

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
10:00 A.M. – July 15, 2026
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIRECTOR THOMAS J. STICKRATH CONFERENCE CENTER
1970 WEST BROAD STREET, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43223

The regular meeting of the Ohio Casino Control Commission (Commission) was called to order at 9:59 a.m. by Chair Thomas J. Stickrath. Vice Chair Penelope Cunningham and Commissioners Sheetal Bajoria, Scott Borgemenke, Triffon Callos, and Keith Cheney were also in attendance. Commissioner Christopher Smitherman had an excused absence. Next, the minutes of the June 17, 2026, meeting were approved following a motion by Vice Chair Cunningham and seconded by Commissioner Borgemenke.

Interim Executive Director Andromeda Morrison began her report recognizing several newly hired or promoted members of the OCCC staff. Next, Ms. Morrison provided an update on prediction market litigation indicating that briefing for litigation in the Sixth Circuit has been completed and the Commission is prepared to support Ohio Solicitor General Mathura Sridharan for the appeal case's upcoming July 30th oral argument. Ms. Morrison explained how Ohio's case and one in Tennessee were combined for argument purposes. Ms. Sridharan is working with Tennessee's solicitor general in presenting those cases. Ms. Morrison stated that states have seen mixed results in their efforts to regulate prediction markets, but recently Michigan and New York were successful in obtaining a temporary restraining order or an injunction denial that were in favor of the states. Ms. Morrison remarked that the result in Michigan was particularly important as it is also in the Sixth Circuit. Lastly, Ms. Morrison noted that a separate lawsuit has been filed in the Franklin County Common Pleas Court by prediction market company KalshiEX LLC, attempting to stop the Commission's efforts to enforce state laws and sanction unlicensed regulated activities. Ms. Morrison said staff will be working closely with the Ohio Attorney General's office regarding the case.

Monica Wilcoxon, Director of Investigations, presented to the Commission consideration of JACK Cleveland Casino LLC's casino operator renewal license, through the request for adoption of Commission Resolution 2023-30. Mark Dunkeson, Chief Executive Officer and Principal Owner of JACK Ohio Ventures (JACK Ohio), Angela Matthews, EVP of Corporate Operations of JACK Ohio, and Daniel Reinhard, Outside Counsel for JACK Ohio, provided the Commissioners with an update of JACK's progress since their last renewal. The Commissioners had questions related to JACK that were confidential in nature.

Accordingly, Chair Stickrath made the following motion: "Discussion of JACK Cleveland Casino LLC's Operator License Renewal Application includes matters that are required to be kept confidential by state law. In particular, this discussion requires disclosure of financial and trade-secret information that is deemed confidential under R.C. 3772.16(A)(9) and (12), respectively. Accordingly, I move to go into executive session pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(5)." The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Cunningham and adopted by a roll call vote of 6-0.

The Commission moved into Executive Session at 10:33 a.m.

The regular meeting of the Commission resumed at 11:39 a.m.

Ms. Wilcoxon reviewed the Division of Licensing and Investigations' "Investigative Report on the Application of JACK Cleveland Casino LLC to renew its Casino-Operator License," which concluded that JACK is suitable for licensure as a casino operator, subject to conditions. Chair Stickrath made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2026-34, granting renewal of a three-year Casino Operator license to JACK. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Cunningham and approved and adopted by a roll call vote of 6-0.

Next, Ms. Wilcoxon presented to the Commission for consideration a gaming-related vendor license renewal application for Genesis Gaming Solutions Inc. (Genesis Gaming). The Division of Investigations completed a suitability investigation of Genesis Gaming, which did not uncover any material derogatory information. The Division recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2026-35, granting the gaming-related vendor renewal license. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Borgemenke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Callos and approved.

Then, Ms. Wilcoxon presented to the Commission for consideration one initial and six renewal casino gaming key employee license applications for consideration. The Division of Investigations completed background investigations of the applicants and recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2026-36, granting three-year key employee licenses to: Michael Campbell, Hollywood Casino Columbus; Meredith Brill, Galaxy Gaming, Inc.; Kathleen Conlon, Aristocrat Leisure Limited; Sally Denby, Aristocrat Leisure Limited; Eric Jokisch, Hard Rock Casino Cincinnati; Li Lynn Mah, Ainsworth Game Technology Limited; and Stephen Morro, Light & Wonder, Inc. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Cheney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bajoria and approved.

Ms. Wilcoxon then presented for consideration an initial sports gaming mobile management services provider application for Plannatech (OH) Corporation (Plannatech). The Investigations Division completed an investigation to determine that each person in control of the applicant had met the qualifications of licensure. The investigation did not uncover any material derogatory information that would render Plannatech or their people in control unsuitable or unqualified. Therefore, the Division recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2026-37, granting a five-year sports gaming mobile management services provider license. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Vice Chair Cunningham. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Callos and approved.

Next, Ms. Wilcoxon presented for consideration one initial and twelve renewal key sports gaming employee license applications. The Investigations Division completed background investigations of the applicants, which did not uncover any material derogatory information, and recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2026-38, granting an initial reciprocal and renewal non-reciprocal key sports gaming employee licenses, as applicable, to the applicants listed in the Resolution. A motion to approve

the Resolution was made by Vice Chair Cunningham. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Borgemenke and approved.

Then, Ms. Wilcoxon presented to the Commission for consideration two renewal fantasy contest operator license applications for Dataforce LLC (Dataforce) and Underdog Sports, LLC (Underdog). The Commission's Investigations, Licensing, Legal, Regulatory Compliance, and Problem Gambling Services Divisions completed a suitability investigation of the entities, which did not uncover any material derogatory information. Therefore, the Division recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2026-39, granting three-year fantasy contest operator licenses with conditions to Dataforce and Underdog. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Callos. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Cunningham and approved.

Finally, Ms. Wilcoxon presented for consideration a skill-based amusement machine license renewal application for a type-C operator, Putt N Stuff, Inc. (Putt N Stuff). The Investigations Division completed a background investigation of Putt N Stuff, which did not uncover any material derogatory information, and recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2026-40, granting the skill-based amusement machine renewal license. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Cheney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Borgemenke and approved.

Keith O'Korn, Senior Legal Counsel, presented to the Commission for consideration two casino gaming employee final orders:

A final order regarding the denial of casino gaming employee license applications (case nos. 2025-CLIC-037 & 2026-CLIC-038). Chair Stickrath moved to deny the casino gaming employee license applications for the cases listed in the final order. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Cunningham and approved.

A final order regarding Anthony Flowers (case no. 2026-CLIC-019). Chair Stickrath moved to approve and adopt the report and recommendation without modifications to deny the casino gaming employee license application for Anthony Flowers. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Cunningham and approved.

Next, Mr. O'Korn presented to the Commission for consideration two joint casino gaming and sports gaming final orders:

A final order regarding the denial of joint casino employee gaming and standard sports gaming employee license applications (case nos. 2026-CLIC-002, -027, -044 & -051 and 2026-SGL-003, -023, -035 & -041). Chair Stickrath moved to deny the casino gaming employee and standard sports gaming license applications for the cases listed in the final order. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cheney and approved.

A final order regarding Tyron Folds (case nos. 2026-CLIC-045 & 2026-SGL-036). Chair Stickrath moved to revoke the casino gaming employee and standard sports gaming licenses for Tyron Folds. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Cunningham and approved.

Mike O'Leary, Fiscal Officer, provided an overview of the budget reports. Mr. O'Leary gave a summary of fiscal year 2026 and a preview of fiscal year 2027. Mr. O'Leary highlighted that revenue was 13 percent over estimates. He indicated that casino gaming tax collections, sports gaming license renewals, and operator fees contributed to revenue being above estimates. Expenses for prediction market litigation were lower than expected, which also contributed to revenue being over estimates. Mr. O'Leary noted that fiscal year 2027 will not be a license renewal year so some revenue categories will have decreased revenue estimates.

Following Mr. O'Leary's budget overview, Craig Donahue, Interim Deputy Executive Director & Director of Regulatory Compliance, explained that on July 1st annual cost-of-living increases went into effect for all State of Ohio Bargaining Unit employees as dictated by their respective collective bargaining agreements. Governor Mike DeWine, as historically done, provided parity language for exempt employees to receive the same cost-of-living salary increase. Ms. Morrison, per her authority as the Interim Executive Director, has approved cost-of-living increases for all exempt staff on the E-1 and E-2 pay scales. To effectuate the same for the Interim Executive Director, Mr. Donahue explained that the Commissioners would need to approve the cost-of-living increase. A motion to approve the 3% cost-of-living increase for the Interim Executive Director, including both her base salary and the additional compensation for her current temporary work assignment, beginning July 1, 2026, was made by Chair Stickrath. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Cunningham and approved.

In other business, Ms. Morrison indicated that the appointment of a public employee needed to be discussed with the Commissioners that was confidential in nature.

Accordingly, Chair Stickrath made the following motion: "I move to go into executive session pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment of a public employee." The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Cunningham and adopted by a roll call vote of 6-0.

The Commission moved into Executive Session at 12:06 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Commission resumed at 12:30 p.m. There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lara Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lara Thomas

Commission Secretary

Approved: August 19, 2026