

FINAL MINUTES

Charitable Gaming Board
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)
Pop's Bingo World
210 Giant Drive
Richmond, Virginia
Tuesday, September 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Charles Lessin called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m.

Mr. Lessin asked Mr. Michael Menefee to call the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Charles Lessin, Chair
Ms. Tanya Conrad, Vice-Chair
Ms. Lasonja Black
Mr. Clay Dawson [via Conference Call]
Mr. Samuel Kaufman [via Conference Call]
Mr. James Lewis [via Conference Call]
Ms. Lea Roberts
Ms. Amy Solares
The Honorable Ryant Washington [via Conference Call]

MEMBERS ABSENT:

The Honorable William Feasenmyer

VDACS STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Larry Nichols, Director, Division of Consumer Protection
Mr. Joel Maddux, Deputy Director, Division of Consumer Protection
Mr. Michael Menefee, Program Manager, Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Heather Lockerman, Senior Assistant Attorney General/Section Chief, Office of the Attorney General [via Conference Call]
Mr. Justin Bell, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General [via Conference Call]

Mr. Menefee informed Mr. Lessin that a quorum was present.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Lessin asked for the following statement to be recorded in the Board's minutes:

Disclosure Pursuant to Va. Code Sections 2.2-3112.B.1 and 2.2-3114.F

This disclosure is made with regard to the Virginia Charitable Gaming Board's discussion, drafting and promulgation of regulation with respect to Texas Hold'em poker (the "transaction").

I have a potential personal interest in the transaction as a principal in an entity intended to conduct charitable poker operations. I participated in the efforts to pass legislation to benefit charities in the Commonwealth.

I am a member of a business, profession, occupation, or group the members of which are affected by the transaction.

I believe Virginia charities, as well as suppliers, manufacturers and game operators, will reap tremendous benefit from these new Texas Hold'em poker games. Most recently I have decided to consider entering into the Texas Hold'em poker operators market. I anticipate that I will be one of many potential Texas Hold'em poker operators throughout the state. This company owned by myself and my son may service a charity with which I am involved as well as other charities.

I am able to participate in the transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

Charles Lessin
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Mr. Lessin moved onto the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Lessin asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes of the September 4, 2020 Board meeting. Ms. Tanya Conrad motioned approval of the draft minutes as presented. Ms. Amy Solares seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote. Mr. Lessin moved onto the next item on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lessin stated that the new business before the Board is to review VDACS's comments on the Board's draft regulations to govern Texas Hold'em Poker Tournaments. As such, Mr. Lessin asked Mr. Justin Bell to advise the Board on VDACS's comments. Mr. Bell stated he will categorize VDACS's comments in three ways: 1) formatting and wording; 2) assisting VDACS in how it will administer the new program; and 3) legal issues that require the draft regulations to be changed by the Board. Mr. Bell provided advice on each comment offered by VDACS. At the conclusion

of Mr. Bell's advice, Mr. Lessin stated that he and Ms. Conrad will work with VDACS directly to address their comments before the next Board meeting. Mr. Lessin stated he will keep the Board informed on his discussion with VDACS. Mr. Lessin moved onto public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

With no comments from the public and there being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Menefee
Program Manager
Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs