

Memorandum of the Regular Meeting of the
Indiana Horse Racing Commission

March 7, 2024

Horseshoe Indianapolis
4300 N. Michigan Road
Shelbyville, IN

NOTE: Complete transcripts and a link to the video recording of this Commission Meeting can be found at <https://www.in.gov/hrc/meeting-information/>

Commission members present: Philip C. Borst, Chairman; Gus Levengood, member; Bill Estes (via phone), member; Becca McCuaig (via phone), member

Commission Staff members present: Deena Pitman, IHRC Executive Director; David Rothenberg, IHRC General Counsel; Dale Lee Pennycuff, Staff Attorney; Jessica Barnes, IHRC Assistant Director; Wendi Samuelson-Dull, IHRC Chief Financial Officer.

Speakers from the audience: Eric Halstrom, Vice President and General Manager of Racing at Horseshoe Indianapolis; Joe Morris, Senior Vice President for Caesars Entertainment; Gabe Prewitt, Vice President and General Manager at Harrah's Hoosier Park; and Tim Glyshaw, Executive Director for the HBPA.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Borst called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of the meeting memorandum and executive session memorandum from the December 17th, 2024, Commission meeting.

Chairman Borst asked for a motion for approval of the meeting memorandum and executive session memorandum from the December 17th, 2024 commission meeting. The roll call vote was unanimous 4-0 for approval.

III. Approval of the meeting memorandum and executive session memorandum from the January 24th, 2025, Commission meeting.

Chairman Borst asked for a motion for approval of the meeting memorandum and executive session memorandum from the December 17th, 2024, commission meeting. The roll call vote was unanimous 4-0 for approval.

III. Agenda

1. Review of 2025 Year-To-Date Commission Rulings as of March 1, 2025.

Commission reviewed the rulings and had no further questions. No vote was required for this agenda item.

2. Review of 2025 Year-To-Date HISA Rulings and HIWU Rulings as of March 1, 2025.

Commission reviewed the rulings and had no further questions. No vote was required for

this agenda item.

3. Consideration and ratification of 2025 breed development and county fair committee programs:

a. Ratification of executive Director Pitman's approval of the 2025 Thoroughbred Breed Development Program.

Presentation of the requested ratification approval of the 2025 Thoroughbred Breed Development Program was made by Jessica Barnes, IHRC Assistant Director. No questions were asked.

Chairman Borst asked for a motion for approval. Commissioner Levensgood motioned for approval, which was seconded by Commissioner Estes. The roll call vote was unanimous 4-0 for approval.

b. Consideration and approval of the 2025 Standardbred Advisory Board's County Fair Harness Racing program.

Presentation of the requested approval for the 2025 Standardbred Advisory Board's County Fair Harness Racing program was made by Jessica Barnes with no questions asked.

Chairman Borst asked for a motion for approval. Commissioner Levensgood motioned for approval, which was seconded by Commissioner Estes. The roll call vote was unanimous 4-0 for approval.

4. Approval of the RMTC-certified split sample laboratories for 2025 and beyond.

Presentation of the requested approval for the 2025 split sample labs was made by Jessica Barnes. Barnes fielded questions regarding the qualifications of other labs used by HISA.

Chairman Borst asked for a motion for approval. Commissioner Levensgood motioned for approval, which was seconded by Commissioner Estes. The roll call vote was unanimous 4-0 for approval.

5. Consideration and approval of Horseshoe Indianapolis' 2025 Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing officials list.

Eric Holstrom, Vice President and General Manager of Racing for Horseshoe Indianapolis presented this year's racing official list.

Chairman Borst asked for a motion for approval. Commissioner Levensgood motioned for approval, which was seconded by Commissioner Estes. The roll call vote was unanimous 4-0 for approval.

6. [Request pulled from Agenda by Horseshoe Indianapolis]

7. Request for approval of the 2025 Horseshoe Indianapolis export locations.

Eric Holstrom presented the 2025 export location list for Horseshoe Indianapolis.

Chairman Borst asked for a motion for approval. Commissioner Levensgood motioned for approval, which was seconded by Commissioner Estes. The roll call vote was unanimous 4-0 for approval.

8. Consideration and approval of Harrah's Hoosier Park 2025 Standardbred racing official list.

Gabe Prewitt, Vice President and General Manager for Racing at Harrah's Hoosier Park presented this year's racing official list.

Chairman Borst asked for a motion for approval. Commissioner Levensgood motioned for approval, which was seconded by Commissioner Estes. The roll call vote was unanimous 4-0 for approval.

9. Consideration and approval of Harrah's Hoosier Park 2025 post time change for Saturdays.

Gabe Prewitt requested, for uniformity's sake, post times for racing will all begin at 6:15 pm.

Chairman Borst asked for a motion for approval. Commissioner Levensgood motioned for approval, which was seconded by Commissioner Estes. The roll call vote was unanimous 4-0 for approval.

10. Request for approval of the 2025 Harrah's Hoosier Park export locations.

Gabe Prewitt presented the export locations for 2025 for Harrah's Hoosier Park for approval.

Chairman Borst asked for a motion for approval. Commissioner Levensgood motioned for approval, which was seconded by Commissioner Estes. The roll call vote was unanimous 4-0 for approval.

11. Review of Horseman's Agreements for 2025

Tim Glyshaw, executive director for the Indiana HBPA presented the HBPA 2025 agreement, stating that there were no changes from last year.

Joe Morris, Senior Vice President for Caesars Entertainment presented the ISA 2025 agreement, as executive director Tony Renz was recovering from surgery. He stated there were no changes from last year.

No vote was needed on these agreements, as they are part of the Caesars Operational Plan that was approved in December 2024.

12. Rulemaking Update.

David Rothenberg, IHRC General Counsel, gave an update on the current situation with rule promulgation. Questions were asked and responded to by the commission. No vote was required for this agenda item.

The commission gave their consensus on proceeding with the promulgation process.

13. HISA Update.

Matt Eggiman, Deputy General Counsel for the IHRC presented two issues regarding HISA: 1) the present state of litigation and 2) the voluntary agreement the IHRC had just received. Deena Pitman, Executive Director for the IHRC answered additional funding questions.

14. Delegation of authority to conduct racing business to Executive Director.

Dale Lee Pennycuff requested the commission to delegate the authority to Executive Director Pitman to approve rule readoptions under 71 IAC 2-2-1.

Chairman Borst asked for a motion for approval. Commissioner Levengood motioned for approval, which was seconded by Commissioner Estes. The roll call vote was unanimous 4-0 for approval.

IV. New Business

Gabe Prewitt requested some wagering changes be allowed at Harrah's Hoosier Park to benefit of bettors in hopes of attracting more wagers. This request was made too late to place it on the agenda, so it was heard as new business.

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V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:33 a.m.