OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
10:00 A.M. – April 16, 2025
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFTEY, 1st FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
1970 WEST BROAD STREET, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43223

The regular meeting of the Ohio Casino Control Commission (Commission) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Thomas J. Stickrath. Commissioners Scott Borgemenke, Triffon Callos, Keith Cheney, Penelope Cunningham, and Christopher Smitherman were also in attendance. Commissioner Sheetal Bajoria had an excused absence. Next, the minutes of the March 19, 2025, meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Cheney and seconded by Commissioner Cunningham.

Executive Director Matthew Schuler began his report informing the Commissioners of Ms. Andromeda Morrison's promotion to serve as Deputy Executive Director & General Counsel. The Commissioners congratulated Ms. Morrison and wished her continued success in her new role. Mike O'Leary, Fiscal Officer, provided a quarterly budget report update for the end of the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2025. Finally, Mr. Schuler and Ms. Morrison along with the Commissioners recognized and honored Ms. Tessa Metzler for her exemplary public service and her many contributions to the Commission. Chair Stickrath moved to adopt Resolution 2025-22, honoring and commending Ms. Metzler's loyalty and dedication to the Commission and citizens of the State of Ohio. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Borgemenke and approved.

Monica Wilcoxen, Director of Investigations, presented to the Commission two initial and three renewal key employee license applications for consideration. The Division of Investigations completed background investigations of the applicants and recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2025-19, granting three-year key employee licenses to: Christopher Rogers, PENN Entertainment, Inc.; Hiroki Yonekura, Japan Cash Machine Co., Ltd.; Vimla Black-Gupta, PENN Entertainment, Inc.; Hector Fernandez, Voluntary Filer; and Glen Tomaszewski, JACK Ohio Ventures, LLC. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Smitherman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Callos and approved.

Berena Seifert, Manager of Investigations and Skill Games Compliance, presented for consideration one initial, three new and three renewal skill-based amusement machine-related license applications. The Investigations Division completed background investigations of the applicants, which did not uncover any material derogatory information, and recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2025-20, granting skill-based amusement machine-related licenses. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Cunningham. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Borgemenke and approved.

Then, Ms. Wilcoxen presented for consideration six key sports gaming employee license applications. The Investigations Division completed background investigations of the applicants, which did not uncover any material derogatory information, and recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2025-21, granting initial non-reciprocal or reciprocal key sports gaming employee licenses, as applicable,

to the applicants listed in the resolution. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Borgemenke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cunningham and approved.

Ms. Morrison, presented to the Commission for consideration one casino gaming final order:

A final order regarding the denial of casino gaming employee license applications (case nos. #2024-CLIC-045, -057, -069 & -099 & 2025-CLIC-008, -010 & -011B). Chair Stickrath moved to deny the casino gaming employee license applications for the cases listed in the final order. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smitherman and approved.

Next, Ms. Morrison presented for consideration two sports gaming final orders:

A final order regarding the denial of standard sports gaming employee license applications (case nos. #2024-SGL-068 & -072 & 2025-SGL-004, -009 & -011). Chair Stickrath moved to deny the standard sports gaming employee license applications for the cases listed in the final order. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cheney and approved.

A final order regarding Nathanael Ortiz Mercado (case no. #2025-SGL-013B). Chair Stickrath moved to revoke the plenary standard sports gaming employee license application for Nathanael Ortiz Mercado. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cunningham and approved.

Then, Ms. Morrison presented for consideration one skill-based amusement machine final order:

A final order regarding Wee Bit Lounge (case no. # 2024-SLIC-019). Chair Stickrath moved to revoke the type-C skill-based amusement machine location license for Wee Bit Lounge. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Callos and approved.

Finally, Ms. Morrison presented to the Commission for consideration a settlement agreement between FBG Enterprises Opco, LLC dba Fanatics (Fanatics) and the Commission. The agreement would administratively close Commission Case No. 2024-SGR-002, a case that arose regarding Fanatics' violations of Ohio law. The settlement agreement includes admissions, conditions, remedial measures, and a $100,000 sanction. Chair Stickrath made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign it on behalf of the agency. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smitherman and approved.

In other business, Ms. Morrison provided a brief synopsis of cease-and-desist actions taken by the Commission against KalshiEX, LLC, Robinhood Markets, Inc. and Crypto.com ordering the entities to cease event contracts on sports events to citizens located within the State of Ohio, without a sports gaming license. The Commissioners had questions related to the cease-and-desist actions that required legal counsel.

Accordingly, Chair Stickrath made the following motion: "I move to go into executive session pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(3) to confer with counsel regarding imminent court action involving the Commission

related to the issuance of a Cease-and-Desist Notice sent to KalshiEX, LLC." The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cunningham and adopted by a roll call vote of 6-0.

The Commission moved into Executive Session at 10:29 a.m.

The regular meeting of the Commission resumed at 11:11 a.m. There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Signed,

Lara Thomas
Commission Secretary
Approved: May 21, 2025