INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING MAY 28, 2008

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APPEARANCES

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

William Barrett, Chairman

Tim Murphy, Commissioner

Tom Swihart, Commissioner

Mary Shy, Commissioner

Marc Fine, Commissioner

Ernest Yelton, Executive Director

Jennifer Arnold, Deputy Director

Phil Sicuso, General Counsel

Tamara Timberman-Wright, Secretary

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen. We will now call the second quarter regular business meeting of the Indiana Gaming Commission to session.

The first item is to take roll call of the commissioners. Commissioner Murphy?

COMMISSIONER MURPHY: Present.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Commissioner Swihart?

COMMISSIONER SWIHART: Present.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Commissioner Shy?

COMMISSIONER SHY: Here.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Commissioner Fine?

COMMISSIONER FINE: Present.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: And the Chair is present.

You will notice that I omitted from that roll call the name of Commissioner Walsh. Mr. Walsh has resigned because he's taken the position as Chief Investment Officer of the Indiana Teachers' Retirement Fund. He will no longer be able to serve. We wish him well, and we appreciate his service. We will apprise you when a successor has been chosen.

Commissioners, you have received your packets and you have had a chance to review them. The first item, then, after the roll, is the approval of the

minutes. Is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER SWIHART: Move to accept.

COMMISSIONER MURPHY: Second.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: It's been moved and seconded to approve the minutes as prepared. All in favor?
All opposed?

(COMMISSION MEMBERS VOTED AYE.)

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Thank you.

Next is Executive Director Yelton.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR YELTON: Thank you,

Mr. Chair and Members of the Commission.

It is less than two months since we last met.

The Executive Director's report is far more brief
than normal.

First, it will be the staff. Once again, this year we are participating in the governor's internship program and we have three interns joining us for the summer. First is Nick Johnson. Nick, please stand, please. Nick is from Brownsburg, Indiana. He's a junior at Indiana University, and he's majoring in public finance and management program.

Also, we have Elizabeth Pinto. Elizabeth hails from Philadelphia. She is a junior at Notre Dame, which makes Mr. Sicuso very pleased. She is

studying both political science and Arabic.

Also, since we last met, we have our first secretary of the Enforcement Division, Helen Scott. Helen, please stand and be recognized.

And also Kyle Shapiro, who I think we left off the last time. Kyle is the secretary for the Legal Division, replacing Matt Shouse.

I'm also pleased to announce that Mark Reder has passed the bar examination and has been sworn in. He has moved from the Gaming Control Division and become a member of our legal staff.

The Gaming Control Division, since our last

Commission meeting, has seized or caused the removal
of 133 illegal gambling devices from 15 locations.

91 component parts have also been seized.

Additionally, 400 illegal gambling devices were
confirmed and removed from Indiana by distributors
to avoid seizure. This brings the total number of
illegal devices removed by distributors to avoid
seizure to a conservative estimate of 2,000. One
bookmaking operation was also stopped, and the
information was turned over to a local prosecutor
for criminal charges.

Since the beginning of the division in September of 2007, they've instituted 128 criminal

investigations, seized 728 illegal devices, 13 illegal pull tab machines, 306 component parts of illegal devices, other illegal gambling equipment and gaming and in excess of \$65,000.

The Enforcement Division is in the process of advertising for the seventh gaming academy class. It is scheduled to begin in early September of this year. There are presently 14 vacancies at the various casinos throughout the State of Indiana that will be filled at the conclusion of graduation by mid-November.

Charity Gaming is entering its annual renewal period, processing over 430 applications for annual licenses. They have met with the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission in regards to rule writing for the PTT and drawing licenses for the taverns and bars. They are also in the middle of the project, grandfather equipment used by the qualified organizations. After July 1st of last year, they are required to purchase certain types of equipment from only licensed vendors. We are, however, exempting preowned equipment that will save the non-profits literally thousands of dollars in the process.

Harrah's is nearing completion of its

fifty-three million construction and rebanding project at Creaser's Indiana. Beginning on June the 24th, the property will be known as Horseshoe Southern Indiana with a grand reopening to occur on July the 11th. This project was a total renovation of the vessel and a partial renovation of the pavilion that created over 300 construction jobs. It involved 2,500 slot moves, 250 table game moves and 1,300 surveillance camera changes.

On the vessels, all restrooms and bars were renovated, and new item fixtures and signs were installed. New carpeting and wallpaper were installed on the vessel, boarding area and the pavilion.

Harrah's believes the advanced gaming experience, what the Horseshoe brand is known for, will be a great fit for the Louisville market.

This project actually made national news when the statue of Caesar himself was taken down from the facility, and the County Commissioner Buck Matheson announced that he would keep it safe in his barn until someone came up with a better use for it.

We had several waivers that have been granted by your staff since our last meeting. We will begin with the waivers granted to the Casino Association

members. They were granted a waiver allowing the float lid key to be placed under the responsibility of the table games department instead of the security department. They were also granted a waiver allowing up to \$5 chips to be placed in the toke tubes for a test period of one year.

Blue Chip was granted a waiver allowing the TITO tickets to be destroyed after 60 days. And with the implementation of new technology we approved its request to take one photograph per patron per day for NTLs and CTRs.

Caesar's was granted a waiver for the addition of a \$25,000 chip. The \$25,000 chip will be rectangular in shape. It was also granted a request to reduce the number of secondary sets of value chips from 50 percent to 25 percent of the quantity of the primary sets of value chips per each denomination.

Caesar's was granted a waiver for the addition of a \$20,000 chip, and the same waiver to reduce its number of secondary sets of value chips from 50 to 25 percent.

Indiana Live was granted a large number of waivers. It was allowed to collect and count the cage tip boxes weekly. It was granted a waiver

allowing for the transfer of funds from the soft count room to the main bank without a security escort and not forwarding the copy of the bill validator report to the named bank.

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Indiana Live was granted relief from the drop team signing the meal book when entering the slot machine for the drop. It was granted a request for the main bank to have a floating balance, and not an impressioned amount. A waiver was granted to prepare the deposit slips in the main bank instead of the count room.

And it was granted relief from surveillance, noting the time and date on the CTR photographs, as well as signing them and forwarding them to the correct department. Their surveillance department will also no longer have to inform the other departments that an unacceptable photograph has been taken. The photograph will print in the main cage and the cage cashier will be noting the time, date, signing them and forwarding them to the requesting department. The main bank employee will notice five surveillance to the photograph, if the photograph is not acceptable.

Indiana Live has granted a waiver to allow the slot operation tip boxes to be dropped weekly

instead of daily. And finally, it was granted a waiver allowing the forms for mainly paid jackpots to be in two parts rather than in three.

That, Mr. Chair and Members of the Commission, constitutes the Executive Director's report for this meeting.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Thank you, Executive Director.

Do the Commission Members have any questions to discuss with the Executive Director?

Then we will move on to the voluntary exclusions. Mr. Shouse.

MR. SHOUSE: Good afternoon.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Good afternoon.

MR. SHOUSE: You have before you 15 orders regarding the voluntary exclusion program. Pursuant to the rules of the program, the participants of the voluntary exclusion program must remain confidential.

Pursuant to 68 IAC 6-3-2(g), participants of the program agrees that if he or she violates and terms of the program and enters the gaming area of the facility, under the jurisdiction of the Commission, they will forfeit any jackpot or anything of value won as a result of a wager.

Under Orders 2008-42, a total sum of \$80,222.95 1 2 was forfeited by John Doe 18 through 32. 3 winnings were collected at Argosy, Belterra, Blue 4 Chip, French Lick, Grand Victoria, Majestic Star and 5 Resorts. These winnings were withheld as required 6 by Commission regulations. 7 Commission staff recommends that you approve 8 the remittance of these winnings as fines levied 9 against Joe Doe 18 through 32. 10 CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Thank you. 12 13 14

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Do the Commission Members have any questions for the staff? If not, the chair will call for a motion in Case Number VEP-08-18 through VEP-08-32 inclusive.

COMMISSIONER MURPHY: I move we approve the order.

COMMISSIONER SHY: I second.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: It's been moved and seconded to approve the proposed orders. All in favor? opposed?

(COMMISSION MEMBERS VOTED AYE.)

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Approved. Thank you.

Mr. Packer, occupational matters.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and MR. PACKER: Members of the Commission.

Before you is occupational license matters is a 1 2 denial Order 2008-57 regarding Michael Stallworth. 3 Mr. Stallworth was a temporary licensee. During the 4 pendency of his application for permanent licensure, 5 he was convicted of a felony, a Class C Felony, 6 possession of controlled substance within a thousand feet of a public park. The conviction of a felony 8 by an occupational licensee results in a temporary 9 license being rerevoked. And the Commission staff 10 is recommending to the Commission that the 11 individual's application for permanent license be 12 denied. That is the order that is before you today. And Commission staff recommends denial of 13 14 Mr. Stallworth's application for permanent 15 occupational license.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Thank you.

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Any questions by the Commission Members? If not, the Chair will call for a motion in Case Number MS-DEN-08-02.

COMMISSIONER MURPHY: I move we approve the denial.

COMMISSIONER SWIHART: Second.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Moved and seconded. All in favor? All opposed?

(COMMISSION MEMBERS VOTED AYE.)

MR. PACKER: Order 2008-58. Mr. Higginbotham had a level three permanent occupational license that was given to him April 3rd of 2007. July 18, 2007, he was convicted of a Class D Felony, domestic battery. Commission staff initiated a disciplinary action against his license on August 9, 2007. During the process for the disciplinary action with the Administrative Law Judge, Gordon White, from the Attorney General's office, the licensee, Mr Higginbotham, quit his job at Caesar's.

This presents the interesting situation where we have an active and pending disciplinary action against a licensee whose license technically no longer exists because he has quit his job and surrendered his license as a function of quitting his licensed position.

However, under the Administrative Orders and Procedures Act, it is the Commission staff's opinion that the disciplinary action must be continued and followed to some logical end. In this case, I filed a motion to dismiss the disciplinary action for the reason that the disciplinary action had been frustrated because the license no longer existed.

ALJ White agreed with my motion and recommended that the Commission dismiss the disciplinary action

against Mr. Higginbotham's license. By operation of AOPA, if the target of the disciplinary action does not object to the Administrative Law Judge's recommendation within 15 days, then the Commission must affirm the recommendation. In this case, the recommendation is to dismiss the disciplinary action against Mr. Higginbotham's license.

I will remind you and assure you that

Mr. Higginbotham's license is gone, he's been red

flagged in the system, and as a result of his felony

he will not have any chance of getting an

occupational license in Indiana for the foreseeable

future. So the motion before you is to affirm the

ALJ's recommendation.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Packer.

Do the Commission Members have any questions?

MR. PACKER: I apologize for the long winded explanation; but this was a -- procedurally complicated to a factually simple case.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: I have a procedural question. Not about this matter, but in the future. In an attorney disciplinary proceeding, the attorney cannot escape the disciplinary commission's actions by tendering his or her license and resigning. So that even if they attempt to do that, if it does not

result in a dismissal, it will result in a ruling one way or the other. Is that something that could be done under AOPA, or is dismissal the only option?

MR. PACKER: My recollection of how the license itself exists is that once your job terminates, then in the occupational licensing system, the license terminates also. So there is no longer a license to discipline, unfortunately.

The staff can consider some kind of motion to put a stain on this guy's file or on his record, but we have already done that as a matter of policy because he has the felony conviction. So I think — I see your point, but I don't think with the way the licensing scheme is currently set up, that that's a viable option.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Different beast?

MR. PACKER: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR YELTON: I think I'm also correct, if I'm not, please correct me. When this happened or similar things happen in our system these people are flagged?

MR. PACKER: Absolutely.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR YELTON: So if anyone comes back wanting to have a job at a different venue or different jurisdiction and they apply for the

license, we immediately see that person and we know their history.

MR. PACKER: The Indianapolis staff would be notified within an hour or two of that person coming in and applying. The way it works is when a red flag is put on a person's occupational license, the processing staff at the casino cannot issue a temporary license, it's locked out, without someone from Indianapolis turning off the red flag. So that individual has to contact Kesha or contact me or contact another member of the legal staff to turn off the red flag.

At that point, we would remember the guy's name, or at least see his history in the file, and send word that this person is not eligible for a license. So there are protections.

COMMISSIONER FINE: I'm curious, is it something that you can -- dismissal with prejudice seems like the right way to do it. But the prejudice is against the applicant as opposed to the Commission itself. It seems that would be a simple entry you can make. And one step further, I'm concerned if he applies for a job in the future that it's just reflected on the records that he resigned his job and resigned his license, and it doesn't in

any way attach the prejudice that should be attached.

MR. PACKER: The fact that he resigned voluntarily is noted in his occupational licensing page; but also this D felony is noted on the page also. So there is at least a notation of that.

As to your first question, I think that falls under the same paradigm as the conversation that the Chairman and I were having. The way our licensing scheme works doesn't really permit us to attach any prejudice to the individual's license because the license has been withdrawn and inactive and non-existent since February. So there is nothing we can really do to that license anymore. We can just make notes in the file to prevent him from getting a license in the foreseeable future. At some point he will be eligible for felony waiver, but that's not for several years down the road. Does that help,

MR. FINE: It does. I appreciate it. It would be nice to have something changed there.

MR. PACKER: Okay. Well, we will see what we can do.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Any other questions for the staff? If not, the Chair will call for a motion in

Mr. Higginbotham's case.

MR. MURPHY: Move to affirm the ALJ's recommendation.

MR. SWIHART: Second.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Moved and seconded. All in favor? All opposed?

(COMMISSION MEMBERS VOTED AYE.)

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Thank you.

Ms. Rich, supplier license matters. Good afternoon.

MS. RICH: Good afternoon.

You have before you Order 2008-59 concerning the renewal of suppliers' license. Pursuant to Indiana Code 4-33 and 68 IAC 2-2, the Commission previously approved a permanent supplier's license for the following five companies: Konami Gaming, Inc., Shuffle Master, Inc., Cummins-Allison, Giesecke & Devrient America, Inc., and NRT Technology Corp. A supplier's license is valid for a period of one year.

Pursuant to IC 4-33-7-8 and 68 IAC 2-2-8, a supplier's license must be renewed annually, along with the payment of \$5,000 for the annual renewal fee must be remitted. Each of these licensees has requested renewal of their license and has paid the

appropriate renewal fees. The Commission staff recommends you approve the renewal of the license for the suppliers.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Thank you.

Do the Commission Members have any questions? If not, we will call for a motion.

COMMISSIONER SWIHART: Move to approve.

COMMISSIONER SHY: Second.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Moved and seconded to approve the license as stated in Order 2008-59. All in favor? All opposed?

(COMMISSION MEMBERS VOTED AYE.)

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Thank you, ma'am.

Ms. Ellingwood?

MS. ELLINGWOOD: Thank you. You have before you Order 2008-60 regarding a waiver request submitted by Harrah's operating company. To take advantage of favorable tax treatment available to Harrah's operating company as a result of Hurricane Katrina, Harrah's created Biloxi Hammond, a subsidiary wholly-owned by Harrah's. Harrah's transferred ownership of the vessel and gaming and related equipment from Horseshoe Hammond to Biloxi Hammond. Horseshoe will lease those assets from Biloxi. Harrah's estimates this exchange will

result in a Federal tax gain of approximately five hundred million dollars.

A technical requirement in our regulations requires anybody who leases a riverboat to obtain a supplier's license, unless the leaser is a county municipality or political subdivision. Because Harrah's will technically be leasing the riverboat from Biloxi, Biloxi would normally be required to obtain a supplier's license. Harrah's has asked for waiver of this provision.

It appears that the provision in the regulations was not meant to address a situation like this, but rather a situation where an unrelated third party is going to lease the riverboat.

Additionally, there are no new people to investigate or license, all of the relevant personnel related to Biloxi have already been licensed — have already been investigated and are currently licensed by the Commission.

Accordingly, Commission staff recommends the Commission approve Order 2008-60 waiving the requirement that Biloxi Hammond obtain a supplier's license.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Thank you.

Do the Commission Members have any questions?

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COMMISSIONER MURPHY: Do you know what the favorable principle -- tax principle is the favorable treatment based on; do you know?

MS. ELLINGWOOD: I'm not exactly sure how it works, but we've been provided with the Internal Revenue Code site. And the Commission staff checked on the transfer and was able to verify that it's a standard procedure.

GENERAL COUNSEL SICUSO: Harrah submitted a substantial justification for what they were doing. We had our Financial Investigation Division look over it as if they were doing a regular investigation for any other entity. They verified that it is something that would be generally acceptable and authorized it.

COMMISSIONER MURPHY: I guess the point I was trying to get at is whether or not the physical movement of assets to another subsidiary which is out of state, is that going to have any adverse impact on Indiana tax revenue?

MS. ELLINGWOOD: I'm not sure how it affects the Indiana tax revenue.

GENERAL COUNSEL SICUSO: In terms of the gaming tax, absolutely not. I'm not sure of any other taxes they might have to pay.

COMMISSIONER SWIHART: Property tax could be an issue?

GENERAL COUNSEL SICUSO: Possibly.

COMMISSIONER MURPHY: Is that something that we can learn?

GENERAL COUNSEL SICUSO: We can look into it.

We did not analyze it for that purpose. The

analysis that was done by the investigation division

was purely Federal tax code, is this an acceptable

practice they are allowed to do under the Internal

Revenue Code, and they did verify that.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: From the perspective of this body, it's a commission and wagering tax control?

MS. ELLINGWOOD: Right. And the purpose of this waiver, again, was not to have to go through the process of obtaining a supplier's license when those investigations and appropriate licensing are already done.

GENERAL COUNSEL SICUSO: It does not prohibit another entity from holding the riverboat as an asset.

It would just require us, under the normal course of business, to give them a supplier's license. Even if it did have some other effect, I'm not sure we can say no. All we can say is, you need to be

investigated for a supplier's license.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: And we've already exceeded that standard for a licensee.

GENERAL COUNSEL SICUSO: Right.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Does anyone else have any questions? If not, I will call for a motion as to the requested waiver.

COMMISSIONER MURPHY: I move we approve the waiver.

COMMISSIONER SWIHART: Second.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Moved and seconded. All in favor? All opposed?

(COMMISSION MEMBERS VOTED AYE.)

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Thank you.

Mr. Packer again.

MR. PACKER: Thank you, again, Mr. Chairman.

The first matter I have for you this time is 2008-61, concerning the renewal of the riverboat owner's license for RIH Acquisitions, LLC, which is the Resorts East Chicago property.

Pursuant to Indiana Code 4-33-6-12, an owner's license must be renewed yearly. The most recent renewal for the Resorts property was granted on June 7, 2007, which renewed the owner's license effective through April 14, 2008. That date has passed.

However, the Executive Director has issued what has become common practice, is to extend the owner's license until the next available Commission meeting where the renewal of the license can be voted on by the full Commission. That extention was awarded on April 1, 2008, prior to the expiration of the 2007 renewal.

Additionally, for this license -- as a result of the purchase of Resorts East Chicago by Ameristar Casino, this license will have a name change to Ameristar Casino East Chicago, LLC.

The Commission staff recommends that the Commission grant both the renewal of Resorts' owner's license and the name change to reflect the Ameristar ownership and the rebranding thereof.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Packer.

Any questions? If not, then the Chair will call for a motion on draft Order 2008-61 renewing the owner's license.

COMMISSIONER SWIHART: Move to approve.

COMMISSIONER FINE: Second.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Moved and seconded. All in favor? All opposed?

(COMMISSIONER MEMBERS VOTED AYE.)

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Approved.

Now as to Horseshoe.

MR. PACKER: The next renewal before you is 2008-62. The same principles of the Riverboat Gambling Act apply. In this case, Horseshoe Hammond's license renewal was granted on June 7, 2007, extending the license through June 19, 2008. So this renewal would not actually be effective until June 20 of 2008. After the fact renewal we are doing -- before the fact renewal there is no name change in this case so it's a simple renewal, but a basic yearly renewal. Horseshoe Hammond has paid all of their applicable fees and has remained in compliance.

Therefore, the Commission staff recommends the Commission grant the renewal of Horseshoe Hammond, LLC, riverboat owner's license through June 19, 2009.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Thank you.

Any questions for Mr. Packer? If not, the Chair will call for a motion whether to approve draft Order 2008-62.

COMMISSIONER SHY: I move to approve.

COMMISSIONER SWIHART: Second.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Moved and seconded. All in favor? All opposed?

(COMMISSION MEMBERS VOTED AYE.)

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Packer.

Ms. Gray, disciplinary actions.

MS. GRAY: Good afternoon, Commissioners. You have before you eight settlement agreements concerning disciplinary action. The first settlement is with Argosy Casino, Order 2008-63, and includes five counts.

The first count violated the drop rule and surveillance coverage of the soft count room.

In the second count, Argosy violated the rule to advise the enforcement agents on a form prescribed or approved by the Commission when an occupational licensee's employment with the riverboat has terminated for any reason, and that the form must be submitted to the agent within 15 days of the occurrence.

The third count violated the rule requiring the riverboat licensee to inform a patron of their right to file a complaint with the Commission if the riverboat licensee and patron cannot resolve the dispute.

The fourth count violated the rule regarding bill testing electronic gaming devices before they are placed into service.

In the fifth count, four underage persons were allowed to board the casino.

Argosy has agreed to a total monetary settlement of \$44,500 in lieu of a disciplinary action. The Commission staff recommends approval of this settlement agreement.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Do the Commission members have any questions? I have one. As to count three, was there any indication that there was willfulness on the part of the licensee.

MS. GRAY: I don't know that I would say "willfulness". I think at the time, the casino employees felt that the issue was not something that the Commission needed to be called on, but the fact remained that the patron did ask for an IGA agent.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: I assume those employees now understand that is not really an option?

MS. GRAY: Sure.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: If there are no other questions, the Chair will call for a motion in Case Number 0.8-AG-0.2.

COMMISSIONER SWIHART: Move to approve.

COMMISSIONER MURPHY: Second.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Moved and seconded. All in favor. All opposed?

1 (COMMISSION MEMBERS VOTED AYE.)
2 CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Approved.
3 Belterra.
4 MS. GRAY: The second Order, 2008-64, a
5 settlement agreement with Belterra, wherein the
6 casino violated the sensitive key rule. Belterra
7 has agreed to a monetary settlement of \$7,000 in
8 lieu of disciplinary action. The Commission staff

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Do the Commission members have any questions? If not, the Chair will call for a motion in Case Number 08-BT-02.

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{MR}}.$ $\ensuremath{\mathsf{MURPHY}}$ I move that we approve the settlement agreement.

recommends that you approve the settlement

COMMISSIONER SHY: Second.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor? All opposed?

(COMMISSION MEMBERS VOTED AYE.)

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Approved.

As to Blue Chip.

agreement.

MS. GRAY: Order 2008-65 is a settlement with Blue Chip and includes three counts. The first count violated the rule requiring casinos to report to the Commission the removal of primary chips. In

the second count, the casino violated the rule 2 regarding sensitive keys. In the third count, the .3 VEP rule was violated. Blue Chip has agreed to a total monetary 5 settlement of \$22,275 in lieu of disciplinary action. The Commission staff recommends you approve 7 the settlement agreement. 8 CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Thank you. 9 Do the Commission members have any questions? 10 COMMISSIONER SWIHART: These are separate 11 individuals? 12 MS. GRAY: Do you mean different employees? 13 COMMISSIONER SWIHART: 14 MS. GRAY: Yes. 15 CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Okay. Any further 16 questions? The Chair will call for a motion in Case 17 Number 08-BC-02. COMMISSIONER SWIHART: Move to approve. 18 19 COMMISSIONER SHY: Second. 20 CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Moved and seconded. All in 21 favor? All opposed? 22 (COMMISSION MEMBERS VOTED AYE.) 23 CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Approved. 24 Caesar's. 25 MS. GRAY: The fourth, Order 2008-66, is a

settlement agreement with Caesars and includes three counts.

The first count violated the rule requiring the casino to verify that the plate glass installed on an electronic gaming device accurately reflects the payout.

In the second count, the casino failed to timely report any apparent criminal activity.

In the third count, the casino allowed two underage persons to enter the casino.

Caesars has agreed to a total monetary settlement of \$34,000 in lieu of disciplinary action. The Commission staff recommends that you approve the settlement agreement.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Do the Commission members have any questions?

COMMISSIONER FINE: It's two separate minors, but one count each.

MS. GRAY: We put them together, but yes, it was two different incidences.

COMMISSIONER FINE: Is that the way you normally do it?

MS. GRAY: Sometimes it will be two at the same time, but most of the time it is separate incidences.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Any further questions? If not, the Chair will call for a motion in Case Number 0.8-GV-0.1.

COMMISSIONER SWIHART: Move to approve.

COMMISSIONER MURPHY: Second.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Moved and seconded. All in favor? All opposed?

(COMMISSION MEMBERS VOTED AYE.)

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Approved.

Grand Victoria.

MS. GRAY: The fifth Order, 2008-67, is a settlement agreement with Grand Victoria involving two counts. The first count violated the rule requiring the current collection team to wear clothing that is not conducive to the concealment of currently when a count team member wore coveralls with a slit in the lower inseam.

In the second count, the casino violated the rule to keep all playing cards not utilized at a live table to be in a locked compartment.

Grand Victoria has agreed to a total monetary settlement of \$7,500 in lieu of disciplinary action. The Commission staff recommends approval of this settlement agreement.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Thank you.

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Any questions? If not, the Chair will call for a motion in Case Number 0.8-GV-0.2.

COMMISSIONER SWIHART: Move to approve.

COMMISSIONER SHY: Second.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Moved and second to approve. All in favor? All opposed?

(COMMISSIONER MEMBERS VOTED AYE.)

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Approved.

Majestic Star.

MS. GRAY: Majestic Star, Order 2008-68, is a settlement agreement involving two counts. The first count violated the rules requiring an occupational license to be renewed annually when an occupational licensee's employment is terminated. The riverboat licensee will submit it on the form approved by the Commission within 15 days of the occurrence.

In the second count, an underage person was allowed on the casino floor.

Majestic Star has agreed to pay a total monetary settlement of \$7,500 in lieu of disciplinary action. The Commission staff recommends that you approve the settlement agreement.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Any questions? If not, the

Chair will call for a motion on Case Number 2 08 - MS - 02. 3 COMMISSIONER SWIHART: Move to approve. 4 COMMISSIONER SHY: Second. 5 CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Moved and seconded. All in 6 favor? All opposed? 7 (COMMISSION MEMBERS VOTED AYE.) 8 CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Approved. 9 Horseshoe Hammond. 10 MS. GRAY: Order 2008-69 is a settlement 11 agreement with Horseshoe and includes two counts. 12 The first count violated the rule regarding the main 13 cashier to assume responsibility of the soft count 14 inventory. 15 The second count violated the rule that an 16 occupational license must be renewed annually. 17 Horseshoe has agreed to a total monetary 18 settlement of \$21,000 in lieu of disciplinary 19 The Commission staff recommends approval of 20 this settlement agreement. 21 CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Any questions? If not, the 22 Chair will call for a motion in 08-HH-02. 23 COMMISSIONER MURPHY: I move we approve the 24 settlement agreement.

COMMISSIONER SWIHART:

Second.

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CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Moved and seconded. 2 favor? All opposed? 3 (COMMISSION MEMBERS VOTED AYE.) CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Approved. 5 Resorts. 6 MS. GRAY: The final Order, 2008-70, is a 7 settlement agreement with Resorts involving two 8 counts. 9 The first count violated the rule that an 10 occupational license must be renewed annually. 11 In the second count, three underage persons 12 were allowed to enter the casino and, in one 13 incident, gaming enforcement was not notified. 14 Resorts has agreed to a total monetary 15 settlement of \$13,500 in lieu of disciplinary 16 action. The Commission staff recommends approval of 17 18 this settlement agreement. 19 CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Any questions? If not, the 20 Chair will call for a motion in Case Number 21 08-RS-01. 22 COMMISSIONER FINE: Move to approve. 23 COMMISSIONER SHY: Second. 24 CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Moved and seconded. All in

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favor? All opposed?

(COMMISSION MEMBERS VOTED AYE.)

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Approved.

Thank you, Ms. Gray.

MS. GRAY: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Mr. Sicuso, Majestic Star.

GENERAL COUNSEL SICUSO: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

A few days ago, we received a request from Majestic Star to release them from the surety bonds that the Majestic Star wanted to have held for a number of years in various approved amounts.

Pursuant to Indiana Code which requires these infrastructure bonds to be in placed for a new riverboat licensee.

Not sure whether that matter needed to be taken to the full Commission for action, we replaced it on the agenda initially and then proceeded to do some further analysis on the statute and realized this is something that the staff can do without the full Commission. In fact, it's more efficient to do it in that manner.

Under the applicable code, it's evident that all that needs to occur is a period of five years needs to elapse where the licensee is operating a casino at that location, and then the licensee needs to make a formal request for releasing the bond, at

which time, by effective statute, those bonds should be released.

What I would like to do at this point is withdraw Order 2008-71 from the agenda, and take this opportunity to inform you that the staff tends to receive these types of requests from all of the licensees, analyze them, make sure they satisfy the statutory requirements, and if so, Executive Director Yelton will acknowledge in a written statement the release of those bonds and to proceed in that way in between quarterly Commission meetings.

Once those things occur, Ernie will then report and release at the next Commission meeting to the public. If that is an acceptable framework for the Commission, that's how we would like to proceed today.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Sicuso.

Any discussions by Commission members on staff's analysis, both in this case and the statutory scheme in general?

COMMISSIONER MURPHY: Is the request that Phil is making specifically related to surety bonds or other types of activity?

GENERAL COUNSEL SICUSO: There is one type of

bond that is required under Indiana Code 4-33-6-9, which has been the subject of a lot of interpretation over the years through administrations; but we have done analysis on it and we are comfortable that this is something that was intended for initial licensees for a period of five years, to make sure that the localities were made whole for infrastructure of losses that were occurred if the casinos did not fulfill their obligations in its initial licensure period.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR YELTON: I might also add, we have hired outside bond counsel who has given us the advice.

COMMISSIONER FINE: What is the dollar amount of the surety bond?

GENERAL COUNSEL SICUSO: They have ranged over the years, and we've tried to look back -- right now, most licensees holds about a million dollar bond. They started much higher when the projects were being constructed. We aren't quite sure -- we haven't been able to recreate the records as to how those numbers were reached, but that was prior to our administration. Right now, they hold about a million dollars.

MR. MURPHY: Is the request of the license

holder being driven by an expense?

GENERAL COUNSEL SICUSO: I believe in this case they are up for renewal. They need to pay their annual fee to keep the bonds in place, and they have made a request in advance of that payment.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR YELTON: But we will get a request from all of the licensees.

Blue Chip is up real quick. June, I think.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Any further questions or discussions? Thank you, Mr. Sicuso.

Show that withdrawn.

An update on Tropicana then.

GENERAL COUNSEL SICUSO: On May 5, 2008,

Tropicana Entertainment, LLC, which is a parent of the Indiana Gaming Company, LLC, Aztar Indiana

Gaming Company, LLC, the Indiana licensee, they filed for bankruptcy in Delaware Court. The Indiana licensees are included in these proceedings as a debtor as well as dozens of others of Tropicana's subsidiaries.

On May 6th, the Bankruptcy Court issued an order which allowed and authorized Tropicana to fulfill it's obligations under the power-of-attorney that was signed by President Bill Yung on March 29, 2008, and was approved by this Commission in a

public meeting on March 31st. As a result of that order, Tom Dingman is still in charge of all operations at the Evansville property.

In the coming days, the staff expects to receive a request from Tropicana to approve our debtor-in-possession financing which the company will need to operate during the pendency of the bankruptcy proceeding. We expect that Executive Director Yelton and the Commission and Chair will need to analyze this pursuant to an order that we're going to bring before you later in the meeting, and you will approve or deny that request in between Commission meetings.

The bankruptcy proceedings may possibly delay the planned sell of the property to Eldorado, or the identification of another suitable buyer. The staff has been in continued communications with Eldorado, however, does expect to receive a transfer of ownership application in the near future.

The staff has retained Mike Kyle of the Indianapolis law firm of Katz & Corn to help the Gaming Commission monitor the bankruptcy proceedings, and protect our interest throughout the pendency of the case. We are not a party or nor is the State of Indiana.

That's a quick update, in a nutshell, of the bankruptcy.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Any discussions or questions for Mr. Sicuso? Well, then, thank you. We will wait for the next update.

Now we have a report from French Lick, which will be by Brian Marsh, Vice President of Casino Operations.

MR. MARSH: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and Vice Chairman and Executive Director Yelton and Members of the Board and staff.

Today, we want to thank you for allowing us a few minutes just to share an update on a redesigned project that we are working on now.

What we have done is prepared the presentation with a few of the specifics of the gaming area, as well as before and after of what the property will look like, from the exterior perspective through our high limit redo and so forth.

So if you would turn to page one. What we have is a chart depicting our current specifics for the property as it stands. We currently have 1,238 slot units and 34 table games. We expect to go to 1,370 units and approximately 40 table games. As you probably are aware, we are also working on a

non-smoking area which will include approximately 300 slot machines and 6 table games. Our current high limit area is 54 units with 6 table games. We are looking actually to go to 80 units, and with the ability to go up to 12 table games.

The square footage that we currently have under roof is 42,000 square feet. The project itself will bring on another 7,800 square feet of gaming space, which brings the total up to approximately 50,000 feet. The high limit area itself will grow to over 8,000 square feet. Our non-smoking area will bring on another 3,000 square feet of actual gaming space.

Another addition that we are doing is our HVAC system itself. We have installed two new units on the roof to increase the capacity from an airflow standpoint. We have taken our cubic feet per minute, I guess is the engineer term, from 160,000 to close to 250,000 from a standpoint of outside air into the building.

The last piece on this page talks about converting our live poker area into an automated poker operation, which will commence at the point when our non-smoking room actually opens.

The following page gives you an idea of the construction timeline that we are involved in. We

are looking to have the non-smoking area complete by September. We hope to have the exterior work completed by October of this year. That exterior work includes an exterior facelift, which you will see in the preceding slides, a new dome, as well as a barrier on top of the casino to hide all of the mechanical HVAC equipment. Then the last piece is the interior, which we hope to be complete with in January of 2009.

The approximate capital investment at this point is around 8.3 million, with 4.3 million involved in the actual building enhancements and structural perspective. The interior finish work will come in about a million dollars, and three million in new gaming equipment and associated equipment there.

If you go to page 4, this is an aerial view of what the property looks like now. The following slide depicts what the outside will look like. Page 7 is a closer-in view of the same angle. And as you can see on page 8, that's the area coming out on the side of the casino, is the high limit and VIP expansion that comes out into the lake.

The following slides will show you, if you are not familiar with the property, what our current

high limit and VIP lounge looks like today. The first slide being an entrance into the VIP lounge and high limit area.

The next slide is from the table games perspective, looking back into the slide area. You are now in high limit itself.

The following slide kind of showing the narrowness of our current high limit slot area, which is what we want to change. You notice also the lower ceilings. We want to take this environment and make it a lot nicer than what it is.

The last two slides are our current VIP lounge. Not a big area, but something we want to create a better experience for.

Which leads us into what we are pretty excited about, which leads us into our next series of slides. The first one there on page 16, as you will see, the first attribute is that -- the main entrance to create the sense of excitement and arrival is actually higher than the rest of the gaming floor. So we are attempting to create a greater sense of arrival as you enter into the area. You will see the glasswork.

As you flip through the slides, you will see the second perspective. When you look in, you can

see from the front of the room all the way into the back. If you remember the aerial shot from the previous slides, that back wall is the actual portion that comes out into the lake area.

One of the things that we are attempting to do is to integrate the whole area from the slot and table games perspective, similar to what you see in Las Vegas in some of the higher-end parlors and so forth. We feel that this will allow us to go after and actually have a nicer area for this segment of player in years to come.

In this, you will see high ceilings. There is a -- actually a bar in the rear side of the pit area. And a nice seated lounge in the back.

Then the final slide is just an overall perspective of the room itself. Just an update for us.

Are there any questions on the project itself?

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Marsh. It
looks very handsome. I appreciate the update.

Thank you.

Ms. Ellingwood, we have some rules, I think.

MS. ELLINGWOOD: You have before you two resolutions. The first, 2008-72, regarding adoption of emergency rules concerning charity gaming.

On March 19th of this year, House Enrolled Act 1153 was signed into law. And House Enrolled Act 1153 makes some changes to existing charity gaming licenses, as well as creates an exception to the requirement that workers and operators who conduct euchre games -- that the people who conduct euchre games actually will be workers or operators.

House Enrolled Act 1153 will go into effect on July 1st of this year. The current rules don't provide adequate oversight to address the changes that were made in House Enrolled Act 1153. Additionally, the regular rule promulgation process will take so long that House Enrolled Act will actually go into effect before the rules would.

Accordingly, the Commission staff respectfully requests that you adopt the emergency rule before Once the rule becomes effective, the Commission staff will begin the regular rule adoption process for this rule.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Thank you, Ms. Ellingwood. Do the Commissioners have any questions? not, the Chair will call for a motion on draft

Resolution 2008-72.

COMMISSIONER FINE: Move to approve.

COMMISSIONER SHY: Second.

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CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Move to approve and second to approve and thereby adopt the emergency rules regarding charity gaming. All in favor? All opposed?

(COMMISSIONER MEMBERS VOTED AYE.)

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Okav. 2008-73.

MS. ELLINGWOOD: The second Resolution,
2008-73, which is a resolution concerning the
adoption of final administrative rules for minority
and women business enterprise utilization standards.

Late last year, the Commission adopted emergency rules regarding minority and women business utilization standards. Those rules which became effective on January 1st set the standard of enforcement for those goals.

The Commission staff began the formal rulemaking process after adoption of the emergency rules, and these rules are those same rules for the most part.

As part of the process, Commission staff held a public hearing to receive comments on the rules, and the Commission staff considered the comments received and made the appropriate changes. The hearing transcript and written comments have been provided to you. The two most substantive changes

made include the extension of the January 1, 2009 deadline regarding credit that's given for expenditures made to out-of-state vendors. The second change is a clarification regarding a contractor's failure to comply with the participation plan.

The staff respectfully asks you to adopt the minority and women enterprise rule before you. The rule will become final upon approval by the Attorney General's office and the Governor's office.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Thank you, Ms. Ellingwood.

Do the Commission Members have any questions? If not, the Chair will call for a motion on proposed Resolution 2008-73.

COMMISSIONER SWIHART: Move to adopt.

COMMISSIONER FINE: Second.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Moved and seconded. All in favor? All opposed?

(COMMISSION MEMBERS VOTED AYE.)

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Mr. Sicuso.

GENERAL COUNSEL SICUSO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. As proposed, Resolution 2008-74 is really just an update which continues a longstanding practice whereby the Executive Director, when he's in agreement with the Commission chair, can conduct

interim financing review and approval or denials in between Commission meetings.

The procedure for doing so was last addressed in early 2006 in Resolution 2006-10. That resolution actually named a particular person as the Commission's outside financial expert who, when appropriate and necessary, will assist in some of these reviews. The purpose for this resolution is really just to remove that name and put in some more generic terms. We recently conducted an RFP process whereby we selected two outside financial experts to assist us and we can select. And we will be contracting with both of them. So we will be able to select between the two of them when we need their help.

So the wording of this resolution really doesn't change the process at all. It will still require consultation and agreement between the Executive Director and Commission Chair to do an interim approval or denial. Once that action is taken, we can take it to the Commission for ratification at the next business meeting. So this is really just to update and make a more generic language in that prior resolution. So the Commission staff recommends that you approve

Resolution 2008-74.

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CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Thank you.

Do the Commission members have any questions? If not, then the Chair will call for a motion in proposed Resolution 2008-74.

COMMISSIONER MURPHY: I move we approve the resolution.

MR. SWIHART: Second.

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor? All opposed? (COMMISSION MEMBERS VOTED AYE.)

CHAIRMAN BARRETT: Ladies and Gentlemen, that concludes today's business meeting. Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 28th. We will let you know more as we get closer.

For today, I would like to thank our host here at Hoosier Park, and Mr. Brown who is with us. appreciate your hospitality in setting the room up and providing space for us to have an executive session earlier today. And appreciate the chance to get a look at the facility. So thank you, again.

There is no further business, we're adjourned.

(This concludes the Indiana Gaming Commission Business Meeting.)

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STATE OF INDIANA)) SS: 2 COUNTY OF MARION) 3 4 I, Robin L. Helton, a Notary Public in and for 5 said county and state, do hereby certify that the 6 Indiana Gaming Commission Business Meeting, May 28, 7 2008 at 1:00 p.m., at Hoosier Park, 4500 Dan Patch 8 Circle, Anderson, Indiana, was taken down in 9 stenograph notes and afterwards reduced to 10 typewriting under my direction, and that the 11 typewritten transcript is a true record of the 12 proceedings held. 13 IN WITNESS WHEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal this 14 15 2008. 16 17 18 19 Robin L. Helton, Notary Public, Residing in Marion County, Indiana 20 21 22 My Commission Expires: June 6, 2009 23 24

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