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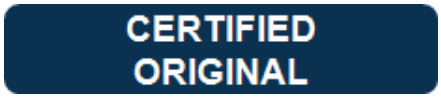

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Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Called to order by JULIE BROWN, CHAIR.

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Vice Chair Tina Repp

Commissioner John D'Aquila

Commissioner William Spicola

Commissioner Peter Cuderman

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Alana Zimmer, Executive Director

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Joe Dillmore, Director of Pari-Mutuel Wagering

Carl Herold, Director of Gaming Enforcement

Marc Taupier, Deputy General Counsel

Justin Hundersmarck, Senior Attorney

Dixie Parker, Business Manager

OTHER PRESENT:

Brooks Perkins, Pledge of Allegiance

Michael D. Gundy, Jr.

Tiffany Syritta Beasley (appeared by phone)

Various Members of the Public

The Florida Channel

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(Thereupon, the following proceedings were held.)

CHAIR BROWN: This is the Florida Gaming Control Commission's September meeting in advance of our Labor Day.

Today we have a very special guest, and we're very excited to introduce who's going to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

But I want to tell you a little bit about Brooks Perkins, and we're thrilled to have you here today. Brooks is a seventh grade student at Florida State University School. He's committed to such excellence in every endeavor both in and out of the classroom.

I have had an opportunity to meet Brooks before this meeting, and I got to tell you, he's just an incredible young man.

He takes all advanced level classes. He maintains a 4.0 GPA. Never got a B. He's a seventh grader, in fact, and he's going to turn 13 shortly as well.

His talents extend so far beyond the academic classroom. Brooks recently received the Vocal Rising Star Award in chorus. He was voted future president by his peers, recognizing his leadership,

character, and great potential.

He is also an accomplished and versatile athlete, having participated in soccer, baseball, and football, with baseball being his primary passion. He plays year-round, so I would assume travel with the club and all that stuff. So, that's impressive.

But what makes me very excited about him is I hear how kind and compassionate and considerate you are to everyone around you, and we're very grateful to have you.

And I thank your grandmother here, our Director of Admin, who we value so much here. So, it is truly an honor.

And if everybody will please stand and join us for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Brooks Perkins.

BROOKS PERKINS: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Brooks.

Commissioners, any comments before we begin the agenda? Seeing none. All right. We're going to go right into it.

I want to just note for the record, we have a

new Court Reporter here today, Sylvia Carver. So please announce your name when you're speaking and speak clearly into the microphone as well.

We do have a somewhat abbreviated agenda here today, so I anticipate us being -- it'll be much less than usual. So, with that, we're going to go right into our approval of meeting minutes for July 1st, 2026. Can I get a motion, please?

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

VICE CHAIR REPP: I'll make that motion.

CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Second.

CHAIR BROWN: To approve.

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Either one.

VICE CHAIR REPP: Me and Will are all for it.

CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Aye.

CHAIR BROWN: Okay. We're going into our executive director update. Good morning.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ZIMMER: Good morning, Chair Brown and Commissioners. Pleasure to be here today and a special thank you to Brooks over there. It's so nice to see kids like this, and it's fantastic that we -- we get to -- we get to share that with you.

August was very productive for the Commission. We've been getting significant media coverage. We had 20.6 million online mentions last month, which equated to $650,000 in -- in our earned media. Our compulsive gambling helpline continues to be helping Floridians. 1-833-PLAYWISE. It stayed consistent with number of calls and a 100 percent answer rate.

We added two new members to the team: Tammy Royapen, who is an administrative assistant in Orlando, and Ralph Petit-Frere, a parimutuel operations specialist in Miami-Dade County.

In our Parimutuel wagering division, we issued another 739 occupational business licenses.

And our highlight of the month was our annual meeting with the Seminole Tribe of Florida in Fort Lauderdale. We discussed our revenue shares, successful cooperation in our partnership, and the ongoing achievements with our compact.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Director Zimmer. Any questions? I also want to note I know we have Responsible Gambling Awareness Month, and we are going to be ramping up a lot of activity as well.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ZIMMER: Yes. Yes. We are --

CHAIR BROWN: Alana Zimmer.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ZIMMER: I'm sorry, Alana Zimmer. Thank you.

CHAIR BROWN: Yes, and then we can turn it over to Carl. Okay, Director Herold.

DIRECTOR HEROLD: Good morning. Carl Herold, Director of Gaming Enforcement.

This past month again was a fantastic month for our law enforcement folks. And we continue to partner with local, state, and federal officials in our enforcement efforts -- and efforts.

And honestly, very proud of the cooperation and collaboration that we continue to have, and it seems to be expanding month-by-month, the interest in -- by other law enforcement agencies in this -- this effort overall.

The -- the folks, the men and women in the gaming enforcement unit touched 71 different cases this past month.

Through our efforts, we seized 346 slot machines and closed down seven locations that had slot machines within them. We arrested 15 individuals either through arrest or notice to appears with a total of 17 charges amongst those 15, and we seized $179,717 in illegal currency from

these locations.

And I'll pause right there for any comments.

CHAIR BROWN: Yes, Commissioners? Yes. Commissioner Cuff.

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Mr. Herold, on the -- Director Herold, on the arrests that are made as well as charges, do we keep track of how many were repeat offenders in criminal activity that come up? And what I'm getting at is a point that we often raise: that these crimes in committing illegal gaming are often connected with other crimes as well.

DIRECTOR HEROLD: The short answer would be no, not at this time. But we internally have not seen anybody that we've arrested return to be arrested yet again. But we do know that there have been people that h -- have historical records where they had done these types of things previously and been arrested by other agencies, and then they're caught by us.

But if -- if you'd like, we can try to see what we can find to show that. We are beginning to see actual locations that we have taken enforcement action on seized machines reopening now in the same location sometimes, so --

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Unrelated to maybe a re -- a repeat offender in illegal gambling, is it -- would it -- would it be fair to say more than 15, for example, that were -- excuse me. 14 -- 17 persons who were arrested in the month of August. Of that 17, is it fair to say at least half of them have had other criminal activity? Albeit, could it be grand theft auto? It could be any crime.

DIRECTOR HEROLD: That I would have to look into that. I'm -- I'm -- I'm not sure, and I'd be cautious to make some sort of broad statement.

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Okay, understood. And -- but go ahead and continue then.

DIRECTOR HEROLD: Okay.

CHAIR BROWN: And I would just say, I think I want to point out that the media that Director Zimmer was also referring to earlier. I know a lot of it is attributed to the work and efforts that you're doing, and the -- it's brought about so much more awareness to the work you're doing, and grateful for that.

DIRECTOR HEROLD: Agreed. And I mean, thank you. You know, having sat here for a little over four years -- four years ago, there was not a whole lot of conversation in the media or by the public

about illegal gambling and the negative effects.

And I -- I kind of gauge that what we're doing now to what -- what it was like at the beginning and it is a profound difference and certainly a significant effect on -- positively on the enforcement side.

CHAIR BROWN: It's only when you look at the vi -- the video archives of those early meetings.

DIRECTOR HEROLD: Agreed.

CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any other comments before Director Herold continues? Thank you.

DIRECTOR HEROLD: I w -- I would also like to share that we had some slot machines destroyed this past month, 71, which is any amount is a good amount.

But we have destruction events currently in the scheduling process for potentially the end of this month and then also next month. And we work very hard every day to try and find -- get information that these court cases are resolved so that we can get these machines destroyed because we have to get new -- get more machines and bring them in, so --

CHAIR BROWN: Excellent. Thank you.

DIRECTOR HEROLD: And the last thing I would like to talk about is our investigative leads.

This past month, we received 314 investigative leads, which is predominantly through our follow report on our website, on the gaming website.

And we decided to try and coincide that with -- break up the reporting so that we bet -- had a better understanding of what we were getting. And this month, we began to report if these re -- we began to report that if these complaints had been previously reported.

And so, this last month, 48 percent of the investigative leads were actually duplicates of things that have happened before and -- or locations that have been reported before.

And we continue to address those types of things when we work with our partners, but it just gives evidence to the fact that the problem is still much larger than we probably thought.

CHAIR BROWN: Uh-huh. Thank you. Well, I li -- like the way that this format has a lot more detail. Appreciate it.

DIRECTOR HEROLD: Thank you. And that's all I have.

CHAIR BROWN: Are there any additional

questions of Director Herold or comments? Yes, Commissioner D'Aquila.

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Yeah, I just want to add to what Chairman Brown had said about the format being very helpful and the additional analytics are helpful. The only compliment I'd add for consideration -- and I don't need it now -- it would be helpful to have just one trailing 12 months.

So, for example, your -- your bureau is doing so much work and I can tell just by looking at each of the monthly reports, which will take out, but I think a monthly, a one-page monthly trend in 12 months, which would mean this is August, so that would take us -- we would begin with last September and that would drop off the following.

Not for all statistics, but the relevant ones. And it would help to show that -- the trend. When I look at trends here and kind of compare it to dollar week, it seems to no matter how hard you pull them out, there seems to be more crime. So --

CHAIR BROWN: I think that's an excellent suggestion.

COMMISIONER D'AGUILA: Yes.

You might call it the Dollar Week report.

DIRECTOR HEROLD: Okay. All right. Thank you.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And thank you for your report.

Directors, are any other matters to address?

DIRECTOR HEROLD: Nothing, ma'am. That's it.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. We're getting into discussion of our default final orders. The majority of these, I will note, are permanent exclusions with just a -- a few that are not. So, we'll go right into 3.1.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Justin Hundersmarck for the record.

CHAIR BROWN: Thanks.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 3.1 is Brandon C. Miller, Case 2024055634. The materials include the Administrative Complaint alleging that Respondent was a patron of and was ejected from 831 Federal Highway Acquisition, doing business as the Big Easy Casino.

The Administrative Complaint seeks permanent exclusion of Respondent from all licensed pari-mutuel and slot machine facilities in Florida.

The Division attempted service via mail and personal service then completed service via

publication. Respondent did not answer by the deadline given.

For cases that go to publication service, the deadline is seven days after the fourth time the notice is run in the newspaper. Therefore, the Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering requests that the Florida Gaming Control Commission enter an order with the following findings: that the Respondent was properly served with the Administrative Complaint, did not respond within the deadline, and waived his right to request a hearing.

That the factual allegations and the conclusions of law in the Administrative Complaint are each adopted as the finds of fact and conclusions of law in this case, and that Respondent shall be permanently excluded from all licensed pari-mutual and slot machine facilities in Florida.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Hundersmarck. Any questions? If not, can we get a motion to approve the staff recommendation?

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

CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Second.

CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

THE COMMISSION: Aye.

CHAIR BROWN: 3.2.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 3.2 is Stephon Lott, case 2025032926.

The materials include the Administrative Complaint alleging that Respondent was a patron of and was ejected from Ocala Bets.

The Administrative Complaint seeks permanent exclusion from all licensed pari-mutuel facilities in Florida. The Division attempted mail service and personal service then completed service via publication.

Respondent did not answer by the deadline. Therefore, the Division requests the Commission enter an order with the following findings: That the Respondent was properly served with the Administrative Complaint, did not respond within the deadline and waived his right to request a hearing; that the factual allegations and the conclusions of law in the Administrative Complaint are each adopted as the finds of fact and conclusions of law in this case. And that Respondent shall be permanently excluded from all licensed pari-mutuel facilities in Florida.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Hundersmarck. Do -- do we know if Mr. Thomas's co-conspirator has already been previously permanently excluded by this commission?

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Yes, he has.

CHAIR BROWN: Yes. Thank you. If there are no other questions, can we get a motion to approve the staff recommendation?

VICE CHAIR REPP: I'll make that motion.

CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Second.

CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

THE COMMISSION: Aye.

CHAIR BROWN: 3.3, please.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 3.3 is Gene Hwang Park, Case 2025042303.

The materials include the Administrative Complaint alleging that Respondent was a patron of and was ejected from Casino Miami.

The Administrative Complaint seeks Respondent's permanent exclusion from all licensed pari-mutuel and slot machine facilities in Florida.

The Division attempted mail service and personal service then completed service via publication. Respondent did not answer by the

deadline.

Therefore, the Division requests that the Commission enter an order with the following findings: That the Respondent was properly served with the Administrative Complaint, did not respond within the deadline and waived his right to request a hearing; that the factual allegations and the conclusions of law in the Administrative Complaint are each adopted as the finds of fact and conclusions of law in this case.

And that Respondent shall be permanently excluded from all licensed pari-mutuel facilities and slot machine facilities in Florida.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Hundersmarck. It's also worth noting that the Respondent was also arrested for the offense he committed. With -- if there are no other questions, can we have a motion to approve the staff recommendation?

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: Second.

CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

THE COMMISSION: Aye.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Item passes.

3.4.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 3.4 is Jimmy Dorcent, Case 2025044314.

The materials include the Administrative Complaint alleging that Respondent was a patron of and was ejected from West Volusia Racing Incorporated, doing business as Orange City Race and Card Club.

The Administrative Complaint seeks Respondent's permanent exclusion from all licensed pari-mutual facilities in Florida.

The Division attempted mail service and personal service, then concluded service via publication. Respondent did not answer by the deadline.

Therefore, the Division requests that the Commission enter an order with the following findings: that the Respondent was properly served with the Administrative Complaint, did not respond within the deadline, and waived his right to request a hearing.

That the factual allegations and the conclusions of law in the Administrative Complaint are each adopted as the findings of fact and conclusions of law in this case, and that Respondent shall be permanently excluded from all

licensed pari-mutuel facilities in Florida.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. If there are no comments or questions, can we get a motion to approve the staff recommendation?

VICE CHAIR REPP: I'll make that motion.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And a second?

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

THE COMMISSION: Aye.

CHAIR BROWN: 3.5, please.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 3.5 is Samuel J. Applewhaite, Case 2025050546.

The materials include the Administrative Complaint alleging that Respondent was a patron of and was ejected from Magic City Casino.

The Administrative Complaint seeks Respondent's permanent exclusion from all licensed pari-mutuel and slot machine facilities in Florida.

The Division attempted mail service and personal service, then completed service via publication. Respondent did not answer by the deadline.

Therefore, the Division requests that the Commission enter an order with the following findings: That the Respondent was properly served

the Administrative Complaint. Did not respond within the deadline and waived his right to a request of hearing; that the factual allegations and any conclusions of law in the Administrative Complaint are each adopted as the finds of fact and any conclusions of law in this case.

And that Respondent shall be permanently excluded from all licensed pari-mutuel facilities and slot machine facilities in Florida.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Hundersmarck. I have just one question on this. The -- the Respondent was previously permanently excluded. Was he also on the statewide-permanent-exclusion list?

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: No.

No.

CHAIR BROWN: Okay, Commissioners, if there are no questions or comments, can we get a motion to approve the staff recommendation?

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: Second.

CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

THE COMMISSION: Aye.

CHAIR BROWN: All right. 3.6.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 3.6 is Brandon Alan Johnson, Case 2025051874.

The materials include the Administrative Complaint alleging that Respondent was present on the property and was ejected from Bonita Springs Poker Room.

The Administrative Complaint seeks Respondent's permanent exclusion from all pari-mutuel facilities in Florida.

The Division attempted mail service and personal service, then completed service via publication. Respondent did not answer by the deadline.

Therefore, the Division requests that the Commission enter an order with the following findings: That the Respondent was properly served the Administrative Complaint; did not respond within the deadline and waived his right to a requested hearing.

That the factual allegations and any conclusions of law in the Administrative Complaint are each adopted as the findings of fact and conclusions of law in this case, and that Respondent shall be permanently excluded from all licensed pari-mutuel facilities in Florida.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners, if there are no questions, can we get a motion to approve the staff recommendation on this item?

COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: So moved.

CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

THE COMMISSION: Aye.

CHAIR BROWN: All right, 3.7.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 3.7 is Jeffrey Dean Mersch, Case 2025058327. The materials include the Administrative Complaint alleging that Respondent was a patron of and was ejected from Bonita Fort Myers Corporation, wholly owned subsidiary of Southwest Florida Enterprises Incorporated, doing business as Bonita Springs Poker Room.

The Administrative Complaint seeks Respondent's permanent exclusion from all licensed pari-mutuel facilities in Florida.

The Division attempted mail service and personal service then completed service via publication. Respondent did not answer by the deadline.

Therefore, the Division requests that the Commission enter an order with the following

findings: That the Respondent was properly served the Administrative Complaint; did not respond within the deadline and waives his right to a request a hearing.

That the factual allegations and any conclusions of law in the Administrative Complaint are each adopted as the findings of fact and conclusions of law in this case; and that Respondent shall be permanently excluded from all licensed pari-mutuel facilities in Florida.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. If there are no comments or questions on this item, can we get a motion to approve the staff recommendation as presented?

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

VICE CHAIR REPP: Second.

CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

THE COMMISSION: Aye.

CHAIR BROWN: 3.8.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 3.8 is Tavaris Xavier Davis Jr., Case 2025067492. The materials include the Administrative Complaint alleging that Respondent was a patron of and was ejected from Casino Miami.

The Administrative Complaint seeks

Respondent's permanent exclusion from all pari-mutuel and slot machine facilities in Florida.

The Division attempted mail service and personal service, then completed service via publication. Respondent did not answer by the deadline.

Therefore, the Division requests that the commission enter an order with the following findings: That the Respondent was properly served the Administrative Complaint; did not respond within the deadline and waives his right to a requested hearing; that the factual allegations and any conclusions of law in the Administrative Complaint are each adopted as the findings of fact and conclusions of law in this case.

And that Respondent shall be permanently excluded from all licensed pari-mutuel and slot machine facilities in Florida.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners, if there are no questions, can we get a motion to approve the staff recommendation?

VICE CHAIR REPP: I'll make that motion.

CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Second.

CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

THE COMMISSION: Aye.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. This one's going to change. 3.9.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 3.9 is Yorman Elvis Ruiz, Case 2025068480.

The Division filed an Administrative Complaint seeking the suspension of Respondent's Pari-Mutuel Professional Individual Occupation License due to a judgment of default for financial obligations relating to racing at a Florida pari-mutuel facility.

The Division attempted mail service and personal service, then completed service via publication. Respondent did not answer by the deadline.

Therefore, the Division requests the commission enter an order with the following findings: That Respondent was properly served; the Administrative Complaint did not respond within the deadline and waives his right to a requested hearing; that the factual allegations and any conclusions of law in the Administrative Complaint are each adopted as the findings of fact and conclusions of law in this case.

And that Respondent's Pari-Mutuel Professional

Individual Occupational License is suspended until Respondent satisfies his accumulated financial obligation or until the Commission receives confirmation that Respondent entered into a repayment plan to the satisfaction of all parties.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners, any questions? If not, can we get a motion to approve the staff recommendation?

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

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And a second?

COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: Second.

CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

THE COMMISSION: Aye.

CHAIR BROWN: 3.10.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 3.10 is Irma Marrero Martinez, Case 2025076362.

The materials include the Administrative Complaint alleging that Respondent was a patron of and was excluded from -- or was ejected from South Florida Racing Association LLC, doing business as Hialeah Park Racing Casino.

The Administrative Complaint seeks Respondent's permanent exclusion from all licensed pari-mutuel and slot machine facilities in the

State of Florida.

The Division attempted mail service and personal service, then completed service via publication. Respondent did not answer by the deadline.

Therefore, the Division requests that the Commission enter an order with the following findings: that the Respondent was properly served; the Administrative Complaint did not respond within the deadline and waived her right to request a hearing; that the factual allegations and the conclusions of law in the Administrative Complaint are each adopted as the findings of fact and conclusions of law in this case.

And that Respondent shall be permanently excluded from all licensed pari-mutuel and slot machine facilities in Florida.

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

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

VICE CHAIR REPP: Second.

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

THE COMMISSION: Aye.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. On to 3.11.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 3.11 is Armando De Jesus Rivero, Case 2026002428.

The materials include the Administrative Complaint alleging that Respondent was a patron of and was ejected from all three of the Magic City Casino, Hialeah Park Racing Casino, and Calder Casino.

The Administrative Complaint seeks Respondent's permanent exclusion from all licensed pari-mutuel and slot machine facilities in Florida.

The Division attempted mail service and personal service, then completed service via publication. Respondent did not answer by the deadline.

Therefore, the Division requests that the Commission enter an order with the following findings: that the Respondent was properly served the Administrative Complaint; did not respond within the deadline and waives his right to request a hearing; that the factual allegations and the conclusions of law in the Administrative Complaint are each adopted as the findings of fact and conclusions of law in this case.

And that Respondent shall be permanently excluded from all licensed pari-mutuel and slot machine facilities in Florida.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners, any questions on this item? If not, can we get a motion to approve the staff recommendation?

VICE CHAIR REPP: I'll make that motion.

CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

THE COMMISSION: Aye.

CHAIR BROWN: 3.12.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 3.12 is Jhon James Cardona Mondragon, Case 2026004141.

Materials include the Administrative Complaint alleging that Respondent was a patron of and was ejected from Hialeah Park Racing Casino.

The Administrative Complaint seeks Respondent's permanent exclusion from all licensed pari-mutuel and slot machine facilities in Florida.

The Division attempted mail service and personal service then completed service via publication. Respondent did not answer by the deadline.

Therefore, the Division requests that the

Commission enter an order with the following findings: that the Respondent was properly served the Administrative Complaint; did not respond within the deadline and waived his right to request a hearing; that the factual allegations and the conclusions of law in the Administrative Complaint are each adopted as the findings of fact and conclusions of law in this case.

And that Respondent shall be permanently excluded from all licensed pari-mutuel and slot machine facilities in Florida.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. This one's particularly onerous because he also was ha -- in possession of 28 different pieces of identification for identity fraud.

Commissioners, if there are no comments or questions, can we get a motion to approve the staff recommendation?

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

CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Second.

CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

THE COMMISSION: Aye.

CHAIR BROWN: Lastly, 3.13.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 3.13 is Julio Luis Soto,

Case 2026033181. The Division seeks a revocation --

CHAIR BROWN: Yes.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: -- of Respondent's pari-mutuel wager professional individual occupational license.

The Division filed a two-count Administrative Complaint alleging that Respondent was convicted of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a felony, and did not notify the Commission within 48 hours of the disqualifying conviction.

The case details include confirmation of email delivery of the Administrative Complaint packet to the email provided by Respondent in their most recent license renewal application. Respondent did not answer within the 21-day deadline.

Therefore, the Division requests the Commission enter an order with the following findings: That Respondent was properly served; the Administrative Complaint did not respond within the deadline and waived his right to request a hearing; that the factual allegations and the conclusions of law in the Administrative Complaint are each adopted as the findings of fact and conclusions of law in this case.

And that Respondent's pari-mutuel professional individual occupational license is revoked.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Hundersmarck. Commissioner D'Aquila?

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Just clarifying, so th -- in this instance, a disqualified offense alone was -- was committed in addition to his failure to notify.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Yes.

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Thank you.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. With that, Commissioner D'Aquila, can you please make a motion to approve the staff recommendation?

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

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And a second.

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Second.

CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

CHAIR BROWN: Motion passes unanimously. And thank you for all of that. We're going into discussion of consent orders. We have two of them, 4.1 and 4.2.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 4.1 Is TBD Entertainment LLC doing business as TGT Poker and Racebook, Case

2026010378.

On April 30th, 2026, the Division filed a three-count Administrative Complaint against Respondent TBD Entertainment LLC, alleging Respondent violated Rule 75-11.025 Subsection 17A of the Florida Administrative Code three times by not maintaining a log of all surveillance activities in the surveillance room, including the name and license number of each person who initiated, performed, or supervised the monitoring.

Respondent requests that the Florida Gaming Control Commission consider and agree to the proposed settlement and consent order to resolve this case pursuant to the terms of the proposed stipulation and consent order. Respondent will be issued a written warning.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And I just want to say, Commissioners, this is one of those when you have participation in the public meeting that we heard from Mr. Butler should provide a lot of clarity too. So, I thank him for that.

If there are no comments or questions, can we get a motion to approve the proposed consent order and stipulation?

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: Second.

CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

THE COMMISSION: Aye.

CHAIR BROWN: 4.2.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 4.2 Is TBD Entertainment LLC doing business as TGT Poker and Racebook, Case 2026018186.

The Division filed a one-count Administrative Complaint against Respondent TBD Entertainment LLC alleging Respondent violated rule 75-11.014 Subsection 4B2 of the Florida Administrative Code by failing to mark the sealed envelope with the time the deck was withdrawn from play.

Respondent requests that the Florida Game and Control Commission consider and agree to the proposed settlement and consent order to resolve this case pursuant to the terms of the proposed stipulation and consent order. Respondent will be issued a warning.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

Commissioners, if there are no questions, can we get a motion to approve the stipulation and proposed consent order?

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

CHAIR BROWN: And a second.

VICE CHAIR REPP: Second.

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

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

THE COMMISSION: Aye.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Passes unanimously.

We are going into discussion of recommended orders.

MR. TAUPIER: Marc Taupier for the record.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

MR. TAUPIER: 5.1 Is Melissa Monique Murray, case Number 2025027895.

The Division filed an Administrative Complaint seeking the suspension or revocation of the Respondent's license and the exclusion from parimutuel facilities and slot machine facilities in the State of Florida.

Respondent did request an informal hearing, which was conducted on July 9th, 2026. The Hearing Officer issued a recommended order recommending that the Florida Gaming Control Commission enter an order revoking Respondent's parimutuel/slot machine card room individual combination occupational

license and permanently excluding them from all parimutuel facilities in the State of Florida and all slot machine facilities in the State of Florida.

Therefore, the Division requests that the Commission enter a final order adopting the hearing recommendation from the Hearing Officer in toto and revoking the Respondent's parimutuel/occupational slot combination license and placing them on the exclusion list from all parimutuel facilities and all slot machine facilities in the State of Florida.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And that's the staff recommendation?

MR. TAUPIER: Correct.

CHAIR BROWN: Correct. Commissioners, are there any comments or questions? If not, Commissioner Cuderman, can you make a motion?

COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: I move to approve the staff recommendation.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And a sec -- is there a second?

VICE CHAIR REPP: Second.

CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

THE COMMISSION: Aye.

CHAIR BROWN: 5.2.

MR. TAUPIER: Item 5.2 is Shantelle Valencia Law, Case Number 2026016488.

The Division filed an Administrative Complaint alleging a violation of Rule 75-11.004 Subsection 4 of the Florida Administrative Code for accepting a tip while being a dealer but not at the actual table.

The Respondent requested an informal hearing, which was held on June 24th of 2026. On August 28th of 2026, the Hearing Officer issued an amended recommended order recommending that the Florida Gaming Control Commission enter a final order imposing a fine of $25.

Therefore, the Division is requesting that the Florida Gaming Control Commission enter a final order adopting the hearing recommendation from the Hearing Officer in toto and imposing a $25 fine on the Respondent.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners, are there any questions or comments? I just have one for Director Dillmore. This is the first time we've seen this rule violation at -- in -- in the past four years. Do you know the -- the background

behind th -- why -- why we created this rule?

DIRECTOR DILLMORE: Good morning, Chair. Joe Dillmore, for the record.

Yeah, it's -- it's part of their internal controls as well. It's for two reasons. One, to avoid any ap -- appearance of impropriety of a dealer accepting a tip away from the table. It might look kind of suspicious.

But also, at the table where the cameras are recording so we can have a -- a video surveillance of all these transactions taking place.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

Commissioners, any comments or questions? If not, can we get a motion to approve the staff recommendation?

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

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

THE COMMISSION: Aye.

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Aye.

CHAIR BROWN: 5.3, please.

MR. TAUPIER: Item 5.3 is Anna Marie Lutchman, Case Number 2026018287.

The Division of Parimutuel Wagering filed an Administrative Complaint against the Respondent for accumulating unpaid financial obligations relating to the sport of racing.

On July 16th, 2026, the informal Hearing Officer held a hearing on this matter and issued a recommended order on August 25th, 2026, recommending that the Gaming Control Commission enter a final order suspending Respondent's parimutuel professional individual occupational license until such time that Respondent provides either proof that the default judgment has been satisfied or proof that the payment plan has been established.

Therefore, the Division is asking that the Florida Gaming Control Commission enter a final order adopting the Hearing Officer's recommended order in toto and suspending the Respondent's license until such time that Respondent provides proof that the debt has been satisfied or proof that a payment plan has been established.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And before we get into the voting, because the two 5.3 and 5.4 are interrelated, could you just go ahead and present that one as well?

MR. TAUPIER: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

MR. TAUPIER: Item 5.4 is Padarath Lutchman, Case Number 2026-018301.

The Division of Parimutuel Wagering filed an Administrative Complaint against the Respondent for accumulating unpaid financial obligations related to the sport of horse racing.

On July 16th, 2026, the hearing took place with the informal Hearing Officer, and on August 25th, a recommended order was issued by the Hearing Officer recommending that the Florida Gaming Control Commission enter an order suspending the Respondent's license until such time that the debt is paid in full or that a payment plan has been entered.

Therefore, the recommendation from the Division is that the Division -- or that the Commission adopts the recommended order in toto and suspends the Respondent's gaming -- or not gaming pari-mutuel license until such time that a payment plan has either been entered or the debt has been satisfied.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

Seeing no comments or questions, can we get a

motion to approve the staff recommendation on items 5.3 and 5.4?

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: So moved.

CHAIR BROWN: And a second?

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.

THE COMMISSION: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: Aye.

CHAIR BROWN: Both items pass. We are going into a discussion of requests for waivers. We have two, and then we have 6.2. It's -- we have a comment on 6.2. So, let's go to 6.1 first.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Okay. 6.1 is Danielle McCoy, Case 2026043081.

The applicant applied for a cardroom employee occupational license in order to work as a poker dealer. Upon review of the completed application, it was discovered the applicant had two disqualifying offenses in 2025.

First, organized scheme to defraud, a felony. Second, grand theft, also a felony. These both stem from the same arrest.

She was first granted a cardroom employee occupation license in Florida in 2010 and was licensed intermittently until her most recent

license expired in 2021.

In her initial application for this renewal application received in March 2026, she answered no when questioned about being convicted or having pled guilty or nolo contendere to any criminal charges. She was sent a letter of deficiency -- letter requesting records.

In her amended application, she provided the requested records for the disqualifying offenses. She only listed one of the two felonies in the chart, but is still considered disclosing the offenses when the applicant provides the records showing the criminal record information.

She submitted a request for waiver and completed a waiver interview. She has no unpaid fines, fees, or restitution. The deadline is waived.

Based on the record and the applicable law, the Commission may authorize the issuance of a letter of license denial.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners, are there comments or questions on this?

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: I -- I -- I think --

CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Spicola.

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: -- I think based on her

record of being previously licensed and the fact that all of her obligations have been satisfied, I think it would be appropriate to grant this request for a waiver.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Any other comments? I would concur, but --

VICE CHAIR REPP: I would like to just concur with Commissioner Spicola and also say that at the time she hasn't had any incidents since 2005, and that I appreciate that according to the report she did confess right away, and her police report is consistent with the interview that she gave to the Commission. So, I would commend that as showing good moral character.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Okay. And Commissioner D'Aquila?

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Yeah, I concur. I mean no legal violations, no big fees. 10 years, I believe, as a dealer, if my understanding is correct here. So, I concur.

CHAIR BROWN: I think that she certainly been rehabilitated from 2003 when it occurred. With that, Vice Chair, can you -- will you please give us a motion here?

VICE CHAIR REPP: I will make a motion to

grant the waiver.

CHAIR BROWN: And issue the license.

VICE CHAIR REPP: And issue the license.

CHAIR BROWN: Yes, thank you. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll second the motion.

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

THE COMMISSION: Aye.

CHAIR BROWN: Passed unanimously.

6.2. And we do have a speaker, so, Mr. Tauiper -- Mr. Hundersmarck, if you can just present it, and then we'll -- we'll go directly to him.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 6.2 is Mark D. Gundy, Jr., Case 2026048651.

He applied for a cardroom employee occupational license to work as a poker dealer. Upon review of the application, it was discovered the applicant had one disqualifying offense from 2024. That was possession of cocaine, a felony.

He has been licensed intermittently in Florida as far back as 2006, with his most recent licensure before this application was a three-year term

expiring in 2024. Before that, 2012 to 2019.

He put, no, on the question about criminal convictions or having pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to any criminal charges. He was sent one deficiency letter requesting records of two arrests in 2024. The other letters from licensing file regarding the waiver request, which is optional.

In his amended application, he listed his two convictions and provided the requested records. On his waiver request document, he did not indicate that he had a felony. However, he had provided the Court records by then. He completed a waiver interview, and the report is included.

He does have unpaid court costs and fines. They are from the disqualifying offense in 2024.

There's a character reference letter included in the file. The deadline is waived.

Based on the record and the applicable law, the Commission may authorize the waiver at this time.

CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Thank you, Mr. HUNDERSMARCK.

Mr. Gundy, please feel free to come on up and speak right into the microphone at the podium.

MR. GUNDY: Okay. Good morning, everybody.

CHAIR BROWN: Good morning, and thank you for being here.

MR. GUNDY: I appreciate it. Thanks, Council, for hearing me out and allowing me to discuss my waiver.

CHAIR BROWN: Could you speak--

MR. GUNDY: Oh, I'm sorry because I'm not really good at public speaking.

CHAIR BROWN: Me neither.

MR. GUNDY: Okay. Yeah. I -- I've been in gaming since 2006. I've always enjoyed it. It's something I love doing. I've been a poker dealer since I was 18. I've never had an issue up until 2024.

Unfortunately, I did have some issues with drug and alcohol abuse, which I have sought treatment for. I've gone through something called a RIDR program, and since October 2024, I've been good and sober. That's one thing I'm very proud of.

I would love to continue my career in gaming. I understand that I do have one unpaid court fine, which I have every intention on paying. Just as long as I can get back to work, I'll pay it

immediately.

CHAIR BROWN: Well, thank you, and by the way, you're an excellent public speaker.

MR. GUNDY: Thank you.

CHAIR BROWN: And thank you for your candor too about --

MR. GUNDY: Yeah.

CHAIR BROWN: -- the history behind this.

MR. GUNDY: Yeah.

CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, are there any questions for Mr. Gundy?

Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Mr. Gundy. Mr. Gundy, have you reached out to the clerk of court in Hillsborough County for that payment plan?

MR. GUNDY: Yes, I have done that.

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Can you provide any of those requests or any of that documentation to our staff?

MR. GUNDY: I could do that, sure.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Any other questions or comments?

Thank you for your testimony.

MR. GUNDY: Thank you. Appreciate it.

CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, are there any

questions of staff? You ca -- you may s -- sit.

MR. GUNDY: Oh.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

MR. GUNDY: All right.

CHAIR BROWN: All right. Coming back to the bench here. Commissioners, thoughts on this item. Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: I -- I -- I appreciate Mr. Gundy's appearance today. I appreciate his testimony before us. I would be inclined to grant the waiver upon Mr. Gundy submitting proof that he has entered into a payment plan for those court costs with the clerk of Hillsborough County.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Commissioner Spicola. Are there other comments?

I -- I would be very amenable to that as well, and I appreciate the character letter -- reference letter as well.

Vice Chair?

VICE CHAIR REPP: Yeah, and I'd also be interested in anything recognizing -- because I was really looking here for some sort of demonstration of rehabilitation and I didn't see anything regarding the completion of a drug treatment program, which I would be also interested in

seeing.

CHAIR BROWN: Mr. Gundy, can you come back here, please?

Mr. Gundy, would you be amenable to also providing the documentation as our Vice Chair has just pointed out?

MR. GUNDY: So, I -- I've gone through several treatment programs for NA and AA. One of the things I had to do was wear an ankle monitor, which I elected to do to help prevent me from drinking and using drugs. I passed that fully. It was a six-month program.

I can absolutely show you documentation for that. Whatever you guys need, I'll be glad to show you.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. -- Vice Chair, any other questions?

Thank you again.

All right, Commissioners, we are ripe for a motion at this time. Who would like to make it?

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: I would make a motion that the waiver request be granted conditioned on the receipt of proof of completion of a rehabilitation program and upon proof of a payment plan with the Hillsborough County Clerk for the

outstanding court costs.

CHAIR BROWN: I'm going to go to our General Counsel, Ms. Valentine.

MS. VALENTINE: I -- I apologize. I -- I wanted to suggest something: that if Commissioner Repp wanted to personally review the rehabilitation program that he had completed, we could table because this is a waiver; there's no time limitation.

We could table until the next meeting to allow Mr. Gundy to submit those documentations for Commission review. Alternatively, we could just proceed with the motion where you let staff review it.

CHAIR BROWN: Okay, Commissioner D'Aquila.

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I think this is a cart-before-the-horse-type situation. And I'm leaning toward what attorney -- our attorney has just stated that provide these two things and then we will consider a waiver again.

And because there's no time limit, this could be done within the next few weeks before the next Commission meeting in early April.

CHAIR BROWN: Seeing that there is no time limit, I think we would be amendable, and I think

it allows Mr. Gundy time to get that documentation to our staff.

You hear from the bench that we are open to granting the waiver, but we just want clarification and documentation on those items.

So, with that, we're going to table this until a future meeting without specifying next month or so.

But we encourage you to expeditiously get that material so that we can take this up right away. Thank you.

If there are no other comments, we're going to move on.

We have a speaker on this one as well who is on the phone. It's a discussion of license denial 7.1.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: 7.1 Is Tiffany Syritta Beasley, Case 2026050798.

The applicant applied for a slot machine/cardroom/pari-mutuel/individual combination occupation license in order to work in security.

Upon review of the completed application, it appears the applicant was convicted of one disqualifying offense. That was possession of cocaine, a felony in 2006. She has not held a

pari-mutuel license in this or any other state before.

On her initial application, the applicant put no when questioned about criminal convictions or having pled guilty or no contest to any criminal charges. She was sent one deficiency letter.

On her amended application, she listed all of the convictions for the arrest she was asked about and provided the records.

She does have unpaid court costs and fines from both the felony and the misdemeanor and for at least one traffic infraction. She is not eligible for a waiver due to this being a slot, cardroom, and combination license at Hard Rock Hollywood, so there was no waiver interview.

She has called in to speak today. The 90-day deadline is after the next meeting.

Based on the record and the applicable law, the commission may issue a letter of license denial.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Before we get to the speaker, I just have a question, Mr. Hundersmarck.

She -- she is applying for a security officer or sec -- it's something with security?

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Yes.

CHAIR BROWN: Okay.

Thank you, Ms. Parker.

MS. BEASLEY: Ms. Beasley. Tiffany.

CHAIR BROWN: Ms. Beasley, can you please state your name too for the record?

MS. BEASLEY: Yeah. Tiffany Beasley. Good morning.

CHAIR BROWN: Good morning.

MR. BEASLEY: I just wanted to speak on behalf regarding the -- my background that occurred some time ago, and I have worked hard to be responsible since the incident -- I want to say accident four years ago then.

My background was over 20 years, and it doesn't reflect who I am today. And I'm a single mother of five. I work hard to stay established and provide for my family, and I would love to keep -- to have that opportunity to keep my job.

I understand I take the license situation very seriously, and I'm grateful for the opportunity. And I want to just speak on the behalves to keep my job with my employer.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Beasley. Commissioners, are there questions for Ms. Beasley? Seeing none --

MS. BEASLEY: Yes, I did. I didn't -- I couldn't really hear.

CHAIR BROWN: Oh, we were just asking if there are questions. Thank you for your testimony.

All right. Commissioners, are there questions of staff?

MS. BEASLEY: I think there was one. I could hear people talking.

CHAIR BROWN: Are there questions of staff?

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: No.

CHAIR BROWN: All right. Comments on this item?

Yes, Commissioner Spicola.

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: The charges are older. What -- what is the amount of unpaid court costs?

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: I could not determine the exact amounts for the record today.

CHAIR BROWN: I cannot find that either. Do you want to ask her? Okay. Any other comments or questions?

And Mr. Hundersmarck, sh -- Mrs. Beasley hasn't had any other infractions since 2000 and -- si- was it six?

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Six.

CHAIR BROWN: Six. Yeah.

Correct.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Numerous criminal traffic offenses over the last few decades. The last point of contact aside from the traffic violations was the cannabis possession conviction.

CHAIR BROWN: Uh-huh. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: And clarification, that is year 2006.

CHAIR BROWN: Or seven -- sorry.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Or seven. Yeah.

CHAIR BROWN: That's more recent.

MR. HUNDERSMARCK: Yes, 2007 arrest.

CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner D'Aquila, any comments on this or thoughts?

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: None at this time.

CHAIR BROWN: Any Vice Chair? Okay.

Well, we're ready for a motion. And that would be either to issue a license permit or -- granted. Any takers here?

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: I would move that we issue a letter of license approval.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And thank you for that motion. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER CUDERMAN: Second.

CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion? I agree. She

will be granted a license, assuming we all vote in favor. All those in favor say aye.

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Aye.

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Aye.

VICE CHAIR REPP: Aye.

CHAIR BROWN: Passes unanimously. Thank you, Ms. Beasley, for your testimony.

With that, we're going into public comment. Is there anybody from the public that would like to address us today? Seeing none.

Are there any other items Commissioners wish to discuss? All right. This meeting is adjourned. Thank you so much and have a great day and a great Labor Day. Thanks.

(Thereupon, the meeting was concluded at 10:21 AM.)

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