

THE STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

A Special Public Budget Meeting/Work Session of The State Horse Racing Commission was held at the following date, place and time: In-Person, PDA Room 309 and Via Telephonic Conference Call on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 1:00 APM.

Commissioners in attendance: Chairperson Cook and Darryl Breniser were present in Room 309. Salvatore DeBunda, Dr. Egloff, Robert Lark, C. Edward Rogers and Dr. Sweeney were present via telephonic conference call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A quorum of the Commission being present, Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order. Chairperson Cook noted that the meeting was properly advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

Chairperson Cook welcomed everyone.

PUBLIC MEETING:

PRESENTATION

1.) SFY 2023/24 PROPOSED (DRAFT) BUDGET

- Tracee Gotwalt, CPA, Director, Division of Budget and Finance presented the SFY 23/24 proposed budget providing a detailed line- item analysis. Ms. Gotwalt first covered the Racing Commission Budget followed by the Testing Budget. The Commissioners were provided detail regarding the Administrative Billing for both the Racing Commission Budget and Testing Budget. The Commission asked questions and requested clarification on one or two items.
- Dr. Robinson, Director Penn Vet Equine Pharmacology Lab, Acting Director of PETRL presented the UPenn Budget which is a line item in the Testing Budget under Specialized Services. The Commissioners inquired on multiple topics. The Director provided satisfactory responses.
- Dr. Robinson reviewed the Commission approved 22/23 UPENN Budget. The reason for the review was a new 5- year contract was signed in April. The line items that were modified were Personnel, Operation and Administrative. The change in Personnel was due to market increases required to hire and maintain staff. The change in Operational expenses were due to UPENN assuming responsibility for supply and contract maintenance. This will provide enhanced efficiency and reduced costs in the future. Administrative expenses increase due to increased costs. Dr. Robinson stated this is spending authority and we should see reduced costs in the future. In support of Dr. Robinson's presentation, Tracee Gotwalt outlined the line-

items in the Commission Testing Budget that will be revised. The line-items that were reduced were Personnel, Contracted Services and Laboratory Supplies which offset the increase in the UPENN Contract. These revisions have zero effect on the total overall approved SFY 22/23 budget. At the September Commission meeting, staff will seek authorization to modify the line items as discussed.

Chairperson Cook advised the group that the SFY 2023/24 Budget would be an agenda item at the September 27, 2022 meeting and that the staff would seek Commission adoption of the Budget.

No other Commission matters were on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 P.M.

NOTES

Respectfully submitted,

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