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6 Commissioner Chuck Drago

7 Commissioner John D'Aquila

8 Commissioner Tina Repp

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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Good morning, everyone.

3 Thank you for joining us to the Florida Gaming
4 Control Commission's October 16th meeting. If you
5 will please stand with us for the Pledge of
6 Allegiance, which will be led by Commissioner Repp.

7 VARIOUS: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of
8 the United States of America, and to the Republic
9 for which it stands, one Nation, under God,
10 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you all. I would like
12 to note that we do have attorney/client meetings at
13 the end of this public meeting process, so we'll go
14 through that process as well. But we're going to
15 begin our business meeting today with the approval
16 of our meeting minutes from August 6th, 2025. Can I
17 please get a motion to approve?

18 COMMISSIONER REPP: Motion to approve.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Can I get a second?

20 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Aye.

21 COMMISSIONER REPP: All those in favor, please
22 say aye.

23 VARIOUS: Aye.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Motion passes.
25 We are moving on to our executive director update.

1 We have a few items under there, and -- thank you.

2 Director Dillmore.

3 MR. DILLMORE: Good morning. I just have a few
4 items today, but I think first I'd like to start off
5 with Director Harold to do his Gaming Enforcement
6 update.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Who has been extremely busy
8 this past month.

9 MR. HEROLD: Sorry, I'm not as tall as Joe.
10 Good morning, everyone. Thank you for having me.
11 I'm excited to be able to share some of the
12 activities of the Gaming Enforcement Unit over this
13 past month. As always, the men and women in our
14 Gaming Enforcement Unit were extremely hard for the
15 citizens of the State of Florida in trying to better
16 the environment as it relates to illegal gambling.

17 This past month, generally in our activity
18 section, the investigators touched 81 different
19 investigations that we continued to work. We closed
20 down 11 -- or excuse me, 17 illegal businesses. And
21 in the process of doing that, we seized 429 slot
22 machines and arrested 14 individuals with a total of
23 45 separate charges across the 14 individuals. The
24 amount of money that was seized during these
25 operations this past month was \$171,770. That's all

1 very good, and we're very proud of that. I do want
2 to stress, and probably the thing that I'm most
3 proud of is, that in those operations, the 429 that
4 we seized, we were able to destroy 456 this past
5 month. And --

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Which is a milestone.

7 MR. HEROLD: Which is a milestone. And, you
8 know, we've had a lot of conversation, and the
9 Commission has been quite interested, justifiably
10 so, about the destruction process in the lifecycle
11 of these evidentiary items. And this is the first
12 time we've gotten to that point where cases have
13 been resolved and we have the opportunity to destroy
14 these illegal items and create additional space
15 within our warehouse. So that truly is a milestone,
16 and I'm very thankful for that.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any questions
18 at this point or comments?

19 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: No.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

21 MR. HEROLD: Very good. I anticipated
22 Commissioner Drago would have something to say, but
23 I'll move on.

24 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Saving it.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Saving it.

1 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Saving the best for last.

2 MR. HEROLD: Okay. All right. Very good.

3 Thank you. As it relates to our intel and
4 analytical activity, the analyst and the intel Group
5 conducted 17 background investigations on subjects,
6 and 11 background investigations on businesses this
7 past month. They participated in eight intel
8 meetings. Again, I stress this every month. The
9 most important part of our intel group is staying
10 current and getting information from our intel
11 partners and also sharing. You know, I truly
12 believe that the Gaming Enforcement Unit has a
13 unique opportunity to share the emerging trends as
14 it come -- as it relates to criminal activity in
15 this space, and we continue to use that as an
16 opportunity to share that with the rest of the intel
17 community.

18 Investigative leads. We talk about this every
19 month. And as the Agency begins to pick up
20 momentum, and particularly in the Gaming Enforcement
21 Division, we're getting more and more investigative
22 leads that come in through our -- predominantly
23 through our portal on the website, but a couple
24 other ways of receiving that. This past month, we
25 received 390 total investigative leads. 385 of

1 those leads came from citizens themselves. 4 came
2 from other law enforcement agencies, and 1 was from
3 another source.

4 Of that 390, you know, the -- because of the
5 sheer volume and the staffing levels that we have,
6 we were only able to assign 20 investigations as
7 past month to agents for investigation. Of the 200
8 -- there were 204 that we reached out to law
9 enforcement partners and provided that information
10 to them to see if they wanted to take those
11 investigations on. And part of the process that we
12 do when we share that information with our local law
13 enforcement agencies is offer our partnership so
14 that if they want to take up the investigation,
15 we'll be there to support them and provide either
16 additional support in the form of logistical
17 support, or if it's intelligence support or our
18 special expertise in gaming enforcement.

19 120 of those leads were put into our pending
20 unassigned file, which means that, you know, we'll
21 have them there if we free up resources and we need
22 to have a go-to to begin to investigate additional
23 reports. Also, we use that pending and unassigned
24 as -- it's a resource for us in that we may, in a
25 month from now, get additional leads that would lead

1 us to want to begin investigation, one of those that
2 we had previously put into our unassigned category.

3 28 of those didn't meet our DGE mission. And
4 those could be a variety of things, from people
5 complaining about a gambling resource in another
6 state or, you know -- it's open to the public. They
7 put all kinds of crazy stuff up there sometimes.
8 And the last one was other. I'll pause there.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners. Commissioner
10 Drago?

11 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I'm afraid I'm getting a
12 reputation here, but that's okay.

13 MR. HEROLD: It's a pleasant one.

14 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Other than the one I
15 always used to have, so. I just have a question. I
16 know we've talked about this. Putting this kind of
17 information into a dashboard situation where we can
18 compare month to month and see how things are going
19 throughout the year. I am a bit of a data geek when
20 it comes to that because I believe if you're not
21 measuring it, you're never going to be able to
22 improve. And this is great that you do this because
23 this helps me a lot. But if -- have we got that --
24 have we got to that point yet where we have a
25 dashboard or a graph or something that shows, month

1 to month, how these things are going?

2 MR. HEROLD: I can check into that, and I'll
3 have you an answer later. I'll get with Director
4 Mustain.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yes. Commissioner?

6 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: You mention the number
7 of memorandums of understanding where we are --

8 MR. HEROLD: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: -- as of this month.
10 And I think we've gotten to the point where I think
11 there are more of them than there were in the
12 majority of the counties now.

13 MR. HEROLD: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I mean, on how many
15 counties still have not responded to our efforts to
16 get a memorandum of understanding, or is that data
17 not really available at this point?

18 MR. HEROLD: That's not necessarily available.
19 I wouldn't want -- my perspective is that there's
20 nothing negative associated with them. And so I
21 wouldn't want to stigmatize anybody in particular or
22 any agency. I would rather, you know, elevate the
23 agencies that participate with us. You know, I
24 don't know why some agencies don't want to
25 participate, and it's totally up to that law

1 enforcement group and that agency on how they want
2 to handle this.

3 But I think we get a lot more benefit from, you
4 know, celebrating the agencies and holding them up,
5 the ones that work with us. And I will say we
6 continue to get a lot of interest in collaborating
7 with us. The -- You know, we -- at the very
8 beginning, our goal was to be the subject matter
9 experts in the area of gaming enforcement. And I
10 think that we are truly living up to that particular
11 moniker. And we get all kinds of phone calls from
12 people.

13 I just spent a phone call yesterday with three
14 attorneys in another part of the state that had
15 questions about gaming, you know, violations. And
16 so this happens all the time, and I'm welcome that.
17 I think it really elevates us.

18 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Great.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And even to just further
20 explain, we've become the lead agency on
21 investigation. So, you know, we started a few years
22 ago kind of collaborating and being in the second
23 seat, and now we are the lead. So that's --

24 MR. HEROLD: I agree completely. I mean, you
25 know, maybe a year ago, a year and a half ago, we

1 could have said that, and there would have been a
2 little bit of hopefulness in it. But that truly is
3 the answer now. We've developed such expertise in
4 that field.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner D'Aquila?

6 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: And we're over 30 now,
7 if my memory is correct in that.

8 MR. HEROLD: Actually, 66.

9 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: 66.

10 MR. HEROLD: Well, oh, you were talking
11 about --

12 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: How many memorandums of
13 understanding by counties.

14 MR. HEROLD: Oh, I thought you were talking
15 about my age. I'm just sorry.

16 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: No, no, no, no, no, no.

17 MR. HEROLD: Our memorandums are up over 50. I
18 think it's like 54.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Yes?

20 COMMISSIONER REPP: Yeah. The amount of work
21 that we have, the amount of cases that we have
22 coming in, and the amount going to pending
23 unassigned, just tells us the volume of work that we
24 have. Where are we with our staffing levels? Are
25 we filled up? Are we still advertising? Are we

1 good with what we have right now as far as open
2 positions?

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Great question.

4 MR. HEROLD: Yes. Yeah. And I was prepared to
5 provide a little staffing update. As it stands
6 right now, you know, I'm very energetic when it
7 comes to trying filling vacancies because every
8 vacancy affects the overall performance of the
9 Agency. As it relates to law enforcement sworn
10 personnel, we have agent vacancy in each of the
11 three units, south, central, and north. And we have
12 interviews scheduled. We've already advertised.
13 We've selected candidates, and we're actually going
14 to do interviews -- I believe it's next week or the
15 following week. And we're going to do that for the
16 whole group. So we should have candidates pretty
17 quickly.

18 We have one special agent supervisor position
19 that's vacant in South Florida that we have not yet
20 advertised for, but that's in the near future. And
21 then on the analyst and intel side, we have a cyber
22 analyst for the north part of the state, and that
23 individual has already been selected, and they're in
24 background.

25 We have interviews next week -- or actually --

1 yeah, I think it's next week, for the cyber analyst
2 in South Florida. And then we have a digital
3 forensic engineer position that is a unique hybrid
4 between somebody that has a IT background and has a
5 criminal analyst background. And we've interviewed
6 and advertised, and we selected an individual. And
7 when their employer found out that we were
8 interested in them, they offered them a promotion.
9 And so we're back at square one again.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Anything further?

11 COMMISSIONER REPP: No. Thank you.

12 MR. HEROLD: Yes. Absolutely. Continuing on,
13 the -- the warehouse summary, the -- the agency has
14 80,408 square feet of warehouse space. And
15 currently, we have 6,694 machines and other items.
16 And 32,960 square feet is available. So we have
17 about 41 percent available. I believe that includes
18 the -- the machines that we just destroyed. So
19 we've got about 41,000. I will say that we have
20 more machines to be destroyed, and we're currently
21 working on getting those taken care of. I'm -- I'm
22 going to guess we probably have another 500 machines
23 that are prepared to be destroyed.

24 COMMISSIONER REPP: Good.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: It's great.

1 COMMISSIONER REPP: Lastly, the -- the training
2 aspect -- the training for the -- the gaming
3 enforcement unit this past month involved some
4 driver instructor training, getting instructor
5 training certification, where you have to be
6 certified to be an instructor in law enforcement
7 topics. And so you -- you have to actually go to
8 training to be a trainer, and we did that. We had a
9 red dot firearms instructor class.

10 We recognized in our gaming enforcement that
11 part of our responsibility is animal-cruelty-related
12 gambling activities. And so two of our folks went
13 to the Crimes Against Animals. And it was --
14 according to them -- and the conversation I had was
15 quite disturbing, but we needed that. We've sent
16 one of our folks to the long-gun rifle armor
17 training. And then the -- the last bit of training
18 is the National Gambling Intelligent Sharing Group
19 conference.

20 And Chief Christina Linton attended that. Very
21 proud of her going up there and sharing information
22 and bringing that back. And again, it's a
23 opportunity for us to push ourselves to the
24 forefront and help people realize, at least in the
25 intel community, that the Gaming Enforcement Unit

1 and Gaming Commission is -- Florida is at the -- the
2 pointy end of the spear as it comes to information
3 sharing.

4 And then lastly, I would like to give a shout-
5 out to LaTonya (phonetic), our accreditation person,
6 who -- she's been working incredibly hard ever since
7 she came on board. And she actually went to Ocala
8 PD and assisted with a mock accreditation, which
9 helps her to understand what the -- the accreditors
10 will be looking for when they come to us and we --
11 we begin that process for accreditation. And it
12 helps her developer skills at the same time. So,
13 very proud of all that activity.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners?

15 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Have we started the -- the
16 process for accreditation yet?

17 MR. HEROLD: We are in the process of
18 evaluating our policies, and we're very nearly done
19 with that and bringing them into compliance with the
20 accreditation guidelines. And at that point, we'll
21 have to come back to you as we get these policies
22 tightened up and we make some adjustments. And --
23 but the -- the process is moving along. The -- you
24 know, LaTonya has done a lot of work.

25 She needed to be trained to get her into the

1 position to be able to take that task and -- and
2 move forward. And so that's the -- where we were at
3 was getting her trained up and everything. She's
4 going to a conference next month along with the
5 supervisor -- her supervisor. And so I think we're
6 -- but she has been working very hard and reviewing
7 the -- the policies and getting those in -- in
8 compliance.

9 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: And -- and we're looking
10 at Florida State accreditation, right?

11 MR. HEROLD: Yes. Yeah. We're going to go
12 through the -- the FCA, the -- the -- the
13 accreditation group that's with -- with FDLE.

14 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Right.

15 MR. HEROLD: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Great. I -- I know it's a
17 difficult or long process.

18 MR. HEROLD: It is.

19 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So, appreciate it, but I
20 think it's important.

21 MR. HEROLD: I -- absolutely. And -- and I
22 appreciate your interest in it, and we are very
23 excited about that when it does ultimately get here.
24 But there's a lot of work at -- and, you know --
25 but, you know, the people that are listening may not

1 understand that there's a great deal of work that
2 has to be laid down before we even get to that
3 point, so..

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Absolutely.
5 Commissioner Repp?

6 COMMISSIONER REPP: I -- yeah. I was going to
7 say there's so much to be done before you can even
8 put in an accreditation request. Do we have any
9 sort of -- of timeline as to when we'll -- that's
10 something that would be achievable to just that
11 initial submission, or are we still working on
12 putting together goals and -- and, you know, step-
13 by-step getting to that point?

14 MR. HEROLD: I have not articulated a timeline.
15 I'm, you know, trying to get all those other things
16 in place, but I can try to get something together
17 for you if you'd like.

18 COMMISSIONER REPP: Thank you.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

20 Are you -- you're not completed with your
21 report?

22 MR. HEROLD: I think -- am I not?

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I don't think you are. I -
24 - I do want to commend your team for wearing several
25 hats as well. I -- including helping the federal

1 government with immigration. And kudos to your
2 staff, as well as our director of administration,
3 for allowing us to be able to get those funds for
4 the work that we've done.

5 MR. HEROLD: Well, thank you. And should have
6 written that down, but yes, we members of the gaming
7 enforcement unit participated in the illegal -- one
8 of the illegal immigrant activities, or enforcement
9 activities, I'll say, along with other state
10 agencies down in Polk County this past month. And
11 it was quite exhilarating for my folks.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Intense.

13 MR. HEROLD: Intense. You know, law
14 enforcement officers like to be law enforcement
15 officers, and they got this opportunity to go out
16 there and -- and do that, and people that I wouldn't
17 expect coming in with excitement in their voice and
18 a little excitement in their step. So it was good.
19 Was good, and we're making things better for the
20 state.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Absolutely.

22 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: And then we were able to
23 get involved because they -- everybody went through
24 the training with -- with the federal government to
25 get --

1 MR. HEROLD: Correct.

2 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: -- to get --

3 MR. HEROLD: Certified.

4 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I -- certified.

5 MR. HEROLD: Yes. Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Right.

7 MR. HEROLD: Absolutely.

8 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: That's -- that's great.

9 MR. HEROLD: So that was -- that was exciting.

10 And all of our law enforcement officials are, I

11 guess, certified. I don't know what --

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Right.

13 MR. HEROLD: -- the actual word is, but yeah.

14 And we continue to support the -- you know, Governor

15 DeSantis and our state law enforcement partners in

16 this. And we've got another operation that we're

17 going to participate in very shortly.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: That's great. Thank you.

19 Thank you, Director Herold.

20 MR. HEROLD: Now, am I finished, Ms. --

21 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Are you -- are you

22 finished?

23 MR. HEROLD: Well, I'm asking you.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Oh, yeah. You're finished.

25 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Thank you.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

2 MR. DILLMORE: -- The past few months, having
3 the opportunity to get updates from him on pending
4 operations, ongoing operations, it's -- it's been
5 quite amazing the amount of work they're doing. And
6 see it grow in cooperation with those local
7 governments and all four corners of the state,
8 they're -- they're truly doing a great job, and I
9 like to thank their team. I only have a couple
10 other things.

11 In Section 849.086, the commission's required
12 to distribute one quarter of the monies, gross
13 receipts, tax collected for cardroom operations in
14 the distributed local governments that approved the
15 cardroom in each of those areas. And approximately
16 22 local government municipalities received a total
17 of \$2.8 million that went out prior to October 1st
18 in accordance with the law.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And some of
20 which definitely benefit from it. Although it may
21 be marginal, it's not marginal to the county's.

22 MR. DILLMORE: Yes, I agree. And on October
23 10th, the division held the rule hearing in
24 association with -- I think we briefed the
25 commission a -- a couple months ago regarding rules

1 that commission proposed in - - in relation to
2 Senate Bill 804 that passed, that whole rule
3 package. We had a bunch of proposed rules, one we
4 received a comment on after the -- the comment
5 period and a request for a rule hearing that was
6 held on October 10th.

7 The record will remain open on that. Very
8 specific to one section, 75. -- 75-4.004 regarding
9 amendments to operating dates license for pari-
10 mutuel operators. So it was very specific that one
11 thing was a short hearing. The -- the period will
12 remain open. Comment period for 14 days. And once
13 we get all the data collected, we will be bringing
14 that package back, hopefully, next month for
15 proposed rule final adoption.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Great.

17 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Great.

18 MR. DILLMORE: And that's all of the -- anybody
19 has any question? That's all the --

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Director
21 Dillmore. Commissioners, are there any questions of
22 Director?

23 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: No, I don't think so. No.

24 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: There's not.

25 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Thank you.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Appreciate it.

2 Okay. So we're going to go into our FGCC staffing
3 update on some items. And before we get into that,
4 I just want to first talk about -- he -- he won't
5 like this, but Director Dillmore. Okay. I
6 apologize. But, you know, he took the helm August
7 8th, officially, as the acting executive director.
8 His extensive experience, his dedication to the
9 people of our agency, to the people of PMW division,
10 strong leadership, it just boosted collaboration,
11 morale, and the overall work product, quite frankly,
12 of our agency.

13 You have just transformed our agency over these
14 past two months. You've been doing it seamlessly
15 while also working as, you know, the director of
16 PMW. And the executive director role takes on a lot
17 of additional duties. And during this transition
18 period, I have to say I've been impressed. I
19 personally just watched your leadership. I've known
20 you for several years, but I've really got to see
21 you thrive in this role. It's -- it's truly a
22 tribute to your leadership skills. I have to say
23 that without a question.

24 I know you've been burning the candle at both
25 ends. I know we talk daily. I know everything, you

1 know, that you are responsible for, and you've been
2 doing it in a stellar fashion. I cannot thank you
3 enough for stepping up in a time of need of the
4 agency. Your leadership is just exemplary. And want
5 to commend you for the work you've been doing these
6 past two months.

7 With that, I'd like to open it up for
8 commissioners to make some comments as well.

9 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Yeah. Actually, you had
10 three jobs.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Oh, sorry --

12 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: There was no deputy
13 director before Brandon came along. We had no
14 executive director. We had no head of PMW per se.
15 So Joe, you did it, all three of them.

16 And Joe, most of you know, is a very humble,
17 quiet guy. So he's not going to go around and brag
18 about what he's done. But I think we're all going
19 to share what we have seen and -- and how we felt
20 about it because it's not easy to take over as an
21 acting anything. It's always difficult to have one
22 foot in one job and one foot in another job and not
23 knowing when that one job is going to end and how
24 it's going to end.

25 So I really want to give you my personal thanks

1 for doing it because you -- you weren't all that
2 thrilled about it in the beginning, and you took it
3 on anyway, you know. And it's -- it's --
4 exemplifies, I think, what this agency is all about
5 and the people in this agency that will step up
6 whenever they need to and do what they have to do,
7 whether they want to do it or not. So personally, I
8 really do appreciate it.

9 I was really very happy when you agreed to do
10 it, even though I had one arm behind you and
11 everyone else had another arm behind you. You
12 agreed to do it, and you've done a -- a -- a stellar
13 job, like Vice Chair, Brown, is saying, a great job,
14 and did everything we asked. So I want to thank you
15 really for -- for doing it, taking it on, and
16 handling it. You know, you don't get -- you don't
17 get the -- you know, the pat on the back and you
18 walk away. But these are things that people
19 remember.

20 And I think that the most important part of it
21 is the way you treat the staff. And I think the
22 staff would -- would say the same thing about the
23 great job that you did for them. And so thank you
24 very much for stepping up and doing it. And I'm --
25 I'm really glad that we -- we have you here.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Absolutely.

2 Commissioner?

3 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: It's always so
4 difficult following these two. But for those of you
5 that know Joe, he's a great baseball fan. And I
6 think it's been four jobs equivalent he has taken
7 over, because we had some turnover in some key roles
8 in areas that he supervised. So the best thing --
9 way I could describe what we've just gone through
10 the past few months is, those of you that have been
11 watching the baseball playoffs and so forth, Joe
12 comes in in the ninth inning with the bases loaded,
13 all right? And the series can be lost on the next
14 batter. And he thinks about what pitches to throw
15 very, very carefully. And he got us through the
16 ninth inning, and we're still alive. And we're
17 going onto the series.

18 Awesome job, Joe, under pressure, and great
19 performance. And just honored to be working with
20 you. Thank you.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Great analogy. I think he
22 appreciates that too.

23 Commissioner Repp?

24 COMMISSIONER REPP: As if I can follow that.
25 But I -- I concur with -- with all the

1 commissioner's comments. It's been a pleasure
2 having you at the helm. Thank you for your guidance
3 through this transition. There's absolutely no one
4 better that I could think of to do this, and we
5 really appreciate everything that you've done.
6 Thank you.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, commissioners.

8 And, Joe, I know you hate all of that, but we
9 -- we just adore you. We can't say enough glowing
10 things about you, and just thank you so much from
11 the bottom of our hearts.

12 With that, I want to talk about some of the
13 changes that are going on at the commission. We
14 have an incredible new edition that just started
15 with this, October 6. I don't know if the
16 stakeholders have had an opportunity to meet him.
17 He's incredible. Deputy Executive Director Brandon
18 McCaffrey, he --

19 I'd like to introduce you to everyone here.

20 He comes to us from the executive office of the
21 governor, where he most recently served as the chief
22 analyst in the office of OPB, Public Safety Union.
23 In that role, he led a team of analysts working
24 closely with Florida's criminal justice agencies.
25 He helped develop key implementation, legislative

1 priorities related to the Florida's criminal justice
2 system.

3 He's also served in several other roles within
4 the governor's office of policy and budget,
5 supporting both public safety initiatives and
6 education. He's a graduate of Florida State
7 University, where he also earned a master's of
8 public administration and a bachelor of science in
9 criminology. He -- he really just is a nice
10 contribution to our agency. He also holds a
11 certificates in the US intelligence studies and the
12 emergency management and homeland security.

13 I cannot tell you -- he's been here two weeks,
14 and we have already seen massive -- just
15 improvements within that space. So we're so excited
16 to welcome you, Brandon. And I -- I -- I know the
17 commissioners have all had an opportunity to meet
18 with you, talk with you beforehand, and you're just
19 doing a great job. And if you would like to say a
20 few words, you're more than welcome, but yes.

21 MR. MCCAFFERY: I'll be very brief.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

23 MR. MCCAFFERY: I just want to take a moment to
24 express my appreciation for this opportunity to work
25 with such a knowledgeable, professional, and

1 hardworking team. Just in the week and a half, I've
2 really Had the opportunity to kind of get on the --
3 get here, get on the ground running a little bit,
4 and just excited to work on our agency's very
5 critical mission. Thank you.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Wonderful.

7 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Thank you.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you for joining us. I
9 feel we are blessed.

10 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Welcome. Welcome.
11 Welcome.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Welcome.

13 All right. Now, we're moving on to the
14 appointment of the executive director. And I would
15 like to present you -- and I'm pleased to present
16 Ms. Alana Zimmer as the recommended candidate for
17 the executive director of the Florida Gaming Control
18 Commission. Ms. Zimmer brings extensive leadership
19 and government relations, public administration,
20 strategic operations, communication, marketing
21 across both public and private sectors.

22 Most recently, Ms. Zimmer served as the
23 executive director of the Kansas City Automotive
24 Museum, where she led a 3 million capital campaign.
25 Her career also includes serving as commissioner

1 with the Kansas Lottery, which she helped modernize
2 systems, expand responsible gaming initiatives.
3 Ms. Zimmer's skills will be really valuable to the
4 commission as we continue to strengthen regulatory
5 oversight and enhance our operational excellence
6 across Florida's gaming industry.

7 Commissioners, I know you all have had a chance
8 to meet with Ms. Zimmer individually. Is there a
9 motion to appoint Ms. Alana Zimmer as the executive
10 director of the Florida Gaming Control Commission,
11 effective October 30th, 2025?

12 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion? All those
16 in favor say aye.

17 VARIOUS: Aye.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Please join me
19 in welcoming Ms. Zimmer to the commission.

20 Ms. Zimmer, we look forward to your leadership
21 as we continue to work to preserve and protect the
22 integrity of our legal gaming activities in the
23 State of Florida. And I would love to recognize you
24 and give you an opportunity to address the
25 commission and the industry here, and public.

1 MS. ZIMMER: Good morning, everyone.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Morning.

3 MS. ZIMMER: Thank you for having me here and
4 thank you for the opportunity. I really am thrilled
5 to be here today. Like I -- like we've heard today,
6 the staff sounds like you're incredible. I'm really
7 looking forward to working with each of you and
8 carrying on the objectives that you've been working
9 on for the past several years. I have big shoes to
10 fill, it sounds like. It sounds like you've done a
11 lot of great things here in the last few months, but
12 several years as well in your other role.

13 So I look forward to working with you. And I'm
14 very, very grateful to have the opportunity to learn
15 from you and from the rest of the staff because this
16 is -- this is new for me. I haven't worked with
17 Florida government. Have spent a lot of time with
18 Kansas, but they're very different, as I'm sure you
19 can imagine, as we are from state to state.

20 I'm a graduate from -- of Florida State, so
21 it's been a long time since I've lived in
22 Tallahassee, but I'm thrilled to be back here. I
23 kind of always thought of Tallahassee as my home,
24 and I've had -- had a goal of being back here when I
25 could. What led me to the lottery, actually, is I

1 was one of the -- the first year of the recipients
2 of the Bright Future Scholarship that the lottery
3 did, and I wanted to give back in that capacity,
4 even if it wasn't in Florida.

5 So served as commissioner for the lottery in
6 Kansas for several years. As I stated, you know, I
7 have experience across the board with what -- what I
8 think is going to be very instrumental and helpful
9 for -- for the commission. But most of all, I just
10 wanted to let you know how much I do appreciate the
11 opportunity. Look forward to serving, you know, all
12 of you and -- as well as the state of Florida. So
13 thank you.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Zimmer.
15 Commissioner, any comments or thoughts?

16 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I -- I -- I just -- again,
17 I want to welcome you. You've got a -- a big job
18 ahead of you as you -- you already recognize, but
19 we're going to rely heavily on your experience in
20 all -- in -- in your past, and then you're going to
21 bring a lot to the -- to the job, obviously, even
22 though there's some differences in working in the
23 State of Florida. But as we've all been talking
24 about, you got a great staff here, very
25 knowledgeable and very eager to help anybody that --

1 that comes in.

2 And they'll be right -- right at your -- you
3 know, they'll be ready to help you whenever they
4 can. So we're excited about it. We -- we love -- we
5 love having Joe here. We love -- we're going to
6 love bringing you in, and we're going to look
7 forward to working with you in the future, so
8 welcome.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Commissioner
10 Drago. And yes, our -- our staff will be embracing
11 you and excited to work with you.

12 Commissioner?

13 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll just add, what's
14 not to like about having great relief pitching and
15 starters?

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: It -- the -- the analogy
17 just keeps going. It's going to go the whole
18 meeting. Not even going to try.

19 COMMISSIONER REPP: Welcome. We look forward
20 to working with you and I hope that you enjoy the
21 position. And -- and everyone here is really
22 friendly, so I think -- I think you'll be happy.
23 And I -- and I hope you are. Thanks.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. We have great --
25 we have a great new director. We've got a great

1 new deputy executive director. We're going to
2 continue to capitalize on Director Dillmore's
3 experience here. So we're very excited about the
4 future of the gaming commission. With that, we're
5 going to continue on to the meeting, and director
6 Dillmore is going to continue to lead that.

7 We're going into a discussion of the Florida
8 Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association 2026
9 Annual Plan. Obviously, we had a kind of overview
10 last month. So with that, we do have some speakers
11 if they're -- but after staff presents.

12 MS. STELTER: Good morning. Karen Stelter for
13 the record. Item 4, Case number 2025069353, as
14 presented in the meeting materials, is the Florida
15 Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association 2026
16 Annual Plan as required under Florida Statute
17 Section 550.2625(3)(h). Thank you.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Do you want to
19 give an overview, or do you want to just defer to
20 the speaker?

21 MS. STELTER: I was going to defer to the
22 speaker.

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: That sounds good. With
24 that, I would ask Mr. Lonny Powell to come on up to
25 the mic.

1 MR. POWELL: It seems like we're in this
2 together.

3 Good -- good morning, Madam Chairman, members
4 of the commission. Marion County, though it was
5 very dark this morning when you departed, wishes you
6 well, says hello. And unlike -- unlike Chief Carl,
7 I've been advised by counsel to take the fifth on my
8 age, so I won't be cooperating --

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: He -- he -- that was
10 erroneous by the way.

11 MR. POWELL: Yeah. Yeah.

12 And also, great welcome to our -- our new
13 deputy.

14 And, Madam Director, welcome back to
15 Tallahassee. I'm down -- I'm down south, but I
16 spent a lot of time up here. So great to have you.

17 Is -- I -- also, I might as well -- I'd be
18 remiss if I didn't mention my team here, both Tally
19 -- Tally-based and Ocala-based with me. I have our
20 CFO, Peggy Yost, who does so much of this work,
21 Steve Koch, our administrative EP of economics and
22 operations, and then our two Tally-based folks, our
23 legal counsel for the association, Lisa Hurley and
24 Jon Rees, our government relations person, with
25 Smith Bryan & Myers.

1 As you know, we come to these meetings, whether
2 we're on the agenda or not. One is, first of all, a
3 couple of us are regulatory junkies. Also, out of
4 respect to you all, the important work you do, we
5 want to be here. Plus, I'm one of those old-school
6 guys that says, "If you're not there, you're on the
7 menu." So for all those reasons, we're -- we're
8 here.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Appreciate that.

10 MR. POWELL: Well, I -- and we -- we -- we --
11 we -- we appreciate you. And -- and I got to say
12 something about this guy. I've probably known him
13 longer than any of y'all. We go back from when I
14 was chief executive officer, Racing Commissioners
15 International. He's been -- during my whole time
16 here, he's been the only constant. I think we've
17 gone through four, five, six directors during my
18 time here.

19 And he's always been the one constant. And I'm
20 -- I'm -- I'm sure he's been great workforce. And
21 even though I tease him a lot over the years just
22 because he knows I like to tease and I'd like to get
23 his reactions, he has been the connectivity, the
24 humble balance -- as a stakeholder, he treats us
25 just as good, it sounds like, as he treats the

1 staff. And I just -- you haven't been a regulator
2 for a long time. Guys like this are tough to find.

3 And you all recognize him so well, and he's
4 leaving you all with such a good platform and still
5 that knowledge base. But -- and this -- again, it
6 embarrasses you, I'm sure. He's the last person
7 ever to say anything about himself, but you said it
8 so well, and I'm just here to second the motion.
9 Yeah.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yes. Thank you.

11 MR. POWELL: Now, onto the matter at hand. Yes.
12 We -- we covered this really last meeting. It's the
13 -- it's the same situation. It's a continuation
14 through the rest of the year. It is largely driven
15 by, as I mentioned to you, the antiquation and just
16 plain broken and need a fixing of Statute 550, which
17 we're probably going to spend a lot of time on this
18 session and additional couple other exciting things.
19 You know, they're always out there.

20 And through -- through Lisa and through Jon,
21 there'll be a lot of updates as appropriate in -- in
22 -- in working with and informing staff along the way
23 as well. And -- but these would be things that
24 would be good for all segments of the industry, but
25 they're just -- again, using ATW as an example, it's

1 just -- it's just not out of -- only out of touch,
2 it's out of the universe. So we look forward to
3 helping, maybe provide some very productive
4 suggestions to the legislature along those lines.

5 As far as the plan in front of you, it is the
6 same plan that you approved for the conclusion of
7 this year. I don't see it changing unless, like I
8 said, there was some legislative change. But even
9 then, you can -- all can appreciate more than us.
10 Based on the application of state funds, how they
11 flow, it really can't happen till '27 if -- and
12 we're hopeful of some type of increase or
13 modernization of it.

14 But, you know, when the legislature's done, the
15 -- the -- the money will flow in the fall or
16 whatever else. And it would be too risky for us to
17 -- to make any type of commitments. Plus we haven't
18 gone through a session. But nonetheless, I
19 appreciate your consideration and your approval last
20 time. We have all those same reasons.

21 I've got the folks with me if they can answer
22 any questions. And we do travel together like a
23 herd of horses. And I -- I would prefer myself not
24 to be the old stallion of the herd. I consider
25 myself the -- the wiser, mature stallion with, you

1 know --

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: --

3 MR. POWELL: Just like to go out there. You
4 know what I mean. Yes. So -- but it -- but -- but
5 we're all here to answer any questions and also work
6 with you in the future. And sure, thank you for
7 everything you've done and for your consideration of
8 this. And I got to say something about him one more
9 time and also how excited I -- I -- I know what it's
10 like to get into a new regulatory slide. You're
11 going, "Oh, yeah. That man, it's --" and I can -- I
12 can feel it. I can feel the energy. So thank you.
13 If -- I'm more than happy to answer any questions or
14 have my staff answer any questions.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Powell. And
16 I also want to welcome you to come back to us and
17 give us updates on --

18 MR. POWELL: Sure.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: -- you know, you're always
20 welcome here, and it is always helpful to hear from
21 you and what your perspective is and what you're,
22 you know, dealing with as an industry. So it is
23 insightful.

24 MR. POWELL: Thank you. I appreciate it. And,
25 you know, we -- you're not the only regulators that

1 I've -- I've seen this way, but it's a -- it's a --
2 it's a small bunch. I'd like to consider some of
3 the regulatory too. I -- but -- but one thing I
4 will -- I think the stakeholders, whether they're in
5 agreement or not agreement on certain issues, as a
6 commission, you go far beyond being a regulator. I
7 mean, you guys listen, and you've got some empathy.

8 Well, you work with -- you work within your
9 confines. But because of that -- when you took the
10 show on the road and we went down to Miami and all
11 that stuff, you were the first group up here in
12 Florida I dealt with that, actually welcomed and
13 facilitated conversation, even debate. And you were
14 also very open to listening to folks and also very
15 open to passing on your -- that's not easy to do in
16 the regulatory world. I think you would -- you --
17 not -- I'm sure all yours were great, but, you know,
18 there's some out there that aren't fantastic. You
19 guys go the extra mile. You're not just phoning it
20 in.

21 And you do stimulate and facilitate discussion
22 we feel -- we feel like we're free to be able to do
23 it. And it's all meant in the best spirit of things.
24 So -- and you've been here the whole time this one's
25 been formed. Madam Chair. I don't know if I'm

1 supposed to call you Acting Chair, Vice Chair, Madam
2 Chair. And your other commissioners keep that
3 heart, and you -- and you don't have to do it, but
4 might say you can be a regulator and -- and have
5 heart too. And you guys are a perfect example of
6 it, so.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Oh, that's nice. Well --

8 MR. POWELL: You should hear it because not so
9 many -- other people are going to tell you, "Good
10 job," along the way because you're regulators, you
11 know, but yeah. But from that, we mean it.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And as public
13 servants, we -- we really like to hear that. So
14 thank you.

15 Commissioner D'Aquila?

16 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: These -- these
17 questions might -- actually might be for Ms. Yost.

18 MR. POWELL: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: But beforehand,
20 congratulations on your clean audit opinion, which
21 is not easily attainable. And I also noted that it
22 was -- looked like it was done on time, I will also
23 say is -- is a bit unusual in a positive sense.
24 Just one question. I noticed the audit was
25 concluded in May of - - or the sign off was in May

1 of '23. Or in thinking of the definition of
2 subsequent events as defined by The American
3 Institute Of Certified Public Accountants, is there
4 anything material that would have had to have been
5 disclosed as of today subsequent to the sign off of
6 the auditors in May?

7 MS. YOST: No --

8 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Okay. Great. And then
9 my -- my second question pertains to -- it was a --
10 which you're well aware. There's a noticeable
11 difference -- decline in program costs. I believe,
12 breeder's awards, in the calendar year 2024, could
13 you briefly just update me on -- on that?

14 MS. YOST: A decline in breeders awards?

15 MR. POWELL: He's not looking at both
16 finance --

17 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Program costs on the
18 financial statements were down considerably compared
19 to '23.

20 MS. YOST: Yes. The program costs or what
21 would be the admin and the different things, which
22 was significantly reduced from one year to the next.

23 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I mean, very
24 significant.

25 MS. YOST: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: And that -- is that an
2 anomaly or --

3 MS. YOST: No, I think that you'll see that
4 that is going to carry forward through to the
5 upcoming years.

6 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: There's a reference to
7 reserves of 2 million. Is that just an arbitrary
8 number chosen -- recommended by the independent
9 auditors?

10 MS. YOST: Our auditors have always believed
11 that 2 million -- because of the fluctuation in
12 whatever could happen in the industry as far as
13 governmental, the pandemic that we had in 2000, they
14 always felt that 2 million would be a good amount.
15 As you can see, our fund is going to dip below --

16 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Yes.

17 MS. YOST: -- significantly below that. And I
18 believe you all know the reason why.

19 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Yes.

20 MS. YOST: So we've reduced that. I think we
21 could be more around 1.5 million, but we had a
22 significant swing in 2019 where we had to come and
23 ask for a amendment because of change in handle and
24 so forth. So there's -- mostly it was for the
25 pandemic, that type of thing.

1 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Great. Okay. Thank
2 you very much. Appreciate it.

3 MS. YOST: You're welcome.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

5 Commissioners, any questions or comments?

6 MR. POWELL: By the way, it might have been --
7 I probably would have been able to answer those
8 questions. But anything beyond that, I couldn't
9 have. Yeah. Yeah.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Powell.

11 Again, carrying on the theme from last month's
12 agenda item, this carries the same awards plan
13 consistent with the funding constraints due to
14 legislation redirection. And, commissioners, I
15 would like to ask for a motion to approve the annual
16 plan for the Breeders Award and -- Owners Awards for
17 2026 calendar year.

18 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll make that motion
19 to approve the plan for the next calendar year.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Can I get a
21 second?

22 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

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

25 VARIOUS: Aye.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

2 MR. POWELL: Thank you, commissioners very
3 much.

4 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Thank you.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Look forward to hearing from
6 you again in the future.

7 MR. POWELL: Promise.

8 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: As long as you keep
9 complementing us. Otherwise --

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yeah, we like that.

11 MR. POWELL: I'll work on it.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: We like that. We are moving
13 on to discussion of an amended application for
14 cardroom license. Ms. Pouncey, we're on 5.1.

15 MS. POUNCEY: Good morning. Jamie Pouncey for
16 the record. Case Number 2025072344 is an
17 application from Gretna Racing doing business as
18 Magic City Casino, requesting to add two tables to
19 their card room. They have submitted the required
20 fees for the tables and documentation, and the
21 division recommends approval of this request.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Pouncey.
23 Again, all statutory requirements have been met. If
24 there are no questions, can we get a motion to
25 approve Gretna's -- Magic City's request to add

1 additional card tables to it's cardroom?

2 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll make that motion.

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any second?

4 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say aye.
6 Aye.

7 VARIOUS: Aye.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

9 MS. POUNCEY: Thank you.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay. We are moving on to
11 discussion of default final orders with Mr.
12 Hundersmarck, who's going to be very active today.
13 Mr. Hundersmarck, as we discussed, if you could take
14 similar cases, 6.1, 6.5, 6.13, 6.14, and I believe
15 6.15, all together, that would be great since they
16 are very similarly situated.

17 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Good morning, everyone.

18 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Morning.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Could you move your
20 microphone a little bit closer? Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Could -- could we get those
22 numbers again?

23 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Sure. I got them, 6.1, 6.5,
24 6.13, 6.14, and 6.15.

25 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Thank you.

1 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 6.1 is Scott David
2 Acker, Case 2024064119. Item 6.5 is Eduardo A.
3 Azpurua Jr., Case 2025026697. Item 6.13 is Peter R.
4 Walder, Case 2025055326. Item 6.14 is Gerald Joseph
5 James, Case 2025059688. Item 6.15 is Leon Carlyle
6 Michael Minott. Case 2025059700.

7 In each of these cases, the division seeks the
8 suspension of the respondents pari-mutuel
9 professional individual occupational license due to
10 one or more default final judgments for financial
11 obligations related to racing at a Florida pari-
12 mutuel facility. In 6.1, the division completed
13 service of the amended administrative complaint via
14 USPS certified mail on July 21, 2025. In item 6.5,
15 service was first attempted by mail and then
16 completed by hand delivery on August 5, 2025. In
17 item 6.13, the Division completed service via USPS
18 certified mail on August 18th, 2025. In items 6.14
19 and 6.15, service was completed via e-mail on
20 August 21st, 2025. In each of these five cases, the
21 respondents did not answer within 21 days of
22 service; therefore, in each of these cases, the
23 Commission should enter an order with the following
24 findings: That respondent was properly served, the
25 administrative complaint did not respond within the

1 deadline and waived the right to request a hearing,
2 that the factual allegations in each administrative
3 complaint are accepted as the findings of fact, and
4 that respondents' pari-mutuel professional
5 individual occupational licenses should be suspended
6 until the Commission receives confirmation that each
7 person's own individual financial obligations have
8 been met.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Hundersmarck.
10 Great summary.

11 Commissioners, are there any questions on those
12 aforementioned items? Okay. With that, can we get
13 a motion to approve the staff recommendation on
14 items 6.1, 6.5, 6.13, 6.14, and 6.15?

15 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

17 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

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

19 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Aye.

20 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

21 COMMISSIONER REPP: Aye.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Aye. Thank you. We are
23 moving on to 6.2.

24 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 6.2 is Felix Antonio
25 Ferrer, Case 2024065199. The case materials include

1 the administrative complaint alleging that
2 respondent was a patron of and was excluded from
3 Casino Miami. The administrative complaint seeks
4 permanent exclusion from all pari-mutuel facilities
5 and any facility of a slot machine licensee in
6 Florida. The case materials include an affidavit
7 that personal service was made on August 5th, 2025.

8 Respondent did not answer by the 21-day
9 deadline. Therefore, the Commission should enter an
10 order with the following findings: That the
11 respondent was properly served, the administrative
12 complaint did not respond within the deadline and
13 waived the right to request a hearing, that the
14 factual allegations in the administrative complaint
15 are accepted as the findings of fact in this case,
16 and that respondent shall be permanently excluded
17 from all pari-mutuel facilities and any facility of
18 a slot machine licensee in Florida.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

20 Commissioners, are there any questions on this
21 item? And if not, can we please get a motion to
22 enter a final order permanently excluding the
23 respondent from all pari-mutuel and slot machine
24 facilities in the State of Florida?

25 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: So moved.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

2 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

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

4 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Aye.

5 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

6 COMMISSIONER REPP: Aye.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Aye. Okay. 6.3.

8 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 6.3 is Jenesi Lee
9 Caridad, Case 2025009096. The Division seeks the
10 revocation of respondent's card room employee
11 occupational license. The two-count amended
12 administrative complaint alleged that respondent was
13 convicted of felony, resisting an officer with
14 violence and failed to notify the Commission within
15 48 hours of the conviction.

16 The case materials include confirmation that
17 the amended administrative complaint was delivered
18 on September 9th, 2025, to the e-mail respondent
19 provided when applying for the occupational license.
20 Respondent did not answer. Therefore, the
21 Commission should enter an order with the following
22 findings: That the respondent was properly served,
23 the administrative complaint did not respond within
24 the deadline and waived the right to request a
25 hearing, that the factual allegations in the

1 administrative complaint are accepted as the
2 findings of fact in this case, and that respondent's
3 card room employee occupational license is revoked.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

5 Commissioners, are there questions on this
6 item?

7 Okay. If not, can we get a motion to approve
8 the staff recommendation?

9 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make that motion.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Commissioner
11 Repp. Is there a second?

12 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

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

14 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

16 COMMISSIONER REPP: Aye.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Aye. Thank you. 6.4.

18 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 6.4 is Joseph Jerome
19 Batten, Case 2025009245. The case materials include
20 the administrative complaint alleging that
21 respondent was a patron of and was excluded from
22 Dania. The administrative complaint seeks permanent
23 exclusion from all pari-mutuel facilities and any
24 facility of a slot machine licensee in Florida.

25 The Division completed service via USPS

1 certified mail with confirmation of delivery on
2 August 1st, 2025. Respondent did not answer by the
3 deadline. Therefore, the Commission should enter an
4 order with the following findings: That the
5 respondent was properly served, the administrative
6 complaint did not respond within the deadline and
7 waived the right to request a hearing, that the
8 factual allegations in the administrative complaint
9 are accepted as the findings of fact in this case,
10 and that respondent shall be permanently excluded
11 from all pari-mutuel facilities and any facility of
12 a slot machine licensee in Florida.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Mr. Hundersmarck, I have a
14 question on this item. The respondent has been
15 trespassed at all pari-mutuels in Broward and
16 Miami-Dade, but he was not on the statewide
17 exclusion list. Is there a reason in the background
18 or the history for that?

19 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: It's not available to us in
20 the file. I don't have that information. It might
21 be that he'd already been banned individually from
22 every single casino in his area.

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay.

24 Commissioners, are there any other questions?
25 If not, can we get a motion to approve the staff

1 recommendation?

2 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I'll make a motion to
3 approve the staff recommendation.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

5 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

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

7 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Aye.

8 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER REPP: Aye.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Aye. We have already voted
11 on 6.5. We're moving on to 6.6. And while Mr.
12 Hundersmarck is doing that, I do want to commend our
13 own analyst on this particular item, who runs
14 applicant reports on the 5th of every month to
15 verify licenses. Very diligent in her review, quite
16 frankly, and found this particular case. So our
17 analyst is on top of it.

18 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: I put this one out of order.
19 Excuse me for a second.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And it's Amy Hall, for --
21 just for the record.

22 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 6.6 is Lucky Mbatha,
23 Case 2025031030. In this case, the Division seeks
24 the revocation of respondent's occupational license
25 based on felony convictions and failures to notify

1 the Commission within 48 hours of those convictions.
2 The two-count administrative complaint alleged that
3 respondent was convicted of aggravated assault with
4 a deadly weapon and witness tampering, delaying
5 communication with a law enforcement official, and
6 failed to notify the Commission of either conviction
7 within 48 hours.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

9 Commissioners, any questions or comments on
10 this item? If not, can we get a motion to enter a
11 final order revoking respondent's pari-mutuel
12 individual occupational license?

13 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

15 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

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

17 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Aye.

18 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

19 COMMISSIONER REPP: Aye.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Aye. Thank you. We are on
21 to 6.7.

22 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 6.7 is Michelle Lafont,
23 Case 2025035244. The case materials include the
24 administrative complaint alleging that respondent
25 was a patron of and was excluded from Hialeah Park.

1 The administrative complaint seeks permanent
2 exclusion from all pari-mutuel facilities and any
3 facility of a slot machine licensee in Florida.

4 The Division attempted service via mail, then
5 completed hand service on September 4th, 2025.
6 Respondent did not answer. Therefore, the
7 Commission should enter an order with the following
8 findings: That the respondent was properly served,
9 the administrative complaint did not respond within
10 the deadline and waived the right to request a
11 hearing, that the factual allegations in the
12 administrative complaint are accepted as the
13 findings of fact in this case, and that respondent
14 shall be permanently excluded from all pari- mutuel
15 facilities and any facility of a slot machine
16 licensee in Florida.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Hundersmarck.
18 This one is very straightforward.

19 Commissioners, if there are no questions, can
20 we get a motion to approve the staff
21 recommendations?

22 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I'll make that motion.

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And a second?

24 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

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

1 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Aye.

2 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

3 COMMISSIONER REPP: Aye.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Aye. All right. Thank you.
5 We are going to take up 6.8 and 6.9 together as they
6 are integrated, and I guess the same fact pattern.

7 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 6.8 is Wilder Herrera
8 Diaz, Case 2025038028. Item 6.9 is Mario Danilo
9 Chirino Flores, Case 2025038062. In both of these
10 cases, respondents were patrons of and were excluded
11 from Casino Miami, and the administrative complaints
12 seek permanent exclusion from all pari-mutuel
13 facilities and any facility of a slot machine
14 licensee in Florida. In 6.8, service was completed
15 via USPS certified mail, with confirmation of
16 delivery on August 11th, 2025. In 6.9, service was
17 completed via USPS certified mail, with confirmation
18 of delivery on August 21st, 2025.

19 In both cases, respondents did not answer
20 within 21 days of service. Therefore, in both
21 cases, the Commission should enter an order with the
22 following findings: That the respondent was properly
23 served, the administrative complaint did not respond
24 within the deadline and waived the right to request
25 a hearing, that the factual allegations in the

1 administrative complaint are accepted as the
2 findings of fact in each case, and that respondents
3 shall be permanently excluded from all pari-mutuel
4 facilities and any facility of a slot machine
5 licensee in Florida.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Hundersmarck.

7 If there are no questions on this item, can we
8 please get a motion to approve the staff
9 recommendation in 6.8 and 6.9?

10 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make that motion.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And a second?

12 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

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

14 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

16 COMMISSIONER REPP: Aye.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay. We have three more
18 items left under this matter. 6.10.

19 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 6.10 is Jose Miguel
20 Mendez Jr., Case 2025040890. The Division seeks the
21 revocation of respondent's card room employee
22 occupational license. A three-count administrative
23 complaint was filed alleging he is subject to
24 license revocation due to being convicted of felony
25 fleeing and eluding law enforcement, failing to

1 notify the Commission within 48 hours of his felony
2 conviction, and failing to notify the Commission
3 within five days of his March 3rd, 2025, arrest.

4 The case materials include confirmation that
5 the administrative complaint was delivered on
6 September 9th, 2025, to the e-mail respondent
7 provided when applying for his occupational license.
8 Respondent did not answer. Therefore, the
9 Commission should enter an order with the following
10 findings: That the respondent was properly served,
11 the administrative complaint did not respond within
12 the deadline and waived the right to request a
13 hearing, that the factual allegations in the
14 administrative complaint are accepted as the
15 findings of fact in this case, and that respondent's
16 card room employee occupational license is revoked.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

18 If there are no questions, can we get a motion
19 to approve the staff recommendation on 6.10?

20 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: So moved.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

22 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

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

24 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Aye.

25 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

1 COMMISSIONER REPP: Aye.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. 6.11.

3 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 6.11 is Luis Ramon
4 Castillo-Benitez, Case 2025042326. The case
5 materials include the administrative complaint
6 alleging that respondent was a patron of and was
7 excluded from Hialeah Park. The administrative
8 complaint seeks permanent exclusion from all
9 pari-mutuel facilities and any facility of a slot
10 machine licensee in Florida.

11 The case materials include the USPS certified
12 mail tracking number and confirmation of delivery on
13 August 18th, 2025. Respondent did not answer.
14 Therefore, the Commission should enter an order with
15 the following findings: That the respondent was
16 properly served, the administrative complaint did
17 not respond within the deadline and waived their
18 right to request a hearing, the factual allegations
19 in the administrative complaint are accepted as the
20 findings of fact in this case, and that respondent
21 shall be permanently excluded from all pari-mutuel
22 facilities and any facility of a slot machine
23 licensee in Florida.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Hundersmarck.
25 This one's a bit unusual. Can you talk a little bit

1 more about the fact pattern of this individual?

2 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: This individual assaulted
3 another patron. He was the first to escalate it to
4 a physical fight.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is that accurate?

6 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I mean, was he -- when
7 I read this, it looked like he was trying to diffuse
8 a situation?

9 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: So they were basically
10 cursing at and insulting each other at the table
11 over their play. And the verbal argument was
12 actually between a third party and another person,
13 and then this person was the first to escalate to a
14 physical fight.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner, the general
16 counsel, I believe, wants to address the item.

17 MS. VALENTINE: Yeah. So just reading from the
18 fact pattern and the investigative report in the
19 record, it looks like Commission staff had spoken to
20 supervisors, and what the supervisors described is
21 the respondent, in this case, attempting to
22 deescalate initially. And then when the other
23 patron, who I believe there are some facts here that
24 he was previously maybe excluded, became aggressive
25 towards the respondent, then the respondent at that

1 point did take physical action, but that was in
2 response to an altercation turning towards him.

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner?

4 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: So was he defending
5 himself? Is the fact pattern here he did not
6 initiate the initial situation --

7 MS. VALENTINE: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: -- which was dealt with
9 separately?

10 MS. VALENTINE: It appears that that's what the
11 investigators and the supervisors had thought, that
12 he was acting in self-defense at the time of the
13 altercation.

14 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: So absent that other
15 altercation, you know, this may not have happened.
16 He's defending himself and what we have now is
17 action to ban him from all gaming facility
18 statewide. Do I understand that correctly?

19 MS. VALENTINE: Correct.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners? Commissioner?

21 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Yeah. Did they call the
22 police on this? I don't see a mention of police.
23 Were the police called?

24 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: No one wanted to pursue
25 charges and no arrests were made.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And the other individual
2 that initiated, I guess, the altercation or -- he is
3 a - - is he a licensee? What is he?

4 MS. VALENTINE: I don't believe that he is a
5 licensee. I think he's just another patron. And
6 according, again, to the record, it may be that he
7 has had a history of being volatile at the facility.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: But he's not banned? So he
9 does not have a statewide ban?

10 MS. VALENTINE: I don't believe so.

11 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: He does not.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Commissioner?

13 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: The party that had
14 previous instances is not the one we're talking
15 about.

16 MS. VALENTINE: Correct.

17 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: All right. Mr. Castillo
18 Benitez.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Very good.

20 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Thank you. He doesn't
21 have to -- the best of our knowledge, he doesn't
22 have any prior history --

23 MS. VALENTINE: That's --

24 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: -- with the Commission
25 or in gaming facilities in the state, correct?

1 MS. VALENTINE: Yes.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Repp?

3 COMMISSIONER REPP: Yeah, I just wanted to
4 clarify. Did you say that the -- not the
5 respondent, but the other individual had been
6 excluded previously?

7 MS. VALENTINE: We don't have -- I don't think
8 we verified it. I don't believe that the other
9 individual is on the statewide exclusion list, but
10 it sounds like he may have had a history of being
11 removed from the facility before for volatile
12 behavior.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I have to say,
14 commissioners, just looking at our investigative
15 report, I mean, it's pretty extensive, and it goes
16 into the fact that Mr. Castillo Benitez was
17 attempting to calm the other patron down. I don't
18 know if we are in a -- I don't know if it's
19 appropriate to permanently exclude him, frankly.

20 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Just one comment and just
21 -- in the report, it mentions the other individual
22 was causing some disturbance, and this gentleman
23 tried to calm him down. But then it goes on to say
24 that the first gentleman insulted him, so Castillo
25 Benitez decided to choke him. So it doesn't sound

1 like he was being physically assaulted at the time.
2 He was being verbally assaulted, and he turned it
3 into a physical assault.

4 So I don't think there was -- I don't think he
5 was defending anybody from physical assault. He was
6 -- just got angry at being called names or whatever
7 was happening. So I mean, in my mind, that's the
8 instigator, the one who first puts hands on the
9 other one, not the one who's sticks and stones will
10 break my bones kind of a thing.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Although I will add that he
12 was physically assaulted by him in the past.

13 MS. VALENTINE: Yeah. Yeah. In the record, it
14 appears that the respondent had made a
15 representation that he had assaulted -- that the
16 individual who began the verbal assault assaulted
17 him in the past, but the incident was not
18 documented.

19 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Nor was it happening on
20 this night.

21 MS. VALENTINE: Correct.

22 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I mean, to me, if you put
23 hands on somebody, you're the assailant. There -- I
24 don't see anything in here that says, "If he didn't
25 put his hands on him, he was about to strangle

1 someone or hurt somebody." He just seemed -- just
2 on what I'm reading, got angry at the names he was
3 being called, and decided to choke out the -- now
4 whether that amounts in everybody's mind to a
5 permanent exclusion or not is something else, but I
6 think it should be clear that, in my view, he's the
7 assailant. So whether we decide that that's not
8 enough or whatever, that's -- you know, that's a
9 different issue. But he is -- I think it should be
10 clear that he's the assailant here, not the other
11 guy.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Nothing good ever happens
13 after 1:30 a.m. But that is the story. But --

14 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Tell it to my father.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Right. Ms. Valentine, what
16 is the standard though? I'm reading 5500251. Okay.
17 And what is the standard for permanent exclusion?
18 Are they a threat?

19 MS. VALENTINE: So the standard, the Commission
20 is authorized to permanently exclude a patron who
21 has been ejected from a casino. However, the
22 commissioners may, upon a finding that such an
23 individual's presence at pari-mutuel wagering
24 facilities in the state is not adverse to public
25 interest or to the integrity of the gamer -- the

1 industry, then the commissioners may authorize such
2 an individual to attend pari-mutuel wagering
3 facilities in the state while recognizing, of
4 course, a facilities common law right to not allow
5 somebody in their facility.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And commissioners, I really
7 appreciate the discussion because we have been
8 dealing with these permanent exclusions, these
9 statewide. And I think to spend a little bit more
10 time delving into the fact patterns, I think it's
11 important for us to have this public discourse.

12 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Yeah. And I agree. I
13 wish you would have responded, and we may have some
14 information instead of doing a lot of guessing here,
15 but he didn't. Right. He never responded, so.
16 That would make it a lot easier for all of us to
17 come to a decision, but it's what it is.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I actually said the same
19 thing to -- in our briefing. Commissioner D'Aquila?

20 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Does he have an
21 opportunity to respond after being given this
22 permanent exclusion or no?

23 MS. VALENTINE: The Commission does not have a
24 process for an individual to request to be removed
25 from the statewide exclusion list, but individuals

1 have retained attorneys in the past and have made
2 such requests. And so he could request the
3 Commission, after being removed, to be allowed back
4 in. We just -- we don't have a process for it, so
5 it would be up to the individual as to how they
6 petition the Commission for that. But he would have
7 that opportunity.

8 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: And to repeat something
9 that's been said before, this particular facility
10 has banned him, excluded him already, correct?

11 MS. VALENTINE: Yes. This facility ejected
12 him. And so even if the commissioners were to
13 authorize him to attend other pari-mutuel wagering
14 facilities in the state, that does not mean that
15 this facility has to allow him entrance. That would
16 be up to the facility to determine to allow him back
17 in or no.

18 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Yeah. I think the
19 introduction of physical violence is the key here.
20 And we have an obligation to have legal safe gaming
21 at our licensed facilities in the state. And
22 crossing that line, I think, has created a very
23 dangerous situation. So I'm going to follow my
24 colleague, Chuck Drago, Commissioner, on this point
25 brought up earlier. Thank you.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And
2 Commissioner?

3 COMMISSIONER REPP: Yeah. I'm going to agree
4 Commissioner Drago. Once you put hands on, there's
5 your assault. And I really wish this individual, if
6 he was able to make some sort of claim or self-
7 defense, was able to speak up, but I just don't see
8 that here.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I appreciate all of this
10 hearty discussion. I do want to ask Mr.
11 Hundersmarck, what is the situation with Mister --

12 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: I have not seen a case come
13 forward that he would be excluded from. That may
14 just be in investigations -- in the stage of
15 investigations right now.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay. If we could just
17 follow up with our analysts and our investigators,
18 I'd like to know what is going on with him as well
19 as his background. It looks like he has -- he's had
20 -- he's received five to seven temporary suspensions
21 or something to that effect, or?

22 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Yes.

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay.

24 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: He has a history of yelling
25 at people and excluded five to seven times in the

1 past, and history of instigating problems.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay. So -- and again,
3 commissioners, I appreciate this discussion. I'd
4 like us to continue to look closer into these type
5 of exclusions. With that, I'd like to have -- ask
6 for a motion.

7 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: And I agree with you. I
8 think the discussion is very good. I would make a
9 motion to accept the staff recommendation for
10 permanent exclusion.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Can we get a
12 second?

13 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll second that
14 motion.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion? All those
16 in favor, say aye.

17 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Aye.

18 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

19 COMMISSIONER REPP: Aye.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Aye. Thank you. Again, Mr.
21 Hundersmarck, can we get some follow-up on the other
22 individual?

23 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Yes.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

25 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: And 6.12 is Hoa Thi Ngophan

1 Case 2025053326. The Division filed an
2 administrative complaint alleging that respondent
3 was a patron of and was excluded from Melbourne
4 Greyhound Park and was subject to permanent
5 exclusion from all pari-mutuel facilities in
6 Florida. Case materials include the USPS certified
7 mail tracking and confirmation of delivery on August
8 11th, 2025. Respondent did not answer.

9 Therefore, the Commission should enter an order
10 with the following findings: That the respondent was
11 properly served, the administrative of complaint did
12 not respond within the deadline and waive the right
13 to request a hearing, that the factual allegations
14 in the administrative complaint are accepted as
15 findings of fact in this case, and that respondent
16 shall be permanently excluded from all pari-mutuel
17 facilities in Florida.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Again, capping,
19 right? This individual was capping.

20 Commissioner, if there are no questions, can we
21 get a motion to approve the staff recommendation?

22 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Motion to approve the
23 staff recommendation.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

25 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

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

2 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Aye.

3 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

4 COMMISSIONER REPP: Aye.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All right. That concludes
6 our default final orders. And now we're going into
7 our discussion of settlement orders. We have two
8 items, 7.1 and 7.2.

9 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 7.1 is Ashton Heath
10 Hage, Case 2025007677. Respondent seeks the
11 adoption of the proposed settlement and consent
12 order to resolve this case. Pursuant to the terms
13 of the proposed consent order, respondent will be
14 permanently excluded from all pari-mutuel facilities
15 in the State of Florida.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Thank you.

17 Commissioners, are there questions on this
18 item? Again, it's a consent order -- a stipulation
19 and consent order that the respondent has agreed to.
20 So we are right for a motion to approve the
21 stipulation and consent order.

22 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And a second.

24 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

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

1 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Aye.

2 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

3 COMMISSIONER REPP: Aye.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Aye. Okay. We are on to
5 7.2.

6 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 7.2 is Sarasota Kennel
7 Club Incorporated, doing business as One-Eyed Jack's
8 Poker Room, Case 2025047829. Respondent seeks
9 the adoption of the proposed settlement and consent
10 order to resolve this case. Pursuant to the terms
11 of the proposed consent order, respondent would be
12 issued a \$500 fine by the Commission.

13 The administrative complaint was filed on July
14 23rd, 2025, alleging that respondent failed to place
15 a visible number on a patron-operated terminal.
16 This facility had one prior alleged violation of
17 this rule in March 2023, which resulted in a \$500
18 fine as part of a consent order.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Hundersmarck.
20 This was also part of our attorney- client session
21 in September. With that, if there are no questions
22 on this item, can we please get a motion to approve
23 and adopt the consent order and stipulation?

24 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make the motion.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

1 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Ms. Alvarado, do you have
3 anything?

4 MS. ALVARADO: No.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Oh, okay. All those in
6 favor, say aye.

7 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Aye.

8 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER REPP: Aye.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And we're moving
11 on to recommended orders, 8.1 and 8.2.

12 MS. ALVARADO: Good morning. Emily Alvarado
13 for the record. 8.1 is 2024072045, Samantha Lynn
14 Brown. This case comes before you following the
15 recommended order that was issued by the hearing
16 officer. An informal hearing was conducted on
17 August 12th, 2025, regarding a Letter of License
18 Denial. The hearing officer issued a recommended
19 order on October 8th, 2025, recommending the denial
20 of the petitioner's application for a slot
21 machine/cardroom/pari-mutuel combination
22 occupational license due to petitioner's conviction
23 for petty theft from 2016.

24 Here, we would request that the Commission
25 adopt the hearing officer's recommended order and

1 deny the petitioner's application for a slot
2 machine/cardroom/pari-mutuel combination
3 occupational license.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And the position
5 that Ms. Brown is applying for?

6 MS. ALVARADO: It's a cashier.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Cashier. Okay. Well,
8 commissioners, can we get a motion to adopt the
9 hearing officer's recommendation?

10 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Before we do that --

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: -- if you don't mind, if I
13 can -- if we could just go over some of the facts of
14 this one.

15 MS. ALVARADO: Sure.

16 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I know she was arrested
17 for petty theft back in '15.

18 MS. ALVARADO: Right.

19 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Was this a -- was this a
20 retail theft?

21 MS. ALVARADO: It was, yes.

22 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Okay. And we don't have
23 any other information as it relates to any other
24 arrests -- convictions. This was the last one.

25 MS. ALVARADO: Right.

1 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Ten years ago. And she
2 was put on a payment plan, as I understand, to pay
3 off her probation --

4 MS. ALVARADO: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: -- status?

6 MS. ALVARADO: But she did --

7 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Did she complete that?

8 MS. ALVARADO: She did, yes.

9 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Okay. So it's ten years
10 old. She completed all her probation.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: She just did, September
12 22nd --

13 MS. ALVARADO: Right.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: -- of this year.

15 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Right. She didn't
16 disclose this, right, in her application?

17 MS. ALVARADO: No.

18 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Okay. Okay. I mean, I'm
19 just -- it's ten years again. It's one of these --
20 it's a misdemeanor, I think, right? Petty theft.
21 Yes. It's a misdemeanor.

22 MS. ALVARADO: It is, yes.

23 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Ten years ago. Nothing
24 else since. I would just -- I would just offer
25 that, as the Commission, we might want to just

1 consider all that as -- before we make our motion as
2 to whether or not there's enough information there
3 to warrant believing that she's been rehabilitated
4 and not -- there's not going to be a problem for
5 that operator in that facility in the future that we
6 can tell, based on history, ten years.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Oh, yeah. I agree.
8 Commissioner Drago, thank you for that. My thought
9 pattern here is she's applying for a cashier who's
10 going to be dealing with money. If it was a
11 different role, it would be different. We would be
12 in a different scenario. Yeah. Has she been
13 rehabilitated? She doesn't seem to have any
14 evidence of any other crimes; however, she is
15 dealing directly with cash. Commissioners?

16 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I did not see any
17 character support letters or anything of that nature
18 here.

19 MS. ALVARADO: No, she didn't provide any.

20 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Was she aware that
21 applicants in this situation are encouraged to do
22 so, or is it recommended?

23 MS. ALVARADO: So we send informal -- before
24 her informal hearing, she's given a packet which
25 gives her direction that she can send any

1 mitigation. She can present witnesses at the
2 hearing. So they are aware before the hearings that
3 they're allowed to send in any sort of letters if
4 they'd like.

5 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Yeah. I'm wrestling
6 with this one. It's a missing -- there seems to be
7 a missing link somewhere. And if I recall
8 correctly, in the initial report, the claim was --
9 it was a person with her that actually committed the
10 petty theft at the time, and there was no arrest.
11 There was a surveillance camera, and there's some
12 questions there as well. But yet, the hearing
13 officer is not recommending a license. So I'm a
14 little bit -- I feel as though there's some missing
15 information here on this matter.

16 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Can I?

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yes, Commissioner --

18 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Oh, I'm sorry.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yeah. I didn't know if
20 Commissioner Repp --

21 COMMISSIONER REPP: Oh, I just -- yeah, there
22 -- I agree. There's some things missing here, and
23 there could have been more provided. Can you just
24 go over her opportunity if this is denied --

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Bless you.

1 COMMISSIONER REPP: -- if we're going to go
2 forward with the recommended order?

3 MS. ALVARADO: She'd be issued a final order,
4 and then she has 30 days to appeal that order after
5 that. And she can reapply, of course, after that as
6 well, and go through the same process again, where
7 she'd be presented at the Commission meeting and can
8 choose an informal hearing if you choose to deny, et
9 cetera, so.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Drago?

11 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Do we know how old she was
12 when this was committed? I'm just looking for her
13 age there, but I'm --

14 MS. ALVARADO: I can do math. I can do some
15 math for you if you'd like. She was born in 1997,
16 so.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Go lawyer. Go.

18 MS. ALVARADO: Let's see.

19 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So was born in '97, you
20 said?

21 MS. ALVARADO: About 20, according to --

22 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: About 20 when that
23 occurred?

24 MS. ALVARADO: -- Mr. Taupier. Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Yeah. Okay.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And my thinking on this is,
2 it's the position she's applying for, really, and
3 the lack of a credible rehabilitative evidence.
4 That's my struggle here. It's -- if it was a
5 different position or if she had credible evidence
6 to support it, I mean, Commissioner D'Aquila, I'm
7 with you. I'm struggling with it and -- yes, sir?

8 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Is one of our option --
9 I mean, I guess it almost want to have a
10 conversation with the hearing officer here.

11 MS. ALVARADO: You can't, unfortunately.

12 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I can't. I know I
13 can't. But I'm almost -- I just still feel that
14 there's missing information. I'm looking at one
15 instance of petty theft, not the best reply. And
16 we're going to take a harsh stand here, absent so
17 many opportunities missed to kind of explain this
18 with a little bit more detail, but.

19

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Repp?

21 COMMISSIONER REPP: Yeah. I'm -- I mean, it is
22 difficult and struggle with it. I think really what
23 we want to do here, and our -- part of our mission
24 is to get Floridians working and get them, you know,
25 gainfully employed here in the State of Florida, and

1 especially in our sector here. I do think that
2 maybe we do need some more information. And the
3 fact that she has an opportunity after she receives
4 this denial, she'll be able to reapply and maybe put
5 forth the information that will make everyone
6 comfortable with her application.

7 So I would be inclined at this point not to
8 grant the application, but I would also like to
9 encourage the applicant to put forth a new
10 application with some more information to help us
11 out, because I -- like I said, I would like to go
12 forward. I believe part of our mission is to get
13 Floridians working in our industry. So that's where
14 I would stand on that.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Commissioner
16 Repp. Okay.

17 Commissioners, are there any other comments or
18 thoughts before I ask Commissioner Repp to make a
19 motion?

20 Seeing none, Commissioner Repp, can you please
21 make a motion to adopt the hearing officer's
22 recommended order and deny Ms. Brown's application
23 for slot machine/cardroom/pari-mutuel combo license?

24 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make that motion.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And a second? You need a

1 second even for discussion purposes.

2 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll make a second.

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay. All right.

4 Commissioners, are there -- is there a discussion on
5 this item?

6 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Just -- I guess I'm just
7 kind of -- go over what I -- what we're saying again
8 is, as I think Commissioner Repp was talking about,
9 the importance of getting people to work, important
10 of not keeping people away from jobs if we can
11 possibly help it, while still protecting the people
12 of the State of Florida, of course, and the
13 operators.

14 So it's sometimes -- they're like this. They're
15 very close and very difficult to decide. I don't
16 feel that there's a -- we've had cases here, as we
17 all know, where you really felt like it was close,
18 but you want to protect the public over even
19 providing the jobs. But I don't feel that need to
20 protect the public in this case, dealing with a
21 misdemeanor shoplifter.

22 And I get exactly what Vice Chair Brown is
23 saying in terms of using money, and that was a
24 financial issue. But I just don't feel that there
25 -- I don't get the sense that I need to be worried

1 that this is going to be more serious for the public
2 as opposed to the other side of it. I think it
3 weighs more on giving people work opportunities.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: General Counsel Valentine?

5 MS. VALENTINE: I have a suggestion that the
6 commissioners may wish to use, as, you know, the
7 final order has not yet been issued. And if you
8 would like to direct your staff to perhaps contact
9 the applicant and maybe pursue a settlement of this
10 case, whereupon she would agree to conditions on her
11 licensure should it be granted. And we have
12 previously had entered into settlement agreements
13 with applicants where they agreed to a stricter
14 standard.

15 For example, if they were to commit another
16 violation, then their license -- it would be
17 suspended or revoked at the time, and stricter
18 reporting requirements for a time period. So if you
19 would like to offer or direct the Commission to
20 pursue settlement before issuing the final order, I
21 believe we can do that. I'm not sure where we are
22 on the timeline for issuing --

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Ms. Alvarado?

24 MS. ALVARADO: We still have until November
25 10th, so we have 30 days. We could technically do

1 it at the next meeting if we --

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Our next agenda meeting is
3 November 6th. Yeah. Commissioners, I think this is
4 a creative approach, and I think we --

5 MS. VALENTINE: Definitely amend.

6 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Right. I like it, yeah.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: We're going to defer this
8 item and direct staff to do what our general counsel
9 has advised.

10 MS. VALENTINE: Okay. And so just for clarity,
11 it would be offering settlement terms for, you know,
12 heightened reporting requirements. If there's not
13 only an arrest but also if there -- not only a
14 conviction but also any arrest or any violation,
15 even if it's administrative, that it would be
16 immediately reported to the Commission. And then
17 also agreeing that her license would be deemed
18 surrendered if that were to happen.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Similarly --

20 MS. VALENTINE: Yes.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: -- we've had cases, but I
22 would also ask staff to get more information, too,
23 on -- okay. So we're all in agreement on the bench.
24 Thank you. Okay. We're on to 8.2.

25 MS. ALVARADO: 8.2 is Allison Lombardi,

1 2025011289. This case comes before you following
2 the recommended order that was issued by the hearing
3 officer. An informal hearing was conducted on
4 August 12th regarding a letter of license denial
5 that was issued. The hearing officer issued a
6 recommended order on October 7th recommending --
7 granting Petitioner's application for a pari-mutuel
8 wagering general individual occupational license.
9 At the hearing, the division had recommended denial,
10 and the hearing officer has recommended granting at
11 this point.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Can we talk a little bit
13 more about that?

14 MS. ALVARADO: Sure. So this was presented at
15 the -- at a commission meeting where you guys
16 discussed her convictions. She had two 2013
17 convictions for assault and harassment with bodily
18 fluid. And then she obviously requested an informal
19 hearing where she presented her mitigation, which is
20 in the hearing officer's recommended order. And
21 then she came to that determination at that point.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And her -- and she's
23 applying to be a bartender?

24 MS. ALVARADO: Yes.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Ms. Valentine's up

1 here.

2 Please feel free.

3 MS. VALENTINE: If you have any questions, I'm
4 available --

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Commissioners, just
6 want to point out, I believe there are still
7 outstanding costs from the 2013 case. Is that -- I
8 mean --

9 MS. ALVARADO: That there is, yes, \$275 still
10 outstanding.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Are there any other service
12 hours or any -- any other conditions that have not
13 been completed?

14 MS. ALVARADO: I don't believe so, but I can
15 double-check that.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Also, was the Applicant
17 forthright on her application in admitting these --

18 MS. ALVARADO: She was not. She indicated,
19 "No," on her application. I don't see anything else
20 besides that, that fee that is due.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And it looks from the record
22 that there are no other arrests or convictions since
23 that time?

24 MS. ALVARADO: Right.

25 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: One concern I have is that

1 there -- she has not fulfilled their obligation for
2 probation, right? Still owed. I'm hesitant to
3 grant the license to somebody who's still on
4 probation.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is it probation or is it
6 court cost?

7 MS. ALVARADO: It's court cost.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I think it's \$200, roughly.

9 MS. ALVARADO: 275, 276. Something like that.
10 Yeah.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, this is
12 another one.

13 Commissioner Repp?

14 COMMISSIONER REPP: It's just -- I had looked
15 through -- I just want to make sure. Is there any
16 letters or any sort of recommendations in here?
17 I --

18 MS. ALVARADO: No.

19 COMMISSIONER REPP: -- didn't see --

20 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Was -- was there not
21 one in her file?

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: There is. Her father.

23 MS. ALVARADO: Oh, I'm sorry. Yes --

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yeah.

25 MS. ALVARADO: -- there is. Yeah.

1 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Okay.

2 MS. ALVARADO: Her father who's an attorney as
3 well.

4 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: --

5 MS. ALVARADO: Yes, he's an attorney.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: That's right. It's very --

7 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I -- I -- just as a --
8 a point of information, I think, again, in building
9 and showing rehabilitation and character, it would
10 be helpful if these came from non-family members in
11 the future. If -- is that -- when we send the
12 information for them, do we make that --

13 MS. ALVARADO: We don't make any suggestions.
14 We allow them to provide any information that they
15 think would be beneficial for hearing.

16 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Then the -- the
17 non-fulfillment of the court costs is a concern.
18 And maybe this, again, should be given an
19 opportunity to fix these things before actually
20 issuing a license.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yeah. And I -- I --
22 Ms. Valentine, I'm -- I appreciate you being up
23 here, and I love the creative approach to the last
24 item. This is one of those, personally, I struggle
25 with because I - - I am inclined to -- to grant the

1 Applicant a license. But for the rehabilitation
2 letter from father, I mean, I'd like to see some
3 additional support. But she isn't -- other than the
4 outstanding debt, I really don't have a problem with
5 granting the license, frankly, and agreeing with the
6 hearing officer's recommendation.

7 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Can I --

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: -- just clarify one thing
10 for sure? This was an assault on the corrections
11 officer, right?

12 MS. ALVARADO: It was. Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I think that's --

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: In 2012 or 2011?

15 MS. ALVARADO: 2011, and it was convicted in
16 2013.

17 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I mean that -- I mean that
18 -- that changes the complexion of it in my mind. So
19 just wanted to clarify.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And I appreciate that from a
21 law enforcement officer, that's helpful. But I -- I
22 would like to explore possibly issuing a conditional
23 license of this Applicant.

24 Commissioners, are you inclined to also agree
25 with that?

1 COMMISSIONER REPP: I think if -- I mean, I
2 agree with Commissioner Drago regarding that. I --
3 so I would much want to hear some sort of letter or
4 some sort of what she has been doing since then that
5 could give us a little more support for the granting
6 of the license.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Again, remember the
8 occupation that she's applying for as a bartender as
9 well. Just want to note that.

10 Commissioner?

11 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I concur with the --

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: If we could, I guess, just
13 for clarity on the bench, can we -- do we have --
14 are we time constricted? Can we --

15 MS. ALVARADO: Same timeline as the last case,
16 till November 10th. So we could potentially get a
17 settlement on the next meeting if we are able to
18 come to some sort of agreement and present more
19 information if she provides more.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: So Commissioners, would you
21 be open to a settlement, or do you just want to
22 seek --

23 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Yes.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: -- more information?

25 COMMISSIONER REPP: Yeah.

1 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Yeah. I'd be open to a
2 settlement.

3 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Open.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Is that unanimous?
5 Commissioner Repp too?

6 COMMISSIONER REPP: Yes.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Same -- same
8 direction.

9 MS. VALENTINE: Understood. And just for
10 clarity on my end, essentially, the -- when a
11 settlement is proposed to you at that time, then you
12 will be able to determine whether you have found
13 that she has good moral character and she has been
14 rehabilitated, whether by any additional information
15 that she provides or agrees to in the settlement
16 agreement and also with the conditions on licensure
17 that relate to heightened reporting requirements and
18 the deemed surrender portion if she is found in
19 violation --

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Absolutely.

21 MS. VALENTINE: -- of any law.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, and I think
23 we -- you know, at that juncture, we can reject the
24 settlement, of course, if we deem it not to be
25 appropriate based on the additional facts.

1 MS. VALENTINE: Yes.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Are we good?

3 VARIOUS: We're good.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Thank you.

5 We are moving on to items 9.1 through 9.3,
6 discussion of requests for waivers.

7 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 9.1 is Wendee Parrish,
8 Case 2025054208. Here, the Applicant applied for a
9 cardroom employee occupational license. Upon review
10 of the application, it was discovered that they had
11 one disqualifying felony and one disqualifying
12 misdemeanor. The felony was possession of a
13 controlled substance, methamphetamine, from 2012.
14 The disqualifying misdemeanor was petit theft from
15 2014, second-degree misdemeanor. They did not
16 disclose their complete criminal record accurately
17 on the initial application. They left off one non-
18 disqualifying misdemeanor for possession or use of
19 drug equipment stemming from the same arrest as the
20 felony possession charge.

21 She has been licensed by this Commission before
22 in 2022 to work in the role of bartender at Gretna.
23 She was granted a waiver in 2022 for her 2012 felony
24 conviction. And the misdemeanor, petit theft,
25 conviction was not a disqualifying offense at the

1 time for the license she was applying for. She does
2 not have an occupational license from any other
3 state. She is applying to work as poker brush at
4 Ebro.

5 For the felony possession conviction, she was
6 sentenced to time served of 82 days and 4 years
7 probation, which was terminated early. She was
8 assessed \$857 in fines and court costs for the theft
9 conviction. She was sentenced to 60 days jail time
10 as well as \$375 fines, which were then waived when
11 she finished community service. She does not have
12 any unpaid fines or fees. Waiver interview was
13 conducted August 14th of this year and our report is
14 included. The Commission may grant the waiver and
15 issue the license or alternatively authorize staff
16 to issue a letter of license denial.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And I appreciate
18 the very succinct summary of all the details too.

19 So Commissioners, do you have any -- or
20 questions of the facts or circumstances here?

21 Commissioner?

22 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Can you just clarify,
23 maybe, and maybe Joe can do this. She's applying
24 for a cardroom license, which allows her to do what?
25 You know, be in a cardroom. But does that mean be a

1 dealer, do anything that's in the cardroom, or is
2 that more specific than that?

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Director Dillmore?

4 MR. DILLMORE: Once you have a cardroom
5 license, you're eligible to do any job in -- in the
6 cardroom.

7 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Okay. I just wanted to
8 clarify. Thank you.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And I -- I thought -- so she
10 had a license, an occupational license, as a
11 bartender, which expired?

12 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Yeah. That was not a
13 cardroom employee. That was a pari-mutuel general
14 individual occupational license.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: But when she had that
16 license, obvious, the disqualifying offense was not
17 disqualifying when we granted it to her.

18 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: So her felony was
19 disqualifying, and that's what she got the waiver
20 for. For the misdemeanor, petty theft, conviction,
21 that was what was not disqualifying at the time.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay.
23 Commissioners?

24 COMMISSIONER REPP: I just wanted to clarify
25 that. So she got the waiver on the 2012 and then

1 the 2014 was not disqualifying. Is it not
2 disqualifying for the cardroom license at the time
3 or what she was doing at the time?

4 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: So she's applying for
5 different license this time.

6 COMMISSIONER REPP: Right.

7 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: But this time, it is
8 disqualifying because it -- it involves larceny.

9 COMMISSIONER REPP: And it was disqualifying at
10 the -- in 2014?

11 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: It was not disqualifying.

12 COMMISSIONER REPP: I mean, if she had been
13 applying for the cardroom license now, would that
14 have been disqualifying at that date?

15 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: I think they changed it in
16 2009. So yeah, I think it would --

17 COMMISSIONER REPP: Okay.

18 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: It would be disqualifying
19 then.

20 COMMISSIONER REPP: Thank you.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you for the
22 clarification, Commissioner Repp.

23 Commissioners, other questions?

24 Commissioners, how would you like to proceed
25 with this request for a waiver?

1 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Again, it's been a long
2 time since this offense. We don't have any other
3 information about any offenses since. So I mean,
4 I'm -- I -- I -- I -- it points to rehabilitation
5 other -- unless we have something contrary to that
6 that conflicts with that.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I agree.

8 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So I would be inclined to
9 grant the license.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I agree. But more
11 importantly, I think she was very forthright on her
12 application. She did disclose it, and I think
13 that's something that we should always consider as a
14 -- a -- a point of character.

15 Commissioners?

16 Commissioner Drago, can we get a motion to
17 grant the license?

18 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I'll make a motion to
19 grant the license.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say,
23 "Aye."

24 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Aye.

25 COMMISSIONER REPP: Aye.

1 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Passes unanimously.

3 On to 9.2.

4 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 9.2 is Shacarol Satasia
5 Matthews, Case 2025059270. Here, the Applicant
6 applied for a cardroom employee occupational
7 license. Upon review of the application, it was
8 discovered that they had one disqualifying felony
9 for marijuana possession with intent to
10 sell/manufacture/deliver, and it was from 2016. She
11 did disclose her full criminal record on her initial
12 application, which was her first time applying for a
13 Florida pari-mutuel -- for any kind of Florida
14 pari-mutuel license.

15 She is applying to work as a poker dealer at
16 Card House Port St. Lucie. She's paid all of her
17 fines for the felony marijuana possession
18 conviction. She was sentenced to six months
19 community control and two years of probation for the
20 misdemeanor drug equipment possession conviction,
21 which was non-disqualifying. She was sentenced to
22 one year of probation, which ran concurrent with the
23 first sentence. She also was assessed fines of
24 \$1,618.

25 She violated the terms of her probation in

1 2018, and at her violation of probation hearing, her
2 probation was reinstated and extended. Then about a
3 month later, her probation was terminated early
4 after paying costs in full. She pled no contest to
5 both the felony and marijuana -- or the misdemeanor
6 marijuana possession charges, and adjudication was
7 withheld, which is treated as a conviction for
8 licensing purposes.

9 A waiver interview was conducted
10 August 14th, 2025, and her report is included in the
11 case materials. The Commission may grant the waiver
12 and issue the license or alternatively, authorize
13 staff to issue a letter of license denial.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.
15 Commissioners?

16 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Yeah. I'm -- just want to
17 clarify. The -- the -- the violation of probation,
18 it was a technical violation? Sounds like she
19 didn't pay -- pay it or something along those lines.
20 There's no -- there's no indication it was any kind
21 of -- another crime committed that violated it,
22 right? Or does it say?

23 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: It seems there were some
24 violations of the probation because she was set for
25 a hearing. I don't have the specific information

1 about what that was.

2 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Okay. Thank you.

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: This is, again, the harm --
4 we have to look at the -- the -- the harm to the
5 industry here and the crime that she was charged
6 with and completing community control and probation.

7 Her probation now is completely fulfilled as
8 well as her fines, Mr. Hundersmarck, correct?

9 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: That's correct. It was
10 terminated early after she paid all the fees.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: This is a mother of five
12 children as well, and I -- I think we have to give
13 some consideration -- ample consideration to her
14 ability to work in Florida.

15 Commissioners?

16 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I -- I -- I agree.

17 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I agree.

18 COMMISSIONER REPP: I concur.

19 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I concur.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Can we please get a motion
21 to grant the waiver and issue the license?

22 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll make the motion to
23 grant the waiver and issue the license.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any second.

25 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

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

3 COMMISSIONER REPP: Aye.

4 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Aye.

5 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And lastly, we are 9.3.

7 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 9.3 is Telisha Jamara
8 Olige, Case 2025061953. Here, the Applicant applied
9 for a slot machine/cardroom/pari-mutuel individual
10 combination occupational license. Upon review of
11 the application, it was discovered they had a
12 disqualifying misdemeanor. The misdemeanor
13 conviction for petit theft was from August 2017. On
14 her initial application, she listed the offense.
15 She marked yes for the question on any criminal
16 convictions and no on the question about the listed
17 offenses that involved dishonesty, one of which was
18 larceny, which is not accurate because petit theft
19 includes larceny. She also did not check the box
20 yes on that question about larceny on the request
21 for waiver but marked yes on whether there were any
22 crimes and listed the offense.

23 There is a deficiency letter asking for the
24 arrest report. She has not had a Florida pari-
25 mutuel license before and does not have any from any

1 other states. She's applying to work as a security
2 agent at Dania. She does not have any unpaid fines
3 or court costs. She received six months of
4 administrative probation and was assessed \$327 in
5 fines. And one condition was she could not return
6 to the auto parts store location that she committed
7 the theft from.

8 A waiver interview was conducted August 21st of
9 this year, and a report is included in the meeting
10 materials. The Commission may decide to grant the
11 waiver and issue the license. Alternatively, we ask
12 the authorized staff to issue a letter of license
13 denial.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

15 Commissioners, are there any comments or
16 questions on this item?

17 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Yes. In my view, it's
18 pretty much the same as the other two. The time
19 frame is pretty much the same. The rehabilitation
20 -- appearance of rehabilitation is the same. It was
21 a -- a misdemeanor theft. So -- so I -- I think
22 it's -- in my mind, it's the same as the other two.

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner, again, she's
24 applying to be a security officer; is that correct?

25 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Security agent or security

1 guard.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay.

3 Commissioner D'Aquila?

4 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'm ready to make a
5 motion.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Repp?

7 COMMISSIONER REPP: I just -- I -- I -- my
8 concern is with her interview in 2025 where her
9 statement to the Commission is different with --
10 than the arrest affidavit. So there is a -- not an
11 acceptance of responsibility regarding the actions
12 that took place or some sort of allegations that the
13 arrest report was not correct. So that does cause
14 me some consternation. They're trying to -- to
15 determine that - - she's saying nothing happened,
16 and then the arrest report is something different
17 from the police officer who was -- did that report.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Repp, I
19 completely agree with your thoughts on that. I
20 candor - - lack of candor --

21 COMMISSIONER REPP: Correct.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: -- is a -- a huge issue, and
23 we've been faced with that often, and we've denied
24 licenses based on that alone.

25 COMMISSIONER REPP: And I add that in

1 conjunction with there's really no letter in support
2 of her -- I -- I -- I fail to be able to find enough
3 evidence of this because of the differing accounts
4 of the events that took place and -- and the
5 position that she's applying for as security. She
6 would be writing security reports.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I agree.
8 Commissioner?

9 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I'm trying to find it
10 again, and it isn't there somewhere where she
11 explained what she did or she said? She -- she
12 talked about how she pocketed the \$33 from a -- from
13 a sale, and --

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: It's on Page 1,507. The --
15 it's the summary of the interview from the -- it --
16 it says five above it, and then 1,507 below it.

17 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Do we have the arrest
18 affidavit in here?

19 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Yes, we do.

20 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: And -- and -- and -- and
21 -- and she doesn't admit it? I'm -- I just don't
22 remember.

23 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: So her narrative from the
24 waiver interview was that she was swept up when two
25 other coworkers did a theft selling store products

1 off the books. However, the arrest affidavit
2 certifies that the officer writing the affidavit met
3 with the loss prevention manager, who said that she
4 is on surveillance video doing a sales transaction,
5 not giving the customer a receipt for the \$34
6 transaction, and then keeping the money.

7 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I -- I guess I'm missing
8 something here. Didn't she say that she -- she did
9 steal the money in the interview?

10 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: She admitted that she was
11 convicted for it. I did not see anything where she
12 took responsibility.

13 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Okay.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Right.

15 This -- sorry, apologies to the public. We --
16 there -- it's a voluminous file.

17 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So I -- I guess -- yeah,
18 reading it again, I guess she's saying that she just
19 got kind of brought in with everyone else, and she
20 didn't really do anything. Well, she's not
21 admitting that she did anything. Okay. I -- I see
22 it now.

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners -- actually,
24 Ms. Alvarado, are we under a statutory time frame on
25 this item -- oh, sorry, Mr. Hundersmarck.

1 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: So the timeline -- because
2 she's requesting a waiver, the deadlines are waived.
3 We're not under a timeline.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: We're not under a timeline.
5 Okay.

6 Commissioners, do you -- would you like to seek
7 more information, or would you like to vote on the
8 item?

9 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I'd like to -- I'd like to
10 seek more information. I'm still conflicted on this
11 one.

12 COMMISSIONER REPP: Me too.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Personally, I'm conflicted
14 on it as well. I -- I just don't like the lack of
15 candor.

16 So if we can -- Ms. Valentine, can we go ahead
17 and defer this item and direct staff to initiate
18 contact to seek more information? If we don't get
19 it, then it could be placed on the next agenda for
20 us to vote on.

21 MS. VALENTINE: Yes. The Commissioners may
22 direct Commission staff to reach out for more
23 information. Is there any particular information
24 that - - that you would like for her to provide or
25 expound on if she's willing to do so?

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Expound on all of the -- the
2 -- the facts and the lack of candor and any other
3 information.

4 Commission Repp?

5 COMMISSIONER REPP: My -- my concern is, is
6 we're just giving her an opportunity to tell us what
7 we want to hear to get the license when she had an
8 opportunity to give us an interview. And her
9 interview was to not accept responsibility for what
10 was on the police report and her position seeking as
11 security. That's my thought on that.

12 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: My concern is -- I -- I
13 agree with Commissioner Repp, but my concern is we
14 get kind of, like, a third-person statement from the
15 investigator. You know, it's not like her words
16 that -- whether she said she did or didn't do it.
17 So I would like to hear whether -- if -- if she
18 actually did deny it or not -- not fess up to it, or
19 is it just -- just the way it's written. It appears
20 that she didn't.

21 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Yeah.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: So are we inclined to defer
23 it, get more information as Commissioner Drago's
24 illuminated, or are we prepared to vote on this
25 item?

1 MS. VALENTINE: Another option would be -- if
2 you are prepared to vote, is what you're voting on
3 is just a letter of license denial, and then she
4 will have 21 days to request a hearing. One of her
5 options would be an informal hearing where she
6 provides mitigating evidence. And then, during that
7 time, she could provide additional information,
8 maybe character witnesses, maybe testimony, to the
9 informal hearing officer that would be reflected in
10 any recommended order.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. That's my
12 appetite, quite frankly.

13 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Yeah. I like that last
14 recommendation.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, can we get a
16 motion to issue a letter of license denial?

17 Is that correct?

18 MS. VALENTINE: That's --

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Correct.
20 Commissioner?

21 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make that motion.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I second.

23 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion?

25 All those in favor say, "Aye."

1 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Aye.

2 COMMISSIONER REPP: Aye.

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Aye.

4 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

6 We are on to discussion of -- oh, wait, yeah,
7 discussion of license denials, 10.1 and 10.2.

8 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 10.1 is Sandra Kay
9 Burkett, Case 2025068572. The Applicant is applying
10 for a pari-mutuel general individual occupational
11 license. Upon review of the application, it was
12 discovered that the Applicant had three felonies
13 which are disqualifying under Chapter 550. Those
14 were three counts of fraud, impersonation, failure
15 to disclose fact for public aid over \$200 out of
16 Escambia County, Florida, all third degree felonies
17 from 2017.

18 The Applicant disclosed a conviction but
19 described it as only one felony on the initial
20 application. She checked the yes box on whether she
21 had been convicted or had an adjudication withheld
22 for any crime, which was accurate. She checked the
23 no box for the question asking if she had a felony
24 or misdemeanor involving forgery, larceny,
25 extortion, conspiracy to fraud, or filing false

1 reports to a government agency. That was incorrect
2 because these three offenses involved fraud and
3 filing false reports to a government agency.

4 They are applying to work as a bartender at
5 Pensacola Greyhound, which is not a slot facility.
6 Her position would not require access to the
7 cardroom. She did not request a waiver, therefore,
8 no waiver interview took place in this case. We
9 asked that you authorized staff to issue a letter of
10 license denial.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. I bet I know how
12 Commissioners to my right are going to vote.

13 Or -- Commissioner Repp, do you have any
14 comments on this item or questions?

15 COMMISSIONER REPP: I don't --

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: There we go.

17 COMMISSIONER REPP: No. I mean, no questions
18 beyond is there any remaining payments to be made or
19 fines or probation? I didn't see anything.

20 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: So she has a zero balance
21 due for fees. Restitution was actually recommended,
22 but I don't believe it was actually assessed because
23 the court docket shows zero due and zero assessed.

24 COMMISSIONER REPP: Yeah. I -- I take these
25 sort of program frauds quite seriously. I -- I

1 think they go a lot to the character of a person and
2 how they conduct themselves. It has been a -- a
3 general -- a long period of time since this has
4 occurred. I -- like I said, I wish I would have
5 more information regarding some sort of letter or
6 recommendation or something showing that this is not
7 a -- a character pattern.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Commissioner
9 Repp. And I apologize for putting you on the spot.
10 And I -- I -- I understand the position that this
11 Applicant is applying for. Again, going back to a
12 lack of candor, it's a -- a fundamental element here
13 and was several items, lack of candor.

14 Commissioners?

15 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Plus, I think the -- for
16 my own clarity, I guess, is this offense was
17 committed where she accepted benefits for 12 months.
18 It wasn't like a one-time thing which you walk out
19 with a toilet paper without paying for it. This was
20 a -- a long-term fraud offense. So there's a
21 difference in my mind.

22 MR. TAUPIER: Marc Taupier for the record.

23 Just to give some clarity on this, I'm looking
24 at the court records. It appears that a VOP
25 happened in the beginning of 2020 where one of the

1 conditions was not paying back restitution. She was
2 in arrears of \$14,818. Her defense attorney somehow
3 got that VOP dismissed. And it looks like
4 everything was converted into a lien, and she was
5 recommended to get on a court payment plan to pay
6 down the lien. So as far as making restitution, it
7 does not appear that -- she's no longer obligated
8 to. It was converted to a lien.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: So she's still under
10 obligation for -- under employment -- payment plan?

11 MR. TAUPIER: It's technically a lien where
12 they could go after her for that money. But if she
13 doesn't pay it, it's not going to be a violation of
14 the Court. It's just now a lien attached to her
15 property.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner?

17 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Yeah. So in essence,
18 she can't sell that property with clear title until
19 the lien is satisfied?

20 MR. TAUPIER: Correct.

21 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: So -- okay.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I -- I -- I agree with the
23 staff recommendation. Frankly, this is clear cut to
24 me. I think the actual crime -- the -- the extended
25 occurrence of the crime, defrauding and collecting

1 food stamps is -- it -- it has bigger social
2 implications to the -- our state and to society. I
3 would agree with staff to deny -- issue a letter of
4 license denial.

5 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: You want a motion?

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Can you guess?

7 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I'll make that motion.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Can I have a second?

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

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion.

12 All those in favor say, "Aye."

13 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

14 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER REPP: Aye.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Pass this unanimously.
17 10.2, please.

18 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 10.2 is Daniel
19 Guadalupe Vega, Case 205068768. The Applicant is
20 seeking a slot machine/cardroom/pari-mutuel
21 individual - - individual combination occupational
22 license. Upon review of the completed application,
23 it was discovered that the Applicant had one
24 disqualifying offense, one count of petit theft, a
25 misdemeanor out of Hillsborough County, Florida from

1 1997.

2 Overall the Applicant was sent four deficiency
3 letters before the division received an accurate
4 criminal record and a completed application. On the
5 initial application, he marked the no boxes for
6 whether he had criminal convictions. This was false
7 because he had between five and eight criminal
8 convictions, including the disqualifying misdemeanor
9 theft conviction.

10 He's applying to work as a sous chef at
11 Harrah's Pompano Beach. The division deemed the
12 application completed on August 6th, 2025. The
13 Applicant did not request a waiver, so there was no
14 waiver interview conducted here.

15 We would ask that you authorize staff to issue
16 a letter of license denial in this case.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Mr. Hundersmarck.

18 Commissioners, any questions or comments on
19 this item?

20 I -- I -- I do appreciate your overview. You
21 -- very detailed. Thank you very much.

22 COMMISSIONER REPP: Thank you.

23 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Thank you.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Drago?

25 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I'm just trying to get

1 clear in my mind the -- the conviction situation.
2 These are not disqualifying convictions, the ones
3 other than the petit theft?

4 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: That's correct. There's
5 only one disqualifying.

6 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Okay.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: From 1997.

8 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Late '90s.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Right.

10 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: That's the traffic?

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yeah. Looks like. Do you
12 have any comments on it? Sous chef, and he's been
13 -- other than the last indication was a traffic
14 violation in 2003?

15 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: That's correct.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: There has been no other
17 offenses?

18 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: That's correct.

19 COMMISSIONER REPP: I just -- obviously, once
20 again, answering no to questions that are very
21 obvious, "Have you been convicted?" and having to
22 issue four deficiency letters, this just takes up
23 staff's time, and I find it very inconsiderate. I
24 know this happened a long time ago, but I just have
25 to mention again that I just find it very

1 inconsiderate that our staff has to go out and do
2 extra work because someone is omitting something,
3 and to which I've said before, I find an omission
4 the same as a lie.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Commissioner
6 Repp.

7 Commission Drago?

8 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I -- yeah, I -- I -- I
9 agree with Commissioner Repp on the badgering of the
10 staff, so to speak, making them keep -- going back
11 and forth, well, back and forth, back and forth.
12 You know, I can understand if an Applicant makes a
13 mistake and they don't quite understand -- and they
14 make -- and they -- they have to do -- they get a
15 deficiency letter and respond. But four different
16 deficiency letters, it just sounds like it's a lot
17 more work than we should have to do to get them
18 licensed. So I -- I find that --

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: -- troubling as well.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: My understanding, this
22 individual is from -- he's -- I mean, he's a US
23 citizen, but he's -- was from Puerto Rico. He
24 speaks fluent English. He understands the questions
25 that were asked.

1 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: I don't have that
2 information firsthand. I would assume so because
3 he's been in the country for at least 25 years.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Right.

5 And -- well.

6 All right, Commissioners. We are ready for a
7 motion.

8 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: This is for working in
9 food service -- correct?

10 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: That's correct.

11 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Working as a sous chef.
12 Now, it -- it does not give him the right to be on
13 the floor dealing, or anything else. It's -- it's
14 strictly food service, correct?

15 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: That's correct.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All right.

17 MS. ALVARADO: Just for some clarification,
18 he'll actually be issued a slot
19 machine/cardroom/pari- mutuel combination license.
20 So he could potentially get a job doing something
21 else. Right now, he's seeking a job as a sous chef,
22 but he could apply for something else with that
23 license.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I think -- yeah.

25 These are the type of challenging situations

1 that we have. An -- an extended period of time has
2 passed. He -- but again, the lack of candor, it --
3 it does wear on the Commission and the Commission
4 staff.

5 Commissioner, I see -- I see your finger.

6 COMMISSIONER REPP: I -- I -- I have --
7 concerned too, also, as a sous chef one day and --
8 and maybe a car dealer another. I -- I -- I just
9 find it incredibly inconsiderate. I do -- don't
10 know if that's necessarily a reason to -- to deny
11 the license on that - - on those grounds as a -- as
12 a sous chef. And as we've said, getting people to
13 work. I -- I am fine with -- with issuing this
14 license if other Commissioners concur.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Well, said. Commissioner, I
16 concur --

17 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I'm sorry --

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: -- on this item.

19 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I'm sorry. I missed what
20 -- I didn't hear the last part of --

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Issuing the license.

22 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Issue the license.

23 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Issue the license.

24 Yeah.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: But I appreciate the fact

1 that you're emphasizing the frustration, and I hope
2 folks that are watching this can pay attention to
3 that because it could be an indicator of -- of a
4 license denial, ultimately.

5 COMMISSIONER REPP: Correct.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: So we have a motion to issue
7 a -- a letter of -- pardon me, to issue the license.

8 COMMISSIONER REPP: Yes. I'll make that
9 motion.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any second?

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

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion?

14 All those in favor say, "Aye."

15 COMMISSIONER REPP: Aye.

16 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Aye.

18 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Aye.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Passes unanimously.

20 We're going into final orders pursuant to
21 requests from Respondents 11.1 and 11.2.

22 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 11.1 is Krishna
23 Roopchand, Case 2025001682. The case materials
24 include the three-count administrative complaint.
25 Count 1 alleges he is subject to license revocation

1 due to defrauding the cardroom operator. Count 2
2 alleges he is subject to exclusion from licensed
3 pari-mutuels and slot facilities in Florida. Count
4 3 alleges he is subject to discipline for failure to
5 notify the Commission in writing within five days of
6 his arrest for grand theft.

7 Respondent selected option 3 stating that he
8 did not dispute any of the allegations contained
9 within the administrative complaint, waiving his
10 right to any form of hearing and requesting that the
11 Commission enter a final order imposing a penalty.

12 Therefore, the division asks that the
13 Commission authorize us to enter a final order
14 revoking Respondent's slot machine/cardroom/pari-
15 mutuel individual combination occupational license
16 as well as permanently excluding Respondent from all
17 license, pari- mutuel, and slot machine facilities
18 in Florida.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Hundersmarck.
20 And just for clarification, that would be the
21 penalty. Yes.

22 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: You can revoke the license
23 and exclude him. Yes, that would be -- you -- you
24 have the option to do more, but yeah.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Thank you.

1 Commissioners, can we get a motion to approve
2 the staff recommendation?

3 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved?

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

5 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say,
7 "Aye."

8 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

10 COMMISSIONER REPP: Aye.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

12 Now to 11.2, which does discuss a penalty. So
13 I'd -- I'd like you to go over that as well,
14 Mr. Hundersmarck.

15 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Item 11.2 is Vanyvone Van
16 Phommavong, case 2025029114. The case materials
17 include the two-count administrative complaint
18 alleging that Respondent violated two Florida
19 administrative code rules by failing to clear his
20 hands on 21 instances during the observed day and
21 failing to rotate the dealer button during that
22 time. The administrative complaint alleged that due
23 to these rule violations, he is subject to
24 administrative penalties under Section 849, amount
25 unspecified.

1 Respondent selected option 3 stating he did not
2 dispute any of the allegations contained within the
3 administrative complaint waiving his right to any
4 form of a hearing, and requesting that the
5 commission enter a final order imposing a penalty.
6 Respondent did have a DBPR case involving a
7 violation of this rule in 2012, which resulted in a
8 warning letter. Therefore, the division asked that
9 the commission authorize us to enter a final order
10 imposing a penalty on Respondent.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And, Mr. Hundersmarck, you
12 don't recommend a specific penalty?

13 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: I don't believe staff
14 recommended a specific fine amount.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: If you don't mind, I'd love
16 to turn to Director Dillmore and kind of just talk
17 about the actual infraction that this individual did
18 and the severity of it. I -- and I understand that
19 we could impose a penalty up to \$1,000.

20 MR. DILLMORE: That's for each count. There
21 are two -- for two infractions that are cited.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Sorry.

23 MR. DILLMORE: One was for - and I think it was
24 just one time - not offering the button to be
25 rotated around the table. The other one, which

1 you'll see, there was -- and this is over a
2 30-minute time period. There was, I think, 21
3 instances of the dealer failing to clear his hands.
4 So that is like a -- a process violation. I mean,
5 these dealers probably -- it shows here clearly
6 hands every time they exchanged chips, exchanged
7 money, and -- to show that the cameras -- that
8 there's no palming or cupping of the chips or cards
9 or anything like that.

10 So those were observations made over a 30-
11 minute time period where there's probably, I'm
12 guessing, hundreds -- hundreds of times where --
13 where this transaction may have happened. I didn't
14 see anything else in the report that -- from the
15 investigative report that tied this -- any necessary
16 malicious activity that he was working with somebody
17 or -- or any theft had happened.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Could have just been an
19 oversight and the amount of repetition that occurs.

20 Commissioners, do you have questions of
21 Director Dillmore?

22 So it's potentially -- Mr. Hundersmarck, thank
23 you. Mr. -- it's two rule violations. Each one can
24 impose a penalty up to \$1,000 dollars, correct?

25 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: That's correct.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And he only has a prior
2 warning?

3 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: That's correct.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay. In 2012?

5 MS. ALVARADO: Just for some clarification on
6 that as well, we did not open an administrative
7 complaint in that case. That was a warning letter
8 that was issued by the DBPR staff at that time.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: So it -- Commissioners, it
10 looks like this isn't something that it would only
11 be a -- a -- a financial penalty. It wouldn't be a
12 suspension or anything of that magnitude. So we're
13 open here for suggestions.

14 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Proposal, \$500 fine.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any other
16 thoughts on it?

17 The staff have an opinion or doesn't want to --

18 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: We're talking total, or?

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yes.

20 MR. DILLMORE: Yeah.

21 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So -- so the 2021
23 occasions, that's still only one count, right?

24 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: That's correct.

25 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Not 26 counts. It's one

1 count. Okay. So we got two counts. So \$500 is
2 \$250 per count? Is that what you're recommending,
3 Commissioner?

4 MR. DILLMORE: Yes.

5 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Oh, okay. Okay.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Give me 500 total.

8 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: 500 in total?

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yeah. Yeah. 250 each.
10 Yeah.

11 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Right.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Sorry.

13 Any other thoughts on the item? And if -- if
14 staff doesn't have any comments, then we are ready
15 for our motion.

16 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll make a motion that
17 we proceed with a fine of \$500, 250 each for each of
18 the two counts, and that's it.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

20 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

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

22 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Aye.

24 Any opposed? Okay.

25 The motion passes unanimously.

1 Thank you for your work on all these items.

2 We're moving on to item 12, discussion of
3 rulemaking.

4 Ms. Alvarado or Ms. Valentine or both?

5 MS. VALENTINE: Agenda item 12 is to request
6 commissioners to authorize commission staff to enter
7 into rule development in connection with changes
8 that were made to the internal revenue code by the
9 One Big Beautiful Bill act or Public Law 119-21.
10 That act amends the internal revenue code effective
11 January 1st, 2026, to increase the threshold for
12 casinos reporting payouts of gambling winnings to
13 \$2,000 as adjusted yearly for inflation. To align
14 the commission rules with the new federal tax
15 reporting requirements, we would therefore like to
16 enter into rule development for the following rules,
17 Rule 75-14.022, Rule 75-14.048, and Rule 75-14.074
18 of the Florida Administrative Code.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

20 Commissioners, I think we should go ahead and
21 proceed with this if there are no questions.

22 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Yeah. I recommend
23 proceeding with it in the matter of compliance with
24 tax -- making it consistent with the federal tax
25 law.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I think the great -- a good
2 motion to make is authorize staff to go ahead and
3 post and go into rule development on the after
4 mentioned rules; is that correct?

5 MS. VALENTINE: That's correct.

6 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: So moved.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

8 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

9 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

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

11 COMMISSIONER REPP: Aye.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Aye.

13 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

15 MS. VALENTINE: Thank you.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All right. We are on to,
17 oh, public comment.

18 Is there anybody from the public that would
19 like to address us today? Going once. Going twice.

20 If they're not, we're going to go into our
21 closed attorney-client session on two items. And so
22 -- hold on one moment.

23 Are we good?

24 MS. ALVARADO: The Office Of General Counsel
25 requests the commissioners to close the meeting so

1 that the Office of General Counsel may seek advice
2 from the commissioners in a closed meeting
3 concerning litigation styled Florida Gaming Control
4 Commission v. Ocala Breeders' Sales Company, Inc.,
5 Case number 2025007982, and Florida Gaming Control
6 Commission v. Saint Petersburg Kennel Club, Inc.,
7 2025053137. This advice relates to litigation
8 strategy and settlement negotiations and may
9 therefore be discussed in private, pursuant to
10 Section 16.716 and 286.0118, Florida Statutes.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you so much. And we
12 will be reopening the meeting after the attorney-
13 client session. So it -- it should only take
14 approximately 30 minutes. But with that, I have to
15 read a few phrases here.

16 In connection with the performance of our
17 regulatory duties, it's necessary for us to hear
18 information that is exempt or confidential.
19 Specifically, our commission counsel will be
20 discussing litigation strategy and settlement
21 negotiations with commissioners related to the
22 litigation that was just mentioned by Ms. Alvarado.

23 The closed meeting is scheduled for
24 approximately 30 minutes. We're at 11:44 right now.
25 Those that will be in attendance are myself, Vice

1 Chair Julie Brown, Commissioner Chuck Drago,
2 Commissioner Tina Repp, Commissioner John D'Aquila,
3 Acting Executive Director Joe Dillmore, Deputy
4 Executive Director Brandon McCaffrey, General
5 Counsel Elina Valentine, Deputy General Counsel Marc
6 Taupier, and Chief Attorney Emily Alvarado, Renee
7 Harkins, and Senior Attorney Justin Hundersmarck,
8 and Brandy Humphries (phonetic), Dixie Parker
9 (phonetic), and our certified court reporter here.

10 In accordance with the sections that were
11 mentioned of the Florida Statute, the closed
12 meeting, including the necessity for closure and
13 those reasons for necessity, will be recorded by our
14 reporter. No portion of the closed meeting will be
15 off the record. The court reporter's notes will be
16 fully transcribed and filed with the clerk of the
17 commission, and the transcript will be made public
18 upon conclusion of litigation.

19 So at this point, thank you, Florida Channel.
20 We will be discontinuing the public meeting -- the
21 live feed for the next 30 minutes. And again, we
22 thank you all for being in attendance. The time is
23 11:45. Thank you.

24 (A recess was taken.)

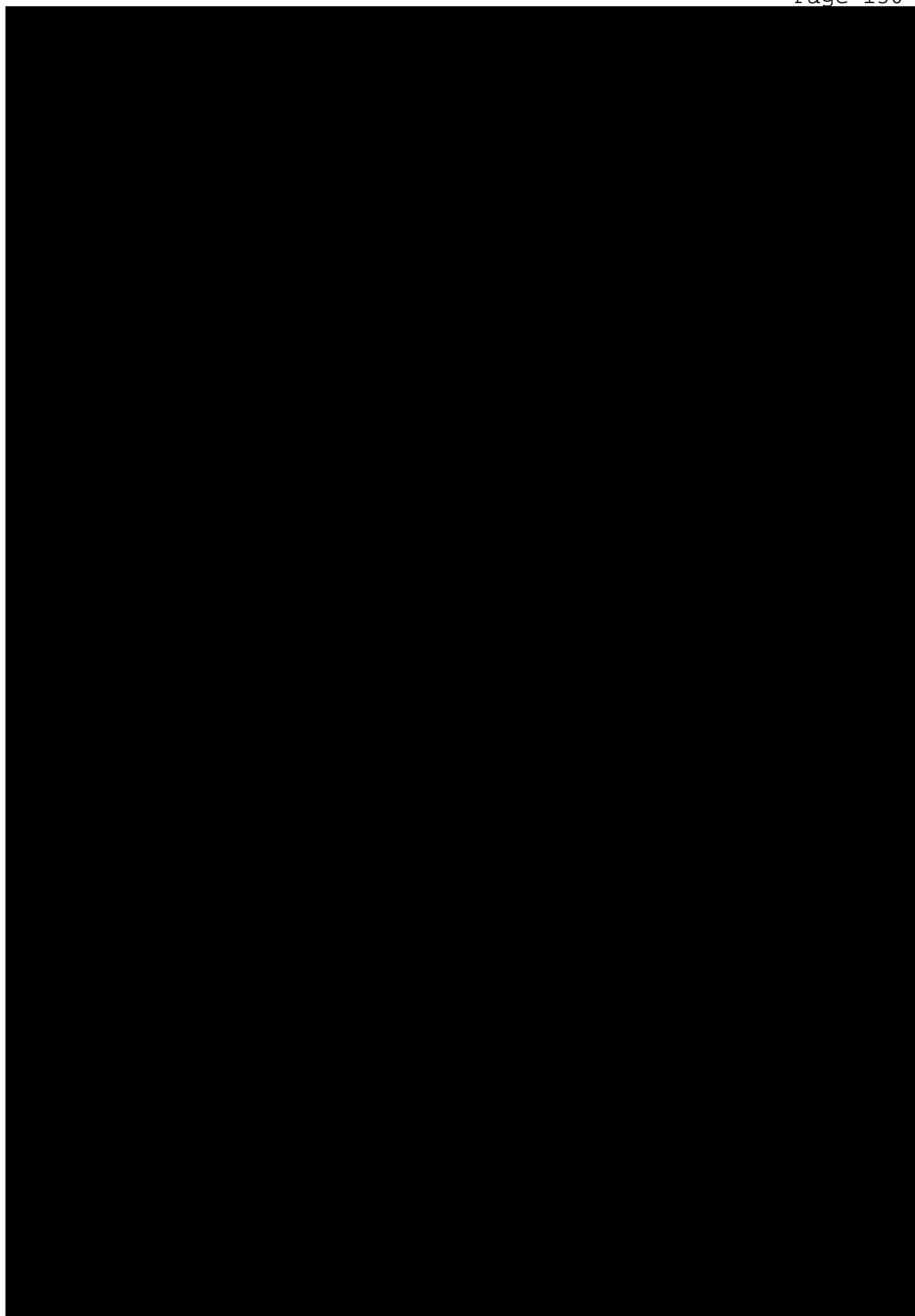
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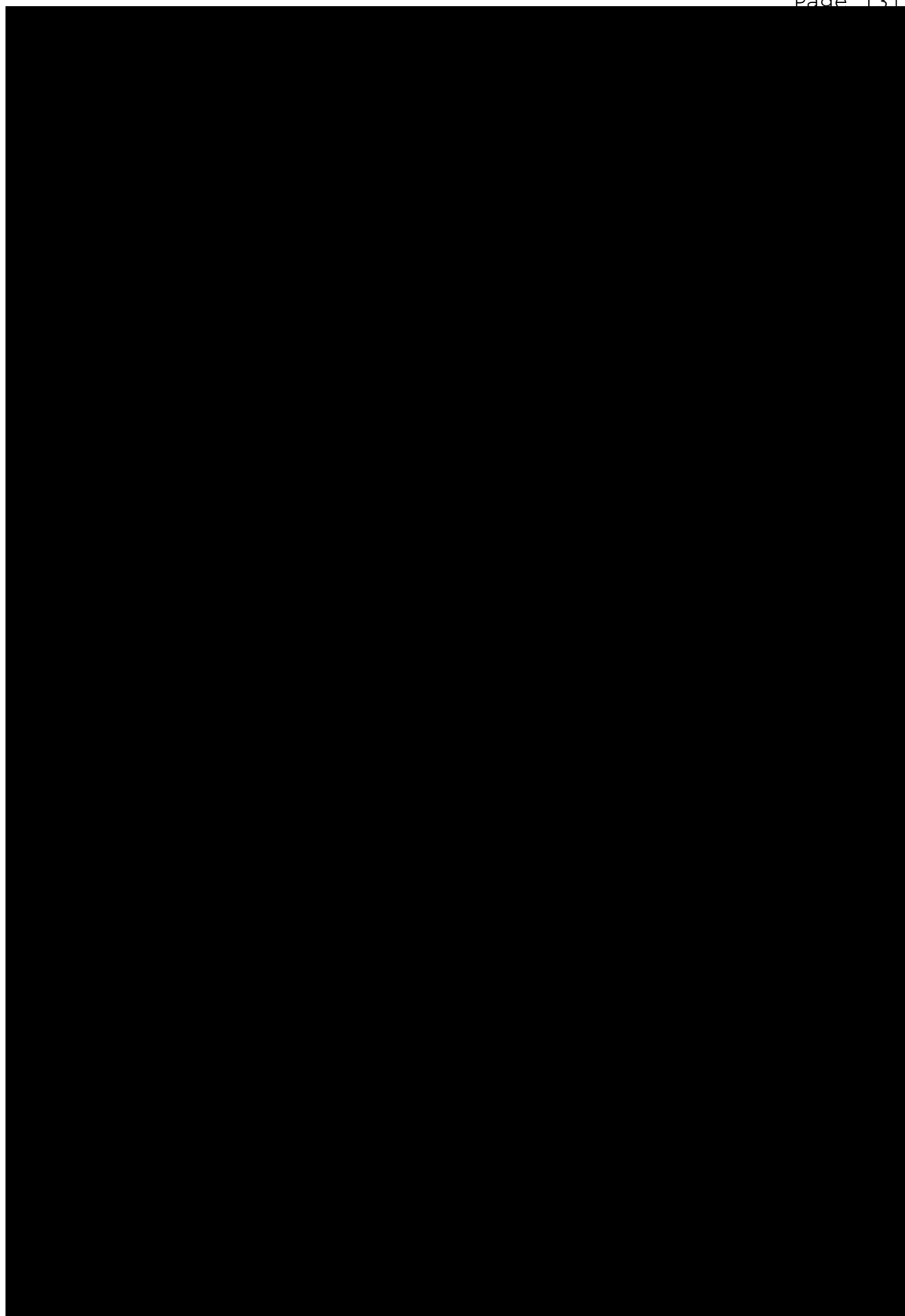
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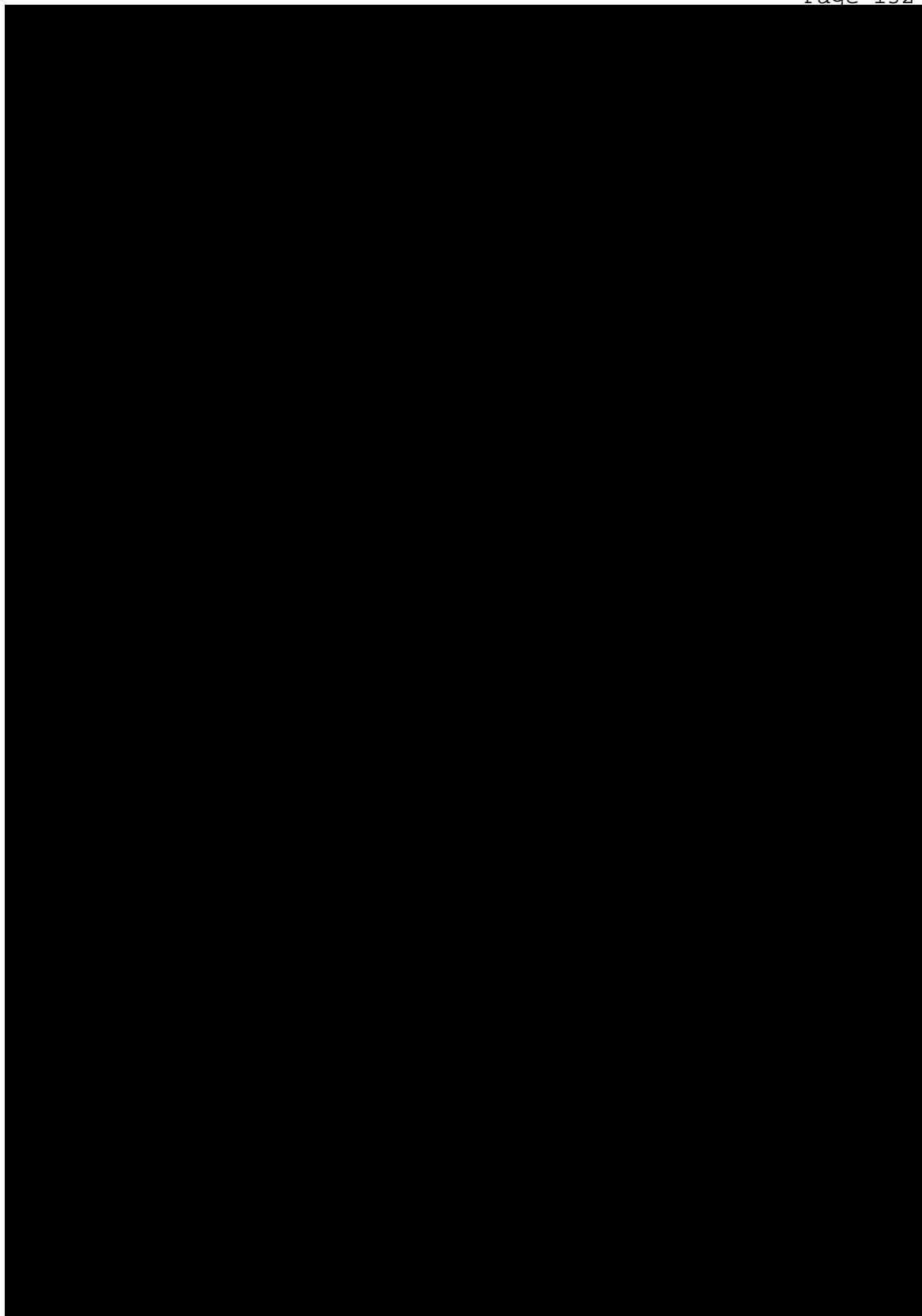
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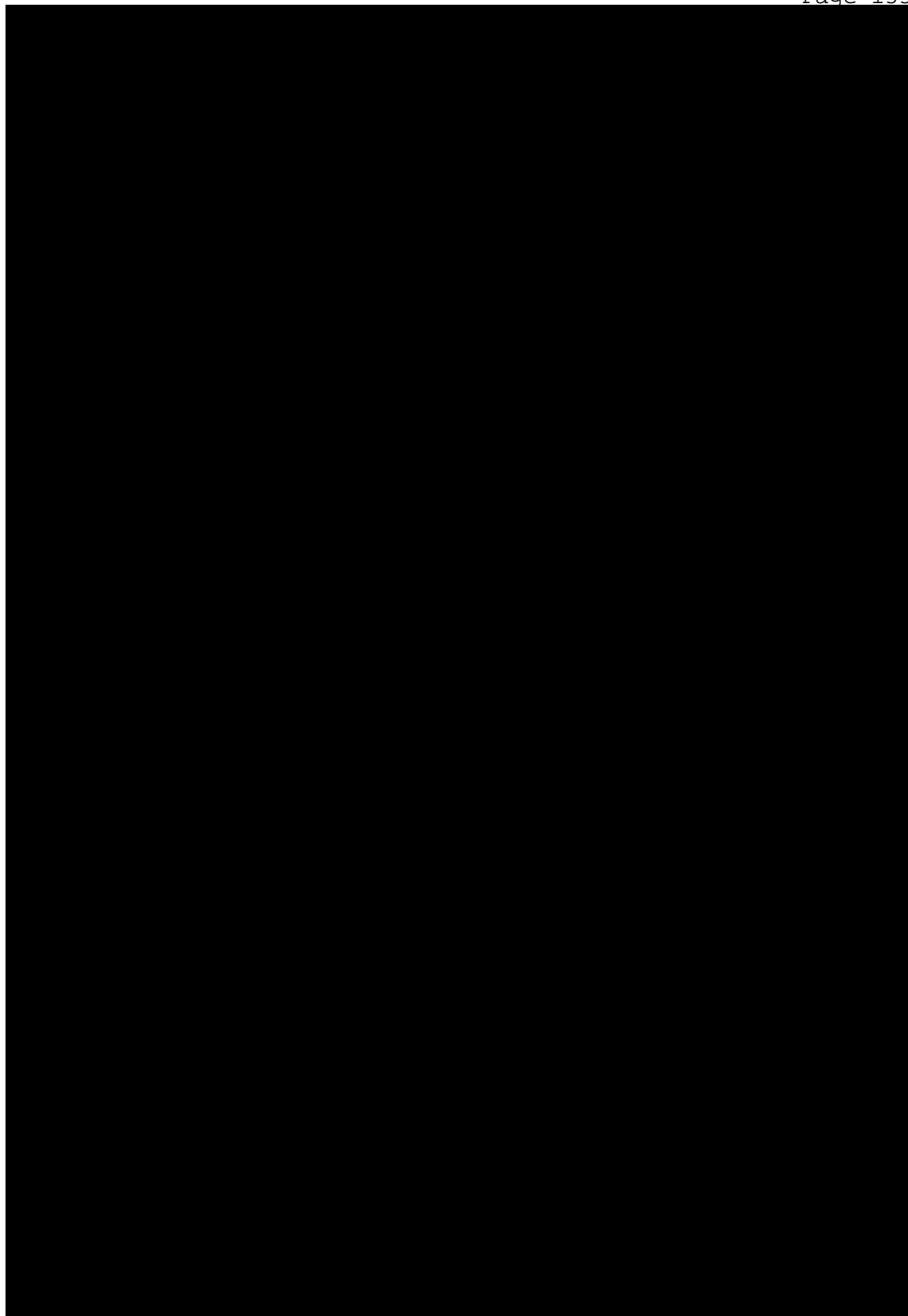
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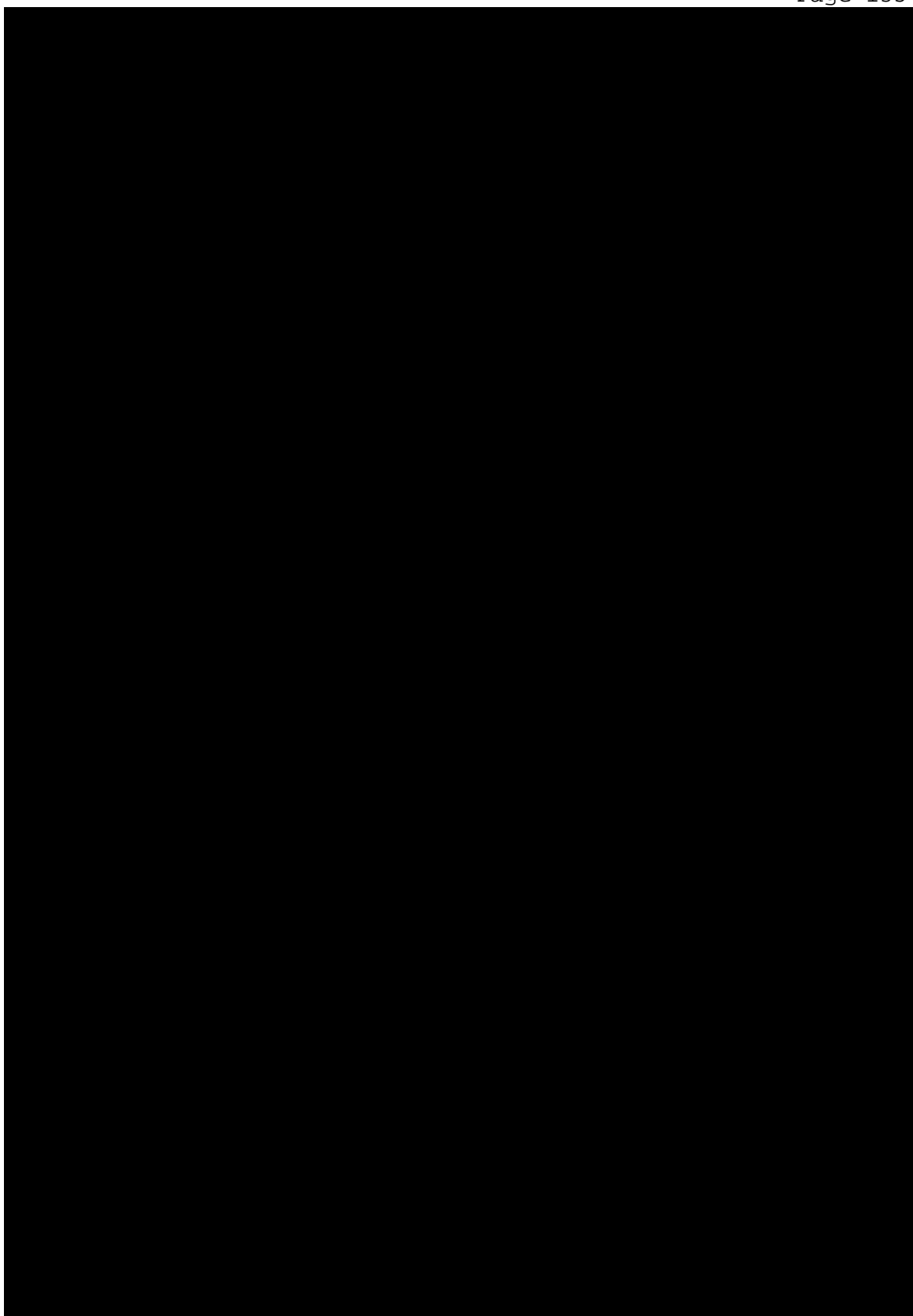
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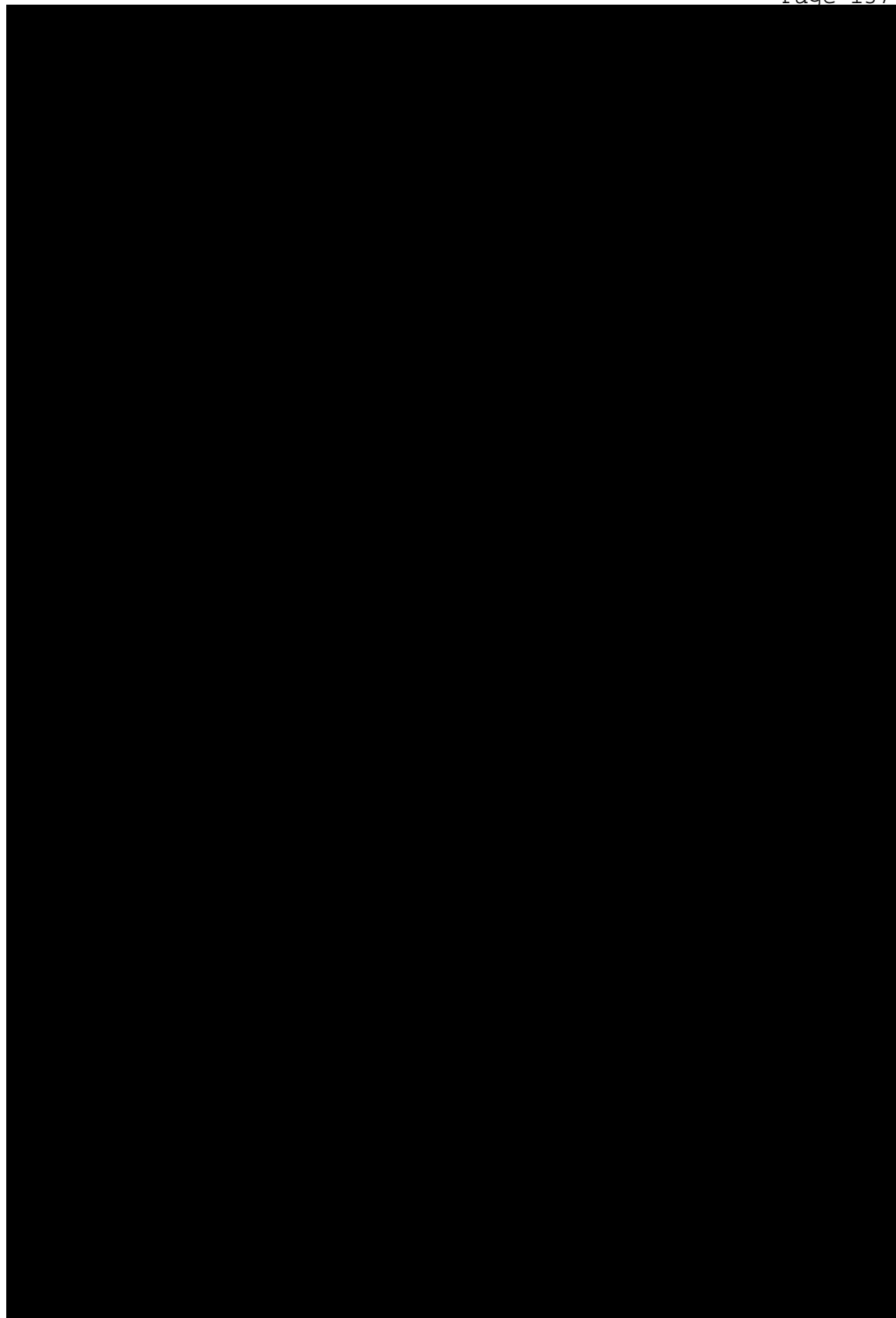
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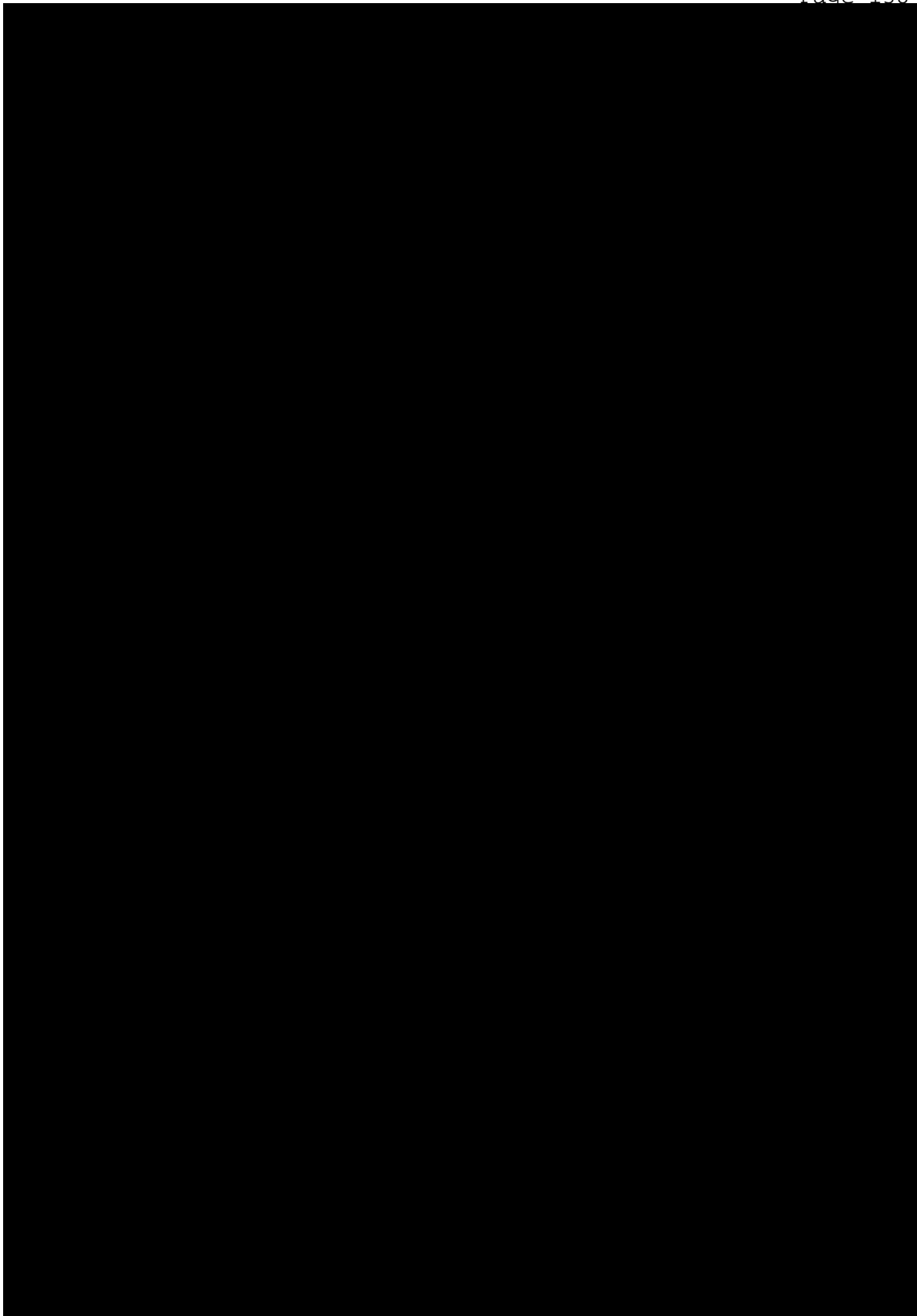
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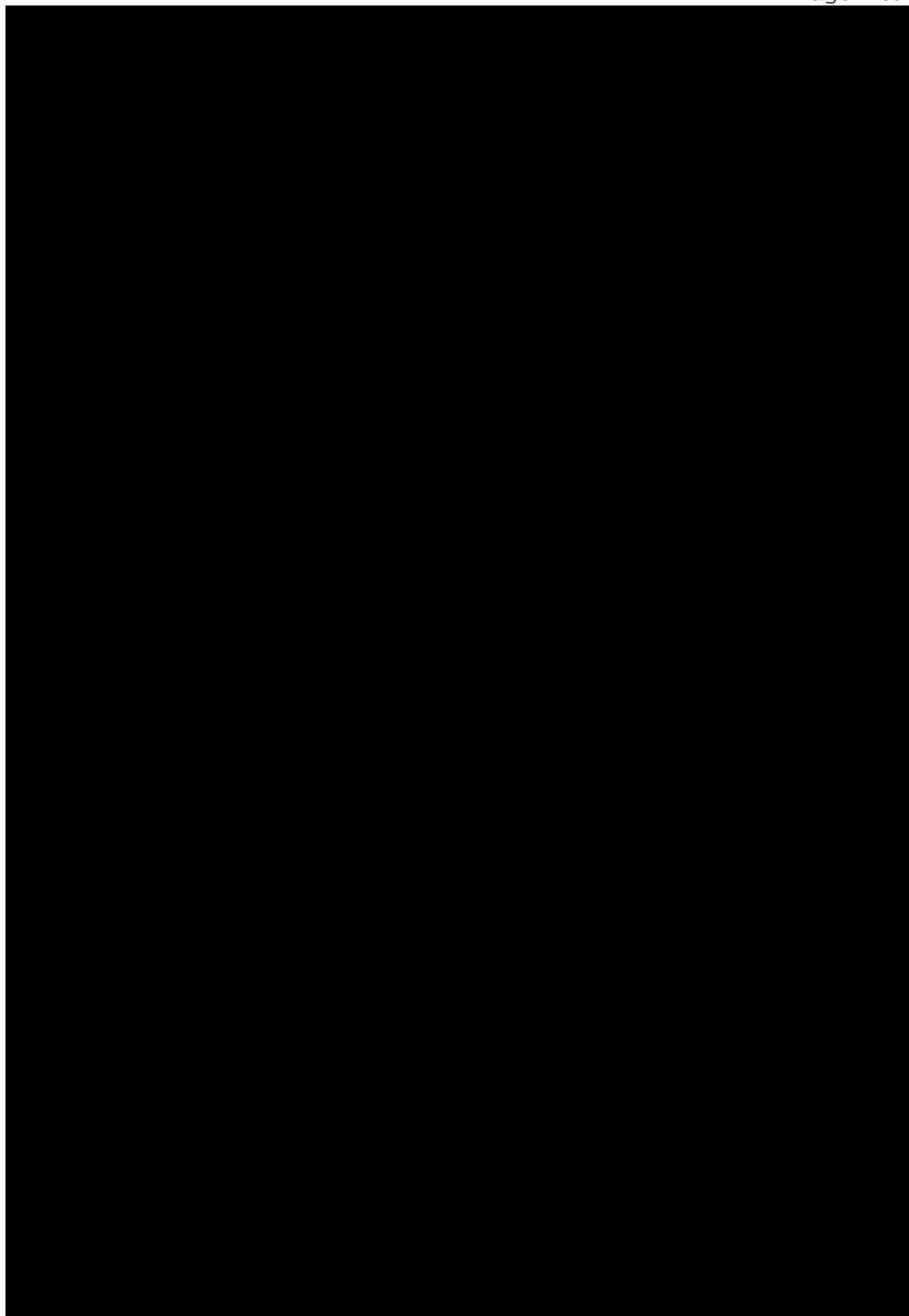
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(A recess was taken.)

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Good afternoon. This is a
2 continuation of the October 16th, 2026 Florida
3 Gaming Control Commission meeting. Our attorney-
4 client meeting has been concluded, and we are -- I
5 guess we're now back on. The public meeting is
6 reopened. I believe I stated all of the correct
7 language that we need to state.

8 Okay. With that, commissioners, we're
9 addressing items 14.1 and 14.2. At this time, can I
10 get a motion on 14.1 to the effect of allowing staff
11 to continue negotiations with the Ocala Breeders'
12 Sales Company?

13 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I will make that
14 motion.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.
16 Can we get a second?

17 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

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

19 COMMISSIONER REPP: Aye.

20 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Aye.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. In a similar
22 regard, in -- on item 14.2, can I get a motion to
23 authorized staff to continue negotiations with St.
24 Petersburg Kennel Club?

25 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make that motion.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

2 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

4 All those in favor say aye.

5 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

6 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Aye.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Aye.

8 Thank you.

9 And thank you staff for your work too on this.

10 We're going to go into other matters at this
11 point.

12 Commissioners, are there other -- any other
13 matters that need to be addressed?

14 Commissioner Drago?

15 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Yes. I have -- I have a
16 ex parte communication that I want to disclose on --
17 it -- it's not on the agenda today, but it may be
18 coming up soon. And I'm sorry for delay here
19 because I'm trying to find it so I can --

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: While you're doing that, I
21 will also disclose an ex parte communication with an
22 individual who reached out to me on a social media
23 app in writing on October 6th, 2026, regarding --
24 his name is Glen Gunter. I -- the -- the only thing
25 I responded to him was to address our staff. I

1 don't really know the subject matter that he's
2 dealing with, but I told him to direct our staff,
3 but I wanted to put that on the record.

4 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Yes. And likewise, it was
5 also from Mr. Glen Gunter who called my phone and
6 left me a voice message. I did not respond to it,
7 so.. But he left a -- he left a message indicating
8 that he has a -- a license for horse racing, is in
9 the process of -- of renewing his license, and he
10 has a -- an arrest that didn't come up before or
11 wasn't a violation before - I don't really know
12 exactly what it was - and that he was calling to ask
13 what he should do about that, how should he fill out
14 the application, because he's concerned about this
15 arrest on his record. So as I said, I didn't
16 respond to it. So that's -- that's just the extent
17 of it.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Are there any
19 other items?

20 Okay. If there are no other matters to be
21 addressed, this meeting is adjourned. Thank you for
22 your attendance, everyone.

23 (Meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m. ET)

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