

GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2021 GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

OPEN SESSION

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Executive Director Stacey Luna Baxter called the March 25, 2021 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. David Fried, Luis Jaramillo, Haig Kelegian, Jr., Jieho Lee, William Liu, Cyndi Maivia, Yolanda Morrow, Keith Sharp, and Art Van Loon were present. James Rodgers was absent.

3. Review and Approval of February 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Keith Sharp pointed out an error on page 2, item 6.B. of the minutes indicating that the word statuary should be changed to statutory.

David Fried moved to approve the January 21, 2021 meeting minutes with the correction mentioned by Keith Sharp. Art Van Loon seconded the motion and by a vote by roll-call the Committee Members unanimously approved the minutes.

4. Review and Discussion of Proposed Regulations: Incident Reports

The Commission's Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Specialist Joshua (Josh) Rosenstein presented to the GPAC members of the Commission staff's proposed options in the draft regulations concerning incident reporting. Josh asked for GPAC's guidance in selecting which options they wanted to be included as their recommendation to the Commission. Below is a summary of the decisions that occurred concerning the draft regulations.

Option1: GPAC concurs that TPPPS should be required to submit incident reports as specified in Option 1B, limiting this to TPPPS category licensees or employees related to independent contractors with a definition of contractors included in the regulation.

Option 2: Agree with staff's Option 2B, but modify it to limit separation of employment being prior to the submittal.

Option 3: Provide for the limitation for the applicability of the city, county, or city and county and move forward with staff's option.

Option 5: Maintain GPAC's original text.

Option 6: Maintain GPAC's original text.

Josh indicated that Commission staff will review GPAC's accepted options and, to avoid confusion, any changes made by staff will be identified as staff's recommendation when presented to the Commission.

David Fried provided suggested changes to §12395(a)(1), which included adding "holders of a valid work permit" to this section.

Josh suggested using the term "authorized cardroom licensee or holder of a local work permit."

David also suggested adding the word unsecured before gambling equipment and removing all references to surveillance. He mentioned other concerns involving access to the surveillance room. It was decided that he would work with Commission staff on drafting proposed changes to this section to be brought back to GPAC at the next meeting for their review.

5. Update and Discussion of Current Projects:

A. Marketing Group/External Promoter Service Regulations (Sub-Committee Members: Keith Sharp and Yolanda Morrow)

Stacey informed the members that a presentation to the Commission of this item has been included on the April 8, 2021 agenda. She further indicated that this will be a non-action item before the Commission.

B. Discussion Outline For Licensing, Work Permit, Hearing and Discipline Changes (Sub-Committee Members: David Fried and Art Van Loon)

David Fried indicated that there was nothing to report and this project can be removed from the GPAC agenda.

C. Work Permit Project – Status Update (Sub-Committee Members: Luis Jaramillo and Haig Kelegian, Jr.)

Haig Kelegian, Jr. reported on his discussions with the New Jersey's Division of Gaming and Enforcement concerning their program for notifying casinos of employees who have had a serious offense. They have created a Restriction Employment Application List (REAL) that is updated and distributed to casinos each Thursday. Haig indicated that he would like to do additional research of other jurisdictions and report back to GPAC.

D. Dual Licensure within Cannabis and Control Gambling Industries Project (Sub-Committee Members: Jieho Lee and James Rodgers)

There was no report provided by the sub-committee. William Liu volunteered to replace James Rodgers as a sub-committee member.

E. Recovery Program and Possibility of Industry Collaboration Project (Sub-Committee: Jieho Lee and Cyndi Maivia)

Cyndi Mavia provided insight on the project and discussed defining where they may want to create this path for employment. She talked about at risk youth and corresponding studies regarding early childhood trauma and concerns with exposing youth to gambling and potential problem gambling. She indicated that she would like to meet with the expert at public health on early childhood trauma to get some ideas of what would be a healthy way to move forward and additionally reach out to Friday Night Live because they do work with programs for youth that can help with the path to employment. She indicated that she would be in contact with her partners, and she will include Jieho in those conversations.

6. New Projects Discussion:

A. Application Forms Questions Review and Proposed Changes: Discussion and Sub-Committee Appointment

David Fried discussed the new licensing application forms briefly and mentioned that some of the questions on the forms should be looked at and possibly revised, including questions concerning contracts. David volunteered to work as a subcommittee member on this project. Yolanda Morrow also volunteered to work with David on this project as sub-committee member.

7. Discussion of New Agenda Items for Next Meeting

None.

8. Next Meeting

May 6, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

9. Public Comment

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.