



Minutes

Meeting of 24 June 2024

A meeting of the Commission was conducted in New York and Schenectady, New York.

1. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

Executive Director Robert Williams called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m. Establishment of a quorum was noted by Acting Secretary Kristen Buckley. In physical attendance in New York were Chairman Brian O'Dwyer and Members Sylvia Hamer, Marissa Shorenstein, and Jerry Skurnik. Members Martin Mack and Peter Moschetti attended from the Schenectady location.

Chairman O'Dwyer noted Commissioner Mack's confirmation and welcomed him to the Commission.

2. Consideration of Minutes for Meeting of 20 May 2024

The Commission considered previously circulated draft minutes of the meeting conducted on 20 May 2024. The minutes were accepted as circulated.

3. Report of the Executive Director

The Executive Director presented a report on the recently conducted Belmont Stakes Racing Festival, recent legislation that passed both houses at the end of session, and a forthcoming Gaming Facility Location Board Meeting.

4. Rulemaking

A. **ADOPTION: SGC-06-24-00004-P, Claiming Rules Revisions in Thoroughbred Racing**

The Commission considered the adoption of claiming rules revisions in Thoroughbred racing.

ON A MOTION BY: Commissioner Skurnik
APPROVED: 6-0

Mr. Williams noted that Commissioner John Crotty had indicated that had he been in attendance he would have voted affirmatively to adopt the rulemaking.

B. ADOPTION: SGC-15-24-00011-P, Change of Commission Address

The Commission considered adoption of a consensus rulemaking to update the official Commission address from 1 Broadway Center in Schenectady to 354 Broadway in Schenectady and eliminate an unnecessary subdivision in Lottery Rule 5000.4.

ON A MOTION BY: Commissioner Skurnik
APPROVED: 6-0

5. New & Old Business

A. Designation of a Chair for the Gaming Facility Location Board.

Chairman O'Dwyer moved the Commission to designate Vicki Been as chair.

APPROVED: 6-0

B. Call for Service

Chairman O'Dwyer noted that the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law obligates the Commission to establish an advisory board to assist in evaluating proper use of funds collected by the Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund and the Agriculture & New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund from various Agriculture and Markets and Tax Laws. Specifically, the Commission has been charged with appointing representatives of thoroughbred and standardbred owners and breeders, and animal protection organizations with expertise in the care of retired and rescued horses. Accordingly, the Chairman requested anyone interested in serving on the advisory board who meets qualifications to express their interest to Kristen Buckley at 518-388-3400 or sending an email to info@gaming.ny.gov.

6. Adjournment

Before concluding, Chairman O'Dwyer requested Deputy Executive Director Lee Park address progress with the proposed internship program to commence in 2025 and update the Commissioners regarding the previously discussed Lottery Aid to Education Awareness Program.

Following Mr. Park's presentation, Chairman O'Dwyer noted his attendance at the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival, and his tour, with Commissioner Hamer, of the backstretch. He also mentioned his continuing contact with the Racetrack Chaplaincy, to ensure appropriate focus on backstretch issues is maintained. The Chairman also thanked Commissioner Skurnik for his continued attendance at commercial casino licensing events in New York City, and the Division of Gaming for their stewardship of mobile sports betting issues. Finally, Chairman O'Dwyer noted new anti-slaughter legislation and discussed efforts of the Commission, the Department of Agriculture and Markets, the Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund and the Agriculture & New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund in ensuring the law is diligently enforced.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

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