

## **THE STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**September 24, 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, September 24, 2019 at 1:00 P.M.*

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

Chairman Redding welcomed everyone to Harrisburg.

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

**1.) MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 MEETING** as emailed to the Commissioners for their review in advance of the meeting.

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

**2.) MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING**, as emailed to the Commissioners for their review in advance of the meeting.

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

### **PRESENTATIONS**

**3.) RACING FUND AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT** – presented by Tracee Gotwalt.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**

**4.) FY 20-21 BUDGET SUBMISSION REPORT-** Director Chuckas and Tracee Gotwalt presented a summary of the Draft for the FY 20-21 Budget, presented at the September 11, 2019 Special Meeting.

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda  
 Second by: Commissioner Rogers  
 Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

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

Motion by: Commissioner Sweeney  
 Second by: Commissioner Breniser  
 Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**6.) Motion to approve simulcast calendars for October 2019 for Parx, Penn National and Presque Isle Downs.**

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

**7.) Update on Equine Racing Group Proposals.** Director Chuckas gave a review of the Equine Racing Groups recommendations for proposal.

1. Standardize Pre-Race Medical exams at PARX, PENN NATIONAL and PRESQUE ISLE
2. Standardize Pre-Race Medical exams at HARRAH'S, POCONO DOWNS and The MEADOWS.
3. Establish a Mortality Review Board.

## **REGULATIONS**

**8.) Motion to adopt New Temporary Regulations (Subparts A-F)** . Counselor Augusto gave a summary of the consolidation and rewrite of the Temporary Regulations (Subparts A-F).

Motion by: Commissioner Lark  
 Second by: Commissioner Ellis  
 Decision: Passed – Opposed by Commissioner Breniser

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**9.) OOC Update.** Thoroughbred Director Chuckas gave the Commission an update on OOC. Director Chuckas reported there were 98 tests completed since the August Commission Meeting - 22 at Parx, 25 at The Meadows, 25 at Presque Isle and 26 at Penn National.

**INDUSTRY REPORTS**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT****ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Redding announced the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, at the FARMSHOW 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 1:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bureau of Thoroughbred Horse Racing

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Bureau Director  
Bureau of Standardbred Racing