OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
10:00 A.M. – May 20, 2026
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIRECTOR THOMAS J. STICKRATH CONFERENCE CENTER
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. Vice Chair Penelope Cunningham and Commissioners Sheetal Bajoria, Scott Borgemenke, Triffon Callos, Keith Cheney, and Christopher Smitherman were also in attendance. Next, the minutes of the April 15, 2026, meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Smitherman and seconded by Vice Chair Cunningham.

Executive Director Matthew Schuler began his 186th report since joining the Commission on October 3, 2011. Mr. Schuler explained that while the Executive Director is not required to present a report, he had done so at the request of the Commission's first acting Chair, the late Speaker Jo Ann Davidson. Mr. Schuler indicated that he discovered his reports became an opportunity to share significant staff accomplishments and events with the members of the Commission. He expressed his gratitude to Commissioners and staff, for enduring his reports over the years and appreciating his sense of humor. With his intention to retire, Mr. Schuler indicated that an Interim Executive Director would need to be appointed to lead the Commission's staff.

Accordingly, Chair Stickrath made the following motion: "I move to go into executive session pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment of a public employee as the Interim Executive Director." The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cheney and adopted by a roll call vote of 6-0. Commissioner Callos was not present for the roll call vote but arrived later during the meeting.

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

The regular meeting of the Commission resumed at 10:35 a.m.

Next, Chair Stickrath announced that the Commissioners intended to appoint Andromeda Morrison, Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel, as the Commission's Interim Executive Director. Accordingly, Chair Stickrath made the following motion: "I move to appoint Andromeda Morrison as Interim Executive Director effective June 1, 2026, and until such time as the Commission appoints a permanent Executive Director, at the appointee's current rate of pay plus the customary temporary working level percentage increase of 4%." The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Cunningham. The Commissioners and staff congratulated Ms. Morrison on her appointment.

Steve Johnson, Manager of Licensing, presented to the Commission for consideration a gaming-related vendor license renewal application for The United States Playing Card Company (US Playing Card Company). The Division of Investigations completed a suitability investigation of US Playing Card Company, which did not uncover any material derogatory information. The Division recommended

approval of proposed Resolution 2026-21, granting the renewal of the gaming-related vendor license. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Smitherman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bajoria and approved.

Next, Mr. Johnson presented to the Commission for consideration one initial, one new, and seven renewal casino gaming key employee license applications for consideration. The Division of Investigations completed background investigations of the applicants and recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2026-22, granting three-year key employee licenses to: Lawrence Flinn, IGT; Carlo Ferrari Ardicini, De Agostini S.p.A.; Ryan Comstock, Ainsworth Game Technology Limited; Monica Douglas, VICI Properties, Inc.; Carol Lynton, Gaming and Leisure Properties, Inc.; Stefaan Merckx, Cartamundi Group; Brandon Moore, Gaming and Leisure Properties, Inc.; Ashley Morris, Hard Rock Casino Cincinnati; and Craig Tonier, Aristocrat Leisure Limited. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Vice Chair Cunningham. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Borgemenke and approved.

Then, Mr. Johnson presented for consideration a sports gaming supplier license renewal application for Omega Operations LLC (Omega). The Investigations Division completed an investigation of Omega, which did not uncover any material derogatory information that would render Omega statutorily ineligible for a license. Therefore, the Division recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2026-23, granting the renewal of a three-year sports gaming supplier license. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Cheney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smitherman and approved.

Mr. Johnson then presented for consideration seventeen initial and eighteen renewal 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 2026-24, granting initial or renewal non-reciprocal and initial or renewal 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 Smitherman and approved.

Finally, Mr. Johnson presented for consideration four initial, one new, and one renewal skill-based amusement machine license applications comprised of type-B and type-C operators. The Investigations Division completed a background investigation of the applicants, which did not uncover any material derogatory information, and recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2026-25, granting the initial, new, and renewal skill-based amusement machine licenses. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Borgemenke. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Cunningham and approved.

Ms. Morrison presented for consideration amended casino gaming administrative rules for initial filing for Ohio Adm.Code 3772-1-01, 3772-4-05, 3772-9-05, 3772-9-06, 3772-9-09, 3772-9-10, 3772-10-02, and 3772-12-01 and a variance. The rules are approaching their R.C. 106.03 five-year review date. Ohio

Adm.Code 3772-12-01, while not due for review until the end of 2027, was presented early to incorporate important changes to the Voluntary Exclusion Program (VEP). Ms. Morrison explained that Commission staff recommended the Commission approve a variance regarding Ohio Adm.Code 3772-12-01 to allow Ohio VEP participants to enter the non-gaming areas of gaming facilities until the amendment to that rule becomes effective. The variance would immediately take effect and coincide with the adoption of the amended rule. Ms. Morrison reminded the Commissioners that upon this approval, the rules and a Business Impact Analysis will be filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office (CSIO). After CSIO review and authorization, the rules will then be filed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). After JCARR's jurisdiction ends, the rules will be brought before the Commissioners again at a public meeting for final filing approval. A motion to approve the initial filing and variance was made by Chair Stickrath. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Cunningham and approved.

Yosef Schiff, Assistant General Counsel, presented to the Commission for consideration casino gaming administrative rules for filing for Ohio Adm.Code 3772-1-02, 3772-1-04, 3772-1-05, 3772-1-06, 3772-1-07, 3772-2-01, 3772-2-02, 3772-2-03, 3772-2-04, 3772-2-05, 3772-2-06, 3772-2-07, 3772-2-08, 3772-2-09, 3772-2-10, 3772-2-11, 3772-2-12, 3772-4-01, 3772-4-03, 3772-4-04, 3772-4-06, 3772-7-01, 3772-9-01, 3772-9-02, 3772-9-03, 3772-9-08, 3772-21-01, 3772-22-01, and 3772-23-01. The rules are approaching their R.C. 106.03 five-year review date. In conducting this review, the Commission must consider, among other things, whether the rule is still necessary, must be amended, or conflicts with other statutory or administrative provisions. Staff does not propose any amendments to these rules. Vice Chair Cunningham made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2026-26, approving filing of the no-change administrative rules. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Borgemenke and approved.

Keith O'Korn, Senior General Counsel, presented to the Commission for consideration one casino gaming employee final order:

A final order regarding the denial of casino gaming employee license applications (case nos. 2025-CLIC-078 & 2026-CLIC-021). 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, Mr. O'Korn presented to the Commission for consideration three joint casino gaming and sports gaming final orders:

A final order regarding the denial of joint casino employee gaming and standard sports gaming employee license applications (case nos. 2025-CLIC-067 & -098, 2025-SGL-052 & -077, 2026-CLIC-006 and 2026-SGL-007). Chair Stickrath moved to deny the casino gaming employee and standard sports gaming license applications for the cases listed in the final order. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cheney and approved.

A final order regarding Justin Fernandez (case nos. 2025-CLIC-100 & 2025-SGL-079). Chair Stickrath moved to approve and adopt the report and recommendation without modifications to deny the casino gaming employee license and standard sports employee license applications for Justin Fernandez. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Callos and approved.

A final order regarding Aryel Perez (case nos. 2026-CLIC-003 & 2026-SGL-004). Chair Stickrath moved to approve and adopt the report and recommendation without modifications to deny the casino gaming employee license and standard sports employee license applications for Aryel Perez. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Cunningham and approved.

In other business, Ms. Morrison, along with all the Commissioners and staff, recognized and honored Mr. Schuler, Executive Director, for his loyalty and dedication to the Commission and the citizens of the State of Ohio. Chair Stickrath moved to adopt Resolution 2026-27, honoring Mr. Schuler. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners and approved.

Next, Chair Stickrath and Ms. Morrison announced that a reception would follow the meeting to celebrate Mr. Schuler's retirement as the Commission's first Executive Director. Chair Stickrath and the rest of the Commissioners extended their best wishes for a well-deserved retirement.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Signed,

Lara Thomas
Commission Secretary
Approved: June 17, 2026