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6		June 27, 2018	
7	Jefferson City, Missouri		
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10	BEFORE:	Herbert Kohn, Chairman	
11		Brian Jamison, Board Member	
12		Thomas Neer, Board Member	
13		Richard Lombardo, Board Member	
14		Daniel Finney, III, Board Member	
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16	ALSO PRE	SENT: William Seibert, Executive Director	
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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 I. Call to Order
- 3 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Good morning, everybody. We
- 4 will call the meeting of the Missouri Gaming Commission meeting
- of June 27th to order. Angie, please call the roll.
- 6 MS. FRANKS: Commission Finney?
- 7 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Present.
- 8 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo?
- 9 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Present.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer?
- 11 COMMISSIONER NEER: Present.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison?
- 13 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Present.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn?
- 15 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Present.
- 16 We have a quorum ready to begin business. And
- 17 we have a presentation this morning. Tim? Okay.
- 18 MR. MCGRAIL: If I could have Jennifer Wilbers
- 19 come forward please. We are recognizing Jennifer for five years
- 20 of service with the Missouri Gaming Commission. Of course, she's
- 21 worked for the state for many, many years before that. So she
- 22 has roughly about over 31 years with the state as far as
- 23 service, but five years with the Missouri Gaming Commission.
- 24 So we would like to congratulate her on reaching
- 25 significant milestone in her career. Your effort and

- 1 dedication is part of our success and we appreciate your
- 2 commitment. Jennifer is one of our assistant deputy directors
- 3 and she handles the administration part, which is fiscal and
- 4 budget, so as far as the collection and reimbursement of the
- 5 funds for the industry. So we congratulate Jennifer on the
- 6 years of service with the Commission. Thank you.
- 7 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Jennifer, if we can add our
- 8 congratulations and thank you for your service. It is nice to
- 9 finally meet the person who does the work that Tim takes credit
- 10 for.
- MS. WILBERS: Thank you.
- MR. MCGRAIL: I have one more, if I could. And
- 13 this is one that wasn't on the schedule, but Dave Kessel if
- 14 you would stand up, please. We want to recognize Dave Kessel.
- 15 He was nominated and selected as the June DPS employee of the
- 16 month. And then we recently found out that he was actually
- 17 selected by the governor as the state employee of the month of
- 18 for June.
- 19 Dave is our licensing manager and what he had
- 20 done was in January of this year, he was coming back from lunch
- 21 driving down on Knipp Drive here. And as he was about ready to
- 22 make the turn out of the driveway he sees an elderly man lying
- 23 on the ground and he was kind of waiving.
- 24 So he goes ahead, pulls down there and there was
- 25 this elderly man that had apparently fallen, couldn't get up.

- 1 He was scraped up all over his face, his arms, his knees,
- 2 bleeding, very cold. He didn't have a jacket on. So Dave helps
- 3 him up, gets him into his house. Asks if he wants any emergency
- 4 service, EMTs to come. He goes, No. I think if I just clean
- 5 myself up and get bandaged, I'll be okay. So then he leaves and
- 6 then he comes back in an hour or two just to make sure the
- 7 elderly gentleman was okay. He didn't even ask his name, he
- 8 just came back.
- 9 We found out about it. Again, I went down and
- 10 talked to the elderly gentleman. He is very feeble. He can't
- 11 get around very well. I asked him how long he'd been lying on
- 12 the ground. He said I have no clue. He said several cars had
- 13 drove by and waving at them and they kept driving on by. Dave
- 14 took the time and the effort and he stopped and checked on this
- 15 gentleman and took care of him. So that's why he is being
- 16 recognized both by DPS and the state of Missouri.
- 17 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Quite a story. Thank you for
- 18 that on behalf of everybody.
- 19 II. Consideration of Minutes
- 20 CHAIRMAN KOHN: The first item of business
- 21 before the meeting is the consideration of the minutes of the
- 22 May 29 and May 30 meetings. If you recall those are from east
- 23 side each side of the state. And let me -- there's one
- 24 correction that I've already asked Angie to make and she will
- 25 sync it to your minutes. It's not a substantive issue, but at

- 1 the beginning Larry Plunkett made the presentations at that
- 2 meeting, for some reason the minutes show that I called up the
- 3 two recipients of the awards that were given when in fact, it
- 4 wasn't me. It was Larry Plunkett who did. So subject to that
- 5 amendment, is there a motion to approve those two sets of
- 6 minutes?
- 7 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Motion to approve.
- 8 COMMISSIONER NEER: Second.
- 9 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Angie, please call the roll.
- 10 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney?
- 11 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approved.
- 12 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo?
- 13 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approved.
- 14 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer?
- 15 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approved.
- 16 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison?
- 17 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn?
- 19 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approved.
- 20 MS. FRANKS: By your vote you've adopted the
- 21 minutes of the May 29th, 2018 meeting and the May 30th, 2018
- 22 meeting as amended.
- 23 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Thank you. So a lot of you see
- 24 the five commissioners up here. And you don't know much about
- 25 us other than that we levy fines and approve minutes. But we do

- 1 have other lives and we have a picture to demonstrate that we
- 2 have other lives. So if you could look on the screen and you
- 3 will see what we do when we are not here.
- 4 COMMISSIONER NEER: I don't believe this.
- 5 CHAIRMAN KOHN: That is Commission Neer with his
- 6 pet raccoon. We thought you should all see that. We got the
- 7 entertainment out of the way. Mr. Seibert?
- 8 II. Consideration of Relicensure of Class A & B Licenses
- 9 MR. SEIBERT: Mr. Chairman, the first order of
- 10 business is the consideration of relicensure of Class A and B
- 11 licensees. And the general manager, Mr. Darren Vandover will
- 12 make and make any introductions that are necessary.
- 13 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Mr. Vandover.
- 14 MR. VANDOVER: That's the cutest raccoon I've
- 15 ever seen. I just want to be on record for that.
- 16 Chairman Kohn, commissioners, Executive Director
- 17 Seibert, my name is Darren Vandover. I'm senior vice president
- 18 and general manager of Harrah's North Kansas City. I'm here to
- 19 present our four-year licensure renewal for both Harrah's North
- 20 Kansas City and Caesars Entertainment.
- 21 I would like to introduce a few people who are
- 22 with me from my team today. Nick Shelton, who is our director
- 23 of casino marketing; our assistant general manager, Julie Sola;
- 24 our as security manager, Shelley Weeks; our surveillance
- 25 manager, Chuck Ball; our director of casino operations, Zach

- 1 Mays; and probably you know our compliance manager, Sharon
- 2 Spencer-Drew.
- A quick note of what I'm going to be going over
- 4 in the agenda. First, I'm going to talk about the development
- 5 agreement and where we stand with North Kansas City, how we sit
- 6 during from the four years from a revenue and admission
- 7 performance, our capital investments over the last four years,
- 8 what we do for responsible gaming and underage patrons, security
- 9 incidents that happened at the property and also crime
- 10 statistics from North Kansas City, highlights of our community
- 11 partnerships, what we do from a minority and women-owned
- 12 business spend perspective.
- 13 Then I will have the mayor of North Kansas City
- 14 come up and talk briefly about our relationship and what they
- 15 have done with the gaming revenue and then lastly, I'll end with
- 16 a Caesars update.
- 17 So as we look at our agreement with North Kansas
- 18 City, the agreement calls for either the larger of 2 million or
- 19 2 percent of gaming revenues. And as you can see over the last
- 20 four years we've exceeded \$3 million given to North Kansas City.
- 21 The high point was in '15 where we gave out 3,000,153. That was
- 22 the year that the Royals went to the World Series. We don't
- 23 expect that lift this year in October.
- 24 From a charitable contribution standpoint, it's
- 25 either \$100 thousand or 1 percent of our net operating income.

- 1 We have given more to charity than that, but we did meet the
- 2 \$100 thousand threshold and I'll go over the charitable stuff
- 3 later on.
- 4 From a review and admissions standpoint, we were
- 5 slightly behind where we would have like to have been. We had
- 6 692 million in revenue versus plans of almost over 700 million
- 7 over the four-year timeframe. And we're hoping to top 15
- 8 million in admissions and just fell short of that 14.8 million
- 9 in admissions.
- 10 From a capital perspective, as of December of
- 11 2013, we spent almost \$217 million in capital investment of the
- 12 property. Over the last four years, we spent \$21.4 million. I
- 13 could tell you in the previous four years we only spent 12.4
- 14 million. It's a sizable increase over the last four years with
- 15 the highlights being \$2 million dollars on the Atlantic City
- 16 Tower and over \$5 million in the restaurants spent over that
- 17 timeframe. I have a few pictures to share.
- 18 This is what our remodeled AC Tower looks like.
- 19 Standard rooms. And then at the bottom is a sitting area for
- 20 the suites, which we spent \$2 million on this. Capital
- 21 investments in the steakhouse, which was north of \$1 million,
- 22 '37 Steak after Harrah's was created in 1937, hence the name.
- 23 Plus, we put an apostrophe in front of it. We appear first in
- 24 any magazine or Google, it comes up first. I think that was the
- 25 game plan. And if you have ever at -- great wine list, the

- 1 best candied bacon in the world. I recommend coming to visit us
- 2 to and experience '37 steak.
- 3 We also opened in January of last year Winning
- 4 Streaks, which is the best sports bar in North Kansas City, if
- 5 not one of the best in the Kansas City area. We also spent
- 6 money, close to \$2 million on a new Diamond Lounge for our VIP
- 7 customers, and what we call a GM club for VVIP customers.
- 8 And then lastly, on the casino floor we spent
- 9 \$700,000 opening up a noodle bar and spent a million dollars on
- 10 putting brand-new carpet in the building.
- 11 As we look towards this year, what we're going
- 12 to spend is about 4.5 million, of that, which is about a
- 13 million-three in slot machines. When you add the chairs and the
- 14 signage together on the slot floor, it's another million
- 15 dollars. Escalators are a million dollars, by the way.
- 16 And then the safety enhancements. We work
- 17 closely with the police department of North Kansas City. One of
- 18 the things we are adding to this is a license plate reader. So
- 19 if the vehicle comes on the property, it goes directly to North
- 20 Kansas City Police Department. So if there is a felony against
- 21 that license plate or it's a stolen vehicle, a message goes
- 22 directly to them. And that will be installed the next month.
- 23 We are very excited about that.
- 24 In addition, we've added more lights. And it
- 25 used to be to get to our casino floor was just the VIP required

- 1 your key card. It will be every floor on the property will
- 2 require a key card.
- 3 From a responsible gaming perspective, we have
- 4 the advanced ID detection system. We have training on
- 5 identifying false IDs, is conducted with security every year.
- 6 We ID guests that look under the age of 30. We have classes for
- 7 all new hires, annual classes on Project 21. We reconfigured
- 8 the casino entrances to make monitoring the egress a little
- 9 simpler for our security team. We have a bounty program. If
- 10 they find underage patron and fraudulent ID, which during this
- 11 timeframe was 176 instances of this. And lastly, strong signage
- 12 throughout the property.
- 13 Again, back to underage equipment that we use;
- 14 advanced ID detection, magnification tool, black lights,
- 15 flashlights, state ID books. Over the course of four years we
- 16 checked over 900,000 IDs.
- 17 So if we look at the incidents we've had on the
- 18 property, 2,300 of them have been medical, anywhere from a cut
- 19 in the finger to unfortunately a stroke or a heart attack.
- 20 We've had 625 incidents of theft, the majority being cell
- 21 phones, purses, or credits left on the device. 240 incidents of
- 22 intoxicated patrons, 229 incidents of suspicious activity
- 23 investigations. This is from money laundering. As you can see
- 24 the last two years has grown significantly. I can stand before
- 25 and say that there is not a casino company that does more toward

- 1 finding money laundering than Caesars Entertainment. We've had
- 2 175 arrests, 175 incidents of disassociated persons on property.
- 3 And thankfully, only six fires.
- 4 From a North Kansas City standpoint, it's fairly
- 5 consistent -- 2016 was little higher, 399, but nice the other
- 6 year and this is Part 1 crimes. And 2017 we saw a decrease to
- 7 310.
- 8 From a community partnership perspective,
- 9 there's four things: Our commitment to our employees to provide
- 10 respect and an ability to have a career; two, to our guests from
- 11 a responsible gaming perspective. And I'm gonna go into
- 12 highlights of the last two, which is our community and our
- 13 promise to the communities to give back and our promise to be
- 14 good stewards of our environment.
- 15 So from a community standpoint over the
- 16 four-year period we gave 837,000 to charity, which was a 60
- 17 percent increase from the previous four years. We gave
- 18 approximately 12,000 hours of employee time. HERO is Harrah's
- 19 Employees Reaching Out program, which was an increase of about
- 20 1,700 hours from the previous four years.
- 21 Some of the highlights of this; Harvesters
- 22 Community Food Network, we give our buffet food to that group;
- 23 Meals on Wheels, where we donate our time to give back to senior
- 24 citizens in the area; Rose Brooks, we donate time and donations
- 25 of clothing; Giving the Basics, which is providing hygiene

- 1 products for school and children; and then Dining with Dignity,
- 2 which we volunteer services to prepare food and cleanup.
- 3 Other ones we are proud about; The American
- 4 Cancer Society; First Downs for Down Syndrome; Operation
- 5 Breakthrough, where we provide donations and volunteer time in
- 6 classrooms for lower income families; Salvation Army angel tree
- 7 for Christmas and then Beanies, where employees make beanies for
- 8 babies and children to donate to local hospitals.
- 9 And then two of the ones we are most proud of is
- 10 the Fallen Soldiers Annual Dinner, which we do in Leavenworth,
- 11 Kansas, where we provide dinner and serve for fallen soldiers
- 12 and their families. And then Chouteau Village, which is the
- 13 senior living facility where we do caroling and play games with
- 14 the residents.
- 15 As I mentioned, a steward of the environment is
- 16 very important to us. We participate, obviously, in Earth Hour
- 17 and Earth Day. Some of the highlights that we've seen over the
- 18 years is we've updated 433 thermostats, providing \$75,000 in
- 19 savings. We've recycled paper, cardboard. We recycled over
- 20 25,000 gallons of oil and then we are one of the top companies
- 21 for Clean the World, donating over 100,000 bars of soap.
- 22 From a Going Green perspective also, we don't
- 23 waste anything. We provide the buffet food to the Harvesters
- 24 where we provided 58,000 meals and 72,000 pounds of food.
- 25 From a Minority and Women-owned Business spend,

- 1 we have a corporate purchasing policy commitment to minority
- 2 spend. We have competitive business bidding process to ensure
- 3 services and products procedures for our business are the best
- 4 possible quality, services, and price. Vendor selection is
- 5 obviously based on quality, service, price, the Business Council
- 6 Listing and user knowledge, past history. We make every effort
- 7 to identify quality minority suppliers who offer quality
- 8 products and services. Harrah's North Kansas City participates
- 9 in diversity vendor networks and we've participated in many
- 10 events. The most recent one is myself, Julie and our purchasing
- 11 people went over to Argosy for their vendor fair that just
- 12 happened a few, couple weeks ago.
- 13 When you look at the numbers, which is hard to
- 14 read on the screen, we still have work to do. I will -- I am
- 15 proud of the fact that we hit our high water mark in 2017, where
- our minority spend was at over 5 percent of 5.3 and our
- 17 Women-owned Business spend was 22 percent, which is the best
- 18 year we have had. The unaudited numbers for the first quarter
- 19 of this year was a 11 percent, minority spend a significant
- 20 increase, and 23 percent of Women-owned Business spend for the
- 21 first quarter of 2018. We are proud of that too.
- 22 CHAIRMAN KOHN: How did that happen?
- MR. VANDOVER: This quarter?
- 24 CHAIRMAN KOHN: We had a little bit more
- 25 construction things going on. I don't think this is here to

- 1 stay, but it's a good start to the year. It's not normal course
- 2 of business to provide some of that, but we have found some
- 3 vendors. And I think that 5 percent is going to be somewhere
- 4 around 7 or 8 for the year. We are pretty proud of -- we do a
- 5 lot of work trying to find as many vendors as we can for this.
- 6 CHAIRMAN KOHN: But the quarter, the big jump is
- 7 a one-off?
- 8 MR. VANDOVER: Three points of that is a one-off
- 9 but, I think we're going to see 7 percent average for the year.
- 10 Any questions on anything before I bring --
- 11 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: I have one. You had
- 12 mentioned on the crime disturbance statistics money-laundering.
- 13 What exactly are you referring to?
- 14 MR. VANDOVER: Well, we have a program which
- 15 call KYC, which is know your customer. What we do is we do
- 16 investigations into making sure where their funds come from. So
- 17 we actually -- if we get to the point where we can't figure out
- 18 where the funds come from, stop them from gambling. Now,
- 19 suspicious activity investigation could be anywhere from someone
- 20 -- if you and I are gambling together and I give you the chips
- 21 to cash in, that looks suspicious. We write something up for
- 22 that. If you walk out the building with too much chips, we
- 23 write stuff up for that. It could be anything that looks like
- 24 in the gaming play, or maybe you're structuring, because 10,000
- 25 is the limit before you fill something out. If you look like

- 1 you're structuring, we do an investigation report that says this
- 2 looks suspicious. So anything during the play that our casino
- 3 sees that looks suspicious, we do a report on it and give to the
- 4 federal government.
- 5 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Okay. Thank you. It
- 6 just wasn't immediately apparent to me to. I appreciate the
- 7 explanation.
- 8 MR. VANDOVER: Mr. Mayor? Mr. Don Stielow,
- 9 mayor of North Kansas City.
- 10 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Good morning, Mr. Mayor. Thank
- 11 you for being here.
- 12 MR. STIELOW: One thing I can say right up
- 13 front, we're so damn happy that Harrah's is in North Kansas City.
- 14 MR. VANDOVER: The 3 million dollars is in the
- 15 mail.
- 16 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Do you want to build on that
- 17 statement?
- 18 MR. STIELOW: Actually, in the last four years
- 19 with the money that we get from Harrah's, we have built an
- 20 off-leash dog park, which has been really successful. We got
- 21 people coming in from the whole neighborhood. Also we have
- 22 built -- we had a little wading pool more or less. It was two
- 23 feet deep and it was built 30, 40 years ago. It was obsolete.
- 24 So we took all of that out and built a spray park for the
- 25 children and that thing has been successful. I mean, you can't

- 1 stir them with a stick when it good and hot. But it's really
- 2 been great.
- 3 We also built a civic center at and home for our
- 4 parks and rec people. We just got that done this -- well, yeah,
- 5 this year. It seems to be working really well. The Park
- 6 Department is working more with their card games and everything
- 7 else for the old people, that if -- I always thought parks were
- 8 outside. But now there is a lot of inside stuff for park
- 9 departments.
- I think one of the most important things we have
- 11 done is we've been able to purchase an old grain mill that we
- 12 tore down. This has opened up 64 acres so we can develop it
- 13 into, you know, business and things like that that will be a
- 14 real draw for the whole area. We are working very hard on that.
- 15 We've got most of the infrastructure in, so we are expecting to
- 16 start moving there pretty quick. Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Thank you, Mayor. Anybody have
- 18 a question for the mayor?
- 19 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: No, sir.
- 20 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Thank you very much for making
- 21 the trip here.
- 22 MR. VANDOVER: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Now a
- 23 quick update on Caesars Entertainment, what it looks like after
- 24 getting out of bankruptcy last October. We have 47 properties
- of which seven are managed and 20 are leased from Vici

- 1 Properties and Harrah's North Kansas City is one of those 20.
- 2 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Leased from who?
- 3 MR. VANDOVER: Vici, V-I-C-I Properties.
- 4 CHAIRMAN KOHN: What is that?
- 5 MR. VANDOVER: Is a real estate investment
- 6 trust.
- 7 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Out of where?
- 8 MR. VANDOVER: Well, they're in Las Vegas. I
- 9 think they're based out of Las Vegas. I'm not sure the answer
- 10 to that. I don't know. I can get back to you on that one.
- 11 What they did through the bankruptcy is that we had them
- 12 basically -- that's how we got our debt down, is that we gave
- 13 them ownership of the land and lowered our debt payments. You
- 14 will see that later on, but that's why we went into an agreement
- 15 with Vici Properties.
- Again, they're silent partners. They don't get
- 17 involved with anything. They just own the land and we make
- 18 lease payments based on these 20 properties that --
- 19 CHAIRMAN KOHN: They own land the land or the
- 20 land and the building?
- 21 MR. VANDOVER: The land and the building.
- 22 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: But that was part of
- 23 Caesars reorganization. Correct?
- MR. VANDOVER: That's correct.
- 25 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Where they spun off some

- 1 of the land and buildings into the holding company that held the
- 2 real estate and then that relieved Caesars from some of the
- 3 operation of that.
- 4 MR. VANDOVER: Exactly. Exactly. So if you
- 5 look at how we've done financially when we compare the fourth
- 6 quarter '17 to the first quarter of '18, we did increase by \$12
- 7 million, increased the margin by 70 basis points. When you look
- 8 at EBIDAR -- and EBIDAR, the R stand for the rent payments. So
- 9 we take that out for this calculation. We see a nice increase
- 10 there and we expect through our strategic acquisitions and
- 11 through our marketing efforts an increase of about 7 to 10
- 12 percent growth in that number for this year.
- 13 From a cash flow perspective, we're estimating
- 14 that our EBITDA will be about 2.4 million. We're going to spend
- 15 about 450 million as an enterprise on capital. The lease
- 16 expense, which is the thing I talked about, 727,000 and still
- 17 interest expense of 450 million. So it will leave us with 768
- 18 million in free cash flow.
- 19 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Excuse me. I think you meant to
- 20 say 2.4 billion.
- 21 MR. VANDOVER: I did. I was just testing to see
- 22 if you were listening. 2.4 billion, and 450 million in capital.
- 23 727 million in lease expense. And it's 450 million in interest.
- 24 I believe that's what \$767 million is in cash flow.
- 25 This is what we were talking about before. This

- 1 is where we took the debt payments. We had 16 billion in debt
- 2 and we've got that down to 9 billion in debt. Our gross
- 3 leverage has dropped to 5.7 percent.
- 4 CHAIRMAN KOHN: I'm sorry. Back on the post
- 5 bankruptcy part -- or the bankruptcy, reorganization. I didn't
- 6 write down the name of the REIT that bought your property. Did
- 7 that same REIT buy other properties than Caesars?
- 8 MR. VANDOVER: They own all of them. We just
- 9 have with one agreement with each Vici Properties, owns all 20
- 10 of the leases properties, so yes.
- 11 And then from a financial perspective, again 16
- 12 billion in debt changed to 9 billion in debt. Gross leverage
- 13 dropped to 5.7 versus 17.2. And the fixed charges, which is the
- 14 big thing is now \$1.2 billion, which is the combination of the
- 15 interest to pay and the lease to Vici, which used to be \$2.3
- 16 billion were the debt payments. Taken our fixed charge coverage
- 17 to 2.1 versus less than one, hence the bankruptcy in 2014.
- 18 I would say -- I've been working with the
- 19 company 17 years and capital investment over the last four years
- 20 was stronger than it was the previous four years. During the
- 21 bankruptcy, we didn't feel it much from a capital investment or
- 22 from an employee perspective, but it's nice to be out of
- 23 bankruptcy.
- 24 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Do you happen to know in what
- 25 states the company's 20 properties are located?

- 1 MR. VANDOVER: Okay. If I look at it here,
- 2 we've got Nevada, Mississippi, Louisiana, Illinois, Philadelphia
- 3 -- that's not a state -- Pennsylvania, Iowa and Indiana.
- 4 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Thank you.
- 5 MR. VANDOVER: Uh-huh. Any questions for me
- 6 about Caesars or about Harrah's North Kansas City?
- 7 MR. SEIBERT: Mr. Chairman, just for the record,
- 8 that company's out of Spring Valley, Nevada.
- 9 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Okay. I don't know where that
- 10 is. Is that a suburb?
- 11 MR. VANDOVER: Yeah. That is a suburb of Las
- 12 Vegas.
- 13 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any other questions? Okay.
- 14 MR. VANDOVER: Well, thank you for your time
- 15 today.
- 16 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Thank you very much.
- 17 Mr. Seibert?
- 18 MR. SEIBERT: Mr. Chairman, the investigative
- 19 summary will be presented by Sergeant Jason McTheeney.
- 20 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Good morning, Sergeant.
- 21 SERGEANT MCTHEENEY: Mr. Chairman and
- 22 Commissioners, applications were received by the Missouri Gaming
- 23 Commission for the renewal of the Class A license of Caesars
- 24 Entertainment Corporation and the Class B riverboat gaming
- 25 license for Harrah's North Kansas City, LLC.

- 1 Missouri State Highway Patrol investigators
- 2 working in conjunction with Missouri Gaming Commission financial
- 3 investigators investigated the suitability of Caesars
- 4 Entertainment Corporation and Harrah's North Kansas City to
- 5 continue to operate as licensees.
- 6 Financial and criminal background checks have
- 7 been conducted on the company's key and level one personnel. A
- 8 financial analysis of the companies was also completed. City
- 9 and county officials were contacted regarding business
- 10 activities at the casino and ABS Consulting conducted the
- 11 physical survey of the casino.
- 12 The findings of these investigations were
- 13 provided to the Missouri Gaming Commission staff for their
- 14 review and the investigating officers are present at this
- 15 hearing should you have any questions. Thank you.
- 16 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Anybody have any questions?
- 17 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Just one question, the
- 18 issue in Indiana, that's all resolved. Correct?
- 19 MR. GREWACH: It is still pending there and so
- 20 that would be something we could discuss the details of in an
- 21 open meeting. I think the Indiana Gaming Commission's meeting is
- 22 tomorrow, I believe, to consider finalizing that matter. But
- 23 until then, it would still be a closed meeting item.
- 24 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: That's just why I asked.
- 25 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any other question for the

- 1 sergeant. Thank you, Sergeant.
- 2 SERGEANT MCTHEENEY: Thank you.
- 3 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Mr. Seibert?
- 4 MR. SEIBERT: The next order of business is the
- 5 MBE/WBE Compliance Review presented by MS. ALONZO (inaudible).
- 6 MS. BONNER: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and
- 7 Commissioners. On April 4th, 2018, the Missouri Gaming
- 8 Commission staff conducted a 100 percent audit of the MBE/WBE
- 9 records for the Class B licensee Harrah's North Kansas City
- 10 Casino. The results of our audit and specific details related
- 11 to those findings are contained within the summary report in
- 12 your possession. Thank you.
- 13 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Don't sit down yet. Any
- 14 questions? Thank you. I think we saw the statistics before.
- MS. BONNER: Okay.
- 16 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Mr. Seibert?
- 17 MR. SEIBERT: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. We still
- 18 have to ask if there's any public comment.
- 19 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Anybody here from the public
- 20 that wishes to comment? Okay. Staff recommendations?
- 21 MR. SEIBERT: Staff does recommend approval.
- 22 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Is there a motion with regard to
- 23 the Resolution 18-033?
- 24 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Move to approve.
- 25 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Second.

1		CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
2	Angie?	
3		MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney?
4		COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approved.
5		MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo?
6		COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approved.
7		MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer?
8		COMMISSIONER NEER: Approved.
9		MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison?
10		COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approved.
11		MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
12		CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approved.
13		MS. FRANKS: By your vote you've adopted
14	Resolution No. 1	8-033.
15		CHAIRMAN KOHN: I need a motion on 18-034.
16		COMMISSIONER JAMISON: So moved.
17		COMMISSIONER NEER: Second.
18		CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
19	Angie?	
20		MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney?
21		COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approved.
22		MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo?
23		COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approved.
24		MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer?
25		COMMISSIONER NEER: Approved.

- 1 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison?
- 2 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
- 4 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approved.
- 5 MS. FRANKS: By your vote have adopted
- 6 Resolution No. 18-034.
- 7 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Mr. Seibert?
- 8 IV. Consideration of Licensure for Key Business Entities
- 9 MR. SEIBERT: The next order is consideration
- 10 for licensure for key business entities, Sergeant Mike Finnegan
- 11 will present.
- 12 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Good morning, Sergeant.
- 13 SERGEANT FINNEGAN: Good morning. Mr. Chairman,
- 14 Commissioners, the Missouri State Highway Patrol investigators
- 15 along with Missouri Gaming Commission financial investigators
- 16 conducted licensing investigation of two key business entities
- 17 who have applied for licensure in the state of Missouri.
- 18 These investigations consisted of jurisdictional
- 19 inquiries, feedback from affected gaming company clients, a
- 20 review of disciplinary actions, litigation and business credit
- 21 profiles, as well as a review of the key persons associated with
- 22 these companies. The results of these investigations were
- 23 provided to the Missouri Gaming Commission staff for their
- 24 review and you possess a comprehensive summary report before
- 25 you. Investigating officers are present to answer any questions

- 1 you may have.
- 2 The following key business entities are being
- 3 presented for your consideration; Caesars Enterprise Services,
- 4 LLC and Japan Cash Machine Co., LTD.
- 5 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Do you have any other comments
- 6 on Caesars Enterprise Services?
- 7 SERGEANT FINNEGAN: No, sir.
- 8 CHAIRMAN KOHN: We'll do them one at a time.
- 9 SERGEANT FINNEGAN: Okay.
- 10 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any questions on the Caesars
- 11 application? Is there a motion with respect to --
- 12 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: I think I -- I think I saw
- 13 something about that there's a litigation in there. It just
- 14 generally said that --
- 15 SERGEANT FINNEGAN: On Caesars?
- 16 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Right. I will refer that
- 17 to Sergeant (inaudible). He was the investigative officer for
- 18 that.
- 19 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. What is his name?
- 20 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: I think there is a general
- 21 disclaimer that there was no concern about the litigation.
- 22 There were a number of claims, perhaps that are being litigated.
- 23 But they didn't strike you as being out of the ordinary; is that
- 24 correct?
- 25 MR. GREWACH: Correct. There's no pending

- 1 litigation that is going to be substantial.
- 2 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Okay. Then you reviewed
- 3 the past litigation and there was just -- did I read that
- 4 correctly, you said this is just kind of normal litigation?
- 5 MR. GREWACH: Correct.
- 6 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: And what would that
- 7 include?
- 8 MR. GREWACH: Well, we gather that from the SEC
- 9 documents and from the company as well. Specifically, the
- 10 litigation I don't recall what it was specifically to this
- 11 company, to the key business entity. But it was nothing that
- 12 was out of the ordinary.
- 13 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Okay.
- 14 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Brian, did you have a question?
- 15 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: No.
- 16 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Anybody have any questions?
- 17 Okay. Let's have a motion with respect to Resolution 18-035.
- 18 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Motion to approve.
- 19 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Second.
- 20 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 21 Angie?
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney?
- 23 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo?
- 25 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approved.

- 1 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer?
- 2 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approved.
- 3 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison?
- 4 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approved.
- 5 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
- 6 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approved.
- 7 MS. FRANKS: By your voted you've adopted
- 8 Resolution No. 18-035.
- 9 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Sergeant, do you have anything
- 10 else to report with respect to the Japan Cash Machine?
- 11 SERGEANT FINNEGAN: No, sir, I do not.
- 12 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any questions?
- 13 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Yes, I have one. This
- 14 is this company's initial application to do business in the
- 15 state of Missouri?
- 16 SERGEANT FINNEGAN: It's the parent company of
- 17 the company out of Las Vegas, yes.
- 18 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: And then it starts off
- 19 in the investigation that they made their application on July
- 20 14th, 2015. So that's two and a half, three years ago.
- 21 SERGEANT FINNEGAN: We've other priority
- 22 investigations that have taken priority. This was not a
- 23 priority investigation.
- 24 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Okay. The purpose of
- 25 the question was not to necessarily say that you were taking too

- 1 long. I just wondered if there was a reason associated with
- 2 this applicant.
- 3 SERGEANT FINNEGAN: We had some turnover in the
- 4 division and it got passed on. There's nothing out of the
- 5 ordinary.
- 6 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Okay. And so during the
- 7 investigation -- this is a question I ask partially out of
- 8 ignorance. During this investigation, were they doing business
- 9 in the state of Missouri?
- 10 SERGEANT FINNEGAN: Yes, Yes, they were.
- 11 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: And no problems with
- 12 that?
- 13 SERGEANT FINNEGAN: Absolutely not.
- 14 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any other questions? May we
- have a motion with respect to 18-036?
- 16 COMMISSIONER NEER: Motion to approve.
- 17 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Second.
- 18 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 19 Angie?
- 20 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney?
- 21 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo?
- 23 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approved.
- 24 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer?
- 25 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approved.

- 1 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison?
- 2 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn.
- 4 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approved.
- 5 MS. FRANKS: By your vote you've adopted
- 6 Resolution No 18-036.
- 7 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Thank you. Thanks, Sergeant.
- 8 Mr. Seibert?
- 9 V. Consideration of Licensure of Level I and Key Applicants
- 10 MR. SEIBERT: Next order of business is the
- 11 consideration of licensure of level 1 and key applicants.
- 12 Sergeant Gary Davidson will present.
- 13 SERGEANT DAVIDSON: Good morning, Chairman, how
- 14 are you doing this morning? Commissioners. Missouri Highway
- 15 Patrol investigators along with Missouri Gaming Commission
- 16 financial investigators conducted comprehensive background
- 17 investigations on multiple key and level one applicants. The
- 18 investigations included, but were not limited to criminal,
- 19 financial, and general character inquiries which were made in
- 20 the jurisdictions where the applicants lived, worked and
- 21 frequented.
- The following individuals are being presented
- 23 for consideration today; John Michael Boushy, director, Caesars
- 24 Entertainment Corporation; James Stephen Hunt, chairman of the
- 25 board, Caesars Entertainment Operating Company, LLC; and Nelson

- 1 Norman Parker, II, senior vice president of corporate
- 2 development for Penn National Gaming Inc.
- 3 The results of these investigations were
- 4 provided to Missouri Gaming Commission staff and investigating
- 5 officers are present to answer any questions that you might
- 6 have.
- 7 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Are there any questions with
- 8 respect to any of these individuals?
- 9 COMMISSIONER NEER: No, sir.
- 10 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: No, sir.
- 11 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Is there a motion with regard to
- 12 Resolution No. 18-037?
- 13 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: I move for adoption.
- 14 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Second.
- 15 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 16 Angie?
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney?
- 18 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approved.
- 19 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo?
- 20 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer?
- 22 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison?
- 24 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn?

- 1 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: By your vote you have adopted
- 3 Resolution No. 18-037.
- 4 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Mr. Seibert?
- 5 VI. Consideration for Disciplinary Actions
- 6 MR. SEIBERT: Next order of business is
- 7 consideration of disciplinary actions that Mr. Ed Grewach will
- 8 present.
- 9 MR. GREWACH: Thank you, Direct Seibert.
- 10 Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, under Tab H we have a preliminary
- 11 order of discipline for two follow-up audit findings arising out
- 12 of an audit report that was issued on January the 12, 2017, for
- 13 an audit period covering March of 2015 through September of
- 14 2016. A follow-up to that audit report was conducted in April
- 15 of 2017.
- 16 There were two significant findings in the audit
- 17 report that had not been corrected. The first involved a
- 18 violation of minimum internal control standards E6.04, which
- 19 requires if an electronic gaming devices has variances in six
- 20 consecutive drop periods, that the device be taken out of
- 21 service.
- 22 The audit report found one EGD that had
- 23 variances for 15 consecutive drop periods. It was not taken out
- 24 of service. In the follow-up another separate EGD was
- 25 identified, which had variances on nine consecutive drop periods

- 1 and was not taken out of service.
- 2 The second repeat finding -- follow-up finding
- 3 involved a violation of minimum internal control standards
- 4 E12.19, which requires casinos to submit to the Commission in
- 5 their internal controls positions that have access to ticket
- 6 validation numbers prior to redemption. The audit report found
- 7 three employees in the compliance department who were not listed
- 8 in the internal controls who had authorization and had access to
- 9 those numbers. In the follow-up to that audit finding, the
- 10 staff found that those three individuals still had a mechanism
- 11 to have access to those numbers.
- 12 Staff recommended a fine of \$5,000. The
- 13 property's response to that recommendation was that the
- 14 accounting department had found the variances in the EGDs washed
- 15 from one drop period to the next. They traced the problem to
- 16 problems in the paperwork used by the count department. Their
- 17 position was since EGD had malfunctioned, they felt it was not
- 18 necessary to take EGD out of service.
- 19 Staff's reply to that was that the requirement
- 20 under the internal minimum internal control was not limited to
- 21 mechanical malfunctions, but after the sixth consecutive
- 22 variance of drop periods, the machine had to be taken out of
- 23 service until the problem is resolved.
- As to the second issue, the reply response from
- 25 the property was that the access issue was attempted to be

- 1 fixed, but they had missed a step in fixing that problem that
- 2 they weren't aware of. When the commission personnel came to do
- 3 the follow-up audit finding, they did find another TM that those
- 4 three individuals could utilize to access that ticket redemption
- 5 information.
- 6 Staff then voted to continue with the
- 7 recommended \$5,000 fine on these two violations.
- 8 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Questions? I'm curious because
- 9 I've never seen the term drop period. How long is that?
- 10 MR. GREWACH: It's a day, a gaming day. They
- 11 submit to us a drop schedule as to when they're going take the
- 12 cash out of the electronic gaming devices and send it to the
- 13 count room to be counted. This whole process is in place to
- 14 make sure that the money collected in the drops according to the
- 15 casino electronic accounting system matches what the money
- 16 counted in the count room indicates to make sure we don't lose
- 17 any money in between there.
- 18 CHAIRMAN KOHN: So this whole episode took place
- 19 over six days?
- 20 MR. GREWACH: Well, there was actually nine days
- 21 -- 15 the first time, nine the second time of consecutive drops.
- 22 CHAIRMAN KOHN: What do they mean by wash?
- 23 MR. GREWACH: That means if it was too high on
- 24 the first day, the first drop period, it was too low by the exact
- 25 same number on second, on the consecutive drop period.

- 1 CHAIRMAN KOHN: So cumulative, it came out
- 2 correctly. But on the particular day of counting, it was
- 3 incorrect?
- 4 MR. GREWACH: Correct. So if you look at the --
- 5 if you look six days and added -- it would all wash out or add
- 6 up because whatever you were short or long, you were long or
- 7 short the next day. And that again had to do with the
- 8 paperwork. The paperwork in the count room was assigning some
- 9 of the money to the wrong EGD. And that paperwork is what
- 10 skewed.
- 11 CHAIRMAN KOHN: This is what they were having a
- 12 problem with: It sounds like the machine may have been okay, but
- 13 the people in the back office weren't handling it right?
- MR. GREWACH: That seemed to be the result of
- 15 the investigation.
- 16 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Why take the machine out?
- 17 MR. GREWACH: Well, because until the problem is
- 18 resolved, it's the staff's position that the machine has to be
- 19 taken out of service until you do find that this is in fact the
- 20 issue. So if you get -- if you get to three consecutive drop
- 21 periods with these variances, then you're supposed to then
- 22 conduct a more thorough investigation. If you get to six drop
- 23 periods and still have the variances, then you take it out of
- 24 service so that you don't continue to use a machine not having
- 25 resolved the problem, not knowing exactly what the problem is

- 1 and having it resolved.
- 2 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: The philosophy on that is
- 3 you assume that there's a problem with the machine until you
- 4 prove there is not a problem with the machine and so you take it
- 5 out of service to determine what the actual problem is?
- 6 MR. GREWACH: I would say that too and leaving
- 7 it in service after the six drop period does run the risk that
- 8 there is an actual malfunction and, you know, could get us
- 9 further into problems with the accountability of the money.
- 10 CHAIRMAN KOHN: I am still not sure I understand
- 11 why -- maybe the fine would've been the same, but the fault
- 12 seems to lie in the back office not with the machine.
- 13 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: That is ultimately what
- 14 you guys found out. Right? That it is the back office. But
- 15 you start your investigation by looking at the machine and then
- 16 eliminating that and then go through with the rest of your
- 17 investigation. I guess there's a regulation that says you're
- 18 supposed to take the machine out of service?
- 19 MR. GREWACH: Exactly.
- 20 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Have I stated your
- 21 position?
- MR. GREWACH: Very well. Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRMAN KOHN: But the machine may have been
- 24 okay.
- 25 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Yeah, but the point would

- 1 be is that the machine and the backroom are all the same
- 2 operation.
- 3 CHAIRMAN KOHN: I understand that.
- 4 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: If one is not working
- 5 properly, then until the --
- 6 CHAIRMAN KOHN: But there is a financial cost to
- 7 the casino by taking out a machine, isn't there?
- 8 MR. GREWACH: Yes, sir, there is.
- 9 CHAIRMAN KOHN: So we're really fining them
- 10 twice; once by making them replace the machine that was probably
- 11 fine, fine meaning okay; and secondly by a penalty for what was
- 12 done by the backroom. The casino is paying \$5,000 plus the cost
- 13 of replacing the machine, which as I understand it was probably
- 14 okay.
- 15 MR. GREWACH: Well, I wouldn't say replacing the
- 16 machine. Actually, in these cases --
- 17 CHAIRMAN KOHN: You're taking one out, aren't
- 18 you and putting another one in?
- 19 MR. GREWACH: No, because that machine, that
- 20 asset's there on the floor still. And so what you do is you
- 21 just take it out of service until you resolve the problem. Most
- 22 typically that is a problem with the machine itself. There are
- 23 certain tests that are run. In this case it just happened to be
- 24 outside of the machine. But in any event, you know, it's our
- 25 position the regulation say when you hit that sixth day of

- 1 consecutive variances, you have to take the machine out of
- 2 service until you resolve the problem.
- In this case the resolving the problem didn't in
- 4 fact, end up being repairing the machine. But in either event,
- 5 if you don't take the machine out of service and don't fix the
- 6 problem, day seven, eight, through day 15, you continue to have
- 7 these variances. And by taking it out of service, you no longer
- 8 have the variances after day six.
- 9 COMMISSIONER NEER: But it's not uncommon to
- 10 have variances from time to time?
- 11 MR. GREWACH: I would have to call on our
- 12 compliance audit manager, Leshia Kempker, to answer that
- 13 question.
- 14 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Could you identify yourself?
- 15 MS. KEMPKER: Yes, Leshia Kempker, compliance
- 16 audit manager. It is not uncommon for there to be bill ticket
- 17 or coupon variances for each drop period. A drop period could
- 18 be for one day, but according to the drop scheduling they
- 19 submit to us, it could be up to a period of one week. So
- 20 Wednesday morning to Wednesday morning you can drop that
- 21 machine. And in the first instance, the original finding, had a
- 22 variance for 15 consecutive drop periods. That was over 15
- 23 weeks.
- 24 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: So I don't think the rule
- 25 is stating that the machine has to malfunction for it to be

- 1 taken out of service. It's that if there is a variance that --
- 2 for six drop periods, then the machine is taken out of service.
- 3 It doesn't mean that the machine has to be at fault. It just
- 4 means that if there is a variance, then that machine is taken
- 5 out as a first step to figure out what the problem.
- 6 MS. KEMPKER: To try to identify the problem.
- 7 Correct.
- 8 COMMISSIONER NEER: It's after a certain number
- 9 of variances?
- 10 MS. KEMPKER: Six consecutive periods.
- 11 COMMISSIONER NEER: Six consecutive. So if you
- 12 have four variances, that machine is not taken out of service?
- 13 MS. KEMPKER: No. After the first three
- 14 consecutive variances, then they have to prepare meter reading
- 15 comparison reports. And then if there are six consecutive
- 16 variances, that's when the machine has to be removed from
- 17 service.
- 18 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: So the stance would be
- 19 once they determine the problem after the three variance drops,
- 20 they should be finding out what the solution is before it gets
- 21 to the six consecutive drops? That's our desire?
- 22 MS. KEMPKER: That the intent of the meter
- 23 reading comparison reports, to try to identify if there is a
- 24 problem with the machine.
- 25 CHAIRMAN KOHN: So would it be fair to say that

- 1 the reason we're imposing a penalty, a fine on the casino, is
- 2 largely because of the failure to catch this in the back office?
- 3 It wasn't for having faulty machine. It was for having -- for
- 4 not it figuring out?
- 5 MS. KEMPKER: For failing to remove it from
- 6 service after the sixth consecutive drop period. And this
- 7 particular machine, the original finding had 15 consecutive
- 8 variances. So it certainly should have been taken out of
- 9 service because that would be six consecutive -- or two
- 10 consecutive failed removals from service?
- 11 COMMISSIONER NEER: So they didn't take the
- 12 proper action after the initial audit?
- MS. KEMPKER: Correct.
- 14 COMMISSIONER NEER: The second audit, you found
- 15 out they had --
- MS. KEMPKER: -- not corrected --
- 17 MS. KEMPKER: During the follow-up, there was
- 18 another --
- 19 COMMISSIONER NEER: -- what you recommended?
- 20 MS. KEMPKER: -- machine that had nine
- 21 consecutive --
- 22 MR. GREWACH: I was going to say that same thing.
- 23 COMMISSIONER NEER: I'm not a lawyer either.
- MR. GREWACH: Because, you know, this -- the
- 25 whole process is, you know, throughout the audit there's

- 1 discussions between the auditors and management of the issues
- 2 that come up. And then there's an audit exit conference in
- 3 which they sit down and discuss the problems and then there is
- 4 the final report. And at the audit exit conference we would
- 5 raise to them, hey, you had this machine with 15 drop periods
- 6 and you didn't take it out of service. And then management's
- 7 reply is next time that happens, we'll do that.
- 8 And then we do the follow-up and then find out
- 9 that in fact it happened again. So as far as what the fine is
- 10 for, it's for, you know, not correcting their process from the
- 11 audit report and management's response to the second follow-up.
- 12 CHAIRMAN KOHN: That makes more sense. The
- 13 machine was probably put back into service with no adjustments
- 14 to it.
- MS. KEMPKER: I'm sorry?
- 16 CHAIRMAN KOHN: The machine was probably -- the
- 17 machine, eventually after all of this was cleared up, put back
- 18 into service without anything having been done to the machine?
- 19 MS. KEMPKER: After the casino identified that
- 20 it was the card in the count room that was incorrect, then yes,
- 21 it was -- it remained in service. It was never removed.
- 22 CHAIRMAN KOHN: So we're imposing the fine
- 23 because work or non-work done by the people in the back office,
- 24 not because they had a faulty machine on the floor.
- 25 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: No. We are fining

- 1 because they didn't follow the process that we told them to
- 2 follow.
- 3 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Okay. Any other questions?
- 4 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: No.
- 5 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Or internal discussion. Is
- 6 there a motion with respect to DC 18-043?
- 7 COMMISSIONER NEER: Motion to approve.
- 8 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Second.
- 9 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 10 Angie?
- 11 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney?
- 12 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo?
- 14 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer?
- 16 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approved.
- 17 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison?
- 18 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn?
- 20 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approved.
- 21 MS. FRANKS: By your vote you've adopted
- 22 DC-18-043.
- 23 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Okay, Mark Twain?
- 24 MR. GREWACH: Under Tab I we have a preliminary
- 25 order of discipline directed at Mark Twain Casino for improperly

- 1 altering records relating to patrons tier points status and
- 2 failure to follow the proper procedures for point adjustments.
- 3 As the commission's probably aware, a player reward program is a
- 4 program that casinos offer where you're given points generally
- 5 based on the amount of play. You can redeem those points for
- 6 various things, sometimes free meals, buffets, free play
- 7 coupons.
- 8 Like most properties, Mark Twain also have a
- 9 tier point program. You're placed in different tiers, based on
- 10 the points you earn during a certain time period. And there's
- 11 an interaction between the two. For example in this case, the
- 12 highest level was a GM status. To earn that you had to earn
- 13 500,000 points in a six-month time period. So if you hit that
- 14 level, then you get certain point multipliers on your play for
- 15 your regular player reward program points. You get items like
- 16 dinner with the general manager, gifts, certain gifts from the
- 17 casino.
- 18 Now, as this program relates to their table game
- 19 points they have a formula. And you earn points for a formula
- 20 based on hours played, multiplied by average bet, multiplied by
- 21 house advantage. As a player pays the personnel there at the
- 22 table that records those items; hours played, average bet, and
- 23 then fills out that paperwork to calculate the points.
- 24 There's a specific patron here who is a regular
- 25 at the casino who was complaining that he had not achieved a GM

- 1 status for the time period. The casino personnel looked at his
- 2 file and saw that had 350 points less than the 500,000 he
- 3 needed. They then went back and altered records for prior play
- 4 to increase the amount average bet about to put him over that
- 5 limit so that he would qualify for the tier status.
- 6 By doing this and by not filling out the proper
- 7 paperwork they made it impossible for the proper audit of these
- 8 point adjustments. There is a process that if you do want to
- 9 adjust points, certain paperwork has to be done so that
- 10 those can be tracked and audited.
- 11 Staff recommended a \$2,500 fine. In the
- 12 casino's response they acknowledged that they failed to follow
- 13 the proper procedures. They indicated they'd taken remedial
- 14 measures by changing their procedures, they pointed out this is
- 15 a first offense as far as table games of personnel adjusting
- 16 points. They also indicated they had terminated the director of
- 17 casino operations, who was directly involved and directly
- 18 oversaw the personnel that made these adjustments.
- 19 In our reply, was just simply that yes they --
- 20 because they didn't follow the proper process in altering those
- 21 records and they made no video review that they've made these
- 22 changes to these average bet amounts without any evidence to
- 23 back that up, that they -- and the evidence -- a matter fact
- 24 from the original paperwork was from people that actually
- 25 observed the wagering taking place and that we would continue

- 1 our recommendation of a \$2,500 fine.
- 2 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: I've got some questions.
- 3 When I look at similar cases, all of the similar cases were
- 4 against licensee individuals, not against the casino. Are we
- 5 taking action against this licensee that did this? Because I
- 6 get where they didn't follow the rules -- or where they didn't
- 7 follow the rule, but your discipline is based on the fact that
- 8 if they would have documented this they could have given the --
- 9 could have given the --
- 10 (WHEREIN; telephone interruption.)
- 11 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Is that your raccoon
- 12 calling?
- 13 COMMISSIONER NEER: That is supposed to be off.
- 14 The off button doesn't work.
- 15 MR. GREWACH: The chairman did fail to make that
- 16 announcement. For that second part about whether they could do
- 17 it I'd ask Cheryl Alonzo, our assistant deputy director --
- 18 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: It's their promotion
- 19 system and they're given points away.
- MR. GREWACH: Yes.
- 21 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: And so a patron was not
- 22 cheated points, he was given additional points. Correct?
- MR. GREWACH: Correct.
- 24 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: And so they have a
- 25 benefit that they're giving to a customer that is no cost to the

- 1 state of Missouri; is that correct?
- 2 MR. GREWACH: That would be accurate. Yes. The
- 3 -- we did discipline the on director of casino operations with a
- 4 five-day suspension, then as I indicated, he was terminated by
- 5 the property. And the casino shift manager who had, at the
- 6 direction of the casino operations, had actually made -- or
- 7 directed the adjustments to be made also received a five-day
- 8 suspension.
- 9 When you look at the prior cases you'll see
- 10 especially two of them involve revocation of an employee because
- 11 they were stealing. They were stealing from the casino.
- 12 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Right. Right. I got
- 13 that.
- 14 MR. GREWACH: In this case, due to the fact that
- 15 someone as high level as the director of casino operations was
- 16 involved in directing, basically saying to his staff consider
- 17 every time this patron plays, that his average bet is \$500, so
- 18 -- irregardless of actual average bet. The problem then, of
- 19 course, is not following the proper procedures which I will have
- 20 Ms. Alonzo address, because that creates certain problems for
- 21 us.
- 22 You know, in this particular instance it's true
- 23 that he was given points and not awarded them, but if an
- 24 adjustment had been made the other way, the proper paperwork
- 25 hadn't been done so we're looking at this saying well, you know,

- 1 you really need to follow the proper process so we can go back
- 2 and investigate, audit point adjustments and make sure they're
- 3 correct.
- 4 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Before Cheryl addresses
- 5 this, is there some kind of back story here? I read the
- 6 previous disciplinary issues where you had one case I think
- 7 somebody was benefiting their family members. Another case they
- 8 were basically selling the points. Is there some back story to
- 9 this one that we need to know?
- 10 MR. GREWACH: My understanding was it was more
- 11 of a customer service issue. They had a patron who was a good
- 12 patron, who was complaining. They were worried potentially
- 13 about losing his business and it was done in response to this
- 14 patron's persistent complaints about not being at the GM level.
- 15 MS. ALONZO: Cheryl Alonzo, Missouri Gaming
- 16 Commission. At this particular property, according to the
- 17 promotional rules you can't adjust -- adjustments wouldn't go
- 18 towards changing a patron's base points. But by them going and
- 19 making adjustments, sometimes 146 days later to his average bet,
- 20 it caused, you know, him to get these additional points and
- 21 normally any point adjustments would have to be done MIS and
- 22 they would have to be submitted to accounting and accounting
- 23 would review those point adjustments. Accounting never knew
- 24 these adjustments occurred.
- 25 Basically the table games department made the

- 1 these adjustments. The marketing department was not aware of
- 2 these adjustments. And so -- and they are the ones that
- 3 actually administer that program. And so they were actually --
- 4 they were the ones that brought it to light that this had been
- 5 changed.
- 6 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: And I guess that is kind
- 7 of my question. The casino's department brought it to light
- 8 that there was a problem and then they terminated the person
- 9 that created the problem for not following the rules. But we
- 10 are punishing the casino for actions of employees.
- 11 MS. ALONZO: High level. I mean, this was --
- 12 MS. JAMISON: I get it, it was high level, but
- 13 that --
- 14 MS. ALONZO: Because it's a management level.
- 15 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Yeah. But I mean --
- 16 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Are we saying that they didn't
- 17 supervise this high-level management person properly? That's
- 18 why the casino is at fault?
- 19 MS. ALONZO: No. I think it's because the
- 20 person that orchestrated this was a high-level manager of the --
- 21 at the property. And the casino fines often go when management
- 22 fails to follow their promotional rules or any other MICS or CSR.
- 23 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: So because it was a
- 24 high-level employee, we're imputing it to casino, whereas if it
- 25 was a dealer -- I'm not sure --

- 1 MS. ALONZO: Right. If a dealer had done this
- 2 and it was all -- and management had no awareness of it, then
- 3 discipline would always go to that dealer. But if it's, you
- 4 know, high-level people in the organization, that's when we tend
- 5 to look at casino fines because we would expect those high-level
- 6 people to follow the rules and know what they are and follow
- 7 their own internal controls.
- 8 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: See, I get where Brian
- 9 is coming from on this. We look at the other disciplinary
- 10 actions and they're individuals. This is the first one we've
- 11 seen for the casino and we want to know kind of know why this
- 12 one is different.
- 13 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Help me, when you say
- 14 high-level, is he over accounting and marketing and the other
- 15 departments or is he just over the floor games?
- MS. ALONZO: Yeah. It's a small casino, so the
- 17 director of casino operations is over slots and table games, I
- 18 believe. And he reports directly to the GM. And this was
- 19 reported to the GM by the marketing manager, when she was first
- 20 starting to investigate it and was trying to understand why this
- 21 person hadn't hit any of her reports as being moved from one
- 22 level to the next. And then she said -- and this was a
- 23 corporate marketing program.
- 24 And so then she sent it on to corporate and then
- 25 when they started looking they saw those recent adjustments.

- 1 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: So corporate came back
- 2 down to the general manager of the casino with the issue?
- 3 MS. ALONZO: Right. And this is a, you know,
- 4 corporate-wide policy. And they had revised their player reward
- 5 program to make it more difficult to get GM status because they
- 6 had, I think, a lot more people in the GM status and they wanted
- 7 to make it more exclusive. So, you know -- anyway, it was the
- 8 corporate program.
- 9 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Okay. Thank you.
- 10 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Thank you. Other questions?
- 11 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: I have a quick one. First
- 12 off, if this did not cause the state of Missouri any money --
- 13 I'm presuming that there was no disadvantage to any other
- 14 customer because of this adjustment; is that accurate?
- 15 MR. GREWACH: I would say yes. That is
- 16 accurate.
- 17 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Okay. So why are we
- 18 concerned about it. I'm not trying to be flippant. I'm
- 19 generally -- I mean, why is this an issue for us?
- 20 MR. GREWACH: It is an issue of process. As
- 21 Ms. Alonzo pointed out, you know, there are certain structure,
- 22 certain people, IT can make adjustments. There's paperwork,
- 23 then accounting has to review it to make sure the adjustments
- 24 are proper. If you bypass that process, you certainly run risks
- 25 that there will be something that may harm a patron or harm the

- 1 state. And so it's more of an issue of not -- there was damage
- 2 to patrons or damage of the state in terms of AGR. It's just --
- 3 and that's why the fine is probably reflected and that would be
- 4 \$2,500 in that you need to follow these processes. So we can go
- 5 back and investigate it and audit it and make sure all the
- 6 checks and balances in that system are in place.
- 7 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: In a sense for us, it is a
- 8 transparency issue. You need to know that the processes are
- 9 being followed so that it makes it easier when you need to audit
- 10 and hold them accountable for other things that may actually
- 11 disadvantage the state.
- MR. GREWACH: Correct. If you mandate a process
- 13 and someone doesn't follow it, the question is do you discipline
- 14 them at that point for not.
- 15 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: I have one other
- 16 question.
- 17 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Go ahead.
- 18 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Was there a process for
- 19 them if they would have documented this correctly? Was there a
- 20 process for them to add points or is they were outside the
- 21 bounds of the process? Do you understand my question?
- 22 MS. ALONZO: Yes. I understand. It's my
- 23 understanding that you can -- the property allows point
- 24 adjustments to promotional points, which are the ones that you
- 25 can spend at the property, but not base points, which the base

- 1 points determine what tier you are. And in the rules it says
- 2 that adjustments -- point adjustments, do not affect base
- 3 points. So you're not really allowed to change the base points.
- 4 It should be based on your play and then if the property wants
- 5 to make adjustments for the promotional points, they could do
- 6 that.
- 7 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: So it is not just a --
- 8 it's not just they didn't fill in the right blank and give an
- 9 explanation, it's outside that realm?
- 10 MS. ALONZO: Yeah. They wouldn't have been able
- 11 to make just a point adjustment to give him a 191,000 points.
- 12 That's not an option in that program.
- 13 CHAIRMAN KOHN: But it's their program, so they
- 14 could have changed the rules if they wanted to.
- 15 MS. ALONZO: Yeah, but those rules -- those
- 16 rules are submitted to a legal counsel and they are approved.
- 17 CHAIRMAN KOHN: To our legal counsel?
- 18 MS. ALONZO: No. Their legal counsel signs off
- 19 that it doesn't violate any rules. They review it and those are
- 20 on file for the Commission. And anybody who goes in and wants
- 21 to participate in that program, any patron should, you know, get
- 22 that same treatment if they go and they pay the same money as
- 23 him. They should get GM status too. I think there is also that
- 24 bigger picture is if people aren't following those promotional
- 25 rules then all patrons aren't being treated the same, then why

- 1 are you doing things? Could there be some -- you know, you
- 2 don't know why --
- 3 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Back to Rick's question,
- 4 is there another back --
- 5 MS. ALONZO: When people circumvent those rules
- 6 it could be because they're being given compensation for
- 7 circumventing those rules. That's why we have those rules.
- 8 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Cheryl, these were the
- 9 rules that were in effect at the time and yes the casino, could
- 10 have changed them, but they hadn't changed them.
- 11 MS. ALONZO: Right. And any time they do change
- 12 them, they would have to submit them to legal counsel again for
- 13 approval, all changes.
- 14 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Thank you.
- 15 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any other questions? By the
- 16 way, I just noticed my mike has been off the whole day. Sorry
- 17 about that. Any other questions for Ed? Okay.
- 18 Is there a motion with respect to 18-056? Ed, I
- 19 have a question before they get to that. There's a gap between
- 20 18-043 and 056. Are there some other actions coming up?
- 21 MR. JAMISON: We took it out of May and put it
- 22 into June.
- MR. GREWACH: Yes.
- 24 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Okay. Is there a motion with
- 25 respect to 18-056?

- 1 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: I move for approval.
- 2 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Second.
- 3 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Before discussion on the motion?
- 4 Angie?
- 5 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney?
- 6 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approved.
- 7 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo?
- 8 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approved.
- 9 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer?
- 10 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approved.
- 11 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison?
- 12 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn?
- 14 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approved.
- 15 MS. FRANKS: By your vote you have adopted
- 16 DC-18-056.
- 17 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Ed, Boonville?
- 18 MR. GREWACH: Yes. Tab J, we have a preliminary
- 19 order of discipline directed at Isle of Capri, Boonville, for a
- 20 violation of the state statute 313.812.9 for failing to deposit
- 21 checks within 24 hours of their cashing. That statute states
- 22 that any check cashed must be deposited within 24 hours. It
- 23 goes on to state that any licensee who violates the provisions
- 24 of this subsection shall be subject to an administrative penalty
- of \$5,000 for each violation. Then it goes on to say such

- 1 administrative penalties shall be assessed and collected by the
- 2 commission.
- 3 This was a situation where the property, since
- 4 2014, was using electronic depositing process with their bank.
- 5 And on the night shift of December 22nd, 2017, which was a
- 6 Friday they attempted to make their edeposit, but because of a
- 7 problem with the bank's website, they could not make the
- 8 deposit. In questioning they indicated too that personnel had
- 9 been doing a deposit for a long enough time period that they
- 10 overlooked or forgot the option of actually physically putting
- 11 the checks in the night dropbox of the bank.
- 12 So then this process went on. It would go from
- 13 the night shift to the day shift. Since they could not get them
- 14 deposited, they secured them in a locked cabinet. And again the
- 15 next day they would attempt. They finally then on Wednesday,
- 16 December 27th, 2017, physically deposited the checks at the
- 17 bank.
- 18 The staff recommended a \$5,000 fine. In the
- 19 casino's response they indicated that the bank was closed on the
- 20 23rd, 24th, and 25th and had they deposited the checks on those
- 21 days they would not have cleared, that the checks were secured,
- 22 there was no risk of any of the checks not -- anything happening
- 23 to them, that it was an isolated incident. It is the first time
- 24 it had ever happened to them, that they took remedial actions in
- 25 updating their supervisor manual to try to prevent this problem

- 1 from happening in the future.
- Our reply was that the statute requires the
- 3 deposits to be made within 24 hours. It doesn't require the
- 4 that the checks be cleared by the bank or accepted by the bank.
- 5 And in addition to that, that bank was in fact open on December
- 6 26th, but no deposits were made on that date and not until the
- 7 next banking day of December 27th. So it's the staff's position
- 8 to continue with the recommendation of the \$5,000 fine.
- 9 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Questions?
- 10 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: It seems the statute is
- 11 pretty clear. Do you see any way around -- any way that we
- 12 could do anything about the \$5,000 based on what you see in the
- 13 statute?
- 14 MR. GREWACH: I do not. I mean, it has two
- 15 "shalls" in it. You know, shall pay the \$5,000 for each
- 16 violation and the Commission shall assess and collect that. So
- 17 as you know, we can waive our own rules, but we don't really
- 18 have authority to waive the statutory.
- 19 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: And when was this statute
- 20 passed, do you know? I was just wondering as far as the deposit
- 21 goes, what that means.
- 22 MR. GREWACH: I don't have that information.
- 23 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: So they are assuming, I'm
- 24 guessing, that when they write this a deposit means
- 25 electronically deposit. Obviously, it would be after the

- 1 traditional banking hours of 9:00 to 5:00. Would this apply to
- 2 holidays? As far as you read it is that what you see, it has to
- 3 24 hours, not 24 business hours or anything like that?
- 4 MR. GREWACH: As I read the statute, it just
- 5 says, "must be deposited within 24 hours". I could look up the
- 6 date is was passed. I am assuming that it probably was at the
- 7 same time in 1994 when, you know, the statutes were first
- 8 established, probably prior to the ability to make an edeposit.
- 9 Take for example, the fact they didn't start making edeposits
- 10 until 2014 for this particular property. It seems to me when I
- 11 read the statute it envisions depositing those checks much like
- 12 any business would, you know, at the close of business take
- 13 their checks to the night drop and deposit them.
- 14 COMMISSIONER NEER: So there's no provision if
- 15 electronic deposit isn't working? You're required to manually
- 16 take it to the bank versus the dropbox?
- 17 MR. GREWACH: Well, I would say the opposite.
- 18 The statute says it is must be deposited within 24
- 19 hours. So there's really no provision saying you're expected --
- 20 you're relieved of that duty if you have a problem with
- 21 electronic deposit. We looked at it and certainly you can say,
- 22 well, what is each violation? Is that every day. We looked at
- 23 this two ways; this just being one transaction, one
- 24 violation in the entire incident; the second is the fact that
- 25 that Tuesday, you know -- Christmas was a Monday and the bank

- 1 was closed. Tuesday was a business day and the bank was open
- 2 and no deposits were made. It seemed that day in and of itself
- 3 mandated us to assess the \$5,000.
- 4 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Did they give you an
- 5 explanation on why no deposits were made on the 26th?
- 6 MR. GREWACH: They just kind of had a perfect
- 7 storm here of people being on vacation and the person, you know,
- 8 that was really in charge of this didn't come back until the
- 9 27th and made the deposit on that particular day.
- 10 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any other questions? Is there a
- 11 motion with respect to DC-18-057.
- 12 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Motion to approve.
- 13 COMMISSIONER NEER: Second.
- 14 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 15 Angie?
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney?
- 17 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approved.
- 18 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo?
- 19 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approved.
- 20 MS. FRANKS: Commission Neer?
- 21 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approved.
- 22 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison?
- 23 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn?
- 25 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approved.

- 1 MS. FRANKS: By your vote you've adopted
- 2 DC-18-057.
- 3 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Okay. IGT?
- 4 MR. GREWACH: Under Tab K we have a preliminary
- 5 order of discipline directed to International Game Technology,
- 6 who is a licensed supplier in the state for a violation of
- 7 Section 5.237 of our rules, which requires that electronic
- 8 gaming device software be approved for use in Missouri prior to
- 9 shipment and that the critical program storage media, the
- 10 software that makes the machine operate, be shipped separately
- 11 from the electronic gaming device.
- On September the 18th, 2017, 20 EGDs were
- 13 shipped to the Argosy Casino and they all contained the
- 14 software, the CPSM and two in addition contained software that
- 15 had not been approved for use in Missouri. The company also had
- 16 a prior similar violation in September 9th, 2016. The prior
- 17 2016 violation they received a non-punitive letter, a warning
- 18 letter. And so in this event, for this case the staff
- 19 recommended a fine of \$2,500.
- 20 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Didn't they also have an
- 21 incident back in 2014?
- MR. GREWACH: Yes.
- 23 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: This would be their third
- 24 incident in four years?
- MR. GREWACH: Yes, that is correct.

- 1 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Or less than four years.
- 2 Okay. 08/27 OF '14, so this will be their third incident in
- 3 less than four years.
- 4 MR. GREWACH: That's correct.
- 5 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any questions? Any other
- 6 questions or comments. Okay. Is there a motion with respect to
- 7 DC-18-058?
- 8 COMMISSIONER NEER: Motion to approve.
- 9 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Second.
- 10 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 11 Angie?
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney?
- 13 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approved.
- 14 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo?
- 15 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer?
- 17 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approved.
- 18 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison?
- 19 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn?
- 21 CHAIRMAN KOHN: I am not recusing myself, but for
- 22 the record about 15 or more years ago my law firm represented
- 23 IGT. But we haven't in at least that long, so I will vote
- approved.
- 25 MS. FRANKS: By your vote you've adopted

- 1 DC-18-058.
- 2 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Okay. Mr. Seibert?
- 3 VII. Consideration of Placement on List of Excluded Persons
- 4 MR. SEIBERT: Next order of business is
- 5 consideration of placement on list of excluded persons. Mr. Ed
- 6 Grewach will present.
- 7 MR. GREWACH: Thank you. Under Tab L we have a
- 8 resolution to place Janet Frigerio on the involuntary exclusion
- 9 list. Ms. Frigerio was employed at the St. Louis Activity
- 10 Center, which is an organization that provides services to
- 11 seniors. Between January of 2014 through September of 2014 she
- 12 stole an amount of money in excess of \$10,000 from her employer.
- 13 She pled guilty in August 27, 2015, to a felony of a federal
- 14 programs theft. She was ordered to make restitution, given five
- 15 years supervised probation, conditioned on her not participating
- 16 any gambling activity and for her to enroll in a gambling
- 17 addiction program. A review of her play history indicated she
- 18 had an extensive gambling history.
- 19 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Is there a motion with respect
- 20 to 18-038?
- 21 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Motion to approve.
- 22 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: I'm guessing she's not
- 23 here.
- MR. GREWACH: No. The way these particular
- 25 cases go, first you initiate it with the resolution. She then

- 1 gets notice and she has 30 days after she receives a notice to
- 2 request a hearing. Then, if she requests a hearing, we have the
- 3 hearing officer here it, and then it comes back to you.
- 4 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Sorry. Go ahead.
- 5 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Motion with respect 18-038?
- 6 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Motion to approve.
- 7 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Second.
- 8 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 9 Angie?
- 10 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney?
- 11 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approved.
- 12 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo?
- 13 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approved.
- 14 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer?
- 15 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison?
- 17 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn?
- 19 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approved.
- 20 MS. FRANKS: By your vote you have adopted
- 21 Resolution No. 18-038.
- 22 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Okay. I'm just going to call
- 23 this one 18-039.
- 24 MR. GREWACH: Under Tab M, we have a resolution
- 25 to place Khuyen Nguyen on the involuntary exclusion list. In

- 1 2016, Nguyen was a graduate student and also employed at
- 2 Washington University. The Psychology Department where he was
- 3 working was conducting a research project where volunteers would
- 4 fill out a voucher, were paid in cash for their participation.
- 5 Nguyen had access to that cash and he falsified
- 6 755 vouchers and took an amount of \$23,700 from the University
- 7 using that mechanism. He pled guilty on June 22nd, 2017, to
- 8 five counts of forgery. He received a suspended imposition of
- 9 sentence, five years probation, and was ordered to pay
- 10 restitution in the sum of \$23,710. And again, reviewing his
- 11 play record it indicated that during the applicable time periods
- 12 Mr. Nguyen had an extensive gambling history.
- 13 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any questions on that? Is there
- 14 motion on resolution 18-039.
- 15 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Move for approval.
- 16 COMMISSIONER NEER: Second.
- 17 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion of the motion?
- 18 Angie?
- 19 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney?
- 20 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approved.
- 21 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo?
- 22 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer?
- 24 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approved.
- 25 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison?

- 1 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn?
- 3 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approved.
- 4 MS. FRANKS: By your vote you have adopted
- 5 Resolution No. 18-039.
- 6 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Mr. Seibert?
- 7 VIII. Consideration of Final Orders of Rulemaking
- 8 MR. SEIBERT: The next order of business is
- 9 consideration of final orders of rulemaking. Mr. Ed Grewach
- 10 will present.
- 11 MR. GREWACH: Under Tabs N, O and P, we have for
- 12 your consideration final orders of rulemaking. These involve
- 13 amendments and rescission to rules. They arise from our
- 14 continuing process of review in compliance with the governor's
- 15 executive order and statutory mandated review. The Commission
- 16 had approved these proposed orders of rulemaking on February the
- 17 28th, 2018. That was followed by a public comment period.
- 18 There was a public hearing held on May the 1st,
- 19 2018. No comments were received on any of these rules
- 20 throughout those two processes. If the Commission approves
- 21 these, they would have an effective date of October 30th, 2018.
- 22 I have for the Commission's convenience broken
- 23 them down into the same categories as they were when the
- 24 proposed order of rulemaking were first presented back in
- 25 February. Under Tab N we have rescission of rules and

- 1 regulation that overlap, duplicate, or conflict with the statute
- 2 or another rule. I'd be happy to answer any questions.
- 3 CHAIRMAN KOHN: We're going to do these one by
- 4 one. Is there a motion with regard to those rules and
- 5 regulations listed Under Tab N?
- 6 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: I move for final approval
- 7 of the rules under Tab N.
- 8 COMMISSIONER NEER: Second.
- 9 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 10 Angie?
- 11 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney?
- 12 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approved.
- 13 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo?
- 14 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer?
- 16 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approved.
- 17 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison?
- 18 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approved.
- 19 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn?
- 20 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approved.
- 21 MS. FRANKS: By your vote you have adopted the
- 22 final orders of rulemaking 11 CSR 45-3.010, 5.053, 7.070, 8.100,
- 23 10.055, 11.020, 11.080, 11.120, 12.020, 17.010, 30.520, 30.535,
- 24 40.070, and 40.100.
- 25 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Okay. And we're now going to

- 1 Tab O, rescission of rules and regulations that are unnecessary,
- 2 et cetera.
- 3 MR. GREWACH: That's correct. And are not
- 4 essential to the health safety or welfare of Missouri residents.
- 5 I might mention too, again, that these categories correspond to
- 6 the categories for requirements in the Governor's executive
- 7 order or the statutory review. So that's where the wording of
- 8 these categories came. I'd be happy to answer any questions
- 9 under Tab O.
- 10 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any questions on any of the ones
- 11 under Tab O? If not, is there a motion to approve the
- 12 rescission of rules and regulations listed under Tab 0?
- 13 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: So moved.
- 14 COMMISSIONER NEER: Second.
- 15 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 16 Angie?
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney?
- 18 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approved.
- 19 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo?
- 20 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer?
- 22 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approved.
- 23 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison?
- 24 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn?

- 1 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: By your vote you have adopted final
- 3 orders of rulemaking 11 CSR 45-7.020, 7.150, 9.010, 9.040,
- 4 11.030, 11.070, 11.130, 11.160, and 17.020.
- 5 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Under P.
- 6 MR. GREWACH: Under P we have an amended of
- 7 rescission of rules and regulations that are obsolete.
- 8 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any questions of Ed? Is there a
- 9 motion with respect to the rescission of rules and regulations
- 10 that are obsolete and listed under Tab P?
- 11 COMMISSIONER NEER: Motion to approve.
- 12 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Second.
- 13 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 14 Angie?
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney?
- 16 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approved.
- 17 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo?
- 18 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approved.
- 19 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer?
- 20 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approved.
- 21 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison?
- 22 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn?
- 24 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approved.
- 25 MS. FRANKS: By your vote you've adopted the

- 1 final orders of rulemaking 11 CSR 45-4.085, 5.170, and 7.100.
- 2 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Mr. Seibert?
- 3 IX. Consideration of Waiver of Institutional Investor
- 4 MR. SEIBERT: The next order of business is
- 5 consideration of waiver of institutional investor. Ms. Maggie
- 6 White will present.
- 7 MS. WHITE: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,
- 8 Commissioners. Behind Tabs Q and R are resolutions regarding
- 9 waiver of licensure for institutional investors holding and are
- 10 requesting to hold publicly-traded interest of up to 20 percent
- 11 in multiple gaming licensees. These investors have submitted
- 12 requests for a waiver to hold interest in multiple Missouri
- 13 licensees, in compliance with 11 CSR 45-4. The submitted waiver
- 14 requests certify the holdings are for institutional investment
- 15 purposes only, with no intent to be involved in the management
- or operation of the licensees.
- 17 Because the holdings may exceed the 10 percent
- 18 threshold for which the executive director may grant a waiver,
- 19 these resolutions are before the Commission today. Resolution
- 20 No. 18-040 is for Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.
- 21 Resolution No. 18-041 is for Black Rock Inc.
- 22 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Let's take them one at a time.
- 23 Do you have any other comments about Mitsubishi?
- MS. WHITE: No, I do not.
- 25 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any questions on that one? I

- 1 have a question. Do they do any other business in the gaming
- 2 industry in the city other than their mothership casino?
- MS. WHITE: Not to my knowledge.
- 4 CHAIRMAN KOHN: There's no real estate holdings
- 5 in the casinos?
- 6 MS. WHITE: No, they are investing Konami
- 7 Gaming.
- 8 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Any other questions? Is there a
- 9 motion with respect 18-040?
- 10 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Move to approve.
- 11 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Second.
- 12 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion on the motion?
- 13 Angie?
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney?
- 15 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo?
- 17 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer?
- 19 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approved.
- 20 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison?
- 21 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn?
- 23 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: By your vote you've adopted
- 25 Resolution Number 18-040.

- 1 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Okay. Now, Black Rock.
- MS. WHITE: Okay. This is Resolution 18-041.
- 3 CHAIRMAN KOHN: So you have the same comments
- 4 that you have about --
- 5 MS. WHITE: Yes. They're invested in multiple
- 6 Missouri gaming licensees.
- 7 CHAIRMAN KOHN: And because they may go over 10
- 8 percent --
- 9 MS. WHITE: That's correct.
- 10 CHAIRMAN KOHN: You don't know at this point
- 11 whether or not they are?
- MS. WHITE: They are ranging in the various one
- 13 from like 5 percent to 10 percent. With your approval, that
- 14 allows them to go over 10 percent.
- 15 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Okay. Is there a motion with
- 16 respect to Resolution 18-041?
- 17 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: I move for approval.
- 18 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Second.
- 19 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Discussion? Angie?
- MS. FRANKS Commissioner Finney?
- 21 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo?
- 23 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approved.
- 24 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer?
- 25 COMMISSIONER NEER: Approved.

- 1 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison?
- 2 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approved.
- 3 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn?
- 4 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approved.
- 5 MS. FRANKS: By your vote you've adopted
- 6 Resolution No. 18-041.
- 7 CHAIRMAN KOHN: I believe that -- unless I'm
- 8 missing, Mr. Seibert, that concludes our open meeting? That
- 9 concludes our business in the open session. We will go into
- 10 closed session and come back and reopen the open session after
- 11 the closed session. You're welcome to stay for that, but
- 12 chances are we will not be conducting any business after we
- 13 adjourn the closed session. So does anybody here want to make a
- 14 motion to go into close session?
- 15 COMMISSIONER JAMISON: I move for a closed
- meeting under Section 313.847 and 313.945, RSMo., Investigatory,
- 17 Proprietary, and Application Records and 610.021(1), RSMo.,
- 18 Legal Actions (3) and (13), Personnel and (14), Record Protected
- 19 from Disclosure by Law.
- 20 CHAIRMAN KOHN: Angie?
- 21 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: I second.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Finney?
- 23 COMMISSIONER FINNEY: Approved.
- MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Lombardo?
- 25 COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO: Approved.

1	MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Neer?
2	COMMISSIONER NEER: Approved.
3	MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jamison?
4	COMMISSIONER JAMISON: Approved.
5	MS. FRANKS: Chairman Kohn?
6	CHAIRMAN KOHN: Approved.
7	So we will go into closed session. And I've
8	been waiting three years to do this, we are adjourned.
9	(Meeting concluded.)
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3	I, Lisa M. Banks, CCR within and for the State of
4	Missouri, do hereby certify that the witness whose testimony
5	appears in the foregoing deposition was duly sworn by me; that
6	the testimony of said witness was taken by me to the best of my
7	ability and thereafter reduced to typewriting under my
8	direction; that I am neither counsel for, related to, nor
9	employed by any of the parties to the action in which this
10	deposition was taken, and further, that I am not a relative or
11	employee of any attorney or counsel employed by the parties
12	thereto, nor financially or otherwise interested in the outcome
13	of the action.
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MISSOURI GAMING COMMISSION Open Session Minutes June 27, 2018

The Missouri Gaming Commission (the "Commission") went into open session at approximately 1:10 p.m. on June 27, 2018, at the Jefferson City office of the Missouri Gaming Commission.

Commissioner Jamison moved to adjourn the open session meeting. Commissioner Lombardo seconded the motion. After a roll call vote was taken, Lombardo – yes, Neer – yes, Jamison – yes, and Kohn – yes, the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting ended at 1:11 p.m.