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FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

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PUBLIC MEETING/WORKSHOP HEARING

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9:30 a.m. - 10:41 a.m.

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

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COMMISSION MEMBERS:

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Vice Chair Julie I. Brown

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Commissioner Charles Drago

Commissioner John D'Aquila

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Commissioner Tina Repp

Executive Director, Louis Trombetta

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- Ross Marshman, Deputy Executive Director  
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- Lisa M. Mustain, Director Of Administration

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- Jamie Pouncey, Program Administrator

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- Tracy Swain, Chief Revenue and Auditing Officer

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- Marc Taupier, Deputy General and Chief Gaming  
Enforcement Legal Advisor

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- Elina Valentine, General Counsel

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- Carl Herold, Director of Law Enforcement

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OTHERS PRESENT:

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- Various Members of the Public

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- The Florida Channel

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1 Thereupon, the following proceeding began at 9:30 a.m.:

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Good morning. Today is  
3 November 7, 2024. This is the Florida Gaming  
4 Control Commission November meeting. Please stand  
5 for the pledge of allegiance.

6 (Pledge of allegiance.)

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, all. I hope  
8 everyone is doing well today. We're going to jump  
9 into our agenda.

10 Commissioners, as you know, just push the mic  
11 whenever you'd like to speak. We're going to the  
12 approval of meeting minutes for August 30,  
13 September 5th, and October 2nd. Can I get a motion  
14 to approve all three items.

15 COMMISSIONER REPP: Motion to approve.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

17 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say  
19 aye.

20 (Multiple ayes.)

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. The meeting  
22 minutes passes. We are going into discussion of  
23 the renewal application for slot machines license  
24 2.1.

25 Ms. Pouncey, good morning.

1 MS. POUNCEY: Good morning. Jamie Pouncey,  
2 for  
the record. This is Case No. 2024-047105. It's  
3 the application for Dania Entertainment Center for  
4 their annual slot machine license. They have  
5 submitted all the required documentation. The  
6 application was received August 5th and was deemed  
7 complete November 4th. The payments have been  
8 received. All of the required information has been  
9 submitted, and the Division recommends approval.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

11 Commissioners, are there any questions on the  
12 item? Seeing that all of the annual application  
13 and legal requirements have been complete, can we  
14 get a motion to approve.

15 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

17 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say  
19 aye.

20 (Multiple ayes.)

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Pouncey.  
22 Item 3.1 is an amended application for pari-mutuel  
23 operating license.

24 MS. POUNCEY: This is Case No. 2024-054428.  
25 It is an application from RB Jai Alai to amend its

1 operating dates. They submitted their original  
2 application for 36 performances, and they have  
3 requested to amend that license by canceling those  
4 performances.

5 They have submitted the required  
6 documentation, and the Division is recommending  
7 approval effective September 23, 2024.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

9 Commissioners, any questions? Can we just get  
10 confirmation on the record that RB is going to be  
11 accepting wages on inner track and simulcasting?

12 MS. POUNCEY: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER REPP: Thank you.

14 Can we get a motion to approve the item.

15 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Motion to approve.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there a  
17 second?

18 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. All those in  
20 favor, say aye.

21 (Multiple ayes.)

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: 3.1 passes.

23 All right. We are going into a discussion on  
24 default final orders 4.1 to 4.13. Good morning.

25 MR. TAUPIER: Good morning. Marc Taupier, for

1 the record, on behalf of Emily Alvarado. First is  
2 Item No. 4.1, Case No. 2024-008464, Audley Anthony  
3 Adderley.

4 In the materials that you have been provided,  
5 you have a one-count administrative complaint  
6 alleging that the respondent was excluded from  
7 Calder Casino on January 23, 2024, therefore,  
8 subject to exclusion from all pari-mutuel  
9 facilities and all facilities of a slot machine  
10 licensee pursuant to Sections 550.0251(6) and  
11 551.112 Florida Statutes.

12 It is alleged in the investigative report that  
13 he was seen opening various player club accounts.  
14 You have been provided the Fed-Ex certified mail  
15 tracking number and delivery confirmation showing  
16 that the respondent was served.

17 Respondent was notified that pursuant to Rule  
18 28-106.111(4), they must file a written response  
19 with 21 days or they would waive their right to a  
20 hearing. Respondent failed to respond.

21 Therefore, the Division would ask the  
22 Commission to enter an order finding the following:  
23 that respondent was properly served with the  
24 administrative complaint; that the respondent  
25 failed to respond within 21 days waiving his right



1 to a hearing; that the allegations in the  
2 administrative complaint are adopted; and  
3 concluding that the respondent shall be added to  
4 the permanent exclusion list for all pari-mutuel  
5 facilities and all facilities of a slot machine  
6 licensee.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Taupier. I  
8 know we have a few of these exclusion items, too,  
9 to go over.

10 Commissioners, are there any questions on this  
11 item? If not, can we get a motion to approve the  
12 final order permanently excluding the respondent.

13 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved to accept the  
14 staff recommendation.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there a  
16 second?

17 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion? All those  
19 in favor, say aye.

20 (Multiple ayes.)

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

22 MR. TAUPIER: Item No. 4.2, Case No.  
23 2024-036027, Adolfo Manzano Jr. In the materials  
24 that you have been provided, you have a one-count  
25 administrative complaint alleging that respondent

1 was excluded for one year and terminated from  
2 Bonita Springs Poker Room on June 3, 2024,  
3 therefore, subject to exclusion from all  
4 pari-mutuel facilities pursuant to 550.0251(6) of  
5 Florida Statutes.

6 It is alleged in the investigate report that  
7 he was intoxicated while at work and threatened to  
8 shoot it up. You have been provided the USPS  
9 certified mail tracking number and USPS delivery  
10 confirmation showing delivery to the respondent.

11 Respondent was notified that pursuant to Rule  
12 28-106.111(4), they must file a written response  
13 within 21 days or they will waive their right to a  
14 hearing, and respondent failed to respond.

15 Therefore, the Division would ask the  
16 Commission to enter an order of the following:  
17 finding that respondent was properly served with  
18 the administrative complaint; that the respondent  
19 failed to respond within 21 days, therefore,  
20 waiving his right to a hearing; that the facts and  
21 allegations in the administrative complaint are  
22 adopted; and concluding that the respondent shall  
23 be added to the permanent exclusion list for all  
24 pari-mutuel facilities.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Taupier. I

1 know you're filling in for Ms. Alvarado, but was  
2 this respondent, was their license also revoked  
3 prior?

4 MR. TAUPIER: We're trying to look into that.  
5 We are having IT issues on accessing our database.  
6 However, I can assure you that if that license is  
7 still active, we will look into going forward on  
8 that revocation.

9 However, because it's not within the  
10 administrative complaint and not noticed of that  
11 remedy that we were seeking, we can't technically  
12 go forward on that right now.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

14 Commissioners, any questions? Can we please  
15 get a motion to enter a final order permanently  
16 excluding respondent.

17 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there a  
19 second?

20 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

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

23 (Multiple ayes.)

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. 4.3, please.

25 MR. TAUPIER: Item No. 4.3, Case No.

1 2024-037465, Fulgencio Sanchez Mayo. You've been  
2 provided with the one-count administrative  
3 complaint alleging that the respondent was excluded  
4 from Casino Miami on May 28, 2024, therefore,  
5 subject to the exclusion of all pari-mutuel  
6 facilities and all slot facilities pursuant to  
7 Sections 550.0251(6) and 551.112 Florida Statutes.

8 It's alleged by the facility that he was  
9 stealing another patron's slot machine voucher from  
10 his friend and cashing them in. You have also been  
11 provided with the USPS certified mail tracking  
12 number and USPS delivery confirmation showing  
13 delivery to the respondent.

14 Respondent was notified that pursuant to Rule  
15 28-106.111(4), they must file a written response  
16 within 21 days or they waive their right to a  
17 hearing. Respondent failed to respond.

18 Therefore, the Division would ask the  
19 Commission to enter an order finding the following:  
20 that the respondent was properly served with the  
21 administrative, that the respondent failed to  
22 respond within 21 days waiving his right to a  
23 hearing; that the allegations alleged in the  
24 administrative complaint are adopted by the  
25 Commission; and that the respondent shall be added

1 to the permanent exclusion list for all pari-mutuel  
2 facilities and all facilities of a slot machine  
3 licensee.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

5 If there's no discussion, can we please get a  
6 motion to approve the staff recommendation as  
7 presented.

8 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll make a motion to  
9 approve staff recommendation as recommended.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there a  
11 second?

12 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion? All those  
14 in favor, say aye.

15 (Multiple ayes.)

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. 4.4, please.

17 MR. TAUPIER: Item No. 4.4 is Case No.  
18 2024-037645, Gregory William Ferrari. You've been  
19 provided with a two-count administrative complaint  
20 alleging that the respondent was excluded and  
21 terminated from Harrah's Pompano Beach on June 28,  
22 2024 when it was discovered that respondent was  
23 falsifying payout documents and keeping around  
24 \$1,200 from that payout.

25 Therefore, he's subject to exclusion from all

1 pari-mutuel facilities and all facilities of a slot  
2 machine licensee pursuant to Sections 550.0251(6)  
3 and 551.112 Florida Statutes and revocation of the  
4 slot machine cardroom pari-mutuel combination  
5 occupational license.

6           You've been provided with USPS certified mail  
7 tracking number and delivery confirmation showing  
8 that the AC was delivered to the respondent.  
9 Respondent was notified that pursuant to Rule  
10 28-106.114, they must file a written response  
11 within 21 days or they would waive their right to a  
12 hearing.

13           Respondent failed to respond. Therefore, the  
14 Division would ask the Commission to enter an order  
15 finding the following: that the respondent was  
16 properly served with the administrative complaint;  
17 that the respondent failed to respond within 21  
18 days, therefore, waiving his right to a hearing;  
19 that the allegations in the administrative  
20 complaint are adopted by the Commission; and that  
21 the respondent shall be added to the permanent  
22 exclusion list for all pari-mutuel facilities and  
23 all facilities of a slot machine licensee; and that  
24 the slot machine cardroom pari-mutuel combination  
25 occupational license shall be revoked.

1           VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. This was pretty  
2           onerous. This was a poker supervisor as well. I  
3           hope that restitution was also made to the permit  
4           holder.

5           MR. TAUPIER: I could look into that.

6           VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

7           Commissioners, are there any questions? If  
8           not, can we get a motion to approve the final order  
9           permanently excluding respondent, as well as  
10          revoking his slot machine occupational license?

11          COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make that motion.

12          VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

13          COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

14          VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion? All those  
15          in favor, say aye.

16          (Multiple ayes.)

17          VICE CHAIR BROWN: Moving on to 4.5.

18          MR. TAUPIER: Item No. 4.5 is Case No.  
19          2024-039268, Shakira Lashay Warren. You've been  
20          provided with a one-count administrative complaint  
21          alleging that the respondent was excluded from  
22          Magic City Casino on June 21, 2024, therefore,  
23          subject to the exclusion from all pari-mutuel  
24          facilities and all facilities of a slot machine  
25          licensee pursuant to Sections 550.0251(6) and

1 551.112 Florida Statutes.

2 It was alleged in the investigative report  
3 that they were seen capping bets. You've been  
4 provided with the USPS certified mail tracking  
5 number and the USPS confirmation showing delivery  
6 to the respondent.

7 Respondent was notified that they had 21 days  
8 to respond or they would be waiving their right to  
9 a hearing pursuant to Rule 28-106.111(4).  
10 Respondent failed to respond. Therefore, the  
11 Division would ask the Commission to enter an order  
12 finding that the respondent was properly served  
13 with the administrative complaint; that the  
14 respondent failed to respond to the administrative  
15 complaint and have waived their right to a hearing;  
16 that all the allegations in the administrative  
17 complaint be adopted; and that the respondent be  
18 added to the permanent exclusion list for all  
19 pari-mutuel facilities and all facilities of a slot  
20 machine licensee.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. There's a few  
22 of these capping bets that we have here today.

23 Commissioners, if there are no questions, can  
24 we please get a motion to approve the staff  
25 recommendation.



1 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

2 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

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

5 (Multiple ayes.)

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: 4.6, please.

7 MR. TAUPIER: Item No. 4.6 is Case No.  
8 2024-041426, Richard Pignol. You've been provided  
9 with a one-count administrative complaint alleging  
10 that the respondent was permanently excluded from  
11 The Casino @ Dania Beach on July 19, 2024,  
12 therefore, being subject to exclusion from all  
13 pari-mutuel facilities and all facilities of a slot  
14 machine licensee pursuant to Sections 550.0251(6)  
15 and 551.112 Florida Statutes.

16 It is alleged in the report that he was seen  
17 impaired, exhibited extreme disruptive behavior,  
18 including shouting, racial slurs, and derogatory  
19 statements against patrons and poker staff at the  
20 casino.

21 You've been provided with the USPS certified  
22 mail tracking and the USPS confirmation of delivery  
23 that respondent was served. The respondent was  
24 notified that pursuant to Rule 28-106.111(4), he  
25 must file a response within 21 days or waive their

1 right to a hearing. Respondent did fail to  
2 respond.

3 Therefore, the Division is asking the  
4 Commission to enter an order finding the following:  
5 that the respondent was properly served with the  
6 administrative complaint; that the respondent  
7 failed to respond to that administrative complaint  
8 within 21 days, therefore, waiving their right to a  
9 hearing; that the allegations alleged in the  
10 administrative complaint are adopted by the  
11 Commission; and that the respondent shall be added  
12 to the permanent exclusion list for all pari-mutuel  
13 facilities and all facilities of a slot machine  
14 licensee.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

16 Commissioners, can we please get a motion to  
17 approve the staff recommendation as presented.

18 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Make a motion to  
19 approve the staff recommendation as recommended.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say  
23 aye.

24 (Multiple ayes.)

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Mr. Taupier, can you please

1 take Item Nos. 4.7 and 4.8 together, since they're  
2 related?

3 MR. TAUPIER: Absolutely. Item No. 4.7 is  
4 2024-042375, Lamatris McNeal. Item No. 4.8 is Case  
5 No. 2024-043785, Pedro Rivera. In the case  
6 materials for both cases, you've been provided with  
7 a one-count administrative complaint alleging that  
8 the respondents were excluded from Casino Miami on  
9 July 11, 2024 and, therefore, subject to exclusion  
10 from all pari-mutuel facilities and all facilities  
11 of a slot machine licensee pursuant to Sections  
12 550.0251(6) and 551.112 Florida Statutes.

13 The investigative report alleges that these  
14 respondents were seen taking vouchers that belonged  
15 to other patrons and cashing them out. You've been  
16 provided with the certified mail tracking number  
17 from USPS and the delivery confirmation in both  
18 cases showing that the respondents in both cases  
19 have been served.

20 Both respondents were notified that they had  
21 21 days to respond to that administrative complaint  
22 or they would be waiving their right to a hearing  
23 under Rule 28-106.111(4). Both respondents did  
24 fail to respond.

25 Therefore, the Division is asking the

1 Commission to enter an order finding that the  
2 respondents in both cases were properly served with  
3 the administrative complaint; that they both failed  
4 to respond to the administrative complaint waiving  
5 their right to a formal or informal hearing; that  
6 the allegations in the respective administrative  
7 complaints are adopted by the Commission; and that  
8 both respondents shall be added to the permanent  
9 exclusion list for all pari-mutuel facilities and  
10 all facilities of a slot machine licensee.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Taupier.

12 Commissioners, if there are no questions, can  
13 we get a motion to approve the staff recommendation  
14 on Item Nos. 4.7 and 4.8.

15 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make that motion.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there a  
17 second?

18 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say  
20 aye.

21 (Multiple ayes.)

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: We are moving on to 4.9.

23 MR. TAUPIER: Item No. 4.9 is Case No.  
24 2024-044282, Brian Brinkley. You've been provided  
25 with a one-count administrative complaint alleging

1 that respondent was excluded from Casino Miami on  
2 July 11, 2024, therefore, subject to exclusion from  
3 all pari-mutuel facilities and all facilities of a  
4 slot machine licensee pursuant to Sections  
5 550.0251(6) and 551.112 Florida Statutes.

6 It's alleged in the report that he was seen  
7 asleep on the casino floor, woke up, threatened the  
8 staff, was found to have multiple identifications  
9 and was arrested. At this time, criminal charges  
10 are currently pending.

11 You've been provided with the USPS certified  
12 mail tracking number and delivery confirmation  
13 showing that delivery to the respondent was  
14 successful. Respondent was notified that they had  
15 21 days upon receipt of that to file a written  
16 response to the administrative complaint or they  
17 would waive their right to a hearing under Rule  
18 28-106.111(4).

19 Respondent did fail to respond. Therefore,  
20 the Division would ask the Commission to enter an  
21 order finding that the respondent was properly  
22 served; that the respondent failed to respond  
23 within 21 days, therefore, waiving their right to a  
24 hearing; that all the allegations in the  
25 administrative complaint are adopted by the

1 Commission; and that the respondent be added to the  
2 permanent exclusion list for all pari-mutuel  
3 facilities and all facilities of a slot machine  
4 licensee.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

6 Commissioners, are there any questions? Can  
7 we get a motion to approve the staff recommendation  
8 on Item No. 4.9.

9 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there a  
11 second?

12 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say  
14 aye.

15 (Multiple ayes.)

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. We are on to  
17 4.10. Just a few more here. You're doing great.

18 MR. TAUPIER: 4.10 is Case No. 2024-046058,  
19 Cathy Halford. You've been provided with a  
20 one-count administrative complaint alleging that  
21 the respondent was excluded from Harrah's Pompano  
22 Park on August 9, 2024, therefore, subject to the  
23 exclusion from all pari-mutuel facilities and all  
24 facilities of a slot machine licensee pursuant to  
25 Sections 550.0251(6) and 551.112 Florida Statutes.

1           It was alleged in the investigative report  
2           that they were seen capping bets. You've been  
3           provided with the USPS certified tracking number  
4           and delivery confirmation showing that the  
5           respondent was served with the administrative  
6           complaint.

7           Respondent was notified that they had 21 days  
8           to request a hearing in writing or that they would  
9           waive their right to a hearing pursuant to Rule  
10          28-106.111(4) of the Florida Administrative Code.  
11          Respondent did fail to respond.

12          Therefore, the Division would ask the  
13          Commission to enter an order finding that the  
14          respondent was properly served with the  
15          administrative complaint; that the respondent  
16          failed to reply within 21 days of that complaint,  
17          therefore, waiving their right to a hearing; that  
18          the allegations in the administrative complaint are  
19          adopted by the Commission; and concluding that the  
20          respondent shall be added to the permanent  
21          exclusion list for all pari-mutuel facilities and  
22          all facilities of a slot machine licensee.

23          VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

24          Are there any questions? If not, can we get a  
25          motion to approve the staff recommendation in Item

1 No. 4.10.

2 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make that motion.

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

4 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

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

7 (Multiple ayes.)

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. 4.11, please.

9 MR. TAUPIER: Item No. 4.11 is Case No.  
10 2024-046564, Charlie Whetstone. You've been  
11 provided with a one-count administrative complaint  
12 alleging that the respondent was excluded from  
13 Hialeah Park on July 10, 2024, therefore, subject  
14 to the exclusion from all pari-mutuel facilities  
15 and all facilities of a slot machine licensee  
16 pursuant to Sections 550.0251(6) and 551.112  
17 Florida Statutes.

18 It was alleged that he was seen collecting and  
19 cashing out vouchers that did not belong to them.  
20 You've been provided with the USPS certified mail  
21 tracking number and delivery confirmation showing  
22 that the administrative complaint was served on the  
23 respondent.

24 The respondent was notified that pursuant to  
25 Rule 28-106.111(4) Florida Administrative Code,



1 they must file a written response to that  
2 administrative complaint within 21 days of receipt  
3 or waive their right to a hearing. The respondent  
4 failed to respond.

5 Therefore, the Division would ask the  
6 Commission to enter an order finding that the  
7 respondent was properly served with the  
8 administrative complaint; that the respondent  
9 failed to respond within 21 days, therefore,  
10 waiving their right to a hearing; that the  
11 allegations alleged in the administrative complaint  
12 are adopted by the Commission; and that the  
13 respondent shall be added to the permanent  
14 exclusion list for all pari-mutuel facilities and  
15 all facilities of a slot machine licensee.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you so much.

17 Commissioners, if there are no questions, can  
18 we please get a motion to approve the staff  
19 recommendation.

20 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Motion on approve the  
21 staff recommendation.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

23 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

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

1 (Multiple ayes.)

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. I do just want  
3 to point out that these investigative reports are  
4 very, very detailed and thorough. I really  
5 compliment our staff for the process that they have  
6 been investing in.

7 MR. TAUPIER: They do do good work, I agree.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: 4.12, please.

9 MR. TAUPIER: Item No. 4.12 is 2024-047412,  
10 Steven J. Mosley. You've been provided with a  
11 one-count administrative complaint alleging that  
12 the respondent was excluded from Harrah's Pompano  
13 Park on August 16, 2024 and, therefore, subject to  
14 exclusion from all pari-mutuel facilities and all  
15 facilities of a slot machine licensee pursuant to  
16 Sections 550.0251(6) and 551.112 Florida Statutes  
17 for the allegation of capping bets.

18 You've been provided with the USPS certified  
19 mail tracking number and delivery confirmation  
20 showing that delivery to respondent was successful.  
21 Respondent was notified that they had 21 days upon  
22 receipt of that administrative complaint to file a  
23 written response or waive their right to a hearing  
24 pursuant to Rule 28-106.111(4) Florida  
25 Administrative Code.

1           Respondent failed to respond to the  
2     administrative complaint. Therefore, the Division  
3     would ask the Commission to enter an order finding  
4     that the respondent was properly served with the  
5     administrative complaint; failed to respond within  
6     21 days of receipt and waive their right to a  
7     hearing; that the allegations of fact in the  
8     administrative complaint are adopted by the  
9     Commission; and that the respondent shall be added  
10    to the permanent exclusion list for all pari-mutuel  
11    facilities and all facilities of a slot machine  
12    licensee.

13           VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Taupier.  
14    This is just another example of the investigator's  
15    thorough review going back and looking at two  
16    different occurrences through the survey lense  
17    video and capturing it, so great work.

18           Commissioners, are there any questions? If  
19    not, can we get a motion to approve the staff  
20    recommendation.

21           COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I'll make that motion.

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

24           COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

25           VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say

1 aye.

2 (Multiple ayes.)

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All right. We are lastly  
4 here moving to 4.13.

5 MR. TAUPIER: Item No. 4.13 is Case No.  
6 2024-050401, John Malocsey. You've been provided  
7 with a one-count administrative complaint alleging  
8 that the respondent was excluded from Cardhouse  
9 Port Saint Lucie on August 22, 2024 and, therefore,  
10 subject to the exclusion from all pari-mutuel  
11 facilities pursuant to Sections 550.0251(6) of the  
12 Florida Statutes for the allegations that he was  
13 seen asking other players for money in the poker  
14 room and loitering on the property.

15 You've been provided with the USPS certified  
16 mail tracking number and USPS delivery confirmation  
17 showing that delivery of the administrative  
18 complaint to the respondent was successful.

19 The respondent was notified that they must  
20 respond within 21 days of receiving the  
21 administrative complaint or they would be waiving  
22 their right to a hearing under Rule 28-106.111(4)  
23 of the Florida Administrative Code.

24 Respondent failed to respond to the  
25 administrative complaint. Therefore, the Division

1 would ask the Commission to enter an order finding  
2 the following: that the respondent was properly  
3 served with the administrative complaint; that the  
4 respondent failed to respond within 21 days of  
5 receiving that administrative complaint, therefore,  
6 waiving his right to a hearing; that the  
7 allegations alleged in the administrative complaint  
8 are adopted by the Commission; and that the  
9 respondent be added to the permanent exclusion list  
10 for all pari-mutuel facilities.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Taupier. If  
12 there are no questions, can we please get a motion  
13 to approve the staff recommendation in 4.13.

14 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make that motion.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

16 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say  
18 aye.

19 (Multiple ayes.)

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. We are now  
21 going to move to discussion of request for waivers.  
22 We have three items herein. Moving into 5.1.

23 MR. TAUPIER: Item No. 5.1 is Case No.  
24 2024-040451, Jonathan Orjuela. The applicant  
25 applied for a cardroom employee occupational

1 license. And upon review of that application, it  
2 was discovered that he had a disqualifying felony  
3 offense of fleeing and attempting to elude a police  
4 officer, which was in 2008.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: 2007.

6 MR. TAUPIER: 2007. The applicant did apply  
7 and is seeking a waiver of the felony offense and  
8 issuance of his cardroom employee occupational  
9 license. The applicant originally answered yes to  
10 if he had been convicted of a disqualifying  
11 offense, listed two misdemeanor offenses.

12 He did list his felony as a misdemeanor,  
13 though. He is applying for a poker-dealer at Tampa  
14 Bay Downs. A waiver interview was conducted on  
15 July 9, 2024 and is documented in the materials  
16 provided.

17 Under Section 550.105(5)(c) Florida Statutes,  
18 it provides that the Commission may waive the  
19 offense if the applicant establishes that he or she  
20 is of good moral character, that she has been  
21 rehabilitated, and that the crime that he or she  
22 was convicted of is not related to pari-mutuel  
23 wagering and is not a capital offense.

24 The restrictions excluding offenders may be  
25 waived by the Commission under Section

1 849.086(6)(f), Florida Statutes, provides that the  
2 provisions specified in 550 relating to licensure  
3 shall be applicable to cardroom occupational  
4 licenses.

5 So before you, the Commission can decide to  
6 grant the waiver and issue the applicant an  
7 occupational license. If the Commission decides  
8 not to waive the felony conviction and issue a  
9 license, we would ask that you allow the Division  
10 to issue a letter of license denial in this case.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Taupier.

12 Commissioners, I'm sure you have some thoughts  
13 on this item, particularly the individual just got  
14 a license in Illinois. He also has been -- the  
15 offense is nowhere near related to the license that  
16 he is pursuing, so I just kind of wanted your  
17 thoughts on this item.

18 Commissioner Drago.

19 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I think that's an  
20 important note, the fact of what the violation is.  
21 It's not really related to the occupation that he's  
22 seeking, a license that he's seeking. It was back  
23 in 2007, so it's a significant amount of time.

24 And apparently according to what we see in our  
25 material, he hasn't been arrested or convicted of

1 anything since, so I think we need to take that  
2 into consideration.

3 I'm a little confused in the narrative where  
4 it says that he fled from the officers, but then he  
5 was arrested when he was pulled over. So I'm not  
6 sure if they finally captured him somehow somewhere  
7 down the road or what.

8 It's not exactly -- it doesn't go deep enough  
9 to understand exactly what that means. But he was  
10 charged with a fleeing, so that's what it is. But  
11 I think that we need to take into consideration  
12 what that crime was and the time involved and so  
13 forth.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I agree wholeheartedly.  
15 Commissioners, any other thoughts?

16 COMMISSIONER REPP: No.

17 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I concur.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Excellent.  
19 Commissioner Drago, can we please get a motion to  
20 grant the waiver and issue the individual and  
21 occupancy license.

22 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: So moved.

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

25 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.



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

3 (Multiple ayes.)

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Passes unanimously. 5.2,  
5 please.

6 MR. TAUPIER: Item No. 5.2 is Case No.  
7 2024-042055, Christy Lee Gardner. The applicant  
8 applied for a slot machine cardroom pari-mutuel  
9 individual combination occupational license. Upon  
10 review of the application, it was discovered that  
11 she had a disqualifying misdemeanor offense of  
12 petty theft from what appears to be 2011.

13 The applicant seeks a waiver of the  
14 misdemeanor offense and the issuance of a slot  
15 machine cardroom pari-mutuel individual combination  
16 occupational license. They are applying to be a  
17 food runner at the Big Easy Casino.

18 A waiver was conducted on August 27, 2024 and  
19 provided to the Commission the materials. It  
20 appears that in 2018 it was denied. There was  
21 allegations of pushing a stroller that had  
22 merchandise under the seats.

23 The materials go into exactly what the facts  
24 were of that. Due to what some of those facts are,  
25 I'm not going to be able to disclose any due to the

1 age, potentially. Section 550.1055(c) Florida  
2 Statutes provides in pertinent part that the  
3 Commission may waive the offense if the applicant  
4 establishes that she or he is of good moral  
5 character, that she or he has been rehabilitated,  
6 and that the crime she or he was convicted of is  
7 not related to pari-mutuel wagering and is not a  
8 capital offense, therefore, allowing the Commission  
9 to waive the restrictions of those offenders.

10 The Commission can decide to grant the waiver  
11 and issue the applicant an occupational license.  
12 And if the Commission decides not to waive and  
13 issue the license, the Division would ask that you  
14 allow us to issue a letter of license denial in  
15 this case.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

17 Commissioners, any questions or comments or  
18 thoughts on this item?

19 Commissioner Repp.

20 COMMISSIONER REPP: Has there been any  
21 interactions with the law since, I believe this was  
22 2011?

23 MR. TAUPIER: I don't remember reviewing any  
24 other criminal actions since 2011. I can't say for  
25 certain.

1           COMMISSIONER REPP: I don't see this as having  
2 any issues with meeting the statute, as far as  
3 being able to issue this license and the data on  
4 it. I think that we've shown sufficiently with  
5 what has been put into the record that I think I  
6 could give this license, my opinion.

7           VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,  
8 Commissioner Repp.

9           Commissioner D'Aquila.

10          COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: My understanding is  
11 she's applying for a food service runner position?

12          MR. TAUPIER: Correct.

13          COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: And also looking  
14 further, it was petty theft?

15          MR. TAUPIER: It was petty theft.

16          COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: And all fines and fees  
17 have been paid?

18          MR. TAUPIER: From what it appears.

19          COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: And nothing  
20 subsequent?

21          MR. TAUPIER: Correct.

22          COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: And under those  
23 additional facts, as I understand them, I will  
24 concur with Commissioner Repp.

25          VICE CHAIR BROWN: Excellent. And also just

1 another point to add was, as you mentioned, the  
2 court fees were paid and there was no probation at  
3 all issued with this applicant after she was  
4 arrested and charged with this crime.

5 Commission Drago, any comments?

6 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Just that I confer with  
7 Commissioner Repp and D'Aquila.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Wonderful.

9 Commissioner Repp, can we please get a motion  
10 to grant the waiver and issue the occupancy  
11 license.

12 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make that motion.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say  
16 aye.

17 (Multiple ayes.)

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Motion passes unanimously.  
19 Item 5.3.

20 MR. TAUPIER: Item No. 5.3 is Case No.  
21 2024-048127, Cedric Leon Green. The applicant  
22 applied for a PMW general individual occupational  
23 license. And upon review of that application, it  
24 was discovered he had a disqualifying felony  
25 offense of grand theft from 2001. It is noted that

1 it was not disclosed on the original application.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And that's grand theft  
3 auto?

4 MR. TAUPIER: Correct. The applicant failed  
5 to list all of the offenses in the first  
6 application. Subsequently after responding, he  
7 seeks a waiver of the felony offense and issuance  
8 of that license.

9 He is currently applying for a security  
10 position at Palm Beach KC. A waiver interview was  
11 conducted on August 27, 2024, and it's documented  
12 in the materials that were provided to you.  
13 Applicant explained that felony was his friend. He  
14 picked him up, and he entered a vehicle. And then  
15 when police stopped, they jumped out and went on  
16 foot. That's his narrative.

17 According to Section 550.105(5)(c) Florida  
18 Statutes, it allows the Commission to waive an  
19 offense that would be disqualifying if the  
20 applicant establishes that she or he is of good  
21 moral character, that she or he has been  
22 rehabilitated, and that the crime that she or he  
23 was convicted of is not related to pari-mutuel  
24 wagering and is not a capital offense.

25 The Commission can decide to grant the waiver

1 and issue the applicant an occupational license.  
2 Or if the Commission decides not to waive and issue  
3 the license, the Division would ask that you allow  
4 the Division to issue a letter of license denial in  
5 this case.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Taupier.

7 Again, this is one that stems back to over 24  
8 years ago. He's applying to be a security officer.  
9 Are there any other crimes? I can't find them in  
10 the record.

11 MR. TAUPIER: When I reviewed this, I did not  
12 see any other criminal convictions or any other  
13 criminal instances.

14 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Thank you so much.  
15 Commissioner D'Aquila.

16 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: So my understanding is  
17 that this happened when he was 19 years old?

18 MR. TAUPIER: Around that age.

19 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: And he is  
20 approximately 42 years old, and to date has had no  
21 subsequent run-ins with the law?

22 MR. TAUPIER: Correct.

23 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Based on all of the  
24 searches that were done and so forth. And also in  
25 looking at all of the materials, do I understand

1 correctly that restitution was paid to the General  
2 Motors subsidiary dealer?

3 MR. TAUPIER: Entry applied from the court  
4 records.

5 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Whatever it was at the  
6 time.

7 MR. TAUPIER: That restitution was satisfied.

8 COMMISSIONER REPP: All fees have been paid?

9 MR. TAUPIER: Correct.

10 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: And this is for a  
11 security guard position?

12 MR. TAUPIER: That is correct.

13 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: At a licensed  
14 facility?

15 MR. TAUPIER: Yes, sir.

16 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Thank you for  
17 clarifying the facts.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

19 Commissioners, any other comments or  
20 questions?

21 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Just one question, if I  
22 could. Does he have a security license with the  
23 state now, do we know?

24 MR. TAUPIER: That, I am not sure of. I'm not  
25 sure that was asked during the waiver interview.

1 There's nothing within our application that would  
2 ask that question either. I don't remember reading  
3 anything that brought up whether or not he  
4 currently has a Florida security license.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner.

6 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I have a question. If  
7 a denial of a security license was out there, would  
8 that prohibit him working as a security guard in a  
9 licensed facility?

10 MR. TAUPIER: The laws to which we could deny  
11 a license doesn't encapsulate that. It only  
12 encapsulates convictions or license denials from  
13 other PMW jurisdictions. However, if he has been  
14 denied such security license and he's required to  
15 have it in that position, that is a liability on  
16 the licensee specifically who's hiring him.

17 Not necessarily that I don't think  
18 administratively we can stop it, but that is  
19 something legally that whoever is hiring him needs  
20 to deal with.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Repp.

22 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'd just like to go on  
23 record stating that I'm, once again, disappointed  
24 that this individual jumped out of a vehicle, ran  
25 from police, got arrested. Yet when he filled out



1 his application, he seemed to have forgotten and  
2 answered no to the question asking if he had ever  
3 been convicted of a disqualifying offense.

4 I find a lack of candor on his part regarding  
5 this. However, on the other hand, I do understand  
6 this was a long time ago, though I do not believe  
7 he forgot about that incident. I don't think  
8 anyone would. Thank you.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: That is accurate.

10 Commissioners, any other comments before we  
11 decide how to proceed with this item?

12 I just went back and looked through his  
13 background, and he has not had any additional  
14 arrests showing rehabilitation, irrespective of  
15 that he was not candid on the application, as we  
16 see often in these cases.

17 Are we ready to make a motion here, or do we  
18 want to have staff look into additional  
19 information?

20 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: My question stands  
21 with regard to there's a conflict on the issuance  
22 of a security license and approving one in one  
23 agency and disapproving in another. I'm  
24 uncomfortable with that. I think where I'm leaning  
25 on this is maybe we should table this for further

1 investigation. I think I would feel uncomfortable  
2 as a Commission issuing a license and contradicting  
3 another state agency.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there any statutory time  
5 line that we have to comply with before our  
6 December meeting?

7 MR. TAUPIER: Because he signed the waiver, he  
8 waived the deadline. So we're technically not up  
9 against a deadline for this. We can table it, and  
10 we can look at whether or not the position that is  
11 being offered to him requires such licensure.

12 If may just be that it's titled in a way that  
13 it appears to require such license. But we could  
14 just be checking on it. We will get that answered  
15 for you so that way, there's no concern.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, if you're  
17 all okay with that, we're going to go ahead and  
18 table it and have staff seek additional  
19 information.

20 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I agree.

21 COMMISSIONER REPP: I agree.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Come back to us in December  
23 with it. Thank you, Mr. Taupier. We're going to  
24 move on to 6.1, which is a discussion of order to  
25 vacate the final order.

1           MR. TAUPIER: Item No. 6.1 is Case No.  
2           2024-002190, Luis A. Garcia. The Commission issued  
3           a final order on October 3, 2024 suspending  
4           respondent's license for a period extending until  
5           respondent has fully satisfied all outstanding  
6           financial obligations and proof of such payment is  
7           received by the Commission due to a financial debt  
8           related to racing conducted at a pari-mutuel  
9           facility.

10           Subsequently, it came to the Commission staff  
11           and discovered by Commission staff that the  
12           respondent is not the individual identified in the  
13           default final judgment. Therefore, the Division  
14           would ask that the Commission enter or authorize  
15           the entering of an order vacating the final order  
16           and remove the suspension on respondent's  
17           pari-mutuel wagering general individual  
18           occupational license, License No. 12276313.

19           VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Glenda Ricks  
20           did a great job on this.

21           MR. TAUPIER: She did.

22           VICE CHAIR BROWN: If there are no questions,  
23           can we please get a motion to enter an order  
24           vacating the final order and removing the  
25           suspension of 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  
5 aye.

6 (Multiple ayes.)

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All right. We are going  
8 into license denials. There are just two items.  
9 7.1.

10 MR. TAUPIER: Item No. 7.1 is 2024-058288,  
11 William Nicholas Saunders, Jr. The Division of  
12 Pari-Mutual Wagering received a completed license  
13 application from William Saunders on October 1,  
14 2024. Applicant is seeking a slot machine cardroom  
15 pari-mutual combination occupational license.

16 After review of the application, it was  
17 discovered that he was convicted of a felony  
18 offense, tampering with physical evidence in 2008.  
19 The applicant did not disclose this conviction on  
20 the original application.

21 The applicant is applying to be a security  
22 team lead at Dania. It should be noted that there  
23 is recent run-ins with the law for reckless driving  
24 in 2020. The applicant did not apply for a waiver  
25 for the felony conviction.

1           The Division would ask the Commission to  
2 authorize the issuance of a letter of license  
3 denial.

4           VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

5           Commissioners, any questions of Mr. Taupier?

6           COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I think the same subject  
7 would come up as well in terms of the security  
8 license. I don't know whether we feel as strong  
9 about this for us to want to table it or not, but I  
10 think I'm still interested in the security license  
11 aspect of it.

12          VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yes, Mr. Trombetta.

13          MR. TROMBETTA: Let me just try to provide a  
14 little bit of context. So the license that -- our  
15 licensing system isn't set up to license, for the  
16 most part, specific jobs, so we don't provide a  
17 pari-mutuel security license.

18           And I know you are aware of that. I just want  
19 to make sure that the context of whether or not --  
20 you know, think of it -- I think it is relevant for  
21 the waiver discussion that you just had. But I  
22 just want it out there just so that we're all  
23 talking about the same thing.

24           A person can apply for a license, and they  
25 aren't limited in what they can do in the

1 pari-mutuel industry based on what they list as  
2 their future occupation, if that makes sense. So  
3 there are limitations on what they can do based on  
4 the license type.

5 But in other words, if an individual puts  
6 security officer on their pari-mutuel individual  
7 license application, they're aren't limited to just  
8 being a security officer, just for clarity.

9 We can address questions and get more  
10 information as you request. I think it's a good  
11 idea, you know, pretty good for the prior one. But  
12 if there's any other questions just about, you  
13 know, kind of what you're looking into generally,  
14 happy to touch on that.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner.

16 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I think the value in it  
17 for me is further information about the individual  
18 because these are cases we're considering based on  
19 their -- whether they have been rehabilitated or  
20 not and what their history has been, the crime  
21 involved and so forth.

22 And I think there may very well be other  
23 information out there that relates to that in terms  
24 of him or her seeking that security license and  
25 whether or not it was granted. And if not, why

1 not. Maybe there's something we're not aware of,  
2 something along those lines.

3 So I'm interested. That's why I said before  
4 that if we're not on the fence on this one and  
5 everybody had their mind made up one way or  
6 another, then we don't have to worry about a  
7 security license background check, if you will.

8 But if we are considering it and are a little  
9 bit on the fence like we were with that other one,  
10 then I would like to have that additional  
11 information before making a decision.

12 So I'd say to the Commission, it's up to  
13 everybody in the Commission whether they want to  
14 seek that or if they've already got their mind made  
15 up and aren't really interested in hearing anymore  
16 about that.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,  
18 Commissioner Drago.

19 Commissioners.

20 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I don't need  
21 additional information on this one.

22 COMMISSIONER REPP: I have just a question.  
23 If we deny the application, he has an option for a  
24 waiver, yes or no?

25 MR. TAUPIER: So because of the occupational

1 license, it does not allow a waiver for this. So  
2 the options are give him a license, no waiver  
3 decision, or allow the Division to do a letter of  
4 license denial. We can have a hearing, and provide  
5 any additional for exploring documentation that  
6 deep dives more into that aspect.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. All right.  
8 Well, I'm always inclined to allow for more  
9 information. So if Commissioner Drago would like  
10 us to hold on and have staff seek more information,  
11 I think I would be okay with that as well.

12 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I would ask that. I  
13 would like to see more information before we made a  
14 decision on this, if the Commission concurs.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a statutory  
16 deadline?

17 MR. TAUPIER: It's the end of December, so we  
18 would have to put it on next.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: That would be fine.

20 Commissioners, as long as we get additional  
21 information, we'll be able to look at this one more  
22 time at the next meeting.

23 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'm fine with that.

24 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'm fine with that.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. We're going to



1 table that item. 7.2.

2 MR. TAUPIER: 7.2 is Case No. 2024-058294,  
3 Dianna Howe. The Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering  
4 received a completed license application on October  
5 8, 2024. Applicant is seeking a slot machine  
6 cardroom pari-mutuel combination occupational  
7 license.

8 After review of her application, it was  
9 discovered that she was convicted of a felony  
10 offense of forgery from 1991. The applicant did  
11 not disclose this on her original application. The  
12 job to which she is applying for is a massage  
13 therapist for PPI.

14 This is another license type to where a waiver  
15 is not able to the licensee applicant. Therefore,  
16 the Division would ask the Commission to authorize  
17 the issuance of a letter of license denial.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And the  
19 forgery, it looks like, it's very scant information  
20 based on the date of 1991. Whereas, it was related  
21 to a DUI, another offense. So there's not a ton of  
22 information out there, other than community service  
23 and probation. She's had no other offenses since  
24 that time.

25 MR. TAUPIER: Correct. The investigation

1 showed that there was no other run-ins with the  
2 law.

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, I think this  
4 person has shown good moral character and  
5 rehabilitation since that date, and the crime is  
6 not related in any way to what she is seeking.  
7 With that, if you all are in agreement, can we  
8 allow for the issuance of occupancy license.

9 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Can I ask just one quick  
10 question?

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Sure.

12 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Just for clarity for me  
13 and just trying to read through it, is this forging  
14 a check? Is that what this was?

15 MR. TAUPIER: It was.

16 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: And for what, a few  
17 hundred dollars or something?

18 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I thought it was  
19 \$1,400 to Walmart.

20 MR. TAUPIER: Something like that. Back in  
21 '91, that's a lot.

22 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: That's my only question.

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: If you all have no  
24 objection in allowing for the license based on the  
25 fact that she's been rehabilitated since that time

1 and the crime is not related to the license she's  
2 seeking, can we get a motion to issue her occupancy  
3 license.

4 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll make a motion to  
5 issue her occupancy license.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

7 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion? All those  
9 in favor, say aye.

10 (Multiple ayes.)

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any opposed? We are moving  
12 on now to Item Nos. 8.1 and 8.2, which are the  
13 discussion of final orders pursuant to a request  
14 from respondent.

15 MR. TAUPIER: Item No. 8.1 is Case No.  
16 2024-037532, Jacqueline Caramay Mendez. You have  
17 been provided with a one-count administrative  
18 complaint alleging that the respondent was excluded  
19 from Casino Miami on May 28, 2024.

20 The allegations within the investigation was  
21 that the respondent took a voucher that did not  
22 belong to her. This is one of the people that are  
23 involved in one of the items that you already  
24 discussed, 4.3 Sanchez, Mayo.

25 Therefore, this respondent is subject to

1 exclusion from all pari-mutuel facilities and all  
2 facilities of a slot machine licensee pursuant to  
3 Section 550.0251(6) and 551.112 Florida Statutes.  
4 Respondent submitted an election of rights  
5 requesting that the Commission enter a final order  
6 imposing a penalty in this case.

7 Therefore, the Division would ask the  
8 Commission to enter an order adding the respondent  
9 to the permanent exclusion list for all pari-mutuel  
10 facilities and all facilities of a slot machine  
11 licensee.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners,  
13 any questions? Can we please get a motion to enter  
14 a final order permanently excluding the respondent.

15 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Second?

17 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any discussion? All  
19 those  
in favor, say aye.

20 (Multiple ayes.)

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And lastly, 8.2.

22 MR. TAUPIER: Item No. 8.2 is 2024-040783,  
23 Karell Tejera Martinez. You've been provided with  
24 a two-count administrative complaint alleging that  
25 respondent was excluded and terminated from

1 Hialeah Park on July 12, 2024 alleging that the  
2 respondent took chips and put them in the tip box  
3 unauthorized.

4 Therefore, being subject to exclusion from all  
5 pari-mutuel facilities and all facilities of a slot  
6 machine licensee pursuant to Sections 550.0251(6)  
7 and 551.112 Florida Statutes and revocation of his  
8 slot machine cardroom pari-mutuel combination  
9 occupational license.

10 Respondent submitted an election of rights  
11 requesting that the Commission enter a final order  
12 imposing a penalty in this case. Therefore, the  
13 Division would ask that the Commission enter an  
14 order adding the respondent to the permanent  
15 exclusion list of all pari-mutuel facilities and  
16 all facilities of a slot machine licensee and would  
17 revoke his slot machine cardroom pari-mutuel  
18 combination occupational license.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners,  
20 any questions?

21 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: No.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. The respondent  
23 has been terminated as well from the facility.

24 MR. TAUPIER: Correct.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Can we please get a motion

1 then to permanently exclude -- pardon me -- enter a  
2 final order of permanently excluding the  
3 respondent, as well as revoking her license.

4 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make that motion.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

6 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

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

9 (Multiple ayes.)

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Taupier for  
11 pinch hitting. Excellent.

12 We are moving on to our executive director  
13 update.

14 MR. TROMBETTA: Second that. Thank you, Marc.  
15 Well done.

16 The first thing, I think I would like to turn  
17 it over to Director Herold to provide a law  
18 enforcement update, if you want to come up. Do you  
19 have a mic there? Do you want to come over here.  
20 Wherever you would like.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Director Herold  
22 has been very busy this past month.

23 MR. HEROLD: Good morning. Carl Herold, for  
24 the record. Thank you for having me. It's always  
25 exciting to come up here and speak with you, share

1 really good information about the Gaming  
2 Enforcement Unit.

3 This past month has been, again, a very  
4 exciting and active time for the Gaming Enforcement  
5 Unit. I think where I would like to start off with  
6 is had teased a couple months ago about the intel  
7 meeting that we were hosting, and that occurred  
8 that past month.

9 I'll tell you, it was a fantastic operation.  
10 My team did a great job in hosting this meeting  
11 with the intel folks in the gaming industry from  
12 all across the United States. We had 30  
13 individuals that attended this training.

14 I just want to go down some of the states.  
15 Well, I'll go down all the states. Obviously,  
16 Florida, Iowa, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Nevada,  
17 Arizona, Louisiana, and Washington state. And I  
18 will also share that they were very happy with the  
19 accommodations in Tallahassee, believe it or not.

20 I think that that is just a really great  
21 opportunity for us to kind of get a presence inside  
22 that Gaming Enforcement Intel Unit. Florida has a  
23 great deal to offer, I believe, and it's just one  
24 more opportunity for us to have a presence in that  
25 space and be a leader in that particular area.

1           This past month also, we had a number of  
2 promotions. We promoted two individuals, two of  
3 our agents up to special agent supervisors. These  
4 are two individuals that have been with us since  
5 very near the beginning. They have a vast skill  
6 set and bring a lot of already knowledge related to  
7 the law enforcement side of this and the gaming  
8 enforcement.

9           And then we also promoted one of our analysts  
10 up to intel supervisor. So all that good news also  
11 brings with it we had to advertise, and so we've  
12 got advertisements out there. I'm going to just go  
13 real fast.

14           We've got advertisements for five agents  
15 across the state. We have advertisement for  
16 criminal analyst. We also have cyber analyst. But  
17 I'm going to tease next month's report by telling  
18 you that we've actually already selected cyber  
19 analyst, quite skilled individual.

20           We're doing the background right now and look  
21 to have him on board before the end of the month.  
22 So we're doing a lot of really good stuff, as far  
23 as personnel concern, and that outreach with the  
24 intel gaming unit.

25           VICE CHAIR BROWN: If I ask just pause.



1 Commissioners, any questions real quick?

2 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Actually, I have a couple  
3 of quick ones. The intel training that you did or  
4 conference, is it part of an intel organization?

5 MR. HEROLD: It is.

6 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: It is. Okay.

7 MR. HEROLD: It's a subunit of the intel  
8 organization, and I think it's called ILIA  
9 (phonetic). Don't ask me what that acronym stands  
10 for right now. And as part of that -- and I'll  
11 throw this out or you, Commissioner, is that as  
12 part of that training, just so you get a greater  
13 appreciation for what their training encompassed.

14 It had online sports betting, some information  
15 on illegal slot machines, money laundering through  
16 casino activity. It involved animal fighting  
17 investigations.

18 And then since this unit is also in many of  
19 the states, they have a presence inside the  
20 casinos, inside the tribal casinos as well, they  
21 had a topic on prosecuting casino crime. So it was  
22 a pretty broad spectrum. And all intel is good  
23 intel, even if it doesn't apply to what we might be  
24 doing at that time.

25 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Thank you. One other

1 thing. You mentioned some promotions, but I don't  
2 think I heard the names. Did you give the names?  
3 I think you gave their titles.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: You don't want to give the  
5 names.

6 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Oh, you haven't promoted?

7 MR. HEROLD: No. No. No. I have promoted  
8 them.

9 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: You don't want to give  
10 the names?

11 MR. HEROLD: Maybe not in a public forum.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

13 Commissioner D'Aquila.

14 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: On the cyber analysts,  
15 you mentioned advertising. Where -- obviously, a  
16 very popular area in all walks of business and so  
17 forth. Where do those candidates tend to come  
18 from? Do they come from? In the analyst position,  
19 are they coming from colleges, universities? Are  
20 they coming from other law enforcement  
21 organizations? Where, I'm curious?

22 MR. HEROLD: You know, that's a really great  
23 question, and you have to kind of back up. The  
24 type of individual that we're looking for that has  
25 some criminal analyst skill set or at least some

1 aptitude and desire to do that along with a  
2 sufficient amount of cyber technology type of  
3 background, we're finding they're somewhat of a  
4 unicorn.

5 You know, as a unique agency, our law  
6 enforcement style is something that's unlike  
7 anything else that you see in the state of Florida.  
8 And so the individuals that we're trying to find  
9 seems to be that unicorn. I.

10 And so we had to advertise for the intel  
11 folks, the criminal analyst side and decide were we  
12 going to try to get them some additional training  
13 for the cyber side. And we also advertised on the  
14 cyber side and looked for people that had aptitude  
15 or desire to get into the criminal side.

16 And so to answer your question, we threw a  
17 pretty broad net out there, both within the  
18 criminal analyst side and within the intel side to  
19 try and capture those individuals. We could write  
20 a book on it.

21 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I think my own  
22 experience, a unicorn would be an understatement.

23 MR. HEROLD: Yes. Yes. Very difficult.

24 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: So I hope it -- yes, I  
25 would consider this might be two or three different

1 people in the cyber crime area to get more of an  
2 overlap.

3 MR. HEROLD: Right.

4 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I got to think that  
5 is -- you might have to get into other planets.  
6 I'm kidding. But, yes, I think it's -- pay  
7 particular attention to how challenging it is, the  
8 industry is. It's very sought after.

9 MR. HEROLD: It is. It truly is. I  
10 appreciate --

11 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: At the moment for  
12 obvious reasons.

13 MR. HEROLD: And I will take this opportunity  
14 to thank Chief Linton for all her amazing work in  
15 trying to find those individuals and doing the  
16 outreach necessary to capture those folks and get  
17 their attention where they look at us.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Repp.

19 COMMISSIONER REPP: You brought up outreach.  
20 Are we reaching out to the local universities and  
21 doing some outreach activities to kind of let  
22 people know that we have these kind of jobs out  
23 here and available?

24 MR. HEROLD: We have. We did a university --  
25 what would you call it, Lisa -- career day type

1 thing. We have been -- I will say that the folks  
2 that are inside the universities, we want to kind  
3 of tease them and get them interested in it.

4 But at our level, we are really asking for  
5 folks that already have some history, you know,  
6 some experience. And while there's a lot of energy  
7 from our university folks, we just don't have the  
8 bandwidth yet as a young agency to bring on folks  
9 and train them up into that area because we don't  
10 even have established individuals in yet. So while  
11 we do want to, you know, make them interested in  
12 this type of law enforcement and certainly appeal  
13 to their desire to be a part of the Gaming  
14 Enforcement Unit, we find better candidates in  
15 somebody that's already got some time and grade and  
16 has done those kind of things.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And also thank  
18 you to Chief Linton.

19 MR. HEROLD: Absolutely. Absolutely. She was  
20 a good hire.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: That's good.

22 MR. HEROLD: Just to move on, maybe I'll  
23 finish up with some other training, and that was  
24 that one of our agents went to firearms instructor,  
25 so we've got one more instructor.

1           As far as the activity, if you're ready for me  
2           to move on, I'll talk about some of our activity  
3           this past month. I would like to lead with the  
4           intel. We did 11 background investigations,  
5           backgrounds on subjects this past month.

6           We also did eight business backgrounds.  
7           Again, those are absolutely instrumental to try and  
8           find out what type of criminal activity, if there  
9           is any, and the connection between bad actors and  
10          businesses and those kind of things like that.

11          We assisted by doing a background on an  
12          employee. One employee, we did a bank record  
13          analyzation for one. And then we held not just  
14          that intel meeting that we hosted, but the folks  
15          within our intel group also participated in seven  
16          other intel meetings, you know, to stay current  
17          with the criminal trends and those kind of things  
18          like that.

19          With regard to the law enforcement side, the  
20          agents across the state touched 63 different  
21          investigations across the state. So these things  
22          take time, and so the amount of work you do is  
23          dependent upon the information that you get back.  
24          And so they're always touching these types of  
25          investigations, 63 with regard to illegal casinos.

1           We were able to close down four illegal  
2           casinos this past month, and we seized 91 machines  
3           out of those four illegal casinos that were closed.  
4           We had a total of ten charges against four  
5           individuals.

6           I would also add that at this point, we're  
7           still trying to move up the ladder in the  
8           organization, criminal organization. So while the  
9           number of persons arrested may appear low, it's  
10          because we're working up the ladder to try and have  
11          a greater impact in our enforcement efforts.

12          And I know Commissioner Drago and  
13          Commissioner Repp both understand that. So you  
14          don't always arrest everybody because you want them  
15          to tell you about the next guy. And that's kind of  
16          a thumbnail view of what we've done this past  
17          month. I would entertain any questions that you  
18          have.

19          VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Director Herold.  
20          That's excellent. We know it's a stupendous amount  
21          of work. Also with the hire of our external  
22          affairs, Katie Young, she's been able to reach out  
23          to audiences throughout the state through the  
24          efforts that have been accomplished, so great work.

25          Commissioner Drago.

1 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: No, I don't really have  
2 anything now.

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Repp?

4 COMMISSIONER REPP: No.

5 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: No.

6 MR. HEROLD: Well, thank you. Obviously, all  
7 this work is done by the agents and the analysts  
8 that I have. I get to stand up here and the light  
9 is shone on me, but these are the folks that are  
10 doing the real work, and we really appreciate that.  
11 And without them, we wouldn't be successful at all,  
12 so I do want to say that.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Great report.

14 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Thank you.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Back to Mr. Trombetta.

17 MR. TROMBETTA: Quick update just on HISA  
18 updates. So yesterday, the FTC approved their  
19 budget going forward. They've asked for over \$80  
20 million. This is their budget, total budget to run  
21 Horseracing Integrity Safety Authority.

22 They've also sent letters to states regarding  
23 the assessments due from each state. So if you  
24 remember, the model essentially is they get a loan  
25 for the budget and then get everything -- they go



1 to the states and say you owe us X, and that's how  
2 they fund themselves.

3 Florida's budget has gone up again this year.  
4 It is just about \$9 million has been assessed on  
5 the state of Florida. They are in the process of  
6 changing the rule that determines how that  
7 assessment is made.

8 At its most basic, they take the total number  
9 of starts, and they look at purses paid. So it's  
10 bad in that it's a high cost on the state of  
11 Florida. But it also reflects that Florida has a  
12 very kind of, you know, booming horseracing  
13 industry and that we pay the third highest purses  
14 in the country.

15 So it also reflects that Florida is doing well  
16 in terms of offering the horseracing product. The  
17 letter that they sent to us does also include  
18 essentially a reduction based on the services that  
19 we provide.

20 You know, the MOUs that we enter into with  
21 HISA where we agree to collect samples and conduct  
22 some of the investigative work helps offset some of  
23 that cost. In reality, the assessment on the state  
24 is going to be about \$7.3 million. So it reflects  
25 almost \$2 million offset from work that the Gaming

1 Commission is doing in the field, you know, Joe's  
2 team, the PMW team.

3 So we don't have any decision or anything like  
4 that on this agenda. Probably December, January  
5 we'll provably have a new MOU for you all to look  
6 at and authorize us to enter into that will again  
7 capture the same thing.

8 The other part of this that I haven't  
9 mentioned yet is the tax credits. The permit  
10 holders are allowed to offset some of the  
11 assessment based on tax credits that have been  
12 provided to them.

13 So overall, this Horseracing Integrity Safety  
14 Authority is continuing to do what it set out to  
15 do. The horseracing industry is adjusting. Gaming  
16 Commissions are adjusting. It is the third  
17 iteration of this, so I just wanted to give you an  
18 update and make myself available if there are any  
19 questions.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,  
21 Director Trombetta. I understand our team is  
22 working very successfully with HISA and HIWU at the  
23 tracks. It's just still a bit frustrating that we  
24 don't have any control over the budget that's  
25 ultimately passed on to the permit holders.

1           And Florida is greatly impacted, if you look  
2           at the costs across the state. And then you look  
3           at the amount in HISA's budget administration,  
4           including \$2 million of legal fees that are  
5           challenging -- folks that -- states that are  
6           challenging.

7           Again, those costs are being passed on to our  
8           permit holders, and it's just frustrating that the  
9           FTC is the only one that has the authority and  
10          control over that budget. I had to express that.

11          Commissioners?

12          COMMISSIONER DRAGO: No, thank you.

13          VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner D'Aquila.

14          COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: With that added, it's  
15          been the decision of the tracks to participate in  
16          this. And they're making a cost benefit decision  
17          based on the federal law and participation in  
18          accepting bets across state lines. Approximately  
19          how many states are still not participating in  
20          HISA?

21          MR. TROMBETTA: I don't have that in front of  
22          me. I could probably do some research.

23          COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: There are a number.

24          MR. TROMBETTA: There are some, yes. Yes.

25          COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I agree with

1 Commissioner Brown. But this was a decision made  
2 by the tracks to participate in this, from what I  
3 understand.

4 MR. TROMBETTA: I can't speak on behalf of the  
5 tracks, but there are, yes. I mean, there's  
6 ultimately just decisions that are made by a number  
7 -- you know, the trainers, the owners. There's the  
8 regulatory agencies.

9 There's so many different decisions that have  
10 to go into getting a horse to start in a race  
11 that's then broadcast out of that state where  
12 wagering is offered in other places. It's just  
13 there's a mesh of a lot of people that have to make  
14 some type of decision.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And I know we don't need  
16 any action right now. But looking forward to  
17 reviewing that MOU that we have with HISA moving  
18 forward.

19 MR. TROMBETTA: You know, noticeably -- well,  
20 maybe not noticeably, but missing from the agenda  
21 is anything about rulemaking. We are still working  
22 on it. Just there wasn't anything to decide on.  
23 So just that's why that isn't there.

24 Scheduling, so right now from my notes,  
25 December 5th and January 7th have been dates we've

1 agreed to in previous meetings. If you would like,  
2 I have availability for the room across the hall  
3 for February and March. So February, it's  
4 available the 5th, 6th, and 7th, any of those three  
5 days.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, are you okay  
7 with February 5th or February 6th? I say we go  
8 with the 6th.

9 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: 6th is good.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And then March,  
12 can we go ahead and book that?

13 MR. TROMBETTA: March, the same days are  
14 available, the 5th, 6th, or 7th.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any conflict  
16 with March 6th?

17 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: No.

18 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: March 6th is good.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Commissioners,  
20 do you have any questions for Director Trombetta?

21 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: What was the January date  
22 again?

23 MR. TROMBETTA: I have the 7th.

24 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: The meeting is on the  
25 7th?

1 MR. TROMBETTA: (Nods head up and down.)

2 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Thank you.

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And that concludes your  
4 report. We do have public comment.

5 We have somebody signed up already.

6 Mr. Zachem, good morning.

7 MR. ZACHEM: Good morning. Thank you for the  
8 opportunity to be here. I'll try and be brief as  
9 someone who is near the end. In representing some  
10 facilities, we've noticed a little bit of an uptick  
11 recently in some administrative complaints that  
12 might have coincided with maybe new personnel  
13 that's there.

14 We understand that there are goals to  
15 accomplish being compliance with the statute and  
16 the rule. I would offer up as a possible  
17 alternative to administrative complaints just for  
18 the thought or review of the Commission that they  
19 take a quick look at 120.695 which covers notices  
20 of noncompliance.

21 It assists the process in trying to show that  
22 there could be a noncompliance by an entity and  
23 also helps direct them a little bit. And just to  
24 make you all aware, that might be an opportunity to  
25 be able to get the point across and have the

1 dialogue go a little earlier than an administrative  
2 complaint so there can be compliance quicker and a  
3 better understanding.

4 I just wanted to bring that to the attention  
5 of you all today, and that's all I have.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Are there any  
7 questions?

8 Is there anybody in the audience that would  
9 like to participate today in public comment?

10 Seeing none, Commissioners, any other matters  
11 to address? All right. This concludes our  
12 meeting. Thank you. Have a good day.

13 (Proceedings concluded at 10:41 a.m.)

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