

1 In The Matter Of:  
2 Florida Gaming Control Commission  
3 Public Meeting  
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5 DATE: Thursday, August 8, 2024  
6 Time: 9:30 a.m. to 10:26 a.m.  
7 LOCATION: Betty Easley Conference Center  
8 4075 Esplanade Way  
9 Tallahassee, Florida 32399

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11 JUDY LYNN MARTIN, STENOGRAPHER

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1 APPEARANCES:

2 Julie Brown, Vice Chair

3 Tina Repp, Commissioner

4 Chuck Drago, Commissioner

5 John D'Aquila, Commissioner

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7 PARTICIPANTS:

8 Louis Trombetta, Executive Director

9 Ross Marshman, Deputy Exec. Director/Chief Legal Officer

10 Elina Valentine, General Counsel

11 Jamie Pouncey, Program Administrator

12 Karen Stelter, Revenue Administrator II

13 Carl Herold, Director of Gaming Enforcement

14 Joseph Dillmore, Director of PMW

15 Elizabeth Stinson, Chief Attorney

16 Emily Alvarado, Chief Attorney in Litigation

17 Marc Taupier, Deputy General Counsel

18 Katie Young, Director of Communications

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20 OTHER PRESENT:

21 The Florida Channel

22 Various Members of the Public

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1 Proceedings began at 9:35 a.m.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All right. Good morning.  
3 Today is August 8. This is the Florida Gaming  
4 Control Commission meeting and the time is 9:30.  
5 If you would, please stand and rise for the Pledge  
6 of Allegiance.

7 (Pledge of Allegiance)

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you so much. I hope  
9 everyone is doing okay from the hurricane and  
10 everyone here has power and happy to see you all  
11 here today.

12 Also -- first I also want to welcome -- we  
13 have a new communications director, Katie Young,  
14 who will be given an opportunity under the  
15 executive director's report to be introduced and  
16 we're very excited to have you and she's with us  
17 here with us today, so welcome, Katie.

18 All right. We are going to go right into our  
19 meeting today with -- and we're going to start with  
20 the approval of the meeting minutes from June 6,  
21 2024.

22 Can I please get a motion to approve?

23 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

25 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

1           VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. All those in  
2 favor say aye.

3           (Aye responses)

4           VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. We are going  
5 into the discussion of the amended applications for  
6 pari-mutuel operating licenses. We have two, 2.1  
7 and 2.2.

8           Good morning.

9           MS. POUNCEY: Good morning. Jamie Pouncey for  
10 the record.

11           The first is Item Number 2.1, Case Number  
12 2024-037855. It is an application from West  
13 Flagler Associates doing business as Edgewater  
14 Jai-Alai. They have requested to amend their  
15 operating license by adding two Jai-Alai  
16 performances on December 2nd and 3rd and deleting  
17 one performance on December 13 for a total of 40  
18 performances. They have submitted the required  
19 information and the Division recommends approval.

20           VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners,  
21 seeing no objection, can we get a motion to approve  
22 this item?

23           COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make that motion.

24           VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

25           COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

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

2 (Aye responses)

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And I'm excited  
4 to see these two continuing Jai-Alai.

5 MS. POUNCEY: Item Number 2.2 is RB Jai-Alai  
6 doing business as Orlando Live Events. They have  
7 submitted an application to amend their license by  
8 canceling their performances July 22nd and  
9 July 26th and adding their performances  
10 September 23rd and 27th.

11 They have submitted the required documentation  
12 and we are requesting that this amendment be  
13 approved effective July 22nd.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Pouncey.  
15 Seeing no objection can we get a motion to  
16 approve the application?

17 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

19 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.  
21 (Aye responses)

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you again. We are  
23 going to take up Items 3.1 through 3.12 together.  
24 This is a discussion of application for transfer of  
25 permitholder tax credit/exemptions, really just

1 request to transfer the tax credits and I thought  
2 it would be more efficient to take them up as a  
3 whole.

4 MS. STELTER: Okay.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Good morning.

6 MS. STELTER: Do I need to read each case  
7 individually, though?

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: You can just highlight -- I  
9 would just say 3.1 through 3.12 as reflected on the  
10 agenda.

11 MS. STELTER: Okay. Then 3.1 through 3.12 as  
12 reflected on the agenda, these permit holders have  
13 requested a one-time full or partial transfer of  
14 their tax credits to Daytona Beach Kennel Club  
15 (inaudible).

16 All have met their statutory requirements for  
17 their request and, therefore, approval is -- is  
18 recommended effective August the 1st of 2024.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners,  
20 again, the reason why I said this is Section  
21 551.0951(1)(b) of the Florida Statute outlines the  
22 requirement for transfer. All of these  
23 permit holders have met those and I thought it would  
24 be appropriate to take them up as a whole.

25 If any of you have questions on any of the

1 items, if not, can we get a motion to approve the  
2 applications from 3.1 through 3.12.

3 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I make a motion to  
4 approve the applications from 3.1 through 3.12 with  
5 regard to tax credit transfer.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,  
7 Commissioner D'Aquila.

8 Is there a second?

9 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,  
11 Commissioner Repp.

12 All those in favor say aye.

13 (Aye responses)

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Appreciate it.  
15 We're going into discussion of our final orders --  
16 default final orders, 4.1 and 4.2.

17 MS. ALVARADO: Good morning. Emily Alvarado  
18 for the record.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Emily -- yeah.  
20 Ms. Alvarado.

21 MS. ALVARADO: I'll move closer.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Good morning.

23 MS. ALVARADO: Good morning. Item 4.1 is  
24 2023-045555, Sarah Sechel. In this case you were  
25 provided a two count administrative complaint

1 alleging that the respondent was convicted of one  
2 felony offense and failed to notify the Commission  
3 of her conviction. She's subject to revocation of  
4 her pari-mutuel wagering general individual  
5 occupational license. You were also provided a  
6 hand service affidavit. Respondent failed to  
7 respond.

8 Therefore, the Division would ask that the  
9 Commission enter an order finding that respondent  
10 was properly served, they failed to respond within  
11 21 days, that the facts in the administrative  
12 complaint are the facts in the case, and concluding  
13 that the licensee's occupation license shall be  
14 revoked.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Alvarado.  
16 Commissioners, do you have any questions on  
17 this item?

18 Commissioner Drago, can I get a motion to  
19 approve the final order?

20 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I make a motion to  
21 approve the final order.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

23 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. All those in  
25 favor say aye.



1 (Aye responses)

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. 4.1 passes.  
3 4.2, please.

4 MS. ALVARADO: 4.2 is 2024-002260,  
5 Jack Towell. In this case you were provided a one  
6 count administrative complaint seeking to suspend  
7 respondent's pari-mutuel wagering professional  
8 individual occupational license due to an  
9 outstanding debt related to horseracing, pursuant  
10 to Section 550.1057. You were also provided the  
11 USPS tracking that showed that they were served  
12 with this. The respondent failed to respond.

13 Therefore, the Commission would ask that they  
14 find -- they enter a final order finding that  
15 respondent was properly served with the  
16 administrative complaint, that they failed to  
17 respond within 21 days, that the facts in the  
18 administrative complaint are the facts in this  
19 case, and concluding that respondent's occupation  
20 license is suspended until we receive proof of  
21 payment.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Alvarado,  
23 that seems very fair.

24 Commissioners, any questions? Okay. Can we  
25 get a motion to approve?

1 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make that motion.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

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

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

5 (Aye responses)

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. We are going  
7 into discussion of consent orders, Items 5.1  
8 through 5.3.

9 MS. ALVARADO: 5.1 is 2023-019843, South  
10 Marion Real Estate Holdings. In this case you were  
11 provided a one count administrative complaint  
12 alleging that respondent violated Section  
13 849.086(6)(c) by allowing a massage therapist to  
14 work on the floor of a cardroom without a valid  
15 pari-mutuel occupational license.

16 They had no prior violations of this statute.  
17 The Commission has authority to issue up to a  
18 thousand dollar fine in this case. The respondent  
19 has sent back a signed settlement consent order  
20 with a \$250 fine.

21 Here the Division would ask that the  
22 Commission enter an order adopting the settlement  
23 and consent order in this case.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Alvarado.  
25 If there are no questions on this, can we get a

1 motion to approve the stipulation and consent order  
2 on this item?

3 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

5 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

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

8 (Aye responses)

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: The item passes. Just one  
10 second.

11 (Pause)

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Ms. Alvarado, we have 5.2,  
13 which contains two cases.

14 MS. ALVARADO: 5.2 is 2024-003066 and  
15 2024-005418, Tampa Bay Downs. In this case you  
16 were provided a filed administrative complaint  
17 alleging that respondent violated Rule 7511.0192  
18 and 7511.0128 by failing to follow the internal  
19 controls approved by the Division, by failing to  
20 have an inventory sheet issued at the table at the  
21 time of closing, and allowing unauthorized employee  
22 to enter the surveillance room.

23 Here the respondent has three prior violations  
24 of Rule 7511.0128 and one prior violation of Rule  
25 7511.0192. The respondent has sent back a signed

1 settlement and consent order in this case with  
2 \$1,750 fine. The Division would ask that you adopt  
3 the settlement and consent order in this case.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners,  
5 any questions or comments on this item? If not can  
6 we get a motion to approve the stipulation and  
7 consent order on the two items in 5.2?

8 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make that motion.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

10 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I will second that  
11 motion.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. All those in  
13 favor say aye.

14 (Aye responses)

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All right. And we are  
16 moving on to 5.3.

17 MS. ALVARADO: 5.3 is 2024-025407, Tampa Bay  
18 Downs. This case there was a filed administrative  
19 complaint alleging that respondent violated  
20 Rule 7511.014(4)(c) and 7511.02 -- 020(1)(b) by  
21 failing to permanently alter a card removed from  
22 play and failing to have a drop box affixed with a  
23 lock to a poker table.

24 The respondent has three prior violations of  
25 7511.014(4)(c) and six prior violations of

1 7511.020(1)(b). The respondent has sent back a  
2 signed settlement and consent order in this case  
3 with \$1,500. Therefore, the Division would ask  
4 that the Commission enter an order adopting this  
5 consent order.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And I know the  
7 facts of each of these cases vary and now that we  
8 have a Gaming Control Commission we can be more  
9 consistent based on the, you know, the amount of  
10 priors and things of that nature.

11 Just looking at the past cases, they varied so  
12 much. So I hope that we continue to be more  
13 consistent when we enter into these stipulation and  
14 consent orders.

15 Commissioners, are there any other comments or  
16 questions on this? We're ripe for a motion to  
17 approve.

18 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

20 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I second.

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

22 (Aye responses)

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And now we're  
24 moving on to the discussion of recommended orders,  
25 6.1 through 6.3, Ms. Alvarado.

1 MS. ALVARADO: 6.1 is 2022-037047, Alejandro  
2 Toledo-Rincon. In this case there was a  
3 recommended order that was issued by the hearing  
4 officer. An informal hearing was held on May 16,  
5 2024, regarding an administrative complaint seeking  
6 to exclude respondent from all pari-mutuel and slot  
7 machine facilities pursuant to Section 550.0251(6)  
8 and 551.112 Florida Statutes.

9 The hearing officer issued the recommended  
10 order on July 31st, 2024, recommending that  
11 respondent be added to the permanent exclusion list  
12 for all pari-mutuel and slot machine facilities.  
13 Therefore, the Division would ask that we adopt the  
14 hearing officer's recommended order and add  
15 respondent to the permanent exclusion list.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Alvarado.

17 These facts are pretty straightforward. If  
18 there are no questions can we get a motion to  
19 approve the final order adopting the hearing  
20 order's -- officer's recommendation?

21 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make that motion.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there a  
23 second?

24 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

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

1 (Aye responses)

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. 6.2, please.

3 MS. ALVARADO: 6.2 is 2023-058353,  
4 Jorge Wagner this case comes before you following  
5 the recommended order that was issued by the  
6 hearing officer. An informal hearing was conducted  
7 on May 16, 2024, regarding an administrative  
8 complaint seeking to suspend respondent's license  
9 due to an unpaid financial obligation regarding  
10 horse racing provided at a -- on the grounds of a  
11 pari-mutuel facility.

12 The hearing officer issued a recommended order  
13 on July 31st, 2024, recommending that the  
14 Commission suspend respondent's pari-mutuel  
15 individual occupational license until the  
16 Commission is provided proof that the unpaid  
17 financial obligation is satisfied or otherwise  
18 settled to satisfaction of the debt holder with  
19 proof of such satisfaction received by the  
20 Commission.

21 Therefore, the Division would ask that you  
22 adopt this recommendation by the hearing officer.

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners,  
24 any questions on this item? If not can we get a  
25 motion to approve adopting the hearing officer's

1 recommended order?

2 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I will make a motion  
3 to approve the hearing officer's recommended order.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

5 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

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

7 (Aye responses)

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And lastly 6.3.

9 MS. ALVARADO: 6.3 is 2023-060611,  
10 Lori-Ayn Mennilli. This case came before you  
11 following the recommended order by the hearing  
12 officer. An informal hearing was conducted on  
13 May 16th regarding a letter of license denial that  
14 was issued to Ms. -- Ms. Mennilli seeking to deny  
15 her application for a cardroom employee  
16 occupational license due to her misdemeanor  
17 conviction.

18 The hearing officer issued a recommended order  
19 on July 31st, 2024, recommending that the  
20 Commission deny her application. Here the Division  
21 would ask that you adopt the hearing officer's  
22 recommended order, specifically the finding of  
23 facts and the conclusion of law set out in  
24 paragraphs 11 through 23, 25, and 26 of the hearing  
25 officer's recommended order and deny the



1 petitioner's cardroom occupation.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Hearing  
3 officers are pretty busy July 31st.

4 Commissioners, are there any questions on this  
5 item? The motion will have to be very specific  
6 regarding adopting all findings of fact and  
7 conclusions of law set out in paragraphs 11 through  
8 23, 25, and 26 of the hearing officer's recommended  
9 order.

10 And if have you no questions, that would be  
11 the motion.

12 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

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

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Alvarado.

18 We have one item under discussion of request  
19 for waiver, 7.1.

20 MS. ALVARADO: 7.1 is 2024-032787,  
21 Eddie Carbajo. Here the applicant applied for a  
22 slot machine, cardroom, pari-mutuel individual  
23 combination occupational license. Upon review of  
24 the application it was discovered that he had  
25 disqualifying misdemeanors, petty theft.

1           The applicant failed to list this misdemeanor  
2           on their application and after that the applicant  
3           sought a waiver of the misdemeanor offense and  
4           issuance of his slot machine, cardroom, pari-mutuel  
5           individual combination occupational license. The  
6           waiver interview was conducted on June 14 and it  
7           was documated -- documented in the meeting  
8           materials.

9           Section 550.105(5)(c) allows the Commission to  
10          waive disqualifying offenses. So here the  
11          Commission can decide to either review -- after  
12          reviewing materials grant the waiver and issue the  
13          slot machine license, slot machine combination  
14          license, or if not we would ask that you deny the  
15          waiver and we can issue a notice of intent denying  
16          this case.

17          VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Thank you.  
18          Commissioners, this case is extremely old that  
19          there's not even -- very little evidence on the  
20          arrest other than the affidavit that's in there.  
21          There's a 1998 case. There's also -- there's a '97  
22          and a '98 case. I just want to confirm, are they  
23          the same?

24          MS. ALVARADO: Yes, they were the same.

25          VICE CHAIR BROWN: So there's only one

1 offense -- there's one offense?

2 MS. ALVARADO: Just one offense.

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All right. And this  
4 individual is applying to be security guard?

5 MS. ALVARADO: Yes.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All right. Commissioners,  
7 do you have any questions or comments?

8 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I would if I could. As  
9 we review this there isn't -- there isn't a lot of  
10 information going back that far as we can see, but  
11 since 1997 I believe he was arrested and '98 I  
12 think is when it was disposed of.

13 So it's -- it's -- during that period of time  
14 till now doesn't appear to be any other offenses  
15 that I can see in there that would cause us to deny  
16 a license and not waiver the one offense that he  
17 has.

18 It would appear to me that he has been  
19 rehabilitated to the point where he's not  
20 committing any more criminal offenses, and the  
21 original offense was petty larceny less than \$300  
22 as I recall, license tag.

23 So based on that I think that we should  
24 consider the fact that it appears that he has met  
25 the requirements to be -- to be rehabilitated by

1 this point and I don't really see any reason why we  
2 wouldn't want to waive it at this time, especially  
3 since it's such a -- such a minor offense at the  
4 time.

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

7 I would just add also that his fine of \$138  
8 has been paid and the case has been disposed of, of  
9 course, after the amount of time that's lapsed.

10 Commissioners, any other questions or  
11 comments?

12 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: No.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: If not I guess we are right  
14 to make a motion to grant the waiver.

15 Is that correct?

16 MS. ALVARADO: And issue the license to the  
17 applicant.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.  
19 Commissioner Drago, you ready to make a motion?

20 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I do make that motion,  
21 yes.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

23 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

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

1 (Aye responses)

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. We are moving  
3 on to license denials, 8.1.

4 MS. ALVARADO: 8.1, 2024-036099,  
5 Diane McCalla. The Division of Pari-Mutuel  
6 received a license application from the applicant  
7 on May 20th, 2024. The applicant is seeking a slot  
8 machine general occupational license.

9 After review of her application, it was  
10 discovered that she was convicted of a felony  
11 offense, specifically driving with a revoked  
12 license as an habitual offender in 2023.

13 She did disclose this on her application. The  
14 applicant did -- did not apply for a waiver of  
15 felony offense, because it is not -- it's not  
16 authorized under 551.107(6)(a). Therefore, the  
17 Division would ask that the Commission authorize  
18 the issuance of a notice of intent to deny in this  
19 case.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners,  
21 any question?

22 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I have a question.

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner D'Aquila.

24 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I see the charge  
25 habitual offender. There are multiple instances?

1 MS. ALVARADO: She had multiple suspensions of  
2 her license prior to this, driving on suspended  
3 license as well.

4 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Is my understanding  
5 correct there were three?

6 MS. ALVARADO: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Okay.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And this applicant is  
9 applying to be a cook; is that correct?

10 MS. ALVARADO: Yes.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay. I looked in the file  
12 too and it did show after the applicant disclosed  
13 those, there were additional charges. I guess -- I  
14 don't think that they resulted -- it shows battery  
15 with deadly weapon with -- without intent to kill.  
16 Several items are in the report as well, but they  
17 were not listed on her application.

18 It did not -- her application otherwise did  
19 not give me pause to approve. However, when I  
20 noticed those items and they weren't disclosed, it  
21 kind of set off some -- some alarm bells. It's on  
22 page 9 of 13.

23 MS. ALVARADO: So that -- that actually was  
24 dropped, so that's why it was not listed on her  
25 application. She was not convicted of that

1 offense.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: So she didn't have to  
3 disclose it even on her -- on the --

4 MS. ALVARADO: No. It's -- if it was not a  
5 conviction, you don't have to disclose it on your  
6 application.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any comments  
8 or questions?

9 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Just thinking out loud I  
10 guess with everybody and just considering the  
11 offense were all traffic offenses, all three of  
12 them -- serious traffic offenses, but -- but  
13 traffic offenses, I'm not sure that -- and that was  
14 2018, correct, Ms. Alvarado?

15 MS. ALVARADO: So the -- the -- the last  
16 offense was convicted in 2023. It was a  
17 conviction.

18 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Well, then she's  
19 convicted in 2023, when was the offense, was it  
20 2018?

21 MS. ALVARADO: She had two -- so it's two  
22 priors that she listed. Actually one was in 2013,  
23 one was in 2018, and she was convicted in 2023, the  
24 last one. So there was two misdemeanors and one  
25 felony.

1           COMMISSIONER DRAGO: All right. There's been  
2 no other offenses since, there's never been any  
3 convictions for larceny or any -- any crimes like  
4 that that might interfere with her job in -- in  
5 casino.

6           I don't know that traffic -- traffic offenses  
7 is something that we would want to keep somebody  
8 out of a job like -- like working in a kitchen,  
9 whether that's going to put any -- put the people  
10 of the State of Florida in any kind of danger or  
11 compromising situation.

12           She shouldn't be -- she's not driving. She's  
13 not going to be driving delivery truck for them or  
14 anything like that. I guess they don't require her  
15 to have a license I would -- I would guess to work  
16 there.

17           So I would like to consider -- or at least for  
18 the Commission to consider anyway allowing her to  
19 get a license and not based on what we see here and  
20 what -- on her history.

21           VICE CHAIR BROWN: Sure, Commissioner Drago.  
22 Commissioner D'Aquila.

23           COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: The only thing I would  
24 add to that I had a very similar reaction until I  
25 saw the habitual nature of the violation, and I do



1 agree with you, Commissioner Drago, that it is a  
2 traffic violation and so forth, but -- and I think  
3 there is also a reason why we have licensing  
4 requirements, safety on the roads and it is the law  
5 and I'm getting hung up with this habitual nature.  
6 Three instances within approximately six years, if  
7 my math is correct, give me some reason for  
8 concern.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yes, Commissioner Repp.

10 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'm going to -- I'll agree  
11 with Commissioner Drago and I -- I don't see a  
12 threat to casino patrons and to deny it. And  
13 unlike other applicants, I do appreciate the fact  
14 that she disclosed this and -- and has taken  
15 ownership of this issue. And considering what  
16 she's applying for, I would be inclined to allow  
17 the license.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And just to wrap it up,  
19 that's where I was until I saw the additional  
20 offenses, but I'm happy to see that those were  
21 dropped and I -- I think Commissioner Drago summed  
22 it up very well in that I don't think she's a  
23 threat to the industry, the people, and the  
24 position that she's applying for as a cook in the  
25 casino, so I would also be inclined to grant her

1 the license.

2 So if this Commission is ready to make a  
3 motion, the appropriate thing would be to -- to  
4 recommend that the issuance of a license, rather  
5 than a license denial; correct?

6 MS. ALVARADO: Right.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Commissioners, can  
8 we get a motion to issue the license -- a license  
9 to this applicant?

10 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make that motion.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,  
12 Commissioner Repp.

13 Is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

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

17 (Aye responses)

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All right. Thank you. We  
19 are moving on to Item 9, discussion of final  
20 orders. We have two of them, pursuant to request  
21 from the respondents, 9.1.

22 MS. ALVARADO: 9.1 is 2023-063223,  
23 Luisa Perez. In this case you were provided an  
24 administrative complaint alleging that respondent  
25 was convicted of the felony offense and failed to

1 notify the conviction -- the Commission of the  
2 conviction or arrest. She's, therefore, subject to  
3 revocation of her slot machine, cardroom,  
4 pari-mutual wagering combination occupational  
5 license pursuant to 550.1055(b), 550.1107(6)(a),  
6 849.086(6)(f), and Rule 7511.011.

7 Respondent has submitted an election of rights  
8 requesting that the Commission enter a final order  
9 imposing a penalty in this case. Therefore, the  
10 Division would ask the Commission enter an order  
11 revoking her license.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Alvarado.

13 I enthusiastically agree with the  
14 recommendation and the analysis for this particular  
15 item. Commissioners, any questions or comments?  
16 If not can we get a motion to enter a final order  
17 revoking respondent's occupational license?

18 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll make a motion to  
19 that effect.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,  
21 Commissioner D'Aquila.

22 Is there a second?

23 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor say aye.  
25 (Aye responses)

1           VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And we're  
2 moving on to 9.2.

3           MS. ALVARADO: 9.2 is 2023-068833,  
4 Armando Pernas. In this case you were provided  
5 administrative complaint alleging that respondent  
6 was excluded from Casino Miami. He's subject to  
7 exclusion from all pari-mutual and slot machine  
8 facilities Pursuant to 550.0251(6) and 551.112  
9 Florida Statutes.

10           The respondent submitted an election of rights  
11 in this case asking the Commission to enter a final  
12 order imposing a penalty in this case. Therefore,  
13 the Commission would ask -- the Division would ask  
14 the Commission to enter an order adding respondent  
15 to the permanent exclusion list for all pari-mutuel  
16 and slot machine facilities.

17           VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is it correct that this  
18 applicant -- this petitioner won 395 jackpots while  
19 he was already on the permanent exclusion list?

20           MS ALVARADO: That's what it says in the  
21 report, yes.

22           VICE CHAIR BROWN: Wow. Commissioners, any  
23 comments or questions? If not can we get a motion  
24 approve the final order permanently excluding the  
25 respondent.

1 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

3 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

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

5 (Aye responses)

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

7 Thank you, Ms. Alvarado.

8 Mr. Taupier. We're talking about rulemaking,

9 10.1.

10 MS. VALENTINE: It's me. I'm over here.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: You're hiding.

12 MS. VALENTINE: Closer to the Commissioners.

13 Item 10.1 relates to the final adoption of the  
14 proposed Rule 75-5.003, which is being amended to  
15 clarify the exemptions from the fingerprinting  
16 requirements.

17 At the June 6th Commission meeting, the  
18 Commissioners voted to approve the language of the  
19 proposed rule. No subsequent changes have been  
20 made to the approved proposed language.

21 On June 10th the language of the proposed rule  
22 was noticed by publication in the Florida  
23 Administrative Register. The Commission did not  
24 receive any requests for a public hearing.

25 The requisite time has now passed from the

1 date of publication of the notice and the rule is  
2 ready to be filed with the Department of State for  
3 final adoption.

4 In that regard Commission staff requests  
5 approval to file with the Department of State the  
6 proposed Rule 75-5.003 and all other documents  
7 required by law. Those documents are in the  
8 meeting materials.

9 In addition, Commission staff requests that  
10 the Commissioners authorize Lou Trombetta the  
11 Executive Director to execute on behalf of the  
12 Commissioners' certifications that the Commission  
13 is in compliance with the statutory and rule  
14 requirements applicable to rulemaking. These  
15 certifications are also included in the meeting  
16 materials.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners,  
18 any questions?

19 Happy to see this rule come to a final  
20 conclusion here. So I guess the motion would be to  
21 approve and file with the Department of State for  
22 final adoption Rule 75-5.003 Florida Administrative  
23 Code and as well as authorize our executive  
24 director, Mr. Trombetta, to file all appropriate  
25 certificates?

1 (Talkover)

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Sorry, yes?

3 MS. VALENTINE: Yes.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Certifications, and any  
5 other documents as required by law?

6 MS. VALENTINE: Yes.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Drago.

8 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yes. Second? Any  
10 discussion?

11 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Awesome. Thank you. All  
13 those in favor say aye.

14 (Aye responses)

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Thanks again  
16 for your hard work on this.

17 We are moving on to a discussion of Equitable  
18 Sharing Program of the Federal Asset Forfeiture  
19 Program.

20 MR. TAUPIER: Good morning, Commissioners.  
21 Marc Taupier for the record. Just going to give  
22 you a brief overview of what the program actually  
23 is and what our request is going to be.

24 So as you may know Florida and many states  
25 have laws that allow agencies, specifically law

1 enforcement agencies, to seize for forfeiture  
2 property, that could be tangible or real property,  
3 if it's considered contraband and used in the  
4 commission of a crime.

5 The federal government does have laws  
6 regarding that and the question becomes what  
7 happens when state, local, or tribal law  
8 enforcement officers work with the federal  
9 government who gets the money.

10 So federal law actually authorizes the  
11 Attorney General and the Secretary of Treasury to  
12 share those federally forfeited assets, currency,  
13 real property. And what they have done is they set  
14 up what is called the Equitable Sharing Program.

15 So the Department of Justice manages their own  
16 forfeiture fund through their own program, so does  
17 the Treasury, and there's a lot of agencies that  
18 fall under the DOJ and the Treasury.

19 So depending on when law enforcement works  
20 with a certain agency, there's going to be certain  
21 requirements either under Treasury or under the  
22 Department of Justice, but first we have to be a  
23 participating partner.

24 And with that in order to become a  
25 participating partner, we have to file what's



1 called an ESAC, an Equitable Sharing Agreement and  
2 Certification form. We have to do this initially  
3 to become a participating partner, we have to do  
4 this annually to be in good standing.

5 If our agents do work with federal agencies,  
6 there are going to be forms where they will have to  
7 be filled out with signatory authority to claim  
8 some of those proceeds by the agency head and by  
9 the director of law enforcement.

10 So the ask of the Commission is to authorize  
11 the Executive Director, Lou Trombetta and the  
12 Director of Gaming Enforcement, Carl Herold to  
13 complete and execute all required and necessary  
14 documents to participate in that Equitable Sharing  
15 Program of the Federal Asset Forfeiture programs.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Excellent. Thank you.  
17 Commissioners, Commissioner Drago.

18 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Yeah. Just a couple of  
19 quick questions. I know from being involved in  
20 this in the past myself that there are also certain  
21 criteria for using that money, which differs a  
22 little bit from the State in terms of when you can  
23 use it and not use it. I think in some ways the  
24 federal government is a little bit easier on --  
25 more lenient on what you can spend it on, more

1 vague so to speak.

2 So I think it's a great program that we should  
3 definitely be involved with. We -- we can work  
4 with federal agencies and -- and share in the  
5 forfeiture and use it for very good purposes for  
6 the agency, for the people of the State of Florida,  
7 for helping people with various problems, gambling,  
8 drugs, et cetera, as well as equipment and -- and  
9 staffing at times as long as you're not  
10 supplementing -- supplanting them. So I think it's  
11 a great -- great asset for the agency to have and  
12 minimal requirements to be -- become a part of it,  
13 and so I appreciate you taking care of this and  
14 getting on this and I look forward to being  
15 involved with it in the future for sure.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners. And there  
17 are other state agencies that you are I guess  
18 participating partners as well under this program?

19 MR. TAUPIER: Absolutely, yes, there are.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I think it's a great --  
21 thank you for doing a great deal of research on it.  
22 I know that we can definitely take advantage of it  
23 and if there's anything else that we need to do --  
24 authorize Mr. Trombetta, I'm sure we are inclined  
25 to do that.

1           Commissioners, do we need an actual -- do we  
2           need an actual motion?

3           MR. TAUPIER: We do.

4           VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Commissioner Repp,  
5           how about you make a motion here.

6           COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make that motion.

7           VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And is there a  
8           second?

9           COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

10          VICE CHAIR BROWN: And the clarification of  
11          the motion is just to authorize Mr. Trombetta to --

12          MR. TAUPIER: And the Director.

13          VICE CHAIR BROWN: The director?

14          MR. TAUPIER: Carl Herold.

15          VICE CHAIR BROWN: And of course.

16          MR. TAUPIER: Both of them.

17          VICE CHAIR BROWN: Both of them to I guess  
18          apply to this ESAC.

19          MR. TAUPIER: Apply and submit any necessary  
20          paperwork to remain in the program or to submit  
21          paperwork when forfeiting.

22          VICE CHAIR BROWN: Sounds like that was  
23          Commissioner Repp's motion.

24          COMMISSIONER REPP: It was indeed.

25          VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yes. And his second.

1 Thank you. All those -- all those in favor say  
2 aye.

3 (Aye responses)

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Thank you.  
5 Okay. We are moving on to our executive director  
6 update.

7 MR. TROMBETTA: I'll try to -- all right.  
8 Thank you. Good morning.

9 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Good morning.

10 MR. TROMBETTA: I'm going to try to split mine  
11 into sort of two parts and I'll start -- I want to  
12 turn it over to Director Herold to -- early on to  
13 let him give you an overview of what sort of law  
14 enforcement team is working on this month.

15 I also want to recognize and kind of give a  
16 public pat on the back to Taylor County Sheriff's  
17 Office and the Volusha County Sheriff's Office.

18 In the past month they both completed  
19 operations to, you know, go after illegal slot  
20 machine businesses that are operating within those  
21 counties.

22 So the -- I mean, Director Herold can give you  
23 more information, but Volusha County involved, you  
24 know, I think a lot of different businesses and,  
25 you know, over a hundred machines. Taylor County

1 was a smaller operation, but just from the  
2 Commission -- from the Commission standpoint, from  
3 the Commissioners, to me it's a great example of  
4 the work we're doing getting out there where other,  
5 you know, sheriffs around the state are taking  
6 interest in this activity, which is something that  
7 wasn't happening two years ago.

8 So -- so really I think from the leadership  
9 from you all, from the work that has been done by  
10 staff through -- through Carl's outreach and kind  
11 of just the activity that -- the actions that we've  
12 already taken I think we are setting example that  
13 it is possible to make a difference in this area  
14 and it's nice to see other -- other sheriff's  
15 offices kind of also doing -- doing their part  
16 really. I mean, it's good. This is a good step.

17 With that, Carl, do you mind kind of giving an  
18 overview of -- of sort of how thing's been going  
19 last month?

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: It almost demands applause  
21 really, because it's -- it has been a monumental  
22 task that Carl's team has done.

23 (Applause)

24 MR. HEROLD: Good morning. Carl Herold for  
25 the record. Thank you, Madam Vice Chair, and

1 Commissioners.

2 So, you know, just to kind of add on what Lou  
3 said, you know, the goal in law enforcement was to  
4 have successes in -- in trying to abate illegal  
5 gambling within the state.

6 And we recognized early on that, you know, we  
7 needed partners and we've worked really hard to try  
8 and secure partnerships with local law enforcement  
9 as well as our state partners and this is just the  
10 beginning.

11 You know, I really believe that this next year  
12 we're going to see some fantastic successes. Not  
13 all of our successes have -- can be shared,  
14 because, you know, the -- the nature of the  
15 business is that while we might make some arrests  
16 and make some inroads into an investigation and  
17 bring things to a conclusion, we can't always share  
18 those because there's the next layer that we need  
19 to go after.

20 So I -- I am proud to kind of share some of  
21 the things that we've done this past month, just  
22 from the standpoint of letting you appreciate all  
23 the work that the law enforcement professionals  
24 that we have in gaming enforcement are doing, so.

25 This last month our -- our investigators and

1 our analysts touched 64 different investigations  
2 that, you know -- these are long-term  
3 investigations for the most part. You know, you  
4 get in there, you work some level of investigation  
5 until you've exhausted what you got and you got to  
6 go to the next level, but we've worked on 64  
7 different investigations and we actually closed 24  
8 investigations. And out of those 24  
9 investigations, 10 people were arrested and -- with  
10 a total of 25 charges across that.

11 And we were able through partnerships with our  
12 local law enforcement partners we were able to  
13 close 11 illegal casinos across the state. That  
14 also doesn't include the fact that we were able to  
15 shut down some convenience store operations that  
16 had illegal slot issue machines within -- within  
17 them as well.

18 As a result of that \$411,000 were seized  
19 either through our partners or through us, and the  
20 importance of, you know, that money seizure is it  
21 disenfranchises, you know, the -- the bad guys. If  
22 they don't have access to that money, they don't  
23 have the capability to continue to be as successful  
24 in their illegal enterprises as -- you know, as  
25 they have been. So that's incredibly important and

1 this is just the tip of the iceberg, this is just  
2 the tip of the iceberg.

3 On our intel and analytical side, you know,  
4 they -- they're absolutely a vital part of what we  
5 do. Besides the fact that they, you know, did  
6 business backgrounds and did individual subject  
7 backgrounds to try and determine all the connecting  
8 dots that go with that, they also do employment  
9 backgrounds for us.

10 They've done a number of those, and they also  
11 provided assistance to other law enforcement  
12 agencies three times this past month. And the  
13 importance of that is that, you know, we're --  
14 we're developing ourselves as subject matter  
15 experts in this field.

16 And most law enforcement within the state,  
17 there are very few, let's just say that, there are  
18 very few that have that expertise and they look to  
19 us to kind of bolster their enforcement activities  
20 and bring to bear the -- kind of the resources and  
21 the knowledge that they need, and that kind of  
22 leads on to, you know, the -- the -- what  
23 Director Trombetta was saying is that, you know, we  
24 see a lot more activity from local law enforcement  
25 and that's because, I really believe, is, you know,



1 they call us and ask us for support in those areas  
2 and how to -- what to look for, how -- you know,  
3 what are the best strategies for enforcement and --  
4 and we give them those resources and -- and we  
5 continue to do that and I believe that that's an  
6 important part of what we're doing, so.

7 That's just kind of a real broad overview of  
8 what we've done this last month. I'll continue to  
9 keep you posted on it and I -- as always I  
10 appreciate your support of what we're trying to do  
11 here. Thank you.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Director Herold.  
13 Again just one month alone, it's just -- it's  
14 tremendous in the report. I'm happy that you  
15 shared it with the public here.

16 Commissioners, any comments or questions of  
17 Director Herold?

18 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: If I could just -- you  
19 know, just make a comment. I think the work being  
20 done is outstanding. In my opinion there's no  
21 question about it and I think the -- the fact that  
22 being out there and getting the attention that we  
23 get for doing these types of operations and these  
24 illegal casinos is going to be -- is a real helpful  
25 push for the rest of the -- the state in terms of

1 law enforcement for them to get involved, because  
2 there's been a lot of frustration as we know over  
3 the years working these kinds of cases.

4 Prosecutors sometimes would be hesitant to  
5 prosecute them, but as they -- as we make more and  
6 more of these cases and we're involved with more  
7 and more of these local agencies, more of them are  
8 going to do it, more of them will be prosecuted,  
9 and I think it will -- it will -- that's our  
10 most -- our biggest value I think to the state is  
11 that expertise you talked about and sharing that  
12 and working as closely as -- as closely as they --  
13 as we can with these agencies.

14 Because they're ready -- obviously ready to do  
15 it and they'll be there and they'll do it, whatever  
16 they have to do, to fight criminal activity in  
17 their counties. And anything we can do to assist  
18 them may be just a little helpful push to get it  
19 over and get to where they -- they want to go.

20 So I appreciate what Director Trombetta said  
21 in terms of the agencies that -- that are working  
22 these cases. I appreciate their assistance and --  
23 and coming to us and our assistance to them.

24 And the partnership going to invaluable over  
25 time and I -- just from my own personal view of the

1 news, you see more and more of it occurring  
2 throughout the state since we started this and  
3 since your -- you and your folks got out there and  
4 started spreading the word, so it will catch on --  
5 continue to catch on.

6 A big problem in this -- in this state, the  
7 illegal casinos that have been spread so much  
8 throughout the state, it's a big problem and it's  
9 going to take a lot of attention and a lot of time,  
10 they're long-term investigations as you mentioned  
11 and -- and -- and, you know, they -- they're --  
12 they're slow sometimes, but you got to do them  
13 right and you've got to do them effectively.

14 So I -- I -- I see great things happening and  
15 I'm looking forward to the next few years in terms  
16 of the results with all this work that's been done  
17 for -- with these illegal operations that are going  
18 on out there.

19 So thank you for -- for that, please pass on  
20 to all the folks that work with you. And I hope  
21 you'll continue to work closely like that and get  
22 the word out. We got Katie now that's going to  
23 help us get that word out all the time and share  
24 that with everybody and I think that would be a big  
25 spark as well, so.

1           And I love you sharing what you do each month  
2           and the statistics and -- and so forth for us to  
3           see and for the public to see what we're doing. I  
4           think it's really important that we're transparent  
5           on that and that we are sharing what we're doing  
6           here with -- with everybody.

7           Everybody can see it, the public can see it,  
8           people know it's happening. The -- the criminal  
9           element can see it and know that we're -- we're on  
10          our way and we're coming and, you know, be ready,  
11          because we're -- we're coming and we're not going  
12          to tolerate it anymore, so we want that word to get  
13          out as well, so thank you.

14          VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,  
15          Commissioner Drago, I agree.

16          Commissioner D'Aquila.

17          COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I would just like to  
18          add to what Commissioner Drago said.  
19          Director Herold's been with us less than two years  
20          and when you -- from a businessman's perspective  
21          when you look at the size and quality of the staff  
22          and -- and that commitment you made I remember when  
23          you were interviewing with us that you would create  
24          a team statewide.

25          And then you took it -- you're taking it

1 beyond, because I know we have an upcoming  
2 conference where out-of-state law enforcement  
3 leaders will be coming to work together to learn  
4 what great work we're doing here in Florida, how we  
5 can help one another as we cross state lines as  
6 well.

7 That -- all those statements, it was much more  
8 of a statement. You've done it. I was just so  
9 impressed to see the number of cases we've got  
10 going on. I'm not impressed to see we have that  
11 many problems of course in the State of Florida,  
12 but as Commissioner Drago has outlined, this is a  
13 very serious problem with all the crimes that are  
14 ancillary. Great progress and thank you on behalf  
15 of both the Commission and I think I can say on  
16 behalf of the people of the State of Florida.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.  
18 Commissioner Repp.

19 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'd like to also commend  
20 you and -- and everyone in your group there for the  
21 work they've done. It just seems to be getting  
22 better and better and we're really getting more and  
23 more accomplished.

24 I'm excited for the intel conference that we  
25 have coming to Tallahassee and the people coming,

1 Nevada, Mississippi, some of these big gaming  
2 places to share their intel with us and I think  
3 there's a lot to be learned and really good  
4 connections that can be made there.

5 So I'm excited also like everyone else here to  
6 see where this goes and -- and how far we can take  
7 this, because it's -- it's looking very -- very  
8 promising.

9 So I appreciate it. Thank everybody when you  
10 get back for us, please.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Director Herald.

12 MR. HEROLD: Thank you.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: See, the applause was  
14 definitely worthy there.

15 MR. TROMBETTA: Thank you. So just kind of  
16 following staff-wise, you mentioned Katie several  
17 times. We have hired Katie. She's our new  
18 director of communications. She has hit the ground  
19 running and looking forward to kind of continuing  
20 to see how that office develops.

21 You know, it's obviously a key part of what  
22 we're trying to do to just get our message out  
23 there and I'm very confident in her abilities  
24 already. So it's a great hire and welcome, Katie.

25 Other staff-wise we're doing, you know,

1 everything we can right now to fill vacancies.  
2 We -- you know, state agencies in general are  
3 struggling in some key areas where -- you know, we  
4 mentioned it at the last meeting, so we're trying  
5 to fill our legal team, trying to fill some of the  
6 IT positions that are just -- you know, it's not  
7 uncommon, it's not a Gaming Commission specific  
8 issue.

9 A lot of states are dealing with it, but  
10 we're -- we're trying to fill all -- you know, all  
11 of these spots that are very important for what  
12 we're doing.

13 Staff has been doing a lot. I know -- you  
14 know, session, it's a late session this year, but  
15 we're already trying to get things ready for you  
16 all just in terms of legislative proposals and our  
17 legislative budget request.

18 So we're working, you know, kind of -- staff's  
19 working to get all this stuff together. They  
20 continue to have a -- you know, bring it to you and  
21 give feedback and then kind of move forward to make  
22 sure the Commission is able to continue to do all  
23 the things that, you know, we've already done and  
24 that we're trying to do.

25 I have I think two other updates one has to do

1 with just the calendar for the next meetings. So  
2 right -- right now -- sorry, speak into the  
3 microphone -- our next meeting in September is set  
4 on my notes for September 5th.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: That's right. That's what  
6 we've got.

7 MR. TROMBETTA: All right. Then I have an  
8 October 2nd.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: That's right.

10 MR. TROMBETTA: And November was TBD, so  
11 November-wise I have availability for conference  
12 rooms. The issue is that we have some slot  
13 licenses that I wanted to kind of make sure we were  
14 aware of.

15 So just to refresh, slot licenses are renewed  
16 based on the date that they were originally issued,  
17 so they happen sporadically throughout the calendar  
18 year instead of like the operational licenses that  
19 all happen by statute on the same day.

20 We have a slot license that will need to be  
21 renewed on or before November 8th, so I would  
22 recommend we meet that first week in November, the  
23 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th.

24 The room across the hall, the PSC room is  
25 occupied the 5th, 6th, and 7th, which is Tuesday,



1 Wednesday, Thursday. So we could meet here on  
2 Thursday, the 7th, or we could meet over there if  
3 you want to do a Friday meeting.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, are you good  
5 with the 6th or the 7th, any preference?

6 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: No. Either one.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: It's election -- election  
8 day that week. You guys, want to do the 7th?

9 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: 7th.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: November -- okay.  
11 November 7th in this room.

12 MR. TROMBETTA: Perfect. And then for  
13 December if I could, there are two renewals in  
14 December, one on December 6th and one on  
15 December 21st.

16 So I would recommend we meet that first week  
17 in December, because then -- then we can -- I can  
18 work with staff on the issue of the 21st. Again we  
19 try to work with permitholders. Again I'm very  
20 grateful. Most of the time they're very  
21 considerate in working with us, but we can have a  
22 special meeting if needed, but, yeah, I would  
23 suggest we meet --

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thursday.

25 MR. TROMBETTA: -- December 5th is a Thursday.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: That sounds good. And this  
2 room or the other room?

3 MR. TROMBETTA: They're both open, yes. Yes,  
4 ma'am.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Great. Commissioners, are  
6 you okay with December 5th?

7 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Yeah.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay. So we've got the  
9 rest of the calendar year planned.

10 MR. TROMBETTA: Yes, we do. Perfect. And  
11 that's all that I have in terms of prepared  
12 updates. I'm obviously available to address any  
13 questions or concerns you all have.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any comments  
15 or questions?

16 We've been very grateful, at least I'm very  
17 grateful, that you -- obviously we meet every week,  
18 but really appreciate adding some additional staff  
19 for additional time on our -- our regular meetings  
20 too and I know it's a lot with -- with all of us  
21 and setting aside hours upon hours. So really just  
22 thank you for that leadership that you took to  
23 enhance what we're already doing.

24 MR. TROMBETTA: Of course.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay. If there are no

1 other comments or questions, the executive  
2 director's report is concluded.

3 And we don't have any speakers that are signed  
4 up for public comment, but I will give an  
5 opportunity if there is anybody in the public that  
6 would like to address the Commission, you may  
7 please feel free to come on up. Okay. Going once,  
8 twice.

9 Commissioners, are there any other matters to  
10 address?

11 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: No.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Seeing none, we are  
13 concluded -- adjourned for the day. Thank you.

14 (The proceedings concluded at 10:26 a.m.)

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Dated this 23rd day of August, 2024.

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