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Gambling Control Board  
Minutes of September 21, 2021 Board Meeting  
Held online via Zoom application.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Steven Silver called the meeting to order at 9:05 am via Zoom application online due to the current coronavirus pandemic.

**MEMBERS PRESENT ONLINE**

Steven Silver, Board Chair  
Sari Greene  
Chief Noel March  
Dr. Charmaine Brown

**STAFF PRESENT ONLINE**

Milton Champion, Executive Director  
Vicki Gardner, Inspector Supervisor  
Mallory Reilly, Office Specialist I  
Det. Don Armstrong  
Wyatt Bisbee, Auditor

Katie Johnson, Assistant Attorney General  
John Nichols, Assistant Attorney General

**MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

**August 2021 Meeting Minutes approval**

*Ms. Sari Greene moves to approve the August 2021 meeting minutes. Chief Noel March seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.*

**Members**

**Steven Silver:** Yea  
**Sari Greene:** Yea  
**Dr. Charmaine Brown:** Yea  
**Noel March:** Yea

*The motion passed 4 in favor, motion passes.*

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

In August 2021 there were 4 Shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. On site inspectors completed 648 observations, 26 checklists. There were 8 self-exclusion. There were 6 minor violations that will continue to be monitored from the Unit's activity log. There was 0 patron complaint and 1 formal complaint of potential violation placed on the dashboard.

For the month of August 2021, the Unit has identified an increase of 82.5% in total tax revenue for both facilities versus August 2020. Year to date the Unit has identified an increase of 124.0% versus last year at the same time.

Oxford reported an 8.0% win for the month of June from slots and 22.2% win from table games. Oxford's payback percentage was 92.0%. Average gross win per machine of \$277.79. Hollywood reported an 10.1% average win for the month of June from slots and 25.8% win from table games. Hollywood's payback percentage was 89.9%. Average gross win per machine was \$253.74.

## **STATE POLICE REPORT**

Detective Don Armstrong informed the Board that since his last presentation there have been 34 new license investigations, and 39 renewal application investigations conducted, with 40 licenses still pending. There was 4 TITO thefts; funds were recovered in all 4 cases. 0 counterfeit bills reported. Oxford Police Department had 17 calls for service, and Bangor Police Department had 26 calls for service, most of which were calls due to events in the hotel and parking garage.

### **License Applications for Review-**

Aristocrat – Slot Machine Distributor

*Chief Noel March moves to approve Aristocrat as a Slot Machine Distributor for renewal. Ms. Sari Greene seconded the motion, moves to roll call.*

#### **Members**

**Steven Silver:** Yea

**Sari Greene:** Yea

**Dr. Charmaine Brown:** Yea

**Noel March:** Yea

*The motion passed 4 in favor, motion passes.*

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Resolution 13 – Business Entity Renewals-**

Ability to approve Business Entity Renewal applications was added to the abilities delegated to the Director in Resolution 13, if the company has no changes reported in their renewal application.

*Ms. Sari Greene motioned to adopt resolution 13 with the amendment to add a bullet under limited delegation of authority, that there are no material changes to the company's financial condition.*

*Chair Steven Silver seconded the motion, moves to roll call.*

#### **Members**

**Steven Silver:** Yea

**Sari Greene:** Yea  
**Dr. Charmaine Brown:** Yea  
**Noel March:** Yea

*The motion passed 4 in favor, motion passes.*

### **Guidelines for 60-day employee renewal applications-**

Since the last Board meeting, Director Champion, Inspector Supervisor Vicki Gardner, and AAG's Katie Johnson and John Nichols, held a meeting to discuss guidelines for the 60 day renewal applications. The recommendation, short of requesting that the Legislature institute a late fee, is to grant approval for the Executive Director through a resolution, to issue a letter of guidance to employees who submit renewals late. And that additionally any further violations would be handled through the normal complaint process.

### **Self-Exclusion Request for removal guidelines –**

A meeting was held between Executive Director Champion, Vicki Gardner, Lori Manson of Adcare, Marleen Warner Exec. Dir. of MA Council for Gaming and Health, and Mark Vander Linden MA Director of Research and Responsible Gaming. Warner reports that Massachusetts Gaming uses a product called "GameSense", which is an innovative responsible gaming program that encourages casino patrons who chose to gamble to adopt and/or maintain positive behaviors and attitudes that reduce the risk of gambling-related harm. Board member Sari Greene found the Ohio workbook that is handed out to the self-Excluded individuals to be very interesting. Director Champion will bring this workbook to the Board at the next meeting to discuss.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Self-Exclusion A – Request for Removal**

*Dr. Charmaine Brown moves to approve the request for removal for Self-Exclusion A. Ms. Sari Greene seconds the motion. The motion moves to roll call.*

#### **Members**

**Steven Silver:** Yea  
**Sari Greene:** Yea  
**Dr. Charmaine Brown:** Yea  
**Noel March:** Yea

*The motion passed 4 in favor, motion passes.*

### **Board Business-**

The October meeting may need to be cancelled.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT –**

N/A

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourns at 10:03 AM. The next Board meeting will be held on October 19, 2021 at 9:00am.

*Respectfully submitted by:*

*Mallory Reilly*

*Office Specialist I*

*Board approved: October 26, 2021*