

JULIE I. BROWN, VICE CHAIR CHUCK DRAGO, COMMISSIONER JOHN D'AQUILA, COMMISSIONER TINA REPP, COMMISSIONER

# Meeting Agenda Thursday, November 16, 2023 10:00 AM

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- 1. HISA assessment discussion
- 2. Discussion of amended application for cardroom license
  - 2.1 2023-062428 Fronton Holding, LLC
- 3. Public comments

# 1. HISA Assessment Discussion



# Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority 401 W Main Street, Suite 222 Lexington, Kentucky 40507

October 31, 2023

Joe Dillmore
Florida Department of Pari-Mutuel Wagering
Via email – joe.dillmore@flgaming.gov

Dear Mr. Dillmore,

I am writing to advise you of Florida's HISA financial assessment for 2024 and all related details.

As indicated in the state-by-state assessment document attached to this email, Florida's 2024 HISA assessment (gross) is \$6,785,257. However, as detailed below, it is expected to be reduced to \$5,100,257 after sample collection credits are applied.

The assessment represents Florida's gross total obligation for 2024 in accordance with the HISA cost assessment methodology rule approved by the Federal Trade Commission. The assessment includes financial support for:

- The Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) Program that will be administered nationally by the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU);
- HISA's Racetrack Safety Program;
- HISA's technology build and maintenance to support all of its Programs; and
- HISA administration, including staff salaries and organizational operations.

I have attached as Addendum 1 HISA's 2024 budget so that you may review the specific investments designated for each area of HISA's mandate.

If HIWU and Florida reach an agreement for services to be provided by the commission and/or the tracks in 2024, Florida is eligible for the following monetary credits against the assessment:

\$1,334,000 for HIWU-Authorized Collection Personnel in your state. You will be eligible to receive this credit so long as HIWU-Authorized Collection Personnel are provided to perform Race Day testing, as agreed to in a Voluntary Implementation Agreement with HIWU. Race Day Testing includes, but is not limited to, Post-Race Samples and TCO2 testing and may include other collections conducted by HIWU-Authorized Collection Personnel on Race Days, including sample collections for out-of-competition, vet's list, and clearance testing. This amount is calculated based on



- the current projections for the number of 2024 Race Days, and therefore it may be adjusted if there are changes in the number of Race Days or the number of samples collected.
- An estimated potential of up to \$351,000 for additional HIWU-Authorized Collection Personnel in your state to conduct sample collections not collected on Race Day, including, but not limited to, sample collections for out-of-competition, vet's list, and clearance testing. You will be credited for the amount of non-Race Day sample collections conducted by HIWU-Authorized Collection Personnel, as agreed to by Florida and HIWU. This amount will be adjusted in the 2024 True-Up to reflect the actual amount of non-Race Day sample collections conducted in Florida during 2024.

Please note that the actual amount that will be charged to Florida to fund HISA's 2024 operations will be a sum of the following components:

- The gross assessment of \$6,785,257;
- The estimated total of \$1,685,000 in credits detailed above;
- The 2023 True-Up, which will consist of the following:
  - A recalculation of the 2023 assessments based on actual starts and purses paid in each state (the 2023 assessments were originally calculated based on historical data);
  - A credit for Florida's share of any money collected but not spent by HISA in 2023 (or an additional charge for Florida's share of total expenses incurred by HISA that exceed the amount collected);
  - A true-up of the credit given vs. the actual amount earned in 2023 for Race Day sample collection in Florida;
  - A true-up of the credit given vs. the actual amount earned in 2023 for non-Race Day sample collection in Florida; and
  - A credit for any investigations conducted by state personnel at the direction of HIWU as agreed upon in the Voluntary Implementation Agreement.

The deadline to advise HISA whether the state will opt-in to the 2024 financial assessment is November 17, 2023. Please be advised that while we would prefer that the state fully opt-in, HISA will accept partial payments from the state if that is your preference. Should Florida choose not to opt in, we will need the Florida racetracks to submit their proposed Covered Person allocation for paying the assessment by December 10, 2023. Regardless of whether Florida opts in, HISA will accept payment in installments should that be preferred.

The attached Addendum 2 contains the specific amounts that would fall to each racetrack in Florida to cover should Florida choose to opt-out and pass the financial assessments to the individual racetracks. Addendum 3 provides a breakdown of the assessment costs and credits by state and Addendum 4 provides a breakdown of the assessment costs and credits by racetrack.



Should you wish to discuss any of these matters, I am available at your convenience. Thank you for your kind consideration of the above.

Sincerely,

Lisa Lazarus HISA CEO

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P.S. Please forward this letter and the addendums to your applicable horsemen's group(s).

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# **HISA** 2024 Summary Budget

#	# Name				
Revenu	<u>e</u>				
4200	Assessments Income	\$	-		
4300	Racetrack Safety Fines Income	\$	180,000		
4305	ADMC Fines Income	\$	1,433,60		
4350	Lab Test Income	\$	1,736,50		
4190	Other Revenue	\$	240,00		
4150	In-Kind Revenue	\$	12,00		
Total Re	evenue	\$	3,602,100		
Expense	<u>es</u>				
5200	Salaries	\$	4,096,30		
5210	Payroll Tax Expense	\$	308,20		
5290	Other Employee Benefits	\$	443,20		
5310	Board & Committee Travel	\$	33,00		
5410	Rent	\$	12,00		
5420	Phone	\$	1,20		
5430	Meeting Expenses	\$	117,00		
5440	Travel	\$	458,50		
5450	Memberships & Subscriptions	\$	1,20		
5480	Interest Expense	\$	100,00		
5490	Bank & Credit Card Fees	\$	9,60		
5500	Supplies	\$	92,50		
5510	Postage	\$	1,50		
5710	Licenses & Fees	\$			
5810	Accounting	\$	110,80		
5815	Public Relations Services	\$	410,00		
5820	Legal - General	\$	1,370,00		
5821	Legal - Ceneral Legal - Lawsuits	\$	2,220,00		
5825	Technology	\$	600,50		
5830	Insurance	\$	34,30		
5840	Payroll Svcs.	\$	24,00		
	•	\$			
5850	Printing & Publication		3,00		
5890	Professional Services	\$	9,494,40		
5910	HIWU	\$	37,957,40		
5915	Accreditation Services	\$	330,00		
5920	Racetrack Surface Testing	\$	715,00		
5925	Lab Testing	\$	20,919,00		
3150 7000	In-Kind Expenses Realized Foreign Currency (Gain)/Loss	\$ \$	12,00		
Total Ex	penses	\$	79,874,60		
Total Ch	ange in Net Assets	\$	(76,272,50		
Loans to	be repaid	\$	(1,250,000		
Total to	be assessed	\$	(77,522,50		
Credits 6	expected to be utilized by industry in 2024	\$	18,740,60		
	ount to industry if credits are utilized	\$	(58,781,90		

departmental budgets:

- -Racetrack Safety
- -Anti-Doping & Medication Control (ADMC)
- -Technology
- -Admin

# HISA 2024 Budget Racetrack Safety

	2024			
#	Name	Budget		
Revenue		_		
4300	Racetrack Safety Fines Income	\$ 180,000		
4290	Other Revenue	\$ 240,000		
		\$ 420,000		
Expenses				
5200	Salaries	\$ 1,427,800		
5210	Payroll Tax Expense	\$ 114,200		
5290	Other Employee Benefits	\$ 195,700		
5430	Meetings	\$ 82,000		
5440	Travel	\$ 158,000		
5500	Supplies	\$ 19,000		
5890	Professional Services	\$ 897,500		
5915	Accreditation Services	\$ 330,000		
5920	Racetrack Surface Testing	\$ 715,000		
		\$ 3,939,200		
		\$ (3,519,200)		

# HISA 2024 Budget ADMC

	Account			2024	
#	Name		Budget		
Revenue	<u>s</u>			_	
4305	ADMC Fines Income	Ş	\$	1,433,600	
4350	Lab Test Income	<u> </u>	\$	1,736,500	
		-5	\$	3,170,100	
Expenses	<u>5</u>				
5200	Salaries	ç	\$	-	
5210	Payroll Tax Expense	Ş	\$	-	
5290	Other Employee Benefits	Ş	\$	-	
5440	Travel	Ş	\$	12,000	
5500	Supplies	Ş	\$	2,500	
5890	Professional Services	Ş	\$	2,746,900	
5910	HIWU	Ş	\$	37,957,400	
5925	Lab Testing	Ş	\$	20,919,000	
		-	\$	61,637,800	
	Total	-	\$	(58,467,700)	

# HISA 2024 Budget HIWU

Salaries	\$ 6,725,000
Payroll Tax Expense	\$ 315,000
Other Employee Benefits	\$ 492,000
Rent	\$ 107,100
Office Expense	\$ 56,500
Telecommunications	\$ 59,800
Travel	\$ 785,500
Supplies	\$ 900,000
<b>Professional Services</b>	\$ 2,125,700
Technology	\$ 1,025,000
Organizational Insurance	\$ 351,400
Resources and Education	\$ 90,500
Taxes - Other	\$ 13,800
ADMC Collection Costs	\$ 22,098,500
Management Fees	\$ 2,811,600
	\$ 37,957,400

# HISA 2024 Budget Technology Dept.

# Account

		2024
#	Name	Budget
5200	Salaries	\$ 720,000
5210	Payroll Tax Expense	\$ 57,600
5290	Other Employee Benefits	\$ 93,600
5440	Travel	\$ 145,000
5500	Supplies	\$ 59,000
5825	Technology	\$ 600,500
5890	Professional Services	\$ 5,291,500
		\$ 6,967,200

# HISA 2024 Budget Administration

	Account		2024
#	Name		Budget
Revenue			_
4200	Assessments Income	\$	-
4290	Other Revenue	\$	-
4150	In-Kind Contributions	\$ \$ \$ \$	12,000
		\$	12,000
Expenses			
5200	Salaries	\$	1,948,500
5210	Payroll Tax Expense	\$	136,400
5290	Other Employee Benefits	\$	153,800
5310	Board & Committee Travel	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	33,000
5410	Rent	\$	12,000
5420	Phone	\$	1,200
5430	Meetings	\$	35,000
5440	Travel	\$	143,500
5450	Memberships & Subscriptions	\$	1,200
5480	Interest Exp.	\$	100,000
5490	Bank & Credit Card Fees	\$	9,600
5500	Supplies	\$	12,000
5510	Postage	\$	1,500
5710	Licenses & Fees	\$	-
5810	Accounting Svcs.	\$	110,800
5815	P/R Svcs.	\$	410,000
5820	Legal-Gen'l	\$	1,370,000
5821	Legal-Lawsuits	\$ \$ \$ \$	2,220,000
5830	Insurance	\$	34,300
5840	Payroll Svcs.	\$	24,000
5850	Printing & Publication	\$	3,000
5890	Professional Services	\$	558,500
6150	In-Kind Expenses	\$	12,000
7000	Realized Foreign Currency (Gain)/Loss	\$ \$ \$	-
		\$	7,330,300
		\$	(7,318,300)

# Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority 2024 Assessments by Track - Updated Florida

	Gulfstream Park	Tampa Bay Downs	Total
Component			
2024 Assessment, gross	\$ 5,569,602	\$ 1,215,655	\$ 6,785,257
HIWU Credits - Updated			
Race Day Sample Collection	\$ (1,094,999)	\$ (239,001)	\$ (1,334,000)
Non-Race Day Sample Collection	\$ (288,114)	\$ (62,886)	\$ (351,000)
2023 True-Up	TBD	TBD	\$ -
2024 Assessment, net	\$ 4,186,489	\$ 913,768	\$ 5,100,257

# 2024 Assessments by State

	_				Т		-		1			_			
									Start Fee for						
									Projected					Revis	ed State
				Purses/	% of	% of		Start Fee for	Purse	Total Start	Initial State	1 1	0% Cap		with 10%
State	p	Purses (Paid)	Starts	Start	Starts	Purses	% Purses/% Starts	Projected Starts	Starts	Fee	Total		ustment		rse Cap
AR	\$	48,514,660	5,673	\$8,552	2.5%	4.0%	1.63	\$168.68	\$275.18	\$443.86	\$2,518,014	•	(6,246)		,524,259
AZ	\$	16,571,601	7,234	\$2,291	3.1%	1.4%	0.44	\$168.68	\$73.71	\$242.39	\$1,753,466		96,306		,657,160
CA	_	129,480,524	20,629	\$6,277	9.0%	10.7%	1.20	\$168.68	\$201.97	\$370.65	\$7,646,089		(18,965)		,665,054
CO	\$	3,634,824	1,998	\$1,819	0.9%	0.3%	0.35	\$168.68	\$58.54	\$227.22	\$453,983		90,500		363,482
DE	\$	21,464,218	4,593	\$4,673	2.0%	1.8%	0.89	\$168.68	\$150.37	\$319.05	\$1,465,417		(3,635)		,469,051
FL	T	98,468,798	21,342	\$4,614	9.3%	8.2%	0.88	\$168.68	\$148.46	\$317.14	\$6,768,469		(16,788)		,785,257
IA	\$	17,383,745	3,709	\$4,687	1.6%	1.4%	0.89	\$168.68	\$150.81	\$319.49	\$1,185,003		(2,939)		,187,942
IL	<u> </u>	22,584,720	7,624	\$2,962	3.3%	1.9%	0.57	\$168.68	\$95.32	\$264.00	\$2,012,740		(4,992)		2,017,732
IN	\$	33,107,785	7,849	\$4,218	3.4%	2.7%	0.80	\$168.68	\$135.73	\$304.41	\$2,389,302		(5,926)		,395,228
KY		178,540,998	16,195	\$11,024	7.0%	14.8%	2.10	\$168.68	\$354.74	\$523.42	\$8,476,820		(21,025)		,497,845
LA		72,050,410	19,588	\$3,678	8.5%	6.0%	0.70	\$168.68	\$118.36	\$287.04	\$5,622,520	\$	(13,946)		,636,466
MD		66,614,135	11,136	\$5,982	4.8%	5.5%	1.14	\$168.68	\$192.48	\$361.16	\$4,021,912	\$	(9,976)	\$ 4	,031,888
MN	\$	11,075,313	3,111	\$3,560	1.4%	0.9%	0.68	\$168.68	\$114.55	\$283.23	\$881,142	\$	(2,186)	\$	883,327
NJ		31,448,782	4,702	\$6,688	2.0%	2.6%	1.28	\$168.68	\$215.22	\$383.90	\$1,805,084	\$	(4,477)	\$ 1	,809,561
NM		26,856,437	7,095	\$3,785	3.1%	2.2%	0.72	\$168.68	\$121.80	\$290.48	\$2,060,963	\$	(5,112)	\$ 2	2,066,075
NY		181,382,376	18,933	\$9,580	8.2%	15.1%	1.83	\$168.68	\$308.27	\$476.95	\$9,030,094	\$	(22,398)	\$ 9	,052,492
ОН		52,988,882	16,420	\$3,227	7.1%	4.4%	0.62	\$168.68	\$103.84	\$272.52	\$4,474,785	\$	(11,099)	\$ 4	,485,884
OK		23,945,375	7,187	\$3,332	3.1%	2.0%	0.64	\$168.68	\$107.21	\$275.89	\$1,982,810	\$	(4,918)	\$ 1	,987,728
PA		97,765,887	23,096	\$4,233	10.1%	8.1%	0.81	\$168.68	\$136.21	\$304.89	\$7,041,715	\$	(17,466)	\$ 7	,059,181
VA	\$	13,990,713	1,975	\$7,084	0.9%	1.2%	1.35	\$168.68	\$227.94	\$396.62	\$783,332		(1,943)		785,275
WA	\$	7,252,476	2,835	\$2,558	1.2%	0.6%	0.49	\$168.68	\$82.32	\$251.00	\$711,576		(1,765)		713,340
WV		49,474,351	16,868	\$2,933	7.3%	4.1%	0.56	\$168.68	\$94.38	\$263.06	\$4,437,264		(11,006)		,448,270
	2	1,204,597,010	229,792		100.0%	100.0%					\$ 77,522,500	\$	0	\$ 77	,522,500

Note 1: this excludes states that don't have tracks conducting Covered Horseraces, including Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Texas, & Wyoming. Note 2: the above Purses Paid and Starts data is for the period Aug. 1, 2022 thru July 31, 2023. This excludes Breeders' Cup at Keeneland.

# 2024 Assessments by Track

					% of purses in	ы	SA fee per		1
State	Track	Starts	P	urses Paid	state		start	HIS	A annual cost
AR	Oaklawn	5,673	\$	48,514,660	100.0%	\$	444.96	\$	2,524,259
AZ	Ariz. Downs	555	\$	1,155,825	7.0%	\$	208.26	\$	115,583
AZ	Rillito	610		900,300	5.4%	\$	147.59	\$	90,030
AZ	Turf Paradise	6,069	\$	14,515,476	87.6%	\$	239.17	\$	1,451,548
CA	Del Mar	3,590	\$	32,667,686	25.2%	\$	538.68	\$	1,933,878
CA	Ferndale	193	\$	362,021	0.3%	\$	111.04	\$	21,431
CA	Fresno	385	\$	1,197,796	0.9%	\$	184.18	\$	70,908
CA	Golden Gate	7,003	\$	25,256,727	19.5%	\$	213.50	\$	1,495,161
CA	Los Alamitos TB	887	\$	1,365,275	1.1%	\$	91.12	\$	80,822
CA	Los Alamitos TB during QH meet	1,280	<u> </u>	7,067,104	5.5%	\$	326.85	\$	418,362
CA	Pleasanton	604	\$	2,391,266	1.8%	\$	234.37	\$	141,559
CA	Santa Anita	6,150	\$	57,049,094	44.1%	\$	549.14	\$	3,377,221
CA	Sacramento	248	\$	951,529	0.7%	\$	227.13	\$	56,329
CA	Santa Rosa	289	\$	1,172,026	0.9%	\$	240.08	\$	69,382
CO	Arapahoe	1,998	\$	3,634,824	100.0%	\$	181.92	\$	363,482
DE	Delaware Park	4,593	\$	21,464,218	100.0%	\$	319.85	\$	1,469,051
FL	Gulfstream	14,980	\$	80,827,010	82.1%	\$	371.80	\$	5,569,602
FL	Tampa	6,362	\$	17,641,788	17.9%	\$	191.08	\$	1,215,655
IA	Prairie Meadows	3,709	\$	17,383,745	100.0%	\$	320.29	\$	1,187,942
IL	Fanduel (Fairmount)	2,244	\$	5,240,123	23.2%	\$	208.63	\$	468,156
IL IL	Hawthorne	5,380	\$	17,344,597	76.8%	\$	288.03	\$	1,549,577
IN	Horseshoe (Indiana Grand)	7,849	\$	33,107,785	100.0%	\$	305.16	\$	2,395,228
KY	Churchill Downs	4,689	\$	70,195,942	39.3%	\$	712.53	\$	3,341,049
KY	Ellis Park	2,536	<del>-</del>	26,389,450	14.8%	\$	495.28	\$	1,256,033
KY	KY Downs	776	\$	17,863,298	10.0%	\$	1,095.65	\$	850,222
KY	Keeneland	2,744	\$	37,637,379	21.1%	\$	652.84	\$	1,791,390
KY	Turfway	5,450	<del>'</del>	26,454,929	14.8%	\$	231.04	\$	1,259,150
LA	Delta Downs	6,020		19,604,915	27.2%	\$	254.76	\$	1,533,682
LA	Evangeline Downs	4,666	\$	13,300,835	18.5%	\$	223.00	\$	1,040,517
LA	Fair Grounds	5,038		29,933,100	41.5%	\$	464.80	\$	2,341,651
LA	Louisiana Downs	3,864	\$	9,211,560	12.8%	\$	186.49	\$	720,616
MD	Laurel	9,013	\$	51,663,625	77.6%	\$	346.94	\$	3,126,993
MD	Pimlico	1,756	<u> </u>	12,955,623	19.4%	\$	446.56	\$	784,152
MD	Timonium	367	\$	1,994,887	3.0%	\$	329.00	\$	120,743
MN	Canterbury	3,111	\$	11,075,313	100.0%	\$	283.94	\$	883,327
NJ	Meadowlands	377	\$	1,441,623	4.6%	\$	220.03	\$	82,951
NJ	Monmouth	4,325	\$	30,007,159	95.4%	\$	399.22	\$	1,726,610
NM	Albuquerque	1,483	\$	4,973,444	18.5%	\$	258.00	\$	382,609
NM	Ruidoso	941	\$	3,104,761	11.6%	\$	253.83	\$	238,850
NM	SunRay Park	851		2,387,701	8.9%	\$	215.85	\$	183,687
NM	Sunland	1,949	\$	8,773,632	32.7%	\$	346.31	\$	674,958
NM	Zia Park	1,871	\$	7,616,899	28.4%	\$	313.19	\$	585,971
NY	Aqueduct	5,796		53,190,550	29.3%	\$	458.01	\$	2,654,652
NY	Belmont at Aqueduct	2,091	\$	26,397,590	14.6%	\$	630.06	\$	1,317,460
NY	Belmont	2,827	\$	37,421,270	20.6%	\$	660.64	\$	1,867,633
NY	Finger Lakes	5,019	\$	14,426,236	8.0%	\$	143.45	\$	719,989
NY	Saratoga	3,200	<u> </u>	49,946,730	27.5%	\$	778.99	\$	2,492,758
ОН	Belterra Park	4,826		12,288,458	23.2%	\$	215.56	\$	1,040,305
ОН	Mahoning Valley	6,229	_	19,931,460	37.6%	\$	270.88	\$	1,687,339
ОН	Thistledown	5,365		20,768,964	39.2%	\$	327.72	\$	1,758,240
ОК	Fair Meadows	676	-	1,496,233	6.2%	\$	183.73	\$	124,204
ОК	Remington	4,834	_	17,601,482	73.5%	\$	302.26	\$	1,461,116
ОК	Will Rogers Downs	1,677	\$	4,847,660	20.2%	\$	239.96	\$	402,409
PA	Penn National	6,928		21,609,388	22.1%	\$	225.22	\$	1,560,305
PA	Presque Isle Downs	4,417	-	15,647,641	16.0%	\$	255.79	\$	1,129,837
PA	Parx	11,751	\$	60,508,858	61.9%	\$	371.80	\$	4,369,039
VA	Colonial	1,975	\$	13,990,713	100.0%	\$	397.61	\$	785,275
WA	Emerald Downs	2,835	<u> </u>	7,252,476	100.0%	\$	251.62	\$	713,340
wv	Charles Town	10,556		36,495,880	73.8%	\$	310.85	\$	3,281,367
WV	Mountaineer	6,312		12,978,471	26.2%	\$	184.87	\$	1,166,902
		229,792		,204,597,010				\$	77,522,500

# Proposed Response Letter to HISA



JULIE I. BROWN, VICE CHAIR CHUCK DRAGO, COMMISSIONER JOHN D'AQUILA, COMMISSIONER TINA REPP, COMMISSIONER

November 16, 2023

Lisa Lazarus Horse Integrity and Safety Authority 401 W. Main Street, Suite 222 Lexington, KY 40507

Dear Ms. Lazarus,

Pursuant to the 2024 Assessment Letter sent by the Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Authority ("HISA"), state racing commissions have until November 17, 2023, to notify HISA whether they will elect to remit fees to cover costs associated with the Racetrack Safety Program and the Anti-Doping and Medication Control Program in 2024.

This letter serves as notification that the Florida Gaming Control Commission will not be electing to remit these fees pursuant to the Federal Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act for 2024.

If HISA has any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Florida Gaming Control Commission at (850) 880-3433.

Respectfully,

Louis Trombetta, Executive Director Florida Gaming Control Commission

# 2. Discussion of amended application for cardroom license

### **MEMORANDUM**

To: The Florida Gaming Control Commission

From: Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering

Re: Fronton Holdings, LLC d/b/a Card House Port St. Lucie, Card House and/or

Casino Fort Pierce (JLAI278)

Requests to Add Additional Card Tables

Case#: 2023-062428 November 2, 2023

### Executive Summary

A cardroom operator is seeking permission to add additional card tables to its cardroom. The Commission should approve this request.

### **Background**

Date:

Fronton Holdings, LLC d/b/a Card House Port St. Lucie, Card House and/or Casino Fort Pierce ("Card House Port St. Lucie") possesses a jai alai permit. Card House Port St. Lucie was issued a pari-mutuel operating license and a cardroom license for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. Card House Port St. Lucie is currently licensed to operate twenty (20) card tables and is requesting permission to add four (4) more to its cardroom. Card House Port St. Lucie has paid the \$4,000 license fee associated with the additional tables.<sup>1</sup>

### Analysis

Aside from the \$1,000-per-card-table license fee, there is no other applicable restriction<sup>2</sup> to the number of card tables that Card House Port St. Lucie can add to its cardroom. Since Card House Port St. Lucie has paid the additional \$4,000 license fee, Card House Port St. Lucie should be authorized to add additional card tables to its cardroom.

<u>Recommendation</u>: The Florida Gaming Control Commission should approve Fronton Holdings, LLC d/b/a Card House Port St. Lucie, Card House and/or Casino Fort Pierce (JLAI278)'s request to add additional card tables to its cardroom.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The annual cardroom license fee costs \$1,000 for each table in the cardroom. § 849.086(5)(e), Fla. Stat.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> There is no indication that permitholder is seeking to change the number of card tables for the play of poker games in a designated player method. See §§ 849.086(7)(h)2. & 4., Fla. Stat. (restricting the number of tables for the play of poker games in a designated player manner).

# PERMITHOLDER LICENSE CHANGE REQUEST CHECKLIST

PERMITHOLDER: Fronton Holdings, LLC FISCAL YEAR: 2023/2024

DATE RECEIVED: November 2, 2023 CASE NUMBER: 2023-062428

**DATE PROCESSED: November 2, 2023** 

REVIEWER'S NAME: La'Kesha Jelks

CHANGE REQUESTED: Adding four (4) tables for a total of twenty-four (24).

Requirement	Met? Y/N	Deficiency Sent	Resolved
Original application form DBPR PMW 3160.	Y		
Payment for additional tables	Y		
Floor Plan	N/A		

CONTACT FROM OTHER FACILITIES	(	CONTAC	TED?	OBJECTED?				
WITHIN FIFTY (50) MILES:	NO	YES	DATE	NO	YES	DATE		
NONE								
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# PMW / CARDROOM LICENSE FORWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING FOR FINAL REVIEW:

REVENUE SECTION
PERMIT ADMIN
OGC
REVIEWED INITIALS:
DATE:
DA

### DISTRIBUTION OF PMW AND CARDROOM (If applicable) LICENSE(S):

### **PARI-MUTUEL LICENSE**

General Manager (Original)
Office of Auditing
Licensing Administrator
(with all paperwork)
Regional Manager
Director's MRS

Office of Investigations
Office of Revenue &
Financial Analysis
Chief Inspector
U of FL Laboratory
Florida Greyhound
Association (Greyhound
Tracks Only)

General Manager (Original)
Office of Auditing
Licensing Administrator
(with all paperwork)
Chief Inspector

Office of Investigations Office of Revenue & Financial Analysis Regional Manager Director's MRS

**CARDROOM LICENSE** 

STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION DIVISION OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING License Number: CR278
Permit Type: JLAI
Permit County: Saint Lucie

Amendment: A

# LICENSE TO OPERATE A CARDROOM

For:

# Fronton Holdings, LLC

D/B/A Casino Fort Pierce, Card House, and/or Card House Port St. Lucie

Licensed to Operate, At the Pari-Mutuel Facility, Located At:

6666 South US Highway 1 Unit 2A Port St. Lucie, FL 34952 Saint Lucie County

Valid From: <u>July 1, 2023</u> Expires On: <u>June 30, 2024</u> Licensed to Operate: 24 Tables

Issued and dated, this day of December, 2023.

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Louis Trombetta, Executive Director Florida Gaming Control Commission



This license is issued in accordance with the Florida Pari-Mutuel Wagering Act, Section 849.086, Fla. Stat., and the rules promulgated thereunder. This license is to be operated at the location of a pari-mutuel permit and is subject to any and all laws of the State of Florida.

# La'Kesha Jelks

From:

Tana Storey <tana@rutledge-ecenia.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 31, 2023 2:02 PM

To:

La'Kesha Jelks

Cc:

Gary Rutledge; Vicki Williams

Subject: Attachments:

Fronton Holdings - Application to add 4 card tables.pdf; CHPSL-10312023 - Update.pdf

As we discussed this morning, Fronton Holdings is applying for approval to add 4 card tables to its current facility. The application and floor plan are attached. My office will be hand delivering a check to you this afternoon in the amount of \$4,000 for the applicable fees. Please advise if you need anything further.

Fronton Holdings' Request to Add 4 Card Tables

Fronton Holdings would like to put the 4 additional tables in service on or after November 8, 2023. If it is not possible to put this on the FGCC Agenda for this Thursday's meeting, Fronton would request putting this item on an agenda as close to November 8 as possible. Thanks

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# DBPR PMW-3160 - Permitholder Application for Annual License to Operate a Cardroom



# STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION DIVISION OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING

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### INSTRUCTIONS

This form is to be submitted in conjunction with Form DBPR PMW-3220. Form DBPR PMW-3220 must be submitted with all pertinent cardroom operation information.

	ORGANIZATIC	N INFO	RMATION							
Federal Employer ID Numbe										
Permitholder's Legal Name: Fronton Holdings, LLC										
Doing Business As (D/B/A) Name: Card House Port St Lucie/Casino Fort Pierce										
The said has been been all the	MAILING	ADDRI	ESS							
Street Address or P.O. Box:										
6666 S US HWY 1 STE 2A										
City: Port St Lucie			State: FL	Zip Code (+4 optional): 34952						
County (if Florida address): St. Lucie		Countr	<sup>y:</sup> USA							
	CONTACT	NFORM	ATION							
Contact Name: Andrew Jona	s									
Primary Phone Number: 609-828-6866	Primary E-Mail A ajonas@casinofortpi	ddress: erce.com								
	PHYSICA									
Street Address: 6666 #2 Sou	th US 1									
City: Port St. Lucie			State: FL	Zip Code (+4 optional): 34952						
County: St. Lucie										

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)							
Alternate Phone Number:	Fax Number:						
Alternate E-Mail Address:							

CARDROOM INFORMATION
Physical Location of Cardroom:
6666 #2 South US 1, Port St. Lucie, Florida
What is the maximum number of card tables you intend to operate during the license period? 24
A check or money order made payable to DBPR for the table fees (\$1,000 per table) must be submitted with this application.
Name of cardroom manager or cardroom management company:  Elleen Scott
Cardroom manager or cardroom management company license number: 9792485
Type of participation fee charged to players: Rake - Ante ■ Seat Charge □ Both □

# Additional documentation requirements:

- 1) Attach a list of card games to be offered to your patrons.
- 2) As specified in s. 849.086(9), Florida Statutes, provide evidence that there is in force a surety bond in the amount of \$50,000, payable to the state, or evidence that the pari-mutuel bond has been expanded to include cardroom operations.
- 3) Attach Form DBPR PMW-3220, List of Cardroom Business Occupational Licensees Providing Products and Services to a Cardroom, with whom you intend to do business.
- 4) Attach a copy of your internal controls.
- 5) If this is your initial cardroom operator license application, attach proof that the county commission in the county where you desire to conduct cardroom gaming has voted to approve such activity within the county.

ATTEST STATEMENT
I hereby certify that every statement contained herein is true and correct and that I understand any misstatement or omission in this application may result in denial or revocation of my pari-mutuel license. I agree to abide by and obey all rules and regulations of the Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering and the laws of the State of Florida.
Signature of Applicant or Applicant's Representative
Date

License

Fed Tax #

Lic Type 1012 - Cardroom Employee Occupational

Name SCOTT, EILEEN LOUISE

File # 10983 License # 9792485

Rank CEMP - Cardroom Employee Occupational

Entity # 9792485 Lic Status Current

Expires On 06/30/2024

Extended To

Renewed On 06/10/2021

Address

Street #

Street 1

Line 2

Line 3

City PORT ST LUCIE

State FL

Zip 34986

Routing

Other

1st License Date 07/11/2018

Method I-S-1024

Fee Exempt No

Rank Date 06/10/2021

Status Date 07/11/2018

Birth Date

Certificate #

Certificate Date Renewal Sent

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RUTLEDGE ECENIA, P.A.

VENDOR: FGC300 FLORIDA C	GAMING CONTROL	COMMISSION	CHECK NO: 44011				
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\$4,000.00

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10/31/2023

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RUTLEDGE ECENIA, P.A.
119 South Monroe Street, Suite 202
Tallahassee, FI 32301

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TO THE ORDER OF

FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

# Plonda Department of Business & Professional Regulation

### State of Florida

# Department of Business and Professional Regulation Cash Listing Report

Client:

100 - Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering

Origin:

Fiscal Year: 2023

Batch #: 23009366

Total \$ Entered: \$ 4,000.00

Deposit #: 110268

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\$4,000.00

Deposit Date: 2023-11-02

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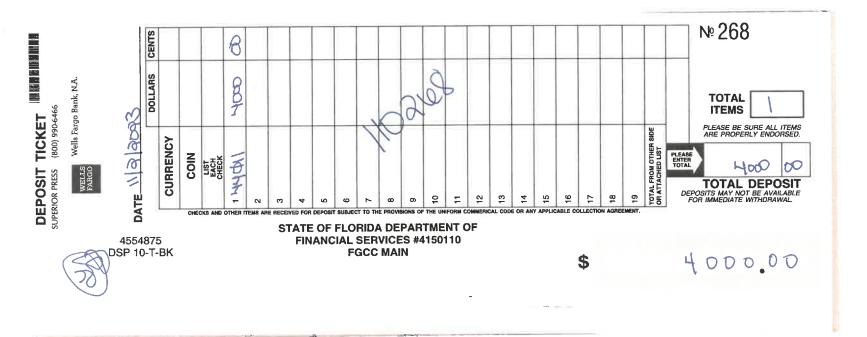
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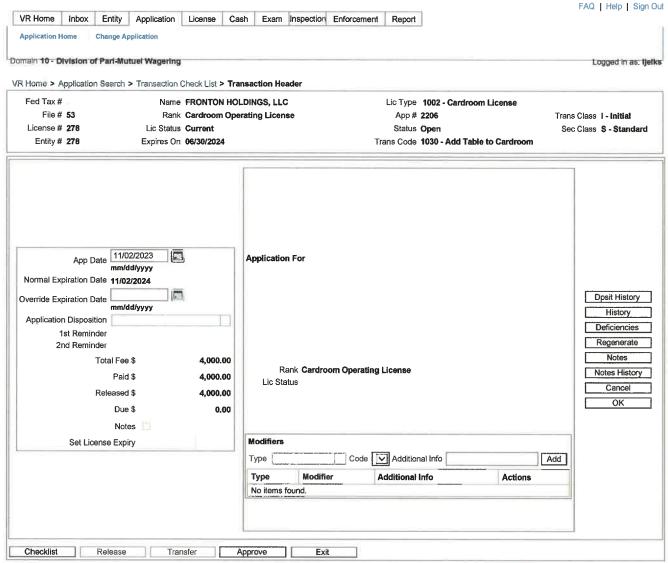
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								RUTLEDGE ECENIA, P.A.			\$ 0.00
							1002	FRONTON HOLDINGS, LLC	53	278	\$ 0.00
Total:			\$ 4	,000.00		\$ 4,000.00					\$ 0.00





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# Department of Business and Professional Regulation Chronology Report

Case #: 2023062428

Incident date: 11/02/2023 Status: 10 - Initial Review

Lic Type: 10

1002

Disposition:

Case Type: Complaint

Responsible: Ijelks - JELKS, LA'KESHA

Complainant: FRONTON HOLDINGS, LLC

6666 SOUTH US HIGHWAY 1, PORT ST LUCIE, FL 34952

Respondent: FGCC, PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING

4070 ESPLANADE WAY, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399

Summary: Fronton Holdings, LLC d/b/a Card House Port St. Lucie, Card House and/or Casino Fort Pierce

(JLAI278) requests to add additional card tables to its cardroom (four).

Chronology: Effective Date Type Lic Type Code Description Responsible Party Respondent

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