

**THE STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

December 17, 2019

A public business meeting of The State Horse Racing Commission was held at the following date, place and time: FARMSHOW Complex in the Susquehanna Room in Harrisburg, PA, Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 1:00 P.M.

Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Russel Redding, C. Edward Rogers, Dr. Corinne Sweeney, Russell Jones, Thomas Jay Ellis, Darryl Breniser, Dr. John Egloff and Salvatore DeBunda and Michele C. Ruddy were present. Also present were Commission Counsel Jorge Augusto and Marija Kuren. Commissioner Robert F. Lark was not present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A quorum of the Commission being present, Acting Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order. Acting Chairperson Cook noted that the meeting was properly advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Law. The Commission conducted an executive session to engage in a quasi-judicial deliberation to be adjudicated at the public meeting and engaged in attorney client privilege communication.

Chairman Redding welcomed everyone to Harrisburg.

PUBLIC MEETING

1.) MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 25, 2019 MEETING as emailed to the Commissioners for their review in advance of the meeting.

Motion by: Commissioner Ellis
Second by: Commissioner Sweeney
Decision: Passed by unanimous vote.

PRESENTATIONS

2.) RACING FUND NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT – presented by Tracee Gotwalt.

3.) 2020 THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS BUDGET- presented by Brian Sanfrantello.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

4.) Motion to approve simulcast calendars for January 2020, for Harrah's Philadelphia, Mohegan sun at Pocono downs and the Meadows.

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers
 Second by: Commissioner Breniser
 Decision: Passed by unanimous vote.

5.) Motion to approve simulcast calendars for January 2020, for Parx, Penn National and Presque Isle Downs.

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda
 Second by: Commissioner Jones
 Decision: Passed by unanimous vote.

6.) Motion to approve the 2020 Thoroughbred Breeders Budget.

Motion by: Commissioner Ellis motioned to table for further review
 Second by: Commissioner Rogers
 Decision: Passed by unanimous vote to table for further review.

LICENSING

7.) Mohegan Sun: The Downs at Lehigh Valley (Sports Wagering Modifications). Docket 2019-57.

Director Salerno advised the Commission that he and the Director of Licensing Bender visited the OTW and reviewed the proposed modifications for the facility. Based on the inspection, Director Salerno recommends the Commission approve the licensing request.

Motion to approve Mohegan Sun: The Downs at Lehigh Valley (Sports Wagering Modifications). Docket# 2019-57

Motion by: Commissioner Ellis
 Second by: Commissioner Breniser
 Decision: Passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

8.) OOCT Update. Thoroughbred Director Chuckas reported that 131 OOCT test (Penn National 28, Parx 27, Presque Isle 29, Meadows 47) have been completed since the last Commission Meeting.

9.) Equine Racing Group Update. Thoroughbred Director Chuckas reported that the Equine Racing Group recommendations will be in place for review by the Commission for the January 2020 meeting.

INDUSTRY REPORTS

10.) General Report

Brian Sanfratello gave a review of the Pa. Breeders Assoc. report.

PUBLIC COMMENT -None.

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Chairman Redding announced the next meeting will be held on Monday, January 27, 2020, at the FARM SHOW Complex in the Susquehanna Room at 2300 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

- Executive Session 11:00 A.M.
- Regular Session 1:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 P.M.

NOTES

Respectfully submitted,

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