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In The Matter Of:
Florida Gaming Control Commission
Public Meeting

DATE: Thursday, April 9, 2026
TIME: 9:30 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.
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1 APPEARANCES:

2 COMMISSIONERS

3 Chair Julie I. Brown
4 Vice Chair Tina Repp
5 Commissioner John D'Aquila
6 Commissioner Peter Cuderman
7 Commissioner William Spicola

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9 COMMISSION STAFF

10 Alana Zimmer, Executive Director
11 Elina Valentine, General Counsel
12 Joe Dillmore, Director of Pari-Mutuel Wagering
13 Carl Herold, Director of Law Enforcement
14 Emily Alvarado, Chief Attorney in Litigation
15 Justin Hundersmarck, Senior Attorney
16 Jamie Pouncey, Program Administrator

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18 OTHERS PRESENT:

19 Nate Valentine, Pledge of Allegiance
20 Gary Rutledge, Esquire

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1 Proceedings began at 9:30 a.m.

2 CHAIR BROWN: Good morning, everyone. Today
3 is Thursday, April 9, 2026. This is the Florida
4 Gaming Control Commission's meeting for April and
5 before we begin, we do have a very special guest
6 here who is going to lead us in the Pledge of
7 Allegiance.

8 We have Nate Valentine. He is a second grader
9 at the DeSoto Trail Elementary. His teacher is
10 Ms. Kenon. He's a really, really amazing student.
11 He loves playing soccer I believe, right, and the
12 piano and he also happens to be the son of our
13 general counsel and it is just such a treat to have
14 you help us lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance
15 here today.

16 So I'd like to ask everybody to please stand
17 for the Pledge of Allegiance, which will be led by
18 Nate Valentine.

19 (Pledge of Allegiance)

20 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you so much. You did a
21 great job and you definitely made us all sound a
22 lot better. Thank you for joining us and we'll
23 have your -- your mother help escort you out. Have
24 a great day in school and we look forward to your
25 future.

1 Good morning, you -- everybody, here today.

2 It does look like we have a very busy agenda, but
3 it will be very streamlined. There are a lot of
4 annual operating licenses that we'll be grouping
5 together. We also have several attorney-client
6 meetings at the end, but, again, those will be also
7 streamlined and we will reopen the meeting for the
8 public.

9 So with that before we get to the executive
10 director update, I do want to recognize that she
11 will be talking about some of the new hires that we
12 have, but I want to really point out one special
13 particular hire that I'm so excited that he's
14 joining us here. He has such a decorated resume.
15 His name is Mark Mitchell. He -- we have hired him
16 to be our Inspector General.

17 I have to tell you Mark's background is so
18 extensive in investigative operations from various
19 perspectives, including public corruption, cyber
20 crimes, professional standards, other areas.

21 He has over 25 years of sworn law enforcement
22 officer as well as investigative experience. He
23 was also named outstanding law enforcement officer
24 of the year by the U.S. Attorney's Office. So to
25 say it's a treat to have someone with his

1 background at the Gaming Commission in this very
2 important role, he's helped -- going to help shape
3 is just an understatement.

4 So if you all please stand and just -- Mark,
5 stand and recognize him.

6 (Applause)

7 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. We look forward to
8 your service here and working together.

9 MR. MITCHELL: I'm looking forward to it.
10 Thank you.

11 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. With that we're
12 going to lead right into the executive director
13 update.

14 MS. ZIMMER: Good morning. Thank you,
15 Chair Brown. In addition to Mark, we have four
16 other new employees, two in the office of our
17 general counsel. We have Adam Patton and
18 Carmine Pisano. In PMW we welcome Deena Shealy who
19 is our revenue administrator and Rafael Plata, who
20 is an operations specialist.

21 Into our compulsive gambling results we've
22 had nearly 3,000 calls in the month of March
23 helping Floridians across the state. In our public
24 relations we had a 28 in -- 28 percent increase in
25 our online engagement with followers. And in our

1 Pari-Mutuel Wagering Division we issued nearly --
2 almost 700 individual occupational licenses and
3 business licenses.

4 And the most fun part of my report here we
5 have our Employee of the Quarter awards. So
6 I'll -- I'll call each of you up here. When I call
7 your name, if you wouldn't mind coming and
8 receiving your certificate --

9 CHAIR BROWN: Before you begin, I just want to
10 pause so I can see if there are commissioners that
11 have any questions about the statistics or any
12 other questions before she goes. Thank you.

13 MS. ZIMMER: Absolutely. Okay. So our first
14 one is Tamara Johnson. Tamara Johnson serves as
15 the Commission's fleet coordinator overseeing all
16 aspects of our fleet operations. She manages the
17 full life cycle of the FGCC vehicles, maintains
18 comprehensive records, and ensures accurate
19 reporting. She also handles all WEX Card
20 management and purchasing oversight.

21 She consistently goes above and beyond in
22 supporting fleet users. She responds promptly to
23 questions, provides clear guidance and examples for
24 completing the forms, and proactively looks for
25 opportunities to simplify and improve processes.

1 All right.

2 (Applause)

3 MS. ZIMMER: All right. And so in the office
4 of our general counsel, we want to recognize Ebonie
5 -- Ebonie Lainer. Ebonie is the heart of the
6 Office of the General Counsel. As an
7 Administrative Assistance III, she supports all
8 functions of OGC, including playing a significant
9 role in the preparation and organization of meeting
10 materials, scheduling informal hearings and
11 assisting customers.

12 Ebonie is always willing to go the extra mile
13 and performs her job with dedication, enthusiam --
14 enthusiasm, and a can-do attitude.

15 Ebonie.

16 (Applause)

17 MS. ZIMMER: And in our pair -- Pari-Mutuel
18 Wagering Division our Employee of the Quarter is
19 La'Kesha Jelks. La'Kesha has demonstrated
20 exceptional work ethic, reliability, and attention
21 to detail this quarter. Her proactive approach,
22 strong problem solving skills, and willingness to
23 support team members have significantly contributed
24 to the Division's success.

25 During our busiest time of the year, we just

1 announced all of the additional applications that
2 have been processed here, she's -- she's been
3 exceptional.

4 The annual operating dates and cardroom
5 license renewals that we speak about, she stepped
6 up to cover for a coworker on extended leave while
7 continuing to maintain her own duties and
8 responsibilities.

9 Her ability to manage increased workload with
10 professionalism and efficiency reflects her
11 dedication and commitment to excellence.

12 (Applause)

13 MS. ZIMMER: And last but certainly not least
14 we have Parise Adams. So Parise is a special agent
15 supervisor who's demonstrated a strong commitment
16 to the Division of Gaming Enforcement and to the
17 mission we carry out each day.

18 His performance reflects the professionalism,
19 flexibility, and dedication that continues to
20 strengthen the Division. We're grateful for his
21 leadership and his steadfast support for our
22 personnel in operations.

23 And Parise won't be up here today, but we do
24 thank you and we'll get this certificate to you.

25 (Applause)

1 MS. ZIMMER: And with that, I'll just turn it
2 over to Director Herold for our Gaming Enforcement
3 update.

4 CHAIR BROWN: Good morning, Director Herold.

5 MR. HEROLD: Good morning. Hope everyone is
6 doing well. Thank you for having me.

7 I'd just like to talk about the enforcement
8 activity by the Gaming Enforcement Unit for this
9 past month, very proud of the work that they've
10 done as always.

11 This past month the Gaming Enforcement Unit
12 touched 58 different investigations, that simply
13 means that they make progress by advancing some
14 particular -- particular element within that
15 investigation as they move forward to finality.

16 In our operations the -- the investigators
17 were able to close three illegal slot businesses
18 across the state and the investigators seized 137
19 machines.

20 And from that, three individuals were arrested
21 with a total of 10 total charges, and the -- the
22 amount of funds that were seized during these
23 operations this past month was 35,163.

24 And I'll pause for any questions.

25 CHAIR BROWN: Are there any questions? I do

1 want to compliment your staff for also providing us
2 post operation summaries that are just really
3 informative and have a lot more detail than what
4 you're highlighting today. Excellent work.

5 MR. HEROLD: Yes. And I'm glad to provide
6 those. I think that adds a much more robust
7 picture of the activities that we're doing, so
8 thank you for your feedback.

9 This past month we destroyed 105 machines,
10 which is always great to get rid of machines and we
11 were able to get rid of them by taking them over to
12 a -- a salvage yard and they destroyed them and
13 then threw them into a big heap, so we were able to
14 get rid of those.

15 While we're there, I would just like to give a
16 staffing update. Currently the Gaming Enforcement
17 Unit only has two vacancies. We work very hard to
18 fill our open slots and I have a vacancy that is
19 being advertised here in Tallahassee already, and I
20 have a vacancy in Central that will be advertised,
21 but we're doing very good on our filling of
22 vacancies and making sure that we have individuals
23 in those positions.

24 The next thing that I'd like to speak about
25 would be our leads. Probably over 90 percent of

1 the investigative leads that we get come in through
2 our portal, the File a Complaint portal up on the
3 floridagaming.gov website.

4 And this past month we received 294 total
5 complaints, 287 of them were from civilians and
6 seven were from cooperating law enforcement
7 agencies. That's about average for us.

8 We seem to be somewhere between about 280 to
9 sometimes picking up around 320, 340 a month, so we
10 continue to get a lot more of them.

11 Of those we assign 14 to agents, 127 of -- of
12 those complaints were transferred to local law
13 enforcement and 100 are up in our pending queue for
14 assignment to investigators as our capacity -- or
15 our workload diminishes or if an investigator
16 clears up one of his -- his or her cases and then
17 we can assign those.

18 And then 30 were cases that didn't have enough
19 information or a contact number for us to be able
20 to contact the complainant to get additional
21 information, and 23 were other that falls into
22 assistances that other law enforcement agencies.
23 Sometimes it's simple questions that we get and we
24 try to handle those on a per response -- or
25 per-request response.

1 The only thing I would, you know, bring to
2 light is the caseload -- or the number of
3 complaints continues to be very high and our
4 capacity for being able to service those complaints
5 still is not at the level that we would like. So
6 we're working very hard. The team's working very
7 hard.

8 CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Repp -- yes,
9 Commissioner D'Aquila.

10 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Director Herold, on
11 the monthly cases that are transferred to local law
12 enforcement, do we monitor the progress of those
13 and the handling of local law enforcement, do they
14 regularly communicate on the status of --

15 MR. HEROLD: They do -- they do not, because
16 once we hand it off to them, typically they don't
17 report back to us. They're involved in whatever
18 activity they are to follow up.

19 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Thank you.

20 CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any questions for
21 Director Herold?

22 And I just -- again, I know we talked about it
23 at the last meeting about the accreditation process
24 and where we are. If you could provide kind of a
25 general summary of where we are.

1 MR. HEROLD: Certainly. So that kind of leads
2 into -- you know, this is the year that as an
3 agency we look at about 20 percent of our policies
4 to ensure that they're timely, they represent the
5 -- the structure, and the needs that the agency
6 has.

7 And so we in the Division of Gaming
8 Enforcement because of accreditation virtually
9 every one of our policies you'll see them later
10 this year as we update them and make them
11 accreditation compliant, and so we are still
12 working on that.

13 I have seen many of those policies and
14 provided my input and it will begin to wrap around
15 two other individuals and then it will come to the
16 Commission for your input before we bring it...

17 CHAIR BROWN: Great. Thank you.

18 MR. HEROLD: Absolutely. Thank you.

19 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And back to our
20 executive director, anything further? Do you want
21 to comment about our May meeting to let the public
22 know that it will not actually be in Tallahassee
23 and encourage stakeholders?

24 MS. ZIMMER: Absolutely. Thank you. Our next
25 meeting, our May meeting will be held in

1 Fort Lauderdale on Thursday, May 7, also at 9:30
2 a.m. the regular time.

3 That will be followed by a slot room
4 rulemaking session at 1:00 p.m. and then we'll have
5 a cardroom discussion similar to the last two that
6 we've had the last two months in Tallahassee and
7 Orlando, and that will be at 3:00 p.m. all on that
8 Thursday May 7.

9 CHAIR BROWN: Wonderful. And I know the
10 facilities will be in the Fort Lauderdale Hotel,
11 but it will be noticed properly of course on our
12 website.

13 MS. ZIMMER: Yes. Um-hum.

14 CHAIR BROWN: Great. All right. And I'm
15 looking forward to seeing our staff as well down
16 there hopefully on Friday and encourage all the
17 Commissioners also to make sure that they get an
18 opportunity to meet with our staff on that Friday
19 as well.

20 MS. ZIMMER: Thank you.

21 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. All right. We are
22 going into our meeting now and -- the substance
23 portion of it regarding the discussion of default
24 final orders, Item 2.1 through 2.7.

25 I want to also welcome back Ms. Alvarado.

1 We've missed you. Happy to see you.

2 MS. ALVARADO: Thank you.

3 CHAIR BROWN: All right. Mr. Hundersmarck.

4 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Good morning, everyone.

5 CHAIR BROWN: Good morning.

6 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 2.1 is Jorge Barbaro
7 Hernandez Garcia, Case 2024-030673. The case
8 materials include the administrative complaint
9 alleging that respondent was a patron of and was
10 ejected from Hialeah Park Racing and Casino.

11 The administrative complaint seeks permanent
12 exclusion from all pari-mutuel facilities and all
13 facilities of slot machine licensees in Florida.

14 The Division attempted service via certified
15 mail and personal service, then completed service
16 via publication. Respondent did not answer.

17 Therefore, the Division requests that the
18 Commission enter an order with the following
19 findings:

20 That the respondent was properly served with
21 the administrative complaint, did not respond
22 within the deadline, and waived his right to
23 request a hearing; that the factual allegations in
24 the administrative complaint are adopted as the
25 findings of fact in this case; that the conclusions

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

6 CHAIR BROWN: Any questions? If not, can we
7 get a motion to approve the staff-recommended
8 order?

9 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll make a motion to
10 approve the staff recommendation order --

11 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: -- permanent
13 exclusion.

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

15 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Second.

16 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

17 (Aye responses)

18 CHAIR BROWN: On to 2.2, please.

19 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 2.2 is Vincenzo Tucciarone,
20 Sr., Case 2025-069541. The Division seeks the
21 suspension of respondent's pari-mutuel wagering
22 professional individual occupational license due to
23 a judgment of default for financial obligations
24 related to racing at a Florida pari-mutuel
25 facility.

1 The case materials included confirmation of
2 delivery to respondent's email January 7, 2026.
3 Respondent did not answer by the 21-day deadline.

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

20 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissions, this is
21 pretty straightforward. If there are no questions,
22 can we get a motion to approve the staff recommended
23 order?

24 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I will make a motion
25 to approve the staff-recommended order.

1 CHAIR BROWN: And a second, please.

2 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Second.

3 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

4 (Aye responses)

5 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And 2.3 -- 2.3.

6 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 2.3 is Santiago Dominguez,
7 Case 2025-069875. The case materials include the
8 administrative complaint alleging that respondent
9 was a patron of and was ejected from Card House
10 Port St. Lucie.

11 The administrative complaint seeks permanent
12 exclusion from all pari-mutuel facilities in
13 Florida. The case materials include the USPS
14 certified mail tracking information and
15 confirmation of delivery on February 20, 2026.
16 Respondent did not answer by the 21-day deadline.

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

1 as the conclusions of law in this case; and that
2 respondent shall be permanently excluded from all
3 pari-mutuel facilities in Florida.

4 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. I like this because
5 he was arrested and transported to jail and there's
6 a few -- two other cases that are similar for
7 violent crimes. I appreciate that facility is
8 bringing the police involved in these.

9 If there are no questions, can we get a motion
10 to approve the staff-recommended order?

11 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

12 CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

13 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

14 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

15 (Aye responses)

16 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. 2.4, please.

17 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 2.4 is Yasser Hernandez,
18 Case 2025-069911. The case materials include the
19 administrative complaint alleging that respondent
20 was a patron of and was ejected from Magic City
21 Casino.

22 The administrative complaint seeks permanent
23 exclusion from all pari-mutuel facilities and all
24 facilities of slot machine licensees in Florida.

25 The case materials include the USPS certified

1 tracking information and confirmation of delivery
2 on February 20, 2026. Respondent did not answer by
3 the 21-day deadline.

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

17 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. This is another one
18 that has several trespass violations.

19 Commissioners, if there are no questions, can
20 we get a motion to approve Mr. Hundersmarck's
21 proposed recommended order?

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

23 CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

24 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

25 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

1 (Aye responses)

2 CHAIR BROWN: 2.5.

3 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 2.5 is Christopher Charles
4 Solomon, Jr., Case 2025-072291. The Division seeks
5 the revocation of respondent's cardroom employee
6 occupational license.

7 The Division filed a three-count
8 administrative complaint alleging that respondent
9 was convicted of two disqualifying felony offenses,
10 did not notify the Commission within 48 hours of
11 the convictions, and did not notify the Commission
12 within five days of his arrest.

13 The case materials include the USPS certified
14 mail tracking number and a confirmation of delivery
15 on January 16, 2026. Respondent did not answer
16 within 21 days.

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

1 as the conclusions of law in this case; and that
2 respondent's cardroom employee occupational license
3 is revoked.

4 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And this dates back
5 to October of last year or September. Did the
6 facility let him go?

7 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: I don't have that
8 information.

9 CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Commissioners, any
10 questions? If not, can we get a motion to approve
11 the staff recommendation?

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

13 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And I hear a second
14 from Commissioner Spicola. All those in favor say
15 aye.

16 (Aye responses)

17 CHAIR BROWN: All right. We're on to 2.6.

18 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 2.6 is Levi Christopher
19 Chmura, Case 2025-077378. The case materials
20 include the administrative complaint alleging that
21 respondent was a patron of and was ejected from
22 Bestbet St. Augustine. The administrative
23 complaint seeks permanent exclusion from all
24 pari-mutuel facilities in Florida.

25 The case materials include the USPS certified

1 mail tracking information and confirmation of
2 delivery on January 12, 2026. Respondent did not
3 answer by the 21-day deadline.

4 Therefore, the Division requests that the
5 Commission enter an order with the following
6 findings: That the respondent was properly served
7 with the administrative complaint, did not respond
8 within the deadline, and waived his right to
9 request a hearing; that the factual allegations in
10 the administrative complaint are adopted as the
11 findings of fact in this case; that the conclusions
12 of law in the administrative complaint are adopted
13 as the conclusions of law in this case; and that
14 respondent shall be permanently excluded from all
15 pari-mutuel facilities in Florida.

16 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. If there are no
17 questions, can we get a motion to permanently
18 exclude the respondent?

19 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

20 CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

21 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

22 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

23 (Aye responses)

24 CHAIR BROWN: And lastly 2.7.

25 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 2.7 is Ana Lilliam Ledezma,

1 Case 2025-083319. The Division seeks revocation of
2 respondent's pari-mutuel wagering general
3 individual occupational license.

4 The Division filed a two-count administrative
5 complaint alleging that respondent was convicted of
6 a disqualifying felony offense and did not notify
7 the Commission within 48 hours of the conviction.

8 The case materials include confirmation of
9 email delivery on January 7, 2026. Respondent did
10 not answer within 21 days.

11 Therefore, the Division requests the
12 Commission enter an order with the following
13 findings: That respondent was properly served the
14 administrative complaint, did not respond within
15 the deadline and waived her right to request a
16 hearing; that the factual allegations in the
17 administrative complaint are adopted as the
18 findings of fact in this case; that the conclusions
19 of law in the administrative complaint are adopted
20 as the conclusions of law in this case; that
21 respondent's pari-mutuel wagering general
22 individual occupational license is revoked.

23 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Hundersmarck.
24 I'm assuming that you are not aware that -- whether
25 I think it's OcalaBetS if she's still employed

1 there?

2 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: It is not in the record,
3 no.

4 CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner, are there any
5 questions, if not, can we get a motion to approve
6 staff recommendation?

7 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

8 CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

9 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

10 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

11 (Aye responses)

12 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And we are on -- we
13 have one item under license discussion of license
14 denials, 3.1.

15 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 3.1 is George John Fahey,
16 III, Case 2026-017892. This is an application for
17 a pari-mutuel professional individual occupational
18 license. He wrote a different kind, but this is
19 the one he would need to be an animal owner.

20 Upon review of the completed application it
21 was discovered that the applicant was convicted of
22 one disqualifying offense, that was grand theft
23 \$300 to less than \$20,000, a felony from 2005.

24 On the current application initiated in 2026
25 marked yes on the question about criminal charges

1 and he disclosed the grand theft, which was the
2 only part of his criminal record that he needed to
3 disclose.

4 He had previously held a Florida pari-mutuel
5 license in 2008 as an animal owner and he started a
6 2025 application, which expired. There were no
7 deficiency letters for this current application.
8 An amended application was not requested.

9 The applicant did not request a waiver, so
10 there was no waiver interview. He has had racing
11 licenses in other states from 2002 to 2011. He
12 paid all his court costs and fines. The 90-day
13 processing deadline is in 11 days. In this case we
14 ask that you authorize staff to issue a letter of
15 license denial.

16 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Do you know why the
17 respondent didn't -- applicant didn't ask for a
18 waiver anywhere in the record?

19 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: We don't know why. He was
20 notified that he could.

21 CHAIR BROWN: And the Florida license that he
22 had, did it just expire or did he -- because it
23 looks like he was doing -- he was an owner in
24 several other states, at least four, five, or six.
25 Those look like they have also expired.

1 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: I'm not sure how it ended.
2 It was 2008 to 2009 as an animal owner in Florida
3 and then his application expired in 2025.

4 CHAIR BROWN: Yes, Commissioner D'Aquila.

5 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Did the statute change
6 over the period of time from when his original
7 license was issued until the time with which he's
8 now reapplying?

9 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Yes. In 2009 the changes
10 were such that he did not need to get a waiver for
11 his -- his adjudication withheld of the felony
12 grand theft and 2009 after that he would have
13 needed a waiver.

14 CHAIR BROWN: Conviction was in 2000 and --

15 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: '05.

16 CHAIR BROWN: And the Commission or PMW
17 Division had issued the license in 2008, I'm just
18 trying to get --

19 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Correct.

20 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: That would have been
21 because he got adjudicated (technical
22 interference).

23 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: The felony was still
24 disqualifying, but the fact that it was an
25 adjudication withheld means he didn't need to get a

1 waiver.

2 CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Now --

3 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Under the current
4 statutes he does?

5 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Yes --

6 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: And we have nothing in
7 the file indicating that he is aware of the change
8 in statute or the -- you said another way, he
9 probably should have requested a waiver, but he has
10 not; is that correct?

11 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: He's allowed to, he did
12 not.

13 CHAIR BROWN: Ms. Alvarado.

14 MS. ALVARADO: Yes. Just for some
15 clarification he was notified that he could request
16 a waiver. He was sent two letters from our staff
17 allowing him the opportunity to request a waiver
18 and he did not respond to those letters. So he was
19 aware.

20 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: So he was aware?

21 MS. ALVARADO: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Okay. And if he is
23 issued a license denial, he will have an
24 opportunity to appeal such; correct.

25 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: He will be able to go to an

1 informal -- he can elect a hearing.

2 CHAIR BROWN: And just confirmation from my
3 previous line of question, are all -- does he have
4 any current unexpired licenses in other states? I
5 know he's based out of Kentucky.

6 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: He does not. The most
7 recent was 2011 and that was in -- they were in
8 nine other states besides Florida.

9 CHAIR BROWN: Does -- I'd love to just turn to
10 our PMW staff and see if they have any thoughts. I
11 mean, there -- there are some infractions that he
12 looks to have had in other states as an owner,
13 whether it's financial -- it looks mostly like
14 financial obligations, but does --
15 Director Dillmore, do you have any thoughts on this
16 particular applicant?

17 MR. DILLMORE: Good morning. I don't. By
18 looking at the infractions he had under ARCI, I
19 mean, penalties were relatively low so they -- they
20 could have been normal medication violations not
21 necessarily prohibitive substances. Nowhere does
22 it -- that I saw to indicate that he had any
23 suspensions associated with those, which would
24 normally indicate a more severe medication or drug
25 violation.

1 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners, are
2 there any thoughts, questions, or discussions?
3 Vice Chair Repp.

4 VICE CHAIR REPP: Thank you. It -- it is my
5 understanding that if he is issued a license denial
6 he could, am I correct, just refile tomorrow and do
7 the waiver process and -- or is there something
8 prohibiting him from doing that, a time frame to
9 reapply?

10 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: He's allowed to reapply.

11 VICE CHAIR REPP: Whenever?

12 MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Yes.

13 VICE CHAIR REPP: Okay. Thank you.

14 CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Commissioners, can we get
15 a motion?

16 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: I move that we deny.

17 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. We got a motion from
18 Commissioner Spicola to deny the license and is
19 there a second?

20 COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: Second.

21 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

22 (Aye responses)

23 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. We are on to 4.1,
24 discussion of amended applications for cardroom
25 license. It's very straightforward.

1 MS. POUNCEY: Good morning. This is
2 Jamie Pouncey for the record. This is Daytona
3 Beach Kennel Club's request to amend their cardroom
4 license, Case Number 2026-019327.

5 They are asking to add two tables to their
6 cardroom for a total of 58. They have provided the
7 required documentation and paid the associated fees
8 and we recommend approval.

9 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. With that seeing
10 that all statutory requirements have been met, can
11 we get a motion to approve?

12 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

13 CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

14 VICE CHAIR REPP: Second.

15 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

16 (Aye responses)

17 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. The motion passes.

18 Now, I want to tell you, Commissioners, we've
19 got Items 5, 6, 7, and 8, which are a group of
20 various license applications for permitholders.
21 We're going to take them up together as a whole.

22 That is appropriate, Ms. Pouncey, unless you
23 want to break up three of them that have kind of
24 different -- without the cardrooms license. I
25 guess the majority of 5.1 through 5.16 are already

1 operating in cardroom license and the others don't
2 have -- however you would like --

3 MS. POUNCEY: Correct. I just plan to group
4 them by industry, so we can start with --

5 CHAIR BROWN: I like that.

6 MS. POUNCEY: -- 5.1 through 5.19, which are
7 the Greyhound licensees, their annual operating
8 license and cardroom license, and then run through
9 each of them and how many tables or not they have.

10 CHAIR BROWN: Perfect.

11 MS. POUNCEY: Okay. So Items 5.1 through 5.19
12 are TBD Entertainment, Case Number 2026-001927,
13 2026-001931. They have applied for zero
14 performances with 25 tables.

15 831 Federal Highway Acquisition Holding, Case
16 Number 2025-085213, 2025-085214, zero performances
17 with 30 tables.

18 Bonita-Fort Myers, 2026-008154 and
19 2026-008157, zero performances with 37 tables.

20 Daytona Beach Kennel Club, 2026-000415,
21 2026-000422. They've applied for zero performances
22 with 58 tables.

23 831 Federal Highway Acquisition, Case Number
24 2025-085218, 2025-085220, zero performances with 30
25 tables.

1 bestbet Jacksonville, Case 2026-005861 and
2 2025-005866, zero performances with 92 tables.
3 Bestbet Orange Park, 2026-005938 and
4 2026-005940, zero performances with 37 tables.
5 bestbet St. Augustine, 2026-006645,
6 2026-006647, zero performances with 49 tables.
7 Investment Corp of Palm Beach, 2026-007395 and
8 2026-007396, zero performances with 65 tables.
9 Pensacola Greyhound Racing, 2026-002641 and
10 2026-002644, zero performances with 20 tables.
11 St. Petersburg Kennel Club, 2025-090225 and
12 2025-090229, zero performances with 53 tables.
13 Sarasota County -- Sarasota Kennel Club, Case
14 Number 2026-007281 and Case Number 2026-007282,
15 zero performances with 32 tables.
16 Washington County Kennel Club, 2026-004824 and
17 2026-004825, zero performances with 25 tables.
18 Gretna Racing, Case Number 2026-000192 and
19 2026-000194, zero performances with 27 tables.
20 West Volusia Racing, 2026-000750 and
21 2026-000751, zero performances with 60 tables.
22 Melbourne Greyhound Park 2026-006621 and
23 2026-006626, zero performances with 38 tables.
24 Penn Sanford, 2026-003514, zero performances
25 and zero tables.

1 License Acquisitions, 2026-006721, zero
2 performances and zero tables.

3 SOKC, 2026-003395, zero performances, zero
4 tables.

5 They have all submitted the required
6 documentation and any applicable cardroom fees
7 required and we recommend approval for all the
8 Greyhound rentals.

9 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Pouncey. You did
10 that very well and succinctly. Appreciate that.

11 Commissioners, seeing if there are no
12 questions, can we get a motion to approve the
13 annual operating licenses for Fiscal Year 2026/2027
14 for Items 5.1 through 5.19?

15 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

16 CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

17 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

18 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

19 (Aye responses)

20 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. We're going to do
21 this again. Item 6.1 through 6.9.

22 MS. POUNCEY: 6.1 through 6.9.

23 Casino Miami, Case Number 2026-004205 and
24 2026-004206, zero performances and 20 tables.

25 OBS Real Estate Holding, Case Number

1 2026-007912 and Case Number 2026-007913, zero
2 performances with one table.

3 Fronton Holdings, Case Number 2026-008493 and
4 2026-008497, zero performances and 20 -- 24 tables.

5 Dania Entertainment Center, Case Number
6 2026-004188 and 2026-004192, zero performances with
7 29 tables.

8 Cardroom Calder Race Course, Case Number
9 2026-007339 and Case Number 2026-007343, zero
10 performances with eight tables.

11 Dania Entertainment Center, Case Number
12 2026-004484 and 2026-004486, 99 performances with
13 29 tables.

14 RB Jai Alai, 2026-014293, zero performances
15 with zero tables.

16 West Flagler Associates Summer Jai Alai, Case
17 Number 2026-006754, six performances, zero tables.

18 West Flagler Associates Edge -- Edgewater,
19 2026-0099 -- 2026-006998, 14 performances, zero
20 tables.

21 They've all submitted the required
22 documentation and associated fees applicable and
23 the Division recommends approval.

24 CHAIR BROWN: These Jai Alai permitholders if
25 there are no questions, can we get a motion to

1 approve the annual licenses for Fiscal Year
2 '26/'27?

3 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

4 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And a second.

5 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

6 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. These are -- we are
7 approving 6.1 through 6.9 here.

8 All those in favor say aye.

9 (Aye responses)

10 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Motion passes.

11 We have thoroughbred permitholders annual
12 license applications.

13 MS. POUNCEY: Items 7.1 through 7.3.

14 The first is Tampa Bay Downs, Case Number
15 2026-001582 and Case 2026-001518. They have 90
16 performances with 25 tables.

17 Gulfstream Park Racing Association, Case
18 Number 2026-008973 and 2026-0104080. They have 140
19 performances with one table.

20 Gulfstream Park Thoroughbred After Racing
21 Program, Case Number 2026-009595. They have 40
22 performances with zero tables.

23 They have submitted all the required
24 documentation and associated fees and the Division
25 recommends approval.

1 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Can I get a motion,
2 Commissioners, for the thoroughbred permitholders
3 for Fiscal Year '26 and '27?

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

5 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And a second.

6 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

7 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

8 (Aye responses)

9 CHAIR BROWN: The motion passes to approve the
10 annual licenses proposed or mentioned.

11 8.1 through 8.6, the Quarter Horse
12 permitholders.

13 MS. POUNCEY: 8.1 through 8.6.

14 Tampa Bay Downs, Case Number 2026-001523 have
15 one performance, zero tables.

16 Gretna Racing, Case Number 2026-002904 and
17 Case Number 2026-002907, zero performances and 15
18 tables.

19 South Florida Racing Association, 2026-008241
20 and 2026-008245, zero performances with 32 tables.

21 South Marion Real Estate Holdings,
22 2026-008502, 2026-008504. They have zero
23 performances with 35 tables.

24 Hamilton Downs Horsetrack, Case Number
25 2026-004146 and Case Number 2026-004150. They have

1 zero performances with one table.

2 Ocala Breeders' Sales, Case Number
3 2026-007786, 2026-007799, and Case Number
4 2026-007817. They have zero performances, 33
5 tables, and then they are limited in a track
6 wagering license.

7 They have submitted all the required
8 documentation, associated fees, and the Division
9 recommends approval.

10 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Can I get a motion
11 to approve 8.1 through 8.6 annual operating
12 license?

13 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

14 CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

15 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

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

18 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And we have two
19 more. This one is for the harness permitholder.

20 MS. POUNCEY: Item Number 9.1, Case Number --
21 excuse me, PPI, Case Number 2026-008725 and Case
22 Number 2026-008726. They have zero performances
23 and 62 tables.

24 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Can we get a motion
25 to approve this item?

1 COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

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

3 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

4 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

5 (Aye responses)

6 CHAIR BROWN: Ms. Poundey, lastly 10.1.

7 MS. POUNCEY: 10.1 is Florida Standardbred
8 Breeders' & Owners' Association nonwagering
9 license. Case Number 2026-008158. They have five
10 performances.

11 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Are there any
12 questions on this item, if not, can we get a motion
13 to approve the annual nonwagering horse racing
14 license?

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

16 CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

17 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

18 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

19 (Aye responses)

20 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you for all of your work
21 on these items, Ms. Pouncey, and your staff.

22 Okay. We are going into discussion of
23 rulemaking on slot machine jackpot payouts.

24 General Counsel Valentine, your son did
25 absolutely spectacular by the way.

1 MS. VALENTINE: Thank you so much and thank
2 you for the opportunity to allow him to do that.
3 He's very proud.

4 CHAIR BROWN: He did great.

5 MS. VALENTINE: Thank you. Based on the
6 informal feedback that Commission staff had
7 received from the regulated industry, Commission
8 staff requests to amend the jackpot payout
9 requirements of Chapter 75-14 of the Florida
10 Administrative Code to provide patrons with the
11 option to transfer slot machine winnings of 2,000
12 to \$9,999 to the slot machine credit meter rather
13 than by hand (technical interference).

14 To initiate rulemaking Commission staff
15 request that the commissioners authorize rule
16 development for all rules that Commission staff
17 identifies necessary to effectuate the change,
18 including 75-14.001, 75-14.022, 75-14.039,
19 75-14.042, 047, 048, 075, 076, and 081.

20 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners,
21 looking forward to this rule and the modernization
22 of this rule and seeing what the discussion comes
23 about, but it's long overdue.

24 So if we do not have any questions on the
25 bench here, I ask for a motion to authorize staff

1 to go into the rule development for the rules that
2 were just identified as well as any other rules
3 necessary to effectuate jackpot payout.

4 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I will make that
5 motion to approve staff for their work on
6 rulemaking.

7 CHAIR BROWN: Rule development.

8 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: On rule development,
9 excuse me.

10 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And is there a
11 second?

12 COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: Second.

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

15 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And looking forward
16 to that and that will be -- that particular
17 workshop will probably occur in Fort Lauderdale?

18 MS. VALENTINE: Yes. That is correct,
19 Chair Brown. We anticipate having language not in
20 proposed rulemaking, just preliminary draft of
21 language to have a workshop and for the industry to
22 weigh in and provide any feedback at the
23 Fort Lauderdale May meeting.

24 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners, with
25 that before we get into our closed attorney-client

1 session, that concludes the substance of this
2 meeting. We are going to go into public comment.

3 We do have one that has already been
4 identified, Mr. Gary Rutledge, who is coming here
5 to talk about one of our items under the closed
6 attorney-client session, 13.1.

7 Good morning.

8 MR. RUTLEDGE: Good morning. Can you hear me?

9 CHAIR BROWN: I can. The court reporter --

10 MR. RUTLEDGE: Again, good morning, ma'am,
11 Chair and members of the Commission --

12 CHAIR BROWN: A little closer, sir.

13 MR. RUTLEDGE: I'll let a professional do
14 this. Thank you. Okay.

15 At the outset let me offer my congratulations
16 to the two newest members of -- of the Commission.
17 I haven't been to a meeting since they assumed
18 their responsibilities and I know they're going to
19 contribute greatly in the Commission's work.

20 With that said before I speak about Washington
21 County Kennel Club, which is the subject of your
22 attorney-client session coming up at the conclusion
23 of the public comments, not specifically related to
24 this matter, but I did want to share some ideas
25 that I've had some preliminary conversations with

1 some of your staff about and that is the process of
2 handling these matters.

3 Technically of course investigators conduct
4 investigations. They may refer those matters to
5 Tallahassee for further review run by your
6 administrators and attorneys. That may then lead
7 to charges being filed of an administrative
8 complaint that is subsequently submitted to the
9 various permitholders.

10 And the current process as you well know is
11 that that process leads to the permitholders giving
12 proposals to settle the matters, could be anything
13 from a warning to a multi-thousand dollar fine.

14 My request is -- and I plan on speaking at the
15 cardroom rules workshop, because it's probably
16 appropriate at that point in time and subsequently
17 with you -- is to consider some modifications to
18 that process.

19 Madam Chair, you know from your previous
20 tenure at DBPR and Commissioner Spicola and others
21 that have had background there, I know that there
22 are several other options, which I think would be
23 much more economical to the Commission and the
24 industry.

25 And for instance just by way of example, the

1 Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco has
2 schedules of recommended penalties. They can be
3 varied, but they recommend the schedules. Hotels
4 and restaurant inspections similarly have schedules
5 out there.

6 The frustration is not the validity of the
7 complaints or whether or not there should be some
8 penalty associated with it, it's the economics of
9 having people like me propose this and it's a
10 little bit of a dart at the board.

11 And we think that it would be beneficial for
12 the Commission to consider some alternatives,
13 whether or not it's scheduling penalties
14 particularly for, you know, non-very serious
15 violations to make it easier and cost effective and
16 time effective.

17 So I invite that to y'all. It's kind of like
18 the analogy somebody gave to me that if you get a
19 speeding ticket, they don't ask you how much you're
20 going to offer, you know, to pay for that speeding
21 ticket. And even in the non -- you know, in the
22 criminal world, there's schedules of penalties as
23 all of you know, depending on the degree of the
24 offense.

25 So it's not a criticism, it's just a comment

1 that we think would benefit the Commission and your
2 staff and definitely the industry to know what
3 these particular matters may involve.

4 So we look forward to continuing the dialogue
5 probably in Fort Lauderdale and/or written comments
6 and I've had some discussions with some of the
7 attorneys and folks on your staff about this
8 already. So I'm glad to discuss that now, but I
9 assume it's something that needs to be discussed at
10 a later date.

11 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Rutledge. I
12 really appreciate you raising this. It definitely
13 sounds like an interesting proposal. We strive to
14 be cost effective as well, so looking forward to
15 more discussions with our staff and -- and with
16 you.

17 And, Commissioners, are there any thoughts or
18 comments or questions? Thank you.

19 MR. RUTLEDGE: If I could just spend a brief
20 moment. There's correspondence in your file that's
21 been submitted about the one pending matter that
22 will be subject to your attorney-client session,
23 Washington County Kennel Club and Ebro. There were
24 a few delays in this matter as set forth in the
25 letter. The principal of the establishment of the

1 Hess family.

2 Stocky Hess died unexpectedly the latter part
3 of this last year, so needless to say since he was
4 the nuts and bolts of the operation, that caused
5 some delays in getting it forward.

6 And then I have to apologize, because the last
7 meeting I got a pass from the Commission staff and
8 the attorneys to being here because of commitments
9 legislatively to present this matter, and I don't
10 think it's too complicated.

11 It was a problem with a camera. There was
12 moisture on it from a leak evidently. When it was
13 discovered, it was dutifully reported. When it was
14 reported a day or two later, the investigation was
15 done and they realized that some of the logs didn't
16 have all of the records and information contained
17 in them relative to the violation.

18 I just as an aside note that this issue of the
19 logs have been the subject of a couple of the
20 comments at the workshops already about how to
21 streamline that so people don't have to add and
22 subtract people constantly and the information on
23 them.

24 The last part of this is for those of you that
25 know, the security cameras are there for a number

1 of reasons, including making sure that the drops
2 are all handled properly. There could be an
3 unusual dispute between players that they would
4 need to go back and review, et cetera.

5 There was no indication that there was any
6 questionable or untoward conduct for the day or so
7 that this happened. It was not completely
8 disfunctional. It was a foggy camera from
9 moisture, which was rectified a day or two later
10 and this was all brought to the Commission's
11 attention by the permitholder initially anyway.

12 That's all I have.

13 CHAIR BROWN: That's helpful. Commissioners,
14 any questions -- I just have one, just a follow-up
15 to your earlier comments regarding the proposed
16 schedule for nonserious incidents and I just want
17 clarification.

18 That is what you're looking at, it's
19 nonserious violations and at least kind of a
20 template guideline for the industry, is that what
21 you're really seeking?

22 MR. RUTLEDGE: I think so. I mean, you're not
23 going to set up penalty guidelines, Madam Chair,
24 for the very rare, but it has happened,
25 misappropriation of money by an operator, whether

1 it's slots, cards, pari-mutuels, but when you look
2 at the -- the number of cases that you have before
3 you, that's just a very slim so -- you know,
4 amount.

5 So whether or not you want to just set forth
6 certain types of violations and -- and you may not
7 want to do it for a lot of them, but it was always
8 helpful before and I know there were some bumps
9 that led to the current process, but it was always
10 helpful in the past when your Commission staff was
11 authorized to give a proposal, we want a thousand
12 dollars, we want a hundred dollar, we want -- you
13 know, whatever it is.

14 But to put on the industry the burden of
15 coming up with something that may be more than what
16 is necessary or more frequently less than what's
17 necessary is -- is very difficult.

18 CHAIR BROWN: And I've acknowledged our -- I
19 mean, our legal staff is already very busy, so do
20 you have written comments that have been proposed
21 already?

22 MR. RUTLEDGE: I'm sorry?

23 CHAIR BROWN: Do you have written comments
24 that have already been proposed?

25 MR. RUTLEDGE: No, we have not. I've had some

1 informal discussions with attorneys and members of
2 your staff, and I'm not so sure that it would lead
3 to a proposal for what that schedule -- if you have
4 schedule penalties or whatever, I think they'll be
5 limited to process.

6 CHAIR BROWN: Do you believe that it would
7 necessitate a statutory change?

8 MR. RUTLEDGE: No, absolutely not.

9 CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any other
10 questions of Mr. Rutledge? Thank you. Thank you
11 for your time.

12 MR. RUTLEDGE: Thank you very much. I
13 appreciate it.

14 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

15 Is there anybody else in the public that would
16 like to address us before we briefly conclude this
17 portion of the meeting to open up our
18 attorney-client meeting?

19 We don't have any callers on the line either.
20 Seeing none, we are going to gently go into our
21 swift dialogue that we must statutorily state on
22 the record.

23 MS. VALENTINE: The Office of the General
24 Counsel is seeking litigation advice from the
25 Commissioners in litigation styled Florida Gaming

1 Control Commission, Division of Pari-Mutuel
2 Wagering versus Washington County Kennel Club, Case
3 Number 2025-003602; Forfeiture of: Fifty-Five
4 Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Dollars and Ten Cents
5 in U.S. Currency, Case Number 25-CA-000541
6 Forfeiture Of: Twenty Thousand One Hundred Thirty
7 Dollars in U.S. Currency, Case Number 25-CA-00542;
8 Forfeiture of: Sixteen Thousand Sixty-Five Dollars
9 in U.S. Currency, Case Number 25-CA-000543; and
10 Forfeiture of: Thirty Thousand One Hundred
11 Sixty-Four Dollars and Sixty-One Cents in U.S.
12 Currency, Case Number 25-CA-000449.

13 This advice relates to litigation strategy and
14 settlement negotiations and may, therefore, be
15 discussed in private under Section 16.716 and
16 286.011 Subsection 8 Florida Statute.

17 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Valentine. In
18 connection with the performance of the Commission's
19 regulatory duties, it's necessary for us to hear
20 information that is exempt or confidential.
21 Specifically our counsel will be discussing
22 litigation strategy and settlement negotiations
23 with the Commissioners related to the litigation
24 that was just specified.

25 The closed meeting is scheduled for

1 approximately 30 minutes. Those in attendance will
2 be Commissioners Chair Julie Brown, Vice Chair Tina
3 Repp, Commissioner John D'Aquila, Commissioner
4 Peter Cuderman, and Commissioner William Spicola.

5 Commission staff Executive Director
6 Alana Zimmer, General Counsel Elina Valentine,
7 Director of PMW Joe Dillmore, Gaming Enforcement
8 Director Carl Herold, Chief of Law Enforcement
9 Gary Snyder, Chief of Intelligence and Analytical
10 Support Christina -- she's not here. I take that
11 back -- Director of Admin Lisa Mustain, Deputy
12 General Counsel Marc Taupier, Law Enforcement
13 Advisor Adam Patton, Senior Attorney Shireen
14 Angardan, Justin Hundersmarck, and Carmine Pisano,
15 Business Manager Dixie Parker.

16 Emily, will you be in attendance -- thank you.
17 Emily Alvarado, Business Manager Dixie Parker,
18 Administrative Assistant Brandy Humphries and our
19 wonderful certified court reporter.

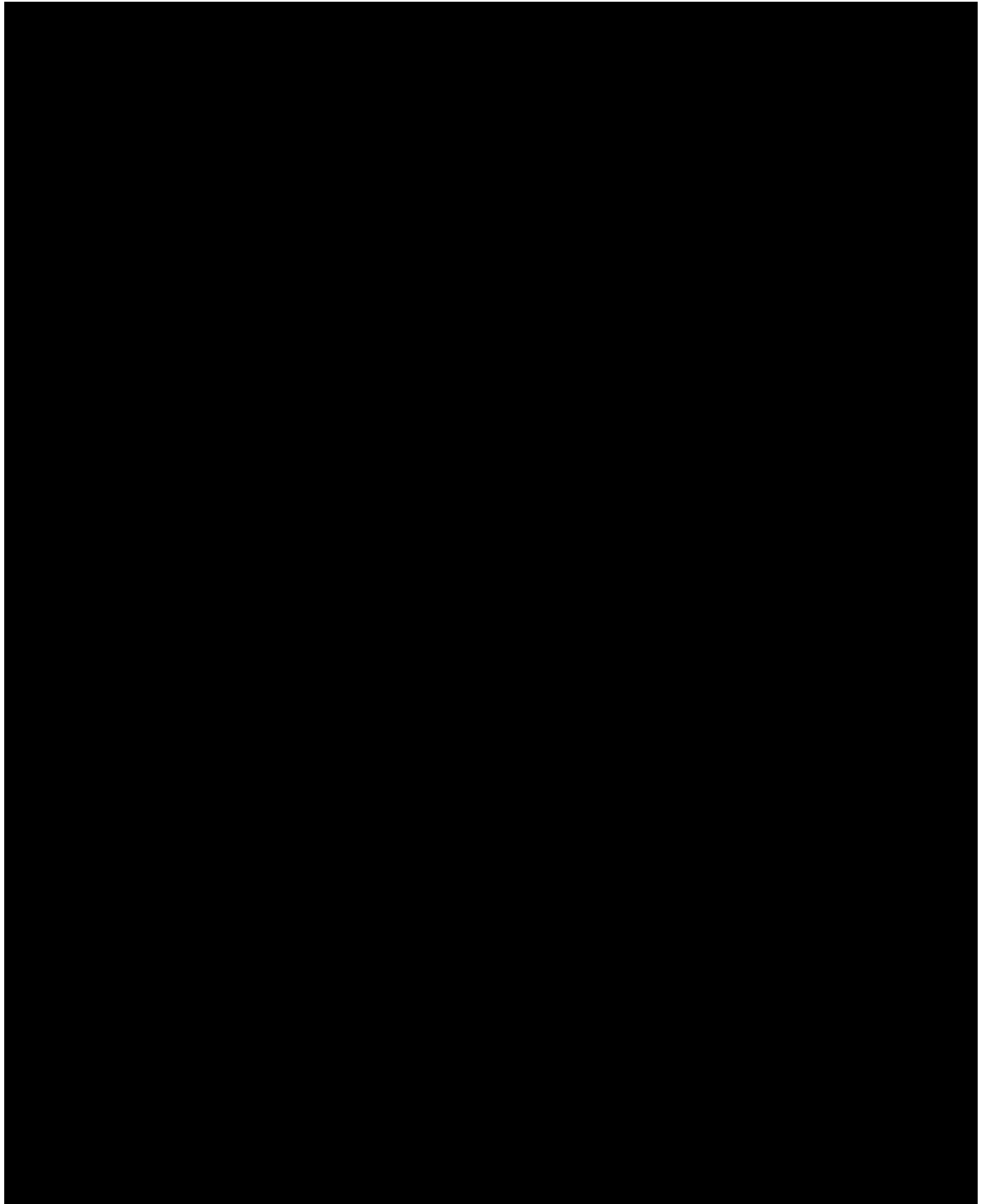
20 The closed meeting will be required -- it's
21 reported as required by law and for the record the
22 time is now 10:28 a.m. I'm going to ask The
23 Florida Channel to discontinue our live feed for
24 the next 30 minutes so that we may conduct the
25 closed meeting and then will reopen. Thank you all

1 that are in attendance today. We'll see you
2 shortly.

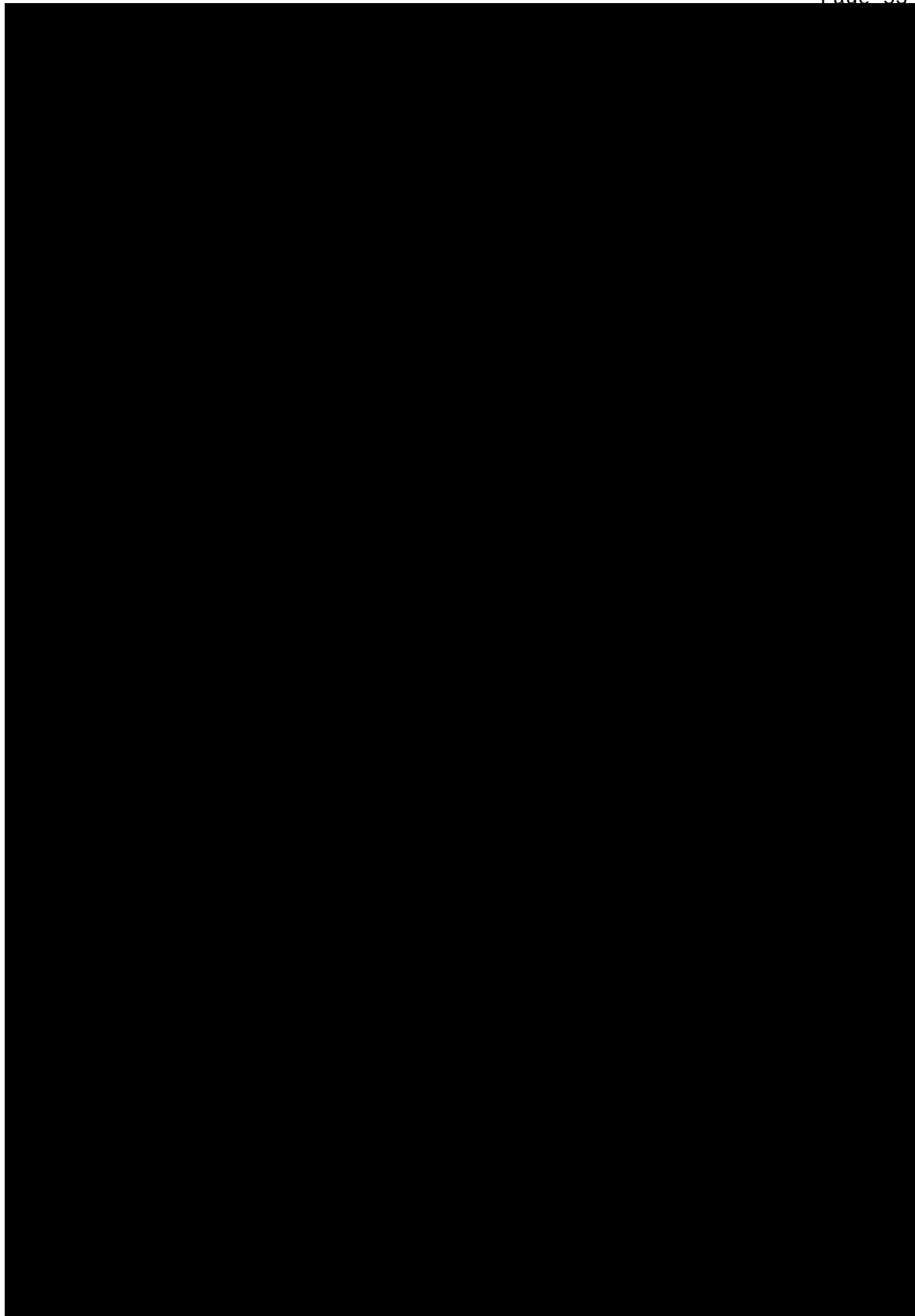
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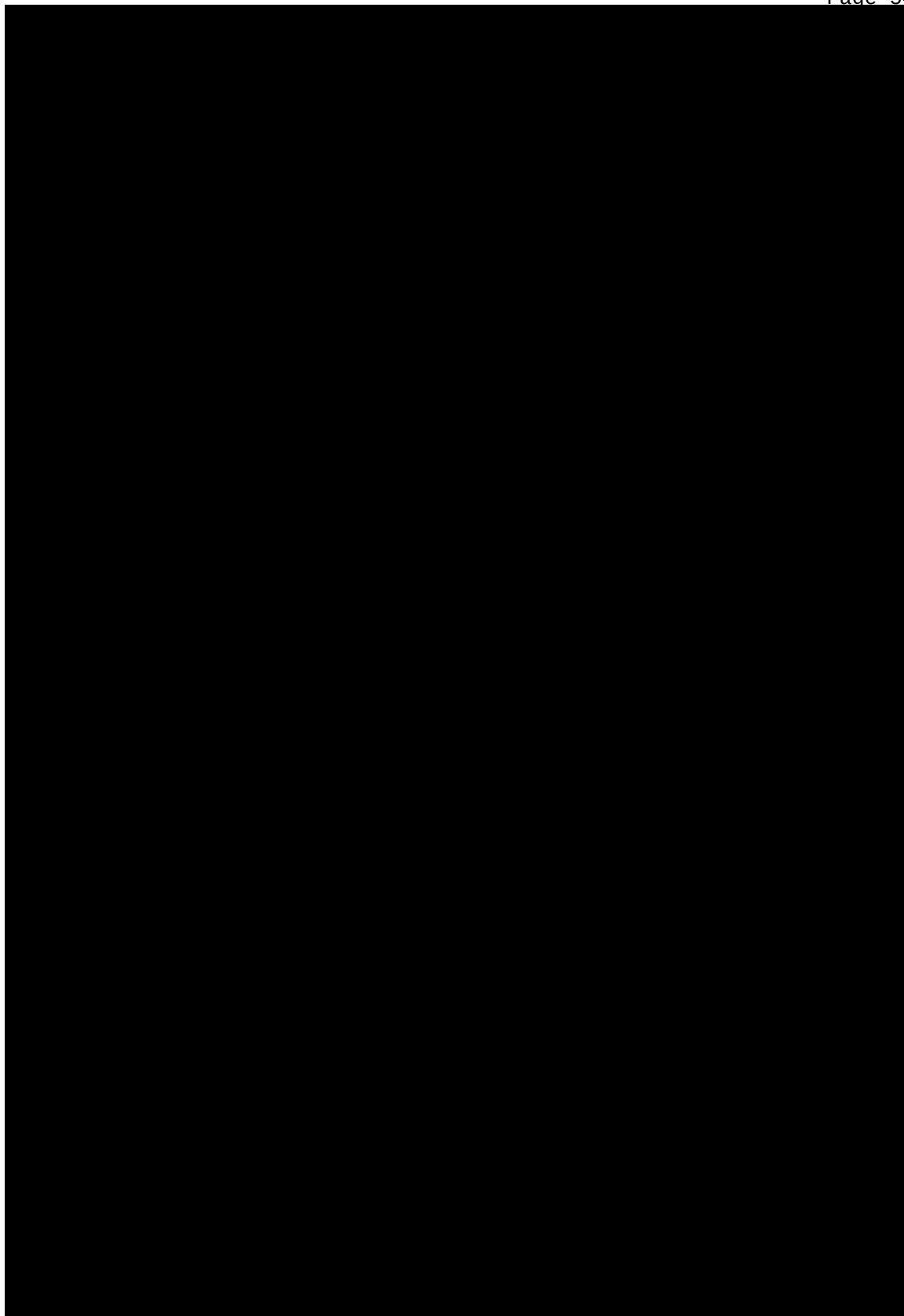
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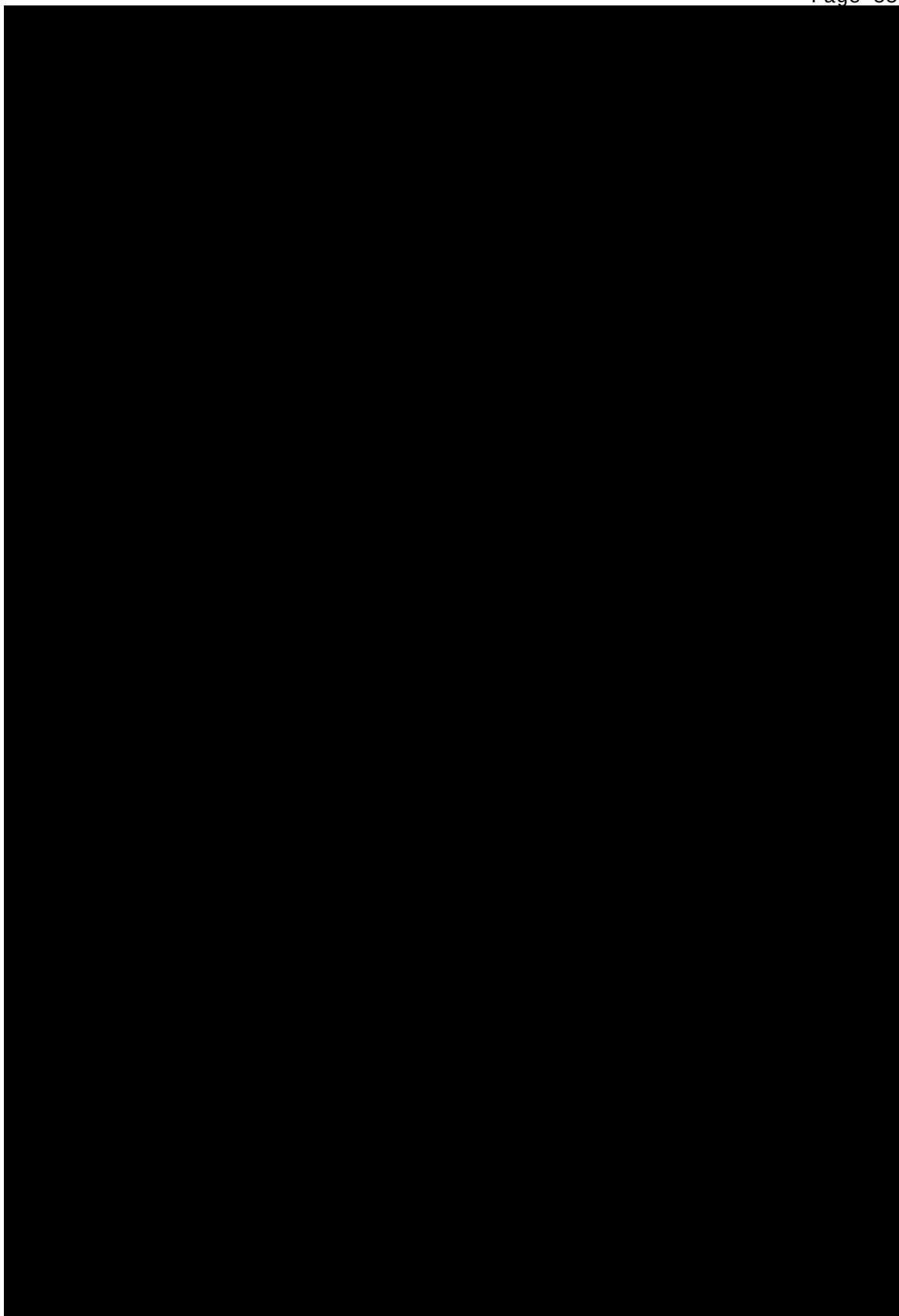
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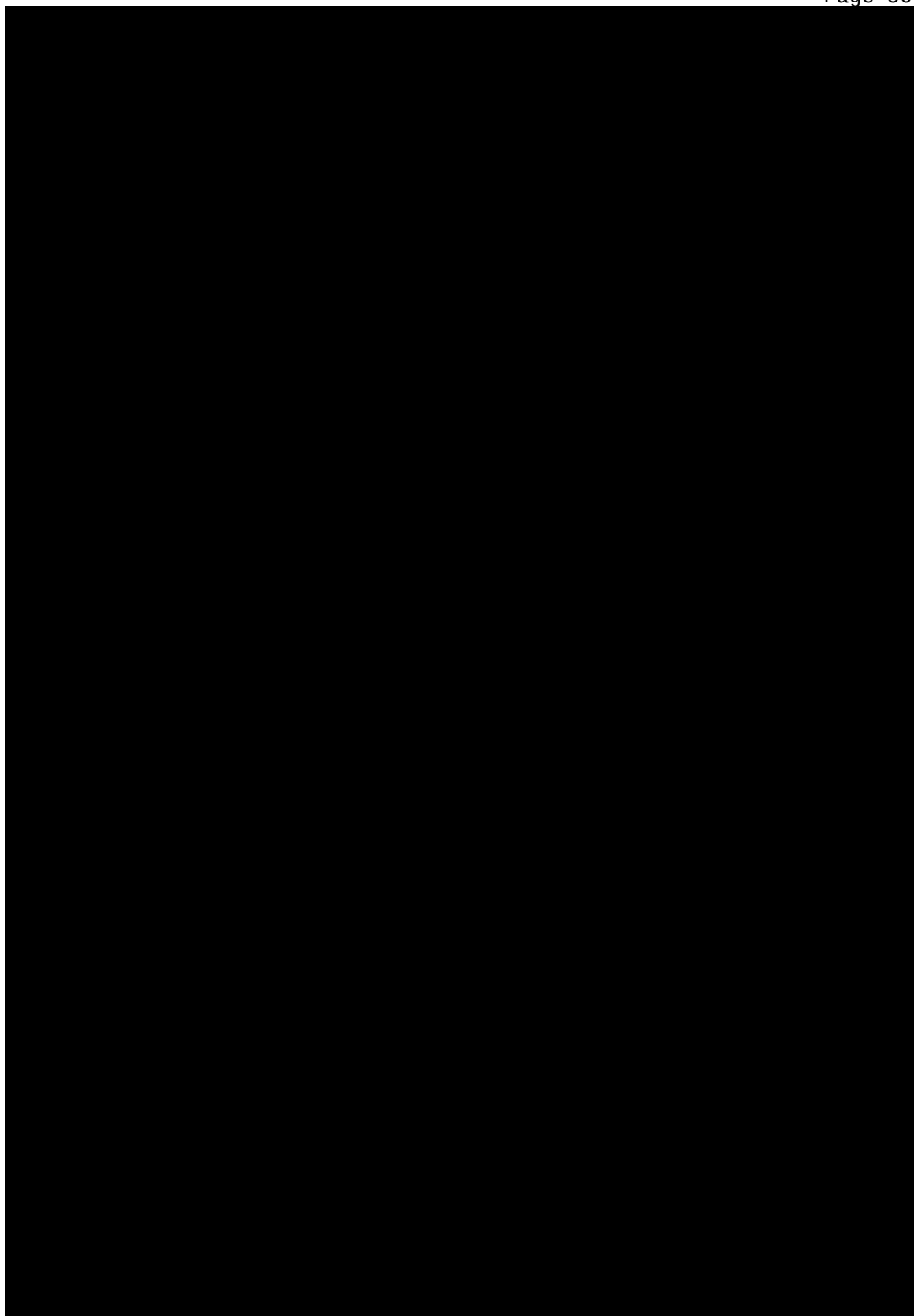
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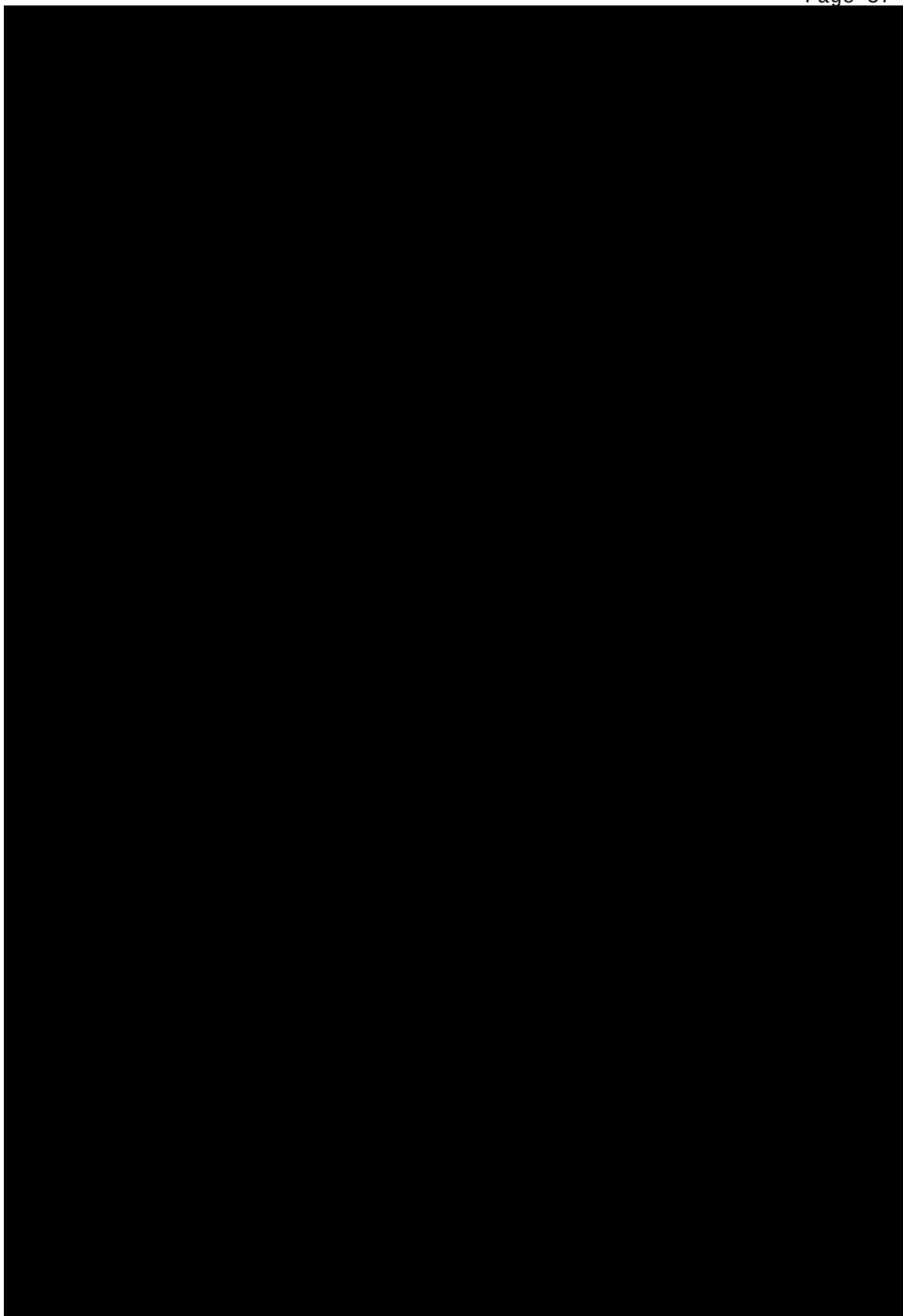
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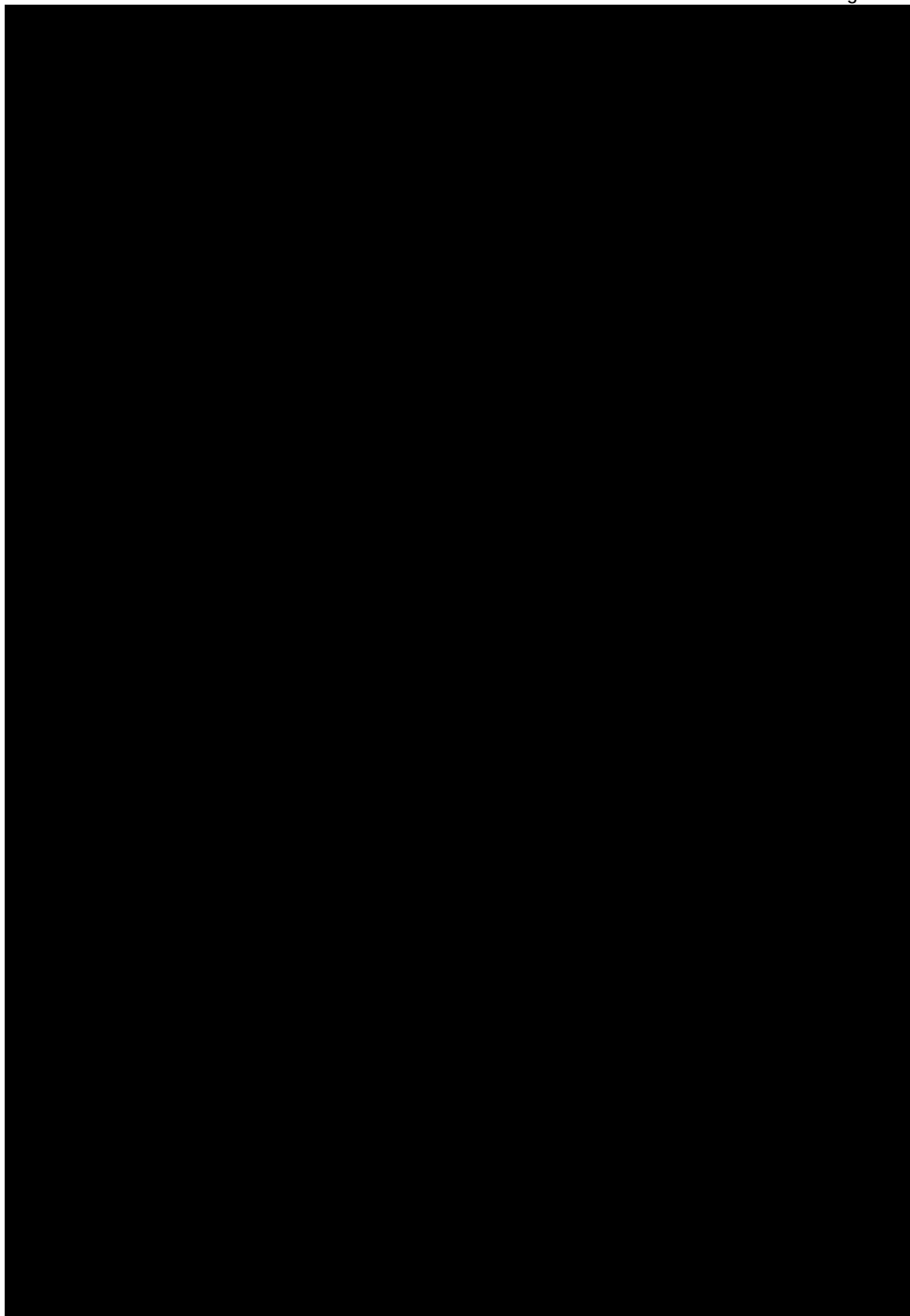
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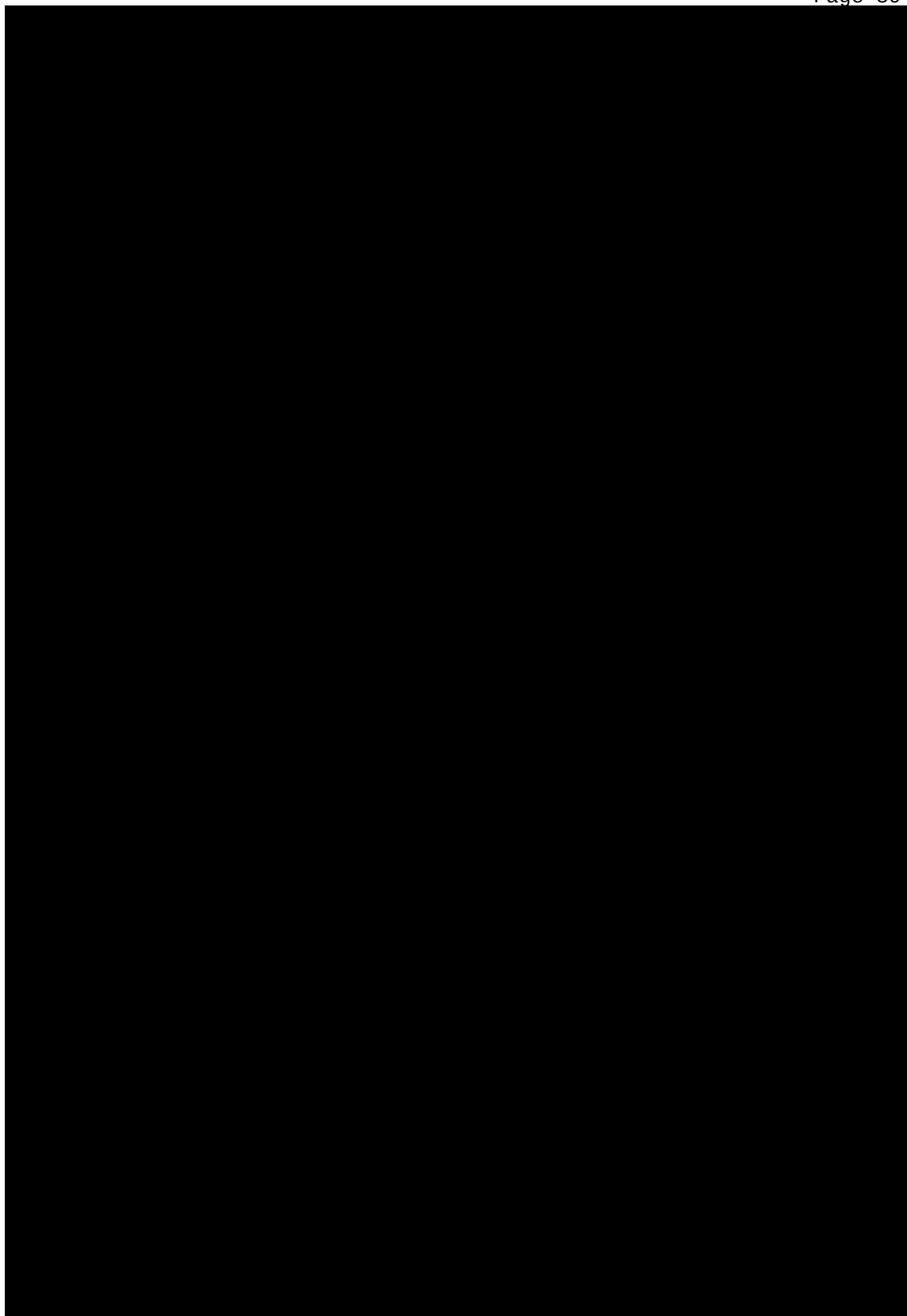
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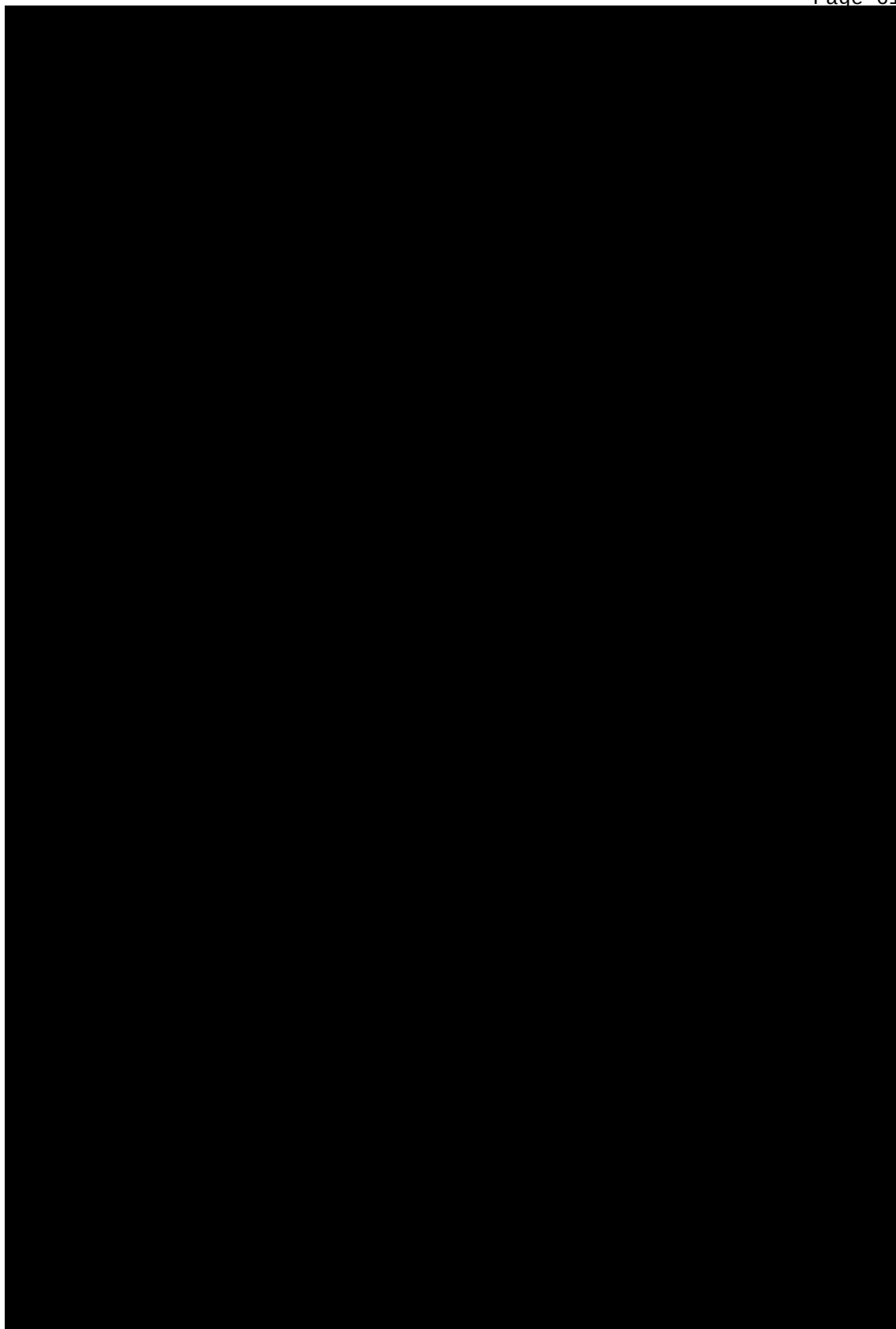
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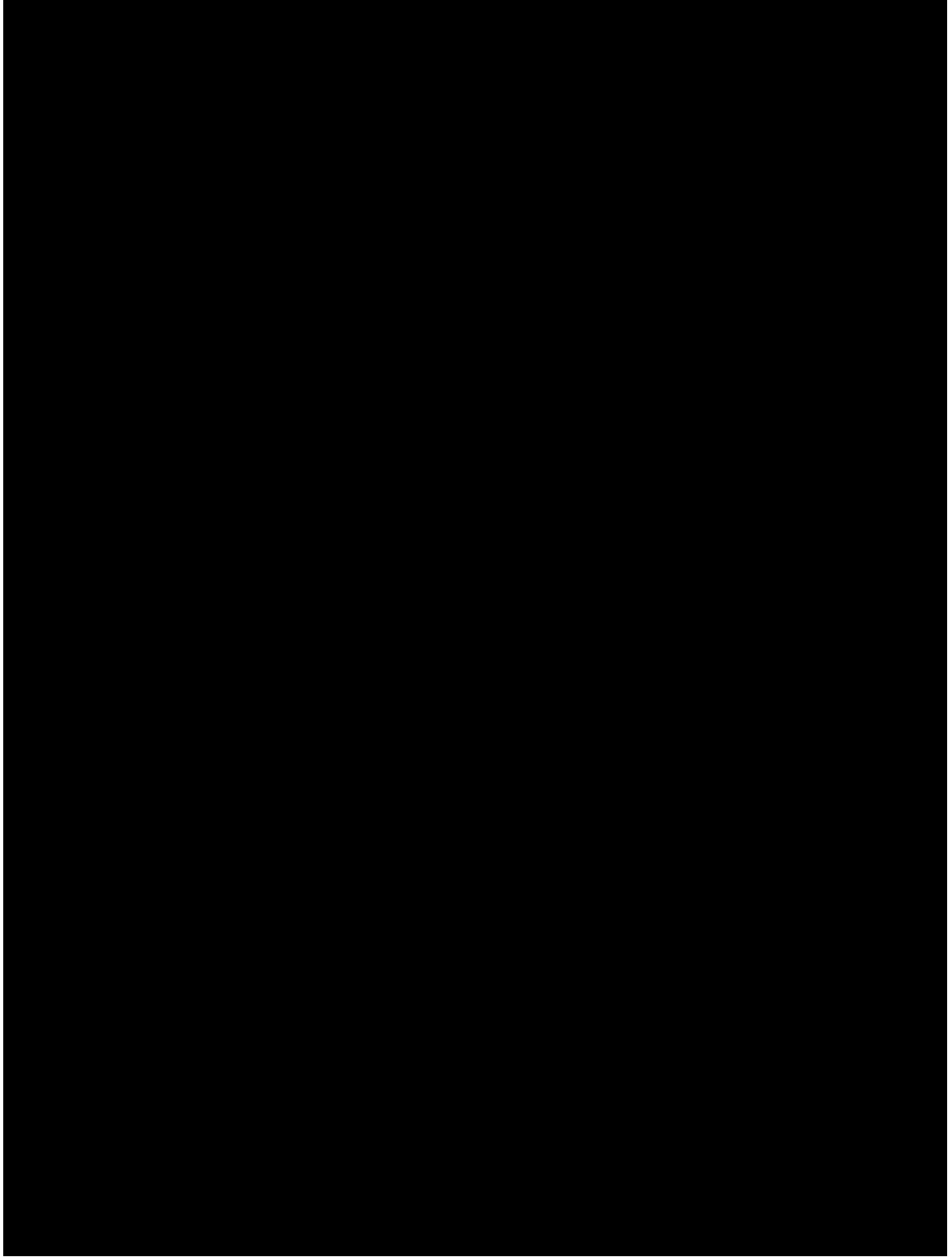
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OPEN MEETING CONTINUED

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you and welcome back to

1 the Florida Gaming Control Commission meeting.

2 This is -- we are reopening the meeting now and the
3 time is 10:52 a.m.

4 The closed meeting has been terminated and the
5 meeting is hereby reopened. Commissioners, we have
6 several -- five items that we discussed during the
7 closed attorney-client session.

8 Can I please get a motion for Item 13.1?

9 Yes, Vice Chair.

10 VICE CHAIR REPP: I'll make the motion to
11 continue settlement negotiations.

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

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

15 CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

16 (Aye responses)

17 CHAIR BROWN: The motion passes. I would like
18 to take up Items 13.2 to 13.5.

19 Commissioners, is anybody prepared to make a
20 motion at this time? I can suggest one if you're
21 not -- okay.

22 I would make -- I would make a suggestion to
23 approve this settlement offer with the approved
24 terms that we discussed in the closed session and
25 the guidance that were give -- was given in --

1 therein and authorize to delegate final approval of
2 that settlement officer to Executive Director
3 Zimmer, unless it's substantial -- substantially
4 different.

5 COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: So moved.

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

7 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

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

10 (Aye responses)

11 CHAIR BROWN: The item passes for Items 13.2
12 through 13.5. Is there any other matters that need
13 to be discussed here today?

14 Seeing none our meeting is hereby adjourned.
15 Thank you.

16 (The proceedings concluded at 10:55 a.m.)

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1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

2 STATE OF FLORIDA

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

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

16 Dated this 28th day of April, 2026.

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JUDY LYNN MARTIN

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