. I know  
24 there are many active investigations going on and  
25 just compliment you regularly here.

1 MR. HEROLD: Thank you so much and I  
2 appreciate your support.

3 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. All right.  
4 Commissioner -- and there are no other updates at  
5 this juncture for executive director? Okay.

6 We are moving into Item 3, which is a  
7 discussion of amended application for pari-mutuel  
8 licenses. Ms. Pouncey is going to present the  
9 item.

10 MS. POUNCEY: Good morning. Jamie Pouncey for  
11 the record. Item Number 3.1 is Case Number  
12 2025-091281. Dania Entertainment Center has  
13 submitted an application requesting to amend their  
14 operating performances.

15 They're currently licensed for 90 and are  
16 asking to add one for a total of 91. They have  
17 submitted the required documents, applications, and  
18 the Division is recommending approval of this  
19 request.

20 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And, again, we have  
21 new commissioners, so I greatly appreciate staff  
22 providing all the relevant facts for these  
23 Commissioners. And, Commissioners, you are welcome  
24 to make motions as well. This is a very clean,  
25 straightforward matter that they've complied with

1 the statute.

2 So if we could get a motion to approve the  
3 staff recommendation on the item.

4 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll make the motion  
5 to approve the staff recommendation on the amended  
6 application.

7 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And a second.

8 COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: Second.

9 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

10 (Aye responses)

11 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. 3.1 passes and we're  
12 going to Item 4.1, which is a discussion of amended  
13 application for cardroom license.

14 MS. POUNCEY: Item Number 4.1 is Case Number  
15 2026-004760 is an application from West Volusia  
16 Racing to add an additional two tables to their  
17 cardroom for a total of 58 tables.

18 They have submitted the required application  
19 and documents and fee associated with those tables  
20 and the Division is recommending approval.

21 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. If there are no  
22 questions, can we get a motion to approve the staff  
23 recommendation on this item.

24 VICE CHAIR REPP: I'll make that motion.

25 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Vice Chair.

1 And a second.

2 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll second that  
3 motion.

4 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.  
5 (Aye responses)

6 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And now we are going  
7 into a discussion of default final orders.  
8 Mr. Hundersmarck is going to present them and just  
9 want to note if you can take up 5.3 and 5.4  
10 together.

11 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Good morning, everyone.  
12 Justin Hundersmarck for the record.

13 Item 5.1 is Stanko Bogovich, Case 2024-064428.  
14 The case materials include the administrative  
15 complaint alleging that respondent was a patron of,  
16 was ejected from, and was permanently excluded from  
17 Big Easy Casino.

18 The administrative complaint seeks permanent  
19 exclusion from all pari-mutuel and slot machine  
20 facilities in Florida. The Division attempted  
21 service via certified mail and hand delivery and  
22 completed service via publication.

23 Respondent did not respond by the January 16,  
24 2026, deadline. Therefore, the Division requests  
25 that the Commission enter an order with the

1 following findings: That the respondent was  
2 properly served the administrative complaint, did  
3 not respond within the deadline, and waived his  
4 right to request a hearing, that the factual  
5 allegations in the administrative complaint are  
6 adopted as the findings of fact in this case, that  
7 the conclusions of law in the administrative  
8 complaint are adopted as the conclusions of law in  
9 this case, and that respondent shall be permanently  
10 excluded from all pari-mutuel facilities and all  
11 facilities of slot machine licensees in Florida.

12 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Hundersmarck.  
13 Can you just address the service issue that is in  
14 this applicate -- or this final order.

15 I believe the individual submitted an email to  
16 you regarding service and was erroneously served on  
17 his father.

18 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Yeah. His father has the  
19 same name, so that person was served accidentally.  
20 Service by publication as a last resort when  
21 service by mail and personal service have not been  
22 successful and there's been a diligent -- an  
23 affidavit of a diligent search.

24 It requires four consecutive weeks of  
25 publishing the notice of action in a newspaper of

1 general circulation, the notice has to include  
2 respondent's name, the agency name, the case  
3 number, the description of the action, and the  
4 consequences of the failure to respond, then we  
5 provide an affidavit that the newspaper ran it.  
6 This can be treated as a default and a final order  
7 can be entered the same as if the person was served  
8 by mail.

9 CHAIR BROWN: Excellent. Thank you for that  
10 clarification.

11 Commissioners, are there any questions? If  
12 not, can we get a motion to enter a final order  
13 permanently excluding the respondent.

14 Commissioner.

15 VICE CHAIR REPP: I'll make a motion.

16 CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner D'Aquila.

17 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I will second that  
18 motion.

19 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

20 (Aye responses)

21 CHAIR BROWN: And 5.2.

22 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 5.2 is Ahmad Bostic,  
23 Case 2025-056663. The case materials include the  
24 administrative complaint alleging that respondent  
25 was a patron of, was ejected from, and was

1 permanently excluded from Harrah's Pompano Beach.

2 The administrative complaint seeks permanent  
3 exclusion from all pari-mutuel and slot machine  
4 facilities in Florida.

5 The case materials include the affidavit that  
6 service was completed on December 3rd, 2025.

7 Respondent did not answer by the 21-day deadline.

8 Therefore, the Division requests that the

9 Commission enter an order with the following

10 findings: That the respondent was properly served

11 the administrative complaint, did not respond

12 within the deadline, and waived his right to

13 request a hearing, that the factual allegations in

14 the administrative complaint are adopted as the

15 findings of fact in this case, that the conclusions

16 of law in the administrative complaint are adopted

17 as the conclusions of law in this case, and that

18 respondent shall be permanently excluded from all

19 pari-mutuel facilities and all facilities of slot

20 machine licensees in Florida.

21 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Hundersmarck.

22 Are there any questions on this item? If not,

23 can we get a motion to approve the staff

24 recommendation as presented.

25 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I will make a motion

1 to approve the staff recommendation as recommended.

2 CHAIR BROWN: Vice Chair, is there a second?

3 VICE CHAIR REPP: Second.

4 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

5 (Aye responses)

6 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. That passes and we  
7 are taking up 5.3 and 5.4. I will note there are a  
8 lot of exclusion items today on the agenda.

9 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 5.3 is Dagny Perez  
10 Martinez, case 2025-064963 and Item 5.4 is  
11 Jarisson Aviles, Case 2025-064993.

12 In 5.3 and 5.4 the case materials include the  
13 administrative complaints, both separately alleging  
14 that each respondent was a patron of, was ejected  
15 from, and was excluded for one year from Magic City  
16 Casino in both cases. The Division seeks permanent  
17 exclusion from all pari-mutuel and slot machine  
18 facilities in Florida.

19 The case materials include the USPS certified  
20 mail tracking information and confirmation of  
21 delivery on December 8th, 2025, in Case 5.3 and on  
22 December 23rd, 2025, in Case 5.4.

23 Neither respondent answered by the respective  
24 21-day deadlines. Therefore, in both of 5.3 and  
25 5.4, the Division requests that the Commission

1 enter an order with the following findings, that  
2 the respondent was properly served the  
3 administrative complaint, did not respond within  
4 the deadline, and waived his right to request a  
5 hearing, that the factual allegations in the  
6 administrative complaint are adopted as the  
7 findings of fact in this case, that the conclusions  
8 of law in the administrative complaint are adopted  
9 as the conclusions of law in this case, and that  
10 respondent shall be permanently excluded from all  
11 pari-mutuel facilities and all facilities of slot  
12 machine licensees in Florida.

13 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Hundersmarck.  
14 And for the benefit of the new Commissioners, can  
15 you address how if a permitholder ejects for a  
16 period of time as one year in our order finds them  
17 permanently excluded, how that will intertwine.

18 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: So when they do an  
19 ejection, it can become the basis of a statewide  
20 exclusion. Even if it's a temporary ban, the state  
21 ban can be permanent.

22 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

23 Commissioners, are there any questions?  
24 Seeing none can we get a motion to approve the  
25 staff recommendation on Item 5.3 and 5.4.

1 VICE CHAIR REPP: I'll make a motion to  
2 approve the staff recommendation on 5.3 and 5.4.

3 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

4 Commissioner D'Aquila.

5 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I will second that  
6 motion.

7 CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion? All those in  
8 favor say aye.

9 (Aye responses)

10 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Those items pass.  
11 We are moving on to 5.5.

12 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 5.5 is  
13 Francisco Veras, Case 2025-065537. The case  
14 materials include the administrative complaint  
15 alleging that respondent was a patron of, was  
16 ejected from, and was permanently excluded from  
17 Hialeah Park Racing and Casino. The Division seeks  
18 permanent exclusion from all pari-mutuel and slot  
19 machines facilities in Florida.

20 The case materials include the USPS certified  
21 mail tracking information and confirmation of  
22 delivery on December 17, 2025. Respondent did not  
23 answer by the 21-day deadline. Therefore, the  
24 Division requests the Commission enter an order  
25 with the following findings: That respondent was

1 properly served the administrative complaint, did  
2 not respond within the deadline, and waived his  
3 right to request a hearing, that the factual  
4 allegations in the administrative complaint are  
5 adopted as the findings of fact in this case, that  
6 the conclusions of law in the administrative  
7 complaint are adopted as the conclusions of law in  
8 this case, and that respondent shall be permanently  
9 excluded from all pari-mutuel facilities and all  
10 facilities of slot machine licensees in Florida.

11 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And,  
12 Mr. Hundersmarck, in this case there's another  
13 individual that was involved, has that individual  
14 been permanently excluded as well?

15 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: So we're completing service  
16 on that case. There was a case filed against that  
17 person as well.

18 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

19 Commissioners, are there any questions?

20 Yes, Mr. Cuderman.

21 COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: In the -- in this case  
22 there was a set of house rules that they said that  
23 these people were violating. You did confirm that  
24 that was in the house rules that was published in  
25 advance of them doing the act that they did?

1 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: I have not, but I could.

2 CHAIR BROWN: Follow up?

3 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: They also don't  
4 necessarily need to be violating the house rules.  
5 The objection can be valid even without that.

6 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

7 Commissioner D'Aquila.

8 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Yeah. I was just  
9 going to add the -- the -- how they conducted  
10 themselves, this particular individual, discussing  
11 right here is egregious and it's contrary to  
12 standards. I think that's what we're deciding is  
13 my understanding. So grounds of being excluded  
14 based on the conduct, not the application itself.

15 CHAIR BROWN: And in addition they were also  
16 ultimately arrested for trespassing, there's that.  
17 If there are no other questions, can we get a  
18 motion to approve the staff recommendation on  
19 Item 5.5.

20 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'd like to make a  
21 motion to approve the staff recommendation.

22 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And a second.

23 VICE CHAIR REPP: Second.

24 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

25 (Aye responses)

1 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And Item 5.6, which  
2 is not an exclusion case.

3 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: I have that as an  
4 exclusion. Item 5.6 is Nemanja Zgonjanin, Case  
5 2025-069421.

6 The case materials include the administrative  
7 complaint alleging that respondent was a patron of  
8 and was permanently ejected from Harrah's Pompano  
9 Beach. The administrative complaint seeks  
10 permanent exclusion from all pari-mutuel and slot  
11 machine facilities in Florida.

12 The case materials include the affidavit that  
13 service was completed on December 8th, 2025.  
14 Respondent did not answer by the 21-day deadline.

15 Therefore, the Division requests the  
16 Commission enter an order with the following  
17 findings: That the respondent was properly served  
18 the administrative complaint, did not respond  
19 within the deadline and waive their right to  
20 request a hearing, that the factual allegations in  
21 the administrative complaint are adopted as the  
22 findings of fact in this case, that the conclusions  
23 of law in the administrative complaint are adopted  
24 as the conclusions of law in this case, and that  
25 respondent shall be permanently excluded from all

1 pari-mutuel facilities and all facilities with slot  
2 machines licensees in Florida.

3 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

4 Commissioners, any questions? Seeing none,  
5 can we get a motion to approve the staff  
6 recommendation. Vice Chair Repp.

7 VICE CHAIR REPP: I'll make that motion.

8 CHAIR BROWN: And the second.

9 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I will second that  
10 motion.

11 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

12 (Aye responses)

13 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. 5.7, this one is not  
14 an exclusion.

15 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Right. Yeah. Item 5.7 is  
16 Morici Racing Stable LLC, Case 2025-070921.

17 The Division seeks the suspension of  
18 respondent's pari-mutuel wagering business  
19 occupational license due to a judgment of default  
20 for financial obligations related to racing at a  
21 Florida pari-mutuel facility.

22 Case materials included the USPS certified  
23 mail tracking information and confirmation of  
24 delivery on December 8th, 2025. Respondent did not  
25 answer by the 21-day deadline. Therefore, the

1 Division requests the Commission enter an order  
2 with the following findings: That respondent was  
3 properly served the administrative complaint, did  
4 not respond within the deadline, and waived its  
5 right to request a hearing, that the factual  
6 allegations in the administrative complaint are  
7 adopted as the findings of fact in this case, that  
8 the conclusions of law in the administrative  
9 complaint are adopted as the conclusions of law in  
10 this case, and that respondent's pari-mutuel  
11 wagering business occupational license is suspended  
12 until respondent satisfies its accumulated  
13 financial obligation or until the Commission  
14 receives confirmation that respondent entered into  
15 a payment plan to the satisfaction of all parties.

16 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Hundersmarck.  
17 And the payment plan obviously given the amount of  
18 unpaid financial obligations, I appreciate you  
19 providing that in the staff recommendation.

20 Commissioners, are there any questions? If  
21 not, can we get a motion to enter a final order  
22 suspending the pari-mutuel wagering business  
23 occupational license until the financial  
24 obligations have been confirmed and satisfied.

25 VICE CHAIR REPP: I'll make that motion.

1 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And a second.

2 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I will second that  
3 motion.

4 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.  
5 (Aye responses)

6 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. 5.8, please.

7 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 5.8 is Jennifer Lynn  
8 Carner, Case Number 2025-076323.

9 The Division seeks the revocation of  
10 respondent's cardroom employee occupational  
11 license.

12 The Division filed a four-count administrative  
13 complaint alleging that respondent was convicted of  
14 two disqualifying felony offenses, did not notify  
15 the Commission within 48 hours of the convictions,  
16 and did not notify the Commission within five days  
17 of either of her arrests.

18 The case materials include the USPS certified  
19 mail tracking information and confirmation of  
20 delivery on December 27th, 2025. Respondent did  
21 not answer within 21 days.

22 Therefore, the Division requests the  
23 Commission enter an order with the following  
24 findings: The respondent was properly served the  
25 administrative complaint, did not respond within

1 the deadline, and waived her right to request a  
2 hearing, that the factual allegations in the  
3 administrative complaint are adopted as the  
4 findings of fact in this case, and that the  
5 conclusions of law in the administrative complaint  
6 are adopted as the conclusions of law in this case,  
7 and finally that respondent's card room employee  
8 occupational license is revoked.

9 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Hundersmarck, and  
10 the disqualify -- disqualifying event is -- are so  
11 egregiousness here.

12 Commissioners, if there are no questions, can  
13 we please get a motion to approve the staff  
14 recommendation.

15 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I will make a motion  
16 to approve the staff recommendation as presented.

17 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And a second.

18 VICE CHAIR REPP: Second.

19 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

20 (Aye responses)

21 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. We are on to 5.9.

22 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 5.9 is Elba Virgen  
23 Mulet Pupo, Case 2025-076394. The case materials  
24 include the administrative complaint alleging that  
25 respondent was a patron of, was ejected from, and

1 was permanently excluded from Hialeah Park. The  
2 Division seeks permanent exclusion from all  
3 pari-mutuel facilities and all facilities of slot  
4 machine licensees in Florida.

5 The case materials include the USPS certified  
6 mail tracking information and confirmation of  
7 delivery on December 29, 2025. Respondent did not  
8 answer by the 21-day deadline on January 7th of  
9 this year.

10 Respondent filed a late election of rights on  
11 January 22nd waiving her right to a hearing,  
12 admitting to the findings of fact in the  
13 administrative complaint, and requesting that the  
14 Commission enter the actions set forth in the  
15 administrative complaint, which in this case was to  
16 enter a final order permanently excluding her from  
17 all pari-mutuel and slot machine facilities in  
18 Florida.

19 Therefore, the Division requests the  
20 Commission enter an order with the following  
21 findings: That the respondent was properly served  
22 the administrative complaint, did not respond  
23 within the deadline, and waived her right to  
24 request a hearing; that the factual allegations in  
25 the administrative complaint are adopted as the

1 findings of fact in this case, that the conclusions  
2 of law in the administrative complaint are adopted  
3 as the conclusions of law in this case, and that  
4 respondent shall be permanently excluded from all  
5 pari-mutuel facilities and all facilities with slot  
6 machine licensees in Florida.

7 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Hundersmarck.  
8 This one's very straightforward.

9 Commissioners, if there are no questions, can  
10 we get a motion to approve the staff  
11 recommendation.

12 VICE CHAIR REPP: I'll make a motion to  
13 approve the staff recommendation.

14 CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

15 COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: Second.

16 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

17 (Aye responses)

18 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And we are -- we  
19 have one miscellaneous final order, 6.1.

20 MS. VALENTINE: Item 6.1 is the Florida Gaming  
21 Control Commission versus Manuel Cepero, Case  
22 Number 2025-054088.

23 This case and this matter, the Commissioners  
24 duly considered this matter on the January 8  
25 meeting and voted for the entrance of a final order

1 excluding Mr. Cepero from all pari-mutuel wagering  
2 facilities in the state due to an inadvertent  
3 oversight. Mr. Cepero's late filed petition for a  
4 hearing was not handled as is the norm for the  
5 Commission.

6 Therefore, the Office of the General Counsel  
7 request that the Commissioners rescind the  
8 January 8, 2026, vote and relinquish the matter to  
9 the Clerk of the Commission for the issuance of an  
10 order to dismiss the petition for a hearing without  
11 prejudice.

12 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Just a minor  
13 procedural issue we're having here?

14 MS. VALENTINE: That is correct.

15 CHAIR BROWN: If there are no questions,  
16 Commissioners, can we get a motion to rescind the  
17 vote in this aforementioned styled case, Number  
18 2025-054088, relinquish the matter to the  
19 Clerk of Court for the issuance of an order  
20 dismissing respondent's petition for a hearing  
21 without prejudice...

22 VICE CHAIR REPP: I'll make that motion.

23 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And a second.

24 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I will second that  
25 motion.

1 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

2 (Aye responses)

3 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, General Counsel  
4 Valentine.

5 We have one item, discussion of request for  
6 waiver, 7.1.

7 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 7.1 is Joseph Damelio,  
8 Case 2025-081778.

9 Here the applicant applied for a pari-mutuel  
10 wagering general individual occupational license in  
11 order to work as a hot walker at Palmetto's  
12 Thoroughbred Training Center.

13 Upon review of the application it was  
14 discovered that he had been convicted of two  
15 disqualifying offenses, those were first criminal  
16 possession of stolen property, third degree felony  
17 from 1997, and second forgery, second degree felony  
18 also from 1997.

19 Back in 2020, he held a 90-day temporary  
20 license as an exercise trainer. He started the  
21 application for a three-year license back in 2020,  
22 but he did not complete it so that application  
23 expired.

24 On his initial application for this license  
25 received August 1st, 2025, he did not mark an

1 answer to the question asked about convictions or  
2 pleas to criminal charges.

3 And in the chart below that question, he  
4 listed an incomplete or inaccurate criminal record,  
5 mainly it was missing the two felony convictions  
6 from 1997 and the identity theft misdemeanor  
7 conviction.

8 However, it appears that the court disposition  
9 records were received within four days after his  
10 initial application before he was asked for them  
11 specifically in any deficiency letters. What the  
12 four deficiency letters asked for was for him to  
13 list the information in the application and for  
14 arrest reports.

15 On his request for waiver received  
16 September 29th, 2025, he marked yes on the first  
17 felony question. The other three questions did not  
18 apply to his application.

19 On his amended application received  
20 October 24th, 2025, he again provided an incomplete  
21 or inaccurate criminal record calling the felonies  
22 misdemeanors. He completed a waiver interview  
23 December 3rd and the notes are included in the case  
24 materials.

25 For his 1997 felony convictions he was

1 sentenced to 10,000 in restitution. He said in the  
2 waiver interview that he repaid it in full.

3 However, there's no documentation to confirm that.

4 For his 2010 misdemeanors, the 250 in fines  
5 was transferred to collections and there's no  
6 documentation on whether or not it was paid.

7 In this case the 90-day processing time line  
8 has been waived, so there are no imminent deadlines  
9 and there's no staff recommendation on this case.

10 CHAIR BROWN: Again, for edification for new  
11 Commissioners, can you elaborate on what the  
12 licensure that he's applying for, hot walker.

13 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: So they walk the animals  
14 around the track after the races in order to help  
15 them recover.

16 CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, are there any  
17 questions? I'm curious about your thought from  
18 this.

19 Commissioner D'Aquila. Can you put your  
20 mic --

21 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: This matter as I  
22 understand it goes back over 30 years. And while  
23 there are two felonies, they're related. It is the  
24 use of a credit card that was not his for purchase;  
25 is that correct?

1 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: That's what he said in the  
2 waiver interview, yes, that it did stem from one.  
3 We actually don't have the arrest reports.

4 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: They're related,  
5 because I see they're both on the same date --

6 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: -- and -- and we have  
8 not had a felony since, on this particular  
9 individual, since 1997.

10 I understand there's been a misdemeanor or  
11 maybe a driving infraction, et cetera. Putting  
12 aside the difficulty with paperwork because of the  
13 time period involved, I'm inclined to consider  
14 granting his license in this instance for hot  
15 walker --

16 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: -- but I'm going to  
18 ask my fellow Commissioners for their comment.

19 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And I -- thank you  
20 very much, Commissioner D'Aquila.

21 I think General Counsel Valentine has  
22 something to address.

23 MS. VALENTINE: Yes, just two clarifying  
24 comments. The -- the misdemeanors are not  
25 disqualifying offenses for the purpose of the

1 licensure that he's seeking to obtain. However,  
2 they may be considered in terms of whether he's  
3 exhibited rehabilitation of good moral character  
4 since the disqualifying offenses.

5 And the second point of clarification is that  
6 while he's applying to be a hot walker, the type of  
7 license he would get would not then -- not preclude  
8 him from obtaining a different position within the  
9 pari-mutuel wagering facility that's not a hot  
10 walker but may be a different job.

11 CHAIR BROWN: Back of the house most likely.

12 MS. VALENTINE: Well, he wouldn't be able to  
13 have anything like a cardroom license or a slot  
14 machine license, so any jobs related to pari-mutuel  
15 wagering specifically.

16 CHAIR BROWN: Director Dillmore, did you want  
17 to add anything?

18 MR. DILLMORE: I was going to say exactly  
19 that. It's -- the hot walker generally is on  
20 the -- in the -- in the barn area where the horses  
21 are stabled, not necessarily in -- in the general  
22 facility itself.

23 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

24 Commissioners, are there any other comments or  
25 questions?

1 Vice Chair Repp.

2 VICE CHAIR REPP: Yeah. I've -- I reviewed  
3 this record actually a couple times and as I always  
4 say it's very concerning when I see that the  
5 application was on several occasions left  
6 incomplete, felonies marked as misdemeanors.

7 When we look to the -- the Florida Statute  
8 550.105, Subsection 5(c) I'm looking for this  
9 rehabilitation, I'm looking for some acceptance of  
10 responsibility.

11 And quite frankly I find the interview a  
12 little unsettling reading it and a lack of  
13 acceptance of responsibility and I don't see any  
14 letters of recommendation or real effort to show us  
15 that the requirements in the statute have actually  
16 been met to grant a waiver.

17 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you for your thoughts.

18 I have mixed feelings on this one and really  
19 wanted to see both of your input.

20 Yes, Commissioner.

21 VICE CHAIR REPP: I mean, I do understand a  
22 length of time has passed. I think -- when was his  
23 last contact with law enforcement? Was it at 2010?

24 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: His most recent arrest was  
25 January 2024, a rearrest for failure to appear,

1 there's no prosecution info, there's no indication  
2 of a plea, so it did not need to be disclosed. His  
3 most recent conviction was the 2010 identity theft,  
4 third degree misdemeanor.

5 VICE CHAIR REPP: And the fact the deception  
6 in an identity theft, I just -- like I said I'm --  
7 I'm looking at the requirements of 550 in the  
8 Florida Statutes and I -- I'm hesitant to believe  
9 that he's met those.

10 CHAIR BROWN: And you said this individual  
11 did -- was granted a license by I -- was it  
12 Pari-Mutuel Wagering Division at DBPR or was it the  
13 Florida Gaming Control Commission?

14 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Back then it would have  
15 been DBPR. It was a temporary 90-day license. He  
16 did not -- the application expired, so it's  
17 considered administratively denied. I believe he  
18 said licensed in other states.

19 CHAIR BROWN: I thought I saw that in the  
20 record too.

21 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I thought I saw other  
22 states.

23 CHAIR BROWN: Without disciplinary action.

24 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: He had -- he had a license  
25 for two to four months in 2001. Those were for

1 owner and trainer, that was in Florida. He had  
2 other state racing licensures, Maryland, New York,  
3 Delaware about 20 years ago.

4 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

5 Commissioners -- new Commissioners, I'm not  
6 going to put you on the spot, but if you do have  
7 any thoughts on this we -- I welcome them. Not --  
8 we do not have a statutory deadline as you said on  
9 this item.

10 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: So to address the  
11 point raised, would it be within our right to ask  
12 for some character references, and I use that in  
13 the plural?

14 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: I believe so.

15 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: All right. And maybe  
16 perhaps suggest we table this to the meeting and  
17 ask the applicant to provide them.

18 CHAIR BROWN: I would be inclined to support  
19 that just to see the additional rehabilitative  
20 measures that have been, because as Vice Chair Repp  
21 pointed out there's not a lot of details even  
22 substantiating that restitution has been made. If  
23 there's documentation that that would also give  
24 some comfort that rehabilitation has been made  
25 since the amount of time that has lapsed since he

1 was arrested.

2 If y'all are okay with it, there's no  
3 statutory deadline, we table this till next month  
4 and if the staff have clear direction of what we're  
5 asking for.

6 We'll look to General Counsel Valentine, clear  
7 direction. Okay. Thank you.

8 We are going to move on to Item Number --  
9 discussion of recommended orders, 8.1.

10 MR. TAUPIER: Marc Taupier for the record.

11 This is Item 8.1, FGCC versus  
12 Christopher Bryce Robinson, Case Number  
13 2025-016253.

14 The Commission filed an administrative  
15 complaint on July 23rd of 2025 alleging that  
16 respondent violated Rule 75-14.025 of the Florida  
17 Administrative Code, which was failing to secure  
18 the cash box located with -- inside a slot machine  
19 at PPI.

20 The respondent did timely submit an election  
21 of rights requesting a hearing disputing material  
22 facts under 120.57, Subsection 1. That was  
23 referred to the Division of Administrative Hearings  
24 for a final evidentiary hearing.

25 On November 18th of 2025, that hearing did

1 take place, presented by Emily Alvarado, chief  
2 attorney and myself.

3 After that hearing we proposed recommended  
4 orders to the ALJ submitted on December 25th.  
5 Mr. Robinson did not submit a proposed recommended  
6 order.

7 On January 16th of 2026, the administrative  
8 law judge issued her recommended order giving 15  
9 days for both parties to submit exceptions to the  
10 recommended order if there were any issues with the  
11 conclusions of law or findings of facts or the  
12 penalty imposed based on that finding of competent  
13 and substantial evidence.

14 Neither party submitted any exceptions to the  
15 recommended order. The recommended order  
16 recommended that the Commission enter a final order  
17 finding that the respondent did violate Rule  
18 75-14.025, Florida Administrative Code and enter an  
19 administrative fine of \$1,000.

20 Therefore, the Division of Pari-Mutuel  
21 Wagering is recommending that the Gaming Control  
22 Commission adopt the recommended order issued by  
23 the administrative law judge, enter a final order  
24 doing so, and administer a \$1,000 fine payable  
25 within 30 days of the filing date of the final

1 order.

2 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Taupier, and also  
3 to Ms. Alvarado for the additional time that this  
4 case involved -- was involved in. I appreciate the  
5 outcome too and the resolution.

6 Commissioners, if there are no questions, can  
7 we get a motion to approve the staff recommendation  
8 as Mr. Taupier just mentioned?

9 VICE CHAIR REPP: I'll make a motion to  
10 approve the staff recommendation.

11 CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

12 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I will second that  
13 motion.

14 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.  
15 (Aye responses)

16 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And we are going  
17 into license denials, 9.1 through 9.3.

18 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 9.1 is Erick Elieser  
19 Del Castillo-Polo, Case 2026-000271. The applicant  
20 applied in December 2025 for a PMW general  
21 individual occupational license to go to work as a  
22 hot walker at Palmetto's Training Center.

23 In August 2025 the Commission issued a final  
24 order under the authority of Section 16.7175,  
25 Florida Statutes revoking the occupational license.

1           This prior revocation by this Commission is a  
2   disqualifying offense under 550.105(5)(b). Here we  
3   ask the authorized staff to issue a letter of  
4   license denial.

5           CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Hundersmarck.

6           This one is just troubling in and of itself.  
7   If there are no questions at all can we please get  
8   a motion to issue a letter of license denial.

9           COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

10          CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And a second.

11          COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I will second that  
12   motion.

13          CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

14          (Aye responses)

15          CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. 9.2.

16          MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 9.2 is A'nya Latrice  
17   Williams, Case 2026-001769. The applicant is  
18   applying for a cardroom employee occupational  
19   license in order to work as a cashier at Palm Beach  
20   Kennel Club.

21          Upon review of the application received July,  
22   it was discovered that they had one disqualifying  
23   offense, a misdemeanor petite theft from 2020.

24          On her initial application she marked no on  
25   the question about whether she had been convicted

1 or had adjudication withheld for the listed crimes  
2 of dishonesty and put no on the question about any  
3 criminal charges. Neither of these were accurate  
4 because of the misdemeanor petite theft, which  
5 involves larceny.

6 On the amended application she disclosed the  
7 misdemeanor petite theft. She is eligible for a  
8 waiver, but she did not request one so there was no  
9 waiver interview. She did not waive the 90-day  
10 processing deadline, so the deadline is later this  
11 month. She paid her court costs and fees in full.

12 Here we ask the authorized staff to issue a  
13 letter of license denial.

14 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Hundersmarck.

15 Commissioners, I just have a problem with this  
16 one, because the license that she's applying for is  
17 directly related to money for the crime that she  
18 was convicted of.

19 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Yeah. It's a position  
20 of cashier in a cardroom as I understand. And  
21 while there is only one instance, I believe it is a  
22 shoplifting instance in 2021, I believe. She was  
23 18 years old if I understand the case correct.

24 I don't like to prohibit people's ability to  
25 earn income maybe this is not a good matching

1 skills considering the time it happened. If she is  
2 declined, she will also have an opportunity to  
3 appeal; is that correct?

4 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Correct. We would issue a  
5 letter of license denial, she would then have the  
6 ability to elect a hearing -- an informal hearing  
7 or formal hearing to make her case.

8 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Commissioner  
9 D'Aquila.

10 If there are no questions, can we please get a  
11 motion to issue a notice of license denial.

12 VICE CHAIR REPP: I'll make that motion.

13 CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

14 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I will second that  
15 motion.

16 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

17 (Aye responses)

18 CHAIR BROWN: On to 9.3.

19 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 9.3 is Alexis Delgado  
20 Romero, Case 2026-006640. The applicant is  
21 applying for a pari-mutuel wagering professional  
22 individual occupational license to be a trainer at  
23 Gulfstream Park.

24 On his initial application for this license in  
25 October 2025, he disclosed that the Commission has

1 previously revoked his pari-mutuel occupational  
2 license in a final order in September 2022.

3 This prior revocation by the Commission based  
4 on offense related to pari-mutuel wagering is  
5 disqualifying under Section 550.105(5)(b). Here we  
6 ask that you authorize a letter of license denial.

7 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Mr. Hundersmarck,  
8 can you just repeat. Did he disclose -- disclose  
9 this initially on his application? He's had  
10 several regulatory issues with other states as  
11 well. Did he disclose all of those, Louisiana I  
12 think and New Jersey?

13 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: I'm not sure if he  
14 disclosed them. I think we had to look them up in  
15 the ARCI data.

16 CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, do you have any  
17 thoughts on this item? If not, can we please get a  
18 motion to approve the staff recommendation.

19 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

20 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

22 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

23 (Aye responses)

24 CHAIR BROWN: Passes unanimously.

25 Now we are on to rulemaking, 10.1, my favorite

1 thing.

2 MS. VALENTINE: Item 10.1 is rule amendment  
3 with respect to Rules 75-2.020, 75-11.022,  
4 75.14.002, and 75-14.019. The amendments to these  
5 rules are as a result of the annual rule review  
6 that the Commission is required to perform by law.

7 In this case the Commission has identified  
8 four rules that require substantive changes in  
9 order to update the rules for current use.

10 And the -- the items in your materials are  
11 both a notice of rule development, a notice of  
12 proposed rulemaking, and all of the documents  
13 necessary to effectuate the final adoption of these  
14 rules.

15 For efficiency, the Office of the General  
16 Counsel requests the following: That the  
17 Commissioners authorize the publication of notice  
18 of rule development. And assuming that there are  
19 no workshops, that the Commissioners authorize the  
20 Office of the General Counsel to publish a notice  
21 of proposed rulemaking.

22 And then assuming there -- there is no request  
23 for a hearing or public comments, that the  
24 Commissioners authorize the Office of the General  
25 Counsel to enter into final rule development.

1           And then finally that the commissioners  
2           designate Executive Director Zimmer as the  
3           signatory on all of the documents necessary to  
4           effectuate the final adoption of these rules.

5           CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And I appreciate the  
6           summary for the Commissioners. If you have any  
7           questions, seeing none. Anybody get that great  
8           motion?

9           VICE CHAIR REPP: I'm going to give it a try.  
10          I'd like to move the adoption of the proposed rule  
11          and authorize Executive Director Alana Zimmer to  
12          sign all documentation necessary for the adoption  
13          of the proposed rule. Am I missing --

14          CHAIR BROWN: I would add actually the  
15          language that Director Valentine made regarding if  
16          there are no requests for comment or public  
17          hearing, that time of language; correct?

18          MS. VALENTINE: Yes, that we can enter into  
19          final rule adoption.

20          VICE CHAIR REPP: And that we can enter into  
21          final rule adoption.

22          CHAIR BROWN: Authorize Executive Director  
23          Zimmer to effectuate any and all documents  
24          necessary to final adoption. I think that's what  
25          you were saying.

1           VICE CHAIR REPP: And that is the motion I'm  
2 making.

3           CHAIR BROWN: That's right. Is there a  
4 second? Any discussion? All those in favor say  
5 aye.

6           (Aye responses)

7           CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Great.  
8 Collaborative work there. Okay. Wow. It's 10:25.  
9 We are in posture right now for public comment  
10 before we get into our attorney/client session.

11           Is there anybody in the public that would like  
12 to address us, any matter at all? Going once,  
13 going twice. Seeing none, thank you. We are going  
14 into -- we're going to direct this to  
15 Director Valentine right now.

16           MS. VALENTINE: The script, the Office of the  
17 General Counsel is seeking litigation advice from  
18 the Commissioners in litigation styled Florida  
19 Gaming Control Commission, Division of Pari-Mutuel  
20 Wagering versus Pavlo Kapynos. Case Number  
21 2025-0333551 and a case styled Forfeiture Sixteen  
22 Thousand Sixty-Five Dollars in U.S. Currency, Case  
23 Number 25-CA-543.

24           This advice relates to litigation strategy and  
25 settlement negotiations that may, therefore, be

1 discussed in private under Section 16.716 and  
2 286.011(8), Florida Statutes.

3 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Director Valentine,  
4 and before the public leaves, I just have to  
5 mention these things.

6 In connection with the performance of our  
7 duties, regulatory duties, it is necessary for the  
8 Commission to hear information that is exempt or  
9 confidential, specifically Commission counsel will  
10 be discussing litigation strategy and settlement  
11 negotiations with the Commissioners related to the  
12 litigation specified by OGC.

13 The closed meeting is scheduled for  
14 approximately 45 minutes, but could be a little bit  
15 less. And those in attendance are myself,  
16 Chair Julie Brown, Vice Chair Tina Repp,  
17 Commissioner John D'Aquila, Commissioner Peter  
18 Cuderman, Commissioner William Spicola.

19 Commission staff: Executive Director,  
20 Alana Zimmer; Deputy Executive Director,  
21 Brandon McCaffery; General Counsel,  
22 Elina Valentine; Director of PMW, Joe Dillmore;  
23 Director of Gaming Enforcement, Carl Herold; Chief  
24 of Law Enforcement, Gary Snyder; Chief of  
25 Intelligence & Analytical Support Services,

**Pursuant to Sections 16.716 and 286.011(8), Florida Statutes.  
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1 Christina Linton; Director of Admin, Lisa Mustain;  
2 Deputy General Counsel, Marc Taupier; and Senior  
3 Attorneys, Shireen Anbardan and Justin  
4 Hundersmarck; Business Manager, Dixie Parker and  
5 Brandy Humphries; and our certified court reporter.

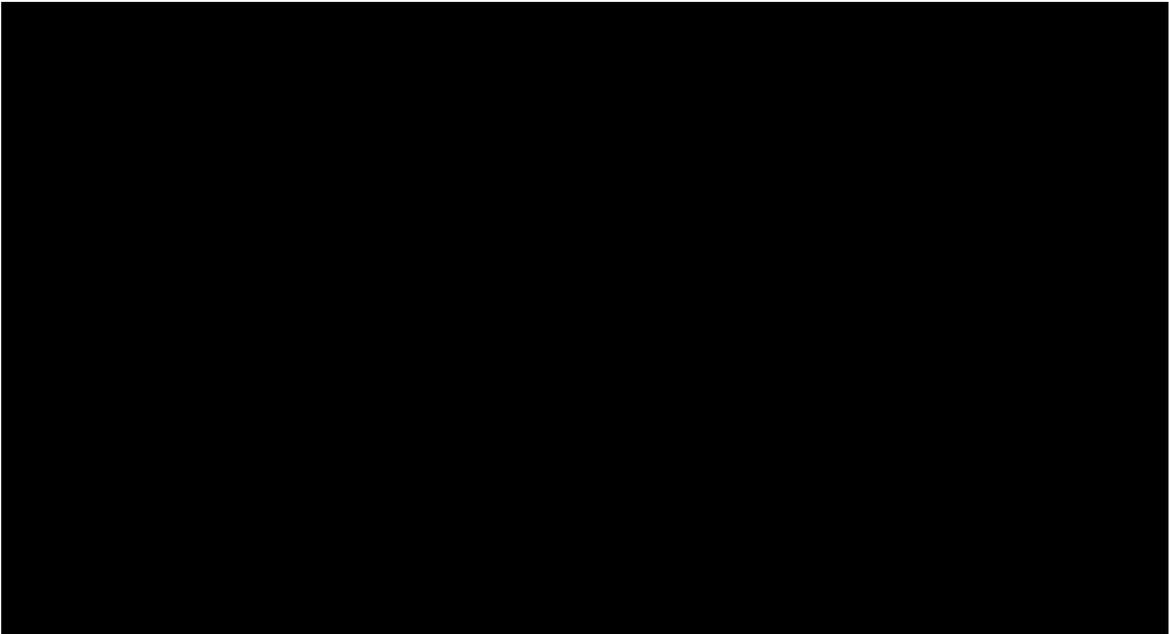
6 The closed meeting will be recorded and  
7 transcribed as required by law. For the record the  
8 time is now 10:28 a.m. and I will ask The Florida  
9 Channel to discontinue the live feed for the next  
10 roughly 45 minutes so that the Commission may  
11 conduct a closed meeting.

12 And so with that, thank you all that's in  
13 attendance. We will reopen the meeting in 45  
14 minutes.

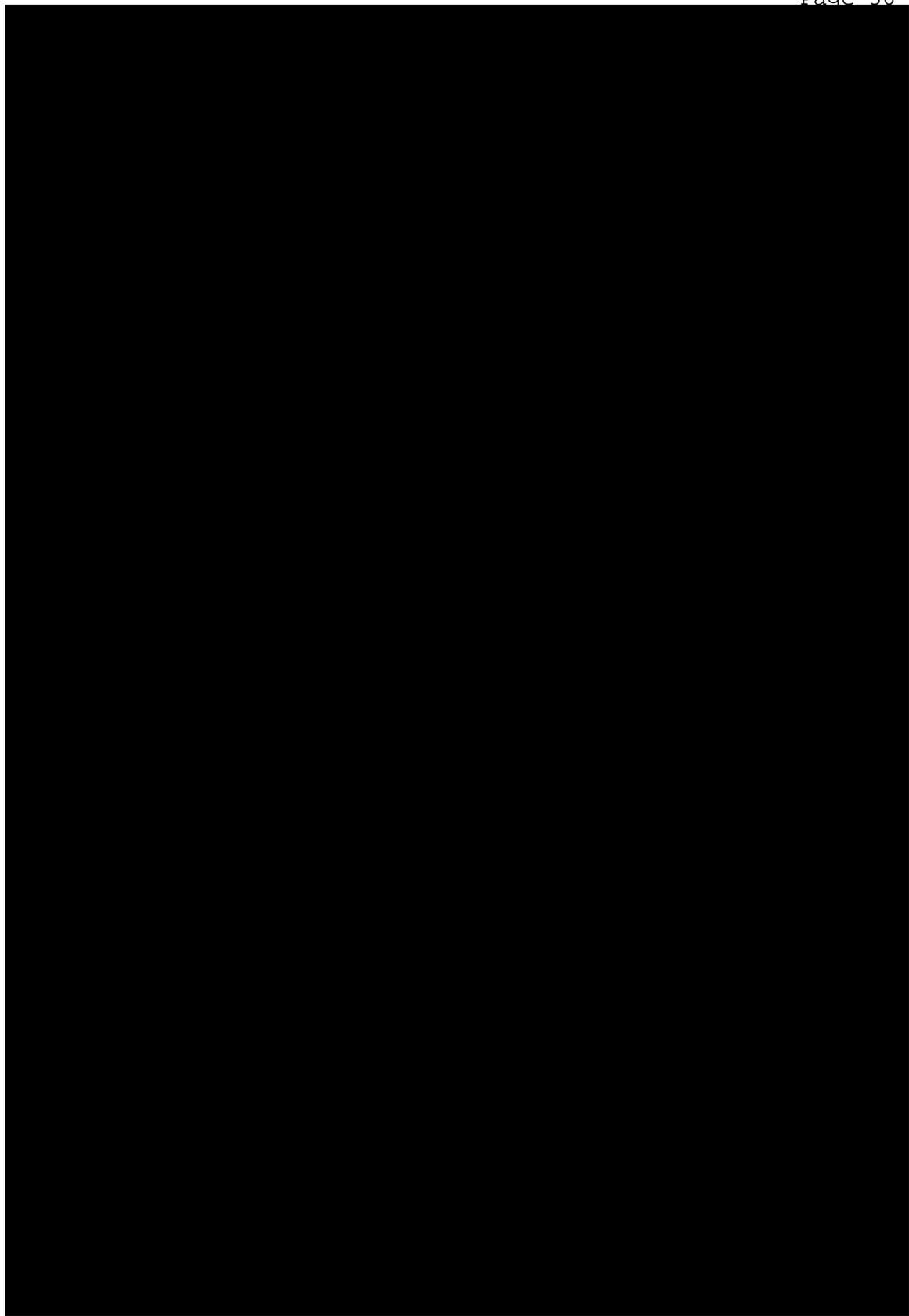
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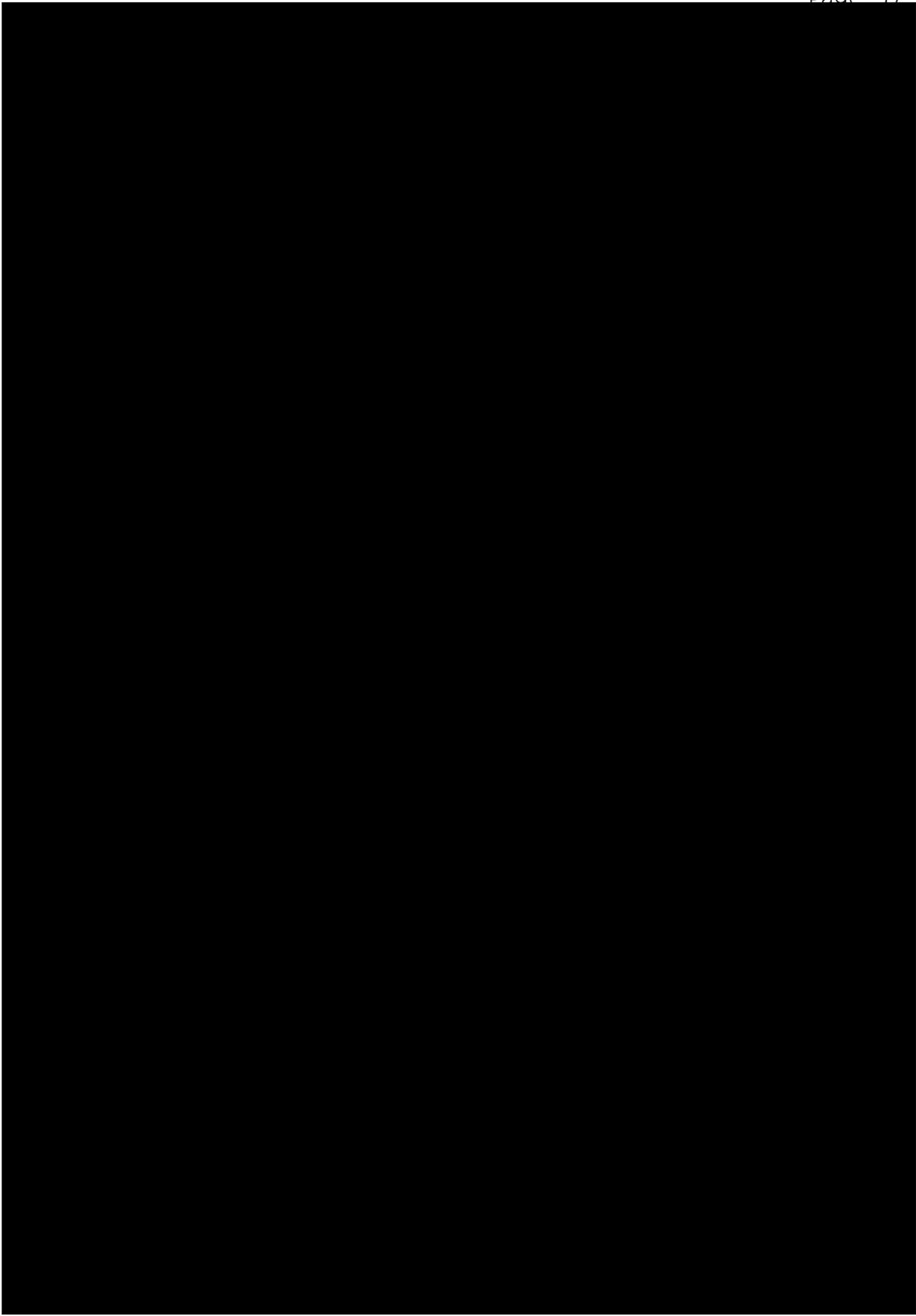
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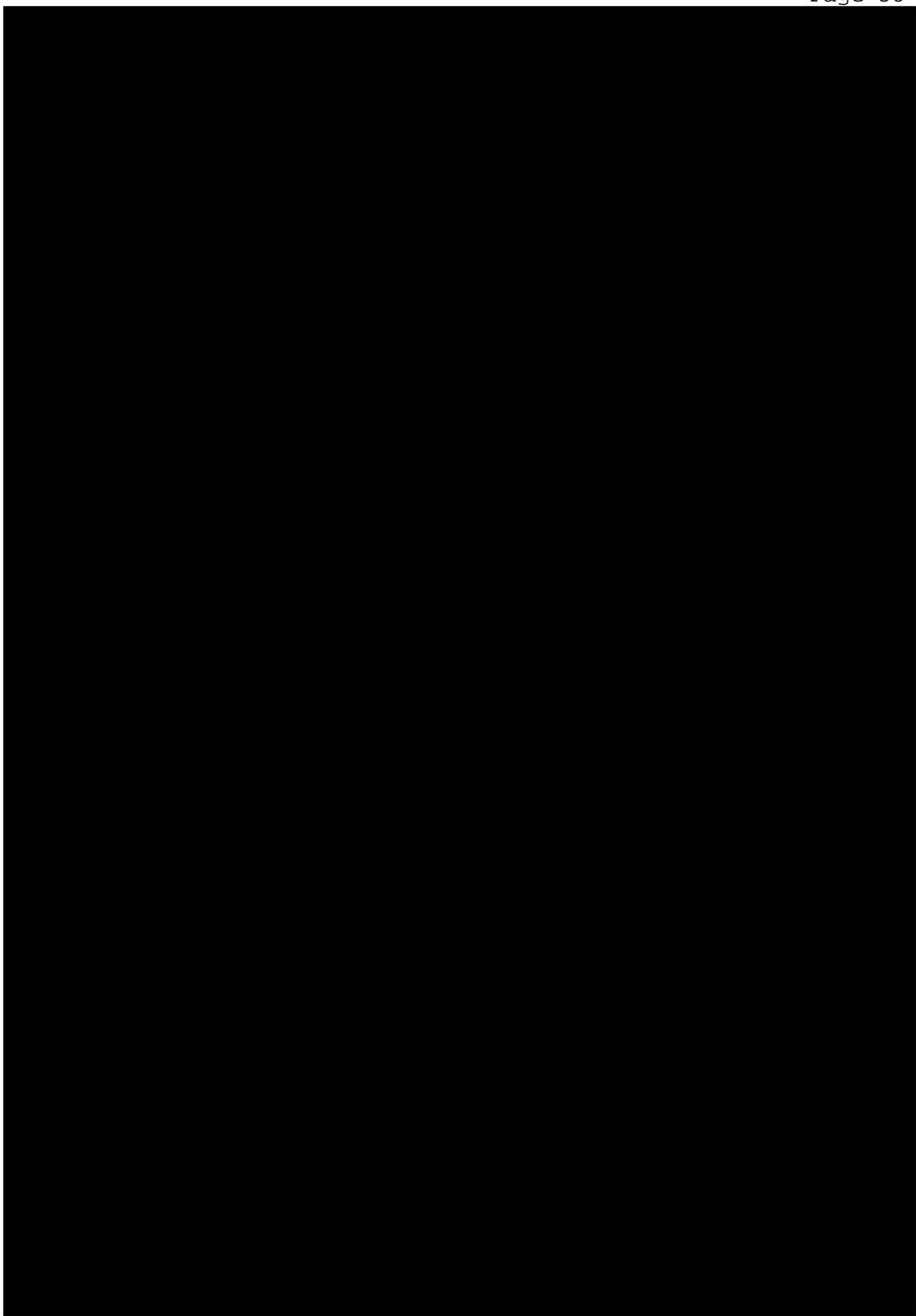
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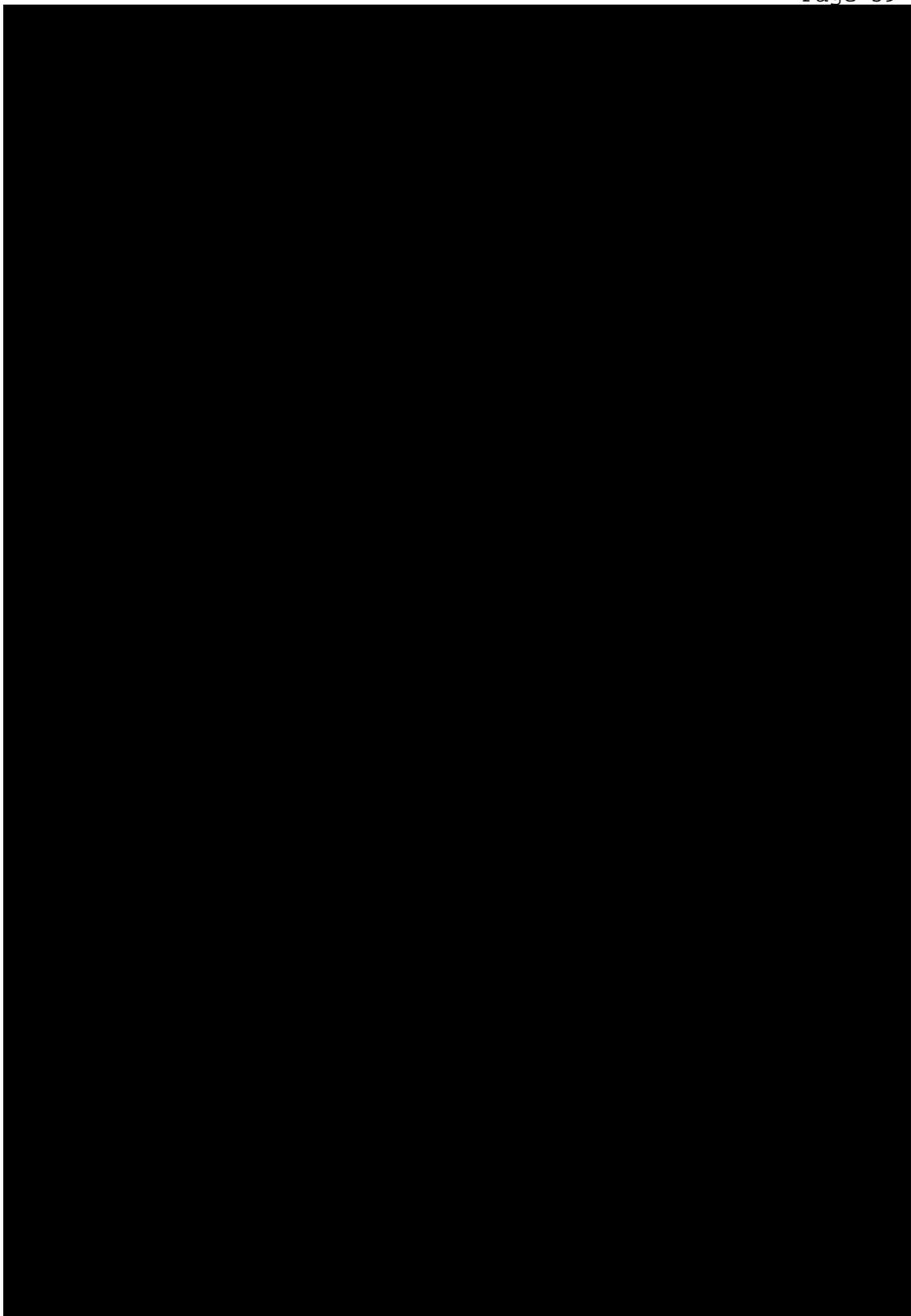
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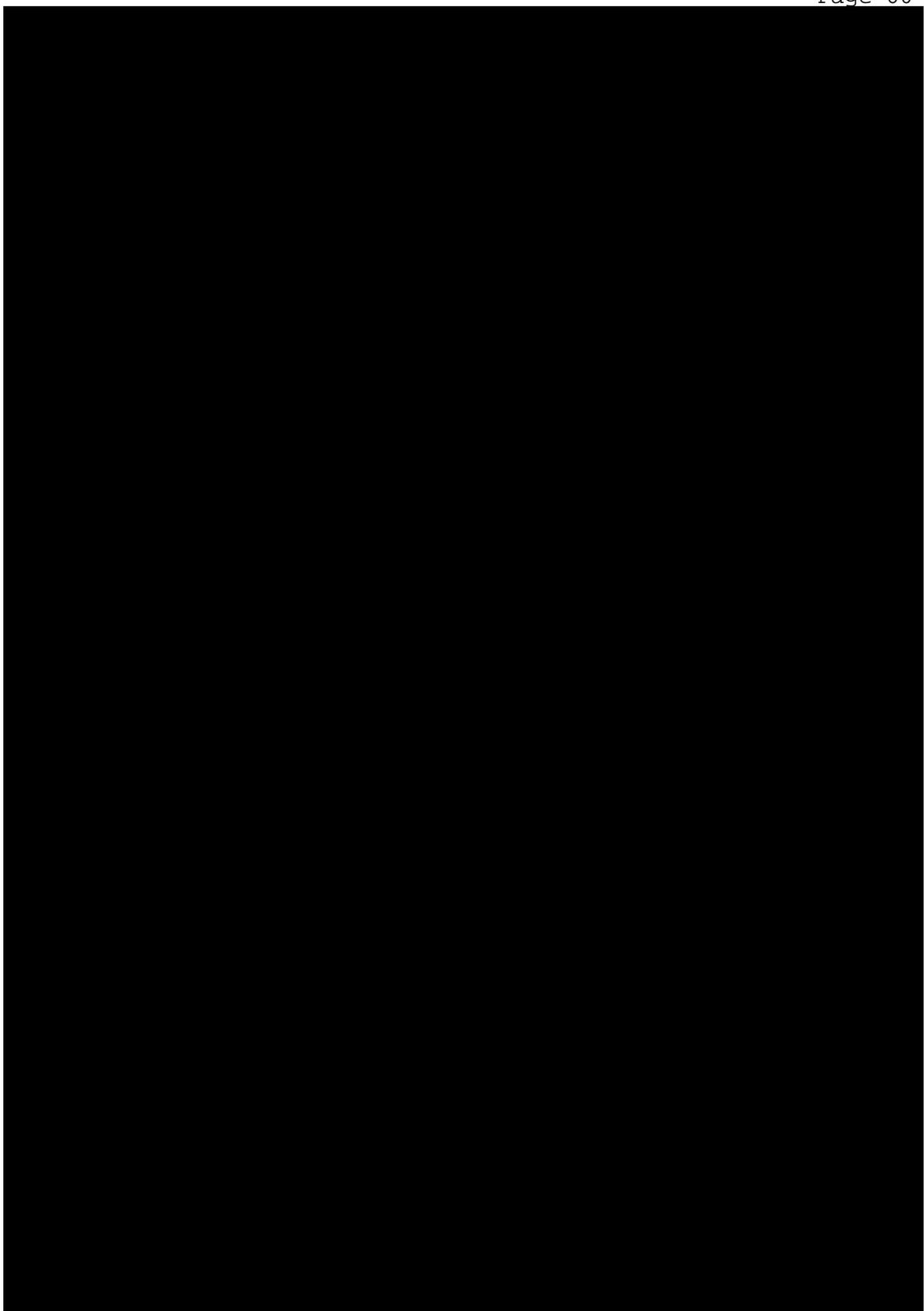
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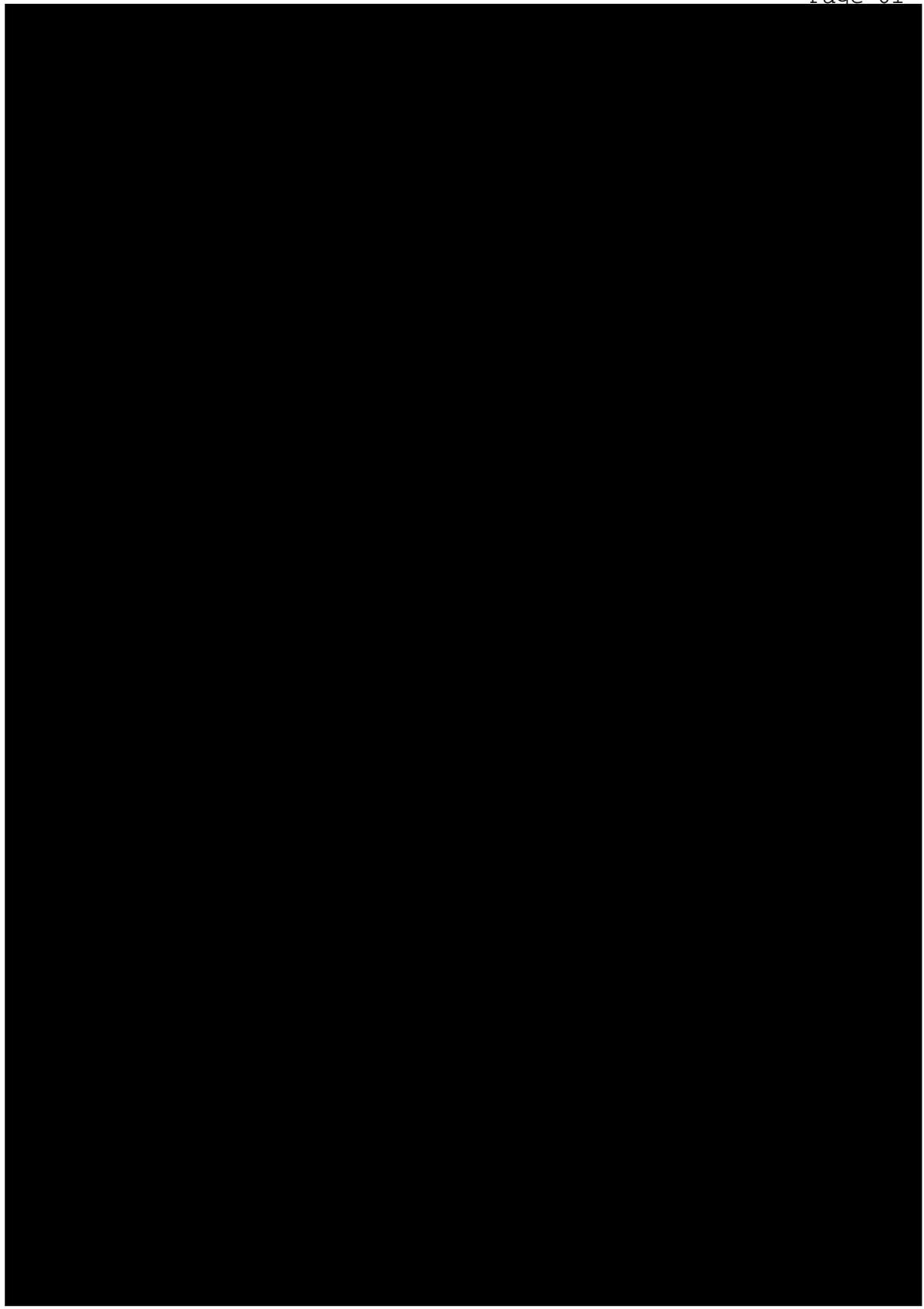
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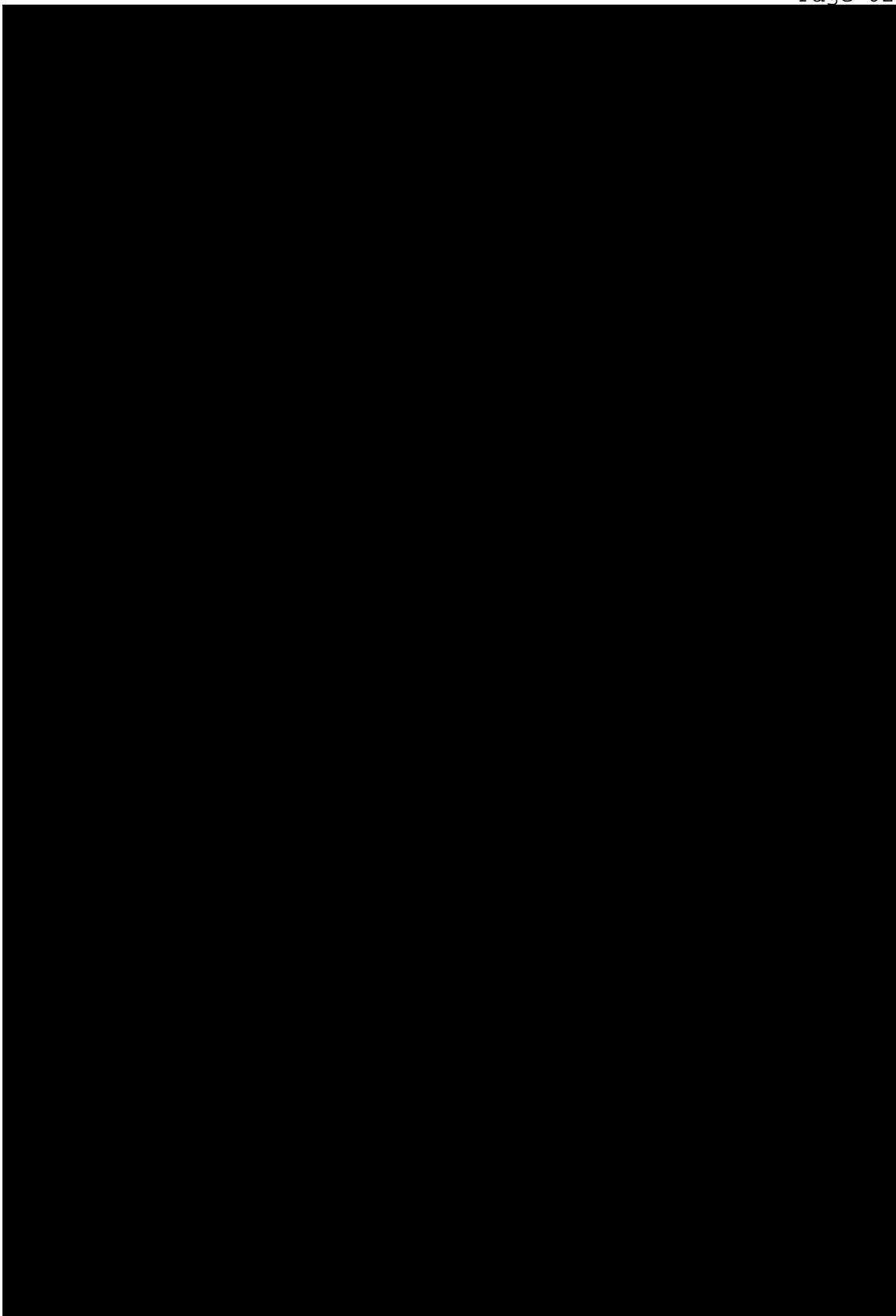
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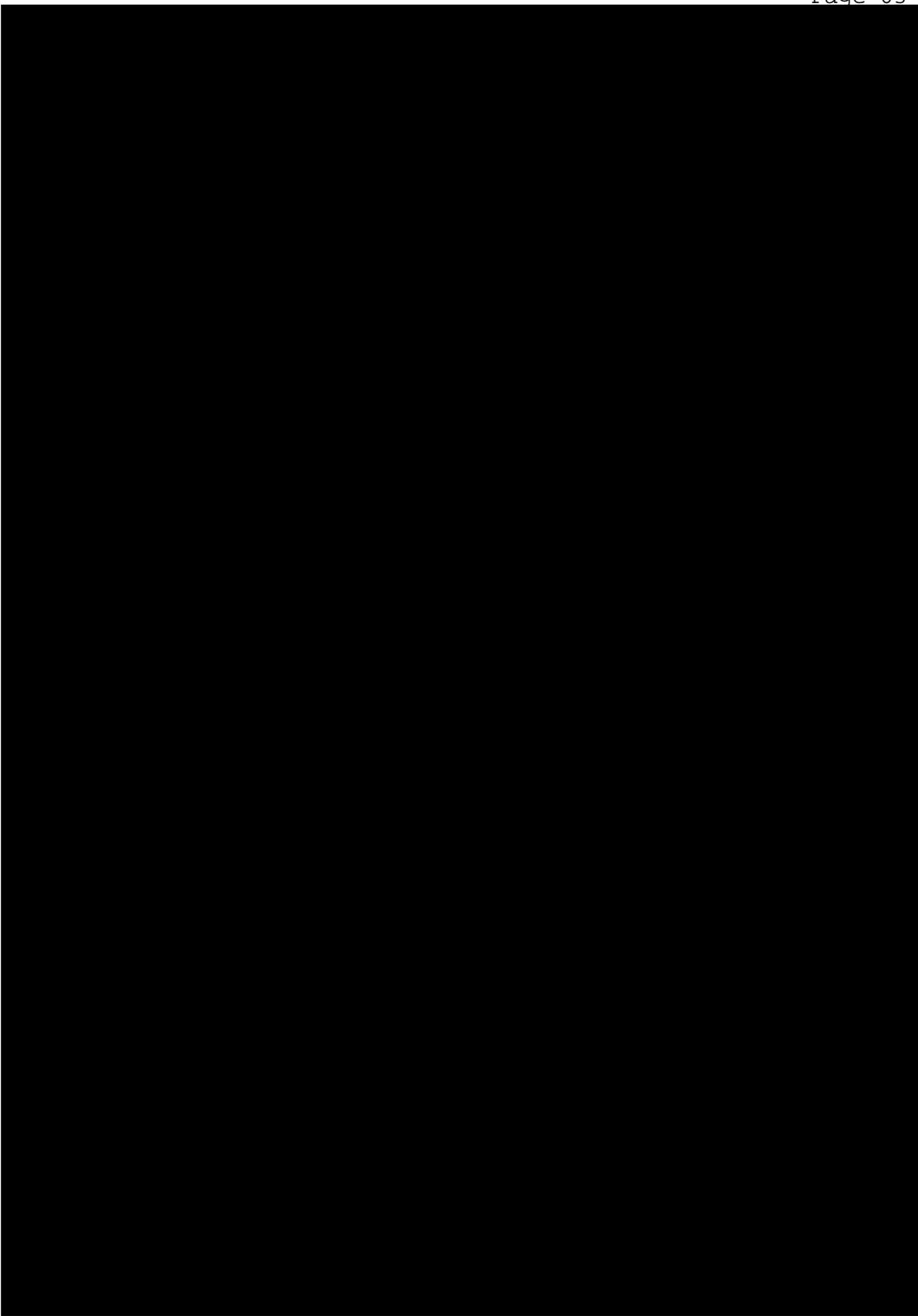
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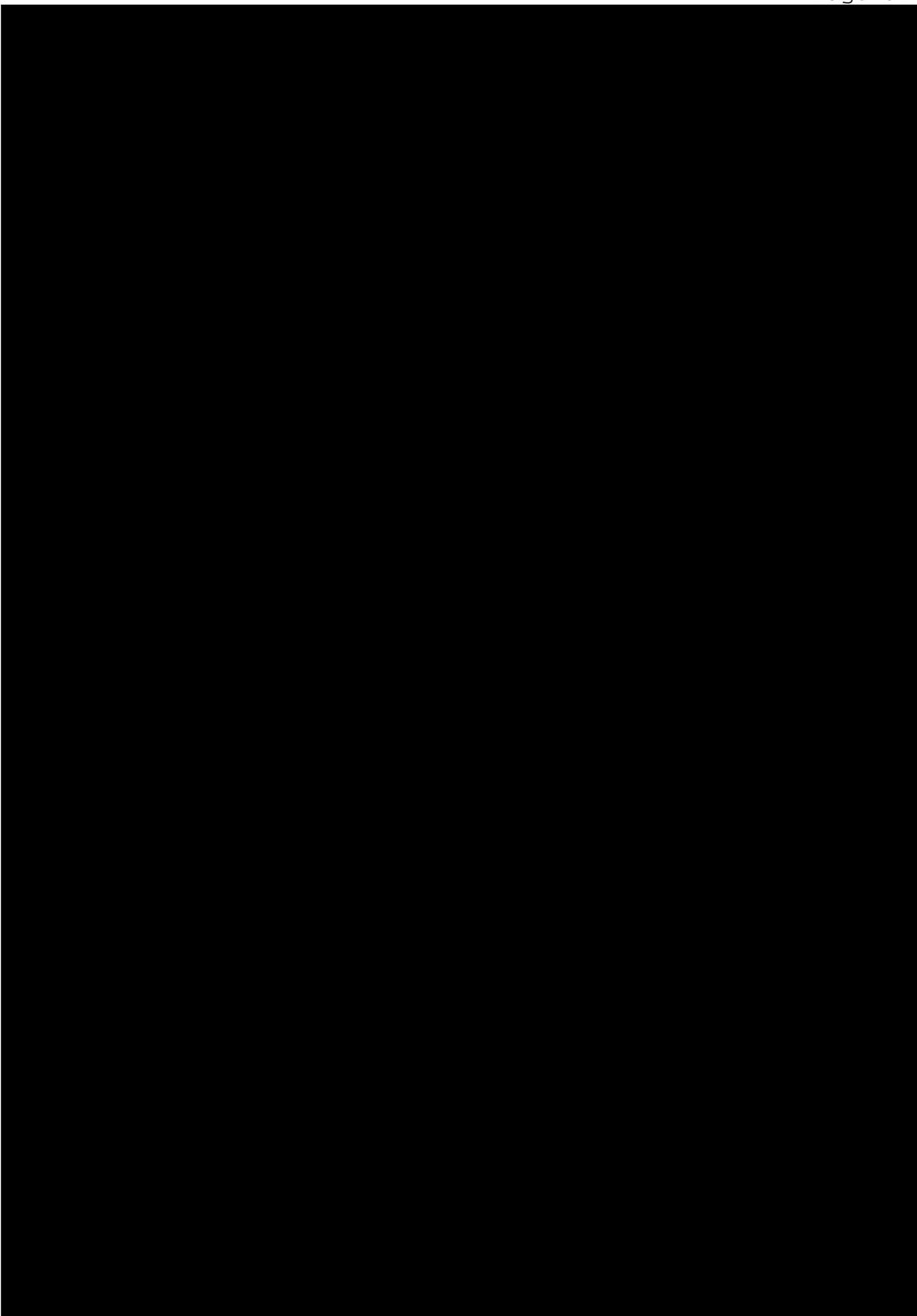
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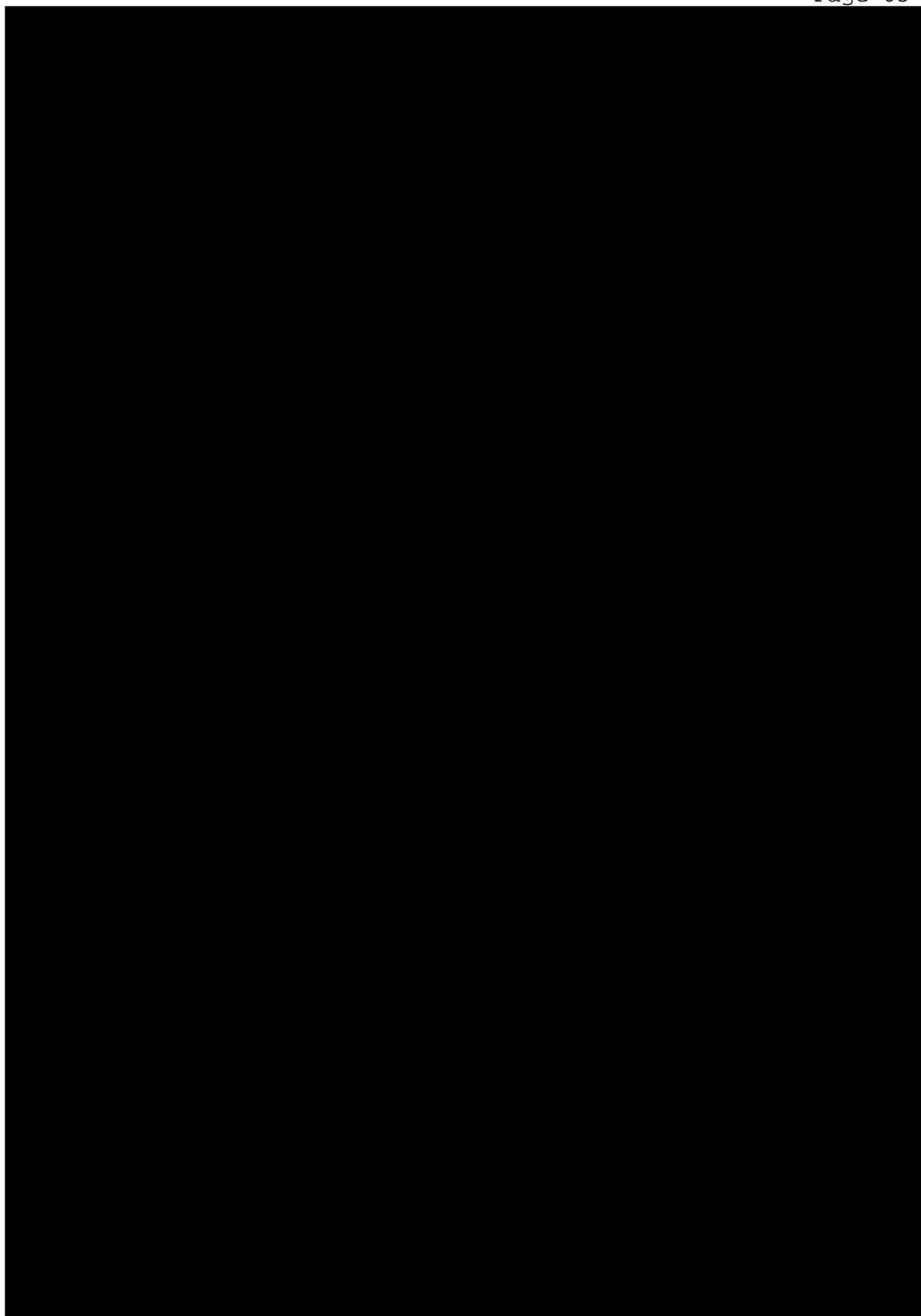
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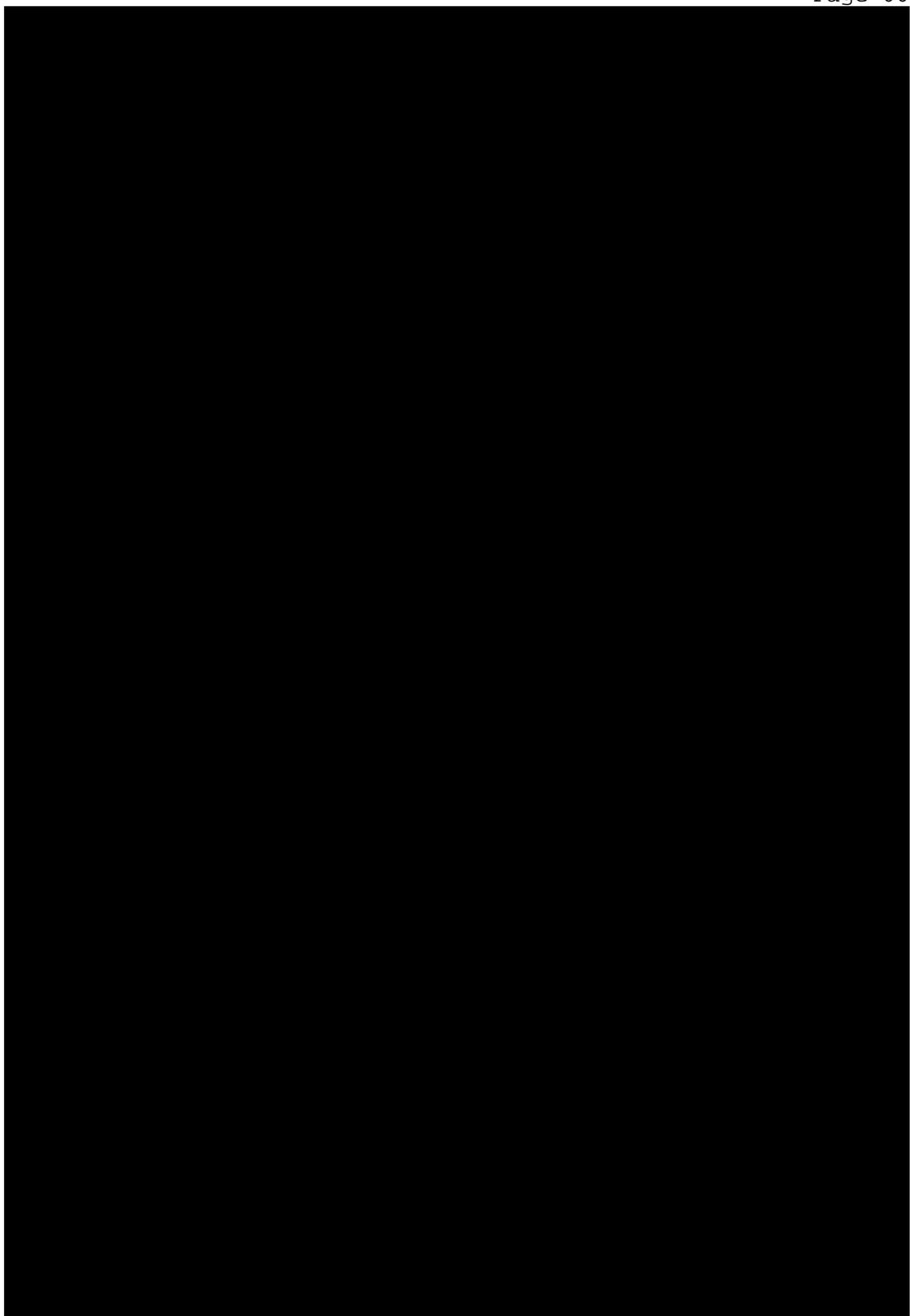
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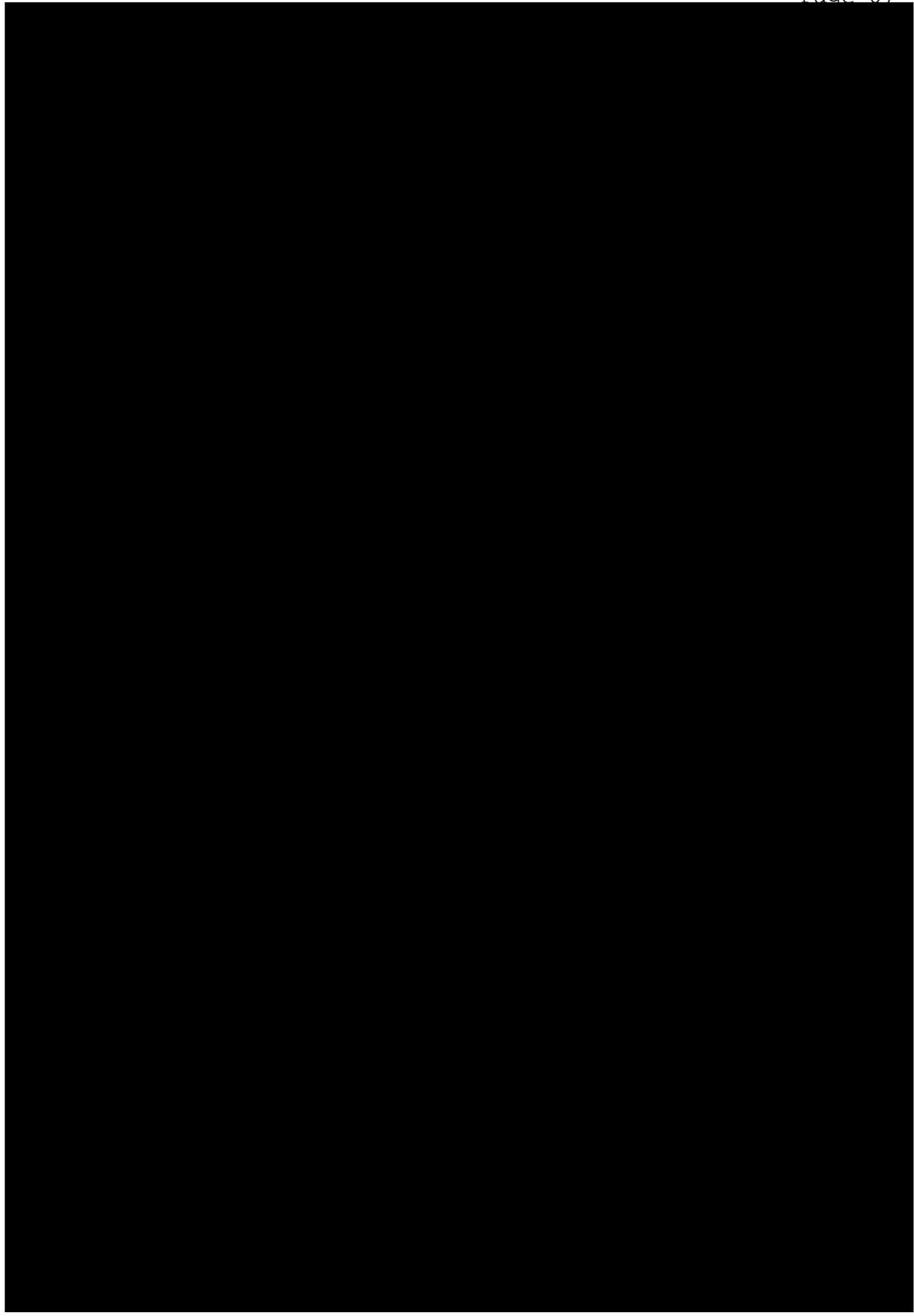
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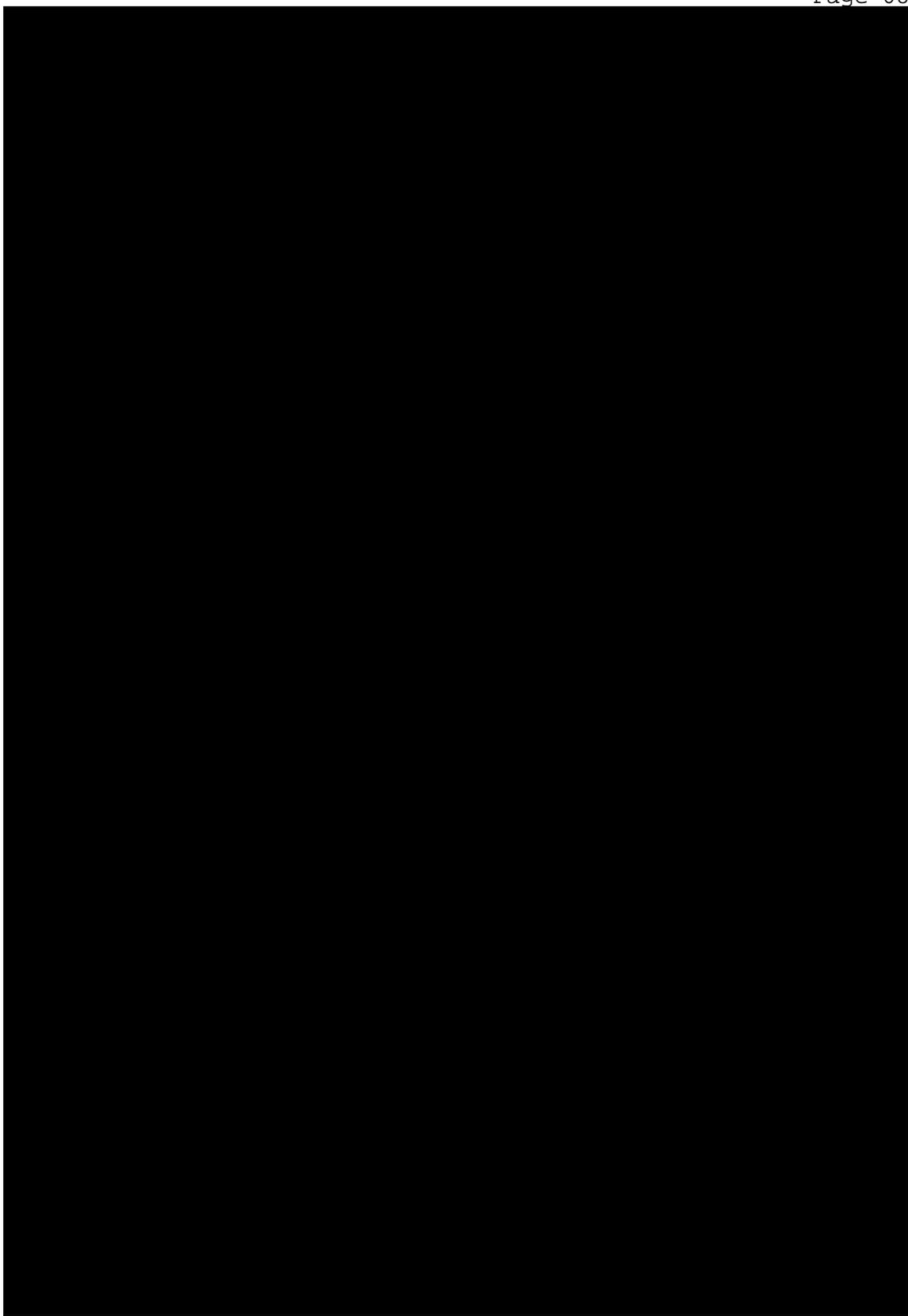
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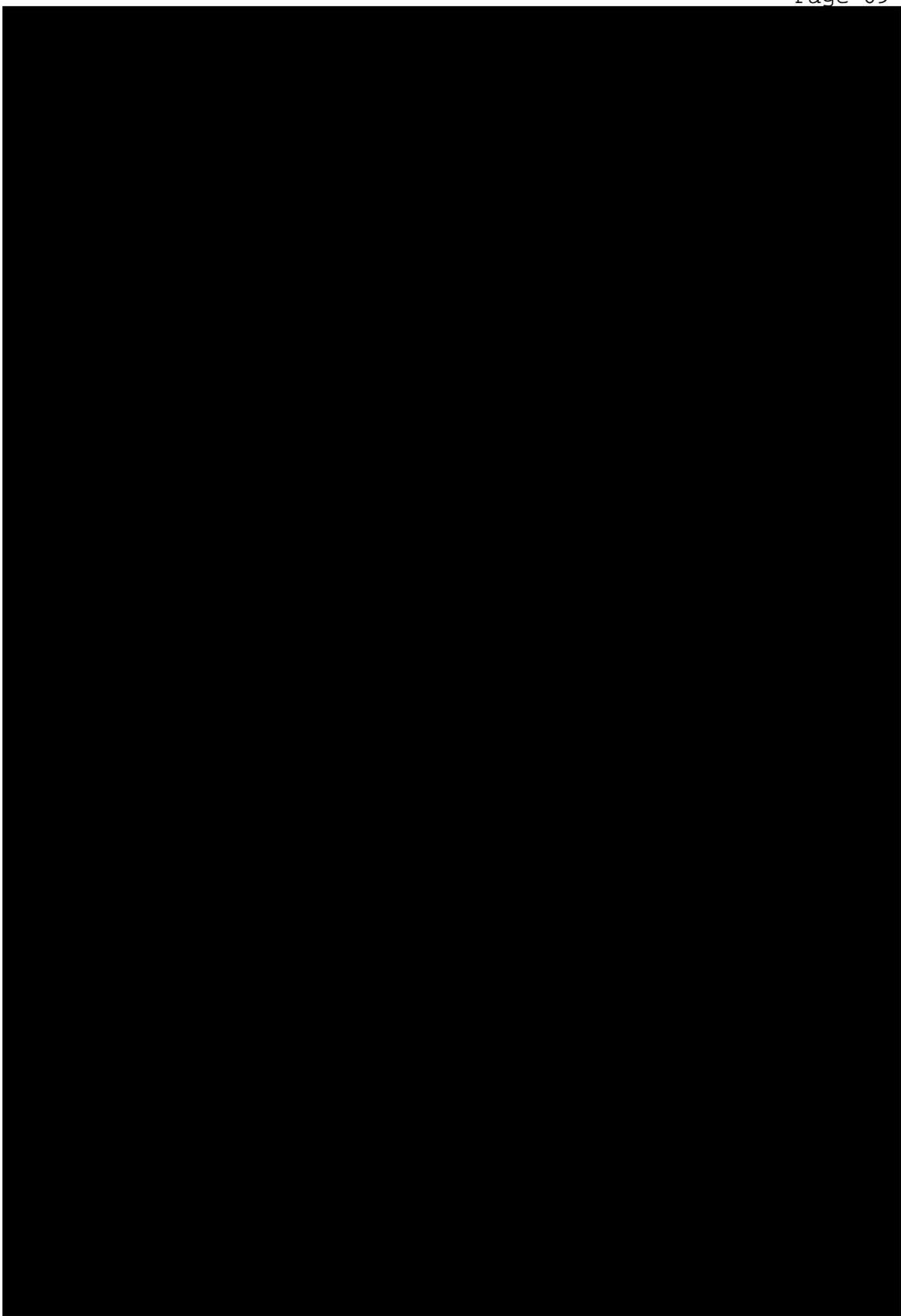
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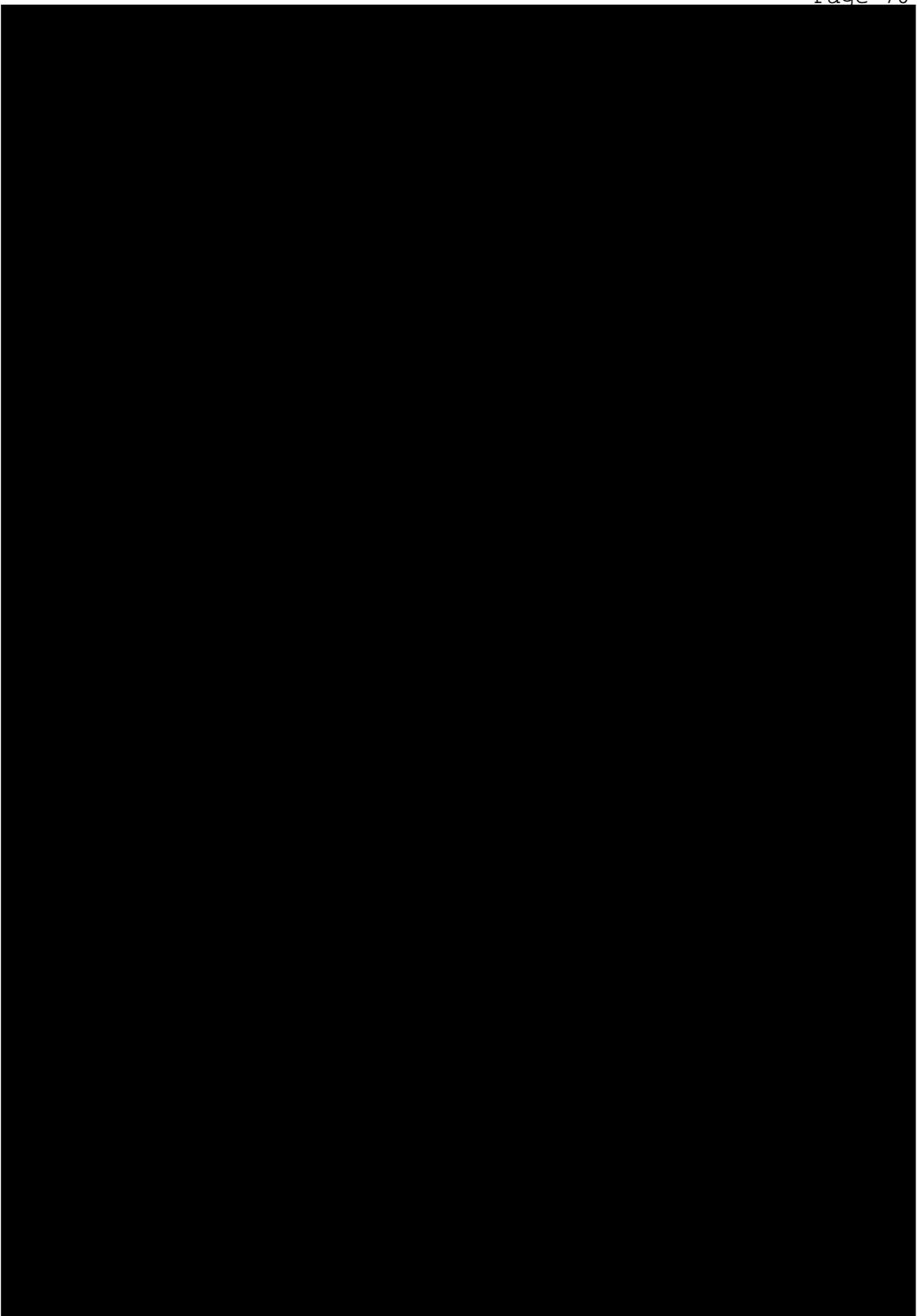
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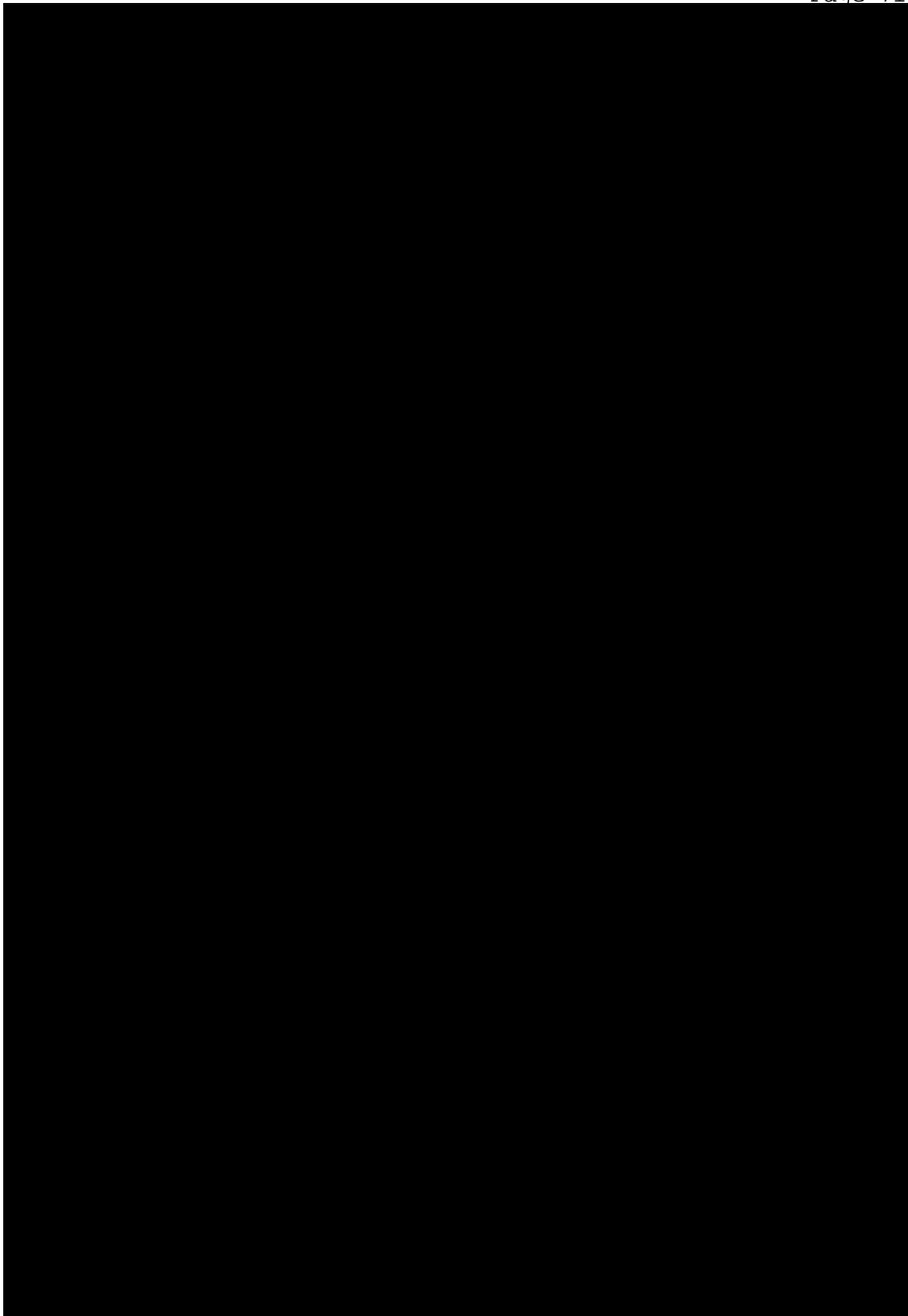
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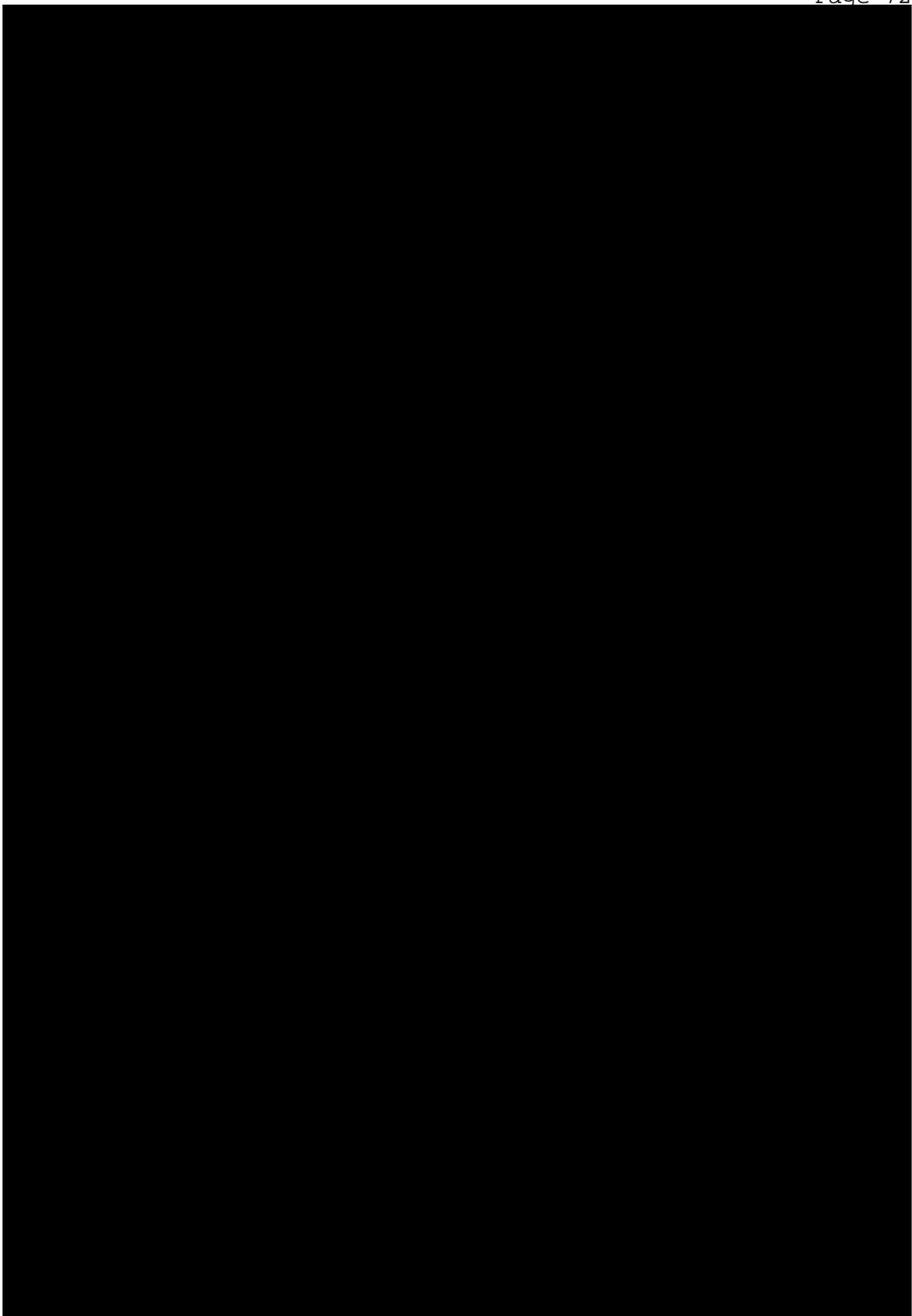
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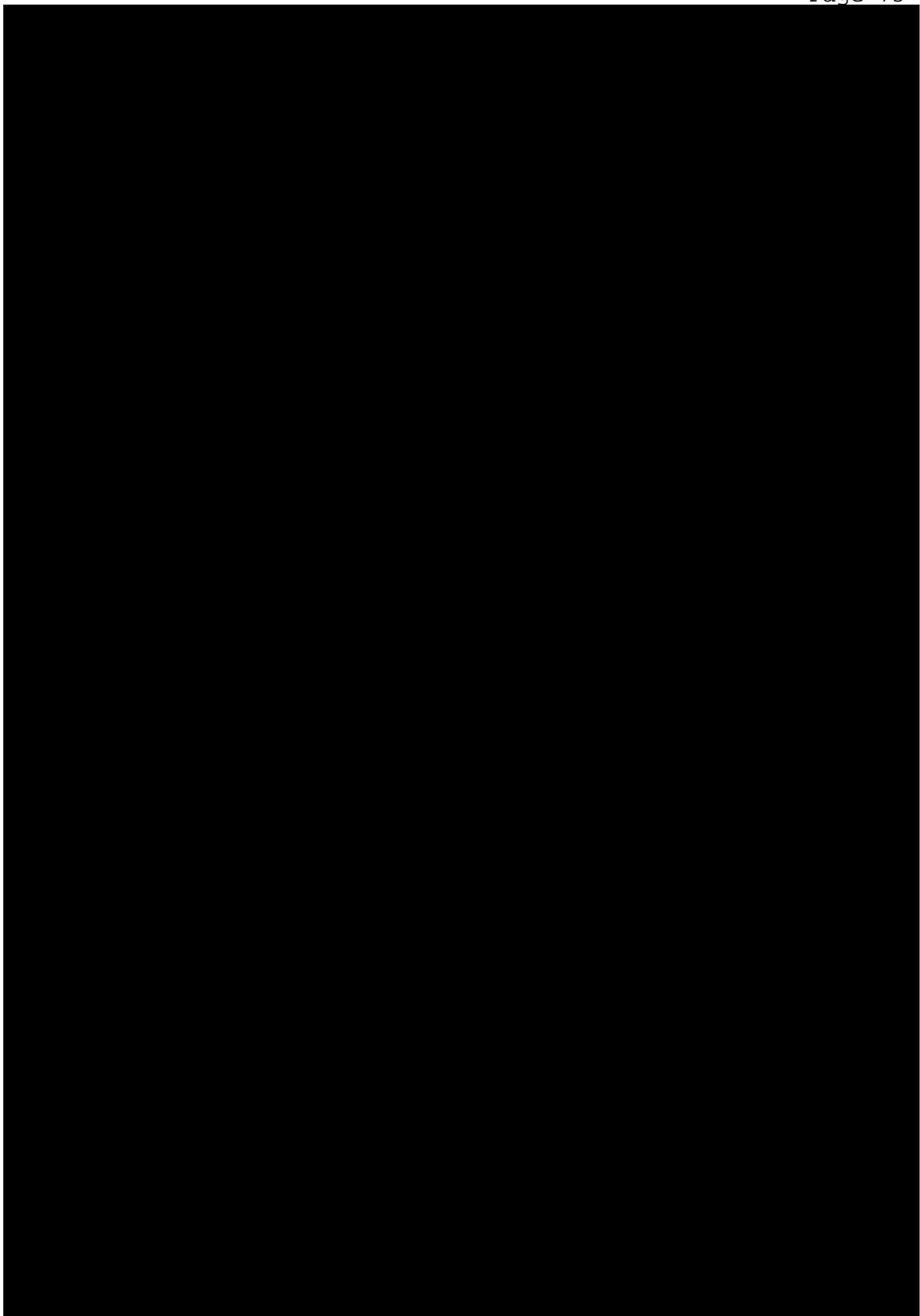
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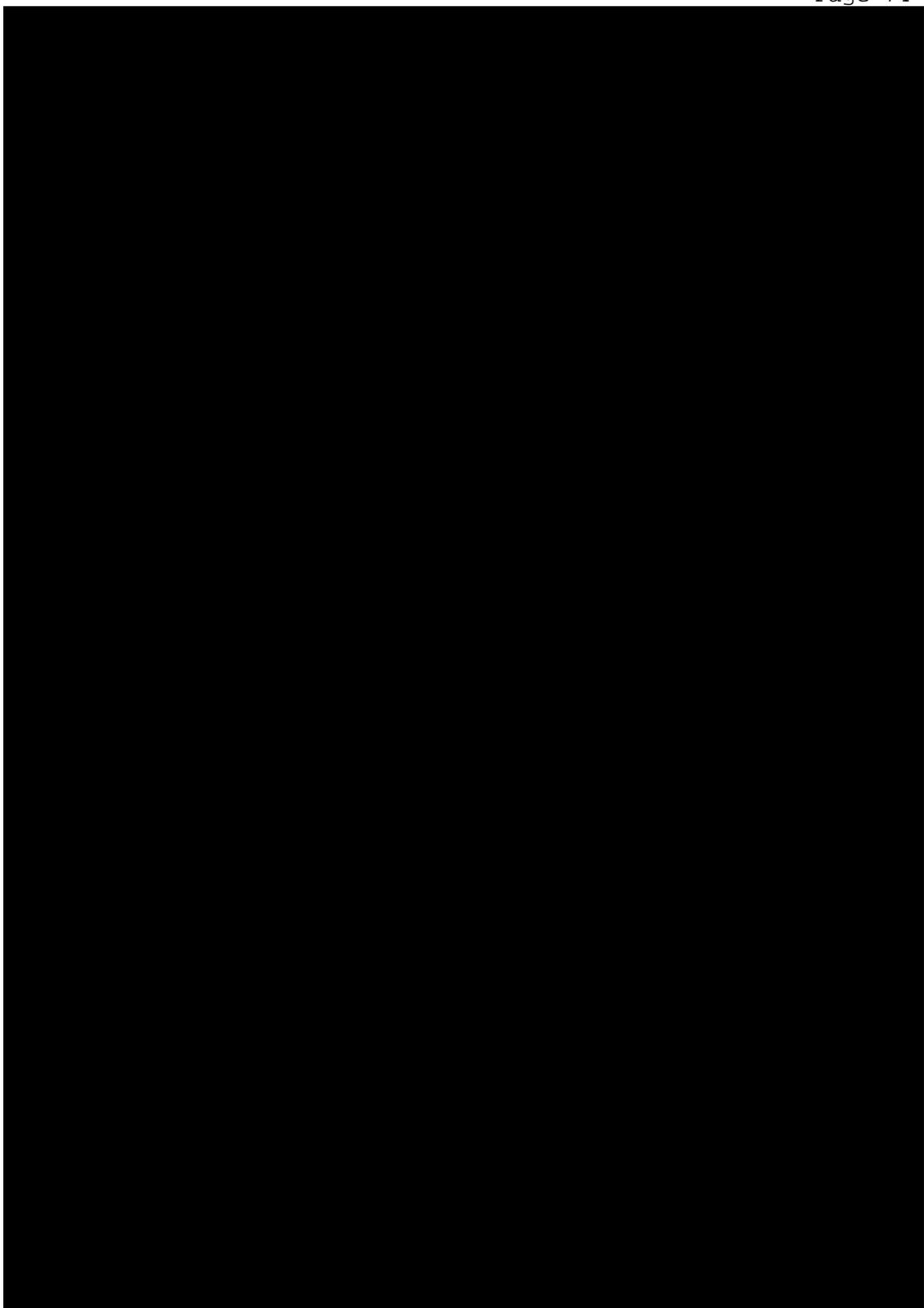
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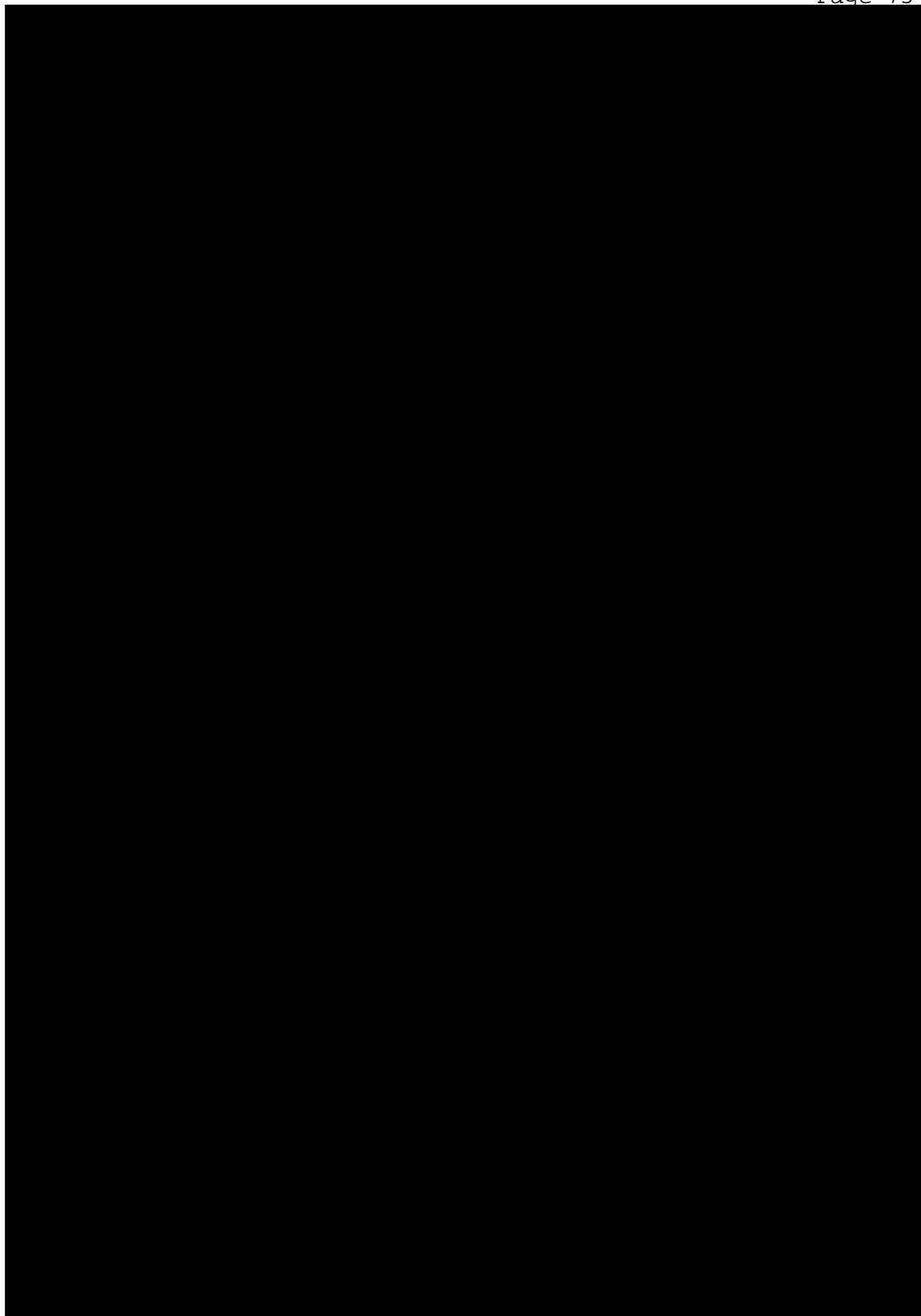
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PUBLIC MEETING RESUMES

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CHAIR BROWN: Good morning. The time is now 11:08 a.m. The closed meeting is hereby terminated and the public meeting is now reopened. We are on Items 12.1 and 12.2. After -- at this juncture I'm

1 going to go to 12.1. Commissioners, can I please  
2 get a motion to deny the proposed settlement  
3 request and proceed to hearing.

4 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

5 CHAIR BROWN: And a -- oh, and authorize staff  
6 to proceed to hearing. And a second; is that okay?

7 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

8 CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

9 COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: Second.

10 CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion? All those in  
11 favor say aye.

12 (Aye responses)

13 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And now we're on to  
14 12.2. Can I please get a motion to designate  
15 Deputy Director McCaffery as a representative of  
16 the Gaming Commission and mediation to provide us  
17 with the guidelines we discussed in our closed  
18 meeting.

19 VICE CHAIR REPP: I'll make that motion.

20 CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

21 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second that motion.

22 CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion? All those in  
23 favor say aye.

24 (Aye responses)

25 CHAIR BROWN: Passes unanimously.

1           Are there any other matters that we need to  
2 discuss here today, Commissioners, any other  
3 matters that you have?

4           COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Do we want to set a  
5 date for the June meeting?

6           CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Let's see, I'm going to  
7 look to Ms. Parker in the back and then  
8 Director Zimmer if she has dates for -- for June,  
9 and I think that would be helpful to us planning.

10           And Ms. Parker is looking, she's looking at  
11 availability. Typically we would meet the first  
12 Thursday, which would be June 4th.

13           Does anybody have problems with June 4th?

14           Director Zimmer?

15           And Ms. Parker gave us the thumbs up, so we're  
16 going to meet Thursday, June 4th unless the  
17 Commissioners here have objection. Seeing none.

18           And with that, this is -- this meeting is  
19 adjourned. Thank you.

20           (The proceedings concluded at 11:12 a.m.)

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I, JUDY LYNN MARTIN, do hereby certify that I was authorized to and did stenographically report the foregoing proceedings and that the transcript, pages 1 through 78, is a true record of my stenographic notes.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative, employee, attorney, or counsel of any of the parties, nor am I a relative or employee of any of the parties' attorney or counsel connected with the action, nor am I financially interested in the action.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2026.

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