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FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING/WORKSHOP HEARING

LOCATION: Remote Via Teams

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Friday, August 30th, 2024

11:00 a.m. - 11:04 a.m. EST

BEFORE: Vice Chair, Julie Brown
Commissioner, Chuck Drago
Commissioner, John D'Aquila
Commissioner, Tina Repp
Executive Director, Louis Trombetta

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APPEARANCES:

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Julie Brown, Vice Chair
- Tina Repp, Commissioner
- Chuck Drago, Commissioner
- John D'Aquila, Commissioner
- Louis Trombetta, Executive Director

PARTICIPANTS:

- Elina Valentine, General Counsel
- Katie Young, Director of Communications
- Carl Herold, Director of Gaming Enforcement
- Ross Marshman, Deputy Exec. Director and
Chief Legal Officer
- Tracy Swain, Bureau Chief of Audit and Revenue for
Pari-Mutuel Wagering
- Elizabeth Stinson, Chief Attorney
- Joe Dillmore, Director of Pari-Mutuel Wagering
- Emily Alvarado, Chief Attorney in Litigation
- Lisa Mustain, Director of Administration

OTHERS PRESENT:

- Various Members of the Public
- The Florida Channel

1 Proceedings began at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time:

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: So with that we are going
3 to open this Florida Gaming Commission meeting on
4 Friday, August 30th, the time is 11:00 a.m.

5 We have an abbreviated agenda with one item as
6 well as public comment on here. The meeting has
7 been timely noticed as well. And with that if
8 there are no opening comments by the Commissioners
9 then we can kick it off to a discussion of license
10 denial, Item 1.1.

11 MS. VALENTINE: Agenda Item 1.1 is an
12 application submitted by Jose Anthony Torres for a
13 slot machine cardroom pari-mutuel combination
14 occupational license. The applicant submitted the
15 application on April 23rd, 2024. The application
16 contained omissions.

17 The Commissioners received a completed
18 application on June 4, 2024. Pursuant to Section
19 120.60 of the Florida statutes, an application for
20 a license must be approved or denied within 90 days
21 after receipt of a completed application. The
22 deadline to approve or deny Mr. Torres' application
23 is September 2nd, 2024, therefore, this Commission
24 meeting is timely and satisfies the statutory
25 deadline.

1 Upon review of Mr. Torres' application, it
2 appears that on March 15th, 2024, Mr. Torres was
3 convicted of two felony offenses in Broward County,
4 Florida, dealing in stolen property and false
5 ownership information, pawned item.

6 By law, the Commission may deny an application
7 for a license based on these felony convictions.
8 The Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering recommends
9 that the Commission authorize the issuance of a
10 letter of license denial to Jose Anthony Torres.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

12 Commissioners, are there any questions on this
13 item? I will note that there are still assessed
14 court fees of a \$811 that have been unpaid. And I
15 believe that the individual applicant has 18
16 months' probation, which has not expired yet.

17 MS. VALENTINE: Yes. That is correct.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

19 Commissioners, any comment? Feel free to just
20 speak up.

21 If not, then we are ripe for a motion to
22 approve the issuance of the license denial and the
23 staff recommendation.

24 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make a motion to
25 approve the staff recommendation for the motion to

1 deny.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

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

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion? All those
5 in favor, say aye.

6 IN UNISON: Aye.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Passes unanimously.

8 Are there any other items to address under
9 1.1, Ms. Valentine?

10 MS. VALENTINE: There are none, Vice Chair.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Okay. We are
12 moving into public comment.

13 Is there anyone participating in this meeting
14 that would like to speak with the Commission at
15 this time? Going once. Going twice. Seeing no
16 public comment at this meeting, Commissioners, are
17 there any other matters to address before our
18 meeting next Thursday in Tallahassee?

19 COMMISSIONER REPP: No.

20 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I have nothing, Vice
21 Chair.

22 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I have nothing, Vice
23 Chair.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, all. Thank you,
25 Commissioners. Thank you, staff. And looking

1 forward to seeing you all next week. This meeting
2 is adjourned.

3 (Meeting concluded at 11:04 a.m.)

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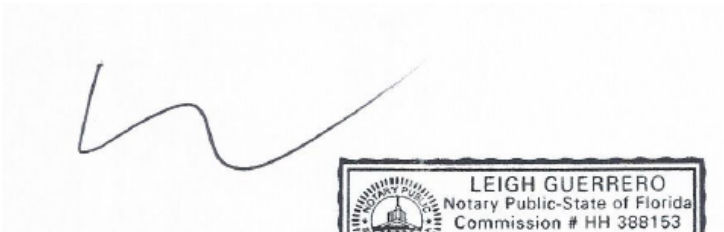
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