

THE STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 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, Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 1:00 P.M.

Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Russell Redding, C. Edward Rogers, Dr. John Egloff, Dr. Corinne Sweeney, Darryl Breniser, Russell Jones, Salvatore DeBunda, Michele Ruddy, Thomas Jay Ellis, and Robert F. Lark. Also present were Commission counsel Jorge Augusto and Marjia Kuren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A quorum of the Commission being present, Chairman Redding called the meeting to order. Chairman Redding 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 discussed personnel matters and engaged in attorney client privilege communication.

Chairman Redding welcomed everyone to Harrisburg.

PRELIMINARY MATTER

Chairman Redding recognized Stephanie Pavlik for her 7 years of service to the Commission. Ms. Pavlik was presented a plaque for her outstanding service.

PUBLIC MEETING

1.) MINUTES OF THE APRIL 23, 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.

2.) APRIL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – presented by Tracee Gotwalt.

Motion by: Commissioner Debunda
Second by: Commissioner Breniser
Decision: Unanimously approved to accept the April Financial Statements.

3.) PROPOSED REMOVAL OF PASSING LANE – Meadows Racetrack.

Decision: Tabled.

4.) PRESENTATION - PETRL LIMS SYSTEM.

Presentation to the Commission by Dr. Mary Robinson regarding a new proposed "LIMS" System and its operational requirements.

5.) PRESENTATION AND REQUEST FOR 2019/2002 BUDGET MODIFICATION.

Dr. Mary Robinson and Dr. Althouse made a presentation requesting a modification to the 2018/19 U. Penn Budget.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

MOTIONS:

6.) Motion to approve simulcast calendars for June 2019, for Harrah's Philadelphia, Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs and The Meadows.

Motion by: Commissioner Lark
 Second by: Commissioner Ellis
 Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

7.) Motion to approve simulcast calendars for June 2019 for Parx, Penn National and Presque Isle Downs, (approval is pending submission of the fully executed simulcast agreements to the commission office).

Motion by: Commissioner Lark
 Second by: Commissioner Ellis
 Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

8.) Motion to approve Penn Nationals request to add the following import tracks for simulcast in 2019. For Thoroughbred, Century Mile-Alberta Canada, Colonial Downs-Virginia, Virginia Gold Cup Races-Virginia. For Harness, Century Mile-Alberta Canada.

Motion by: Commissioner Egloff
 Second By: Commissioner Jones
 Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

9,) Motion To approve The Meadows request to adjust the wagering format for its twelve and thirteen race programs.

Motion by: Commissioner Ellis
 Second by: Commissioner Lark
 Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

10.) Motion to approve the purchase of the new LIMS System for PETRL as requested.

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda
 Second by: Commissioner Rogers

Decision: Motion passed. Commissioner Sweeney abstained.

11.) Motion to approve the 2019/2020 Budget modifications for the University of Pennsylvania as requested.

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda
 Second by: Commissioner Jones
 Decision: Motion passed. Commissioner Sweeney abstained.

12.) Presentation and Request for PHRA Marketing Grant. Pete Peterson, Ashley Eisenbeil, and Andrew Demsky explained the purpose of the request for the \$30,000.00 grant for the "Brand Influencer Campaign" to raise branding awareness and educational youth programs.

Motion to approve PHRA Marketing Grant for \$30,000.00 as requested.

Motion by: Commissioner Breniser
 Second by: Commissioner DeBunda
 Passed: Passed by unanimous vote.

RATIFICATION

13.) TEMPORARY REGULATION – TIMED WORKOUT (DOCKET NO.2019-19) –

Ratification of the request from PAHBPA to modify PA Code §163.123 to increase the "30 day" provision to a 45-day time period.

Motion by: Commissioner Sweeney
 Second by: Commissioner Rogers
 Decision: Motion passed. Commissioners DeBunda and Jones abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

14.) OUT-OF-COMPETITION TESTING (OOCT) UPDATE

Thoroughbred Director Chuckas gave the commission an update on OOCT.

Miscellaneous Matters:

- The industry stakeholders were advised that the Commission was seeking a Marketing recap for 2018/19 at the June meeting.
- Director Chuckas advised that it was time to review, discuss and recommend to the Commission the 2019/2020 Marketing Fund Allocation. He would be in contact with the Advisory group.

INDUSTRY REPORTS

15.) General Reports:

- i. Racing Directors

- Mr. Eric Johnson, Penn National invited the Commission to attend the Penn Mile on Saturday June 1, 2019. He outlined the day's activities.

ii. Horsemen

iii. Breeders

- Mr. Brian Sanfratello, Executive Director of the PHBA introduced new PHBA President Greg Newell.

Miscellaneous Matters:

- The Commission advised the industry that is forming a "working group" to address the national and statewide issues facing racing today. The group will consist of: Commissioners Jones, Egloff and Sweeney; 2 Commission Vets: 1 Thoroughbred, 1 Standardbred; 6 Stakeholders: 2 from the Standardbred Horseman's Group, 2 from the Thoroughbred Horseman's Group, 1 from the Standardbred Breeders Group and 1 from the Thoroughbred Breeders Group; 2 Racetrack representatives: 1 Thoroughbred Track and 1 Standardbred Track and 1 public representative from the wagering group.
- Commissioner Lark spoke about the upcoming 2019 Fair Season and the newly published 2019 Fair Booklets.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Commission recognized a letter received from Dr. Langlois addressing issues the industry is facing today. No other public comments were requested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Redding announced the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at the FARMSHOW Complex in the Susquehanna room at 2300 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Anthony Salerno
Bureau Director
Bureau of Standardbred Racing



NOTICE

THE STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019

AT

1:00 P.M.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT:

FARMSHOW COMPLEX
2300 NORTH CAMERON STREET
HARRISBURG, PA 17110
SUSQUEHANNA ROOM

Commissioners:

Sec. Russell Redding	Dr. John Egloff	Robert F. Lark	Dr. Corinne R. Sweeney
Darryl Breniser	Thomas Jay Ellis	C. Edward Rogers	
Salvatore M. DeBunda	Russell B. Jones	Michele C. Ruddy	