



Joe B. Hoage
Executive Director

Memorandum of Executive Session Held on December 18, 2025

The Indiana Gaming Commission met in executive session at 10:00 a.m. on December 18, 2025 in Indiana Government Center South located at 302 W Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204, Conference Room 3, in Wabash Hall. In attendance was:

<u>Chair Brent Embrey</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in person	<input type="checkbox"/> telephonically	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
<u>Commissioner Marc Fine</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> in person	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> telephonically	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
<u>Commissioner Troy Helman</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in person	<input type="checkbox"/> telephonically	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
<u>Commissioner Chuck Cohen</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in person	<input type="checkbox"/> telephonically	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
<u>Commissioner Chris Creighton</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in person	<input type="checkbox"/> telephonically	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
<u>Commissioner L.Scott Pejic</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in person	<input type="checkbox"/> telephonically	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
<u>Executive Director Joe Hoage</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in person	<input type="checkbox"/> telephonically	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
<u>Deputy Director Mike Smith</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in person	<input type="checkbox"/> telephonically	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
<u>General Counsel Natalie Huffman</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in person	<input type="checkbox"/> telephonically	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
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The purpose of the executive session is for discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute, specifically, Ind. Code § 5-14-3-4(a)(1), (4) and (5), Ind. Code § 4-33-5-1.5 and Ind. Code § 4-35-10-3. Ind. Code § 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). It is also for discussion on litigation pursuant to Ind. Code § 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B).

The Indiana Gaming Commission certifies that no subject matter was discussed in the executive session other than the subject matter specified in public notice.

INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING

December 18, 2025
Indiana Government Center South – Room C & Live Stream
Indianapolis, Indiana

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Chairman Brent Embrey called the meeting to order at 11:02AM local time, requested roll call by Executive Director Hoage, all commission members were present and a quorum was established.

Present:

Commission members: Brent Embrey, Chairman, Marc Fine (Telephonic), Chuck Cohen, Chris Creighton, Troy Helman and L. Scott Pejic. Commission staff: Joe Hoage, Mike Smith, Natalie Huffman, Liz Sullivan, Robert Paugh, Chris Watson, Chris Neal, Zac Watson, Erin Kellam, Nate Friend, Bob Opat, Dan Shelton, Leia Foster, Mark Mason, Heather Ahnafield, Garth Brown, and members of the public.

Election of Vice Chair and Secretary:

Chairman Embrey asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Nomination of Marc Fine was made by L. Scott Pejic and seconded by Chuck Cohen. After unanimous voting, Marc Fine was named Vice Chairman of Commission.

Chairman Embrey asked for nominations for Secretary. Nomination of Troy Helman was made by L. Scott Pejic and seconded by Chris Creighton. After unanimous voting, Troy Helman was named Secretary of Commission.

Approval of Minutes:

Action: Upon motion by Chuck Cohen and second by Chris Creighton, and unanimous vote of those present, the meeting minutes for September 25, 2025 were approved.

Report of the Executive Director:

Executive Director Hoage began his report with Staff Updates: Brook England, new Responsible Gaming Coordinator, Compliance Division. Staff Changes: Mark Mason, new Director of Compliance and Heather Ahnafield, new Director of Charity Gaming.

Reinvestigations: Our Background Investigations Division has completed reinvestigations for licensees: EBCI/Caesars Southern Indiana; Penn Entertainment, Inc./Ameristar East Chicago and Hollywood Casino; Churchill Downs/Terre Haute Casino; Boyd Gaming Corporation/Blue Chip Casino and Belterra Casino; Hoosier Park, LLC (Harrah's Hoosier

Park) and Centaur Acquisitions, LLC (Horseshoe Indianapolis); Caesars Entertainment, Inc./Horseshoe Hammond Casino; and NYX Digital USA. The confidential reports are in your materials.

Exclusion List Updates: The IGC has added 7 individuals to the State exclusion list since the September 25, 2025 business meeting. The total number of individuals on the list is now 1,131.

Waiver of Rules and Regulations: The IGC has granted 5 waivers to Indiana casinos since the September meeting. This information is included in your materials and will also be posted on the Commission's website.

- All Casinos:
 - Granted a waiver to allow electronic gaming device bill validators to be collected more than seven days since the last drop. 68 IAC 11-3-2, 68 IAC 11-3-5, 68 IAC 11-3-6, and 68 IAC 12-1-7
 - Granted a waiver to allow the General Manager access to the Surveillance room under certain conditions. 68 IAC 12-1-2(c)
- French Lick Casino:
 - Granted permanent approval of a waiver related to the Everi Quick Ticket Feature for ATM Transactions.
- Horseshoe Indianapolis:
 - Granted a waiver for alternate occupational licensed employees in the table games department. 69 IAC 23-3-12
 - Granted a temporary waiver for manually paid jackpots due to the shortage in relation to the strike that was ongoing which has now ended. 68 IAC 15-13-2(d)(7)

Order 2025-150 – Under this order approved in our last meeting, which provides temporary authority to the Executive Director to approve the adoption of Administrative Rules during the interim period between our traditional business meetings. Under that authority, Executive Director is required to advise the Commission of any approval actions at the next meeting.

Authority was utilized to readopt the administrative rules verbatim specifically to adopt 68 IAC 127 8-2, 13, 17-2, 21 and 27 on November 13, 2025. Secondly, rules were adopted pertaining to boxing and mixed martial arts as required by House Enrolled Act 1073 on November 13, 2025.

Pursuant to SB43 which was passed during the 2025 legislative session, the IGC published the casino relocation study and presented the findings to the State Budget Committee in October. The study was prepared by Spectrum Gaming, and it identified Indianapolis and a point north of Fort Wayne as the two most advantageous locations to locate a casino license based on the factors identified in the bill. The study is available online on our website.

In response to the study, the General Assembly has already had the opportunity to hear two (2) pieces of legislation in both Public Policy committees within the House and Senate relative to the casino industry.

HB1038 - This bill in its current version would create a new casino license located in Allen County.

SB70 - This bill would allow a casino located in the City of Rising Sun to relocate to Allen County if certain conditions are met.

We will be tracking both bills closely and providing updates.

HB1052 – Authored by Chairman Manning, this bill addresses a few administrative matters both with the Gaming Commission and Horse Racing. Most notable action for the gaming commission is the bill would define and establish civil and criminal penalties for those conducting an online sweepstakes game. The Executive Director expressed his thanks to the Chairman for his leadership on that topic and look forward to seeing that bill passed.

Thanks to our Athletic Division, led by Joanna Holland, Indiana hosted the first Bare-Knuckle boxing event on October 17th at Horseshoe Casino in Hammond. All parties involved advising event was a huge success. We began regulating Bare-Knuckle Boxing in response to a bill passed last session that required us to adopt rules. We look forward to more events in the future. Thanks also to Chris Neal, our Attorney, who continues to shepherd those rules through the rules process, which requires patience to follow the administrative rules laws.

The IGC Website has been updated. Thanks to all the staff that participated in this update.

Administering Oath to Presenters: Executive Director Hoage administered an oath to all presenters at the commission meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

License Renewals

Supplier's Renewals:

ORDER 2025-155
AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION CONCERNING
RENEWAL OF SUPPLIER'S LICENSES

- 1) Aristocrat Technologies, Inc.: valid November 9, 2025 through November 8, 2026;
- 2) AGS LLC: valid November 12, 2025 through November 11, 2026;
- 3) OPTX Solutions, LLC: valid November 21, 2025 through November 20, 2026;

- 4) United Tote Gaming Services, LLC: valid November 23, 2025 through November 22, 2026;
- 5) JCM American Corporation: valid December 15, 2025 through December 14, 2026;
- 6) American Gaming & Electronics, Inc.: valid December 15, 2025 through December 14, 2026;
- 7) Bluberi Gaming USA, Inc.: valid December 19, 2025 through December 18, 2026.

ORDER 2025-156

AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION RENEWING THE CASINO OWNER'S LICENSE AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR CSI OPERATING COMPANY, LLC d/b/a CAESARS SOUTHERN INDIANA

ORDER 2025-157

AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION RENEWING THE CASINO OWNER'S LICENSE AND THE POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR AZTAR INDIANA GAMING COMPANY, LLC d/b/a BALLY'S EVANSVILLE

ORDER 2025-158

AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION RENEWING THE CASINO OWNER'S LICENSE AND POWER OF ATTORNEY OF INDIANA GAMING COMPANY, LLC d/b/a HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG

ORDER 2025-159

AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION PROSPECTIVELY RENEWING THE CASINO OWNER'S LICENSE AND APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF POWER OF ATTORNEY OF CDITH, LLC d/b/a TERRE HAUTE CASINO RESORT

ORDER 2025-160

AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION CONCERNING RENEWAL OF VENDOR'S LICENSES

- 1) American Wagering, Inc. d/b/a Caesars Sportsbook (Horseshoe Hammond vendor): valid November 16, 2025 through November 15, 2026;
- 2) American Wagering, Inc. d/b/a Caesars Sportsbook (Caesars Southern vendor): valid November 19, 2025 through November 18, 2026;
- 3) Bally's Interactive LLC d/b/a Bally Bet (Bally's Evansville vendor): valid December 13, 2025 through December 12, 2026.

ORDER 2025-161

AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION CONCERNING RENEWAL OF PAID FANTASY SPORTS GAME OPERATOR'S LICENSES

- 1) Yahoo Fantasy Sports, LLC: valid November 16, 2025 through November 15, 2026;

- 2) SidePrize, LLC d/b/a PrizePicks: valid December 19, 2025 through December 18, 2026;
- 3) Sleeper DFS, LLC: valid December 13, 2025 through December 12, 2026.

Action: Upon motion by L. Scott Pejic and second by Chris Creighton, and unanimous vote of those present, the Commission approved Orders 2025-155 through 2025-161.

Permanent Licenses:

Suppliers:

ORDER 2025-162

AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION CONCERNING THE PERMANENT SUPPLIER LICENSE OF OPTX SOLUTIONS, LLC

PFS:

ORDER 2025-163

AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION CONCERNING THE PAID FANTASY SPORTS GAME OPERATOR LICENSE OF DABBLE SPORTS LLC DBA DABBLE

ORDER 2025-164

AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION CONCERNING THE PAID FANTASY SPORTS GAME OPERATOR LICENSE OF CERTAMEN GAMES, LLC, DBA SPLASH SPORTS

Action: Upon motion by Chuck Cohen and second by L. Scott Pejic, and unanimous vote of those present, the Commission approved Orders 2025-162 through 2025-164.

Sports Wagering Service Providers:

ORDER 2025-165

AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION CONCERNING THE PERMANENT SPORTS WAGERING SERVICE PROVIDER LICENSE OF GDC ODDS HOLDINGS, INC.

ORDER 2025-166

AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION CONCERNING THE PERMANENT SPORTS WAGERING SERVICE PROVIDER LICENSE OF GAMEPLAI UK LTD.

ORDER 2025-167

AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION CONCERNING THE PERMANENT SPORTS WAGERING SERVICE PROVIDER LICENSE OF SPORTSCONTENTCO LLC.

Action: Upon motion by Chris Creighton and second by L. Scott Pejic, and unanimous vote of those present, the Commission approved Orders 2025-165 through 2025-167.

Disciplinary Actions:

Supplier's:

**ORDER 2025-168
IN RE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
PATRIOT GAMING AND ELECTRONICS, INC.
25-PG-01**

Order 2025-168 involved a settlement agreement with Patriot Gaming and Electronics, Inc. Patriot Gaming violated the rules for shipping electronic gaming devices. Patriot Gaming has agreed to a monetary settlement of \$1,500 in lieu of disciplinary action.

**ORDER 2025-169
IN RE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
EVERI GAMES, INC.
25-EVERI-01**

Order 2025-169 involved a settlement agreement with Everi Games, Inc. Everi Games violated the rules for shipping electronic gaming devices. Everi Games has agreed to a monetary settlement of \$1,500 in lieu of disciplinary action.

Casinos:

**ORDER 2025-170
IN RE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
AZTAR INDIANA GAMING CO., LLC
d/b/a BALLY'S EVANSVILLE
25-BE-04**

Order 2025-170 involved a settlement agreement with Bally's Evansville. Bally's Evansville violated the rules for live gaming device fills and credits. Bally's Evansville has agreed to a monetary settlement of \$1,000 in lieu of disciplinary action.

**ORDER 2025-171
IN RE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
CSI OPERATING COMPANY, LLC
d/b/a CAESARS SOUTHERN INDIANA
25-CS-03**

Order 2025-171 involved a settlement agreement with Caesars Southern Indiana. Caesars Southern Indiana violated the rules for sensitive keys. Caesars Southern Indiana has agreed to a monetary settlement of \$1,500 in lieu of disciplinary action.

ORDER 2025-172
IN RE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
CENTAUR ACQUISITION, LLC
d/b/a HORSESHOE INDIANAPOLIS
25-HI-01

Order 2025-172 involved a settlement agreement with Horseshoe Indianapolis which includes three (3) counts. In count one (1), the casino violated the rules for currency collection, in count two (2), the casino allowed a minor to access the casino floor and in count three (3), the casino violated the rules for the vendor log. Horseshoe Indianapolis has agreed to a monetary settlement of \$1,500 in lieu of disciplinary action.

ORDER 2025-173
IN RE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
HOOSIER PARK, LLC
d/b/a HARRAH'S HOOSIER PARK
25-HP-02

Order 2025-173 involved a settlement agreement with Harrah's Hoosier Park. Harrah's Hoosier Park violated the rules for electronic gaming devices. Harrah's Hoosier Park has agreed to a monetary settlement of \$1,000 in lieu of disciplinary action.

ORDER 2025-174
IN RE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
CDITH, LLC
d/b/a TERRE HAUTE CASINO RESORT
25-TH-02

Order 2025-174 involved a settlement agreement with Terre Haute Casino Resort. Terre Haute Casino Resort failed to exclude a person on the Voluntary Exclusion Program who had an active account and maintained incorrect information on an active account. Terre Haute Casino Resort has agreed to a monetary settlement of \$250 in lieu of disciplinary action.

Action: Upon motion by L. Scott Pejic and second by Chris Creighton, and unanimous vote of those present, the Commission approved Orders 2025-168 through 2025-174.

Casino Matters:

Financing:

ORDER 2025-175
**AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION APPROVING A DEBT
TRANSACTION PROPOSED BY PENN ENTERTAINMENT, INC.**

Action: Upon motion by L. Scott Pejic, second by Chuck Cohen, and unanimous vote of those present, the Commission adopted Order 2025-175.

Occupational Licenses:

Disciplinary Action – License Denial:

ORDER 2025-176
**AN ORDER CONCERNING DAMIAN MARCOVECCHIO’S APPLICATION
FOR PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE**

ORDER 2025-177
**AN ORDER CONCERNING JACK OJEDA TAMAY’S APPLICATION FOR
PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE**

ORDER 2025-178
**AN ORDER CONCERNING RYAN STEINER’S APPLICATION FOR
PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE**

ORDER ORDER-179
**AN ORDER CONCERNING DAVELL BANKS’S APPLICATION FOR
PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE**

Disciplinary Actions – Settlement:

ORDER 2025-180
**AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION APPROVING THE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CHANDRA NEWBERN**

ORDER 2025-181
**AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION APPROVING THE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH TIA MEADOWS**

ORDER 2025-182
**AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION APPROVING THE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH KENASON MURRAY**

ORDER 2025-183
**AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION APPROVING THE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH DOUGLAS SULLIVAN**

ORDER 2025-184

**AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION APPROVING THE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH GEORGE MORAN**

ORDER 2025-185

**AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION APPROVING THE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH JOHNNY NEELY**

ORDER 2025-186

**AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION APPROVING THE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH RYAN BEAL**

ORDER 2025-187

**AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION APPROVING THE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH BRANDON LIEBENGOOD**

ORDER 2025-188

**AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION APPROVING THE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ERIK BELLE**

ORDER 2025-189

**AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION APPROVING THE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SHAWN DIAZ**

ORDER 2025-190

**AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION APPROVING THE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH JEROME WELLINGTON**

ORDER 2025-191

**AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION APPROVING THE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH AMANDA CAIN**

ORDER 2025-192

**AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION APPROVING THE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH DENNIS HAVERLAND**

ORDER 2025-193

**AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION APPROVING THE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH RALPH**

ORDER 2025-194

**AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION APPROVING THE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH MELISA EADS**

ORDER 2025-195
AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION APPROVING THE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH BELINDA BEACH

ORDER 2025-196
AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION APPROVING THE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH JOHNNY ARMSTEAD

Action: Upon motion by Chuck Cohen and second by L. Scott Pejic, and unanimous vote of those present, the Commission approved Orders 2025-176 through 2025-196.

Meeting Adjournment:

That concludes our agenda for today's meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2026. Motion to adjourn by L. Scott Pejic and second by Troy Helman, with unanimous approval by all members at 11:50AM.

Respectfully submitted,




Liz Sullivan

THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION:

 3/26/26

Brent Embrey, Chairman Date



Troy Helman, Secretary Date