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2 Julie Brown, Vice Chair

3 Tina Repp, Commissioner

4 Chuck Drago, Commissioner

5 John D'aquila, Commissioner

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7 PARTICIPANTS:

8 Louis Trombetta, Executive Director

9 Ross Marshman, General Counsel

10 Emily Alvarado, Deputy Chief Attorney

11 Steven Woods, Chief Attorney

12 Jamie Pouncey, Program Administrator

13 Carl Herold, Director of Gaming Enforcement

14 Glenda Ricks, Chief of Operations

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16 PUBLIC SPEAKER:

17 Kirk M. Ziadie

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19 OTHER PRESENT:

20 The Florida Channel

21 Various Members of the Public

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1 Proceedings began at 9:31 a.m.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Good morning today. It is
3 November 2nd. The time is 9:30. This is (computer
4 animated voice) -- this meeting is being recorded
5 and it's the Florida Gaming Control Commission
6 meeting.

7 And before we begin the materials that we --
8 and our agenda, would you please stand with us for
9 the Pledge of Allegiance, which will be led by
10 Commissioner Drago.

11 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Please join me in the
12 Pledge of Allegiance.

13 (Pledge of Allegiance)

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,
15 Commissioner Drago.

16 It's a cool day here in Tallahassee and I want
17 to thank the governor and his staff for letting us
18 utilize the Cabinet Room today. We are going to
19 move right into our agenda with the approval of the
20 minute -- meeting minutes for September 15, 2023,
21 and October 5th, 2023.

22 Can I get a motion to approve both items.

23 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

25 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: Second.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say,
2 aye.

3 (Aye responses)

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

5 I also want to just let folks know that we do
6 have our court reporter. She's transcribing
7 online, so anybody that appears before us today at
8 the podium, please just state your name for the
9 record as well and your interest here today.

10 All right. We are going to move into the
11 discussion of applications for a change of
12 ownership. With that, we'll go to 2.1,
13 Mr. Marshman.

14 MR. MARSHMAN: Good morning. For the record,
15 this is Ross Marshman. I'm here to present Items
16 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3, Case Numbers 2023-059299, that's
17 King's Court Key, LLC; 2023-059307, South Florida
18 Racing Association, LLC; and 2023-059487, Hamilton
19 Downs Horsetrack, LLC.

20 In each of these items the commission is
21 presented with an application for a change of
22 ownership. And King's Court Key and South Florida
23 Racing Association, the same counsel worked with me
24 to submit the applications and all the necessary
25 paperwork. Staff has had a chance to review that

1 and I believe those are all in order. Separately
2 for Hamilton Downs Horsetrack, again, the correct
3 application was received and reviewed by staff.

4 And the staff recommendation for Items 2.1,
5 2.2, and 2.3 is for the commission to approve each
6 of these changes of ownership.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Marshman,
8 for presenting them altogether. And as you stated
9 all of the requirements in Section 550.054 and the
10 other Florida Statutes have been met with these
11 applications; correct?

12 MR. MARSHMAN: Correct.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, are there
14 any questions? If not, can I get a motion to
15 approve Items 2.1 through 2.3.

16 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: Move to approve.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Second.

18 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.
20 (Aye responses)

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Those three
22 items passed unanimously.

23 Moving on to 3.3 -- 3.1, which is the
24 discussion of the amended application for cardroom
25 license.

1 MS. POUNCEY: That will be me (technical
2 interference).

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: We have a new change here.
4 Yes, certainly.

5 MS. POUNCEY: Jamie Pouncey, for the record
6 (technical interference) pari-mutuel wagering --

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Could you press your
8 microphone on, please.

9 (Pause)

10 MS. POUNCEY: Again, Jamie Pouncey, for the
11 record pari-mutuel wagering. Item Number 3.1 is an
12 amended application to the cardroom license for TBD
13 Entertainment, LLC, d/b/a TGT -- TGT Poker and
14 Racebook.

15 The application is for the addition of
16 cardroom tables to its existing cardroom. They
17 have -- currently operate 17 tables and are asking
18 to add two additional tables to the poker room.
19 They have paid the associated thousand dollar per
20 table licensing fee.

21 There are no other applicable restrictions to
22 the number of tables that they can add to the
23 cardroom, and the recommendation is approval of the
24 request to add two tables.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Pouncey.

1 Commissioners, if there are no questions can I
2 get a motion to approve the recommendation on 3.1.

3 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'd like to make a motion
4 to approve.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there a
6 second?

7 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: Second.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.
9 (Aye responses)

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Moving on to
11 the discussion of renewal application for slot
12 machine license, 4.1.

13 MS. POUNCEY: Item Number 4.1 is the
14 application for slot renewal for Dania
15 Entertainment, LLC, Case Number 2023-048572.

16 The licensee has submitted its application.
17 The -- they currently hold an operating license for
18 the 20 -- 2023/2024 fiscal year. They've submitted
19 the required application documents. The fees have
20 been received and the recommendation is to approve
21 slot renewal license.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

23 Commissioners, any questions? Seeing none,
24 can we get a motion to approve recommendation on
25 4.1.

1 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Motion to approve.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: Second.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

5 (Aye responses)

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All right. It passes

7 unanimously.

8 Now, if I may ask staff that are presenting on
9 the next few items, if they can come up to the
10 podium. There may be discussion between
11 commissioners and the staff, and it would be great
12 to have that so we don't have to turn our backs, so
13 Item 5.1 is a consent order.

14 Thank you, Ms. Alvarado.

15 MS. ALVARADO: Good morning. This is
16 Emily Alvarado for the record.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Morning.

18 MS. ALVARADO: 5.1 is 2023-047841, which is
19 Valeriy Tushin. In this case you were provided a
20 filed administrative complaint alleging that the
21 respondent violated Rules 7511.0048(a) and
22 7511.0042(a) by failing to clear his hands when
23 cash, chips, or tokens were exchanged with -- with
24 the player and failing to spread the currency on
25 top of the card table in front of the (technical

1 interference) tray on one or more occasions.

2 You were also provided with a consent order
3 that had a \$300 fine. This is the respondent's
4 third violation of failing to clear their hands.
5 Therefore, the division would ask the commission to
6 enter an order adopting the settlement -- order in
7 this case.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Alvarado. I
9 do have a question about this. As you stated this
10 is the third time and there are two -- two
11 particular violations of the rule, with each
12 violation being up to a thousand dollars.

13 I just want to understand the rationale for
14 the lower amount being recommended.

15 MS. ALVARADO: Sure. So the two violations --
16 the prior fines for both of those were \$50 and they
17 were in 2018. This time I did -- for the one
18 violation, I did \$250. So I -- you know, this is a
19 substantial change from what they were fined the
20 first two times, so it was my rationale for that.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

22 Commissioners, do you have any questions on
23 this item? If not, would you like to make a motion
24 to approve the consent order?

25 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

1 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: Second.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

3 (Aye responses)

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Alvarado.

5 Moving on to discussion of default final orders,
6 6.1 and 6.2.

7 MS. ALVARADO: 6.1 is 2023-013251, which is
8 for Jorge Delgado. This case there was a one count
9 administrative complaint filed alleging that
10 respondent violated Section 550.24151(a) and Rule
11 756.0082(h) by racing a horse with Dexamethasone.

12 You were also provided the USPS -- I'm sorry,
13 the hand service affidavit that they were served
14 properly with the administrative complaint. He
15 failed to respond within 21 days.

16 Following the 21 days, he did provide a
17 incomplete settlement and consent order, so we
18 could not show that today. It had a thousand
19 dollar fine as well.

20 Therefore, we'd ask the commission to find the
21 respondent failed to respond with 21 days, that the
22 facts in the AC are accepted as facts in the case,
23 and concluding that he will be issued a thousand
24 dollar fine and the owner shall return the purse to
25 Tampa Bay Downs.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Alvarado.

2 I'll just note that this of course predated HYSA --
3 or HISA going into effect.

4 MS. ALVARADO: Right.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any questions? If not, can
6 we get a motion to approve the default final order.

7 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: Move to approve the
8 default final order.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Second, is
10 there a second?

11 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. All those in
13 favor say aye.

14 (Aye responses)

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All right. 6.2, please.

16 MS. ALVARADO: 6.2 is 2023-046348, which is
17 Larry Mejias. This case there was a one count
18 administrative complaint filed seeking suspension
19 of respondent's pari-mutuel wagering professional
20 individual occupational license due to an
21 outstanding debt related to horseracing.

22 Pursuant to Section 550-1057 you were also
23 provided the USPS green card confirmation showing
24 that it was delivered to the respondent and he
25 failed to respond within 21 days. Therefore, the

1 division would ask that the commission enter an
2 order finding that he was properly served, that the
3 respondent failed to respond within 21 days, that
4 the facts in the administrative complaint are
5 accepted as the facts in this case, and concluding
6 that his pari-mutuel license will be suspended
7 until we receive proof of confirmation of payment.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Are there any questions on
9 this item? If not, can I get a motion to approve
10 the default final order.

11 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'd like to make a motion
12 to approve the default final order.

13 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: Second.

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

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All right. Item 6.2
17 passes.

18 Now on to Item 7, which is a discussion of
19 order to show cause. And I think this one's just
20 unique because we haven't seen one yet to date, so
21 if you could present it, please.

22 MS. ALVARADO: Sure. This is Case Number
23 2023-013135, Paula Capestro. In this case you were
24 provided with an order to show cause asking the
25 respondent to respond within 10 days as to why she

1 shall not be required to return the purse.

2 She received a purse amount of \$15,600 from
3 Gulfstream Park when her trainer won a race on
4 September 4th. On December 2nd a final order was
5 issued against Mr. Renaldo Richards in Case Number
6 2022-046353 after finding that Mr. Richards raced a
7 racehorse with an impermissible amount of
8 Clenbuterol. Mr. Richards failed to respond, so
9 there was a default final order that was entered
10 against him.

11 In this case you were provided a USPS
12 certified mail showing that it was delivered
13 successfully and the respondent failed to respond
14 within 10 days showing why she shall not return the
15 purse in this case. Therefore, the division would
16 ask that we enter a final order showing that she
17 was properly served, she failed to respond within
18 10 days, that the facts in the order are the facts
19 in this case, and concluding that she shall be
20 required to return the purse of \$15,600 to
21 Gulfstream Park.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Alvarado.
23 What are the procedural next steps after the show
24 cause order is issued then?

25 MS. ALVARADO: So that was giving her the

1 opportunity to show why she shouldn't have to
2 return the purse in this case.

3 Specifically our rules and in statute require
4 that once we find that there was a disqualifying
5 impermissible substance, they would be required to
6 return the purse. It would go to the next -- the
7 runner-up in the race.

8 And at this point they are keeping the purse,
9 although their trainer already was found to have
10 that substance in that horse. So if they did
11 respond, they had no chance to even -- they had a
12 chance, but they didn't actually respond to -- to
13 the order to show why they shouldn't have to return
14 the purse in this case.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, are there
16 any questions? Okay. Can I get a motion to
17 approve the show cause order.

18 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Move to approve the staff
19 recommendation.

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

22 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: Second.

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say
24 aye.

25 (Aye responses)

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Alvarado.

2 And we are going to move into Item 8.1 through
3 8.7, which is a discussion of the license denials.
4 Again, it's a little awkward. Sorry for making you
5 all walk up to the podium. I think it will be
6 easier, though, for y'all to have the discourse
7 here.

8 MR. WOODS: Good morning.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Good morning.

10 MR. WOODS: Good morning. Steve Woods for the
11 record. First case, 8.1, Ronald Peirre,
12 2023-038525.

13 He applied for a cardroom employee
14 occupational license. The conviction in this case
15 was for a domestic violent battery strangulation.
16 This happened in 2021.

17 Very briefly the details of this were that he
18 received a phone call about his girlfriend married
19 to another man. There was an altercation and the
20 police were called. There was bruising on the
21 victim's neck and he was arrested for domestic
22 violence. He was sentenced to 18 months probation.

23 In addition to that there was an independent
24 battery, misdemeanor battery in 2021. This was a
25 case in which he punched a patron in the eye socket

1 actually crushing his eye socket at a -- at a
2 casino for which he was later banned for life.

3 The recommendation is that the commission
4 authorize the issuance of a notice of intent to
5 deny.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. I would
7 absolutely agree with that staff recommendation.
8 Commissioners, any questions? None. Can I get a
9 motion to approve the staff recommendation.

10 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make a motion to
11 approve staff recommendation, please.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Second.

13 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: I'll second the staff
14 recommendation.

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

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: 8.1 passes. 8.2, please.

18 MR. WOODS: Yes, ma'am. 8.2 is Nicky
19 Figueroa Quiles. Case Number 2023-045352. He
20 applied for a general individual occupational
21 license. The convictions in this case were
22 multiple.

23 First there was conspiracy to possess with
24 intent to distribute crack cocaine, heroin,
25 cocaine, and marijuana. This happened in 2016.

1 These were federal charges. He was adjudicated
2 guilty. There was a 10-year sentence in prison.
3 He remains on probation for a term of eight years,
4 which will conclude in 2031.

5 Previously there was a possession of heroin in
6 2003. This was a case in which he said, you know,
7 my friends told me to take a trip to -- to Miami.
8 They went into a home, they came out with
9 something, I didn't know what it was. They were
10 stopped by the police.

11 He was arrested for this. He finished four
12 years probation and he had to attend a drug
13 program. He applied for a waiver, it was declined.
14 The recommendation, the commission authorize the
15 issuance of a notice of intent to deny.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Woods.

17 Commissioners, any question? If not, can we
18 get a motion to approve the staff recommendation.

19 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

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

22 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: Second.

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.
24 (Aye responses)

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Item 8.2 passes the staff

1 recommendation. 8.3, please.

2 MR. WOODS: Yes, ma'am. 8.3 is
3 Jefferson Gonzalez Lazano. This is Case Number
4 2023-051224. He applied for a slot machine
5 professional individual occupational license.

6 The crimes in this case were two, one was
7 vehicular homicide. Both occurred in 1999, the
8 vehicular homicide and then leaving the scene of an
9 accident with the death.

10 The decedent, the victim, in this case was
11 actually hit in a wheelchair while he was on the
12 road. The victim (sic) left the victim in the
13 street, on the street. The defendant at this time
14 had no -- had no license.

15 Both -- both counts were resolved with a nolo
16 contendere plea and he was sentenced to withhold of
17 adjudication. This could not be waived. The
18 recommendation is the commission authorize the
19 issuance of a notice of intent to deny.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners,
21 any questions on this item? Commissioner Drago.

22 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Are both of these charges
23 came from the same incident I assume?

24 MR. WOODS: Yes, sir, the same incident.
25 He -- the vehicular homicide occurred and he left

1 the scene of the vehicular homicide.

2 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Not on probation or
3 anything that you know of?

4 MR. WOODS: At this point he is not on
5 probation. The time line I can go through briefly.
6 He -- this was a crime that occurred in 1998. He
7 was charged as an adult in 1999 and he was on
8 probation in 2001. There was an allegation of a
9 violation of probation, but this was -- the
10 allegation is that he failed to make payments --
11 the restitution payments. This went to hearing and
12 the judge found that there wasn't a willful
13 violation. He was reinstated and he served the
14 term of probation.

15 A few things happened that are marginally
16 relevant. After this he was detained by
17 immigration at an airport and therefore he saw an
18 immigration judge who ruled that he would not be
19 removed. He became a citizen in 2009.

20 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: How old (technical
21 interference)?

22 MR. WOODS: Fifteen. He was 15. He would
23 have been 15 on November 5th, 1998, yes, sir.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner.

25 COMMISSIONER REPP: Yes. Since the -- I

1 understand the terms of the -- a violation of his
2 probation was not having the funds as opposed to
3 willfully not paying them. Am I correct?

4 MR. WOODS: You are correct. He -- the Court
5 found there was no willful and substantial
6 violation. He was reinstated. The violation of
7 probation was dismissed.

8 COMMISSIONER REPP: Do we have any record of
9 any other instance other than the encounter with
10 immigration since that?

11 MR. WOODS: No, ma'am. The -- the encounter
12 with immigration if I recall, he was flying back
13 into the United States and he was detained briefly
14 at the airport, and there was an interview about
15 this incident and whether he could be in this
16 country.

17 And he appeared before an immigration judge
18 who ruled that he was not to be removed, that was
19 2006. I believe at that time he was a lawful
20 permanent resident after which he became a citizen
21 in 2009.

22 COMMISSIONER REPP: And since this rather
23 unfortunate and sad incident when he was 15 years
24 old, you have no other issues with him?

25 MR. WOODS: That is correct. There's no

1 indication of any additional crime since this
2 occurred.

3 COMMISSIONER REPP: Thank you.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Commissioners,
5 for asking the very poignant questions as well. It
6 is -- very devastating crime. A lot of time has
7 passed. The probation has passed. His probation
8 period has passed, and it looks like this
9 individual is rehabilitated, but I'm hoping to --
10 thoughts from you all too.

11 COMMISSIONER REPP: Considering he was 15
12 years old, I would be inclined to think and hope
13 since the amount of time has passed with zero
14 encounter with law enforcement that he's no longer
15 a problem, that there's no longer an issue that I
16 have with him taking -- getting a license.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Agreed.

18 Commissioner Drago.

19 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I agree. Especially the
20 date and time since the -- since have been
21 rehabilitated in terms of (inaudible) becoming a
22 United State Citizen. So as horrible as the
23 incident was back in 1998, we all have a sense that
24 25 years (technical interference).

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. For proper

1 motion then if the commission is so inclined as to
2 grant him a license, is that correct, Mr. Woods,
3 rather than issuing a notice of intent to deny?

4 MR. WOODS: That is correct, if that is what
5 the commission desires.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, if there are
7 no other comments, we're right for a motion to
8 approve his license.

9 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'd like to make a motion
10 to approve...

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any further discussions?
12 All those in favor say aye.

13 (Aye responses)

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: It passes unanimously.
15 Thank you. Item 8.4, please.

16 MR. WOODS: Yes, ma'am. 8.4, Alberto Lazo.
17 This is Case 2023-052159. He's applying for a
18 combination general individual license. The crime
19 in this case was aggravated stalking from 2015. He
20 entered a plea of nolo contendere. He did not
21 apply for a waiver and the recommendation is the
22 commission authorize the issuance of a notice of
23 intent to deny.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any
25 questions on those? If not, can we get a motion to

1 approve the notice of intent to deny.

2 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I move to approve staff
3 recommendation.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there a
5 second?

6 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: I'll second.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

8 (Aye responses)

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: 8.4 passes unanimously.
10 8.5, Mr. Woods.

11 MR. WOODS: Yes, ma'am. 8.5. Stephanie L.
12 Porter. This is Case Number 2023-057165. She
13 applied for a cardroom employee occupational
14 license. She was convicted in 1998 of petty theft.
15 This was guilty plea, withhold of adjudication, and
16 there was a fine. There are very few details
17 available, because this file was destroyed, so --

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Why was it destroyed?

19 MR. WOODS: Why?

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yes.

21 MR. WOODS: The passage of time. Because it
22 -- because it was a 19 --

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: -- '98?

24 MR. WOODS: -- '98 case and there's a notation
25 on the -- the -- the documentation from the Clerk

1 of the Court saying that the file was destroyed.

2 So the details -- it was a shoplifting case and it
3 happened in September of 1998, but I can't give any
4 details beyond that.

5 She did not apply for a waiver and the -- the
6 recommendation based on the part of the statute
7 that says this is a crime involving a lack of good
8 moral character, the -- the recommendation is that
9 the commission authorize the issuance of the notice
10 of intent to deny.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And it shows
12 that the adjudication was withheld.

13 MR. WOODS: Yes -- yes, ma'am.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: We don't know what the
15 amount of the petty theft was or any other details
16 other than she was arrested?

17 MR. WOODS: We do not -- well, we know it was
18 a misdemeanor petty theft, so that amount I
19 believe -- if I remember correctly from the
20 statute, it -- it cannot be -- I would have to
21 double-check, but I believe it cannot have been
22 above \$300 because the -- at some point, you know,
23 the statute says at some point it's a second degree
24 misdemeanor, at some point it is a first degree
25 misdemeanor, after which it becomes a felony, and

1 it didn't reach the felony level, and I believe
2 that amount was \$300.

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Do you know why she didn't
4 apply for a waiver interview, any knowledge?

5 MR. WOODS: No. No, ma'am.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any
7 questions? Yeah, Commissioner Repp.

8 COMMISSIONER REPP: I just want to make sure
9 that I -- I got -- she did not disclose the felony
10 on her application?

11 MR. WOODS: It wasn't a felony. It was --

12 COMMISSIONER REPP: I mean, I'm sorry, the --

13 MR. WOODS: Misdemeanor. The --

14 COMMISSIONER REPP: The misdemeanor, was it
15 disclosed on her application?

16 MR. WOODS: I believe it was disclosed. I'm
17 having -- I'm bringing it up right now.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: It looks like there was an
19 amended application with the -- with the
20 disclosure.

21 MR. WOODS: I believe that's correct. I'm
22 just double-checking right now. The letter had to
23 be sent out. The letter said the application was
24 complete. I think after that point the -- the
25 incident was disclosed. She wrote on -- on the --

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Mr. Woods, could you put
2 the mic further for the court reporter.

3 MR. WOODS: I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

4 She filled out the application saying that
5 there was an adjudication of guilt withheld from
6 Duval County, a misdemeanor petty theft, and I
7 believe she put something in the box for sentence,
8 which -- which I cannot read.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner D'Aquila.

10 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: There's only been one
11 instance (technical interference)?

12 MR. WOODS: That is correct. Yes, sir.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: My understanding is she has
14 a temporary license currently right now, but that's
15 just based on timing purposes.

16 Commissioners, this is another one. The
17 record is very, very vague with information other
18 than the 1998 misdemeanor crime. I'm inclined to
19 approve her license if you all are -- have an
20 appetite for that too.

21 Yes, Commissioner D'Aquila or Drago.

22 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I'll make a motion to
23 approve --

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: The license, okay. Is
25 there a second to approve --

1 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: I'll open discussions
2 (technical interference).

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion? All those
4 in favor to approve the license, say aye.

5 (Aye responses)

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. That passes --
7 8.5 passes unanimously with regard to approving her
8 license.

9 Now, the next item we have a speaker, so,
10 Mr. Woods, you can go ahead and present and then
11 we'll allow the speaker to come up. It is the --
12 Mr. Kirk Ziadie. So if you can go ahead and open
13 it up for us first.

14 MR. WOODS: Yes, ma'am. The next case is
15 Kirk Ziadie, Case Number 2023-057292. He applied
16 for a pari-mutuel professional individual
17 occupational license. This case involves from 2004
18 to 2016 there were 48 different violations of
19 Chapter 550 and the rules.

20 These included a variety of things, primarily
21 over the threshold violations with different
22 substances. There were 33 of those in addition to
23 which there were 10 prohibitive substance
24 violations and various others, that there was a
25 suspension of six years for the license, and the --

1 the recommendation is that the commission authorize
2 the issuance of a denial -- a notice of intent deny
3 and I will at this point --

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Woods.

5 And if we don't have any questions right now
6 for Mr. Woods, we'll turn to the applicant here,
7 Kirk Ziadie, who can please come up.

8 Hi. Please come up to the podium and state
9 your name for the record.

10 MR. ZIADIE: Good morning, Commissioners.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Good morning.

12 MR. ZIADIE: My name is Kirk Ziadie and I was
13 handed a six-year suspension. I made mistakes.

14 Is it okay if I talk a little bit about my
15 history?

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Sure. You have the floor.

17 MR. ZIADIE: I'm a dropout in school at a
18 young age. I didn't take to school very well. I
19 was depressed. My dad is a horse trainer. He's
20 been a horse trainer all his life. He said there's
21 no way I was going to be able to sleep all day in
22 my room. He said, you're going to get up and go to
23 work with me.

24 Now, going to the racetrack it's early
25 mornings, four o'clock in the morning. We lived an

1 hour away, so I started to go to the track with my
2 dad.

3 I didn't -- I was scared of the horses. So I
4 didn't want to be around the horses, so I did the
5 groom's job by cleaning the stalls and they would
6 handle the horses. Finally I found a way and the
7 horses grew on me. I fell in love with these
8 horses.

9 My dad gave me a few horses to take care of.
10 I nicknamed all of them. I had treats for them.
11 No one could ever feed my horses. I was very -- I
12 wanted to feed my own horses. I lost all my
13 friends. It was like I disappeared, because I went
14 to the racetrack.

15 Finally I worked for my dad, I built myself up
16 to be an assistant to my father. Eventually I got
17 a -- I had a family and I moved on and I went out
18 on my own. Now, I was introduced the medication
19 Clenbuterol to a very respectable veterinarian.
20 His name is Dr. Chenee (ph).

21 One of my dad's horses when he went to
22 Kentucky ran and bled in the lungs. Now, this is a
23 -- this is something that happens to horses very
24 often. Nobody can tell why, but there's
25 medications to help the horses.

1 This Clenbuterol medication I learned about
2 it, I believed in it, because I'm -- I'm allergic
3 also to pine wood and saw dust. So when I was
4 working with my dad, I would get sick very often,
5 had -- my tonsils would get hurt, swollen. They
6 eventually took my tonsils out. I went on
7 Claritin-D 24 hours and I'm still on it to this
8 day.

9 So I think similar, horses are not -- they're
10 not used to living in an environment locked up in a
11 sawdust stall. They're used to living out in the
12 wild, fresh air, so I believed in this medication.
13 I gave it. It legal, but there was a five-day
14 withdrawal.

15 By that time I had built up enough horses
16 where I had 40 to 50 horses. I had a lot of
17 employees, but the one thing that I didn't have was
18 management. I dropped out of school. I didn't
19 know how to manage all of this what was happening.

20 So five-day withdrawal is very close to the
21 deadline to when you enter horses for a race. So a
22 lot of the horses came up positive with Clenbuterol
23 because there was picograms. They found picograms
24 in the blood.

25 And picograms is maybe one hour, two hours

1 out, that's how close it was -- it was. It wasn't
2 like they found full amount where you think I was
3 cheating. It was all a mistake by accident.

4 Now, my managing skills I can be honest is
5 terrible, but I do love the horses and I do love
6 what I did. I went to court, I fought it. The
7 judge gave me six years. By that time I had my
8 family. I just had a baby. One good thing about
9 the six years, I got to spend three years with my
10 little girl.

11 Finally I couldn't afford to support my
12 girlfriend and my daughter. She had to move back
13 to England to be with her family. My daughter's
14 4,000 miles away. She's nine now and there's --
15 nothing hurts more. I just want to be able to see
16 my daughter again. And I know that the only thing
17 I know how to do is work with horses and they took
18 that away from me.

19 And I know I made mistakes, but Clenbuterol if
20 you look it up, there's hundreds of hundreds of
21 thousands of positives with Clenbuterol. I was the
22 only one that got six years. I'll take it. I'll
23 take it now and I suffer, but please don't deny my
24 license.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Ziadie.

1 Thank you for coming to Tallahassee and providing
2 some context to this case. I think it does make a
3 difference when we can hear directly from you about
4 the history. So I really appreciate you taking the
5 time to come up here and be candid.

6 MR. ZIADIE: Thank you so much.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: If you don't mind,
8 Commissioners, do you have any questions for
9 Mr. Ziadie?

10 Again, thank you.

11 MR. ZIADIE: Thank you.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: At this time, please feel
13 free to sit down. We're going to have our staff
14 come back up.

15 Mr. Woods, thank you.

16 Commissioners, do you have questions for
17 Mr. Woods regarding the substance of the prior
18 charges that were committed by Mr. Ziadie, which he
19 acknowledges?

20 Yes, Commissioner D'Aquila.

21 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: Were all -- I think
22 it's approximately 49 violations. Were all
23 pertaining to that same drug?

24 MR. WOODS: I believe there were a variety of
25 different drugs.

1 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: Can you elaborate?

2 MR. WOODS: Yes. It will take just a moment.
3 Clenbuterol was one. I will try my best to
4 pronounce these. Glycopyrrolate, zynophenutasm
5 (ph), bollinon (ph). There were multiple
6 substances.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Mr. Woods, also this
8 trainer was licensed in multiple states; correct?

9 MR. WOODS: That is correct.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: So with that suspension,
11 that six-year suspension, his license was
12 revoked -- or suspended, pardon me, in all of those
13 states as well?

14 MR. WOODS: Yes, I believe so.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Do you know if the
16 applicant has applied for licensure in other states
17 and been denied since -- or granted?

18 MR. WOODS: In the paperwork there -- there
19 are -- there are letters I believe from Maryland,
20 from Delaware saying that he is in good standing in
21 those states, and I'll try to find -- there's some
22 paperwork --

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I'm looking in there too.
24 Yeah. While he's looking for that, do you all have
25 any thoughts or comments or additional questions?

1 Also, Mr. Woods, there were also fines that
2 were associated with these offenses; correct?

3 MR. WOODS: Yes. Many of these resulted in a
4 fine, some \$500 fine, \$300 fine, \$1,000 fine. I'm
5 looking right here, to answer your prior question,
6 that there is an email stating that he is in good
7 standing in Maryland and I'm looking right now to
8 see if I can find --

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And New Jersey. I see New
10 Jersey.

11 MR. WOODS: New Jersey, yes, ma'am.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner D'Aquila.

13 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: All 49 violations were
14 in the state of Florida; correct?

15 MR. WOODS: All 49 were in the state of
16 Florida. The -- the -- if I can provide maybe
17 something of a better summary. Before I was saying
18 there were 33 over the threshold violations, 10
19 prohibited substance violations, and various
20 others.

21 There was an expired Coggins test, there were
22 some late scratches, and the majority were over the
23 threshold violations. So I suppose our position
24 would be we would just rest on the pattern and
25 frequency of these violations magnitude.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Mr. Marshman is coming up
2 behind you and I see Glenda as well.

3 MR. MARSHMAN: If I may, Ms. Ricks is here and
4 I think she can answer some more of the
5 commission's questions related to other states and
6 what exactly is going on with that current status.

7 And if the commission has any other questions
8 about the particular substances, she has a more
9 detailed list and can answer any other questions
10 the commission may have, if that's something,
11 Ms. Vice Chair, you'd like.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I think -- I think it
13 sounds like the commissioners -- thank you. Thank
14 you, Ms. Ricks.

15 MS. RICKS: Good morning, Commissioners.
16 Glenda Ricks, chief of operations of the Division
17 of Pari-Mutuel Wagering.

18 In regards to the other states, we did reach
19 out to states for clarification what his standing
20 was. In many of the states, his license had
21 already expired, fines, any punishments in those
22 states had already been resolved. So they
23 typically say eligible to reapply, no guarantee of
24 approval.

25 It is typically an industry standard that when

1 an individual has an issue as serious as we have in
2 the state of Florida, they're usually required to
3 address the issues within that state before they
4 can go on to other states.

5 I do want to detail the drugs a little bit
6 more. In the history we had one drug positive for
7 Promethazine Sulfoxide; six, Boldenone; 27,
8 Albuterol.

9 I will emphasize on Clenbuterol while this
10 does have some medicinal use, there are
11 limitations. A significant problem with
12 Clenbuterol, especially when it's over the limit,
13 it causes cardiac arrest and skeletal muscle issues
14 with horses. It's a Class 3. It's considered a
15 bronchodilator. If it's an abused drug often it is
16 for the effects of increasing the lung capacity,
17 increasing blood flow, which of course can lead to
18 other issues in racing animals.

19 We also had three cases. We open for DMSO,
20 which is dimethyl sulfoxide. We had two cases of
21 glycopyrrolate, two cases of oxyphenbutazone, and
22 phenylbutazone we had 20 cases, one case involving
23 promazine sulfoxide, and seven cases involving
24 stanozolol.

25 Some of those cases were issued written

1 warnings. Some of them ended up in a final order
2 on them. I do want to emphasize in the state of
3 Florida our mission is to protect the racing
4 animals and the betting public. I'll leave it at
5 that. If you have any other questions, I'll be
6 glad to answer them.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Any questions?
8 Yes, Commissioner Repp.

9 COMMISSIONER REPP: Thank you. You said you
10 reached out to some of the other states. Did we
11 find violations in other states?

12 MS. RICKS: The ARC report does indicate
13 violations in other states.

14 COMMISSIONER REPP: Thank you.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: In those other states,
16 they're resolved and that suspension period is
17 been -- has run its course.

18 MS. RICKS: To the best of our knowledge what
19 we were able to obtain from the other
20 jurisdictions, the cases have been resolved. There
21 was one state that we were unable to verify due to
22 them changing out their computer systems and they
23 didn't have a record of the case that we're looking
24 into.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Now, with HISA, and this

1 may be a question for Mr. Marshman or you, I'm not
2 sure. But with HISA, Mr. Woods, if we were to
3 enter -- issue a temporary license, for example,
4 would HISA's oversight of any violations moving
5 forward preempt our regulatory oversight?

6 So for example I'm thinking we have -- we have
7 issued temporary licenses contingent on certain
8 factors.

9 MR. MARSHMAN: If I may, I believe that prior
10 to -- well, to answer the first part of the
11 question. Drug positives are now under the ambit
12 of HISA and HIWU, their drug enforcement agency.

13 So if Mr. Ziadie were to again race horses as
14 a covered person, he would be subject to HISA and
15 HIWU regulations. So we would not be discussing a
16 punishment for Mr. Ziadie in any future allegation
17 he may have impermissibly medicated a horse.

18 That being said, he still has to become or be
19 eligible to become a covered person under HISA.
20 And if I recall their regulations correctly, one of
21 those predicates is having some sort of
22 authorization in a state. And either Ms. Valentine
23 or Ms. Stinson can correct me if I'm wrong,
24 but Ms. Stinson's nodding her head that I'm
25 correct.

1 So much like a Florida license would be a
2 domino for other states being licensed there. They
3 would also be the domino that would fall that would
4 allow him to then apply to HISA to become a covered
5 person.

6 So to what Ms. Ricks said, what Mr. Woods said
7 I think this is kind of an important decision the
8 commission has to make, because it will have
9 ramifications not only for horses in Florida but
10 potentially for the entire country.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I understand that. Does
12 the commission have authority to grant conditional
13 licenses?

14 MR. MARSHMAN: Yes.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Obviously HISA and HIWU
16 have been cracking down. There's a lot of
17 investigations. They have a public website that
18 shows those that have been already arbitrated or
19 handled. I'm assuming if he has a singular
20 violation, HISA would suspend his license
21 immediately in all states?

22 MR. MARSHMAN: I can't speak on behalf of HISA
23 and I can't speak on behalf of HIWU, but I -- my
24 basic understanding is that there is a regulatory
25 lag and that a horse could die or become seriously

1 injured.

2 And afterwards an investigation would uncover
3 what happened to that horse, but there is post race
4 testing and there's out of competition testing, and
5 no testing regime that I'm aware of can test every
6 horse before every race and after every race.

7 So, yes, the commission can issue a
8 conditional license, but, again, just so that I'm
9 as clear as I can be that would be the domino that
10 would allow him to be licensed nationally and in
11 other states and his horses with the track record
12 of 49 positives -- 49 violations rather including
13 multiple prohibited substances, he will once again
14 be allowed to enter that profession.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I get that and I also
16 understand that he has served substantial time from
17 the industry that he was raised in and had his
18 whole career in. And my understanding is also the
19 other states will not grant him a license unless
20 Florida -- Florida has to be the precursor with the
21 violations; is that right?

22 MR. MARSHMAN: I don't believe that Ms. Ricks
23 indicated that other states are contingent upon
24 Florida, but I think that if Florida were to give a
25 conditional license that could be used as good

1 evidence to take to another state and say, well,
2 Florida has at least given me a conditional
3 license, so that should allay any of this state's
4 concern that I should be still a prohibited person.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Repp.

6 COMMISSIONER REPP: I believe it comes down to
7 the horse safety and the best interest of our
8 horses here. I'm not convinced that he's in any
9 better position today -- or has he presented
10 anything to show he's in any better position today
11 to care for these horses?

12 MR. MARSHMAN: There was testimony in the
13 record that his management skills are subpar today.

14 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'm not convinced that
15 anything -- although the time has passed that
16 anything has improved as far as his skills and
17 management or taking care of horses or making me
18 feel comfortable that these horses that will be
19 under his care are going to be safe.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I think that's the staff's
21 posture as well.

22 Correct?

23 MR. MARSHMAN: That's what's been conveyed to
24 me, yes, ma'am.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Drago.

1 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: And I agree with that.

2 Well, it's certainly sensitive (technical
3 interference), but we do have -- we do have a job
4 here to make sure (technical interference).

5 I'm ready to make a motion.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: The time is not right.

7 Commissioner D'Aquila.

8 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: I think I would just
9 add to that a license is a privilege and it comes
10 with responsibility and it comes with required
11 management, if that's the term. So I -- I'm not
12 following the management argument or -- or
13 presentation.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. I'm extremely
15 sensitive to Mr. Ziadie's situation and the time
16 that he has served, but given -- given the strong
17 opinion of our staff and their professional opinion
18 it's very compelling to listen to -- to them in
19 this regard and what's going on in the country too.

20 We're seeing horses around the country in
21 these competitive races just die repeatedly. And
22 so horse safety and integrity training has never
23 been more important than it is today.

24 But, again, thank you, Mr. Ziadie, for coming
25 with that.

1 Commissioners, can I get a motion. Mr. --
2 Commissioner Drago.

3 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I would like to make a
4 motion to approve the staff recommendation.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: A second?

6 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'm going to second that.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

8 (Aye responses)

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Thank you again
10 for coming. We are moving on to 8.7.

11 MR. WOODS: Yes, ma'am. 8.7, this is
12 Rachelle Crashona Gardner. This is Case
13 2023-058863. She applied for pari-mutuel general
14 individual occupational license. The crime in this
15 case was aggravated animal cruelty.

16 A dog was found in a kennel off the side of
17 Capital Circle. The details of this are fairly
18 shocking. This dog -- the cause of death was
19 starvation and dehydration. The dog was found
20 severely emaciated, covered in blood and feces.
21 The defendant stated that she believed this dog had
22 worms but never took him to the vet.

23 She entered a plea to -- this is a Chapter 828
24 violation, aggravated cruelty, especially
25 negligence resulting in the painful death of a dog.

1 And given that crime, the recommendation is that
2 the commission authorize the issuance of intent to
3 deny.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. I mean, it's
5 piggybacking on the last case. I think this one is
6 pretty clear.

7 Is there any questions? If not, can we get a
8 motion for staff recommendation.

9 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

11 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion? All those
13 in favor say aye.

14 (Aye responses)

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. The motion
16 passes unanimously.

17 Thank you, Mr. Woods, for your time.

18 MR. WOODS: Thank you.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: We are moving on to
20 discussions of policies and procedures, and I have
21 to tell you all we have a lot. There are 31 before
22 us and they all involve our law enforcement arm.

23 So with that, I'm going to turn it over to our
24 executive director, Mr. Trombetta, and possibly our
25 director of law enforcement (technical

1 interference) in case there are any questions.

2 MR. TROMBETTA: Thank you, Commissioner Brown.

3 Louis Trombetta for the record. Director Carl
4 Herold I believe also -- I don't know if he has a
5 mic on that table or not.

6 Do you have a microphone?

7 I'm going to take a break -- well, not a
8 break. I'm going to grab a microphone at any time,
9 but let me give you an overview of what we've done
10 so far before we do that.

11 So in the process of setting up our law
12 enforcement agency, Director Herold has began to
13 get our law enforcement policies together. This
14 has been a process that involves a lot of people, a
15 lot of time, a lot of work.

16 The big picture here is that over the next few
17 meetings, we will be presenting around a hundred
18 law enforcement policies to the commission for
19 approval.

20 We're trying to split them up evenly, so in
21 front you today is about 30, you know, Ms. Vice
22 Chair, however you'd like to handle this, you know,
23 I kind of defer to you, but Director Herold and I
24 are here to answer questions. I'm going to defer
25 mostly to Mr. Herold for the substance questions.

1 And if there's anything I can help with, I'm also
2 available.

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. I think there
4 are exactly 32. And since there are so many -- I
5 mean, for the record I think we at least need to
6 enumerate all of them.

7 I think for purposes of ease if the
8 commissioners would like to single out a particular
9 policy or have questions on a specific policy,
10 that -- that would probably be the most efficient
11 way to go through this.

12 So with that I'm going to just turn it to the
13 commissioners. And, Mr. Herold, if you'd like to
14 come up here --

15 MR. TROMBETTA: If you can, I can identify all
16 of them for the record. I mean, if you'd like
17 Mr. Herold to come up, that's fine. You got --
18 however you'd like to do this.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: You don't have to go
20 through all of them. I just really want to have
21 the opportunity -- we'll have them all on the
22 record shortly, but if the commissioners want to
23 first just jump right into it --

24 MR. TROMBETTA: They are all in the meeting
25 materials.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, do you have
2 any questions for Mr. Herold on any particular item
3 from 02.01.02, all the way down to 03.13.01? I
4 know you do, so I'm just going to turn it over to
5 you.

6 But, Mr. Herold -- Director, would you like to
7 address the commission first before we ask any
8 questions?

9 MR. HEROLD: Certainly. Thank you --
10 obviously thank you for having me. Carl Herold
11 with the Gaming Commission, the director of law
12 enforcement.

13 And so what we have here as we continue to
14 stand up our law enforcement agency, we've got the
15 first batch of policies. We tried to identify
16 policies relevant to directing our law enforcement
17 unit how to act and how not to act, and these are
18 all essential policies necessary for law
19 enforcement to function in today's environment.

20 This first batch is some of the more critical
21 policies that we need so that we can ensure all the
22 appropriate statutory requirements are met as well
23 as any accreditation requirements. So that's what
24 we're trying to do here is bring these policies
25 forward so that we can begin to take some more law

1 enforcement action.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: We are really fortunate to
3 have two former law enforcement commissioners on
4 here that I'm sure can help us lead the discussion,
5 so I would go ahead and just defer to
6 Commissioner Repp or Commissioner Drago to start
7 asking questions.

8 Commission Repp.

9 COMMISSIONER REPP: Yeah. In the review of
10 your use of force policy, I just want to verify.
11 You have training in here, regular training.
12 What -- what do you have in mind as you consider
13 regular training for the training items within?

14 MR. HEROLD: So in Florida the training
15 curriculum is -- there are requirements based upon
16 the Florida Department of Law Enforcement under
17 criminal justice, standards and training. They
18 identify training that is required as part of that
19 continuing education.

20 And then beyond that, we have the ability to
21 implement some other types of training. I can tell
22 you that we have tried to -- we are identifying
23 trainings that I will call is totally relevant to
24 the types of law enforcement that we want to do
25 here with the Gaming Commission.

1 So we're going to have undercover training,
2 we're going to have how to deal with informants,
3 and of course there will be regular firearms
4 training, also ethics training as far as how to
5 handle yourself in public and in law enforcement.

6 And then any other types of training that we
7 identify, we -- we have seen that we need to have
8 some training that is specific to gaming
9 enforcement and understanding gaming machines and
10 the gaming laws and those kind of things like that.

11 So we are trying to tailor all of those
12 optional and training elements that we have the
13 latitude to implement ourselves and try to tailor
14 it towards the types of law enforcement that we
15 intend on conducting.

16 COMMISSIONER REPP: With the defensive tactics
17 and the -- that would be yearly or is there --

18 MR. HEROLD: So our goal is to have firearms
19 training twice a year. And typically the way that
20 that happens in my career has been that during one
21 of those firearms training, we roll in handcuffing
22 techniques, defensive tactics, and any other type
23 of skills that are not really compatible with
24 classroom since you have them at the range where
25 you can -- you can get them on mats and do those

1 kind of things like that.

2 COMMISSIONER REPP: How many instructors do we
3 -- do we have specific defensive tactic instructor?

4 MR. HEROLD: So recognizing that we don't have
5 all of our law enforcement personnel in place yet,
6 but as -- as we stand right now I have three
7 certified instructors. I'm not sure if one of them
8 is the defensive tactics. I'll have to check into
9 that, but we do have three law enforcement
10 instructors who have specialties in firearms,
11 general topics, I believe in driving and those kind
12 of things like that.

13 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'm pleased that it's
14 going to be more than once a year with the firearms
15 training.

16 MR. HEROLD: That's correct. It's only
17 required once a year, but that's the kind of skill
18 that you need to keep very fresh and so we're going
19 to have training at least twice a year.

20 COMMISSIONER REPP: Absolutely. And -- and
21 I'm quite pleased with that. You did mention also
22 undercover, I mean, the 16 hours a night start, do
23 we have a plan or -- for another more intensive
24 training since there's going to be quite a bit of
25 undercover work that you have planned for your

1 department?

2 MR. HEROLD: Absolutely. And I think I shared
3 with you that we had already sent some of our
4 agents to South Florida. One of our partner
5 agencies in South Florida provided some essentially
6 intro into undercover operations.

7 There is a litany of undercover type of
8 training that goes on out there, and we're going to
9 make sure that our folks are well trained up,
10 because this is something that's absolutely
11 critical for them. Undercover operations is where
12 you can get yourself injured quite quickly, so we
13 need to make sure that they're up to snuff on that.

14 And then at some point, I would hope that we
15 as the Gaming Control Commission law enforcement
16 that we become the experts or at least an agency
17 that people want to come to us for undercover
18 training.

19 COMMISSIONER REPP: My last thought here is do
20 you -- as an agency do you believe we have the --
21 the resources, the people, the opportunity, do we
22 have what we need to implement these policies or do
23 we have -- I know -- I believe we have more
24 personnel coming, but do you believe we have what
25 we need to implement these policies and training

1 and make this happen?

2 MR. HEROLD: Yes, I certainly do.

3 COMMISSIONER REPP: Thank you.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,
5 Commissioner Repp. I'm going to turn to
6 Commissioner Drago, but I do believe
7 Commissioner D'Aquila also has some questions.

8 Commissioner Drago.

9 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: First of all I just want
10 to thank everybody for all the work (technical
11 interference). I know there's a lot of work that
12 goes into creating policies (technical
13 interference), so I appreciate everybody that's
14 involved with it (technical interference) --

15 MR. TROMBETTA: Commissioner Drago, I'm sorry,
16 if I can interrupt. The microphone it sounds like
17 there might be an issue.

18 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Thank you. I've never
19 been accused of having a soft voice, so usually
20 it's not a problem. Sorry about that.

21 So I want to thank everybody for all the work
22 that's been done on it and the attention to it,
23 because this is in my mind one of the most critical
24 things we can do in setting up a law enforcement
25 agency is having proper policies in place for the

1 officers and the agents.

2 I would like to just go through a few of them
3 that I have comments and/or questions on, and the
4 first one is the code of Canon and Ethics policy,
5 which is 02.02.01.

6 And my question about this is -- this is a
7 standard policy about officers and agents following
8 a code of ethics, but it says that -- under Roman
9 Numeral III, law enforcement code of Canon of
10 Ethics and then it says, as a civilian member, and
11 goes on with the code.

12 So I wonder what -- why it says only civilian
13 members and not sworn members, so --

14 MR. HEROLD: That was pointed out to me
15 earlier and I think that's a typo. My intent is to
16 strike civilian. It should be member and that
17 applies to both the law enforcement and the
18 civilians within the law enforcement unit.

19 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Thank you. That's what I
20 figured. The next one is use of force policy,
21 which is 02.04.01. Probably one of the most
22 critical policies in the whole batch, but I
23 actually just have a couple of suggestions and
24 comments on that.

25 If we go to page 3, Letter B on the top,

1 deescalation techniques, at the -- at the bottom it
2 lists things that an officer can do and
3 deescalation techniques. And I suggest to add
4 language that may include the use of such
5 techniques as command, presence, announcements,
6 warnings, verbal persuasion, or tactical
7 repositioning. Tactical repositioning being the
8 new part. I think everyone has a copy of this with
9 the -- some changes.

10 Underneath that there was something that
11 was -- I think that was put in there by mistake
12 about adopted budgets and so forth, which doesn't
13 belong in use of force policy, but that's already
14 been crossed out, but I just -- that's a typo.

15 On page 7 under Roman Numeral V, deadly force
16 applications, there is A and B. Under B I would
17 add a Letter C, which says: Discharging a firearm
18 with intent to enact direct compliance from a
19 perpetrator by a special agent, i.e. a warning shot
20 is strictly prohibited. So warning shots are
21 prohibited.

22 On the next page under -- let's see, it's on
23 page 8. It's going to be under the section from
24 page 7, Number 1, moving vehicles, those go on to
25 page 8.

1 And instead of the paragraph that was there
2 which permitted shooting at moving vehicles under
3 certain conditions, my recommendations as you see
4 there: Firearms shall not be discharged at a
5 moving vehicle unless a person in the vehicle is
6 immediately threatening an agent or another person
7 with deadly force by means other than the vehicle.

8 The moving vehicle itself shall not
9 presumptively constitute a threat that justifies an
10 agent's use of deadly force. When possible an
11 agent threatened by an oncoming vehicle shall move
12 out of the vehicle's path. The key word there
13 being shall as it used to be -- or it was in a
14 previous policy should, shall out of the vehicle's
15 path -- path instead of discharging a firearm at it
16 or any of the vehicle's occupants.

17 I don't know, Vice Chair, if you want to take
18 questions on each one if somebody wants to ask, you
19 know, a question about it or if you just want me to
20 go through them all.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I'm going to allow --
22 Commissioners, if you have questions or follow up
23 to Commissioner Drago's -- I was just going to let
24 him continue through this particular item and then
25 we'll let you guys take -- have any questions.

1 So just continue, please.

2 MR. TROMBETTA: Commissioner Brown, may I make
3 a recommendation too?

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Sure.

5 MR. TROMBETTA: So essentially for these
6 policies, there's sort of two routes we can go when
7 there's feedback. We can pull them and do it for
8 the next meeting or we can adopt it with feedback
9 if you all agree on the feedback.

10 So if it's helpful for the record for us just
11 for keeping track, it will be helpful for you to
12 discuss like per policy and maybe even per change
13 for something like this, just to make sure there's
14 a consensus on the change. Because if you guys do
15 have a consensus and you agree on the change, then
16 it's easy for us to -- you can essentially
17 authorize me to, you know, adopt the policy as
18 amended by the commission today.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Absolutely. That was kind
20 of my route. I'm going to allow them to continue
21 with the feedback and then we'll go over each
22 policy and moving forward.

23 I do think that these policies are time
24 sensitive, so, you know, with that in mind I think
25 we'll have a lot of discussion here so that we can

1 give direction.

2 Commissioner Drago, please feel free to keep
3 on going.

4 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So the next paragraph
5 starts with special agent. It used to say should.
6 I would suggest: Shall not shoot at any part of a
7 vehicle in an attempt to disable the vehicle.
8 Additionally special agents shall not discharge a
9 firearm from -- from a moving vehicle.

10 So those should be additions.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, do you have
12 any questions on Commissioner Drago's proposed
13 changes?

14 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: One more on that policy.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: You want me --

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yeah, please.

18 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So on page 10 under Roman
19 Numeral VIII, supervisor responsibilities, it said:
20 A supervisor shall respond to a reported
21 application of force resulting in visible -- a
22 visible injury. I would suggest to add: Or the
23 complaint of an injury if reasonably available.

24 A supervisor would have to respond if the
25 subject complains of a (inaudible) even though he's

1 not bleeding.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I really appreciate you
3 providing these and the redline changes to it to us
4 so that we, you know, can talk about them and
5 discuss them and see if they're appropriate. You
6 are the expert here, so I appreciate the wisdom
7 that you've provided.

8 Commissioners, any questions on
9 Commissioner Drago's feedback on this policy?

10 Mr. Herold -- Director Herold, would you like
11 to address any of them?

12 MR. HEROLD: No, I agree with all of
13 recommendations the -- Commissioner Drago has made.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: That sounds great.

15 Commissioner Drago, you still have the floor
16 if you'd like to go through the other proposed
17 questions or changes.

18 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Sure. Thank you. I
19 would go to policy handcuffing and restraints,
20 which is 02.05.01. On page 3 under Roman Numeral
21 IV, application of handcuffs or plastic cuffs, the
22 first paragraph says: Handcuffs including
23 temporary, nylon, or plastic cuffs may be used only
24 to restrain a person's hands to ensure officer
25 safety.

1 And then the old language allowed the officer
2 some discretion on whether or not he wanted to
3 handcuff somebody that was a prisoner. I would
4 suggest that it would say: Special agent shall
5 handcuff, double locked, all prisoners with their
6 hands behind their back, palms facing outward.

7 The officer may handcuff the prisoner with
8 their hands in front or use other appropriate and
9 approved restraints for the prisoner, and then it
10 outlines certain situations where the special agent
11 might have that discretion.

12 That's all I have on that.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any
14 questions on these proposed changes?

15 Director Herold, do you have any comments
16 or --

17 MR. HEROLD: I'm in agreement with
18 Commissioner Drago.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Again, thank you for
20 providing the redline copies too. It helps for the
21 record.

22 Commissioner Drago, you want to jump to other
23 sections or --

24 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So that's it in that
25 policy. Let's see, so the search and seizure

1 policy I think we pulled; correct?

2 MR. HEROLD: We did, yes, sir.

3 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So we'll work on that one
4 separately.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: We're going to go ahead and
6 then just for that one, for another meeting?

7 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Yes.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Search and seizure, that's
9 02.11.01.

10 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Just real quickly, we
11 don't even have to pull it I don't think, but
12 contracts and temporary detentions, should be
13 contacts. It's a typo just so everyone's aware.
14 Sorry. I know I had --

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: No, please take your time.

16 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Maybe that was it. I
17 think that's it. I think the other ones all -- all
18 seem to be pretty standard and well thought out.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. So we have
20 three policies with changes that we just
21 illuminated and we'll go over that.

22 Now we're going to turn to
23 Commissioner D'Aquila.

24 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: My first question has
25 to do with the policy on informants and

1 specifically, let me get to the right paragraph, as
2 it pertains to the dispensing of funds, I'd like
3 you to just consider the language. It's often
4 confusion about what is taxable and what's not.

5 And the language I'm recommending is: If
6 funds exceed \$600 in any year, the informant should
7 be provided form 1099-MISC --

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Are you on page 7 of 9?

9 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: That's correct.

10 -- unless such documentation may reveal the
11 identity of the informant and doing so would
12 jeopardize the investigation. In all cases the
13 informant should be provided with the writing to
14 report all income as other income on their federal
15 and/or state -- and if applicable state tax returns
16 regardless of the amount or whether a 1099 is
17 issued.

18 I think that if we just clarify -- it would
19 put us in total compliance with the rules of the
20 IRS. Because there's often confusion if something
21 is not -- on a 1099 is not reportable and also
22 if -- if they're not -- I looked at other state
23 policies on this and if -- only if the IRS permits
24 a non-1099 only if it's going to jeopardize their
25 identity, which might be most cases. But I think

1 it should be very clear and delineated in the
2 rules.

3 MR. TROMBETTA: Commissioner D'Aquila, just
4 for trying to follow along. The comment is as it
5 relates to Roman Numeral VII a payment process one
6 or is it prior to that and is this language that
7 you'd like to see that is not there right now; am I
8 following you correctly?

9 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: That's correct.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Are you -- are we talking
11 on page the reporting of payment?

12 MR. TROMBETTA: I'm going to recommend we pull
13 this one and work on it based on the feedback,
14 depending on feedback from Director Herold.

15 I mean, is it okay if this policy waits a
16 month?

17 MR. HEROLD: Yes.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: We're going to pull this
19 one, because we need to get that language right.

20 Commissioner D'Aquila, you still have the
21 floor.

22 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: My next question
23 pertains to, where did it go, conflicts of
24 interest, and I have a general question.

25 Should we not get more specific with regard to

1 Florida Statute 112.3137(a) and get more --
2 considering all of the LLCs and financial interest
3 out there in the gambling space, do we need to be
4 more specific with regard to what is a conflict?

5 And what I'm thinking about as I read this is,
6 you know, we have law enforcement out there. Does
7 it mean that they can't be involved if the landlord
8 for that particular strip mall where there are
9 illegal casinos as a family member or so forth and
10 so on.

11 When I read the statute that I previously
12 stated, there are about seven or eight key lines in
13 there and I wonder if we should have our policy be
14 -- elaborate more on that, all the potential
15 conflicts, not just of employment but of a
16 contractual relationship, business interest, so
17 forth and so on.

18 And I thought about it in relation to what
19 we've been experiencing specifically in the current
20 rates that have taken place in our state.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Director Herold.

22 MR. HEROLD: I like that and -- but I would
23 recommend that since it's going to take a little
24 more conversation and a little bit more research
25 maybe pull this one as well and have it ready for

1 next time.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I think that's appropriate.
3 Commissioner D'Aquila.

4 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: Those are all my
5 comments. Otherwise I think this is a incredible
6 effort and thank you.

7 MR. HEROLD: Thank you.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And I do want
9 to also echo that. I know you've been working on
10 this since January at least so -- and there's many
11 more to come. I'd like to -- I wish we could have
12 a more expeditious way to do this for you so that
13 you have the policies and tools that you need and
14 we don't have any regulatory lag for you and -- so
15 you have the tools.

16 So if -- if there's a more effective way that
17 we can get some of these policies in place, I'm
18 completely open to that idea.

19 Commissioner Repp.

20 COMMISSIONER REPP: Yes. I don't see him here
21 today, but to -- I know I wasn't the only one who
22 had read the policies and saw chief of law
23 enforcement and -- so maybe you could introduce,
24 you know -- since as he's not a -- as you said if
25 you look up, you don't see him listed as chief

1 as -- on payroll as that -- his title.

2 If maybe you can tell us who he is and just --
3 you know, just a little snippet about who chief is
4 when this is referred to in our policies just for
5 those listening and those who are interested in --

6 MR. HEROLD: Thank you. I don't get the
7 chance to talk about him very much, but chief of
8 law enforcement is my Number 2 person,
9 Dan DeCoursey and I can't lay enough praise on Dan,
10 because he -- he has stood shoulder to shoulder
11 with me as we begin to build up this law
12 enforcement agency. And it's incredibly helpful to
13 have somebody that has the same vision for what we
14 ultimately want to accomplish here and somebody
15 that is driven to get this done as I am.

16 So Dan's not here, because he's -- he's the
17 working guy that's holding everything back
18 together -- together back at the office while I'm
19 here and I couldn't do this without him, so, but
20 I'll bring him one time.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And so I've
22 kind of been keeping track of the policies that
23 we've very tacitly expressed approval of without --
24 and we're going to take a motion on all of them
25 together.

1 So I'm just going to go through them and --
2 with the changes that were mentioned, we're going
3 to be pulling first 02.11.01, search and seizure;
4 we're going to pull 02.16.01, informants; 02.30.01,
5 conflicts of interest. Those are the three that
6 I've got. And if there are no other questions on
7 any of the other policies, we're going to -- just
8 going to --

9 Yes.

10 MR. TROMBETTA: Just for a point of
11 clarification, can we just address the policies
12 that we did make changes to?

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: There are three of them.
14 We've got changes redline versions of them too for
15 the record, .02.04.01, use of force policy;
16 .02.05.01, handcuffing and restraints policy; minor
17 edit to .02.54.01, contracts, which is contacts,
18 and temporary detentions. Those are the three.

19 MR. TROMBETTA: By my notes there was one
20 other one that we had a minor change to it,
21 02.02.01, Code of -- or Canon of Ethics.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yes, thank you. I did get
23 the redline one, so I like the redline. Can you go
24 over that change, please, again.

25 MR. TROMBETTA: Yes, ma'am. I believe it was

1 from Commissioner Drago that suggested -- there's a
2 reference to civilian members, I think the feedback
3 was to remove reference to civilian members.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yeah. That's correct.
5 Thank you. Okay.

6 Any other questions before we get -- go ahead
7 take a motion to -- and I guess the best way to do
8 it is I'll just state the motion with the -- the
9 ones with the changes. So approve and then if you
10 guys can go ahead and make that motion, it would be
11 great.

12 But approve 02.01.02 in full, approve 02.06.01
13 in full, 02.07.01, 02.08.01, 02.20.01, 02.21.01,
14 02.25.01, and bear with me, 02.27.01, 02.28.01,
15 02.29.01, 02.32.01 in full, 02.33.01 in full,
16 02.35.01 in full, 02.39.01, 02.41.01, 02.43.01,
17 02.46.01, probably a better way to do this, but
18 02.49.01, 02.50.01, 02.51.01, 02.55.01 in full,
19 02.58.01, 02.61.01, 03.01.01, and 03.13.01.

20 All of those mentioned all approved as the
21 staff has presented and then with the changes that
22 were made here today 02.02.01, 02.04.01, 02.05.01,
23 and 02.54.01. That is the motion that I'd to take.

24 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I'd like to make a motion
25 to approve.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there a
2 second?

3 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll second.

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

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. So,
7 Director Herold, when should we see the ones
8 that -- the three ones that we pulled back, when do
9 you expect?

10 MR. HEROLD: Maybe the end of next week.
11 We'll start working on them immediately.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: That's great. And if you
13 have a suggestion of how we can do it again much
14 more expeditiously and give you the -- you know,
15 some latitude along with commissioner input, then I
16 think it will help move these along quicker.

17 MR. HEROLD: Executive Director Trombetta and
18 I will follow up. I will tell you that I'm very
19 thankful to have so many prescient and skilled
20 members of the commission to, you know, offer this
21 feedback, because it is very beneficial to -- you
22 know, to have that.

23 I can look at these policies seven or eight
24 times, which is about how many times I looked at
25 them, and still miss things. So I consider myself

1 fortunate to have that opportunity.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Well, thank you. There's a
3 lot of work that went into this and these are so
4 important to your mission. Thank you.

5 MR. HEROLD: Thank you.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: With that -- and thank you
7 all for bearing with us on these items. We are
8 moving to the executive director report -- update.

9 MR. TROMBETTA: Thank you, Mrs. Vice Chair.

10 I have two somewhat hopefully short updates.
11 The first one involves HISA, or HISA (alternate
12 pronunciation). I still call it HISA. I know
13 everybody else is HISA, but whatever.

14 We received their new budget. So we got it
15 Tuesday just before 5:00, so we didn't have it on
16 the agenda. Essentially what's going to happen is
17 annually racing commissions around the country have
18 to make a decision on whether or not to opt in to
19 make a payment on behalf of the industry for that
20 state.

21 Florida, last year we did not opt in for a
22 number of reasons. But it's not on the agenda
23 today, because frankly we didn't get it in time and
24 it would have been rushed and I don't think it
25 would be fair to not have an item on the agenda.

1 So the budget has gone up. It's now just
2 under \$80 million in total. They then essentially
3 distribute that budget amongst the different racing
4 commissioners around the country. Florida's share
5 is about \$6.8 million.

6 What I would recommend, because we are
7 supposed to provide a response before November 17,
8 if the commission's open to it to having some type
9 of virtual meeting to take potentially that item.
10 It will give my staff time to kind of review what's
11 really in it, get notice out to the public, and
12 then it would allow the commission to vote on it
13 with some time.

14 So what I'm looking for just based on -- you
15 know, I have had several communications with all of
16 you just about your calendars. It looks like there
17 might be some availability towards the end of the
18 week of the 13th, maybe the 16th.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I think November 16 is a
20 great day right before and we'll have enough time
21 to go over the increased budget. How about 10:00
22 a.m., does that work for you all?

23 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: Yes.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Also we welcome feedback
25 from the community on this as well.

1 MR. TROMBETTA: Thank you. And the second one
2 is an update -- well, (inaudible) update, it's an
3 ask for rulemaking authority. So under the terms
4 of the 2021 Compact, Seminole Tribe, the state of
5 Florida and the Seminole Tribe are supposed to work
6 together on handling a dispute process for patrons
7 that play at Seminole casinos and have issues that
8 they don't feel get resolved.

9 I again kind of asking just to get ahead of
10 things for the authority to file a notice of rule
11 development if needed. I'd like my team to really
12 look into this right now. We might not even do it.
13 I'll have you an update on what we do by that
14 November 17 meeting. But if you give me the
15 authority, then if we do need to go down that road
16 I can get that notice filed and then we wouldn't
17 have to wait.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, do you have
19 any problem with that? It sounds like we're not --
20 we're giving you some discretion, but you'll give
21 us whether we're going down that by November 16 at
22 that meeting?

23 MR. TROMBETTA: Yes, ma'am.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Does that sound good? We
25 don't need a motion to -- do we?

1 MR. TROMBETTA: Something for the record, I
2 think it would probably help if you did just to be
3 sure. It seems like you're in agreement.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a motion to give
5 Director Trombetta the authority to move forward
6 until we discuss this again --

7 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

8 COMMISSIONER A'QUILA: Second.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.
10 (Aye responses)

11 MR. TROMBETTA: Thank you. And then lastly
12 just some updates. I mean, we're -- at this point
13 we now -- we reached a milestone on our IT side, so
14 hundred percent of the full-time facilities. So
15 people in full-time facilities are now on our own
16 network.

17 So we now -- what that means potentially is
18 that our IT team has full control of essentially
19 the work -- the workstations that we know of.
20 There's some people that are floating in and out,
21 there's really the -- what's left is the -- there's
22 a few stations that some of the facilities kind of
23 get turned on and off, depending on the season or
24 if somebody's in that office. And we're working on
25 finishing that, but really it's been a big step

1 there.

2 We are working on just kind of getting a lot
3 of things together. We've had a lot of significant
4 movement on the law enforcement side. We've been
5 getting good results I think, just more background
6 on how this policy stuff happens.

7 You know, Director Herold and his team gets
8 those policies together but then there's a huge
9 review process that goes on from the admin team,
10 from legal, and then goes back essentially to law
11 enforcement. If there's any issues, then it comes
12 to you.

13 So that's part of the reason that it may seem
14 like it's not very efficient, but I want to -- I
15 don't want any of my staff -- I mean, they all
16 worked -- I asked them -- essentially in about 10
17 days we got all of those -- we got through all of
18 those, which in state government is really pretty
19 fast for that number -- that volume of things.

20 So we did a great job on that and -- I mean, I
21 think we're going to continue -- the plan is to
22 really get this done. If there are other
23 efficiencies, you know, as Director Carl said,
24 we're happy to kind of think of them and try to
25 come up with something else we can do.

1 But I think this -- this group was probably
2 the most rushed if it was, just because we were
3 trying to get things going for this calendar, but I
4 think having more time for the subsequent meetings
5 will help us just to -- to -- and help everybody
6 else get more time on this thing, but really it was
7 -- we got a lot done, the goal that was set.
8 Frankly I didn't expect us and we did, so I'm very
9 happy with the work everybody did to get together
10 to do that, so.

11 Outside of that, that's I all I have. I'm
12 available if you have any questions as well.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,
14 Director Trombetta. I do also want to say the law
15 enforcement folks and external affairs have been
16 doing a great job, getting a lot of coverage,
17 collaborating with a lot of other agencies around
18 the state, and so really commend the work that
19 you're doing in addition to all the daily routine
20 things as well.

21 Commissioners, any questions for
22 Director Trombetta?

23 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I don't.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

25 MR. TROMBETTA: Thank you.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: We're moving on to public
2 comment. Is there anybody from the public that
3 would like to speak today that's not signed up?
4 Going once, twice.

5 All right. Seeing none, this meeting is
6 adjourned. Thank you.

7 (The proceedings concluded at 11:00 a.m.)

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