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

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Vice Chair Julie I. Brown

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Commissioner Chuck Drago

Commissioner John D'Aquila

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Commissioner Tina Repp

Executive Director, Louis Trombetta

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22 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, everyone.

3 Today is September 5th. This is the Florida Gaming
4 Control Commission meeting. Please stand for the
5 pledge of allegiance, which will be led by
6 Commissioner Repp.

7 (Pledge of allegiance.)

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you,
9 Commissioner Repp. We are moving right into the
10 meeting today. I only have one speaker card, but
11 we will have public comment at the end of the
12 meeting. Let's go to approval of meeting minutes
13 for July 11, 2024 and August 8, 2024. Can I get a
14 motion to approve both items.

15 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

17 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

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

20 (Multiple ayes.)

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. We are moving
22 on to the discussion of amended application for
23 pari-mutuel operating license 2.1.

24 Good morning.

25 MS. JELKS: Good morning. West Flagler

1 Associates doing business as Edgewater Jai Alai
2 would like to amend their application or license to
3 delete a performance on December 6th. It's our
4 recommendation that the Commission approve this
5 request.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Can I get a
7 motion to approve this staff recommendation.

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

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

11 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Second.

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

14 (Multiple ayes.)

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Can you state your name for
16 the record.

17 MS. JELKS: Sorry. La'Keshia Jelks, for the
18 record.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. We are moving
20 on to discussion of amended application for
21 cardroom license 3.1.

22 MS. JELKS: TBD Entertainment would like to
23 add six tables, for a total of 25. It's our
24 recommendation that this is approved as well.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And they paid the --

1 MS. JELKS: Yes, ma'am.

2 (Multiple speakers.)

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Than you.

4 Commissioners, any questions? Can we get a
5 motion to approve that item.

6 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll make that motion.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'll second.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
10 aye.

11 (Multiple ayes.)

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. All right.

13 We've moving on to the discussion of default final
14 orders. There are two items. Going right to 4.1,
15 Ms. Alvarado.

16 MS. ALVARADO: Good morning, Emily Alvarado,
17 for the record. 4.1 is 2024-017680, Gilberto
18 Zerpa. In this case, you were provided a one-count
19 administrative complaint seeking suspension of
20 respondent's pari-mutuel wagering professional
21 individual occupational license due to an
22 outstanding debt for the horseracing pursuant
23 Section 550.105(7) Florida Statutes.

24 You were also provided the delivery
25 confirmation showing that respondent was served

1 with the administrative complaint. Respondent
2 failed to respond to the administrative complaint.

3 Therefore, the Division would ask that the
4 Commission enter an order finding that respondent
5 was properly served, and failed to respond within
6 21 days, that the facts of the administrative
7 complaint are the facts in this case and concluding
8 that respondent's license will be suspended until
9 the Commission receives confirmation of the
10 payment.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Alvarado.
12 Both 4.1 and 4.2 are very similar in nature.

13 MS. ALVARADO: Yes.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, if there are
15 no questions, can we please get a motion approving
16 the final orders suspending respondent pending
17 proof of payment of obligations that are satisfied.

18 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

20 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

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

23 (Multiple ayes.)

24 MS. ALVARADO: Thank you. 4.2. 4.2 is
25 2024-037000, Greg Bardakjian. In this case, there

1 is a one-count administrative complaint seeking the
2 suspension of respondent's pari-mutuel wagering
3 professional individual occupational license. You
4 were also provided the USPS certified mail showing
5 that they were served with this and failed to
6 respond within 21 days.

7 Therefore, the Division would ask that the
8 Commission enter order finding that respondent was
9 properly served with the administrative complaints,
10 that the respondent failed to respond within 21
11 days, and the facts in the administrative complaint
12 are the facts in this case and concluding that
13 respondent's license will be suspended until the
14 Commission receives confirmation of the payment.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

16 Commissioners, are there any questions on
17 this? If not, can we get a motion to approve the
18 final order suspending the respondent until there's
19 been proof that obligations have been satisfied.

20 COMMISSIONER REPP: Motion to approve.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

22 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

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

25 (Multiple ayes.)

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. We are moving
2 on to discussion of request for waiver. We have
3 one item, and we also have a speaker who
4 unfortunately cannot be here today. And with the
5 capabilities of this room, they can't call in.

6 So we're having them call in, and I'll have
7 the individual speak into the microphone via his
8 phone. Can we have an introduction first on the
9 item.

10 MS. ALVARADO: Sure. Item No. 5.1 is David
11 Monell, Jr., Case No. 2024-039702. The applicant
12 here applied for a pari-mutuel wagering general
13 individual occupational license and submitted a
14 request for waiver.

15 Upon review of the application, it was
16 discovered that he had three disqualifying offenses
17 out of Marion County, which were forgery of a
18 traffic offense, another count of forgery of a
19 traffic offense and providing a false name to a law
20 enforcement officer.

21 The applicant failed to list these originally
22 on the application. The applicant is now seeking a
23 waiver of the felony offenses. Here, the
24 Commission can decide to grant the waiver. Or if
25 they decided not to grant the waiver, we ask that

1 you allow us to issue a letter of license denial in
2 this case.

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Ms. Alvarado, could you
4 elaborate a little bit just, for the record, on the
5 offenses that occurred and the timing of the
6 offenses, too.

7 MS. ALVARADO: Sure.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And then during the waiver
9 interview what the applicant requested or
10 implicated of the reasons for those offenses.

11 MS. ALVARADO: Sure. One moment.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Some of the criminal
13 charges are quite deeply.

14 MS. ALVARADO: Right. So this had happened --
15 the conviction was in 2001. The offense actually
16 happened in 2000. It looks like he admitted that
17 he was -- did not -- he had his driver's license
18 suspended. And when he was pulled over, he gave
19 his stepbrother's name instead of his own name
20 because he knew that he was not supposed to be
21 driving for this offense, but it did happen in
22 2000.

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, do you have
24 any questions on this item?

25 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I'm sorry. If I could

1 just ask a question about in terms of
2 rehabilitation since the time he was arrested and
3 convicted back in 2000 and 2003, I think it was, he
4 doesn't have any other convictions, arrests, or
5 anything in that period of time?

6 MS. ALVARADO: He did. None of them were
7 disqualifying. They were all misdemeanor offenses.
8 Yesterday I did look into the court cost and fees
9 that were owed on the cases.

10 He doesn't have any court cost for this
11 disqualifying offense that is due, but he did set
12 up a payment plan for all of the other offenses
13 that he had, which would not be disqualifying for
14 this license.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner D'Aquila.

16 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Ms. Alvarado, what is
17 the amount of the unpaid fines and penalties?

18 MS. ALVARADO: \$8,902.50.

19 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: And those are stemming
20 from misdemeanor?

21 MS. ALVARADO: Other offenses, yes.

22 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Other offenses?

23 MS. ALVARADO: He has four other offenses that
24 he has set up payment plan to fulfill this payment
25 now, and we did receive confirmation from the clerk

1 in Marion County.

2 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: When was the payment
3 plan set up?

4 MS. ALVARADO: The email that we have from the
5 clerk in Marion County shows mid-August is when he
6 called to confirm that he was setting up a payment
7 plan. I don't think it necessarily says when it
8 started, but that's when we got the confirmation.

9 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: To clarify, is that
10 mid-August of 2024?

11 MS. ALVARADO: Yes. Sorry.

12 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: And it pertains to
13 offenses ten years ago? I'm just trying to
14 understand the facts of the matter.

15 MS. ALVARADO: One moment.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: This is also the first time
17 this commission has seen a payment plan arrangement
18 in a waiver.

19 MS. ALVARADO: So the other cases are two 1999
20 cases. They are misdemeanors as well, a 2003 case,
21 and a 2004 case.

22 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: So the amount that you
23 mentioned previously \$8,902 pertains to cases over
24 a time period of '99 through --

25 MS. ALVARADO: 2004.

1 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Through 2004, and the
2 payment plan started last month; correct?

3 MS. ALVARADO: That's what it seems like. It
4 doesn't actually say when the payment plan started.
5 We just have an email showing -- confirming that
6 there is a --

7 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Confirming that he
8 agreed to a payment, but no payments have been made
9 of the \$8,902; is that correct?

10 MS. ALVARADO: Per my knowledge.

11 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Per knowledge. It is
12 possible one could have come in this month?

13 MS. ALVARADO: Right.

14 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: But we don't know the
15 answer?

16 MS. ALVARADO: Right.

17 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: All right. That's not
18 my question anyway. Thank you.

19 MS. ALVARADO: Of course.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any other
21 questions?

22 COMMISSIONER REPP: Yes. Thank you. I wanted
23 to just follow up on it. So he may have started
24 payments prior to August. We just don't have a
25 record of it, or was this payment plan just set up

1 prior to this?

2 MS. ALVARADO: All I have is an email stating
3 from August 16th between Mr. Monell and the clerk
4 in Marion County stating that there was a payment
5 plan that was arranged to resolve the balances on
6 these cases.

7 And then the Marion County clerk responded
8 with a confirmation that there was a payment plan
9 and actually specified how much was being paid on
10 each case.

11 COMMISSIONER REPP: Okay. So is it possible
12 that this payment plan started last year and we
13 don't know? I'm trying to establish.

14 MS. ALVARADO: It doesn't actually say in this
15 email when the payment plan started. It just says
16 that he asked for confirmation of the payment. He
17 asked on August 15th for confirmation of the
18 payment. They could have sent a letter.

19 I guess maybe a letter would have had more
20 detail, but he did not provide us with a letter
21 when the payment plan actually started. All I have
22 is that he did ask, and there was a breakdown of
23 how much he's paying in each case.

24 COMMISSIONER REPP: Is there information what
25 the fine was and how much has been paid down in the

1 past since '99?

2 MS. ALVARADO: Let me see if there's another
3 email here. Not from what I can see.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: He is not currently on
5 probation?

6 MS. ALVARADO: No. He completed his
7 probation.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner D'Aquila.

9 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: The position for which
10 he is applying for a license for is a security
11 surveillance?

12 MS. ALVARADO: So he actually would be working
13 for the Tote company. He wouldn't be employed by
14 the actual facility. It's Tote security.

15 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And of course
16 the Tote company is licensed by the state?

17 MS. ALVARADO: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: But he would be in secure
19 areas in the performance of those duties,
20 potentially; right?

21 MS. ALVARADO: I think he would just be
22 working with the tote machines themselves.

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: He wouldn't have access to
24 the vault or any --

25 (Multiple speakers.)

1 MS. ALVARADO: No. Not from my knowledge, no.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: So, Commissioners, we do
3 have a speaker part on this item. His name is
4 Mr. John Bunner. He is with the Tote company,
5 AmTote International, and he would like to address
6 the Commission on behalf of Mr. Monell, at this
7 time.

8 Mr. Bunner, this is Commissioner Brown, and
9 you are going to be put on speaker right now. You
10 have three minutes to address the Commission.

11 MR. BUNNER: I am the key account manager for
12 AmTote in the state of Florida. I have never gone
13 to bat for anybody being hired before. This kid is
14 a good kid. We hired him, and he went through our
15 background investigation.

16 He was up front with his 2013 arrest. We
17 looked into that. He paid -- it wasn't an
18 arrestable offense. He was cited arrest, so he was
19 under pronation for a year, paid it off in nine
20 months and then got his three-month rebate from the
21 Department of Parole.

22 That's what he had on his state application.
23 Then it was kicked back in a letter saying you owe
24 money for -- so he went back, and he came up with
25 \$703 from 2003-2004. Then he said they gave him

1 \$100 down payment and set up a payment plan.

2 And by the way, this was a lot of work on his
3 part. He went down, and they actually pulled
4 records because it wasn't in their computer system.
5 They had to scan them, give them to him. He
6 FedEx'd them back to Tallahassee.

7 They in turn, they missed rounds with the
8 state investigator. Said, yeah, I found it. She
9 goes, no, it's more like \$8,000. He goes back down
10 to the clerk in Marion County.

11 And they're like, no, it's not \$8,000. That
12 hasn't been updated. The state always goes to the
13 -- I don't know what's going on with Marion County.
14 But she said you have \$1,500, but we had wiped it
15 off. You don't have to pay it. It will never come
16 back on you. It won't affect your credit. It
17 won't affect anything.

18 And he said, no, I want to take care of it.
19 So she goes, well, now you're on the hook for it,
20 and now we can jam you up for it if you don't make
21 payment. So they took the \$1,500, rolled it into
22 the \$703, and he set up a new payment plan and put
23 another down payment down.

24 That's where I am with it. He's a good kid.
25 All he is is a ticket-issuing mechanic. He works

1 on tote terminals. He's in a room. It's called a
2 tote room in a racetrack or an off-track betting
3 parlor, and the security team shares the same room
4 as the tote room.

5 Their cameras are all pointing at him all day
6 long. And it's like he doesn't go into cash
7 vaults, anything like that. And to me, personally,
8 I drove out there to meet him because I'm not going
9 to go to bat for this guy. We'll hire somebody
10 else, but he's a good guy that wants to do right.

11 He told me he made bad decisions. He had a
12 bad upbringing, and he's trying to make everything
13 right. I mean, I just got out of the hospital
14 Monday with spinal surgery. I had a fusion.

15 My wife had to help me get on my computer. It
16 means a lot for me to go to bat for this kid. This
17 kid should not -- we've had -- my company is -- I'm
18 in trouble with AmTote because they're like why are
19 you putting so much effort into this? Because this
20 kid deserves a chance. This kid deserves a job.
21 Thank you for your time.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Really, it does
23 make a difference to hear directly from folks that
24 know the individual. It definitely resonates with
25 me. You provided very compelling testimony, so

1 thank you. I'm going to ask the commissioners if
2 they have any questions for you.

3 Commissioners?

4 COMMISSIONER REPP: No.

5 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: No. We're going to put
6 you on mute now. Thank you.

7 MR. BUNNER: Thank you.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any thoughts
9 or comments on this? I'm inclined to grant the
10 waiver, not just based on Mr. Bunner's testimony,
11 but based on all of the facts, the good moral
12 character, being rehabilitated, crime not really
13 related to pari-mutuel wagering. I'm inclined to
14 grant the waiver.

15 Commissioner Repp.

16 COMMISSIONER REPP: I would agree with Vice
17 Chair. I think we have heard both from Mr. Bunner
18 and looking at the totality of the circumstances,
19 good moral character and rehabilitation has
20 definitely taken place.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any other comment? If not,
22 can we get a motion to grant the waiver?

23 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'd like to make that
24 motion.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

1 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there any
3 discussion? All those in favor, say aye.

4 (Multiple ayes.)

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Passes
6 unanimously. Again, thank you, Mr. Bunner for your
7 testimony.

8 All right. We're moving on to discussion of
9 license denials, Item No. 6.1.

10 MS. ALVARADO: Item No. 6.1 is 2024-046235
11 Edward Wong. The Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering
12 received a license application for the applicant on
13 June 18, 2024 seeking a slot
14 machine/cardroom/pari-mutuel combination
15 occupational license.

16 After review of the application, it was
17 discovered that he has been convicted of possession
18 of cocaine in 1999. Therefore, the Division would
19 ask that the Commission authorize the letter of
20 license denial in this case.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Alvarado.
22 And since 1999, has this applicant had any other
23 convictions or arrests?

24 MS. ALVARADO: Not any other disqualifying
25 convictions.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

2 Commissioners, do you have comments or
3 questions for staff on this item?

4 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I would like to talk
5 about in terms of rehabilitation again, what kinds
6 of other arrests convictions does he have since
7 that point in time? I understand that they're not
8 disqualifying offenses, but in terms of
9 rehabilitation?

10 MS. ALVARADO: He did have a couple of DUIs,
11 it looks like, misdemeanor DUIs from 2010, looks
12 like the most recent. I believe that's all.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: He's previously worked in
14 gaming for 14 years up until 2021, so he was
15 licensed.

16 MS. ALVARADO: 2007 to 2021, he worked in the
17 Seminole. He wasn't licensed, but he worked in the
18 Seminole Casinos from 2007 to 2021.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: His fine has been paid.
20 He's not on probation.

21 MS. ALVARADO: He also had a 2007, 2008
22 possession of marijuana and possession of drug
23 paraphernalia as well.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any comments
25 or questions?

1 MR. TAUPIER: Marc Taupier, for the record. I
2 just wanted to add that in 2020, he was arrested
3 for a DUI, but it was pled down to a rockless
4 driving. There is a pattern of every ten years
5 there is possession and DUI happening.

6 So the most recent conviction was a
7 misdemeanor, but it was for reckless driving
8 reduced from another DUI which would have been his
9 third within ten, which technically could have been
10 a felony but was reduced very heavily in his favor
11 to a misdemeanor reckless.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Drago.

13 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: That's good information.
14 I appreciate that very much. I think, for me, I'm
15 looking in terms of rehabilitation. I'm looking at
16 patterns of behavior. And in terms of us thinking
17 of protecting the public, do these individual show
18 a pattern of criminal behavior over a period of
19 time.

20 And if it's been a long time and they've shown
21 that they're rehabilitated and they've gone work
22 and they've done the right thing and they haven't
23 been arrested and they haven't been convicted, to
24 me, then I think we owe it to the people and to
25 that person to give him or her a chance, since

1 they're showing that they're rehabilitated.

2 But if they're showing a pattern of criminal
3 behavior, I think we need to take that into serious
4 consideration when we try to decide whether or not
5 this person has been rehabilitated since the
6 original disqualifying offense.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any other
8 comments or questions? If not, then we are ripe
9 for a motion.

10 Commissioner Drago.

11 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I would move to accept
12 the staff recommendation to deny the application.

13 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Is there a
14 second?

15 COMMISSIONER REPP: I'll second.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there any discussion?
17 All those in favor, say aye.

18 (Multiple ayes.)

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any opposed? Okay. Passes
20 unanimously.

21 We are moving on to discussion of final order
22 pursuant to request from respondent, Item 7.1.

23 MS. ALVARADO: This is 2023-051666, Kristin
24 Brown. In this case, you were provided a
25 three-count administrative complaint alleging that

1 respondent was convicted of various felonies and
2 failed to notify the Commission of her convictions
3 or arrests.

4 She's subject to revocation of her cardroom
5 employee occupational license pursuant to
6 550.105(5)(b) 849.086(6)(f) and Rule 7511.011
7 Florida Administrative Code.

8 Respondent responded to the complaint stating
9 that she would be okay with surrendering her
10 license and to waive her right to a hearing.
11 Therefore, the Division would ask that we enter an
12 order revoking her cardroom employee occupational
13 license.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. This is very
15 clear-cut. Commissioners?

16 Commissioner D'Aquila.

17 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: No.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Can we please get a motion
19 to approve the staff recommendation.

20 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I make a motion to
21 approve the 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: Passes unanimously. Now
3 we're going to go to Item No. 8, discussion of
4 rulemaking, 8.1.

5 MR. MARSHMAN: Good morning.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Good morning.

7 MR. MARSHMAN: If I may speak.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yes, of course.

9 MR. MARSHMAN: For the record, this is
10 Ross Marshman speaking on Item No. 8. Before the
11 Commission today is a matter of rulemaking.
12 Pursuant to the 2021 gaming compact between the
13 Seminole Tribe of Florida and the state of Florida,
14 those two parties work together to create a patron
15 dispute process.

16 In a nutshell, the patron dispute process is
17 the result of a limited waiver of the tribe's
18 sovereign immunity for you all, the Commission, to
19 review certain appeals of certain disputes that a
20 patron may have at a Seminole gaming facility or on
21 its sports betting platform.

22 After months of negotiation with the tribe, we
23 were able to execute the patron dispute process
24 that's been in the materials for you all to review,
25 and we discussed it individually yesterday.

1 If there are no more further questions about
2 that itself, I would like to move into discussion
3 of what the ask is of the Commission today related
4 to rulemaking.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, are there
6 any discussion on the actual memorandum of
7 agreement or anything?

8 COMMISSIONER REPP: No.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All right.

10 MR. MARSHMAN: So today, again, in the
11 materials, you would have seen two different
12 notices and some draft language. We'll start in
13 order.

14 The first one is the notice of development.
15 That is asked of you to delegate to Executive
16 Director Trombetta your authority to file the
17 notice of development to begin the rulemaking
18 process in earnest.

19 Development is meant to actually develop the
20 language of the rule. You do not actually have to
21 have proposed rule language at that state.

22 However, in this case, we already have the proposed
23 language, and we have the MOA itself.

24 So there really isn't a need like there could
25 be in other cases for a prolonged development

1 period. So what we're also asking you to do today
2 is to authorize staff to file the notice of
3 proposed rulemaking, which is also in the
4 materials.

5 The notice of proposed rulemaking will be
6 published in the Florida Administrative Register.
7 A copy of the MOA will be available to anyone who
8 asks for a copy of it, and the public will have
9 opportunities to request not only during
10 development of the workshop but also during the
11 proposed rulemaking a rule hearing.

12 And if one is received, we will process that
13 and come back to you all and give you further
14 advice at that point. So are there any further
15 questions about the actual rulemaking ask?

16 We are asking for two different things at
17 once, which is not typical and what we've done in
18 the past. But I think it's appropriate, given the
19 facts of this case.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I agree.

21 Commissioners, any questions?

22 Thank you for your hard work in getting this
23 to us as well. I appreciate everyone who has been
24 involved in this. So really the motion would be to
25 delegate to the Executive Director authority to

1 file the notice of rule development and authority
2 to give staff the ability to file and proceed with
3 notice of proposed rulemaking.

4 MR. MARSHMAN: Yes, ma'am.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Okay. So that would be the
6 motion.

7 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I'll make that motion.

8 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

9 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any further discussion?

11 All those in favor, say aye.

12 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Just a point of
13 clarification. This is the first of its kind
14 between a commission for the state regulatory body
15 and a sovereign nation tribe in America; is that
16 true?

17 MR. MARSHMAN: As far as we can tell, yes.
18 This is an extraordinary arrangement where, again,
19 a separate sovereign has agreed to a limited waiver
20 of its sovereignty for another sovereign, you all,
21 to review its work in an albeit limited capacity.

22 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Again, as authorized and
23 directed in the 2021 compact under paragraph 6(a),
24 so it's as directed specifically.

25 MR. MARSHMAN: Yes, ma'am.

1 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Any other discussion?

2 COMMISSIONER REPP: No.

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

5 (Multiple ayes.)

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

7 We are moving on to discussion of policies and
8 procedures. We have three of them. They are all
9 law enforcement related. I'm assuming -- who is
10 presenting?

11 MR. TAUPIER: If I may, Marc Taupier. I'll be
12 presenting 9.1. Chief Snyder will be presenting
13 9.2 and 9.3. 9.1 is the policy for the Division of
14 Gaming Enforcement on subpoenas and court
15 appearances by members in their official
16 capacities.

17 It is a policy for law enforcement members to
18 follow when receiving criminal and civil subpoenas
19 and the requirements before testifying at either a
20 deposition or a trial or a hearing within a court.

21 If I may read into the record the approved
22 language that was approved in the separate
23 one-on-one meetings yesterday, starting on Page No.
24 2 of the document.

25 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

1 MR. TAUPIER: Page No. 2, the first paragraph,
2 first sentence will be changed to read the director
3 of gaming enforcement is authorized to receive,
4 accept, or reject a criminal subpoena on behalf of
5 the Division.

6 And the last change that I would like to read
7 into the record for your approval will be on Page
8 No. 5 of 6 under subheading 7, courtroom protocol,
9 subsection A, requirements before testifying in
10 court.

11 We will be adding paragraph 2 under paragraph
12 1 to read as follows. Before the date of
13 testifying, the subpoenaed member shall ensure that
14 they have a well-founded understanding of the
15 facts, evidence, and their involvement in the case.

16 At this time, I would ask that the Commission
17 approve the policy with the read-in additions for
18 law enforcement.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Taupier. I
20 think your read-in additions really provide a lot
21 of additional clarification, too. I appreciate
22 you.

23 MR. TAUPIER: Thank you.

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any
25 questions on this policy? If not, can we get a

1 motion to approve the policy with the read-in
2 modifications.

3 COMMISSIONER REPP: Motion to approve.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

5 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there any discussion?

7 All those in favor, say aye.

8 (Multiple ayes.)

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Chief Snyder, welcome to
10 presenting.

11 MR. SNYDER: Good morning.

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Good morning.

13 MR. SNYDER: Gary Snyder, Chief of Law
14 Enforcement, Division of Gaming Enforcement. The
15 policy of 02.62.01 is on communicable diseases.
16 The policy provides general guidelines to assist in
17 minimizing the risk of Division members from
18 contracting and spreading communicable diseases.
19 Those definitions and details are throughout the
20 policy.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: It's very thorough.

22 Commissioners, any questions on this.

23 COMMISSIONER REPP: Yes, I had a question.

24 Looking over what the exposure control officers are
25 responsible for, developing an exposure and control

1 plan and quite a few duties, is this going to be
2 assigned to an agent, to support staff, one, is the
3 first part of the question?

4 And the second is, will there be someone, an
5 ECO assigned to each office, or are we going to
6 have one person to oversee? Because it appears to
7 be a -- it's quite a heavy load for a collateral
8 duty?

9 MR. SNYDER: Currently, we are in the process
10 of hiring a training coordinator, which is a sworn
11 agent's position, supervisory agent, that will be
12 assigned to the intel analytical side of the house.

13 This will be one of those duties that fall
14 under his purview. In addition to the departmental
15 training, he'll be handling several different
16 duties similar to this as well just to keep -- it
17 really needs to be based out of Tallahassee anyway,
18 but he'll be handling the training throughout the
19 Division in each department.

20 COMMISSIONER REPP: Thank you. And is that a
21 position that's been filled or trying to be filled,
22 or is it being posted right now? Is it something
23 someone can go look at?

24 MR. SNYDER: All the posting has been done.
25 We're currently scheduling interviews now.

1 COMMISSIONER REPP: Great. Thank you.

2 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, any other
3 questions? If not, can we get a motion to approve
4 02.62.01 policy as presented.

5 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: So moved.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

7 COMMISSIONER REPP: Second.

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

10 (Multiple ayes.)

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. It is approved.
12 And the next one, the last one.

13 MR. SNYDER: Would be policy 02.66.01. It's
14 for asset forfeiture. The policy describes the
15 authority and procedure for seizure, forfeiture,
16 and property liquidation associated with designated
17 offenses.

18 VICE CHAIR BROWN: I'm sorry. Can you
19 summarize the asset forfeiture policy.

20 MR. SNYDER: Yes. So this policy establishes
21 the guidelines of which will operate under --
22 during the investigative process. As we conclude
23 these investigations and serve warrants, we have to
24 have the process in place as to the movement, the
25 transportation.

1 There's a vast number of reasons that the
2 policy is there. But when it deals with large sums
3 of money, we do have to have those procedures in
4 place, and this policy outlines the reason why.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

6 Commissioners, are there any questions on the
7 asset forfeiture policy?

8 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Just one quick question.
9 I had the same question on the last policy, but you
10 answered it before I could ask it, so I appreciate
11 that. Training, again, is a question I have on
12 this.

13 Are we preparing train the agents, not only on
14 this policy, but what it means, forfeiture and what
15 confiscation means and how it's supposed to be
16 done, et cetera, et cetera? I see Marc nodding his
17 head vigorously.

18 MR. SNYDER: Yes, sir. So our measure
19 priorities and operational side of the house is the
20 evidence and forfeiture process. We want our
21 agents in the field to know what's expected of
22 them, what we're requiring them to do to be
23 functional and what we're doing and our mission.

24 Currently, we're dealing with a lot of
25 evidence. We're dealing with a lot of U.S.

1 currency. And so the answer to that question is,
2 yes, there will be extensive training on our
3 evidence policy, which we're actually working on
4 also trying to update and also forfeiture policy.

5 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Thank you.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Can we please get a motion
7 to approve 02.66.01 policy.

8 COMMISSIONER REPP: Motion to approve.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Is there a second?

10 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Second.

11 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All those in favor, say
12 aye.

13 (Multiple ayes.)

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Looking forward
15 to hearing your update later under the director's
16 report because there's been a lot of positive
17 coverage, too, on the work you're doing. Thank
18 you.

19 MR. SNYDER: Thank you.

20 VICE CHAIR BROWN: We are moving to the
21 Executive Director's update. Mr. Trombetta.

22 MR. TROMBETTA: Thank you, Vice Chair. I'm
23 just going to start there. Chief Snyder has joined
24 the team somewhat recently, and he's hit the ground
25 running. I mean, I think there's, from my view,

1 immediate results right away.

2 So I would like to kind of recognize him and
3 also ask him to come up and provide some updates on
4 some really good things that have been happening
5 this last month.

6 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

7 MR. SNYDER: I can tell you that August has
8 been an extremely busy month for the Division of
9 Gaming Enforcement. We've conducted multiple
10 operations in multiple counties with all of our law
11 enforcement partners that we have established
12 relationships with.

13 All in all, we served 22 search warrants
14 throughout the state during August. We closed 18
15 illegal casino-style arcades, seized 956 slot
16 machines.

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: That's amazing.

18 MR. SNYDER: And we seized over \$3.5 million
19 dollars, all of which were proceeds of illegal
20 gambling. These operations are a result of
21 countless hours of investigative work by our agents
22 and our law enforcement partners.

23 We continue to expand that network and
24 partnerships each month, as these relationships are
25 paramount to us meeting our expectations with the

1 Commission and to reach the Agency's mission as
2 well.

3 We've been working closely with -- I have to
4 give Lisa Mustain kudos. We work very closely with
5 her on the operations side. She has worked
6 diligently in acquiring additional warehouse space
7 in all three regions to house a large number of
8 machines that we're getting in the different
9 regions.

10 Additionally, we are very thankful for Lisa's
11 team because she handles all the logistics of
12 moving these machines from point of seizure to the
13 point of storage. It's very complex, especially
14 when you're talking about 22 different locations
15 that we're serving warrants and the vast numbers of
16 evidence that we're getting.

17 I'm just going to note a couple things from
18 the intel analytical support side from Chief
19 Linton. The intel (inaudible) support the
20 operation section of the Division by filing
21 multiple comprehensive backgrounds of suspects and
22 businesses in relation to our ongoing
23 investigations.

24 Our criminal analysts attended over ten
25 intelligence meetings with multiple agencies during

1 the month of August. This is just another example
2 of our agency building these relationships to
3 strengthen our operational goals.

4 We currently are in the process of scheduling
5 interviews for our vacant non-sworn analyst
6 positions, as well as our sworn agent positions
7 that are currently open in the position. We hope
8 to have several new hires by the end of this month.

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. I mean, just
10 astounding great news. Every month it's just
11 growing more and more. Thank you for your work and
12 Director Herold's work and keeping us also informed
13 every week and also for our new comms director
14 preparing press releases and getting the amount of
15 media coverage out to the public so that they know
16 that this good work is going.

17 And thank you, Ms. Mustain as well.

18 Commissioners.

19 COMMISSIONER REPP: Just one thing to get the
20 word out, am I correct that it's open right now, we
21 are advertising and looking for intel analysts?

22 MR. SNYDER: Yes. We've actually narrowed
23 down and we're scheduling interviews for them, as
24 well as the new agents.

25 COMMISSIONER REPP: Great. Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: I have just one question
2 in terms of investigations with these illegal
3 casinos and slot machines. Can you say what these
4 slot machines that you're finding and seizing, are
5 they -- have you found homemade ones? Are you
6 finding professionally-made ones? How would you
7 classify these slot machines?

8 MR. SNYDER: That's a great question. From
9 the onset of the original internet cafes that
10 started back in 2007, 2008 which were basically
11 small computer consoles which was operated off of a
12 simple computer desktop.

13 We were now seeing 90 percent of these
14 locations are holding Bally-style or ITH-style
15 gaming equipment. So these are casino style and
16 quality machines. Very few of the small consoles
17 are even being seen anymore.

18 I mean, walking into it is like walking into a
19 casino. That's why when I mention these locations,
20 they are casino style arcades. They look like a
21 casino when you walk in. They give them food.
22 They give them drinks.

23 They give them everything to keep them there
24 to spend their money. Obviously, they're popped up
25 all over the state. We're doing our best to

1 curtail that.

2 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: You're doing a good job,
3 and I think it's great that you point that out this
4 apparently significant amount of money being
5 invested in these illegal casinos.

6 These are not just little mom and pop kind of
7 situation, so it's significant money being invested
8 in these. So it's a significant problem for the
9 state of Florida.

10 I appreciate the effort that you all have made
11 with this, especially in the relationships that
12 you've developed with all the different law
13 enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices, et
14 cetera, across the state.

15 It's the only way we're going to get any kind
16 of significant impact to the people of the state is
17 to work together. So we appreciate that very much,
18 and thank you.

19 VICE CHAIR BROWN: And it permeates even in
20 the gas stations, as you said.

21 MR. SNYDER: Right. So we've instituted
22 proactive enforcement at the small, independent
23 locations. Even with that, we're finding that
24 several of these locations are owned by the same
25 people that are running these machines.

1 We're doing that each month. Each region is
2 responsible for handling those proactive
3 investigations that we can handle with probable
4 cause and moving forward with prosecution.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Wonderful.

6 COMMISSIONER REPP: I just wanted to say that
7 was a great question from Mr. Drago. The machines
8 and the type of machines in there that are -- I
9 mean, you're putting out a lot of money to put in
10 very professional machines.

11 And I think the less sophisticated person, it
12 gives it an air of legitimacy when you walk in and
13 see these Bally style machines and things like
14 that, and it really does kind of cover up the fact
15 that they just don't offer the same protections as
16 licensed facilities are.

17 Commissioner Drago hit it right on the head
18 that it definitely is an important factor, which I
19 had not considered before that you walk in. You
20 see these particular machines. It looks like an
21 actual casino. It just lends itself to some sort
22 of credibility that it doesn't have.

23 I appreciate all the work you've done in
24 setting this straight and also for our comms
25 director for getting the word out there because I

1 think when people go to these, many of them think
2 they're getting the same protections as they would
3 going into a licensed facility, so thank you.

4 MR. SNYDER: Yes, ma'am.

5 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you for the report.

6 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Thank you, Chief.

7 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Back to Mr. Trombetta.

8 MR. TROMBETTA: I'm actually also going to ask
9 Lisa Mustain to kind of come up and just talk about
10 some of the things she's been doing. Since the end
11 of June, her team has not just been handling
12 everything that was just discussed, but there's a
13 whole financial side of closing out the state.

14 So her team, it's hard -- I'll just rely on
15 her. It's best if she just explains what she's
16 done. I know that just walking into her office for
17 the past two months, you can just her just
18 overwhelmed trying to get a million things done.

19 She does it somehow, so I try to leave her
20 alone and just let her run. But her and her staff
21 have done a great job on a hundred million things.

22 MS. MUSTAIN: Thank you.

23 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

24 MS. MUSTAIN: I just would like to take the
25 opportunity because Lou, Director Trombetta, often

1 comes up here and raves about all the things that
2 we've done. But it's his guidance that has brought
3 us this far, and so I just would like to say that.

4 Deidre Pendleton is our new -- we kind of got
5 kicked in the teeth at the end of the fiscal year
6 because we lost our chief accountant. He resigned
7 his position, so we were scrambling because it's
8 the end of the fiscal year and certify forwards.

9 If it weren't for Christine Hutton, Devaughn
10 Stephens on my staff, Sheryl Boutin, Steven Baird,
11 we worked a lot of hours to close the year, close
12 the month, close the year, get certified forward,
13 and we were able to do that successfully.

14 And so I was really proud of my team that they
15 really kind of chipped in and made it happen. But
16 Deidre, could you stand up. Thank you. Other than
17 that, that's pretty much it. The team really
18 pulled together and worked hard, and we were able
19 to close out year successfully.

20 We're very excited about that fact. When he
21 said he comes into the office and he sees stress,
22 he's not kidding. It's like he walks in the
23 office, and you're going, what do you want now?

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.
25 Commissioner D'Aquila.

1 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I just would like to
2 add for those that are not aware, Ms. Mustain,
3 you're operating an accounting function, and the
4 account profession is in a significant decline in
5 both candidates.

6 In just the past four years, there has been a
7 16 percent drop across America in licensed CPAs.
8 And I think if you talk to any accounting educator,
9 and I have, over the last 20 years, we've seen
10 declining enrollment relative to the population.

11 So the pool of people that understand debits
12 and credits and do what you do day in and day out,
13 reconciling to the penny, and we still work with
14 pennies at times.

15 It's quite commendable what you're doing
16 considering the dramatic increase in voluminous
17 transactions that are occurring here, whether they
18 be slot machines, confiscated dollars, number of
19 full-time equivalent employees, and so forth.

20 So as a financial executive of the past, I
21 would also like to commend you for a job well done
22 in light of all of those headwinds that are going
23 on. And I haven't even mentioned how difficult it
24 is to recruit in Tallahassee.

25 So bravo. Job well done. And I will add to

1 what Executive Director Trombetta said. I tried a
2 couple of times to come by your office, and I just
3 said, I'm glad this is not my office. Thank you.

4 MS. MUSTAIN: It's pretty busy.

5 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I also want to thank
6 you for your creativity in finding a never ending
7 supply of space for all of these Bally like
8 machines that we've been talking about. It's
9 unfortunate that they keep coming, so thank you.

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Well said,
11 Commissioner D'Aquila.

12 Thank you so much for all you do with all the
13 different hats you have to wear. Thank you.

14 MS. MUSTAIN: It's very interesting. Thank
15 you.

16 VICE CHAIR BROWN: That's good.

17 MR. TROMBETTA: I think I have two more, and
18 then I'm here at your pleasure. Also dealing with
19 the year end, so we've now had time -- Joe's team
20 in revenue -- to kind of get a look at revenue
21 numbers from the past year.

22 So as you are aware, they end up in an annual
23 report that's due later this year, so they may
24 still change a little bit. But for the most part,
25 I can at least report that on the revenue side of

1 things, the state saw over \$240 million in slot
2 revenue, which is pretty good. It's about
3 consistent with last year.

4 Cardroom revenue, there was over \$22 million
5 in cardroom revenue, up a little bit from the prior
6 year. And then the pari-mutuel wagering revenue
7 was just under -- well, I guess well under \$730,000
8 the state received from pari-mutuel revenue, which
9 is down a lot.

10 It's really due to the tax credits that were
11 imposed to help pari-mutuel industry deal with the
12 cost of HISA, so that kind of explains that one.
13 But that is a big change that you may see. But
14 overall numbers are good.

15 The pari-mutuel revenue, the pari-mutuel
16 industry in the state of Florida is doing well.
17 This does not include the money that comes from the
18 Seminole compact. This is just on the pari-mutuel
19 side, but we do at least have an idea of what it
20 is.

21 It takes a little bit of time after the year
22 ends to kind of get everything reconciled. Any
23 questions on revenue numbers, just generally?

24 VICE CHAIR BROWN: No. Thank you.

25 MR. TROMBETTA: Next on my list is essentially

1 scheduling for the next few commission meetings. I
2 would like to touch on that, if we can.

3 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Our next meeting is October
4 2nd, and then I think you're looking for November
5 and December.

6 MR. TROMBETTA: Yes. I mean, if you all are
7 comfortable --

8 COMMISSIONER REPP: We decided November 7th, I
9 believe. Is that still good?

10 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yes, that's right.

11 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: We had November 7th
12 and December 5th from the last meeting.

13 MR. TROMBETTA: On board, yes. Yes.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yes, on board. Too many
15 calendars.

16 MR. TROMBETTA: Do you want to go further?

17 VICE CHAIR BROWN: No. That's good.

18 Commissioners, before you leave, any questions
19 for Executive Director?

20 COMMISSIONER REPP: No.

21 VICE CHAIR BROWN: No. Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: One question. We
23 talked about revenue numbers, the health of our
24 gaming industry as it pertains to the state. Are
25 we starting to look at estimates of the

1 non-reporting activity that's going on in the
2 state, specifically as it pertains to offshore
3 gambling, any of the sports gambling, and estimates
4 based on the number of machines we perceive as
5 being illegal in the state? Is there -- in our
6 commission, are we looking -- are we having that
7 foresight, forethought?

8 MR. TROMBETTA: I don't know how much I want
9 to say publicly. We are working behind the scenes
10 getting some information.

11 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I'm not asking for
12 specific numbers. But do we factor that in our
13 planning?

14 MR. TROMBETTA: I can tell you, Commissioner,
15 I'm focusing on the state. I'm trying to get a
16 better idea of the numbers you're asking about for
17 the illegal market for the state of Florida. The
18 American Gaming Association kind of annually does
19 put out an estimate for kind of like the offshore
20 and then kind of the national numbers. I'm trying
21 to get a better idea. In state numbers, I'm not
22 ready to publically announce.

23 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: No. But I think you
24 answered the question. You are looking at the
25 American Gaming Association data that's been

1 published and stuff on the national level?

2 MR. TROMBETTA: Yes, sir.

3 COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: Thank you.

4 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Drago.

5 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: If I can go back to the
6 scheduling again. We had written down last time
7 December 5th. Did we just agree that that's good,
8 or did we agree not to talk about December?

9 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Oh, no. I think we agreed
10 that's good.

11 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: That's good?

12 VICE CHAIR BROWN: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER DRAGO: Okay. Thank you.

14 VICE CHAIR BROWN: All right. No other
15 questions, we are going into public comment. Is
16 there anybody from the public that would like to
17 address us at this time? Please feel free to come
18 on up.

19 Seeing none, Commissioners, are there any
20 other matters that need to be addressed? No.
21 Okay. With that, we stand adjourned. Thank you.

22 (Proceedings concluded at 10:23 a.m.)

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