



Minutes of the Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024

- (1) The Ohio State Racing Commission (“OSRC”) held its monthly meeting at 10:00 a.m. on July 16, 2024, at the Vern Riffe Center, Room 1948, 19th floor, 77 S High Street, Columbus, OH 43215.
- (2) Call to Order and Roll Call: Commissioner Hansen stood in as the Chair for this meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. Commissioners Beth Hansen, Tom Winters, and Dan McCarthy were present. Chair Scott Borgemenke and Commissioner Greg Simpson were unable to attend. There was a quorum.
- (3) There was a moment of silence for Chair Borgemenke and his family as his mother recently passed.
- (4) Approval of Minutes from the June 18, 2024, Commission Meeting: Commissioner Winters moved to approve the June 18, 2024, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- (5) Ratification of Executive Director Approvals: Commissioner Winters moved to ratify the Executive Director’s approvals and Commissioner McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Executive Director, Chris Dragone informed the Commission of Belterra and Thistledown’s post time change for the excessive heat for the current week. The racetracks representatives were reminded to have plenty of ice and cold water available. Mr. Dragone informed the Commission that the strangles directive has been removed, but the racetracks have the ability to maintain their own mandate for the timing of PCR testing. Scioto Downs and their outrider were commended for their swift response and professionalism to a bad accident last month.
- (6) Meet Requests
 - (A) Delaware County Fair; Little Brown Jug: Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Meet request, and Commissioner McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
 - (B) Dayton Raceway: Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Meet request conditioned upon the approval of the simulcast export by the horsemen, and Commissioner McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- (C) Mahoning Valley Racecourse: Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Meet request conditioned upon the approval of the simulcast export by the horsemen, and Commissioner McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- (7) Resolution 2024-07 Casino Distribution: Commissioner Winters moved to approve the resolution, and Commissioner McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- (8) Update on Rules Status: Deputy Director Boulmetis stated the commission is compliant for the June 2025 SB9 deadline and is working on the chapters due for the 2025 five-year review.
- (9) Update on Horse Fatalities: Dr. James Robertson updated the Commission on horse racing and training fatalities at the pari-mutuel tracks in Ohio. Through July 16, 2024, there have been two Standardbred fatalities and 11 Thoroughbred fatalities. The total number of horse fatalities in Ohio to date is 13. The overall Thoroughbred safety record for dirt races at the two currently active meets is 99.93%. There were no Turf racing fatalities. Stave Bateson with the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association asked some questions regarding the decrease in fatalities.
- (10) Monthly Financial Report: Fiscal Officer, Sherry White informed the Commission that for the fiscal year that just concluded the commission is slightly in the black due to higher-than-expected tax revenue and decreased testing costs. Tax revenues are down 13% from last year, and casino revenues are down slightly. Maintenance Expenses are up 9%, mostly due to inflation. There will be a Twenty Thousand Dollar (\$20,000) expense for the new licensing system.
- (11) Cost of living adjustment for exempt employees: The Chair introduced the COLA because exempt [sic] employees do not have the automatic increase that is negotiated for non-exempt [sic] employees. Commissioner Winters moved to approve the increase, and Commissioner McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- (12) Adjudication for Rebecca Doering: AAG Todd DeBoe spoke on behalf of the Commission. Ms. Doering did not appear, nor did she have a representative appear for her. Commissioner Winters moved to approve the hearing officers report and recommendation, and Commissioner McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- (13) Update on HISA: Dave Basler, of the Ohio HPBA spoke about recent decision by the 5th circuit to declare the ability of HISA to issue penalties for rule violations are unconstitutional. He predicts that this issue will eventually end up in the Supreme Court.

(14) Committee Reports

(A) Medication: Commissioner Hansen mentioned having a later meeting with Dr. Robertson.

(B) Safety: There were no comments.

(C) Standardbred: No updates.

(15) Commissioners Comments: No Commissioner comments.

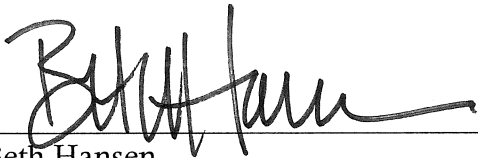
(16) Public Comments: There were no public comments.

(17) Executive Session: There was no executive session.

(18) Adjournment: Commissioner Winters moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote, and the Commission meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Date, Time, and Place of Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1948 Riffe Center



Beth Hansen ,
Commissioner
Ohio State Racing Commission



Christopher Dragone,
Executive Director
Ohio State Racing Commission