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	1	Page 3 Thereupon,
	2	The following proceedings began at 10:02
	3	a.m.:
	4	MR. CHAIR: Call the meeting, the July 6th
	5	limited agenda meeting of the Florida Gaming
	6	Control Commission to order.
	7	Good morning, everybody. I do still want
	8	to start off just with a few housekeeping notes
	9	for everybody. For those that are joining us,
	10	because this is a limited agenda meeting,
	11	things like adoption of the meeting minutes of
	12	the last meeting and public comment on general
	13	subject matter would be reserved for our next
	14	regular business meeting of the Commission. We
	15	will only address the items that are actually
	16	on the select agenda for today's meeting.
	17	With that said, I do still want to start
	18	out with the Pledge.
	19	Mr. Vice Chairman, would you be inclined
	20	to lead us in a Pledge of Allegiance? I'm
	21	hoping everybody has a visible flag somewhere.
	22	MR. YAWORSKY: Absolutely. Be happy to.
	23	We'll just proceed like this.
	24	(Pledge of Allegiance.)
	25	MR. CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Vice Chairman.
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Page 4 Commission members, with your lead, I 1 2. think it would be good if we were to go ahead 3 and just jump straight into the agenda unless there's any objection or any other comments 4 5 that we feel are necessary before we start. 6 I'll defer to you all. 7 Hearing none, Mr. Trombetta, you have the 8 floor. Thank you, Chair. 9 MR. TROMBETTA: 10 Can everybody hear me okay? I should have 11 done that sooner, sorry. 12 Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Commissioners. Obviously our first kind of 13 public meeting here, so -- doing it virtually. 14 So for everybody else, just kind of bear with 15 us as we kind of get through this. 16 17 So the first -- we have three items on the 18 agenda today. The first one has to do with the director of the Division of Gaming Enforcement. 19 20 Second one has to do with tax credit transfer. 21 And the third one has to do sort of with an internal issue involving payment of bar fees. 2.2 23 So as you requested, the first item on the agenda is -- specifically deals with -- at the 24

last meeting, you had asked me to prepare an

- 1 advertisement for the director of Division of
- 2 Law Enforcement. We did that. We received
- 3 over 30 applications. I've reviewed all the
- 4 applications. And I'm going to be recommending
- 5 six people for kind of your initial round of
- 6 consideration. As a reminder, according to the
- 7 statute, this position is hired by the
- 8 Commission, so you're each able to include any
- 9 additional applicants into this pool beyond the
- 10 ones I'm going to mention.
- I believe the Chair may be able to provide
- 12 a little bit more information about the process
- 13 after that. But my recommendations are as
- 14 follows, and I'll kind of go a little bit slow
- 15 if we need to take notes. So first -- and it's
- 16 not in order, so it's just kind of randomly.
- 17 I've just kind of gone through the resumes and
- 18 these are the six that I would put forward.
- 19 Timothy Cannon, Joseph Kozlina (phonetic), Carl
- 20 Harold, Michael Drake, Robert Yop (phonetic),
- 21 and Vincent A'civez (phonetic).
- 22 Chair, do you have any questions or do you
- 23 need me to clarify any further any of the
- 24 names?
- 25 MR. CHAIR: I don't. I will just touch on

Page 6 process very briefly before I open it up for 1 2. questions and discussion. So, again, as you said at the last 3 4 meeting, we had directed the executive director 5 to advertise the position and to review the applications based on the criteria that we 6 7 identified. To be clear, what he is doing is based on his own fact finding, just indicating 8 to us the folks that he thinks, as an initial 9 10 round of consideration, would be the people 11 that he might work best with. 12 I have taken the opportunity to speak with each of the applicants who had turned in a 13 completed resume. And I'll tell you we had a 14 burden of abundance in this application 15 I spoke to a lot of incredibly highly 16 process. 17 qualified law enforcement individuals, probably 25 out of 35 of which would have easily made an 18 outstanding director of gaming enforcement. 19 20 For the sake of our limited ability to 21 look closely at everyone, my feeling would be that we could defer to the executive director's 2.2 23 recommendations on who he thinks we would work 24 with for our initial round of review. 25 To clarify what that initial round of

July 06, 2022 Page 7 review would be is, Commissioners, you are each 1 2 independently within your purview to interview or vet any of the applicants you want to your 3 And we will invite the -- the satisfaction. 4 initial round based upon your vote to a public 5 interview on the 27th where we'll really get 7 into their qualifications and maybe a selection 8 at that point. With that, I'll open it up to any 9 10 questions for the executive director or any 11 discussion by the members. 12 John D'Aquila here. MR. D'AOUILA: Ι would like to recommend that Lawrence Kelly be 13 added for consideration. 14 15 And I have a question for Executive Director Trombetta. Can you explain the 16 17 balance of investigations experience and 18 management experience? If you can briefly --19 you touched upon it briefly in the past 20 meeting. If you could just go over that one 21 more time. 2.2 MR. TROMBETTA: Yes, sir. So as you 23 mentioned, I provided in the last meeting -- I

think there was a bit of discussion among the

Commission about sort of what you guys were

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Page 8 looking for in candidates. When we drafted the 1 2. advertisement, we tried to capture that kind of And what I did then when I was looking 3 intent. through the applicants and reviewing the 4 5 applications ahead of making these recommendations, I was trying to balance both 6 7 the requirements. So we had minimums regarding the time that they were serving as law 8 enforcement officers, time as a -- serving as 9 10 manager, and the need for someone that has 11 experience doing more complex investigation 12 work. Now, from a going-forward perspective, I 13 also wanted to include good people that had 14 management experience because I think this is 15 kind of a unique role in that they're primarily 16 17 going to be helping us set up and run that 18 division initially. So the recommendations that I made kind of capture a blend of people 19 20 with experience doing complex investigations 21 and people that have been able to manage at a higher level other sworn law enforcement 2.2 23 officers or have acted on the operations or 24 administrative side or policy side in, you 25 know, law enforcement organizations.

Page 9 1 MR. D'AOUILA: Thank you. 2. MR. DRAGO: I have one question if I 3 could, Chair. 4 Chairman -- did I cut you off, Julie? 5 MS. BROWN: I will defer to you. MR. DRAGO: 6 Sorry. 7 MR. CHAIR: Commissioner Drago. 8 MR. DRAGO: I have a question as to, I 9 quess, the process from here on in what we're 10 going to do here today. So if I understand, Chairman, from what you just said, we would 11 take a list that we have here and either 12 interview the candidates or vet them some way 13 and then come back and present our selection at 14 the next meeting. Or would we be doing 15 interviews of these folks at the next meeting? 16 17 I'm just trying to clarify what our next step will be. 18 A little bit of combination of 19 MR. CHAIR: So, each commissioner, to the extent 20 the both. 21 that they desire to do so or to the extent that they feel comfortable not doing so, to whatever 2.2 23 level makes each individual commissioner comfortable, they can reach out to the 24 25 individual applicants, interview themselves,

- 1 review their background, vet to your
- 2 satisfaction. Then we will invite each of
- 3 these folks to the Commission meeting on the
- 4 27th for a public interview at which time each
- 5 commissioner will have obviously the
- 6 opportunity to directly question each
- 7 applicant. And then we'll open it up, as
- 8 always, for discussion amongst the Commission
- 9 members. And we'll take a vote if we find an
- 10 applicant that we all agree on. And if we
- 11 don't, we have not eliminated anybody from the
- 12 applicant pool.
- 13 Again, this is a recommendation of who we
- 14 should look at first, who we should interview
- 15 first. It is not an elimination of candidates
- or a narrowing of the pool. This is us in a
- 17 public forum being able to tell each other who
- 18 we're going to look at first.
- 19 MR. DRAGO: I got you. Thank you.
- I guess one other question is do we care
- 21 about the number that we come out of this
- 22 meeting with? And do we -- or do we want to
- 23 whittle it down somewhat? Or do we just want
- 24 to talk about whether we just want to move
- 25 forward, whatever the list is?

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Page 11 I -- and for my own opinion, I 1 MR. CHAIR: 2 don't think we are hard pressed for a number one way or the other. The quideline that I 3 would suggest is we can do as much as we think 4 5 is manageable. If the Commission members want to narrow the list to four or five, if they 6 7 want to go with a full -- I think we're up to seven names now, if we want to include 8 9 Mr. Kelly, as Commissioner D'Aquila has asked, 10 which I think we should accommodate, then we 11 can do so. 12 I don't think seven is too heavy of a lift for us. But, again, I'm going to defer to all 13 the Commission members and what you all think 14 15 is manageable. Thank you, Chairman. 16 MR. DRAGO: 17 MS. BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Drago, for 18 those questions because I had a similar realm. 19 And I just -- I did want to add one additional But the question that -- follow-up 20 21 from Commissioner Drago, Chair, is are we going to pay for the travel of -- some of the folks 2.2 23 on the list that was just recommended, I think one is from Illinois, are we going to -- do we 24

have funds to be able to accommodate them?

- 1 are we going to do Zoom -- offer them a Zoom or
- 2 GoToMeeting?
- MR. CHAIR: Again, this is up to the
- 4 discretion of the Commission as a whole body.
- 5 I'll give my opinion on that as an answer to
- 6 the question. I think it kind of is incumbent
- 7 upon us, given that it is a very competitive
- 8 position and we do have nationwide interest and
- 9 that we're only going to be selecting one
- 10 person, to go ahead and offer some sort of
- 11 virtual ability to appear before the Commission
- 12 so that we don't have to have everybody flying
- in, the majority of which are not going to be
- 14 selected for the job.
- 15 MS. BROWN: Right.
- MR. CHAIR: I think that's just the right
- 17 thing to do from my part, but we can put that
- 18 to -- we can put that to a vote as part of the
- 19 motion to move forward on the list when we get
- 20 there.
- 21 MS. BROWN: I think that's appropriate.
- 22 And I was just going to also provide
- 23 additional comment on the round -- the job
- 24 applicants. There were so many qualified
- 25 people, it is -- I mean, as you said, at least

- 1 25 could easily accommodate. There's a group
- 2 of really experienced professionals. One did
- 3 not make the list that Executive Director
- 4 mentioned, but just stuck out from my
- 5 perspective, a gentleman by the name of K.
- 6 Brian London. He is not even in the United
- 7 States right this second, it looks like from
- 8 his resume, but if you look at it, it is -- he
- 9 looks extremely impressive. And I'd love the
- 10 opportunity to talk with him. I think it would
- 11 be great if the Commissioners look -- paid a
- 12 little attention to that resume, too.
- 13 That's all.
- MR. CHAIR: All right. So, Commissioners,
- 15 hearing discussion, my preference would be that
- 16 that we do accommodate both Commissioners who
- 17 want to add a name to the list. Eight, I do
- 18 not believe is too heavy for us to manageably
- 19 vet and independently interview. It starts to
- 20 get a little bit heavy for the next meeting
- 21 when we do the public interviews, that can run
- 22 a little bit long. I am more than willing to
- 23 accommodate -- to accommodate eight public
- 24 interviews at that meeting. We'll just have to
- 25 be conscientious of moving the time along.

- 1 And, again, I defer to you.
- 2 That particular topic of do we want to
- 3 address all eight is -- I want to open the
- 4 floor for discussion on that.
- 5 MR. D'AQUILA: Chairman, I believe eight
- 6 in a combination of virtual and live might be
- 7 somewhat awkward. I might recommend -- or for
- 8 consideration that all interviews be virtual
- 9 because it might be unfair to those that are
- 10 virtual and present and presenting where others
- 11 are live. Just having been in this situation
- 12 in the past just for consideration. Everyone
- is on equal footing in that manner.
- 14 Secondly, I wonder if we can make a goal
- of having a two-step interview process whereby
- 16 we narrow it down to three -- two or three for
- 17 the meeting which I believe is on the 27th, if
- 18 my memory's correct. Just for consideration,
- 19 discussion.
- 20 MR. CHAIR: Other Commissioners?
- 21 MR. YAWORSKY: Mr. Chair, just one
- 22 first -- one clarification question on the
- 23 process. During the intervening period of
- 24 today, whatever the result of today's
- 25 discussion is, and the next meeting, is there

- 1 a -- is staff going to go ahead and invite
- 2 those individuals to begin a -- fill out the
- 3 process information for background checks and
- 4 other things so if the Commission is prepared
- 5 to make a decision at the next meeting, that
- 6 they can hit the ground running with all
- 7 prechecks and clearances already hopefully
- 8 taken care of?
- 9 MR. CHAIR: There would -- if we do that
- 10 today, then, yes, there would at least be a
- 11 headstart. I don't know that the background
- 12 process will be complete as of July 27th for
- them to be able to immediately hit the ground
- 14 running. But, yes, they would at least get a
- 15 three-week headstart on getting that done. I
- 16 think that's an excellent idea.
- With that said, Commissioner D'Aquila,
- 18 I -- I will defer to the body. I kind of like
- 19 the idea of the applicants who are here in
- 20 Florida actually appearing live. To the extent
- 21 that that offers a little bit of inequity for
- 22 the folks who are applying out of state, I'm
- 23 going to candidly point out that the folks from
- 24 out of state already do come with at least a
- 25 little bit of a built-in handicap in that one

- 1 of the benefits for folks who are working in
- 2 Florida is their experience working with CJSTC,
- 3 working with FDLE's professional standards
- 4 division, having the knowledge and insight on
- 5 how to work with Florida's law enforcement
- 6 regulatory bodies to get us up and running very
- 7 fast.
- 8 So, with that said, the folks who are
- 9 applying from out of state, this is their
- 10 opportunity to come before us, hit a grand
- 11 slam, knock our socks off. Notwithstanding
- 12 whatever -- however far behind they might be in
- 13 the race, they're still the best person. But
- 14 that -- that inequity, I think, is already
- 15 built in. And I don't think we exacerbate it
- 16 too much by having them do a virtual meeting
- 17 while we have folks who can actually appear in
- 18 person come in person.
- 19 I find a certain value of having them
- 20 there and actually being able to see them live.
- 21 If that doesn't cause too much consternation
- 22 amongst the other commissioners.
- MR. D'AOUILA: So it will be their choice
- 24 and their experience if they decide to appear
- 25 live; is that correct? Or are we -- expense

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Page 17 of -- the earlier question that was raised? 1 2 MR. CHAIR: I don't think that we should 3 cover the expense for them to appear live. I don't know that that's a good use of public 4 5 funds at this point. I think they have a fair enough shot that we don't have to spend public 6 7 money to make it even more overtly fair. 8 that's -- again, I'm one of five opinions here, 9 so --10 MR. DRAGO: Chairman, if I could just pipe 11 in here a little bit. I think there are some 12 issues with virtual and appearing in person. However, I think that if we invite everyone to 13 come in in person and they -- some choose not 14 to and who would rather do it virtually because 15 they don't want to spend money or don't have 16 17 time or whatever the case may be, that we then 18 allow them to do that, but then they do that at 19 their own risk, so to speak, not coming in in 20 person. 21 Florida people will most likely come in in 2.2 person. And some out of state people may 23 decide they want to come in in person. I agree

that I don't think we should pay for that

transportation. I think that -- that's up to

- 1 them if they want to -- if they really want the
- 2 job, they'll probably come down in person and
- 3 be willing to pay for it because that's -- I
- 4 mean, that's how it works. Generally speaking,
- 5 in the public sector, especially in law
- 6 enforcement, people looking for police chiefs
- 7 jobs or whatnot, they're on their own in many
- 8 cases, some will pay for them, many cases --
- 9 So I think that if we allow them to do
- 10 that, we don't disqualify them if they don't
- 11 show up in person, but we allow them to do
- 12 that. And if they choose to do it virtually,
- 13 then they still can do it.
- 14 MR. CHAIR: That sounds like a very fair
- 15 balance to me. I'm a pretty big fan of
- 16 personal choice.
- 17 Moving on to the other part of the
- 18 question. Commissioners, how do you feel about
- 19 the list? Is eight names too burdensome for a
- 20 public meeting on the 27th? Do we want to make
- 21 the attempt to discuss candidates to narrow at
- 22 this point? Or do we want to see if we can do
- 23 the heavy lift for eight people?
- MS. BROWN: Chair, I was going to suggest,
- 25 because after we talk -- and I don't know if

Page 19 I'm frozen here or if you can just hear me --1 2 MR. CHAIR: I hear you great. 3 MS. BROWN: Okay. Thank you. I was going to suggest -- because after we 4 5 talked to these candidates, some we may not want to even have them present before us, you 6 7 know. We haven't had the opportunity yet to 8 even to screen them. I was going to suggest filtering -- giving the executive director our 9 10 top three candidates to interview and that could whittle down the list a bit further after 11 12 we've had an opportunity to talk with all eight -- is that eight candidates? 13 I think that that's a 14 MR. CHATR: 15 perfectly reasonable approach. And Commissioner D'Aquila, I'm sorry in my 16 17 responses to the multiple questions that came 18 up, I think you had made a similar suggestion 19 as well that I didn't follow-up on, I 20 apologize. I'm happy to do that. I want to 21 point out to the Commission the cost of that would just probably be a little bit more delay 2.2 23 in the meeting because I don't believe we can narrow the list prior to meeting on the 27th 24 25 unless we call another Commission meeting.

Page 20 And we can do that. We can all another --1 2. we can call a limited agenda Zoom meeting like this prior to the meeting on the 27th just to 3 give him our top three if that's what -- if 4 5 that's what your desire would be. I don't think we want to push this too much past the 6 7 27th. To my mind, as of last Friday, we had a 8 public charge to start enforcing the criminal gaming laws in Florida and just don't have the 9 10 infrastructure to do that yet. So I think 11 there's an onus on us to move quickly, to the 12 extent we can. With that said, I'll defer to the body 13 again. 14 15 MS. BROWN: Mr. Trombetta, do you have any opinion on how to whittle the list down a 16 17 little bit more? MR. TROMBETTA: 18 No, I mean, I'd be happy 19 to do that. I think that might make the next 20 meeting go a little bit smoother, but I was 21 actually going to -- sorry, to pass this one on 2.2 to Ross, general counsel, and see if he has any 23 thoughts on whether we need have a second meeting just to narrow the list down or if 24 25 that's something that could be done, you know,

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Page 21 kind of out of the Sunshine, that you guys kind 1 2 of give me your top three and then we have those -- you know, I kind of find whatever -- I 3 don't know how you want to narrow it, but if 4 5 like -- you know, if at least two commissioners have somebody listed as an interview, then I 6 7 can go forward. If you guys come up with a number like that -- I mean, I'd prefer a second 8 9 opinion here, but I think that can be done 10 outside of Sunshine as long as you put it in a box here today, tell me what to do. You could 11 12 follow-up with your applicants, then we can narrow it down in some order that you guys tell 13 me to do today. And then we can kind of go 14 15 from there if that's the direction you guys want to move forward as a body. 16 17 Ross, do you have any thoughts? Am I off 18 here? 19 MR. YAWORSKY: I'm sorry, real quick, if I could jump in here. I would just kind of 20 21 present a counter-argument. I think that while eight candidates can be -- it could be a --2.2 23 wind up being a long meeting. Or if we want to have a future meeting to narrow it down to 24

three, I personally think it would be best for

Page 22 us to do that in a meeting format rather than 1 2 an email or some sort of off-record exchange -not off the record, but an exchange and compile 3 based on the feedback on the individual 4 I think it would be better to 5 commissioners. have that discussion in a public setting at a 6 7 meeting, whether we do it in an intervening meeting or if we just go ahead and decide to 8 While it seems like it 9 interview all eight. 10 would be a long meeting, this is a -- this is a big job. And I think that eight candidates is 11 12 not unreasonable when you look at all the applicants we had and the caliber of applicants 13 that we received. I think that it may be a 14 15 good exercise of our time to -- personally, I think it might be a good exercise of our time 16 17 to meet publicly and have a discussion or -and then whittle it or make a decision there. 18 19 But I -- that would be my preference on --20 I agree with Commissioner MR. DRAGO: 21 Yaworsky on that. And I think that not only is it important to do, I think in the Sunshine, 2.2 23 but I think that if we do it as a group, some of us may ask questions that may enlighten 24 25 somebody else where they may have said, no, I

- 1 don't really like this person, but they didn't
- 2 really -- they didn't ask this particular
- 3 question or that particular question.
- 4 I think the breadth of knowledge here on
- 5 this Commission will help each of us ask
- 6 questions we may not have thought about or so
- 7 forth and have a much better opportunity to
- 8 interview and dig in deep to these candidates.
- 9 Because like everyone's saying, they're all
- 10 very qualified people. It's going to come down
- 11 to, you know, hairline decisions on some of
- 12 them. So I think that it should be -- it
- 13 should be the Commission that decides that.
- 14 And I wouldn't want to see us eliminate
- 15 anybody, even though I agree, everybody's --
- 16 what everybody's saying in terms of eight
- 17 people, it's going to be a long meeting, but
- 18 I -- I think it's necessary. And I think it
- 19 will be beneficial not only to the Agency but
- 20 to the individuals that are having an
- 21 opportunity to face the whole board.
- MR. CHAIR: So I agree with the vice chair
- 23 and Commissioner Drago mostly because I think
- 24 the heavy lift of doing a long meeting on the
- 25 27th and interviewing everybody on the 27th is

- 1 certainly the lesser evil of any risks that we
- 2 would take of bumping up against the -- putting
- 3 our toes on the line and be open to government
- 4 law. I'd rather just do it as above board as
- 5 possible. And if that requires a little bit
- 6 more work on our part, then like I said, I
- 7 think that's the lesser evil.
- 8 With that, Commissioners, I think what we
- 9 would ask for is a motion to move forward with
- 10 the list presented by the executive director as
- 11 amended by Commissioner D'Aquila and
- 12 Commissioner Brown, and that we can invite them
- 13 for public interview on the 27th. In the
- 14 interim between the 27th and now, we would each
- 15 conduct our own interviews. And I believe
- 16 Dixie will be available to each commissioner to
- 17 coordinate those interviews for you.
- With that said, I just rambled for a long
- 19 time on describing the motion I think we need.
- 20 But it is a motion to proceed with the list
- 21 provided by the executive director and as
- 22 amended.
- MS. BROWN: So moved with the caveat that
- 24 they may be given the opportunity to appear on
- 25 the 27th virtually.

- 1 MR. CHAIR: Indeed, indeed.
- 2 So we have a motion to move forward with
- 3 the list as amended and provide the opportunity
- 4 to appear virtually, if necessary.
- 5 Do I have a second?
- 6 MR. D'AQUILA: Second.
- 7 MR. CHAIR: And any discussion? Any
- 8 debate?
- 9 Hearing none, the motion carries.
- 10 Thank you.
- 11 Mr. Trombetta, can we move on to the
- 12 agenda item number two?
- MR. TROMBETTA: Yes, sir. So, second
- 14 agenda item has to do with the transfer of
- 15 Greyhound tax credit. So this is an item that
- 16 you guys, as commissioners, will be getting a
- 17 few times a year. I think we handle about 12
- 18 to 15 of these a year.
- 19 Essentially -- so this one factually on
- 20 June 9th, Bonita-Fort Myers, a Greyhound permit
- 21 holder, requested to transfer \$260,000 of its
- 22 tax credits to Daytona, another Greyhound
- 23 permit holder. By statute, all Greyhound
- 24 permit holders are provided some amount of tax
- 25 credits annually that they're also to then

- 1 transfer if certain conditions are met.
- 2 The Commission of PMW has reviewed this
- 3 request and has confirmed that all relevant
- 4 conditions are satisfied. So this action,
- 5 which is -- by statute, needs Commission
- 6 approval. I'm going to recommend, based on the
- 7 information contained in the meeting materials
- 8 which have been provided and that will be
- 9 included in the record, and the recommendation
- 10 made by the Division, I ask that the Commission
- 11 take up for consideration and approval the
- 12 request to transfer these tax credits.
- MR. CHAIR: Commissioners, any questions?
- 14 Any debate?
- Do I hear a motion as described by the
- 16 director?
- 17 MR. DRAGO: I'd like to make a motion to
- 18 accept and approve.
- 19 MR. CHAIR: Do I have a second?
- MR. D'AQUILA: Second.
- 21 MR. CHAIR: Any objection?
- Hearing none, show the motion carries.
- 23 Mr. Trombetta, item number three.
- 24 MR. TROMBETTA: Okay. The third and final
- 25 item of today has to do with the discussion of

- 1 bar dues. So state agencies in general make
- 2 decisions about payment of bar dues for
- 3 attorneys. We are in a little bit of a unique
- 4 situation because of the way the authority is
- 5 provided for the statute for the executive
- 6 director.
- 7 So, again, as you mentioned in item one,
- 8 just to be clear, I wanted to put this on
- 9 agenda. It's my understanding that as the
- 10 executive director, I'm responsible for
- 11 supervising, administering, directing,
- 12 coordinating all activities necessary to help
- 13 the Commission fulfill its duties. I believe
- 14 having attorneys that are members of the bar as
- 15 part of our organization are critical to this
- 16 need. So I'm requesting that you guys
- 17 authorize me to make a formal document that
- 18 contains the kind of requirements for having
- 19 the gaming commission pay bar dues for its
- 20 member attorneys.
- 21 MR. CHAIR: Commission members, any
- 22 questions?
- Do I hear a motion as requested by the
- 24 executive director?
- MS. BROWN: Move to approve as provided.

1	Page 28 MR. CHAIR: And do I hear a second?
2	MR. YAWORSKY: Second.
3	MR. CHAIR: I'm sorry?
4	MR. YAWORSKY: Second.
5	MR. CHAIR: Thank you, Commissioner.
6	Do I have any opposition?
7	Hearing none, show the motion carries.
8	Thank you, Mr. Trombetta.
9	Commissioners, I do just want to point out
10	that the last two agenda items, they're not the
11	type of things that we will typically put on
12	our limited agendas. But would be sort of
13	reserved for our general business meeting. The
14	only reason of which, of course, is with an
15	upcoming conference, we had to push back the
16	meeting date for our July meeting and these
17	were some timely issues that needed to be done
18	before date certain. So, apologies for
19	extending out the limited agenda that should
20	we will try to be normally doing that during
21	our normal business meetings.
22	With that, Commissioners, is there
23	anything else just for the good of the order?
24	Do I have a motion to adjourn?
25	MR. D'AQUILA: Motion to adjourn.

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     MR. DRAGO: Second.
     MR. CHAIR: Show us adjourned.
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     Thank you very much, all.
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