

**THE STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

January 28, 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, Monday, January 28, 2019 at 1:00 P.M.

Commissioners in attendance were: Chairman Russell C. Redding, C. Edward Rogers, Dr. John Egloff, Dr. Corinne Sweeney, Darryl Breniser, Michele Ruddy and Salvatore DeBunda by phone. Also present were Commission counsel Jorge Augusto and Marjia Kuren.

The Chair called the meeting to order. Chairman Redding noted that the meeting has been advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Law. The Commission conducted an executive session this morning to engage in a quasi-judicial deliberation to be adjudicated at the public meeting and discussed personnel matters and engaged in attorney client privilege communication.

Chairman Redding welcomed everyone to Harrisburg.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

II. BUSINESS MEETING

A. Introductory Matters

(A) 2: Minutes of the December 19, 2018, meeting as emailed to the Commissioners for their review in advance of the meeting.

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers

Second by: Commissioner Egloff

Passed: Unanimously to accept the December 19, 2018 meeting minutes.

Financials:

(A) 3: Tom Chuckas presented the December financial statements.

Motion by: Commissioner Sweeney

Second by: Commission Ruddy

Passed: Unanimously to accept the December financial statements.

(A) 4: Dr. Robinson provided a review of PETRL operations for 2018. In 2018, PETRL had two research manuscripts published and three additional manuscripts have been accepted to be published.

- (A) **5:** Jason Wilson, made a presentation to have Axcis Informative Network to be licensed as a racing vendor. Axcis provides GPS based timing services to racetracks.

Chairman Redding requested a motion to approve Axcis Information Network, Inc., application for a racing vendor in Pennsylvania.

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda
 Second by: Commissioner Rogers
 Passed: Unanimously passed for Axcis Information Network, Inc., vendor application in Pennsylvania. (Docket 2019-1)

B. Administrative Actions

Motions:

(B) 3 (I) (A): February 2019 Simulcast calendars for the 3 Standardbred tracks.

(B) 3 (I) (B): February 2019 Simulcast calendars for the 3 Thoroughbred tracks.

Motion by: Commissioner Sweeney
 Second by: Commissioner Rogers
 Passed: Unanimously to accept items A-B. See agenda.

New Regulations:

(B) 3 (A): Thoroughbred

2019-2 (Admin Docket) The Claiming regulations & procedures – Starting of Claimed horses has been postponed until the February 26, 2019, commission meeting.

(B) 3 (B): Standardbred

2019-1 (Admin Docket) Lasix Administration in two-year-old standardbred horses is adopted by the commission. This Order hereby specifically amends and supersedes section 8 of the temporary regulation relating to the Standardbred Bleeders Program (docket 2017-4) adopted on February 28, 2017.

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers
 Second by: Commissioner Egloff
 Passed: To accept the Lasix Administration in 2YO for Standardbreds with Commissioner DeBunda abstaining.

(B) 3 (C): Joint

None

C. LICENSING AND ADJUDICATIONS

1. Licensing Matters:

2019-3 (Admin Docket) Delegation of Duties of the Acting Standardbred Bureau Director to Thomas Chuckas, Jr.

Motion by: Commissioner Breniser

Second by: Commissioner DeBunda

Passed: To accept the order of Thomas Chuckas Jr. as Acting Standardbred Bureau Director.

2. Adjudications:

Susan M. Amato/Big Monk Stables LLC (Appeal of Dead Heat 5th Race- August 4, 2018, PARX).

The Placing Judges decision to declare the 5th race on August 4, 2018, at Parx as a "dead heat" to be AFFIRMED.

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers

Second by: Commissioner Egloff

Passed: Unanimously approved the placing judge's decision.

3. Pending Appeal Numbers and Status:

None

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. OOCT Update:

Director Chuckas gave the Commission an update on the results of Out of Competition Testing.

2. Marketing Update:

Zach Gibson, Gabrielle Denofrioe, and Greg Carney of Pavone along with Ms. Ashley Eisenbeil of the PHRA, spoke to the regarding the Pennsylvania Branding Campaign. In addition, the panel made a video presentation of the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Association website which was launched December 17, 2018. They highlighted the positive response to the webpage via mobile applications and the many exciting updates and features that will be coming to the website.

E. INDUSTRY REPORTS

Brian Sanfratello, Executive Director, Thoroughbred Horse Breeders Association, spoke about the 2018 graded stakes standings with Pennsylvania being 3rd out of 14 states. The Stallion auction went very well with the most money spent since it first started nine years ago.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Redding announced the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at the FARMSHOW Complex in the Monongahela room at 2300 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

- Executive Session 10:30 A.M.
- Regular Session 1:00 P.M.

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Chuckas Jr.
Bureau Director
Bureau of Thoroughbred Horse Racing
Acting Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing