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5	PAT CONWAY, Commissioner (via Zoom)
6	JAN ZIMMERMAN, Commissioner (via Zoom)
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2	CHAIRMAN LEARA: We will call to order
3	the meeting for the Missouri Gaming Commission. Can
4	you please call the roll?
5	MS. FRANKS: Chairman Leara.
6	CHAIRMAN LEARA: Present.
7	MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Conway.
8	COMMISSIONER CONWAY: Present.
9	MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Hane.
10	COMMISSIONER HANE: Present.
11	MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Zimmermann.
12	COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: Present.
13	CHAIRMAN LEARA: We have a quorum. The
14	first item on the agenda is adoption of the agenda.
15	I move for the adoption. Is there a second?
16	COMMISSIONER HANE: Second.
17	CHAIRMAN LEARA: We have a second. Any
18	discussion? Seeing none, Angie, please call the
19	roll.
20	MS. FRANKS: Chairman Leara.
21	CHAIRMAN LEARA: Approved.
22	MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Conway.
23	COMMISSIONER CONWAY: Approved.
24	MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Hane.
25	COMMISSIONER HANE: Approved.

- 1 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Zimmerman.
- 2 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMANN: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 4 the agenda.
- 5 CHAIRMAN LEARA: The next item is team
- 6 member recognition. Captain Plunkett, you have the
- 7 floor.
- 8 MR. PLUNKETT: Thank you, Chairman, Board
- 9 of Commissioners. Mr. Chairman, we'd like to
- 10 recognize one of our team members. And that is
- 11 Corporal Dave Nelson. Would you please come up?
- 12 As you know, each year we make
- 13 submissions for the Gaming Division's Officer of the
- 14 Year. We use that submission also to be the Officer
- of the Year for the highway patrol nomination.
- And 2020 was a pandemic year for the
- 17 highway patrol, like everybody else, and our nominee
- 18 for 2020 was corporal -- back then it was Trooper
- 19 Dave Nelson, I believe, at the time. So he got
- 20 promoted there in that year. But he got promoted
- 21 and he didn't lay down. What a great thing, right?
- 22 He went out that year and, I think, did
- 23 about 64 felony arrests and 80-something
- 24 misdemeanors and he was drug arrests and helping
- 25 individuals that were homeless and was involved in

- 1 some of our projects and stuff with that kind of
- 2 thing.
- 3 And when the pandemic ended up hitting
- 4 and we shifted back to doing road work, he was one
- of the people that went to drug and crime. He got
- 6 involved in several investigations there and came
- 7 back with really, really positive remarks on the
- 8 work that he did over there, which was no surprise
- 9 to us.
- 10 Dave is one of those guys that's involved
- in his church, his kids' school.
- 12 How many kids have you got?
- MR. NELSON: Six.
- MR. PLUNKETT: Six. I thought it was,
- 15 like, 14. I'm sorry. So with grandkids, we're
- 16 getting close now, right? So --
- 17 MR. NELSON: Yeah.
- 18 MR. PLUNKETT: Yeah. He's a grandfather
- 19 and everything. But, Dave, if his kids have got
- 20 something going on, he's involved in it. He's very
- 21 active in his school, his community, and everything
- 22 else. He fits all of the marks that we look for
- when we started looking for officers to nominate
- 24 awards like this and try to make the distinction
- 25 between the many fine people, men and women, that we

- 1 have working for us.
- 2 So I've known Dave for going on 25, 30
- 3 years now. We were both officers down in southeast
- 4 Missouri back in the day, when he was part of the
- 5 water patrol. He's also one of our -- one of our
- 6 brothers that moved over -- brothers and sisters
- 7 that moved over from the water patrol during the
- 8 merger. And he has done an outstanding job as a
- 9 part of our agency and truly has been a great
- 10 representation of that fine organization as well.
- 11 So I'm very pleased for our 2020
- 12 nomination. And you are our recipient for the
- 13 Patrol's Ace Award. So I want to congratulate you,
- 14 Dave. Thanks so much for what you do each and every
- 15 day.
- 16 And just to keep things simple, we did it
- 17 again in '21. Just so people know, this is not an
- 18 award that I just decided. It is -- and it's called
- 19 -- it's the Captain's Ace Award, but really what we
- 20 do is, we solicit from every vote. Every vote has
- 21 to make a nomination for who they think in their
- 22 team is the best representative to be a nominee for
- this award.
- 24 And Dave was also nominated again in 2021
- 25 for much of the same things. And I want to tell

- 1 you, he and that team at River City -- and I've got
- 2 to thank Sergeant Moore and his team over there at
- 3 River City. They really have a great partnership
- 4 with the boat there, the casino operation and all
- 5 those folks.
- 6 And they really do try to keep that
- facility safe, but that involves arresting people
- 8 that need to be arrested and giving people that need
- 9 help, help, and doing all those kind of things. And
- 10 Dave is really an important part of that.
- 11 Once again, multiple felony arrests,
- 12 multiple misdemeanor arrests, getting involved in
- 13 things. One of the things was, was they had a
- 14 situation there on a drug arrest that was out in the
- parking garage that led into the hotel.
- 16 And the management there had been great.
- 17 They want to keep their facility safe and they work
- 18 with them very closely. That ended up being a pill
- 19 mill type operation and we removed some weapons and
- 20 things. And just it ended up being a big case. And
- 21 Dave and Sergeant Hedrick were a big part of that.
- 22 But teamwork, teamwork, teamwork.
- 23 And I think if anybody that has ever
- 24 worked with Dave, well, they would tell you, he is a
- 25 team first kind of guy. He goes out and makes the

- 1 effort individually, but he's all about team.
- 2 So those nominations come in and I don't
- 3 even make the final choice. We have a committee
- 4 that makes all these choices. When they sorted
- 5 through all the applicants, Dave ended up being the
- 6 back-to-back winner.
- 7 So, Dave, I want to congratulate you.
- 8 You're a model of consistency and effort and I can't
- 9 ask for anything more than that. And I just want
- 10 you to know how appreciative I really, really am.
- 11 So on behalf of the Gaming Commission,
- 12 congratulations for being a two-time winner.
- MR. PLUNKETT: Thank you, Chairman.
- 14 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Thank you, Captain.
- Thank you, Corporal. Congratulations.
- 16 All right. Next item on the agenda,
- 17 consideration of minutes from January 19th. I move
- 18 for the approval. Look for a second.
- 19 COMMISSIONER HANE: Second.
- 20 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Second. Any discussion?
- 21 Seeing none, Angie, please call the roll.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Leara.
- 23 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Conway.
- 25 COMMISSIONER CONWAY: Approved.

- 1 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Hane.
- 2 COMMISSIONER HANE: Approved.
- 3 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Zimmerman.
- 4 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: Approved.
- 5 MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 6 the minutes of the January 19th, 2022 meeting.
- 7 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Next item on the agenda,
- 8 consideration of relicensure.
- 9 Mr. Grewach, were you going --
- 10 MR. GREWACH: Chris Soriano will present
- 11 for the applicants.
- 12 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Okay. Mr. Soriano, you
- have the floor when you're ready.
- 14 MR. SORIANO: Good morning Chairman and
- 15 Commissioners. My name is Chris Soriano,
- 16 S-O-R-I-A-N-O. I'm the Vice President and Chief
- 17 Compliance Officer for Penn National Gaming,
- 18 Incorporated. With me is Aaron Rosenthal, Senior
- 19 Vice President Regional -- that's R-O-S-E-N-T-H-A-L
- 20 -- Senior Vice President Regional Operations for
- 21 Penn National Gaming.
- On behalf of the 2,100 Missouri based
- 23 team members of Penn National Gaming, it's my
- 24 privilege and honor to appear in front of you today
- 25 seeking the renewal of our Class A license. And

- 1 following behind me will be Lance George, seeking
- 2 renewal of the Riverside property's Class B license.
- We'll make a brief presentation to you
- 4 today. Lance will follow on and he has some
- 5 speakers with him as well. We're happy to take any
- 6 questions or discuss any topics of interest to the
- 7 Commission.
- 8 But, again, very briefly today I'll touch
- 9 on our corporate overview and recent performance,
- 10 given that it's relevant to the renewal of our Class
- 11 A license. We'll emphasize our partnership with
- 12 Missouri and certainly, as the captain just said, we
- 13 view it as a partnership.
- We are happy to be licensees in this
- 15 state. We understand the high level of
- 16 responsibility imposed on licensees in this state.
- 17 It's something we always strive for. But we look at
- 18 economic development. We look at jobs. We look at
- 19 the Commission's role. And we truly view ourselves
- as partners with you as we move through the
- 21 regulatory process.
- 22 And I can't say the enough about the
- 23 professionalism and thoroughness that the staff
- 24 always provides to us as licensees and how much we
- 25 appreciate that collaboration. And we'll leave it

- 1 with our future plans for the state and then turn it
- 2 over to Lance for his presentation regarding the
- 3 property.
- 4 Briefly, in addition to the three boats
- 5 that we operate here in Missouri, Penn is currently
- 6 operating a total of 43 properties across 20 states
- 7 throughout the United States. We have, as many
- 8 other operators have, gone into the online sports
- 9 betting state.
- 10 We're currently offering online sports
- 11 betting in 12 states. And obviously that's
- 12 something under discussion here in Missouri as well.
- 13 It would obviously be an opportunity we would be
- happy to avail ourselves of, should it be permitted,
- and subject to the Commission's approval.
- We are also currently operating online
- casino products in four states in addition to the
- 18 sports betting. You may have seen, we recently
- 19 acquired the entirety of a company called --
- 20 (Interruption in proceedings.) Thank you, Chair.
- 21 We recently acquired interest in
- theScore, which is a media company and web betting
- 23 company in Canada. They are scheduled to launch
- online sports betting in Ontario, Canada in April of
- 25 2022. So very exciting things for both our domestic

- 1 and now international products coming forward.
- Very briefly -- and we've obviously
- 3 provided very detailed financial information
- 4 regarding the company as part of the investigation.
- 5 And as a publicly reported company, this is all in
- 6 our SEC filings.
- 7 But just very, very high level, our
- 8 corporate balance sheet -- which, of course, our
- 9 financials suitability is relevant to our license.
- 10 Our corporate balance sheet is very strong.
- 11 Our fourth quarter 2021 revenues and
- 12 adjusted EBITDA exceeded both our levels in 2019 and
- 13 2020 in what continued to be somewhat of a
- 14 challenging operating environment for the entire
- 15 industry coming out of COVID and with staffing and
- 16 et cetera.
- 17 And you can see that our 2022 guidance is
- 18 for a -- you know, a very strong -- a continued
- 19 strong financial performance from the corporate
- level, which enables us to engage in various
- 21 initiatives, continue to be the topnotch
- 22 best-in-class operator that --
- 23 CHAIRMAN LEARA: I have a question for
- you while you're in the middle of this here subject.
- MR. SORIANO: Yes.

- 1 CHAIRMAN LEARA: This is the corporate
- 2 balance sheet. That's not just the casino
- 3 operations, it's the entire business model; is that
- 4 correct?
- 5 MR. SORIANO: That's correct, Chair.
- 6 That's everything rolled up to the corporate level.
- 7 CHAIRMAN LEARA: And you've exceeded '19,
- 8 2019?
- 9 MR. SORIANO: That's correct.
- 10 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Thank you.
- 11 MR. SORIANO: Sure.
- 12 And, again, our guidance for 2022, which
- has been publicly announced, you know, we continue
- 14 to -- you know, to look to see growth and look to
- 15 see a strong 2022.
- With that, I'll ask Aaron to talk a
- 17 little bit about our property activities here in
- 18 Missouri.
- 19 MR. ROSENTHAL: Thank you Commissioners
- 20 and staff. It's a pleasure to be here this morning
- 21 with you to review Penn National Gaming and our
- 22 licensure.
- 23 We truly view it as a partnership, like
- 24 Chris said. We have 2,100 employees -- or we'd like
- to have 2,100. We have 2,100 positions with a

- 1 number of open positions. And that's a situation
- that we are experiencing across the company and many
- 3 businesses are across the country, but we're working
- 4 hard to fill those jobs. But 2,100 is a number.
- 5 And we consider it a partnership for a
- 6 number of reasons. And what's not on here is that
- 7 it's very personal with the executive staff of Penn
- 8 National Gaming, our CEO, our executive vice
- 9 president of operations, myself.
- 10 We've all lived and operated in the State
- of Missouri. So we've had close contact on the
- ground at the properties, either as general
- managers, assistant general managers, myself at
- 14 Argosy Riverside, our CEO at what was then known as
- 15 Harrah's-St. Louis, which is now
- 16 Hollywood-St. Louis.
- 17 Our EVP of operations helped open
- 18 Lumière-River City, and then most recently ran
- 19 Hollywood-St. Louis. So we have a tight familiarity
- 20 with the State of Missouri, with the Missouri Gaming
- 21 Commission, but also at the local level with the
- 22 jurisdictions that we partner with.
- 23 And we'd like to acknowledge that we have
- 24 great partners at the local level and you'll hear
- more about that in Lance's presentation, like you

- did at the other property presentations. But we
- 2 appreciate everything that happens in Missouri and
- 3 very happy to continue to operate here.
- 4 And that's also reflective in the fact
- 5 that we have three casinos, all through acquisition
- 6 sequentially. So we started with the acquisition of
- 7 Argosy Gaming, which gave us the Argosy property in
- 8 Riverside.
- 9 And then we bought Harrah's-St. Louis as
- 10 a one-off transaction. And then subsequently
- 11 acquired Pinnacle Entertainment, which is gave us
- 12 River City and St. Louis. So all a reflection of
- our continued interest to grow and maintain a
- 14 presence in the State of Missouri.
- 15 As far as tax revenue generation, we've
- 16 contributed over \$689 million in tax revenue to the
- 17 State of Missouri. That's off of the gaming tax.
- 18 And then in addition, we've got payments that we've
- 19 made to the St. Louis County Port Authority and
- 20 other local payments.
- 21 So the economic impact we provide to
- local and state government is significant and,
- 23 again, part of the reason we take our responsibility
- 24 as an operator in the State of Missouri so
- 25 seriously.

- 1 And then we invest in our partnership.
- 2 You know, the question is, I'm often asked how much
- 3 we continue to invest in our properties and do we
- 4 want them to perform and look and present as great
- 5 as -- as good as possible. And to that end, when
- 6 you add it all up, we've invested over \$19 million
- 7 in the last several years and that doesn't count the
- 8 investments that are to come.
- 9 Like Chris said, and Michael here
- 10 shortly, we like to think of ourselves as a
- 11 technology-forward company. Our ventures into
- online iGaming and sports betting are significant.
- 13 And should that come to the State of Missouri, we're
- 14 ready, willing and able to be licensed and start
- operating, which will require a not insignificant
- 16 amount of investment.
- 17 And beyond that we also will be
- 18 presenting what we call our three Cs, our cashless,
- 19 cardless and contactless technology, which we spent
- a lot of time and energy in developing with vendors.
- 21 And we think it's best in class, best in
- 22 the industry, and really advances our feeling that
- the casino of the future, which we hope to have
- 24 fully implemented in the State of Missouri, is one
- where a customer can come in and go to a player

- 1 services center that looks more like an Apple Store
- versus a bank teller counter and they can enroll in
- 3 their loyalty rewards program.
- 4 They can have a single wallet that allows
- 5 them to wager on slot machines electronically.
- 6 Should sports betting be legalized, they'll be able
- 7 to use that same device to bet on sports. And then
- 8 they can use all their rewards from one bucket
- 9 throughout the property or any of the channels in
- 10 which we operate.
- 11 And beyond that, you know, we hope to
- 12 further technology where we have walk-out shops like
- 13 Amazon Just Walk Out and digital keys to go to your
- 14 hotel rooms, where check-in is automatic. You don't
- 15 need a physical key.
- 16 All investments that, when the time
- 17 comes, we're prepared to make in Missouri, as we
- 18 made them everywhere else in the country. And,
- 19 again, not insignificant, given that our footprint
- 20 is three important casinos in the State of Missouri.
- 21 So looking to the future, I mentioned
- 22 three Cs, our technology initiatives. For three Cs,
- 23 the technology investment alone is going to be 3.4
- 24 million. Again, what that gets us is the ability
- for customers to use the technology seamlessly,

- 1 efficiently, without having a physical card, without
- 2 having to use cash at the machine, without having to
- 3 touch any of that, if they so choose.
- 4 Of course, the manual operations will
- 5 still be available to them, if they choose not to
- 6 use the technology. But where it's been installed,
- 7 again, we see it as best in class and it's been
- 8 quite frictionless. I mean, we think it'll be a big
- 9 advancement to gaming in the State of Missouri.
- 10 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Could you hold fast real
- 11 quick?
- 12 MR. SORIANO: Yeah.
- 13 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Do we have the ability
- 14 to increase the incoming volume on -- I mean, we
- 15 have a couple commissioners remote and -- sorry for
- 16 the interruption.
- 17 MR. SORIANO: No, thank you, Chairman.
- MR. ROSENTHAL: To conclude with Chris'
- 19 point with respect to investments in technology, you
- 20 know, I think we look to see where the industry is
- 21 going and what customers are starting to expect. So
- 22 when you think of the -- those of us of a -- not to
- 23 date myself -- but those of us of a certain -- of a
- 24 certain age remember the coins all over -- you know,
- 25 when slot machines were full of coins and you were

- 1 constantly, you know, dealing with that technology
- 2 and we've now migrated away from that.
- 3 There's no desire to -- you'll never, I
- 4 think, fully take cash out of a casino entirely, but
- 5 certainly for folks who are used to going and buying
- 6 their coffee using their Starbucks app or otherwise,
- 7 it is a feature that can be built in that, you know,
- 8 we've seen a lot of success with already in
- 9 Pennsylvania and Ohio. And, again, we would look to
- 10 deploy for capital investment of over \$3 million in
- 11 Missouri, assuming the time is appropriate.
- We are happy -- that concludes the
- corporate portion of our presentation. We'd be
- 14 happy to take any questions related to the corporate
- 15 portion, Chairman, or would you like to have Lance
- do the property portion and then proceed?
- 17 CHAIRMAN LEARA: One question. Your
- 18 advanced technology model that you foresee, do you
- 19 see that reducing your full-time employees, or do
- 20 you see that being static? What are your thoughts
- 21 there?
- MR. ROSENTHAL: Yeah, it's not an
- 23 employee reduction program. It's more of an
- 24 efficiency program where we can make an engagement
- 25 with the customer more seamless, more smooth. We've

- got plenty of open positions and, if anything, we
- 2 see reassignment of duties where it makes sense, but
- 3 it's not designed to lower our head counts.
- 4 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Okay. Thank you. Thank
- 5 you for that.
- 6 Any questions for Mr. Rosenthal or
- 7 Mr. Soriano? Okay. Seeing none, next part of your
- 8 presentation. Please state your name and title when
- 9 you are prepared.
- 10 MR. GEORGE: Good morning, Commissioners.
- 11 I think Chris and Aaron did a great job setting the
- 12 table, so we'll sort of jump right into it. Got a
- few folks with me from the property as well --
- 14 MADAM REPORTER: Can you state who you
- 15 are, please?
- MR. GEORGE: Yes. My name is Lance
- 17 George. I'm the vice president and general manager.
- 18 Got a few folks with us from the property and the
- 19 city. We'll make sure that they introduce
- themselves as they approach the microphone, spell
- 21 their last name.
- 22 With that, I think we'll jump right in.
- 23 Development agreement, a few highlights in detail
- 24 here. A fair amount of information on this slide
- 25 sort of categorized into three separate buckets, if

- 1 you will.
- First up, quarterly rent to Riverside,
- and you see the supporting detail below that.
- 4 Second is the status and amount of those rental
- 5 payments. And then, finally, you will see Riverside
- 6 tourism tax broken out.
- 7 Sort of two takeaways here: One, the
- 8 original agreement remains in place from the
- 9 inception. No changes to that agreement. And then
- 10 second, maybe more importantly, the status of those
- 11 payments. All payments are up to date. No issues,
- 12 no concerns. We remain in a good place with the
- 13 City of Riverside.
- 14 Capital investment. If you jump down to
- the bottom, you will see a fairly sizable capital
- investment that occurred in 2018 of \$6.5 million,
- driven largely by the hotel remodel. And then if
- 18 you look up to 2020, you can see the impact of COVID
- 19 with a smaller spend of just over \$300,000. A bit
- 20 more consistency in the years of '21 and '19, where
- 21 they spend at \$1.8 and \$1.5 million respectively.
- 22 And then this slide is in support of the
- 23 previous slide. You can see a few photos of those
- 24 capital investments on the top left. You will see a
- 25 picture of the hotel. I believe that is the

- 1 elevator vestibule area. To the right of that, you
- will see the Red Lotus restaurant. Bottom left, you
- 3 will see the recently relocated VIP lounge. And
- 4 then finally, to the bottom right, you will see the
- 5 restroom renovation.
- 6 Next up, I will turn it over to George
- 7 Barrios, our director of security.
- 8 MR. BARRIOS: Thank you.
- 9 Good morning. My name is George Barrios,
- 10 B-A-R-R-I-O-S. I've been with Argosy for
- 11 approximately 10 years, the last five of that as
- 12 director of security. Prior to coming to Argosy, I
- was in law enforcement for 32 years, the last 29
- 14 with Kansas City Missouri Police Department, where I
- retired in 2012 and came to Argosy.
- So I just want to go over some of the
- 17 things we've done to improve the safety and security
- of Argosy. First of all, we removed numerous
- 19 bushes, trees, to open the line of sight from the
- 20 street to the building. We improved lighting across
- 21 property. We blocked off access to a large parking
- 22 area that was not in use.
- 23 We added cameras across property in the
- 24 parking areas. We installed a gate at the employee
- 25 parking area. We also are installed a 911 call box

- 1 at the employee parking area.
- We trained all employees on see
- 3 something, say something. And we increased our
- 4 outside patrol, not only as the property, but also
- 5 with our law enforcement partners, Riverside Police,
- 6 and the gaming troopers on property.
- 7 Inside of the building we installed prox
- 8 locks to all back-of-house entry points, which made
- 9 it much more secure. We, every year, train on
- 10 Active Shooter. Also, yearly we train on our
- 11 emergency response plan and our evacuation plans.
- We have a very strong partnership with
- 13 Riverside Police and our troopers on property. We
- 14 have quarterly law enforcement meetings and a very
- open line of communication that goes on throughout
- 16 the year.
- 17 So now I'd like to go over underage
- 18 gaming. Of course, we take it very, very seriously.
- 19 First of all, we have signs posted throughout the
- 20 properties, the same sign that you see up here on
- 21 the -- in the picture.
- So as a department, what we do is, when
- 23 we hire somebody new that's going to be in this role
- eventually, they go through approximately 40 hours
- of just visual observing at turn-styles, watching

- 1 how to properly conduct the process. These new
- 2 hires, once that 40 hours is complete, they go
- 3 through 16 hours of hands-on training.
- 4 We also have a security policy that
- 5 details the step-by-step procedure of how to check
- 6 an identification properly. Also, we have online
- 7 training or computer training that employees must go
- 8 through.
- 9 All security employees, along with the
- 10 employees across the property that have to deal with
- 11 checking identifications, attend a yearly training
- 12 class put on by our gaming troopers. And then
- 13 leadership monitors the activity at turn-styles to
- observe people checking IDs to make sure that
- they're doing it right and make sure that nothing,
- 16 you know, slips through the cracks. That's all I
- 17 have.
- 18 MR. MURPHY: Good morning, Commissioners.
- 19 My nam is Pat Murphy, M-U-R-P-H-Y. I'm the Chief
- 20 Financial Officer for Argosy Riverside Casino. I've
- 21 been in casino gaming close to 20 years, but just
- 22 have been at Argosy Riverside for about three years.
- I have two brief slides I wanted to go
- over with you. Our first slide is our charitable
- 25 contributions. I'm proud to say that Argosy has

- 1 been a great partner to many local organizations in
- 2 the Riverside and Kansas City area.
- 3 This slide shows some of our -- the
- 4 organizations that we have contributed to over the
- 5 past four years. As you can see, we've contributed
- 6 over \$350,000. This constitutes monetary donations,
- 7 in kind donations, as well as doing sponsorships.
- 8 And I also want to point out that a large
- 9 percentage of our executive team that Argosy
- 10 Riverside is either on one of these boards or are
- 11 actively involved in sponsoring these organizations.
- 12 Our next slide is going over our MBE and
- 13 WBE spend breakdown. As a lot of the conversation
- 14 has come up how 2020 was challenging just because of
- 15 COVID, so some of our spend numbers between '19 and
- 16 '20 went down just because of that.
- 17 But one thing I do want to point out, if
- 18 you notice between '19 and '20, our total -- our
- 19 percentage of total eligible spend went from
- 20 5.36 percent to 8.9. So it's over 3.5 percent
- 21 increase. And the reason I want to point that out
- is, even though our spend on the top line went down,
- 23 the percentage of the WBE spend in the overall spend
- 24 went up. So that's -- I wanted to point that out,
- 25 because that's something that we've been very proud

- 1 of.
- On the WBE spend side, we -- again, the
- 3 same thing. COVID shutdown. We shut down the
- 4 buffet and the spa and we had some large WBE vendors
- 5 that we deal with on the buffet side. One in
- 6 particular is Scavuzzo's, which is a big food vendor
- 7 of ours. Just because of the shutdown, there was
- 8 about \$1.7 million decrease in spending with them
- 9 year over year.
- 10 But I'm happy to say -- it's not on this
- 11 slide, but I'm happy to say, in 2021, we're going to
- 12 have a huge increase in the WBE spend. We have two
- vendors in particular, one, a roofing contractor, a
- 14 women-owned roofing contractor that we spent over
- 15 \$300,000 with.
- And then another women-owned business,
- 17 Hartline Construction, which did, as you saw, the
- 18 renovations of our bathrooms and spending over some
- 19 -- close to \$600.000 with. So we expect 2021 to be
- 20 more favorable as far as the WBE and MBE spends.
- 21 Thank you very much.
- 22 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Thank you, gentlemen.
- 23 MR. MURPHY: I want to take a moment to
- 24 introduce Mayor Kathy Rose.
- 25 CHAIRMAN LEARA: You have the floor.

- 1 MR. MURPHY: City of Riverside.
- MS. ROSE: Good morning Mr. Chairman and
- 3 Honorable Commission members. My name is Kathy
- 4 Rose, R-O-S-E, like the flower. I am -- it's --
- 5 thank you very much for the opportunity to speak
- 6 with you today regarding the relationship between
- 7 the City of Riverside and Penn National Gaming,
- 8 which has operated as the Argosy Casino Hotel and
- 9 Spa since 1994.
- 10 As mayor for the last 16 years, I have
- 11 worked with several general managers, Lance George
- 12 being the current one, and each of them has
- 13 represented Penn Gaming as an excellent community
- 14 partner to Riverside.
- Over the years our partnership with Penn
- 16 Gaming has enabled Riverside to serve our community
- in a number of ways. The City supports several
- 18 local agencies, such as Platte County Senior
- 19 Services and Miles For Smiles that provide services
- and access and resources for those in need.
- 21 One program that both the City and Argosy
- 22 support is the Fire Police Athletic League. This
- 23 program reaches specifically to at-risk youth in the
- 24 community to establish positive connections with
- 25 police officers and firefighters.

- 1 A highlight of this program is the annual
- 2 Christmas shop with a cop firefighter. In December
- 3 2021, 48 kids from 38 families in the Riverside area
- 4 received the opportunity to go Christmas shopping
- 5 for themselves and others with funds provided
- 6 through this program.
- 7 Working together with surrounding
- 8 communities in Platte County, we have been improving
- 9 our parks and trails. In 2021, the Riverfront Trail
- 10 connecter, which joins the Missouri Riverfront Trail
- 11 to English Landing Park and provides a pedestrian
- 12 connection between the Cities of Riverside and
- 13 Parkville, was completed.
- 14 This year Riverside will construct the
- 15 Vivion Road Trail, which will connect our community
- 16 with trail networks in Kansas City.
- 17 The City recently completed a major
- 18 update to E.H. Young Riverfront Park that has
- 19 significantly increased usage during this past year.
- 20 Representatives from Argosy participated in the
- 21 planning for this project, as it is located adjacent
- 22 to the casino property.
- 23 Beyond trails and parks, the City is also
- 24 committed to expanding opportunities for residents
- 25 to improve their overall health and wellbeing.

- 1 Because of our partnership with Argosy, the City was
- 2 able to launch the healthy citizen initiative in
- 3 2007.
- 4 This program subsidizes 75 percent of
- 5 residents' membership fees to the YMCA. Additional
- 6 YMCA partnerships provide free swimming lessons for
- 7 Riverside children at our community center and
- 8 expanded helping programs at the City's community
- 9 center.
- 10 Most importantly, Riverside's
- 11 relationship with Penn Gaming has allowed for the
- development of economic opportunities that benefit
- 13 the entire region. Horizons Business Park, located
- just west of the Argosy Casino, has seen the
- development of more than 4 million square feet of
- 16 Class A industrial space since 2011.
- 17 With revenues generated by our agreements
- 18 with Penn Gaming, Riverside committed \$140 million
- 19 towards this effort and the result over the past 10
- 20 years has been almost \$1 billion in private
- 21 investment that is home to more than 35 companies
- and almost 4,000 employees.
- 23 Our efforts created a return of more than
- 24 \$6 for every dollar spent that benefits the region
- and the State of Missouri and, simply put, would not

- 1 have been possible without this partnership.
- 2 This year, Horizons will become home to
- 3 the Kansas City Current, the state's only women's
- 4 professional sports team. The team is currently
- 5 constructing a state of the art training facility
- 6 and headquarters that will open in late spring.
- 7 When fully completed, this nearly \$50
- 8 million complex will include 13 fields that support
- 9 the team, training academy, and youth tournaments.
- 10 This economic growth is also encouraging local
- 11 businesses to expand and improve their operations as
- 12 well.
- I have described just a few of the many
- 14 positive outcomes that could have only happened
- 15 because of the partnership with Riverside and Penn
- 16 National Gaming.
- 17 Our staffs communicate on a regular basis
- 18 and work well together to ensure that any concerns
- 19 can be addressed long before they become problems.
- 20 This close collaboration and communication that both
- 21 of our organizations engaged in was critical during
- 22 COVID and the challenges that were presented over
- and over.
- 24 The Argosy team demonstrated resilience
- and perseverance, overcoming and adapting to operate

- 1 their business in a professional and safe manner.
- 2 This cooperative spirit and can-do attitude shared
- 3 by both of our organizations makes me confident that
- 4 the years ahead will be as successful and as
- 5 exciting as the last 28.
- 6 With me today, I have brought my chief of
- 7 police, Chris Skinrood, my finance officer, Nate
- 8 Blum, and my City administrator, Brian Koral. Thank
- 9 you for this opportunity and we are available for
- 10 any questions.
- 11 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Thank you, Mayor.
- 12 Any questions for Mayor Rose?
- 13 COMMISSIONER HANE: 16 years as mayor?
- MS. ROSE: And my mother was 16 before
- 15 me.
- 16 COMMISSIONER HANE: Congratulations.
- 17 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Any questions for Mayor
- 18 Rose? Seeing none, Madam, thank you.
- 19 MS. ROSE: Thank you.
- 20 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Thank you, gentlemen.
- 21 Thank you.
- 22 Public comment, any comments from the
- 23 public regarding Penn's license?
- 24 Seeing none, Sergeant Holcomb, you have
- 25 the floor.

- 1 SERGEANT HOLCOMB: Thank you. And good
- 2 morning Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. Penn National
- 3 Gaming submitted an application to the Missouri
- 4 Gaming Commission on August 27, 2021 for renewal of
- 5 the company's Class A riverboat gaming license.
- 6 This license is scheduled to expire on February 28,
- 7 2022.
- 8 The Missouri Gaming Company, doing
- 9 business as Argosy Riverside Casino submitted an
- 10 application to the Missouri Gaming Commission on
- 11 August 25th, 2021 for renewal of the company's Class
- 12 B riverboat gaming license. This license is also
- scheduled to expire on February 28, 2022.
- 14 Missouri State Highway Patrol
- 15 investigators and Missouri Gaming Commission
- 16 financial investigators conducted relicensing
- investigations which consisted of a financial
- 18 analysis, a review of disciplinary actions,
- 19 litigations and business credit profiles, and review
- of the key persons associated with each company.
- 21 The findings of these investigations were
- 22 provided to the Missouri Gaming Commission staff.
- 23 We'd be glad to answer any questions you might have.
- 24 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Any questions for
- 25 Sergeant Holcomb? Seeing none, thank you.

- 1 SERGEANT HOLCOMB: Thank you, sir.
- 2 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Next up, Cheryl Bonner.
- 3 You have the floor.
- 4 MS. BONNER: Good morning Mr. Chairman
- 5 and Commissioners. In October of 2021, the Missouri
- 6 Gaming Commission staff conducted a 100 percent
- 7 audit of the MBE/WBE records for the Class B
- 8 licensee Argosy Riverside Casino. The results of
- 9 our audit and specific details related to those
- 10 findings are included in the summary report in your
- 11 possession. And I'll be happy to answer any
- 12 questions.
- 13 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Any questions for
- 14 Cheryl?
- 15 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: Actually, Mr.
- 16 Chairman, a comment, maybe a question for Argosy.
- 17 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Commissioner Zimmerman,
- 18 go ahead.
- 19 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: Thank you.
- Nice job, Cheryl. It was a really good
- 21 report. I really appreciate the information. I
- just wondered if the Argosy had considered, you
- 23 know, looking at those -- you know, maybe improving
- those numbers in those management positions, if they
- 25 had ever considered a diversity manager. I know

- 1 that some private industries are looking at
- 2 individuals who specifically work on improving their
- 3 numbers within diversity.
- 4 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Commissioner, we'll have
- 5 one of the representatives from Penn coming up to
- 6 answer that.
- 7 MR. GEORGE: Lance George, G-E-O-R-G-E.
- 8 So we coordinate hiring efforts with the corporate
- 9 office for the leadership positions and effective --
- 10 geez, I want to say about a year ago, any position,
- 11 director or above, requires that we interview a
- 12 minority candidate and/or female candidate. And so
- there's a significant effort being placed on
- 14 diversifying the leadership positions, both at the
- 15 corporate office as well as across the country.
- 16 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Commissioner, does that
- 17 help?
- 18 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: It does.
- 19 Actually, my daughter has a position with an
- 20 engineering firm out in the Denver area as a
- 21 diversity manager. And so I know that there are a
- 22 lot of companies that are moving in that direction.
- 23 And so because of my familiarity with her
- 24 position, you know, just wondered, you know, since
- 25 that was part of Cheryl's report, if that had been

- 1 considered by Penn Gaming or the Argosy in
- 2 particular. Yes, it does. Thank you.
- 3 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Any other questions on
- 4 this compliance portion?
- 5 Cheryl, thank you.
- 6 Staff recommendations?
- 7 MR. GREWACH: Staff recommends approval.
- 8 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Thank you.
- 9 Any questions on the recommendations?
- 10 Seeing none -- thank you, Mr. Grewach -- I move for
- 11 Resolution No. 22-010, Penn National Gaming
- 12 licensure approval. Is there a second?
- 13 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: I second.
- 14 CHAIRMAN LEARA: I actually think I heard
- 15 Madam Commissioner say -- get the second on there.
- So any discussion on the resolution?
- 17 Seeing none, Angie, call the roll.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Leara.
- 19 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Approved.
- 20 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Conway.
- 21 COMMISSIONER CONWAY: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Hane.
- 23 COMMISSIONER HANE: Approved.
- 24 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Zimmerman.
- 25 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: Approved.

- 1 MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 2 Resolution No. 22-010.
- 3 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Next portion of that is
- 4 Resolution No. 22-011 for the Missouri Gaming
- 5 Company. I guess that would be the Class B license.
- 6 I move for the approval. Is there a second?
- 7 COMMISSIONER CONWAY: I'll second.
- 8 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Second Mr. Conway. Any
- 9 discussion? Seeing none, Angie, please call the
- 10 roll.
- 11 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Leara.
- 12 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Conway.
- 14 COMMISSIONER CONWAY: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Hane.
- 16 COMMISSIONER HANE: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Zimmermann.
- 18 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: Approved.
- 19 MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 20 Resolution No. 22-011.
- 21 CHAIRMAN LEARA: All right. Sergeant
- 22 McTheeney, you have the floor. The next item is
- 23 consideration of licensure level one key applicants.
- 24 SERGEANT McTHEENEY: Mr. Chairman and
- 25 Commissioners, Missouri State Highway Patrol

- 1 investigators and Missouri Gaming Commission
- 2 financial investigators conducted comprehensive
- 3 background investigations on Key and Level 1
- 4 applicants. The investigations included, but were
- 5 not limited to civil, criminal, financial and
- 6 general character inquiries that were made in the
- 7 jurisdictions where the applicants have lived,
- 8 worked and frequented. The following applicants are
- 9 being presented for your consideration:
- 10 Ryan Dee Bandt, vice president of casino
- 11 operations, Argosy Riverside Casino; Jeffrey Bryan
- 12 Walker, vice president of enterprise security &
- 13 surveillance operations; Boyd Gaming Corporation;
- 14 Mario Cesari, independent director for De Agostini
- 15 S.p.A.; Drew Michael Kelley, chief financial
- officer, Global Gaming with IGT; Matthew LeMar
- 17 Heinhold, general counsel with Interblock USA L.C.;
- 18 Steven Albert Peate, vice president and general
- 19 manager, Penn National Gaming.
- 20 Investigative findings were provided to
- 21 the Missouri Gaming Commission staff for their
- 22 review and investigators are available to answer any
- 23 questions you might have. Thank you.
- 24 CHAIRMAN LEARA: We've reviewed those
- investigations. Any questions for the sergeant?

- 1 Seeing none, thank you.
- 2 I will move for the approval of
- 3 Resolution No. 22-012, the licensure.
- These are initial licensures, Sergeant,
- 5 aren't they?
- 6 SERGEANT McTHEENEY: Yes. That's
- 7 correct.
- 8 CHAIRMAN LEARA: I move for the approval.
- 9 Is there a second?
- 10 COMMISSIONER HANE: Second.
- 11 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Second Mr. Hane.
- 12 Discussion? Seeing none, Angie, please call the
- 13 roll.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Leara.
- 15 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Conway.
- 17 COMMISSIONER CONWAY: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Hane.
- 19 COMMISSIONER HANE: Approved.
- 20 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Zimmerman.
- 21 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 23 Resolution No. 22-012.
- 24 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Next item is
- 25 consideration of relicensure.

- 1 Sergeant Coulson, you have the floor when
- 2 you're ready.
- 3 MR. COULSON: Mr. Chairman and
- 4 Commissioners, Missouri State Highway Patrol
- 5 investigators conducted background investigation
- 6 updates on Key Person License renewals. The
- 7 investigations included an application review as
- 8 well as civil, criminal and general character
- 9 inquiries made in the jurisdictions where the
- 10 applicants currently reside.
- The following renewals are being
- 12 presented for your consideration: Luke William
- 13 Keller, vice president and general manager of
- 14 Affinity Gaming; Neil Gregory Chatfield, chairman
- 15 and non-executive director, Aristocrat Leisure
- 16 Limited; Julie Mereille Cameron-Doe, chief financial
- officer, Aristocrat Technologies, Incorporated; John
- 18 Robert Bailey, independent director, Boyd Gaming
- 19 Corporation; Theodore Allen Bogich, executive vice
- 20 president, operations, Boyd Gaming Corporation;
- 21 Howard William Shaw, III, senior vice president and
- 22 general manager, Boyd Gaming Corporation;
- 23 Christopher Jon Holdren, co-president of Caesar's
- 24 Sports and Online Gaming, Caesar's Entertainment,
- 25 Incorporated; Jay Anthony Snowden, president, chief

- 1 executive officer and director, Penn National
- 2 Gaming, Incorporated; and Monica Howard Douglas,
- 3 independent member of the board of directors, VICI
- 4 Properties, Incorporated.
- 5 Investigative findings were provided to
- 6 the Missouri Gaming Commission staff for their
- 7 review. I would be glad to answer any questions you
- 8 might have. Thank you.
- 9 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Any questions for
- 10 Sergeant Coulson?
- 11 Seeing none, Sergeant, thank you.
- 12 I move for the approval of Resolution
- No. 22-013, relicensures. Is there a second?
- 14 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: Second.
- 15 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Second Madam Zimmerman.
- 16 Any discussion? Seeing none, Angie, please call the
- 17 roll.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Leara.
- 19 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Approved.
- 20 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Conway.
- 21 COMMISSIONER CONWAY: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Hane.
- 23 COMMISSIONER HANE: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Zimmermann.
- 25 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: Approved.

- 1 MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 2 Resolution No. 22-013.
- 3 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Next item, Sergeant
- 4 McTheeney, consideration of licensure of certain
- 5 supplier key business entities. You have the floor.
- 6 SERGEANT McTHEENEY: Thank you.
- 7 SM International Investment LLC and BMM
- 8 International LLC are being presented for licensure
- 9 as key business entities associated with BMM North
- 10 America, Inc. BMM North America is an independent
- 11 testing laboratory and has been continuously
- 12 licensed by the Missouri Gaming Commission since
- 13 September of 2010. BMM North America is wholly
- owned by BMM International, which, in turn, is
- 15 wholly owned by SM International Investment.
- 16 Missouri State Highway Patrol
- 17 investigators and Missouri Gaming Commission
- 18 financial investigators conducted a comprehensive
- 19 investigation of SM International Investment and BMM
- 20 International. The investigations included, but
- 21 were limited to a financial analysis, jurisdictional
- 22 inquiries and a review of disciplinary actions.
- 23 Investigative findings were provided to
- 24 the Missouri Gaming Commission staff for their
- 25 review and investigators are available to answer any

- 1 questions you might have. Thank you.
- 2 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Thank you.
- 3 Is there any questions -- are there any
- 4 questions for Sergeant McTheeney.
- 5 Seeing none, Sergeant, thank you.
- 6 Any other discussion on that? Seeing
- 7 none, at this time I move for the approval of
- 8 Resolution No. 22-014. Is there a second?
- 9 COMMISSIONER HANE: Second.
- 10 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Second Mr. Hane. Any
- 11 other discussion? Seeing none, Angie, please call
- 12 the roll.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Leara.
- 14 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Conway.
- 16 COMMISSIONER CONWAY: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Hane.
- 18 COMMISSIONER HANE: Approved.
- 19 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Zimmerman.
- 20 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 22 Resolution No. 22-014.
- 23 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Next item on the agenda,
- 24 disciplinary action. Mr. Grewach, you have the
- 25 floor.

- 1 MR. GREWACH: Thank you Mr. Chairman,
- 2 Commissioners. Under Tab G, we have a preliminary
- 3 order of discipline directed to NRT Technology
- 4 Corporation for allowing a key person to work
- 5 without a license from September 1st, 2021 to
- 6 October 25th, 2021. Joseph Cody is a -- was a key
- 7 person, license holder, and is NRT's senior vice
- 8 president of systems and developments.
- 9 His key person license was set to expire
- on August 31st, 2021 and therefore, by rule, his
- 11 renewal application was due to us by July 1st, 2021.
- 12 When we did not receive the renewal application on
- July 1st, we sent notice to the -- NRT's compliance
- officers.
- 15 At NRT, like many other companies, the
- 16 compliance officer there is responsible and conducts
- 17 the renewal process for key person applications and
- 18 renewals.
- 19 So, again, we'd sent that reminder email
- on September 1st. There were a series of emails
- 21 going back and forth between our licensing
- 22 department and the NRT compliance person.
- 23 By August 31st, we still not had -- had
- 24 not received the renewal application. Mr. Cody's
- 25 key person license therefore expired on August 31st,

- 1 2021.
- We notified them briefly before that that
- 3 we needed a new application for Mr. Cody because we
- 4 were not going to receive the renewal application in
- 5 time to process that.
- 6 We received a renewal application on
- 7 September 3rd, 2021, but it was incomplete, missing
- 8 several documents. There again was a series of
- 9 emails back and forth.
- 10 We finally received a completed
- 11 application on October 18th, 2021. We issued
- 12 Mr. Cody a temporary key person license on October
- 25th, but Mr. Furry had to work from -- Cody --
- 14 sorry -- Mr. Cody had worked at his key person
- license from September 1st to October 25th, 2021.
- 16 Discipline Review recommended a fine of
- \$2,500. In NRT's response to the 14-day letter,
- 18 they did not contest either the violation or the
- 19 amount of the fine.
- 20 CHAIRMAN LEARA: All right. This is, I
- 21 think, my first in two and a half years of somebody
- operating without a license; is that accurate?
- MR. GREWACH: That is, yes.
- 24 CHAIRMAN LEARA: That does not set well.
- 25 Was there a reason for failing to respond within the

- 1 -- in the time period?
- 2 MR. GREWACH: I looked at all the emails
- 3 back and forth. There was a changeover in the
- 4 position of compliance officer. Not an excuse, but
- 5 that was one factor that played in, because some of
- 6 the emails that came back and forth really reflected
- 7 a lack of knowledge on the part of the current
- 8 compliance officer to understand how to put an
- 9 application together, what to put in it. There were
- 10 -- but that was a failure on their part to get it
- 11 back to us in time.
- 12 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Do you have any
- knowledge, or anyone else here in the room, of
- 14 people operating unlicensed in the past?
- MR. GREWACH: I've been here 11 years. I
- 16 do not have any recollection of this type of case.
- 17 CHAIRMAN LEARA: May have, but nothing
- 18 comes to mind?
- MR. GREWACH: Correct.
- 20 CHAIRMAN LEARA: I feel that a \$2,500
- 21 fine is light. I don't know how the other
- 22 commissioners feel, but I would entertain a
- 23 discussion on this.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HANE: Well, I've got a
- 25 question. Since his license did expire, then we

- 1 require that he fill out an application basically
- 2 for a new license; is that correct?
- 3 MR. GREWACH: That's correct.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HANE: Okay. Then did we do
- 5 the full background investigation for his licensure?
- 6 MR. GREWACH: On a key person renewal,
- 7 you know, we don't do a complete background. We
- 8 do --
- 9 COMMISSIONER HANE: He's not renewing
- 10 anymore. He's expired.
- 11 MR. GREWACH: Expired. Treat it as a new
- 12 one?
- 13 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Sergeant McTheeney --
- 14 SERGEANT MCTHEENEY: Yes.
- 15 CHAIRMAN LEARA: -- would you like to
- 16 enter the discussion?
- 17 SERGEANT MCTHEENEY: Yes, Mr. Chairman,
- 18 Commissioners, I did his initial application and
- 19 then I have received the new application. So it's a
- 20 -- I'm doing it again currently.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HANE: Well, I'm just trying
- 22 to figure this out here. Okay. So basically he was
- 23 granted a temporary?
- 24 CHAIRMAN LEARA: He still operated
- 25 without a license for a period of time. Or he was

- 1 employed without a license.
- 2 MR. GREWACH: He was granted a temporary
- on October 25th because we treated him -- again, we
- 4 treated him like a new applicant. We get the
- 5 application, check it as complete, do some
- 6 background checks, and then at that point issued him
- temporary key person license, which he's currently
- 8 operating on subject to Sergeant McTheeney's
- 9 background investigation.
- 10 MR. MCTHEENEY: And I did this
- investigation as well and I can tell you that we did
- 12 confirm during the investigation that he performed
- 13 the same duties. His duties did not change. So, in
- other words, when he was not licensed by the State
- of Missouri, he was performing the same duties as
- 16 when he was licensed.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HANE: When he was --
- MR. MCTHEENEY: Correct.
- 19 COMMISSIONER HANE: -- previously?
- 20 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Is there a difference in
- 21 fee -- or the application fee and cost for the new
- 22 license versus the renewal?
- MS. HUTCHISON: Hi, Terri Hutchison,
- 24 assistant director of enforcement. So whenever he
- 25 expired, the process starts all over like he's brand

- 1 new. The fees, brand new fees. So the initial fee
- 2 -- everything is back to like he was a brand new
- 3 person.
- 4 CHAIRMAN LEARA: And what's the
- 5 difference in that and a renewal?
- 6 MS. HUTCHISON: The fee structure?
- 7 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Yes.
- 8 MS. HUTCHISON: Let's see, for -- this is
- 9 a key person. 10,000 -- I thought it was 1,000.
- 10 CHAIRMAN LEARA: The key renewal versus a
- 11 key new applicant, is there a difference in the fee?
- MS. McCARTHY: Yeah, I'll need to go look
- 13 that up. I'll be right back.
- 14 CHAIRMAN LEARA: I'd appreciate that.
- MS. HUTCHISON: There is a difference in
- 16 the renewal fees.
- 17 CHAIRMAN LEARA: There is?
- 18 MS. HUTCHISON: There is a difference.
- 19 CHAIRMAN LEARA: And that's what I'm
- 20 trying to establish here. I feel --
- MS. HUTCHISON: Yes.
- 22 CHAIRMAN LEARA: -- \$2,500 --
- 23 MS. HUTCHISON: There is a difference in
- the renewal fees.
- 25 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Okay.

- 1 MS. HUTCHISON: Yes. The initial is
- 2 more.
- 4 for a new, \$250 for a renewal.
- 5 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Okay. That puts it in
- 6 perspective of what we're looking at.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HANE: Yes. That's correct.
- 8 CHAIRMAN LEARA: I don't know what the
- 9 other Commissioners thoughts are on this.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HANE: Well, I'm not
- 11 enthused. I think we've given these folks ample
- 12 opportunity when we have contacted them about their
- 13 personnel being late.
- 14 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Commissioner Zimmermann,
- were you about to speak?
- 16 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: I would. Thank
- 17 you, Mr. Chairman. I agree with you. I feel like
- 18 operating without a license, especially considering
- 19 the absolute diligence with which the Gaming
- 20 Commission staff tried to make those notifications,
- 21 I agree with you that I feel like -- you know, I'm
- 22 not sure that the penalty fits what has occurred
- 23 here.
- 24 CHAIRMAN LEARA: So I will make a motion
- 25 to increase the --

- 1 COMMISSIONER CONWAY: Mr. Chair?
- 2 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Yes, Mr. Conway.
- 3 COMMISSIONER CONWAY: Thank you. I would
- 4 like to know when NRT Technology is up for their
- 5 license renewal.
- 6 CHAIRMAN LEARA: That question is being
- 7 posed. Standby. Yeah, we'll have a few minutes on
- 8 that, Mr. Conway. But these -- did you hear the
- 9 judge speak to a difference of roughly \$250 versus a
- 10 \$1,000 for key person?
- 11 Terri Hutchison, go.
- MS. HUTCHISON: Yes, we got our -- I call
- it the cheat sheet on our fees. So for the key
- 14 business entity, it is \$1,000. That's what they had
- to pay. And for the renewal is \$100.
- 16 CHAIRMAN LEARA: So they had an
- opportunity to get by for \$100 and didn't. Okay. I
- 18 still have a problem with operating unlicensed.
- 19 MS. McCARTHY: They expire May 31st next
- 20 year.
- 21 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Mr. Conway, did you hear
- 22 that?
- 23 COMMISSIONER CONWAY: I'm having a little
- 24 trouble picking up the background conversation.
- 25 CHAIRMAN LEARA: That's fine. I'll

- 1 repeat. LeAnn McCarthy stated that the entity
- 2 license comes up for renewal next year.
- COMMISSIONER CONWAY: Well, I mean, he
- 4 was the vice president. I think that when we -- or
- 5 the investigators, next year, when they're
- 6 recommending the licenses of the corporation, should
- 7 certainly make a footnote of the fact that they were
- 8 having someone at that high of a level of their
- 9 corporation disregarding the fact that they were
- 10 required to have a license. And I believe that
- 11 should be considered when their relicensing occurs.
- 12 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 13 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Thank you, Mr. Conway.
- Mr. Grewach, when these be fines are
- typically imposed and paid, they're generally not
- paid by the employee themselves, are they?
- 17 MR. GREWACH: Correct. They'd be paid by
- 18 the NRT.
- 19 CHAIRMAN LEARA: And that's -- okay. I'm
- 20 sorry. Is that allowed? That is allowed to be paid
- 21 by the corporate?
- 22 MR. GREWACH: Right. And as a matter of
- 23 fact, this discipline is directly -- is directed to
- 24 the corporation. And just to answer Commission
- 25 Conway's question, the patrol always does include

- 1 any disciplines that occurred since the last
- 2 licensing action in their summary reports.
- 3 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Do we have any questions
- 4 for Mr. Grewach or anyone else that spoke on this
- 5 issue? All right. I make a motion that we amend
- 6 the fine to \$5,000. Is there a second?
- 7 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: Second.
- 8 COMMISSIONER CONWAY: I'll second.
- 9 CHAIRMAN LEARA: We're going to give that
- 10 one to Mr. Conway. Commissioner Conway second.
- 11 Thank you. Now discussion? Any discussion?
- 12 Mr. Hane? He's grimacing there. Let's hear it.
- 13 COMMISSIONER HANE: I just -- I've got a
- 14 problem with key persons operating in the State of
- 15 Missouri without a license. I mean, from
- 16 September 1 to October 25th, I mean, there's -- I
- 17 certainly don't see any reason for that, period.
- 18 I'll go with your \$5,000.
- 19 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Go with the \$5,000. Any
- 20 other discussion? Well, let me say this before we
- 21 go to a vote. If you feel it should be something
- 22 different, put it out there and we can discuss it.
- I think we send a statement. I don't want this
- 24 going on. Okay. Seeing no other discussion, Angie,
- 25 call the roll.

- 1 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Leara.
- 2 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Approved.
- 3 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Conway.
- 4 COMMISSIONER CONWAY: Approved.
- 5 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Hane.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HANE: Approved.
- 7 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Zimmermann.
- 8 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: Approved.
- 9 MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you have
- 10 approved DC-22-007 as amended.
- 11 CHAIRMAN LEARA: So let me ask this
- 12 question. Do we have a parliamentarian here? I
- 13 don't know. But I made a motion to amend the fine
- 14 to 10,000. Do we vote on the amendment or can we
- vote on the resolution as amended?
- MR. GREWACH: You can vote on the
- 17 resolution as amended.
- 18 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Okay. Moving on to the
- 19 next one.
- MR. GREWACH: Yes.
- 21 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Mr. Grewach.
- 22 MR. GREWACH: Yes. Under Tab H, we have
- 23 a preliminary order of discipline directed to
- 24 Bally's KC Corporation Casino. During a compliance
- 25 audit, the MGC discovered that on three promotions

- 1 it examined, that the drawings were not awarded to
- 2 patrons according to the promotional rules.
- 3 The promotional rules provided that a
- 4 patron would receive one drawing for each \$50 of
- 5 play during a certain time period. For example, in
- one of these drawings -- one of these promotions, it
- 7 was for a time period from February 5th to February
- 8 13th, 2021. But the system that the casino used
- 9 dropped off any amount less than \$50 at the end of
- 10 each gaming day.
- 11 So, again, for example, if a patron came
- to the casino and spent \$35 on February 5th and then
- came back on February 6th and spent \$65, for that
- 14 total of \$100 that patron should receive two
- 15 drawings. But the system would completely wipe out
- the first 35, because anything less than 50 in
- increments it would wipe out. It would also wipe
- 18 out \$15 of the 65, because it would just round it
- 19 down to 50.
- The auditor's sample did 60 patrons and
- 21 found that 29 of them did not receive the correct
- 22 amount of drawings. The Discipline Review Board
- 23 recommended a \$5,000 fine.
- 24 In response to the 14-day letter, the
- 25 casino did not contest the violation. They

- 1 indicated that there were thousands of entries and
- 2 suggested that the errors suggested a small
- 3 percentage of the drawing entries awarded. They
- 4 altered their rules of the game to reflect what the
- 5 system does.
- 6 In other words, they changed the rules of
- 7 the game to say, if you have less than \$50 at the
- 8 end of the gaming day, you know, you get rounded
- 9 down to the next figure.
- 10 And they asked that the punishment be
- 11 reduced to a nonpunitive letter or the fine reduced
- to \$2,500. The Discipline Review Board voted to
- 13 continue with the recommendation of the \$5,000 fine.
- 14 CHAIRMAN LEARA: We've seen this
- 15 recurring. And I'm not picking on IOC in this case,
- but we see a lot of this. This is not infrequent
- that we have failure to award in these programs.
- 18 MR. GREWACH: Promotional violations are
- 19 a very common discipline you see. And when you look
- 20 at a case like this, you know, the solution would be
- 21 -- now, they go out and buy a proprietary system
- from a supplier, that's fine. But the solution on
- 23 their part could be to test it out of the gate
- 24 before they go live to see -- then they would have
- found out, in fact, it does this before auditors

- 1 found it.
- COMMISSIONER HANE: And to say, well, it
- 3 really affected a low percentage of people, I mean,
- 4 that's -- if it affects a customer, then it is still
- 5 a violation. I mean, whether it's one or whether
- 6 it's 50 or whether it's, you know, 500, it's a low
- 7 percentage. Well, it's still affecting, you know,
- 8 people that are looking to us for fair play.
- 9 MR. GREWACH: Yes.
- 10 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Any other questions for
- 11 Mr. Grewach? Seeing none, I move for the approval
- of Disciplinary Action No. 22-008. Is there a
- 13 second?
- 14 COMMISSIONER HANE: Second.
- 15 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Second Mr. Hane. Any
- 16 other discussion on that? Seeing none, Angie, call
- 17 the roll.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Leara.
- 19 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Approved.
- 20 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Conway.
- 21 COMMISSIONER CONWAY: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Hane.
- 23 COMMISSIONER HANE: Approved.
- 24 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Zimmerman.
- 25 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: Approved.

- 1 MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 2 DC-22-008.
- 3 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Mr. Grewach.
- 4 MR. GREWACH: Yes. Under Tab I, we have
- 5 a preliminary order of discipline directed to
- 6 Hollywood Casino-St. Louis for violation of two
- 7 rules, one that requires that the expiration dates
- 8 be printed on coupons, and a second that requires a
- 9 casino to make promotional rules immediately
- 10 available to the public and to the MGC agents upon
- 11 request.
- 12 This case began with a patron complaint.
- 13 The patron, at 10:38 a.m. on May 30th was issued a
- 14 \$40 free play table game coupon. The coupon on its
- 15 face only said it expired on May 31st. It didn't
- 16 have any expiration time on it.
- On May 31st at 6:45 p.m., the patron
- 18 presented the coupon at a table game and the table
- 19 game refused -- the casino refused to honor it,
- 20 saying that it had expired 24 hours after issuance.
- 21 In other words, that it had expired at 10:58 a.m. on
- 22 the 31st.
- 23 The patron asked for any supporting
- 24 documentation for that position, was told they
- 25 didn't have any. The patron contacted the MGC

- 1 agent, Sergeant Johnson. Sergeant Johnson arrived
- 2 at the cage. He asked for rules of the promotion.
- 3 He was told they didn't have them and didn't know
- 4 where they were.
- 5 Sergeant Johnson made three more
- 6 additional inquiries and was eventually given the
- 7 rules at 2 p.m. on June 2nd. When examining the
- 8 rules, he found that they had nothing in them that
- 9 provided that the coupons expired after 24 hours.
- 10 The Discipline Review Board recommended a
- 11 \$5,000 fine. The casino did not dispute either the
- violation or the amount of the fine. They indicated
- in that letter they had taken remedial steps, that
- 14 they were going to add expiration times to coupons
- when they're applicable.
- 16 They were adding a bar code scanner to
- the table games in the pit areas to try to ensure
- 18 this kind of mistake didn't -- was not made again.
- 19 They would provide cage staff with copies of all
- 20 promotional rules. Therefore the Discipline Review
- 21 Board continued with its recommendation of \$5,000
- 22 fine.
- 23 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Any questions for
- 24 Mr. Grewach?
- 25 COMMISSIONER HANE: Do you know if the

- 1 woman got her \$40 back?
- 2 MR. GREWACH: Calling on Leisha Kempker
- 3 -- no, we don't know.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HANE: All right.
- 5 CHAIRMAN LEARA: I think that the fine is
- 6 -- clearly represents the violation and I'm good
- 7 with that. Any other questions? Seeing none, I
- 8 move for the approval of Disciplinary Action No.
- 9 22-009. Is there a second?
- 10 COMMISSIONER HANE: I'll second.
- 11 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Second Mr. Hane. Any
- 12 other discussion? Seeing none, Angie, call the
- 13 roll.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Leara.
- 15 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Conway.
- 17 COMMISSIONER CONWAY: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Hane.
- 19 COMMISSIONER HANE: Approved.
- 20 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Zimmerman.
- 21 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 23 DC-22-009.
- 24 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Next item on the agenda,
- 25 Mr. Grewach, consideration of rule making. Here we

- 1 go.
- 2 MR. GREWACH: Here we go, yes. Under Tab
- J, Items 1 through 9, we have one new rule and eight
- 4 amendments to rules which primarily allow cashless
- 5 wagering at Missouri casinos. This is the system
- 6 that you heard in Penn's presentation. It's a high
- 7 priority for the industry going forward.
- 8 Cashless wagering is a system where a
- 9 patron can downloads funds from his cell phone
- 10 directly into a slot machine or use those funds from
- 11 a cell phone to buy chips at a table game. To
- 12 participate in this cashless system, the patron has
- to be a member of the casino's loyalty program.
- 14 Now, the advantage of that is that from a
- 15 Know Your Customer standpoint, to become a member of
- loyalty program, you have to show your ID. Also
- from a responsible gaming aspect, you can't get a
- 18 player's club card if you are on the DAP list. If
- 19 you have a player's club card and you are on the DAP
- 20 list, then your card gets deactivated and your
- 21 membership gets deactivated.
- 22 So the patron who wants to set up a
- 23 cashless wagering system, first, again, has to
- 24 become a member of the player's club card. And once
- 25 they are a member, they can upload the casino's

- 1 player's club app onto their phone.
- 2 So when they open up that app, that app
- 3 will give them a link to a digital wallet provider.
- 4 Some of those providers, such as Sightline Payments
- 5 and Everi Payments, are licensed by the federal
- 6 government as cash services business and they're
- 7 subject to all the federal banking regulations and
- 8 consumer protections that are in those regulations.
- 9 So you get on the app, the app directs
- 10 you to the digital wallet provider's app, and then
- on there you provide your information. The digital
- 12 wallet provider then goes through their Know Your
- 13 Customer regulations, many of which are dictated by
- 14 banking regulations. They do an identity check
- 15 through a third parch such as IDology to make sure
- the person applying is the person that they're
- 17 opening the funds for.
- Once you get that process completed, then
- 19 you can transfer funds to -- from your bank or your
- 20 credit card or your PayPal account, whatever this
- 21 digital wallet provider will accept, to the digital
- 22 wallet provider.
- 23 The digital wallet provider then -- and
- 24 kind of follow the money. Let's say I have \$500 in
- 25 my Bank of America bank account. I use my debit

- 1 card to transfer that. I want to put that in my
- 2 digital wallet. I do that electronically through my
- 3 phone app.
- 4 And then the digital wallet provider puts
- 5 that \$500 in an FDIC insured bank. And the account
- 6 is titled "FBO" or "For the Benefit of" all the
- 7 players. Because it's a pool of money of everyone
- 8 who is participating in this system.
- 9 When I go to the property, then I can use
- 10 my phone. I can walk up to a slot machine and I can
- 11 transfer money from my digital wallet to my player
- 12 reward app, and from there transfer it into the shot
- 13 machine.
- When I'm finished playing, I can transfer
- 15 whatever credits are left on the machine back up to
- 16 my casino -- let's just call it "the app," the
- 17 casino app on my phone. And then I can either go
- 18 play another game with that or I can transfer it
- 19 back to the digital wallet account.
- The patron, through this whole process,
- 21 is free to transfer the money back and forth. So he
- 22 can transfer it from his bank to the digital wallet
- 23 provider, to his casino app, and then back to the
- 24 digital wallet provider, back to his bank account.
- 25 I mean, he's completely free to make those transfers

- 1 throughout.
- The machines that we're looking at now,
- 3 the slot machines have the capability and function
- 4 that if you walk away -- let's say you're playing,
- 5 you got 30 credits left on the machine, you forget
- 6 about it or walk away. When you get 10 feet away,
- 7 it will download that money -- upload that money
- 8 back from the machine up to your casino app. So you
- 9 don't have that same problem you'd have now if you
- 10 walked away from a machine with \$30 on it. Someone
- 11 else would sit down and play that 30 credits.
- 12 With the table games, the same process.
- 13 You can go and they'll have an item that looks like
- 14 iPad at the table game. And with that you can
- 15 use -- download funds from your phone to this
- 16 tablet. Then a receipt is printed and then the
- dealer will push out the chips to play with.
- 18 So you play a while. And when you're
- done, if you want to cash in your chips, you can
- 20 either do it traditionally, cash them in, or you can
- just say, Hey can you upload this back to my casino
- 22 app? And so as the Penn folks pointed out, it makes
- 23 a completely seamless transaction.
- 24 As he also alluded to, these systems will
- 25 allow you to access your casino loyalty app and it

- 1 will have a screen and on the screen it will have
- 2 your available amount from your digital wallet.
- 3 It'll have your points that have accrued. It will
- 4 have any rewards or free coupons that they've given
- 5 you.
- 6 So you can, as you go to a slot machine,
- 7 use any one of those three sources to play. You
- 8 could place a free coupon. You could cash in some
- 9 of your points. You can do whatever combination of
- 10 those that you want to.
- 11 There are advantages to patrons, again,
- 12 with having one-stop access to all those three
- different buckets of money, rewards and points.
- 14 There are also responsible gaming features that are
- 15 built into this system that really aren't available
- 16 now.
- 17 Right now if you're a patron, you've got
- 18 two options. You're either on the DAP list or
- 19 you're not on the dap list. Through these cashless
- 20 wagering systems, you can set up daily, weekly,
- 21 monthly limits on yourself as to how much you want
- 22 to spend. If you go over that limit, they lock you
- out. They don't let you spend anymore.
- 24 They also generate a report for you. You
- 25 know, some of the systems I've seen actually -- you

- don't have to ask for the report, they just kind of
- 2 shoot it to you. This is to remind you you've lost
- 3 \$350 this week, or, you know, whatever the case may
- 4 be. It gives you some extra options there as far as
- 5 a responsible gaming perspective.
- 6 Also helps with anti-money laundering,
- 7 because obviously cash is the biggest culprit when
- 8 it comes to money laundering. Here, every dollar
- 9 that comes and goes, there's an electronic trail
- 10 that we can track who had it, who spent it, and
- 11 where it went from there.
- 12 So if you want to stop now and talk about
- cashless, then I can talk about the rest of the
- 14 rules, or however you'd like to handle it,
- 15 Mr. Chair.
- 16 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Cashless, does that put
- 17 additional responsibilities or burdens on our audit
- 18 staff?
- 19 MR. GREWACH: I probably would defer that
- 20 question to compliance audit manager, Leisha
- 21 Kempker. There's -- built in to a lot of these
- 22 rules -- let me start out by saying that this isn't
- a new or revolutionary system. I mean, it's the
- 24 same thing done, as Penn folks said, about Starbucks
- 25 or any other debit card transaction. It's just new

- 1 to gaming, you know. So it's using existing, you
- 2 know, processes.
- But when we get to gaming, then we have
- 4 to talk about what meters it's going to hit, you
- 5 know, what reports it's going to generate, you know,
- 6 how do we do -- how do we do reconciliations, how do
- 7 we do audits. So I will turn that part over to Ms.
- 8 Kempker.
- 9 MS. KEMPKER: Leisha Kempker, compliance
- 10 audit manager. Yes, it will add additional steps to
- 11 our audit program. However, we do have downloadable
- 12 -- you can download points and credits, promotional
- 13 credits currently. So we do part of that already,
- 14 but this will add some additional steps.
- 15 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Okay. It's not an
- 16 entirely new learning curve you're --
- MS. KEMPKER: It's not completely new.
- 18 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Okay.
- MS. KEMPKER: But it's a new facet,
- 20 because you have that transfer from another source.
- 21 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Thank you. That answers
- 22 the question.
- 23 Any questions from Mr. Grewach on the
- 24 cashless portion? And that would be the first --
- 25 how many proposed rules, then?

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1 MR. GREWACH: That's actually -- all of
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- 2 them deal with cashless.
- 3 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Okay.
- 4 MR. GREWACH: I can go on if you'd like,
- 5 because a few of them -- a few changes in here don't
- 6 deal directly with cashless. The process that we
- 7 follow is that on a day-to-day basis, if we notice a
- 8 rule that seems problematic or a definition that
- 9 seems vague or if we grant a variance to a casino
- 10 that we think is a good idea, we -- because once you
- open a rule like this, you can't make other changes
- 12 to it while the rule is open and in the rulemaking
- 13 process. And that's talking about maybe nine months
- 14 to a year.
- So if we see something in 1090 of the
- 16 definitions we want to change, we don't immediately
- go to that because now we're locked out of making
- any other changes to definitions for that nine-month
- 19 to a year period.
- 20 So we send them to the policy group and
- 21 they keep in their files, you know, things that
- 22 change. So when you look at -- like in 1090,
- there's a change to the definition of an independent
- 24 testing laboratory, you know, something to clarify
- 25 what qualifies them to do that.

- 1 When you look at Chapter R, you're going
- 2 to see some rules that deal with what has to be
- filed with hybrid games. Again, in R, you're going
- 4 to see a new section that talks about electronic
- 5 signatures, in what circumstances and how forms --
- 6 you know, because we want to kind of migrate to
- 7 that, have forms that the casino sends us, do it
- 8 electronically. What do we want on an electronic
- 9 signature, what do we want -- you know, safe guards
- 10 in that.
- 11 So there are a few sprinkled within these
- 12 that are not directly related to cashless wagering,
- 13 but every one of these sections does address
- 14 cashless wagering.
- 15 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Any questions for
- 16 Mr. Grewach on the proposed rules and amendments?
- 17 Seeing none --
- MR. GREWACH: I'll go over the timeline,
- 19 then, real quickly.
- 20 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Yes. These are
- 21 proposed. This is not the final. So give us that
- timeline, please.
- MR. GREWACH: Sure. We received
- 24 Governor's approval on January 24 of 2022. If you
- 25 approve these, there will be a public comment period

- 1 from April 1st to May 1st of 2022. There will be a
- 2 public hearing on May 6th, 2022. They will come
- 3 back to you at the June 29th, 2022 with any comments
- 4 we've received and any suggested changes to the
- 5 rule. If you approve them at that June meeting,
- 6 they will become effective on October 30th, 2022.
- 7 CHAIRMAN LEARA: October what?
- 8 MR. GREWACH: 30th, 2022.
- 9 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Okay. Very good. Thank
- 10 you. Any questions?
- 11 COMMISSIONER CONWAY: Mr. Chair.
- 12 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Mr. Conway.
- 13 COMMISSIONER CONWAY: Thank you, Mr.
- 14 Chair. You know, I -- Ed gave me a little bit of an
- indoctrination into these rules and regulations
- 16 yesterday by phone, because I really felt like I
- 17 wasn't really up to par on what all of these changes
- 18 actually do.
- 19 And I'm glad it's a proposed resolution
- 20 that will come up for final adoption later in the
- 21 year, but I would suggest -- and June would probably
- 22 be an appropriate time -- that the director -- or
- judge, I mean, you know, or Ed or whoever you think,
- Mr. Chair, to give us kind of an overall of where
- 25 we're moving on this and what's anticipated and kind

- of understand how the Gaming Commission is adapting
- 2 to so many changes in the industry.
- 3 So I think mostly on the, you know, debit
- 4 card transaction, the player who doesn't want a
- 5 loyalty card, does this have any effect on them and
- 6 other things in that nature. So maybe it would be a
- 7 good time for us to catch up.
- 8 CHAIRMAN LEARA: I understand. I know
- 9 where you're going with that. We'll have that
- 10 discussion and maybe look at a condensed analysis of
- 11 what it does to staffing and that will be fine.
- 12 We'll have that -- someone here will be able to do
- 13 that.
- 14 Okay. Any other discussion? Seeing
- none, we're going to vote on all these individually.
- MS. FRANKS: One resolution.
- 17 CHAIRMAN LEARA: I see all the CSRs. It
- 18 is one resolution. Thank you. Okay. Very good.
- 19 So I will move for the approval of Resolution No.
- 20 22-015 as related to cashless wagering and other
- 21 rule amendments. Is there a second?
- 22 COMMISSIONER HANE: Second.
- 23 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Mr. Hane. Any other
- 24 discussion before we vote? Seeing none, Angie, call
- 25 the roll.

- 1 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Leara.
- 2 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Approved.
- 3 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Conway.
- 4 COMMISSIONER CONWAY: Approved.
- 5 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Hane.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HANE: Approved.
- 7 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Zimmerman.
- 8 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: Approved.
- 9 MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 10 Resolution No. 22-015.
- 11 CHAIRMAN LEARA: All right. Thank you,
- 12 Mr. Grewach. Ratification of extension.
- 13 MR. GREWACH: Yes. Under Tab K we have a
- 14 resolution to ratify the chairman's extension of
- 15 licensure for Brian Marsh as a key person. On
- January the 20th, 2022, Chairman Leara granted an
- 17 extension of Brian Marsh's key person license to
- 18 April 1st, 2022.
- 19 The Rule 1.020(4) requires a Commission
- 20 ratify the chairman's action at the next meeting.
- 21 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Any questions for
- 22 Mr. Grewach? Seeing none, I move for the approval
- of Resolution No. 22-016. Is there a second?
- 24 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: I second.
- 25 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Second Madam Zimmermann.

- 1 Seeing no -- any other discussion?
- 2 Seeing none, Angie, call the roll.
- 3 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Leara.
- 4 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Approved.
- 5 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Conway.
- 6 COMMISSIONER CONWAY: Approved.
- 7 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Hane.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HANE: Approved.
- 9 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Zimmerman.
- 10 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted
- 12 Resolution No. 22-016.
- 13 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Okay. At this time, I
- 14 make a motion for closed the meeting under Sections
- 15 313.847, the Revised Statutes of Missouri,
- 16 Investigatory, Proprietary and Application Records,
- and Section 610.021, Section 1, Revised Statutes of
- 18 Missouri, Legal Actions and Matters Subject to
- 19 Attorney/Client Privilege and Legal Work Product,
- 20 Sections 3 and 13, Personnel, Section 12, Contracts,
- 21 and Section 14, Records Protected from Disclosure by
- 22 Law. Is there a second?
- 23 COMMISSIONER HANE: I'll second.
- 24 CHAIRMAN LEARA: Mr. Hane. No
- 25 discussion.

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                MS. FRANKS: Chairman Leara.
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                CHAIRMAN LEARA: Approved.
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                MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Conway.
                COMMISSIONER CONWAY: Approved.
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                MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Hane.
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                COMMISSIONER HANE: Approved.
                 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Zimmerman.
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                 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: Approved.
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                CHAIRMAN LEARA: All right. We are now
     in closed. Thank you all for attending.
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2	I, Joann Renee Richardson, CCR, for the State of
3	Missouri, do hereby certify that the Gaming Commission
4	hearing was held on February 23, 2022, at the Missouri
5	Gaming Commission, 3417 Knipp Drive, Jefferson City,
6	Missouri, and a transcript was made herein of that
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MISSOURI GAMING COMMISSION Second Open Session Minutes February 23, 2022

The Missouri Gaming Commission (the "Commission") went into the second open session at approximately 12:00 p.m. on February 23, 2022, at the Missouri Gaming Commission, 3417 Knipp Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Chairman Leara moved to adjourn the open session. Commissioner Hane seconded the motion, and after a roll call vote was taken, Leara – yes, Conway – yes Hane – yes and Zimmerman – yes, the motion passed unanimously.

The open session meeting ended at 12:01 p.m.