

GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2017 GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order and Welcome – Stacey Luna Baxter, Executive Director

Executive Director Stacey Luna Baxter called the July 13, 2017, meeting of the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC), to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call of GPAC Members

Roll call of the Committee Members was taken. Tom Hallinan, Joy Harn, Haig Kelegian, Jr., Darrell Miers, Yolanda Morrow, Troy Murphy, and Art Van Loon were present. William Liu and Keith Sharp were absent. Robert Jacobson arrived to the meeting as noted below.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 25, 2017

Troy Murphy moved to approve the May 25, 2017 meeting minutes. Art Van Loon seconded the motion and by consensus the Committee Members approved the minutes.

4. Update and Discussion of Current Projects

- A. Surveillance Requirements for Video Clarity and Format (Sub-Committee Members: Darrell Miers and Troy Murphy)

Troy Murphy and Darrell Miers provided a new amended draft of the proposed regulations for surveillance that included changes that were discussed at the previous GPAC meeting. GPAC members had the following comments on the proposed regulation.

Section 12396(c), Haig Kelegian, Jr. stated that the requirement in the regulatory language that surveillance recordings include “...*all major parking area vehicle entrance and exit routes*” is too broad and difficult to comply with. However, it was stated that the language specifies that it only applies to areas “owned, operated or otherwise controlled by the licensee”, which was found to be acceptable.

Section 12396(d)(4) Haig Kelegian, Jr. asked for clarification on the requirement that “no controlled gambling may take place when a surveillance employee is not present and on duty in the gambling establishment.” Mr. Kelegian indicated that in an

instance where a surveillance employee was unable to report to work the gambling establishment might be forced to stop operation that day.

Robert Jacobson arrived at 1:40 p.m.

There was much discussion among the GPAC members concerning Section 12396(d)(4) and the members asked that the Bureau consider allowing the Tier 4 cardrooms to submit a contingency plan for Bureau approval that would allow a key employee or owner to replace a surveillance employee on an emergency staffing basis. It was further suggested that if this event should occur it would be captured in the surveillance logs that Tier 4 cardrooms are required to keep, and a reporting to the Bureau within five days. The Bureau agreed to review and further work with the sub-committee to revise the proposed language.

Section(b)(1), Joy Harn suggested that “overheard camera” be changed to just “camera.” She indicated that because of the structural design of the building it may not be possible to install an overhead camera over exterior doors for some cardrooms.

Jamin Teague, Special Agent in Charge (SAC), Bureau of Gambling Control, stated that the Bureau wants the cameras positioned where patrons can be clearly identified.

Stacey Luna Baxter suggested that Darrell Miers and Troy Murphy work with SAC Teague to get the Bureau’s input on the proposed regulations.

B. Review of the Licensing Structure (Sub-Committee Members: Haig Kelegian, Jr. & Yolanda Morrow)

Haig Kelegian, Jr. and Yolanda Morrow stated that the sub-committee had nothing to report, but committed to providing an update at the next GPAC meeting.

C. Delegating Additional Authority to the Executive Director and/or Bureau (Sub-Committee Members: Keith Sharp and Art Van Loon)

Todd Vlaanderen reported on the Commission’s legal staff review of the outside legal opinion concerning delegating authority to the Executive Director and/or Bureau. Mr. Vlaanderen indicated that approval of licenses and anything else that requires Commission approval cannot be delegated to the Executive Director. Additionally, because of the delineation of duties, there is nothing that the Commission can delegate to the Bureau.

Consensus was obtained from the GPAC members that there was nothing further for this project and Stacey Luna Baxter indicated she would remove it from future agendas and the list of GPAC pending projects.

D. GPAC Outreach (Sub-Committee Members: Art Van Loon and Tom Hallinan)

Art Van Loon discussed having a panel demonstration on GPAC at the CGA (California Gaming Association) meeting in October. Mr. Van Loon indicated that he would come up with some panel discussion ideas for GPAC to consider. Stacey Luna Baxter stated she would work with Art Van Loon and Tom Hallinan in drafting a memo that would be sent out to the industry.

E. Regulatory Clean-Up (Sub-Committee Members: Joy Harn and Keith Sharp)

Stacey Luna Baxter indicated that the regulatory clean-up project was publicized in the Commission's quarterly newsletter and industry input was solicited. Currently no responses have been received.

Joy Harn indicated that she and Keith Sharp have been going through the regulations and they have identified sections that they think need work. They hope to be able to provide some suggested clean-up sections to GPAC at the next meeting.

5. Discussion of Future Agenda Item Topics

Stacey Luna Baxter announced that a draft of the transaction regulations might be distributed to the GPAC members for their review and discussion at the next GPAC meeting.

6. Next Meeting

It was decided that the next GPAC meeting would be scheduled on September 21, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.