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10	COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Daniel P. Finney, III	
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           (Start time of the meeting: 10:01 a.m.)
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                CHAIRMAN KOHN: Morning, everybody. We'll
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     call the meeting of the February 28th Missouri Gaming
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     Commission to order. Angie, please call the roll.
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               MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney.
                COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Present.
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               MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo.
               COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Present.
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               MS. FRANKS: Commission Neer.
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               COMMISSIONER NEER: Present.
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               MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison.
               COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Present.
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               MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
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               CHAIRMAN KOHN: Present. We have a quorum.
                  So the first item of business to come
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    before the meeting today is consideration of the
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     minutes of the January 10 meeting. Is there a motion
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     to approve?
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                COMMISSIONER NEER: Motion to approve.
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                COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Second.
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               CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
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- 1 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney.
- 2 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approve.
- 3 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo.
- 4 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approve.
- 5 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer.
- 6 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approve.
- 7 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison.
- 8 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approve.
- 9 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
- 10 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 12 the minutes of the January 10, 2018 meeting.
- 13 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Mr. Seibert.
- MR. SEIBERT: First order of business,
- 15 Mr. Chairman, is consideration of relicensure of Class
- 16 A and B licensees. And I don't see Mr. -- is he
- 17 here? Mr. Samir Mowad will make the presentation.
- 18 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Mr. Mowad? Is that
- 19 correct?
- 20 MR. MOWAD: Yes, sir. I'm Samir Mowad.
- 21 I'm the vice president and general manager of Argosy
- 22 and Riverside. Honorable chairman and commissioners,
- 23 it's my privilege today to present the relicensing for
- 24 both Penn National Gaming and Argosy Riverside.
- 25 Penn National began as a single racetrack

- 1 outside of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania in 1972. The
- 2 company went public in 1994 on the strength of its
- 3 pari-mutuel business, and purchased a track in
- 4 Charlestown in West Virginia that ultimately would
- 5 become the company's first casino. From there, Penn
- 6 National bought Hollywood in 2003, and Argosy in 2005.
- 7 And they successfully opened Hollywood Casino at Penn
- 8 National Racecourse in 2010. The company planted a
- 9 flag in Las Vegas with the purchase of the M Resort in
- 10 2011; and in 2012, successfully opened three new
- 11 casinos, along with purchasing what is now the
- 12 Hollywood Casino in St. Louis, originally the Harrah's
- 13 property there. In 2013, Penn successfully completed
- 14 their first ever REIT in the gaming industry, where
- 15 Gaming & Leisure Properties became the real estate
- 16 owner of Penn National Properties. And along with
- 17 GLPI, we further expanded our portfolio in 2015 with
- 18 the purchase of Tropicana Las Vegas and the opening of
- 19 the first gaming facility in Massachusetts, Plainridge
- 20 Park Casino. Today, Penn operates 29 properties in 18
- 21 jurisdictions. And as you're well aware, hopefully
- 22 pending regulatory approval later this year, we'll
- 23 further expand our portfolio by purchasing Pinnacle
- 24 Entertainment.
- 25 Ultimately, our company stands for some

- 1 core values of trying to provide an unparalleled guest
- 2 experience, work happy -- there have been several
- 3 groups that poll businesses nationally that have named
- 4 us an employer of first choice. We have a commitment
- 5 to diversity, and have been recognized in several
- 6 areas in that as well. And as I speak to the
- 7 property's presentation, we'll talk how we're trying
- 8 to improve there. And we also have a commitment to
- 9 our community, where we attempt to work and reinvest
- 10 back into the -- the communities that give us the
- 11 privilege of operating there. And then, of course,
- 12 our commitment to responsible gaming, where we ensure
- 13 that the people who are visiting us are there truly to
- 14 be entertained and to have fun.
- 15 From there, I'm going to speak
- 16 specifically to the relicensing of Argosy Riverside.
- 17 And it's my privilege to present today that
- 18 relicensing. And truthfully, the success that Argosy
- 19 Riverside has is due to the employees that work there.
- 20 And representing Argosy Riverside today, I've brought
- 21 some of -- I brought my executive team that -- they're
- 22 the ones that manage our employees, who really make it
- 23 happen for us on a daily basis. I have our vice
- 24 president of gaming, Tim Kelly; our vice president of
- 25 finance, John Ibarguen; our vice president of

- 1 marketing, Tyrone Myrick; and our vice president of
- 2 non-gaming, Greg Personelli; and our director of human
- 3 resources, Nadia Harris. In addition, the person that
- 4 works most closely with the Gaming Commission to
- 5 ensure that we're compliant and always possible, I
- 6 have our compliance manager, Karen Moore. And also
- 7 Todd George, my boss, is in the audience as well.
- 8 We're also privileged to operate and to
- 9 collaborate with the City of Riverside. And you'll
- 10 hear a little bit later from the honorable mayor,
- 11 Kathy Rose. And she's with our police chief, Chris
- 12 Skinrood. And he and his team do a great job. I'll
- 13 talk a little bit about our security plans, and how
- 14 they keep us safe, and how we work to keep our
- 15 employees and quests safe as well.
- 16 Our development agreement is pretty
- 17 standard. It's a sliding scale based on revenues.
- 18 We're current on all rents. We've been fortunate
- 19 enough to grow those revenues for our home-dock
- 20 community of Riverside over the last four years. In
- 21 addition, we pay a tourism tax which we're current on.
- 22 That tourism tax is related to hotel room revenues --
- 23 in particular, cash revenues. The reason you see it
- 24 fluctuate is both a function of the competitive nature
- of the Kansas City market, where a lot of the

- 1 convention business has become more competitive over
- 2 the years, and they've opened up a lot of new hotel
- 3 properties. In addition, our comping strategy affects
- 4 that number, and that's why you see the fluctuations
- 5 in the tourism tax. We've been fortunate enough over
- 6 the last four years of our current licensing to grow
- 7 our revenues.
- 8 CHAIRMAN KOHN: I'm sorry. Can I ask you
- 9 just a curiosity question.
- 10 MR. MOWAD: Yes, sir.
- 11 CHAIRMAN KOHN: When you comp a room, you
- 12 pay no tourism tax?
- 13 MR. MOWAD: The tourism tax that is paid
- 14 locally to Riverside -- correct -- that's based on
- 15 cash --
- 16 CHAIRMAN KOHN: It is?
- MR. MOWAD: -- revenues. Yes, sir.
- 18 Our -- our -- in terms of our gross
- 19 revenues, we've been fortunate enough to grow them
- 20 over the course of the last four years. You'll notice
- 21 that from '13 to '14, there was a dip. But that dip
- 22 was really more in line with what happened from a
- 23 macro-economic perspective. The market overall in
- 24 Kansas City had a dip. And -- and we've been
- 25 fortunate enough to out-grow the market over the

- 1 course of the last three years. And -- and really,
- 2 again, that's a credit to the team that I introduced
- 3 behind me, and their hard work and efforts.
- 4 In addition to -- to running our
- 5 business, it's important to us that we maintain our
- 6 facility, and ensure that it's on the highest end of
- 7 competitiveness in the Kansas City market. And so we
- 8 invest every year in tandem with -- we work with our
- 9 parent company, Penn National Gaming, to identify
- 10 monies that we'll invest in terms of maintenance
- 11 capital. And we've completed quite a few projects
- 12 over the last few years. Some of the most notable
- 13 ones is we rebranded and added a restaurant back in
- 14 2016. We've also reinvested back in our employees by
- 15 redoing the back-of-house areas, both the break areas,
- 16 the restroom areas. And then most recently, at the
- 17 end of this past year, we renovated our high-limit
- 18 room to create more of a higher-end experience. And
- 19 you can see some of those pictures, the high-limit
- 20 rooms up on the top left, the restaurants, that's Hops
- 21 House -- 99 Hops House on the top right, and The Lucky
- 22 Taco on the bottom left. And then that's the -- the
- 23 outside employee break area that we redid in 2016.
- Like any casino, like any business
- 25 operating in Missouri, we try to make sure that we

- 1 provide a safe environment for our guests. And we
- 2 work closely in tandem with -- with the Riverside
- 3 Police Department and the troopers who are stationed
- 4 on property to -- to make sure that safety is always
- 5 the first thing we think about. You can see some of
- 6 the offenses. We work hard to try to make sure that
- 7 we're showing improvement in those, and just in
- 8 general to make sure that it's -- it's a safe
- 9 environment. As part of that, we have security plans
- 10 that we're constantly looking at. Coming off of
- 11 the -- some of the national incidents highlighted by
- 12 our -- our team was actually in Las Vegas for meetings
- 13 during the incident out there, and so we came back top
- 14 of mind, and did some active-shooter training with
- 15 local Riverside police -- with the police department
- 16 that we also had the gaming troopers look at to make
- 17 sure they thought it was appropriate. And we did that
- 18 with our leadership team. And then we've pushed down
- 19 annual training to all of our team members. In
- 20 addition, we purchased a security vehicle for our
- 21 parking lot so we can patrol it, and just have more of
- 22 a visible presence to -- to act more as an active
- 23 deterrent, as opposed to just being reactive to
- 24 problems that we come upon. Our local troopers meet
- 25 quarterly with Riverside police to ensure that --

- 1 that, again, we're providing the safest environment,
- 2 and if there is ever an issue, that they communicate
- 3 well to coordinate any sorts of responses. And then
- 4 we recently had the privilege of -- we had an internal
- 5 promotion, and had to hire a new security director,
- 6 and we were able to identify a retired detective from
- 7 the Kansas City Police Department -- he was already an
- 8 employee as a manager, and we were able to elevate him
- 9 to director. And that's been a win for us as well, in
- 10 terms of the experience that he brings to providing
- 11 safety. And on top of that, he is one of the foremost
- 12 customer service providers that we have on property.
- We take responsible gaming very
- 14 seriously. We check all IDs. We currently use a
- 15 system called IDetect. And actually, this year we'll
- 16 be using some capital money to upgrade to an even more
- 17 robust system called Veridocs, which allows us to not
- 18 only check for under-age, but to identify patrons for
- 19 lots of different reasons, in terms of making sure the
- 20 integrity of the floor and the integrity of the games
- 21 are protected. We do annual ID training with all of
- 22 our employees, on top of that. We -- with all of our
- 23 employees that are in situations to check for IDs,
- 24 along with quarterly employee interviews by our
- 25 compliance manager to make sure folks are up-to-date

- 1 on what they should be checking for.
- 2 And -- and then one of the privileges
- 3 of -- of working in Riverside is they're very
- 4 collaborative. And they created a city code that
- 5 actually can result in the arrest of someone under 21
- 6 if they're attempting to get under the -- onto the
- 7 floor. And they use it very judiciously, but in
- 8 instances where folks just keep trying to get on, and
- 9 keep trying to get on, it's -- it's really a great
- 10 deterrent, as opposed to just having to turn them away
- 11 and say you can't come on. And so -- so that's been a
- 12 nice win.
- 13 And, you know, Riverside is a -- a great
- 14 partner of ours. And locally not only in Riverside,
- 15 but in the greater Kansas City area, we also attempt
- 16 to -- to give back to the community that gives us the
- 17 privilege of operating there. And so we're involved
- 18 in a -- a variety of organizations that provide
- 19 services to the community. And -- and the thing
- 20 that's kind of neat about it is each member of our
- 21 executive team takes an active role, and partners
- 22 directly with these charitable organizations you see.
- 23 And not only do we -- it's not a matter of just
- 24 writing a check or giving money, it's a matter of
- 25 working directly with the organization, and serving on

- 1 the board, and helping steer it to make sure that it's
- 2 providing the best it can for the community. And the
- 3 picture you have there on the right is actually
- 4 another way we raise money, which the commission
- 5 recently allowed us to put a bin on the floor to
- 6 collect if a guest wants to donate a TITO, or donate
- 7 some money. And we use that to raise money for Relay
- 8 for Life to fight cancer. So lots of good things that
- 9 we're trying to do to -- to show our appreciation for
- 10 the privilege to operate. And this is just some of
- 11 the pictures -- there is the work, serving on the
- 12 board, stuff like that. But here's the fun part where
- 13 you get to make people happy and -- and give back to
- 14 the community. And in every one of those pictures,
- 15 the folks behind me are -- are representing us in a
- 16 variety of ways.
- 17 From there, it's my privilege today to
- 18 have with me from Riverside the honorable mayor Kathy
- 19 Rose. And she's going to speak. And with her today
- 20 is also our police chief, Chris Skinrood, who -- who
- 21 really does a phenomenal job in terms of keeping us
- 22 and the entire community of Riverside safe.
- 23 MAYOR ROSE: Thank you.
- 24 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Morning, Mayor Rose. We're
- 25 delighted to have you here, although we're much more

- 1 accustomed to meeting in your facilities.
- MAYOR ROSE: Well, you're -- you're welcome
- 3 any time.
- 4 Good morning to all of you. And
- 5 Mr. Chairman and honorable commissioners, I am Kathy
- 6 Rose, and I am pleased to be here to speak in support
- 7 of this relicensing for the Argosy Casino Hotel & Spa.
- 8 I have been the mayor for the City of Riverside for
- 9 the last 12 years, and I've had the pleasure to
- 10 present in front of your board on several occasions.
- 11 While our relationship with the Argosy
- 12 has been a good relationship. It has grown stronger
- 13 since Argosy was acquired by Penn National Gaming. We
- 14 look forward to this continued partnership for
- 15 everyone's benefit. This partnership has allowed our
- 16 city to put in facilities, equipment, programming to
- 17 benefit our residents and businesses. In addition, it
- 18 allows the City to share its good fortune with our
- 19 neighbors. One example is we provide fire protection
- 20 to the communities of Houston Lake and Northmoor,
- 21 which have not been able to afford fire protection in
- 22 the past. We have always been appreciative of
- 23 Argosy's support in helping Riverside grow for our
- 24 future. For the last 20 years, the City has used our
- 25 Argosy funds very wisely. We have invested in our

- 1 citizens, our businesses, our infrastructure, our
- 2 facilities, and our staff. We have been successful on
- 3 all fronts. In the last six years, our investment has
- 4 allowed us to develop a Class A business park that
- 5 contains 3.5 million square feet of buildings, with
- 6 over 25 companies that employ 3500 workers. So again,
- 7 a small town, six square miles, population of about
- 8 3400, but our daytime population rises to about
- 9 15,000. So I'm very proud of all of those things.
- 10 Last but not least, we have been faced
- 11 with some other regional initiatives that the Argosy
- 12 has been very helpful with the City on. And it is
- 13 challenges with us working towards getting the new KCI
- 14 airport, the new US-69 bridge that is -- that is an
- 15 important link between Riverside and Kansas. And
- 16 hopefully a new Buck O'Neil bridge, which is our link
- 17 to downtown Kansas City. These connective assets are
- 18 important not only to Riverside, but to the Kansas
- 19 City region. And Argosy has been lock-step with us
- 20 all the way on making sure that everybody is
- 21 successful. And I appreciate that. So thank you for
- 22 allowing me to be here this morning.
- 23 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Thank you, Mayor. Did you
- 24 want your chief to make any comments?
- 25 MAYOR ROSE: Would you like to come up?

- 1 CHAIRMAN KOHN: You didn't happen to bring
- 2 your gavel; did you?
- 3 MAYOR ROSE: I didn't. I can tell you in
- 4 12 years I've only used it once, so --
- 5 CHIEF SKINROOD: Good morning. I want to
- 6 just kind of reiterate what Samir said. Argosy has
- 7 been one of the biggest companies in Riverside, that
- 8 have been there the longest, and have one of the best
- 9 partnerships -- not just on a business level, but as
- 10 he clearly showed you on the -- the frames there,
- 11 their contributions and their efforts within our
- 12 community, and also the communities outside.
- 13 We work hard to maintain an expectation
- 14 of safety and security down there. And they give that
- 15 right back to us by their cooperation and willingness
- 16 to work as a -- as a partner, and make sure that the
- 17 community, the customers that are there, and the
- 18 facility stays in a safe environment. So we're very
- 19 appreciative of that, and have, as I said, an
- 20 excellent business partner.
- 21 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Chief, good morning.
- 22 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Good morning.
- 23 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: I have just one
- 24 question. When the -- the crime stats were up there,
- 25 I don't recall seeing -- can we go back to those real

- 1 quick. So I don't see anything on a UUW. Is that --
- 2 CHIEF SKINROOD: On what now? I'm sorry?
- 3 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Unlawful use of a
- 4 weapon.
- 5 CHIEF SKINROOD: On the -- on the casino
- 6 itself, there have been no instances of that.
- 7 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: So you've never --
- 8 in -- in -- in four years, nobody's ever illegally
- 9 brought a weapon into the casino, as far as you know?
- 10 CHIEF SKINROOD: As far as I know, they
- 11 have not. No. And there's also -- also a distinction
- 12 there, is that we don't handle the crime that occurs
- 13 on the boat itself. The troopers are -- are what's
- 14 handling everything that's on the boat. We've
- 15 assisted them. But by statute, we're responsible for
- 16 everything that's on the land, and the highway patrol
- 17 covers everything that's on the boat. So -- so to my
- 18 knowledge, that has never happened.
- 19 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Okay. The only
- 20 comment I guess is that, you know, in my experience,
- 21 generally when you have that many arrests for
- 22 narcotics, it usually is not unusual to have guns
- 23 associated with some of those arrests for narcotics.
- 24 So I find it kind of unusual that there hasn't been
- 25 any arrests at all for illegally possessing a firearm,

- 1 given the stats related to other arrests.
- 2 CHIEF SKINROOD: And you're absolutely
- 3 correct. The two typically go hand-in-hand. But we
- 4 have not had any firearms come off the casino.
- 5 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Okay. Thank you.
- 6 CHIEF SKINROOD: A lot of our drug cases
- 7 that are here are -- a majority of them are
- 8 misdemeanor type. Where we sit, there's -- there's
- 9 more low-level than big operation type stuff. So to
- 10 my knowledge, as I said, we've recovered no weapons
- 11 off of there, no firearms.
- 12 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: So I guess I'm
- 13 only -- the only point I would make with that -- and I
- 14 believe you're correct. I just want to make sure that
- 15 we're, you know, aggressively enforcing the gun laws
- 16 as they would apply, and making sure, you know, in
- 17 light of everything that we've seen, that -- again, I
- 18 find it a little bit suspect, with all these arrests,
- 19 that nobody in four years has ever been arrested or
- 20 found illegally to bring a weapon into the casino. So
- 21 I would just encourage you to be very vigilant on that
- 22 particular issue.
- 23 CHIEF SKINROOD: And I appreciate that.
- 24 And -- and again, like I said, there's -- we work very
- 25 closely with both the troopers and with the gaming

- 1 staff down there, and the facility staff. But there
- 2 are instances where the troopers will make arrests and
- 3 work their own cases that we're not made aware of.
- 4 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Okay.
- 5 CHIEF SKINROOD: So could that happen under
- 6 those instances? It is possible. Absolutely. I will
- 7 say this. Between our department, my officers, and
- 8 the gaming staff, and then also the Platt County
- 9 Prosecutor's Office and the sheriff's department, we
- 10 all work as a collaborative effort, and we are very
- 11 stringent upon staying vigilant on those kind of
- 12 things.
- 13 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Great. Thank you.
- 14 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any other questions of the
- 15 chief or the mayor? Does that conclude your
- 16 presentation?
- 17 MR. MOWAD: I have just a couple more quick
- 18 slides.
- 19 And Commissioner Finney just addressed --
- 20 the only other thing I can say is in my 17 months on
- 21 property, the only situation I'm aware of where a
- 22 weapon was discovered was -- it was actually found in
- 23 a -- in a restroom, in a garbage can, and we
- 24 weren't -- because there's no cameras, obviously, in
- 25 the restrooms, we weren't able to identify who the --

- 1 the person that brought that weapon in was. So I've
- 2 worked at a lot of other properties, and I agree with
- 3 you it's odd that we haven't seen anything. I'll --
- 4 I'll knock on wood with that. And hope it continues.
- 5 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: All right. Thank
- 6 you.
- 7 MR. MOWAD: Lastly, I want to speak to our
- 8 MBE and WBE spend. When -- when I arrived on
- 9 property, I think that what I found was -- is that we
- 10 were fairly robust, in terms of our -- our women's
- 11 business owned spend, but there was some room for
- 12 improvement on the MBE side. And so we've worked hard
- 13 at that over the last 17 months that certainly I've
- 14 been on property. And even prior to that, we've --
- 15 we've recently teamed up with -- with Cheryl to -- to
- 16 come up with a plan that will help improve that even
- 17 more. And while the 2017 numbers, I can't present
- 18 because they are unaudited at this point, I think what
- 19 you'll find once they're audited is that we finished
- 20 at about 5.2 percent, in that area. The plan that we
- 21 came up with is we used to include either an MBE or a
- 22 WBE company whenever we were doing bids. Now, we'll
- 23 try to include both, and always include an MBE company
- 24 to help get better in that area. In addition, I've
- 25 been meeting, along with our purchasing manager, with

- 1 various departments to bring attention to where they
- 2 can spend money with different businesses at maybe the
- 3 same dollar amounts, and -- and -- and make sure that
- 4 we're supporting those businesses more effectively.
- 5 We've -- we've joined lots of different groups in the
- 6 community to help identify more vendors. And then the
- 7 other thing is recently we attended the diversity fair
- 8 that River City held on the east side of the state.
- 9 And so we talked to -- to both Cheryl Bonner, along
- 10 with Mike Winter with the MGA, and our partners on the
- 11 west side of the state, and we're going to hold a
- 12 diversity fair in June at the Argosy in order to help
- 13 bring more of these vendors not only to us, but to --
- 14 to the Kansas City area casinos, much like the way
- 15 River City did at their impressive fair on the east
- 16 side of the state earlier. Lastly, I would add that
- 17 our company recently is going through a little bit
- 18 more centralization, and we have a new company-wide
- 19 purchasing leader, and he's also helping us to
- 20 identify more vendors that we can use. It's certainly
- 21 not a matter of not wanting to do it as much as we
- 22 haven't been as effective as we could be in
- 23 identifying the best vendors. So that's -- that's our
- 24 plan, and that's what's sort of happened over the
- 25 first four years -- again, it's -- over the last four

- 1 years. Again, it's a privilege to present to you all
- 2 today, and I'm open to any questions you might have.
- 3 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Questions of Mr. Mowad?
- 4 COMMISSIONER NEER: No, sir.
- 5 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: No.
- 6 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Will the merger impact you?
- 7 MR. MOWAD: No, sir. The current plan --
- 8 of course, pending regulatory approval -- is that when
- 9 Pinnacle is acquired by Penn, the two Ameristar
- 10 properties in Missouri will go to Boyd Gaming. And
- 11 that way, Argosy on the Kansas -- on the Kansas City
- 12 side, and then Hollywood on the St. Louis side, along
- 13 with River City will stay -- stay with the merged
- 14 company. That -- that meets both the regulatory
- 15 requirements and also FTC concerns in terms of
- 16 competition.
- 17 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: So will the merged
- 18 Penn National have any other properties in Kansas
- 19 City, other than the Argosy?
- 20 MR. MOWAD: In the greater Kansas City
- 21 area, on the Kansas side, we'll have Hollywood Casino
- 22 in Kansas. So that's why if you added Ameristar in
- 23 Kansas City into that mix, I believe the issue is
- 24 the -- the FTC concerns in terms of competition.
- 25 That's why we're spinning off that property.

- 1 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Sure. Thank you.
- 2 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: I do have one
- 3 question. The -- the separation of the real property
- 4 into a separate LLC, and then a lease back, can you
- 5 reference that, how that's affecting your operating
- 6 expenses, and -- and has it been material, or has it
- 7 been pretty --
- MR. MOWAD: In terms of how we operate, it
- 9 truly hasn't been. You know, we -- when we think of
- 10 how we run our business, I mean, it's strictly as if
- 11 we're paying rent to a landlord, and it's had -- I
- 12 wasn't with Penn when we went through that. But
- 13 everything I've heard, everything I've experienced,
- 14 even what I experienced today, the only time it ever
- 15 comes up is, for example, when we work with the levy
- 16 district on -- there was some rezoning of property.
- 17 And then you want to make sure that the REIT is
- 18 informed, because they're the actual owner of the
- 19 land. But in terms of what we do on a daily basis, it
- 20 literally has no impact.
- 21 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: And your
- 22 financial -- and your financial operation, budget has
- 23 been positively impacted by the process? Or do you
- 24 think --
- 25 MR. MOWAD: I think from a company-wide

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1 perspective, we would say that. The way we look at it
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- 2 from a property view, our budgeting, and -- and our
- 3 financial targets and all are largely unchanged. It's
- 4 more just a -- after you look at how we run our
- 5 business locally, there's -- there are rent payments
- 6 and things like that.
- 7 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: And you feel that
- 8 the -- the capital reinvestment into the property has
- 9 been positive?
- 10 MR. MOWAD: Oh, yes, sir. And not only
- 11 positive, but if you look at the history of it, I'd
- 12 say consistent both pre and post-REIT, even -- I --
- 13 you know, just for competitive reasons, I wasn't going
- 14 to put it on a slide. But this year, we'll be
- 15 investing more than -- than any -- any year you saw up
- 16 there, in the sense of we're going to completely
- 17 renovate our hotel. And while I certainly wanted to
- 18 do that, the -- in terms of how the capital works,
- 19 even, it was a collaborative process where originally,
- 20 my boss brought to me the idea, and -- because that's
- 21 a much heavier lift than, you know --
- 22 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Sure.
- 23 MR. MOWAD: -- some of these standard
- 24 maintenance capital items you saw.
- 25 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Thank you.

- 1 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Anybody else? Thank you
- 2 very much.
- 3 MR. MOWAD: Thank you. Appreciate it,
- 4 Commissioners.
- 5 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Are there any members of
- 6 the public from the Riverside area that would like to
- 7 comment? Mr. Seibert?
- 8 MR. SEIBERT: Next we'll have the
- 9 investigative summary presented by Sergeant Gary
- 10 Davidson.
- 11 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Sergeant Davidson.
- 12 SERGEANT DAVIDSON: Mr. Chairman,
- 13 Commissioners. Missouri Gaming Company, LLC, doing
- 14 business as Argosy Riverside Casino, and referred to
- 15 as Argosy, submitted a relicensing application to the
- 16 Missouri Gaming Commission on September 1st, 2017 for
- 17 renewal of its Class A Riverboat Gaming License.
- 18 Argosy's parent company, Penn National Gaming,
- 19 Incorporated -- referred to as Penn -- is also being
- 20 considered for renewal of its associated Class A
- 21 Riverboat Gaming License, and submitted a relicensing
- 22 application to the Missouri Gaming Commission on July
- 23 24th, 2017. You'll find resolutions for both of these
- 24 licenses under Tabs B and C in your book.
- 25 Argosy was initially granted a license by

- 1 the Commission on June 22nd, 1994. On December 21st,
- 2 2004, Penn submitted an application to the Commission
- 3 for licensure in the State of Missouri for the purpose
- 4 of purchasing Argosy Gaming Company. On July 29th,
- 5 2005, Penn was licensed as a -- by the Commission as a
- 6 key business entity, and the company completed the
- 7 acquisition of Argosy Gaming Company on October 3rd,
- 8 2005. Penn, through its subsidiaries, own 100-percent
- 9 ownership in Argosy. The Commission has since found
- 10 Argosy and Penn suitable for licensure during each of
- 11 the subsequent relicensing investigations. The
- 12 current Class A and B licenses were approved by the
- 13 Commission on February 26, 2014, and are scheduled to
- 14 expire in February, 2018.
- 15 Missouri State Highway Patrol
- 16 investigators, along with Missouri Gaming Commission
- 17 financial investigators, conducted an investigation
- 18 into the suitability of Argosy and Penn to continue to
- 19 operate as a Class B and A license.
- The investigations included, but were not
- 21 limited to criminal, financial and general character
- 22 inquiries of associated key and level one personnel,
- 23 to include where they have lived, worked and
- 24 frequented. The City of Riverside and Platte County,
- 25 as well as the state and federal agencies having

- 1 regulatory authority over Argosy and Penn were also
- 2 contacted. There were no issues, concerns or negative
- 3 information disclosed.
- 4 The findings of these investigations were
- 5 provided to the Commission staff and -- for their
- 6 review, and you possess a detailed summary of that
- 7 report. The investigating officers for this
- 8 investigation are present at this hearing, and will be
- 9 happy to entertain any questions you might have.
- 10 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any questions of Sergeant
- 11 Davidson?
- 12 COMMISSIONER NEER: No, sir.
- 13 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Thank you very much,
- 14 Sergeant.
- 15 SERGEANT DAVIDSON: Thank you.
- 16 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Mr. Seibert?
- 17 MR. SEIBERT: Next, we have the MBE/WBE
- 18 compliance review by Ms. Cheryl Bonner.
- MS. BONNER: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,
- 20 Commissioners.
- 21 On November 8th, 2017, the Missouri
- 22 Gaming Commission staff conducted a 100-percent audit
- of the MBE/WBE records for the Class B licensee Argosy
- 24 Riverside Casino. The -- the results of the audit and
- 25 specific details related to those findings are

- 1 contained within the summary report in your
- 2 possession. I'll be happy to answer any questions.
- 3 CHAIRMAN KOHN: I have a question.
- 4 MS. BONNER: Sure.
- 5 CHAIRMAN KOHN: What is their MBE/WBE
- 6 status today versus when they last were before us?
- 7 MS. BONNER: Okay. And again, these are
- 8 unaudited numbers. However, for their MBE, currently
- 9 they're at a 5 -- they're at 5.2, versus 3 -- when
- 10 they first started in twenty -- for this period, 2013,
- 11 was 3.48.
- 12 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Okay. Let me see if I
- 13 understood that.
- MS. BONNER: Okay.
- 15 CHAIRMAN KOHN: When they last applied,
- 16 they were at 3.48, now they're at five point --
- MS. BONNER: -- one six for MBE.
- 18 CHAIRMAN KOHN: For MBE. Okay.
- MS. BONNER: Uh-huh. And --
- 20 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Excuse me. What
- 21 are those? Are those numbers percentages?
- MS. BONNER: Percentages.
- 23 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Okay.
- MS. BONNER: And for WBE for '13, they were
- 25 at -- got it -- twelve -- 12.78, and right now they're

- 1 at -- these are unaudited as well -- 20.53. So that's
- 2 a big difference on their --
- 3 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: But 20.53 would be
- 4 less than what they had in 2016. Correct?
- 5 MS. BONNER: Correct. This -- this is --
- 6 that's -- yes -- '17.
- 7 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: So '17 would be
- 8 twenty --
- 9 MS. BONNER: And sometimes they have
- 10 one-time purchases that may impact that, and I always
- 11 include that in the summary.
- 12 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Because if you go
- 13 back to '15, it was only 18 and a half percent.
- MS. BONNER: Correct.
- 15 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: So it went up over 4
- 16 percent and back down. So, I mean, it's -- it may
- 17 have been an anomaly on the 2016 number.
- MS. BONNER: Correct.
- 19 CHAIRMAN KOHN: What is your target for
- 20 MBE?
- MS. BONNER: We don't have targets. It's
- 22 best efforts. And usually, that -- what I -- what I
- 23 consider best efforts is improvement year over year.
- 24 And like I said, sometimes they have one-time
- 25 purchases that may impact, where they -- they may do

- 1 some kind of construction that increases -- increases
- 2 it for one year that they're not going to do the next
- 3 year, and it may take that down. But I kind of look
- 4 at that and make sure that -- that that is what is
- 5 impacting that decrease.
- 6 CHAIRMAN KOHN: So going from 3-plus to
- 7 5-plus --
- 8 MS. BONNER: Not bad, but --
- 9 CHAIRMAN KOHN: -- in five years or so.
- 10 MS. BONNER: -- could be better. But I
- 11 think they have some -- they have some new staff in
- 12 place that I've worked closely with, and I -- I expect
- 13 improvement. And I'll work closely with them.
- 14 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any other questions?
- 15 COMMISSIONER NEER: No.
- MS. BONNER: Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Thank you very much.
- 18 Mr. Seibert?
- 19 MR. SEIBERT: Staff does recommend approval
- 20 for the Class A and Class B.
- 21 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Is there a motion with
- 22 respect to Resolution 18-006.
- 23 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Motion to approve.
- 24 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Second.
- 25 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?

- 1 Angie.
- 2 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney.
- 3 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approve.
- 4 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo.
- 5 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approve.
- 6 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer.
- 7 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approve.
- 8 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison.
- 9 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approve.
- 10 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
- 11 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 13 Resolution Number 18-006.
- 14 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Let's look at Resolution
- 15 Number 18-007. Is there a motion to approve?
- 16 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Move for adoption.
- 17 COMMISSIONER NEER: Second.
- 18 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 19 Angie.
- 20 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney.
- 21 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo.
- 23 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer.
- 25 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approve.

- 1 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison.
- 2 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approve.
- 3 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
- 4 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approve.
- 5 MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 6 Resolution Number 18-007.
- 7 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Mr. Seibert?
- 8 MR. SEIBERT: Next item of business is
- 9 consideration of licensure of fantasy sports operation
- 10 DraftKings. The presentation will be done by Ms. Jen
- 11 Aguiar.
- 12 CHAIRMAN KOHN: One of you can't be
- 13 Ms. Aguiar.
- 14 MR. DUNN: She will join me. I'm just
- 15 going to do the first part of it. So Honorable
- 16 Chairman, Commissioners, thank you.
- 17 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Can you introduce yourself,
- 18 please.
- 19 MR. DUNN: My name is Tim Dunn. I'm the
- 20 chief financial officer and chief risk officer of
- 21 DraftKings. We have a very short presentation. I'm
- 22 here just to provide a little bit of an introduction
- 23 of who DraftKings is and what we do. And Jen Aguiar
- 24 will then go through some of the key controls in our
- 25 compliance measures that are of particular concern to

- 1 the Commission.
- 2 So we are a -- a sports tech and
- 3 entertainment platform, and we provide products that
- 4 bring, you know, consumers to engage with their
- 5 favorite sports teams, their favorite sports by
- 6 bringing their -- you know, by bringing them closer to
- 7 the game. We are headquartered in Boston, and we
- 8 offer daily and weekly fantasy sports games across 10
- 9 professional sports in the United States, Canada, UK,
- 10 Malta, Germany, Ireland and Austria, soon to be
- 11 Australia.
- We were founded in 2012 by three
- 13 gentlemen who their primary backgrounds are -- are
- 14 tech, and data analytics. I joined the company in
- 15 late 2012, only shortly thereafter they launched. I
- 16 am -- safe to say that I'm one of the older gentlemen
- 17 that works at DraftKings. It is a young company, but
- 18 it has a very seasoned executive team in addition to
- 19 the three founders.
- 20 We are -- our primary shareholders are
- 21 21st Century Fox. We also have investments -- or some
- 22 of our investors are the sports leagues, team owners,
- 23 both in MBA and NFL. We're also -- the majority of
- the investors are venture-backed companies, venture
- 25 capitalists, mostly out of California.

- 1 We have over seven million registered
- 2 users. We have about 380 employees. I would say
- 3 close to half of them are technology and product
- 4 people. And we are regulated in 19 states -- or
- 5 registered in 19 states, four of which are through
- 6 additional gaming commissions. We're also licensed
- 7 and regulated in the UK; in Malta, which covers
- 8 continental Europe, and like I said, in Australia.
- 9 This is really just a quick overview of
- 10 the product, if you're not familiar with daily fantasy
- 11 sports. Most of our players -- 80 percent of them --
- 12 engage through the mobile product. We do have a
- 13 desktop product, but most of them are just through
- 14 our -- our IOS, our -- our Android app. And
- 15 basically, you just log on, you create an account, you
- 16 go through the KYC procedures to create your account.
- 17 Once you come in, you can then choose your sport. And
- 18 then you can then choose the type of fantasy sport
- 19 contest you would like to engage in, where you can do
- 20 a salary cap, where we assign a detailed salary for
- 21 each player that is playing that evening to build your
- 22 fantasy team. Or you can do what's called a pick 'em,
- 23 in which we categorize players by having high value,
- 24 medium value, and low value, and you have to select
- 25 evenly across those three groups. Once you've

- 1 selected the type of game you want to play, then you
- 2 can see the contests that are available for that
- 3 evening. And it's -- those contests that are
- 4 available for that evening are based upon the games
- 5 that are actually occurring that day or that evening.
- 6 And you can select from -- go to the next one. You
- 7 can select, you know, your -- your entry fee, how much
- 8 you want to enter into, and what is the total prize
- 9 pool, and what's the structure of the payout on that
- 10 prize pool. Once you've selected, you know, your
- 11 sport, once you've selected what type of contest and
- 12 entry fee that you want to enter into, then you get
- 13 to -- to the point where you then create your team.
- 14 And you create your -- your -- your fantasy team by
- 15 using the available, you know, fantasy salaries that
- 16 you have as if you are a GM putting together a fantasy
- 17 team for those -- for those contests or for those
- 18 professional games that are occurring on that evening,
- 19 or that day, or that week. Once the games start,
- 20 you're locked. You can no longer make changes to
- 21 your -- to your fantasy team. And then from there,
- 22 you're then just watching the results of the contests,
- 23 see how you are faring against other people who
- 24 participate in the contests. And that's all based
- 25 upon the statistical performance of the players that

- 1 you selected. And their statistical performance will
- 2 then generate points. And the person who has the most
- 3 points wins the contest. That's how daily fantasy
- 4 sports works at DraftKings.
- 5 With that, I'll hand it over to the --
- 6 unless there's any questions with regard to the game
- 7 or the company, I'll hand it over to Jen, and she can
- 8 go through some of the key controls at DraftKings with
- 9 regard to our --
- 10 COMMISSIONER NEER: I have a question on --
- 11 maybe later, you'll answer later who establishes the
- 12 pay-out on the games.
- 13 MR. DUNN: We establish them at the time
- 14 that we create the contest.
- 15 COMMISSIONER NEER: Is that based on how
- 16 much is put into that game by --
- 17 MR. DUNN: No. It's fixed.
- 18 COMMISSIONER NEER: -- contestants?
- 19 MR. DUNN: No. It is fixed. So for
- 20 example, if we -- if we post a game that is \$1000, and
- 21 it requires, you know, 100 participants, if only 90
- 22 participants join, we are still paying out the --
- 23 the -- the \$1000. So it's not a pari-mutuel. It is --
- 24 it is -- it -- the prize pool is fixed and
- 25 determinable at the time that we create the contest.

- 1 So the company has a risk of, you know, making sure
- 2 that it can fill its contests.
- 3 COMMISSIONER NEER: So each contest can't
- 4 have a different pay-out?
- 5 MR. DUNN: No. They cannot have a
- 6 different pay-out. The pay schedules and the pay-out,
- 7 you know, who gets first, who gets second, third,
- 8 those are all -- those are all fixed and defined at
- 9 the time the contest is started -- or is created.
- 10 COMMISSIONER NEER: Thank you.
- 11 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Per contest.
- 12 Different contests --
- MR. DUNN: That is right.
- 14 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: -- can have a
- 15 different amount.
- MR. DUNN: That is right. That is right.
- 17 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Which of you is
- 18 going to address the protection for player funds,
- 19 which -- it's no secret -- has been a concern of this
- 20 Commission?
- MR. DUNN: That is going to be Jen.
- 22 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Thank you.
- 23 MR. DUNN: I can certainly answer
- 24 questions.
- MS. AGUIAR: Hi. Thank you. I'm Jen

- 1 Aguiar. I'm the VP of compliance and risk management,
- 2 and I report in to Tim.
- 3 So I'm going to go through a couple of
- 4 areas. First and foremost, the ID verification
- 5 process. Essentially, we have several layers of
- 6 protection as it comes to ID verification. And that's
- 7 both from an age and location perspective.
- 8 Initially, the terms of use, because we
- 9 are offering the products in different states, we have
- 10 different age requirements based on -- on what the
- 11 rules are in those states. So what -- the terms of
- 12 use actually outline the age and the jurisdiction, and
- 13 what the rules are there. And when the participant
- 14 actually logs in, we use geolocation technology to
- 15 identify where they're located. And that's based on
- 16 either GPS signal, their cellular, and their IP
- 17 address. So we're locating where they are, and then
- 18 that will drive basically the age -- the minimum age
- 19 requirement they're required to -- to -- to have in
- 20 order to basically play on our site. At that point,
- 21 when the individual enters in their information, if
- 22 they put in a date of birth that is under the -- the
- 23 required minimum, they are not allowed to play, and
- 24 they would not be able to move forward on the
- 25 application. Basically, if they successfully create

- 1 an account, they'll go through a more formal age and
- 2 identify verification upon initial deposit, or when
- 3 they actually set up the account. Basically, if they
- 4 cannot be positively identified as being located in a
- 5 jurisdiction that permits -- permits our product, they
- 6 will not be able to move forward and participate in
- 7 any paid games. And they're also prohibited from
- 8 making deposits or entering paid contests at that
- 9 point. So there's restrictions throughout the
- 10 different components of the process that would then
- 11 stop them if they don't meet the appropriate criteria.
- 12 We use a third -- a leading third-party provider known
- 13 as CAMS, which is an aggregate provider of a bunch of
- 14 KYC providers, which are basically companies like
- 15 IDology or a LexisNexis that actually have the
- 16 technology to let us know that somebody is who they
- 17 say that they are. We use the name, date of birth and
- 18 address that are provided by the user, run it through
- 19 the -- the CAMS product. And basically anyone that
- 20 cannot be identified has to go through a secondary
- 21 review process. They would not be able to move
- 22 forward until they essentially provide documentation
- 23 to our -- through our document upload process that
- 24 would identify who they actually are, and go through a
- 25 manual review.

- 1 CHAIRMAN KOHN: How long -- how long does
- 2 that process take?
- 3 MS. AGUIAR: It depends. So that part --
- 4 the initial process, as far as running through the --
- 5 the identity verification systems, is almost
- 6 instantaneous. If there is a problem, like if they
- 7 can't be verified at that point, we would then reach
- 8 out to them. They would -- they would be aware that
- 9 they're not allowed to move forward until they've then
- 10 supplied the appropriate documentation. So it really
- 11 depends at that point on when the -- the customer
- 12 provides that documentation.
- 13 CHAIRMAN KOHN: So they might miss the game
- 14 that they --
- 15 MS. AGUIAR: Exactly. They wouldn't be --
- 16 they -- at that point, they wouldn't even be able to
- 17 enter into any games or anything. They're blocked
- 18 until their identity is verified. Again, if -- if
- 19 they go through that verification process, and we
- 20 cannot validate that the -- the documents are legit to
- 21 satisfy the age, we would not allow them to go
- 22 through, and they would not be able to enter into any
- 23 paid contests, make any deposits, or take any action
- 24 on the site at that point.
- 25 In addition to -- to those account

- 1 verification measures, we have the -- we have
- 2 additional measures that -- regarding parents,
- 3 responsible gaming. Essentially, if a parent suspects
- 4 that a minor is playing, they can contact us, and we
- 5 will then ensure that they're restricted, and not
- 6 allowed to play on the site any longer. We also have
- 7 a fraud team that investigates any suspicion
- 8 activities that -- that come through. And in the
- 9 event that somebody is determined to be a minor, we'll
- 10 close the account, refund any deposits that have been
- 11 made on the account, and then notify the user of
- 12 the -- the closure, and essentially blacklist the
- 13 devices that they're on so they're not allowed to come
- 14 through our process again.
- 15 Additionally, we have parental controls
- 16 on our site that allows software to be downloaded for
- 17 parents so that the user would not be -- the minor
- 18 user would not be able to come to our site.
- 19 We also look at unusual deposit amounts
- 20 in patterns. So if somebody has like a high --
- 21 high-dollar deposit amount, we'll do additional due
- 22 diligence on them to make sure that they're -- they're
- 23 basically able to kind of afford the -- the process,
- 24 that they are who they say they are, and that they're
- 25 essentially allowed to go through.

- 1 And then, again, we have a -- a multitude
- 2 of additional alerts for other suspicious activity.
- 3 So if somebody is, you know, trying to enter a game
- 4 very quickly, you know, and -- or setting up an
- 5 account and then withdrawing the funds very quickly,
- 6 then we'll -- that will be alerted and we'll
- 7 investigate and make a determination on if we have to
- 8 close or restrict the account accordingly.
- 9 And we also have controls in place for
- 10 multi-accounting so somebody can't come in and set up
- 11 multiple accounts with the same name, the same payment
- 12 method that -- that they've used. So we can see those
- in our system, and we'll block anybody that tries to
- 14 create multiple accounts, which would then give them a
- 15 potential leg-up.
- So those are -- those are the kind of
- 17 initial age and geolocation controls and verification.
- 18 If there are any questions before I move on to the
- 19 segregation of funds and how that actually works.
- 20 CHAIRMAN KOHN: I have a question, but I'm
- 21 not sure if it falls in either category that you've --
- MS. AGUIAR: Okay.
- 23 CHAIRMAN KOHN: -- that you've described.
- 24 I'm just wondering about operationally. Last year,
- 25 around the Superbowl, there was a tremendous amount of

- 1 advertising. And I can't remember if it was
- 2 DraftKings, or FanDuel, or somebody else. But there
- 3 was a lot of it. And this year, there wasn't. Has
- 4 there been a basic change in the way you operate?
- 5 MR. DUNN: Yes. Back in 2015 and early
- 6 2016, both DraftKings and FanDuel were in a very --
- 7 kind of very competitive race to try to grab market
- 8 share. And in that situation, both companies were
- 9 spending a lot on marketing. Since then, both
- 10 companies have -- have kind of more kind of adjusted
- 11 their marketing spend, and it's more or less no
- 12 longer -- you know, we -- we spent a lot of money in
- 13 2015. We were able to raise awareness. We were both
- 14 able to grow our companies. But there's only so much
- 15 money you spend on raising awareness, and we pretty
- 16 much spent that in 2015. And so therefore, we've now
- 17 kind of -- you know, since then, in 2016 and 2017,
- 18 we've more kind of normalized our -- our marketing
- 19 spend. And that is the reason why you're not seeing
- 20 us as frequently as you did say, you know, 2015 or
- 21 2016.
- 22 CHAIRMAN KOHN: And the result of that on
- 23 your revenues has been --
- MR. DUNN: It's been very positive.
- 25 Because, you know, we acquired a lot of players in

- 1 2015. And typically what we see is that, you know, a
- 2 certain percentage will drop off and not play again.
- 3 But then we'll see that there are -- you know, there's
- 4 a pretty big -- you know, 40 to 50 percent of the
- 5 players will continue to play. Right? And then if
- 6 you just keep layering on, then, players that you
- 7 acquired in 2016 and 2017, then you start having a
- 8 base of players that is now, you know, continuing to
- 9 play at DraftKings or at FanDuel, you know, for the
- 10 most part, you know, during specific sports seasons.
- 11 Most of our players don't play through, you know, the
- 12 entire year. They're -- they're really interested in
- 13 either baseball or football or basketball, but they're
- 14 not necessarily, you know, vested and playing at a --
- 15 at a high rate in all sports. And so, you know,
- 16 through the years of us investing in marketing, we've
- 17 been able to build a -- a player base that is now
- 18 frequently engaging in our -- in our products, and is
- 19 now driving sustainable revenues.
- 20 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Go ahead.
- MS. AGUIAR: So the last section was
- 22 maintaining cash reserves and the segregation of
- 23 funds.
- 24 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Want to talk into the
- 25 microphone. I'm not sure --

- 1 MS. AGUIAR: Oh, sorry.
- 2 CHAIRMAN KOHN: -- the people in the back
- 3 can hear you.
- 4 MS. AGUIAR: So DraftKings is currently
- 5 complying with both Subsections A and B of 11 CSR 45
- 6 through 40. We have set up a special-purpose entity
- 7 to segregate the operational funds, preventing the use
- 8 of player funds for business purposes, and basically
- 9 essentially protecting the player funds in the event
- 10 of financial distress or bankruptcy. We've -- we have
- 11 an independent directive that provides certain
- 12 safeguards with regards to our funds held in SPE.
- 13 Additionally, under the SPE, DraftKings has set up a
- 14 custodial agreement with MVB Bank that essentially
- 15 meets or exceeds the criteria which are set forth in
- 16 the regulations. So we established an account held in
- 17 trust for the benefit of the Missouri players. We
- 18 essentially set it up so that no money can be released
- 19 without the written -- the written instructions from
- 20 you all. And essentially, to minimize the
- 21 transactions requiring the approval -- the approval of
- 22 you for us to do anything in the account, we're
- 23 essentially intending to overfund the reserve account.
- 24 And then it really can only be amended with prior --
- 25 prior permission from the commission. And

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1 essentially, DraftKings has no interest in the -- in
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- 2 the title or the reserve related to the Missouri
- 3 player funds or any of the funds under our SPE
- 4 agreement. So we've done this for Missouri. We set
- 5 up a specific account for Missouri purposes that's
- 6 separate.
- 7 CHAIRMAN KOHN: And we very much appreciate
- 8 you taking that extra step for the protection of our
- 9 residents.
- MS. AGUIAR: Thank you.
- 11 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Can I ask one
- 12 question on that point real quick.
- MS. AGUIAR: Certainly.
- 14 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: So as far as that
- 15 account goes --
- MS. AGUIAR: Yep.
- 17 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: -- is there interest
- 18 that's generated from that reserve?
- MS. AGUIAR: There is interest that's
- 20 generated from the reserve.
- 21 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Okay. And where
- 22 does -- where does that interest go?
- MS. AGUIAR: At this point, it's -- it's
- 24 staying in the --
- 25 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Okay.

- 1 MS. AGUIAR: -- in the account. So that
- 2 wouldn't be transferred or moved --
- 3 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Okay.
- 4 MS. AGUIAR: -- without the permission.
- 5 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Okay. Thanks.
- 6 MS. AGUIAR: Is there any other questions?
- 7 CHAIRMAN KOHN: No. And I know we're going
- 8 to have an investigative report on our side. Any
- 9 other questions for the company?
- 10 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: No, sir.
- 11 COMMISSIONER NEER: Not at this time.
- 12 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: No.
- 13 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Thank you very much, both
- 14 of you, for the report. Ed, don't leave. I have a
- 15 question for our counsel.
- MR. GREWACH: Yes.
- 17 CHAIRMAN KOHN: The agreement that was just
- 18 referenced between DraftKings and -- or the DraftKing
- 19 separate entity and the bank -- MVB Bank -- have you
- 20 read that agreement?
- 21 MR. GREWACH: I have. I've reviewed it. I
- 22 was involved with the -- negotiating the terms of that
- 23 agreement to make sure they complied with the
- 24 regulation and all the Commission's requirements.
- 25 CHAIRMAN KOHN: And you're satisfied that

- 1 it does?
- 2 MR. GREWACH: I am. The written agreement
- 3 provides the -- the items that Ms. Aguiar pointed out,
- 4 and the key being that none of the funds can be
- 5 withdraw without express written permission from the
- 6 Commission.
- 7 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any other questions of Ed?
- 8 Mr. Seibert?
- 9 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: I'm sorry.
- 10 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Go ahead.
- 11 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: So let me tell you
- 12 what -- what my concern with this is. As far as the
- 13 interest goes, my concern is who actually has the
- 14 right to that interest. Because the question would be
- 15 whatever entity has right to that interest, if they
- 16 would declare bankruptcy say in a Chapter 11 to become
- 17 a debtor in possession, or if should go to a trustee,
- 18 then that debtor in possession or trustee would have a
- 19 fiduciary obligation to both creditors and potentially
- 20 equity holders to make sure that all the assets
- 21 remained within the estate or within the possession of
- 22 the debtor in possession. So the concern I guess
- 23 would be if the court would determine that that was an
- 24 asset of DraftKings -- in other words, they would
- 25 determine that that interest that was generated does

- 1 not belong -- does not belong to the State of
- 2 Missouri, but was actually property of the entity that
- 3 was declaring bankruptcy, could freeze the assets
- 4 until the confirmation of any bankruptcy plan, or
- 5 until they were dismissed in Chapter 7. So I guess
- 6 the concern would be not necessarily that
- 7 DraftKings -- the creditors would seize the assets --
- 8 the money that belongs to us -- but that everything
- 9 would get frozen during the pendency of any potential
- 10 bankruptcy because of fiduciary obligation that the
- 11 debtor in possession would have. It would have to,
- 12 until it was determined who that interest belonged to.
- 13 So, you know, that's my hesitation with it. I mean,
- 14 I'm still a little unclear as to where this interest
- 15 goes, and who has a right to that interest.
- 16 MR. GREWACH: Well, to -- to kind of walk
- 17 through that process, that's why we have the trust
- 18 account held in the special purpose entity's name.
- 19 And if the bankruptcy was -- if the operating company
- 20 filed bankruptcy, the special purpose entity would not
- 21 be a debtor in possession. That's -- the special
- 22 purpose entity is the holder of that trust account.
- 23 Now, that being said, you know, the bankruptcy courts,
- 24 as you probably know, have very broad equity powers.
- 25 But essentially at that point in time, absent the

- 1 substantive consolidation of the two companies, which
- 2 I'll get into in a second, the debtor in possession --
- 3 the operating company -- may have a claim to certain
- 4 receivables, could be receivable from a credit card
- 5 company, it could be receivable from PayPal, it could
- 6 be receivable from this account.
- 7 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Right.
- 8 MR. GREWACH: Could be money -- because
- 9 really, all we're entitled to under the rule is the
- 10 amount of deposits made by Missouri residents. And so
- 11 the excess that's held over and above that really
- 12 would be a receivable of the operating company. So
- 13 the debtor in possession of the bankruptcy could then
- 14 say I want -- you know, just like any -- like they
- 15 make any other claim on any receivable from any other
- 16 entity.
- 17 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Yeah.
- 18 MR. GREWACH: Now, the rule requires, and
- 19 the -- and the operating agreement of the special
- 20 purpose entity states that the special purpose entity
- 21 itself cannot file bankruptcy without unanimous
- 22 agreement of all its directors, including its
- 23 independent director, and it can't file bankruptcy
- 24 without our express written consent. So the special
- 25 purpose entity filing bankruptcy would be outside its

- 1 authority under the articles of organization. And
- then, you know, on top of that, you have that extra
- 3 protection that it's in a trust account and -- and
- 4 then the trust account is set up in such a way that
- 5 with the agreement between the -- with the -- with the
- 6 special purpose entity and the bank, we have the right
- 7 to demand the withdrawal of those funds. And then in
- 8 that process, then, we would interplead them into Cole
- 9 County, we would identify through the interpleader the
- 10 Missouri residents and pay them. And it's certainly
- 11 possible after that process there might still be money
- 12 going over to the operating company after all that
- 13 stuff's done. But -- but that's how --
- 14 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: So those funds that
- 15 our clients -- I'm sorry -- our constituents' funds
- 16 and the interest that's generated, we agree that
- 17 doesn't belong to the players. Those are commingled?
- 18 Those funds would be commingled in the same trust
- 19 account?
- 20 MR. GREWACH: They would. They would.
- 21 Because that account would be earning interest, and --
- 22 and it would have player fund deposits and some
- 23 interest included. Now, whatever that amount is --
- 24 and how it would work also, technically, going forward
- is once they're licensed, on the 15th of each month,

- 1 DraftKings would have to send us a -- a documentation
- 2 of the amount of Missouri player funds they hold and
- 3 the amount in their account. And they wouldn't be
- 4 able to withdraw any money out of this account unless
- 5 they had more money in the account than they had owed
- 6 to Missouri players. And then if it's short then in
- 7 that report, then we'd make a demand on them to
- 8 bring -- to -- to add additional funding to that
- 9 account. But on a monthly basis, we're going to be
- 10 checking this, checking the documentation to make sure
- 11 there is an adequate amount in that account to -- to
- 12 cover the Missouri players. As Ms. Aguiar said,
- 13 they're going -- and they have over-funded that. I
- 14 don't know what the percentage is. I don't recall.
- 15 But a certain percent to give a little cushion. And
- 16 we were more comfortable with that than trying to hit
- 17 an exact number, because the amount of Missouri player
- 18 funds they hold changes minute to minute. You know?
- 19 CHAIRMAN KOHN: I think it was about 110
- 20 percent, as I recall.
- 21 MR. GREWACH: Yeah. I think that sounds
- 22 right. Yes. That's right.
- 23 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any other questions of our
- 24 counsel?
- 25 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Yes. I have one more

- 1 question. Sorry to belabor this point. But I guess
- 2 the concern, again, would be -- let's just say, you
- 3 know, the entity DraftKings declares bankruptcy,
- 4 becomes a debtor in possession. And they call upon
- 5 this trust, as you said, as an account receivable.
- 6 And so they then request that all of the interest
- 7 that's drawn off this principal is now part of the
- 8 bankruptcy estate. And then our people come in and
- 9 say well, DraftKings is no longer in existence, I've
- 10 got a thousand bucks in that account, I want my money
- 11 back. And so then we seek to get that money back. At
- 12 the same time, then, the -- the fiduciary, the debtor
- 13 in possession or the -- the bankruptcy trustee says
- 14 no, we need to keep that revenue generating, because
- 15 that accounts receivable is not a one-time payment.
- 16 It's an ongoing -- changes minute to minute. So we --
- 17 we need to keep that revenue continuing in order to
- 18 fund the bankruptcy estate. That's I think where the
- 19 conflict is. You know, and for me, I think that
- 20 that's an issue that I still don't have an answer to
- 21 is, you know, why is it not a breach of fiduciary duty
- 22 for the debtor in possession to say okay, State of
- 23 Missouri, go ahead and take all that money out? I
- 24 mean, I think it would be. And I think that they're
- 25 going to make a strong push with the bankruptcy judge

- 1 to say that money has to stay there until we have
- 2 confirmation of a plan. Because as soon as you take
- 3 that out, our equity and our creditors now no longer
- 4 have account receivable based upon that principal.
- 5 And that's the problem I have with this interest being
- 6 generated as an asset belonging to the potential
- 7 debtor in possession.
- 8 MR. GREWACH: And again, given the broad
- 9 equity powers of the bankruptcy court, I would never
- 10 discount or say that wouldn't occur. Obviously at
- 11 that point our argument is that that account is not
- 12 property of the debtor in possession, that's property
- 13 of the SPE. So that -- that would be our response at
- 14 that point.
- 15 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Let me have you hold off
- 16 for five minutes, because we may be talking about that
- 17 again. But let's finish up here. Mr. Seibert?
- 18 MR. SEIBERT: The investigative summary
- 19 will be presented by Lieutenant Ed Aylward.
- 20 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Lieutenant Aylward,
- 21 welcome.
- 22 LIEUTENANT AYLWARD: Good morning,
- 23 Commissioners, Mr. Chairman. I remembered this time.
- 24 Missouri Gaming Commission staff,
- 25 financial investigators with the Missouri Gaming

- 1 Commission, and Missouri State Highway Patrol
- 2 investigators completed application reviews and
- 3 verification of statutory compliance for the following
- 4 fantasy sports operators who have applied for
- 5 licensure with State of Missouri: FanDuel,
- 6 Incorporated; Sports Hub Technologies, doing business
- 7 as CDMSports; and DraftKings, Incorporated.
- 8 The results of these reviews and
- 9 statutory verification were provided to the MGC staff,
- 10 and you have all related summaries before you. Thank
- 11 you.
- 12 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any questions of Lieutenant
- 13 Aylward? All right. Mr. Seibert, do you want to give
- 14 us a staff recommendation?
- MR. SEIBERT: Staff does recommend
- 16 approval.
- 17 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Okay. So here's where we
- 18 are. And this is why I said to wait just a minute.
- 19 We have three applications that we're considering and
- 20 voting on this morning. Two of them we discussed in
- 21 closed session in our last meeting. We have not
- 22 discussed DraftKings in closed session at this point.
- 23 So if any of the commissioners would like to go into
- 24 closed session at this point to have a further
- 25 discussion on these applications, we will do so. If

- 1 not, we'll move ahead and vote on the applications.
- 2 So my question is of the Commission is there a desire
- 3 to go into closed session at this time?
- 4 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: I have a desire to do
- 5 so, Chairman.
- 6 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Sorry?
- 7 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: I do. I guess I
- 8 would make a motion, then.
- 9 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Well, you can't. Only
- 10 Brian can.
- 11 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: I move to close the
- 12 meeting under Sections --
- 13 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Whoa, whoa, whoa,
- 14 whoa, whoa. I know you want to do that, but --
- 15 COMMISSIONER NEER: Doesn't he have to have
- 16 a second?
- 17 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: I was just going to
- 18 say the issue that has been raised I think's common to
- 19 all of these applications. Do we want to -- does
- 20 DraftKings have a -- or is there anybody else, I
- 21 should say, that has something that they want to
- 22 present before we go into closed session on that
- 23 issue? Does that -- does that make sense?
- 24 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Anybody on the --
- 25 commissioners?

- 1 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: No. Any -- any of
- 2 the other applicants.
- 3 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Okay.
- 4 MR. GREWACH: There is a representative of
- 5 FanDuel here. Now, they did present at the prior
- 6 meeting. I asked Corey Fox from FanDuel to come. And
- 7 I -- basically I asked him to come here to be able to
- 8 answer any questions that the Commission had. I don't
- 9 know that he has a presentation ready.
- 10 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Okay. Then we
- 11 don't need to do that. We don't need to do that. I
- 12 apologize, Brian.
- 13 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: No problem.
- 14 CHAIRMAN KOHN: All right. Go ahead and
- 15 make your motion.
- 16 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: I move to close the
- 17 meeting under Sections 313.945, Revised Missouri
- 18 Statutes, investigatory, proprietary and application
- 19 records; and 610.021 Subparagraph 14, Revised Missouri
- 20 Statutes, records protected from disclosure by law.
- 21 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Is there a second to the
- 22 motion?
- 23 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Second.
- 24 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 25 Angie.

- 1 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney.
- 2 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approve.
- 3 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo.
- 4 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approve.
- 5 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer.
- 6 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approve.
- 7 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison.
- 8 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approve.
- 9 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
- 10 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approve. Okay. So here's
- 11 where we are. As I think most of you know, we have a
- 12 lot more material to cover in our meeting, and which
- 13 will involve some of you sitting out here. We'll try
- 14 and make this as brief as possible, and come back out
- 15 and conclude the business that we have remaining on
- 16 the agenda. So -- and then we'll have another closed
- 17 session at the end which will be our regular closed
- 18 session. This one will be specifically to talk about
- 19 this one issue. So I hope we'll be back out shortly.
- 20 (OFF THE RECORD.)
- 21 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Okay. Going back to staff
- 22 recommendation, why don't you repeat that,
- 23 Mr. Seibert.
- MR. SEIBERT: Staff does recommended
- 25 approval for FanDuel. Staff recommends approval for

- 1 SportsHub and Fan -- or excuse me. Staff recommends
- 2 approval for DraftKings.
- 3 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Okay. Is there a motion
- 4 with respect to Resolution 18-008 which is FanDuel?
- 5 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Motion to approve.
- 6 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Seconded.
- 7 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 8 Angie.
- 9 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney.
- 10 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approve.
- 11 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo.
- 12 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer.
- 14 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison.
- 16 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
- 18 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approve.
- 19 MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 20 Resolution Number 18-008.
- 21 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Is there a motion with
- 22 respect to 18-009 for Sports Hub Technologies?
- 23 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: So moved.
- 24 COMMISSIONER NEER: Second.
- 25 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?

- 1 Angie.
- 2 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney.
- 3 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approve.
- 4 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo.
- 5 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approve.
- 6 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer.
- 7 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approve.
- 8 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison.
- 9 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approve.
- 10 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
- 11 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: By your vote you've adopted
- 13 Resolution Number 18-009.
- 14 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Is there a motion with
- respect to Resolution 18-010 for DraftKings?
- 16 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Motion to approve.
- 17 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Second.
- 18 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 19 Angie.
- 20 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney.
- 21 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Sorry, did you want to
- 22 discuss, Dan?
- 23 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: I think we did.
- 24 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Okay. All right. Go
- ahead.

- 1 MS. FRANKS: Okay. Commissioner Finney.
- 2 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approve.
- 3 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo.
- 4 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approve.
- 5 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer.
- 6 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approve.
- 7 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison.
- 8 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approve.
- 9 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
- 10 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approve.
- 11 MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 12 Resolution Number 18-010.
- 13 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Mr. Seibert?
- MR. SEIBERT: Next order of business,
- 15 Mr. Chairman, is consideration of disciplinary
- 16 actions. Mr. Ed Grewach will present.
- 17 MR. GREWACH: Thank you, Director Seibert,
- 18 Mr. Chairman, Commissioners.
- 19 Under Tab E we have a preliminary order
- 20 of discipline directed to Lumiere Place Casino for
- 21 supplying alcohol to a minor, allowing alcoholic
- 22 drinks to be taken off the premises, and failing to
- 23 report a violation for incidents that occurred on June
- 24 30th, 2017 at the Wet Willy's bar at the casino
- 25 property.

- Now, Wet Willy's bar opened on December
- 2 22nd, 2015. Under the statute, the Commission has
- 3 exclusive licensing jurisdiction over any liquor
- 4 outlet that's on the casino floor or on property
- 5 adjacent to it owned and operated by the casino. In
- 6 the Wet Willy's -- particular outlet's license, it is
- 7 limited to consumption on the casino premises. The
- 8 physical setup of the bar is that it's a walk-up
- 9 counter off the gaming floor in -- it's not enclosed
- 10 in any area. It's open to the general public,
- 11 including access to areas accessible by minors.
- In this particular case, a 16-year-old
- 13 and an adult relative walked up to the counter and
- 14 ordered drinks. The bartender did take the
- 15 16-year-old's identification and ran it through the
- 16 Veridocs, but did not wait for the result of the
- 17 Veridocs to come back. She put the drinks on the
- 18 counter, the 16-year-old took the drink and began to
- 19 walk away from the counter. At that point in time,
- 20 the bartender did look at the Veridocs and saw that it
- 21 was -- that he was a minor, and retrieved the drink
- 22 from the 16-year-old. The 16-year-old and his adult
- 23 relative then walked a few feet away from the bar,
- 24 spoke to another acquaintance named Huddleston. They
- 25 gave Huddleston the money. Huddleston walked back up

- 1 to the counter and bought the same drink that had been
- 2 prepared for the 16-year-old. The three of them then
- 3 walked out of the entrance of the casino, where
- 4 Huddleston handed the drink to the 16-year-old, and
- 5 the 16-year-old and the adult relative got into a car
- 6 and drove off of the casino property.
- 7 Background I think is important in this
- 8 case, in that from the opening, the Commission has
- 9 expressed concern about the physical layout and the
- 10 business model of that -- of that outlet increasing
- 11 the risk of violations for these types of
- 12 violations -- minors obtaining drinks, people leaving
- 13 the premises with the drinks. As a matter of fact, as
- 14 you see in your materials, in the 18 months from the
- 15 opening until this particular incident, there were 19
- 16 separate incidents in which a notice of investigation
- 17 for violations were -- were issued to this specific
- 18 outlet. They range from supplying alcohol to minors,
- 19 allowing patrons to buy alcohol, and leaving the
- 20 premises. And in six of those incidents, the MGC sent
- 21 letters to the casino directing them to take steps to
- 22 prevent a future violation.
- 23 The recommendation in this case is a
- 24 \$5000 fine. I will also note that we did have a
- 25 meeting at Lumiere Place with both representatives of

- 1 Lumiere and of Wet Willy's last Thursday to discuss
- 2 alternatives with which to address -- to address this
- 3 issue.
- 4 CHAIRMAN KOHN: What are alternatives?
- 5 MR. GREWACH: Well --
- 6 CHAIRMAN KOHN: What should they be doing?
- 7 MR. GREWACH: You know, we had -- you know,
- 8 we gave our input at that meeting, but we really
- 9 basically left it up to them, and indicated to them
- 10 that we're -- you know, we have to react to the
- 11 results. You know, whatever steps they take, whether
- 12 it's, you know, putting signs up, or putting something
- on a lid of the container indicating that you can't
- 14 take the drink off the premises, you know, we're
- 15 really interested in the violations stopping. So
- 16 while we did give some input and thoughts, we really
- 17 left it up to the property to -- to address those
- 18 issues.
- 19 COMMISSIONER NEER: Is this on a gaming
- 20 floor, or off -- off the gaming floor?
- MR. GREWACH: It's off the gaming floor,
- 22 which I think adds to the risks and the types of
- 23 violations that you've seen.
- 24 CHAIRMAN KOHN: But -- but a lot of these
- 25 prior ones are under-age. Correct? So that comes

- 1 into an identification process as opposed to walking
- 2 off the premises.
- 3 MR. GREWACH: Correct. I think you can
- 4 separate those as you read them. Some are maybe
- 5 training issues, as far as identifying a false ID,
- 6 or -- or even how -- even checking an ID. You know,
- 7 someone maybe didn't check an ID when they should
- 8 have. The physical layout, though, is the one that
- 9 lends itself to those two. The -- what we referred to
- 10 in our meeting as the hand-off problem. You know,
- 11 buy -- walk up to the counter, buy a drink, and walk,
- 12 in this case, just a few feet away and hand it to a --
- 13 to a minor; and the -- and the property -- and the
- 14 drinks leaving the premises.
- 15 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: And how does this
- 16 compare -- you had mentioned I think 19 violations in
- 17 18 months. How does this compare to the rate of
- 18 violations at other properties? Is this a real
- 19 outlier?
- 20 MR. GREWACH: You know, I really don't have
- 21 the numbers to back that up. But just anecdotally, I
- 22 can -- I don't know that I've seen this many
- 23 violations in that time span for one liquor outlet
- 24 since I've been.
- 25 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: And have they been

- 1 fined on any of the previous ones?
- 2 MR. GREWACH: I don't believe so. This is
- 3 the first fine that we're recommending.
- 4 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Okay. I was
- 5 having -- some of the abbreviations as to what
- 6 happened were a little inscrutable to me. I was
- 7 having a hard time figuring out what the result was.
- 8 MR. GREWACH: We do have a lot of acronyms.
- 9 NPL is a non-punitive letter. That's the letter that
- 10 we send to them that I was discussing earlier saying
- 11 you violated, we're not going to take action now, but
- 12 you need to fix this. And to my count, there's been
- 13 six of those sent during this time period.
- 14 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Looked like there
- 15 were some suspensions. Were those for employees, or
- 16 was that to shut the -- the bar down for a day?
- 17 MR. GREWACH: Those were for the employees.
- 18 Now, we -- under the rule, we -- we do have the
- 19 authority, although we -- it's not included in this
- 20 recommendation, to suspend a liquor license, similar
- 21 to what liquor control would have for a specific time
- 22 period.
- 23 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any other questions of Ed?
- 24 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Well, you brought up
- 25 liquor control. Have they weighed in on this?

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1 MR. GREWACH: They have not. No. No.
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- 2 This is outside their jurisdiction, so --
- 3 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any other questions? Is
- 4 there a motion with respect to DC-18-006?
- 5 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: So moved.
- 6 COMMISSIONER NEER: Second.
- 7 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 8 Ed, I don't know -- I don't think you mentioned what
- 9 the fine is.
- 10 MR. GREWACH: \$5000.
- 11 CHAIRMAN KOHN: \$5000. Yeah. Okay. I
- 12 just wanted to make sure we had it on the record. Any
- 13 discussion on the motion? Angie.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney.
- 15 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo.
- 17 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer.
- 19 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approve.
- 20 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison.
- 21 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
- 23 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 25 DC-18-006.

- 1 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Ed, you're on for the
- 2 foreseeable future.
- MR. GREWACH: Under Tab F, we have a
- 4 preliminary order of discipline also directed to
- 5 Lumiere Place Casino for using unapproved table games
- 6 layouts in violation of minimum internal control
- 7 standards D-12.01. That rule requires that the MGC
- 8 approve any table game layout prior to it being placed
- 9 into play.
- 10 On June 20th, 2017 the Commission
- 11 received a shipping approval request for a table game
- 12 layout from a supplier. Now, the shipping approval
- 13 request isn't required. It was sent to us in error.
- 14 But that caused the employee that received it to look
- 15 at that layout and compare it to the approved layout.
- 16 And she found that it did not match the approved
- 17 layout. That, in turn, caused her to do an additional
- 18 investigation to look at the layouts on the floor,
- 19 compare them to the layouts that she had in the
- 20 records as approved layouts. And in the course of
- 21 that, she found that there were 11 layouts which
- 22 impacted 42 of the 62 table games that were -- had not
- 23 been approved by the Commission. Now, the majority of
- 24 those did involve design changes or color changes,
- 25 although there were two other significant ones. One

- 1 table layout contained a side bet on the layout which
- 2 was not approved in the rules of the game. As
- 3 background, for every table game, we require that
- 4 the -- the casino submit the rules of the game to us
- 5 so that if there is any patron dispute or problem or
- 6 issue, we can then check the rules of the game. And
- 7 in this case, the layout had a bet that was not
- 8 authorized in the rules of the game. In another table
- 9 layout, there was a payout that was not authorized,
- 10 and didn't match up the rules of the game that we had
- 11 on file from the casino.
- The staff recommendation was a \$5000
- 13 fine. We sent that to the casino. In response, the
- 14 casino pointed out that most of the violations were
- 15 design issues, that they had had a change in the table
- 16 game department leadership, and that they had fixed or
- 17 were working to fix the problem. Staff, in looking at
- 18 that response, felt that because of the scope of the
- 19 problem, the number of layouts involved, and the fact
- 20 that those two specific problems could very well have
- 21 affected a patron and the payout of the game, to
- 22 continue to pursue the recommendation of the \$5000
- 23 fine.
- 24 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any questions of Ed? Is
- 25 there a motion with respect to DC-18-007?

- 1 COMMISSIONER NEER: Motion to approve.
- 2 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Second.
- 3 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 4 Angie.
- 5 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney.
- 6 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approve.
- 7 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo.
- 8 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approve.
- 9 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer.
- 10 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approve.
- 11 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison.
- 12 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
- 14 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 16 DC-18-007.
- 17 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Ed.
- MR. GREWACH: Tab G, we have a preliminary
- 19 order of discipline directed to River City Casino for
- 20 a repeat audit finding for failing to count an imprest
- 21 bank, in this case a slot wallet, at least once every
- 22 seven days as required by minimum internal control
- 23 standards H-3.10.
- 24 Staff conducted its routine regulatory
- 25 compliance audit for -- and in the process of that

- 1 audit, as you probably know from prior cases, the
- 2 issues are discussed while the audit's going on.
- 3 There's a formal exit conference, which in this case
- 4 took place on June 15th, 2016. A report that was
- 5 issued on August 8th, 2016. And then in -- and in it,
- 6 one of those findings was that there was a slot wallet
- 7 which had not been counted for 340 days. We received
- 8 a management response indicating that the audit --
- 9 wallets would be audited daily. In the follow-up to
- 10 that audit, it was found that a -- another slot
- 11 wallet -- a different one -- had not been counted for
- 12 118 days. And the recommended fine for this follow-up
- 13 repeat audit finding is \$2500.
- 14 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Questions of Ed? Is there
- a motion with respect to 18-008?
- 16 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Motion to approve.
- 17 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Second.
- 18 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 19 Angie.
- 20 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney.
- 21 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo.
- 23 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer.
- 25 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approve.

- 1 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison.
- 2 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approve.
- 3 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
- 4 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approve.
- 5 MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 6 DC-18-008.
- 7 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Harrah's?
- 8 MR. GREWACH: Yes. Tab H, we have a
- 9 preliminary order of discipline directed at Harrah's
- 10 North Kansas City for repeat audit findings. A
- 11 compliance audit that had been done on December 1st,
- 12 2015 through April 30th, 2017, there were two findings
- 13 in that audit that had also been findings in the prior
- 14 audit, which covered a time period from January of
- 15 2014 through November of 2015.
- 16 The first involved a violation of minimum
- 17 internal control standards H-3.11 in which cashier
- 18 variance slips with variances in excess of \$20 did not
- 19 include the results of an investigation. The -- that
- 20 finding was -- as I indicated in the prior audit and
- 21 also in the follow-up to the prior audit.
- 22 The second violation was a violation of
- 23 minimum internal control standards F-3.03 for failing
- 24 to properly document variances from the poker bank.
- 25 Again, this had been a finding not only in the prior

- 1 audit but in the follow-up to the prior audit.
- 2 And the recommended fine in this case is
- 3 \$5000.
- 4 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Questions of Ed? Is there
- 5 a motion with respect to 18-009?
- 6 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Motion to approve.
- 7 COMMISSIONER NEER: Second.
- 8 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 9 Angie.
- 10 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney.
- 11 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo.
- 13 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer.
- 15 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison.
- 17 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approve.
- 18 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
- 19 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 21 DC-18-009.
- 22 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Mr. Seibert.
- MR. SEIBERT: The next order of business is
- 24 consideration of rules and regulations. Mr. Ed
- 25 Grewach will present.

- 1 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Oh, Ed's presenting.
- 2 MR. GREWACH: Surprise.
- 4 Ed.
- 5 MR. GREWACH: You'll see under Tabs I, J
- 6 and K proposed amendments for partial rescission of
- 7 rules. Now, these proposed amendments are
- 8 continuing -- a product of continuing our work under
- 9 the direction given by the Governor's Executive Order
- 10 17-03 and the requirements under the State Statute
- 11 536.175 that we review our rules in a -- on a regular
- 12 basis.
- 13 For organization and convenience, I've
- 14 grouped these into categories. And if you -- if these
- 15 preliminary orders are approved, then we will have a
- 16 written comment period that will begin on April the
- 2nd, 2018, and which would end on May the 2nd, 2018.
- 18 We'll also conduct a public hearing on May the 1st,
- 19 2018. The -- any comments received during those
- 20 written or public hearing, and any proposed changes to
- 21 the rules will be presented back to the Commission at
- 22 the June 27th meeting for a final order of rulemaking.
- 23 And as you may recall, under the governor's executive
- order, we're required to send all amendments to the
- 25 governor's office. We did in this case, and did

- 1 receive written approval to proceed with these.
- 2 Under Tab I, then, we have a rescission
- 3 of rules and regulations which overlap, duplicate or
- 4 conflict with a statute or another rule.
- 5 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Okay. So we're looking at
- 6 a motion for Tab I, which includes 14 items. Right?
- 7 MR. GREWACH: Yes. And they could all be
- 8 included in one motion.
- 9 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Yeah. That's -- that's
- 10 what we're doing. So is there a motion with respect
- 11 to those rules and regulations listed under Tab I, all
- 12 14 of them?
- 13 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Motion to approve
- 14 the resolution to the -- I guess what? Repeal them?
- MR. GREWACH: Rescind.
- 16 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Rescind.
- 17 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Rescind.
- 18 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Second.
- 19 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Is there discussion on the
- 20 motion? Angie.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney.
- 22 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo.
- 24 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer.

- 1 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approve.
- 2 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison.
- 3 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approve.
- 4 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
- 5 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approve.
- 6 MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 7 the rules under Tab I.
- 8 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Okay. J.
- 9 MR. GREWACH: Tab J, we have rescission of
- 10 rules that are unnecessary, or not essential to the
- 11 health, safety or welfare of Missouri residents. I
- 12 might add that the title to these categories
- 13 correspond with the title to either the governor's
- 14 executive order or the statute for categories that we
- 15 need to consider for rescission or amendment --
- 16 amendment of the rules.
- 17 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Okay. So there are nine in
- 18 this category under -- under Tab J. Is there a motion
- 19 to approve the rescission of the rules listed under
- 20 Tab J?
- 21 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: So moved.
- 22 COMMISSIONER NEER: Second.
- 23 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 24 Angie.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney.

- 1 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approve.
- 2 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo.
- 3 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approve.
- 4 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer.
- 5 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approve.
- 6 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison.
- 7 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approve.
- 8 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
- 9 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approve.
- 10 MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 11 the rules under Tab J.
- 12 CHAIRMAN KOHN: You don't have to list
- 13 those. Right?
- MS. FRANKS: Yeah. No.
- 15 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Okay. K.
- 16 MR. GREWACH: Tab K, we have rescission of
- 17 rules that are obsolete.
- 18 CHAIRMAN KOHN: So we have three of those.
- 19 Is there a motion to approve rescission of the rules
- 20 listed under Tab K?
- 21 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: So moved.
- 22 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Second.
- 23 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 24 Angie.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney.

- 1 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approve.
- 2 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo.
- 3 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approve.
- 4 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer.
- 5 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approve.
- 6 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison.
- 7 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approve.
- 8 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
- 9 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approve.
- 10 MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 11 the rules Under Tab K.
- 12 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Thank you. Mr. Seibert.
- MR. SEIBERT: Next order of business is
- 14 consideration of placement on list of excluded
- 15 persons.
- 16 CHAIRMAN KOHN: And who's making that
- 17 presentation?
- MR. SEIBERT: Mr. Ed Grewach.
- MR. GREWACH: It was convenient. I'm
- 20 already here, so --
- 21 This is a resolution to place Patrick
- 22 Ahlering on the involuntary exclusion list.
- 23 Mr. Ahlering pled guilty on December the 1st, 2016 for
- 24 the felonies of identity theft, stealing, and
- 25 receiving stolen property. He received a seven-year

- 1 sentence with a suspended execution of that sentence.
- 2 Then subsequently on October 3rd, 2017, he pled guilty
- 3 to the felony of stealing. He again received a
- 4 seven-year sentence concurrent with the prior
- 5 conviction, but he was ordered to serve 120-day shock
- 6 incarceration, which he has served, and been released
- 7 from at this point in time. All these crimes involve
- 8 him stealing from his parents, and fraudulent use of
- 9 their credit cards. In statements he made to the
- 10 police after he was arrested, he indicated that these
- 11 thefts and the proceeds from the thefts were used to
- 12 support his gambling addiction.
- In addition, the -- on May 24th, 2010,
- 14 which was eight months after his 21st birthday,
- 15 Mr. Ahlering had placed himself on the voluntary
- 16 disassociated person list. The rule provides that you
- 17 can be then removed from the list on your request
- 18 after five years. He did file that request, and was
- 19 removed from the list on August the 2nd, 2016. During
- 20 the time he was on the list, however, he was
- 21 encountered four times on the gaming floor by gaming
- 22 agents, one of which resulted in him pleading guilty
- 23 in the St. Louis City Circuit Court to trespass for an
- event that occurred on April the 5th, 2016.
- 25 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Ed, the four visits to the

- 1 casino, was that the same casino, or four different
- 2 casinos?
- 3 MR. GREWACH: I have to check. Just a
- 4 second.
- 5 CHAIRMAN KOHN: I'm just wondering why --
- 6 so they noticed it four times.
- 7 MR. GREWACH: They were at two different
- 8 casinos: Lumiere Place and Hollywood.
- 9 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Okay.
- 10 MR. GREWACH: But what happens is when we
- 11 encountered someone on the -- on the property, they're
- 12 arrested, and then the report and -- and request to
- 13 file charges is sent to the county prosecutors. Or
- 14 city -- city prosecutors, depending on which casino
- 15 he's at. And then it's really up to the prosecutor
- 16 whether or not they file -- file the charges.
- 17 CHAIRMAN KOHN: When we had our tours, we
- 18 were introduced to the new, high-tech method of
- 19 checking IDs and checking people out. But I guess
- 20 it's not foolproof.
- 21 MR. GREWACH: Well --
- 22 CHAIRMAN KOHN: He got past that and went
- 23 on the floor.
- MR. GREWACH: Yes. The --
- 25 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: A lot of times they

- 1 don't check people that are above age. And if they
- 2 don't know them as being on the disassociated-person
- 3 list, then they wouldn't necessarily connect those
- 4 two.
- 5 MR. GREWACH: As a matter of fact, the
- 6 statute prohibits them from checking ID for any
- 7 purpose other than to check for age. So unless
- 8 they're checking for age when -- at the point in time
- 9 that -- that the statute was passed -- and that
- 10 really -- before that statute was passed, you know,
- 11 you had to go get a card to get onto the casino floor,
- 12 and it was a fairly failsafe method to keep
- 13 disassociated persons off the floor. After that, the
- 14 disassociated person is typically encountered if they
- 15 win a taxable jackpot, you know, if they try to make a
- 16 cash transaction at a cage, if for some reason some
- 17 employee recognizes them, having a previous encounter
- 18 with them as a disassociated person. But there's
- 19 nothing -- unless they check because they look young,
- 20 and check their ID, they would not -- they would not
- 21 notice that.
- 22 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Ed, it looks like
- 23 he was originally convicted for identify theft and
- 24 receiving stolen property in 2016. And then it looks
- 25 like he was again convicted of theft in late 2017.

- 1 I'm wondering why it took this long to get to this
- 2 point. Maybe you can explain the process by which if
- 3 somebody gets a conviction that that leads to them
- 4 being excluded.
- 5 MR. GREWACH: At this point in time, the --
- 6 if a case comes to the attention of one of our
- 7 troopers, or perhaps Director Seibert, or -- or Deputy
- 8 Director McGrail notice a case that they think would
- 9 be eligible for the exclusion list, they send it to
- 10 us. We then investigate, gather all the court
- 11 documents, make sure they fit the criteria for
- 12 exclusion. Now, when you read the rule, it's very
- 13 broad, in that really any conviction of a felony
- 14 involving moral turpitude would qualify you for the
- 15 exclusion list. But we really look for felony
- 16 convictions that have a nexus to gaming, as this one
- 17 did, and the statements he made to the police that the
- 18 thefts were -- well, on two fronts: The thefts were
- 19 for the purpose of funding his gambling addiction; and
- 20 the fact that he had identified himself as being a
- 21 problem gambler, and in spite of that been on the
- 22 floor -- caught on the floor four times. Probably
- 23 been on the floor much more than that.
- 24 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any other questions? Is
- 25 there a motion with respect to Resolution 18-011?

- 1 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Motion to approve.
- 2 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Second.
- 3 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 4 Angie.
- 5 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney.
- 6 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approve.
- 7 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo.
- 8 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approve.
- 9 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer.
- 10 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approve.
- 11 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison.
- 12 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
- 14 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 16 Resolution Number 18-011.
- 17 MR. GREWACH: Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Thank you, Ed.
- 19 Mr. Seibert?
- 20 MR. SEIBERT: Next order of business is
- 21 consideration of Bingo settlement agreement.
- 22 Ms. Carolyn Kerr will present.
- 23 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Hi.
- MS. KERR: Good afternoon.
- 25 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Ms. Kerr. Good afternoon.

- 1 MS. KERR: Thank you. The -- should I
- 2 start with the first one?
- 3 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Yes. Go.
- 4 MS. KERR: Wasn't sure.
- 5 The first one is regarding a settlement
- 6 with New Madrid Eagles Lodge 4206. They had a Bingo
- 7 license, and we received a complaint on September 5th
- 8 of 2017 that they were playing poker on their
- 9 premises. We inspected the premises later that month,
- 10 found that they were in fact conducting poker games on
- 11 their premises. And that is -- as we've had in some
- 12 other cases before the Commission, that is not allowed
- 13 under our statutes or rules. So we proposed a
- 14 discipline, and after some discussions, we ended up
- 15 with the settlement that's in front of you. The fine
- 16 against the lodge is \$1000, and the forfeiture of two
- 17 Bingo occasions. They did sign the settlement
- 18 agreement and submitted it to us. Again, this is
- 19 consistent with other disciplines that we've had
- 20 against Bingo establishments or Bingo licensees that
- 21 have run a poker game. We just ask that the
- 22 settlement agreement be --
- 23 CHAIRMAN KOHN: This isn't the same one
- 24 that we had before?
- 25 MS. KERR: No. No. Different -- different

- 1 entity, but still --
- 2 COMMISSIONER NEER: Are those currently
- 3 relinquished?
- 4 MS. KERR: Yes.
- 5 COMMISSIONER NEER: The Bingo license.
- 6 MS. KERR: Yes. After -- after this, they
- 7 decided not to renew their license.
- 8 CHAIRMAN KOHN: And I notice that the
- 9 settlement provided for payment for -- from funds
- 10 other than those collected in Bingo.
- 11 MS. KERR: Correct.
- 12 CHAIRMAN KOHN: What funds do they have?
- MS. KERR: Whatever funds the -- like the
- 14 VFW or the Eagles would have.
- 15 CHAIRMAN KOHN: I mean, is this a -- this a
- 16 dues-paying organization?
- 17 COMMISSIONER NEER: Eagles Lodge, it's like
- 18 the Elks.
- 19 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: I think they have a
- 20 bar.
- 21 MS. KERR: Any money they get from doing --
- 22 CHAIRMAN KOHN: So they get these things
- 23 from other than Bingo --
- MS. KERR: Right.
- 25 CHAIRMAN KOHN: -- proceeds.

- 1 MS. KERR: Right.
- 2 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Is there a motion with
- 3 respect to 18-001-B?
- 4 COMMISSIONER NEER: Motion to approve.
- 5 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Second.
- 6 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 7 Angie.
- 8 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney.
- 9 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approve.
- 10 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo.
- 11 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer.
- 13 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approve.
- 14 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison.
- 15 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
- 17 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 19 Resolution Number 18-001-B.
- 20 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Now you want to tell us
- 21 what you're doing to Little Guys.
- 22 MS. KERR: Sure. The next settlement
- 23 agreement is regarding Little Guys Baseball Club.
- 24 They are also a Bingo licensee. We received two
- 25 complaints that they were -- there were workers that

- 1 were not on their list of approved workers working at
- 2 Bingo. You're -- the -- the statute and the rules
- 3 require that only certain individuals that are
- 4 approved on their worker list can actually work that
- 5 Bingo occasion. And there were two -- two dates the
- 6 complaints were that they did not. So we went and
- 7 inspected the -- the Bingo games on two occasions,
- 8 once in November of 2016 and once in September of
- 9 2017. The inspection corroborated the complaints that
- 10 were made. There were workers that were not on the
- 11 list that were either conducting, participating, or --
- 12 conducting or participating in Bingo on those
- 13 occasions, and they were not on the list. So we
- 14 proposed this discipline, which is a \$500 fine for
- 15 having unapproved workers working on their Bingo
- 16 occasions, and they accepted the terms of the
- 17 discipline, signed the settlement agreement, and
- 18 submitted it.
- 19 CHAIRMAN KOHN: So the people that -- that
- 20 are on the list as approved Bingo callers, whatever
- 21 you call them, how do they get on that list? Do they
- 22 get training from -- from us, or -- what's the
- 23 difference between those that are on the list and
- 24 those that aren't on the list?
- 25 MS. KERR: I think you have to be -- might

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- 1 ask Barb Whittle to answer that.
- MS. WHITTLE: I'm Barbara Whittle, and I'm
- 3 the charitable games manager. In order to be on the
- 4 approved list, you have to have been a member of the
- 5 licensed organization for two years; and you have to
- 6 be free of felony convictions; and you have to meet the
- 7 age requirement. So what happens is we ask each
- 8 organization, either upon application or renewal, to
- 9 submit their list of members with the start date, so
- 10 when they submit people who would like to work their
- 11 Bingo, we can verify that they have been a member of
- 12 the organization for two years. They also have to
- 13 submit name, date of birth, Social Security number,
- 14 and a photocopy of either a driver's license or a
- 15 state-issued ID. When we get that, we submit that to
- 16 the highway patrol, they run a background check on
- 17 them to make sure that they meet all those
- 18 qualifications. And once that is returned, then we
- 19 add those people, if they qualify, to the list of
- 20 workers.
- 21 CHAIRMAN KOHN: That's a very complete
- 22 answer.
- MS. WHITTLE: Thank you.
- MS. KERR: Much better than I could.
- 25 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: I do have a

- 1 question. So can you tell me the reason that people
- 2 were not on the list. Did they have felony
- 3 convictions? Had they not been there long enough?
- 4 MS. KERR: I think they were not on --
- 5 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Were they just short
- 6 of people and they needed people? I mean, I --
- 7 MS. KERR: Let me -- let me double check.
- 8 I think they had not been members long enough.
- 9 COMMISSIONER NEER: They may have felt they
- 10 didn't really have to bother, either.
- MS. WHITTLE: I can do that one, too.
- 12 Sorry.
- MS. KERR: Okay.
- MS. WHITTLE: There's a lot of different
- 15 reasons. Sometimes they'll be short people, so
- 16 they'll just grab people and throw them in there. The
- 17 two people on this occasion have not been members long
- 18 enough to have been on the list. So I think that
- 19 they -- I mean, they have to have known that. They're
- 20 aware of the rule. And so they had not been members
- 21 long enough. Once they meet the membership
- 22 requirement -- the two-year membership requirement --
- 23 it won't be held against them, and if they resubmit
- them to add, we will add them as long as they pass the
- 25 background check.

- 1 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: So in this
- 2 particular case, they just shouldn't have had Bingo
- 3 that night?
- 4 MS. WHITTLE: They shouldn't have had those
- 5 people working their Bingo that night.
- 6 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: But if you don't
- 7 have enough people to work it, then you just don't
- 8 have Bingo.
- 9 MS. WHITTLE: That's up to the
- 10 organization. I mean, it depends on the size of the
- 11 Bingo and how many people they need.
- 12 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Okay.
- 13 COMMISSIONER NEER: Isn't there a push to
- 14 change that membership rule now?
- 15 MS. WHITTLE: There is. There is. But
- 16 that's Constitutional, so we're tracking that, I
- 17 believe.
- 18 MS. KERR: Yes.
- 19 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any other questions about
- 20 the Little Guys?
- 21 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: I understand they
- 22 were short a few people. I'm sorry. I apologize.
- 23 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: That was -- that was
- 24 Rick.
- 25 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Okay. Is there a motion

- 1 with respect to Resolution 18-002-B?
- 2 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Motion to approve.
- 3 COMMISSIONER NEER: Second.
- 4 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 5 Angie.
- 6 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney.
- 7 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approve.
- 8 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo.
- 9 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approve.
- 10 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer.
- 11 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison.
- 13 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
- 15 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 17 Resolution Number 18-002-B.
- 18 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Mr. Seibert?
- 19 MR. SEIBERT: Next order of business is
- 20 consideration of licensure of Level I and key
- 21 applicants. Sergeant Julie Scerine will present.
- 22 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Sergeant Scerine.
- MS. SCERINE: Mr. Chairman and
- 24 Commissioners, the Missouri State Highway Patrol
- 25 investigators, along with the Gaming Commission

- 1 financial investigators, conducted comprehensive
- 2 background investigations on multiple key and Level I
- 3 applicants. The investigations included, but were not
- 4 limited to criminal, financial and general character
- 5 inquiries which were made in the jurisdictions where
- 6 the applicants lived, worked, and frequented.
- 7 The following individuals are being
- 8 presented for your consideration: George Barrios,
- 9 Argosy Casino Director of Security. Albert Britton,
- 10 Penn National Gaming Senior VP of Regional Operations.
- 11 Thomas Graf, Novomatic AG/Novo Invest Chief Technology
- 12 Officer/Managing Director. Ronald McKito, Ameristar
- 13 Casino Kansas City Surveillance Manager. Jonathon
- 14 Morten, IOC Caruthersville -- Lady Luck Casino
- 15 Surveillance Manager. Ryszard Presch, Novomatic
- 16 AG/Novo Invest Chief Operations Officer Managing
- 17 Director. Peter Stein, Novomatic AG Chief Financial
- 18 Officer. Christian Widhalm, Novomatic AG Chief
- 19 Investment Officer and Vice Chairman of the Management
- 20 Board. Bernard Zuroff, Caesars Entertainment
- 21 Operating Independent Director.
- 22 The results of these investigations were
- 23 provided to the Gaming Commission staff for their
- 24 review, and you have all related summary reports
- 25 before you. Thank you.

- 1 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any questions of Sergeant
- 2 Scerine or about the materials that she provided us?
- 3 Is there a motion?
- 4 COMMISSIONER NEER: No. No.
- 5 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Is there a motion with
- 6 respect to Resolution 18-012?
- 7 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Motion to approve.
- 8 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Second.
- 9 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 10 Angie.
- 11 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney.
- 12 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo.
- 14 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer.
- 16 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison.
- 18 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
- 20 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 22 Resolution Number 18-012.
- 23 CHAIRMAN KOHN: I believe, Mr. Seibert,
- 24 that concludes our --
- MR. SEIBERT: It does.

- 1 CHAIRMAN KOHN: -- agenda for the open
- 2 session. Is there a motion, Vice Chairman Jamison, to
- 3 go into closed session?
- 4 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: There is. I move
- 5 for a closed meeting under Section 313.847 and
- 6 313.945, revised Missouri Statutes, investigatory,
- 7 proprietary and application records; and 610.021
- 8 Subparagraph 1, Revised Missouri Statutes, legal
- 9 action; Subparagraph 3 and Subparagraph 13, personnel;
- 10 and Subparagraph 14, records protected from disclosure
- 11 by law.
- 12 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Is there a second to the
- 13 motion?
- 14 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Second.
- 15 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Angie.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney.
- 17 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo.
- 19 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer.
- 21 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approve.
- 22 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison.
- 23 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approve.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
- 25 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approve. We are going into

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closed session now. And we will come out and -- and
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     close the open session afterwards. But we certainly
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     don't expect anybody to stay for that. So thank you
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     all for attending. We got through a lot of material
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     in two hours, including our closed session, so that
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     may be a modern-day record. I'm not sure. But we'll
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     see you next month. Thanks.
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           (Ending time of the hearing: 12:00 p.m.)
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MISSOURI GAMING COMMISSION Open Session Minutes February 28, 2018

The Missouri Gaming Commission (the "Commission") went into open session at approximately 12:27 p.m. on February 28, 2018, at the Jefferson City office of the Missouri Gaming Commission.

Commissioner Jamison moved to adjourn the open session meeting. Commissioner Finney seconded the motion. After a roll call vote was taken, Finney – yes, Lombardo – yes, Neer – yes, Jamison – yes, and Kohn – yes, the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting ended at 12:28 p.m.