

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

OCTOBER 15, 2020

A Special Public Meeting/Hearing of The State Horse Racing Commission was held at the following date, place and time: Thursday, October 15, 2020, Room 309 at 10:00 A.M.

Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Ellis, Commissioner Breniser, Commissioner Ruddy, Commissioner Rogers and Commissioner DeBunda. Assistant Counsel Augusto was also in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Chairman Ellis explained that the sole purpose of the meeting was to conduct an administrative hearing in the Ejection appeal filed by Jack Abrams-Docket No. RacingPX-2020-NM-2 in accordance with the Commission's regulations. No other matters will come before the Commission today. Assistant Counsel Jorge Augusto served as the Presiding Officer for the hearing.

HEARING:

Assistant Counsel Jorge Augusto called the administrative hearing to order and informed the parties that the hearing would be limited to two hours. The parties, through their attorneys were able to present documentary exhibits and oral testimony and cross-examine witnesses regarding the Ejection Notice issued by Parx on September 11, 2020. The Commissioners were able to ask questions of the parties and their witnesses. A verbatim transcript of the hearing was made.

CONCLUSION OF TESTIMONY-EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At the conclusion of the testimony, the Presiding Officer concluded the matter and closed the record. The Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session to review the matter and engage in quasi-judicial deliberations.

RECONVENED MEETING:

Chairman Ellis reconvened the Special Meeting in order for the Commission to issue its oral determination. Chairman Ellis described for the record that the Commissioners conducted an Executive Session to review the testimony and evidence presented by the parties. Chairman Ellis requested that Assistant Counsel Augusto read the proposed Commission Order in the form of a Motion.

Motion to affirm the ejection in part and modify the ejection in part. It is affirmed that the ejection was appropriate, but hereby modifies the penalty to a total of 45 days with credit for the previously served 16 days.

Motion By: Commissioner Rogers

Second By: Commissioner DeBunda

Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

ADJOURNMENT

With no other matters on the agenda, Chairman Ellis adjourned the Special Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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