

FINAL MINUTES

Charitable Gaming Board
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)
Electronic Meeting via WebEx
Tuesday, January 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Charles Lessin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Charles Lessin, Chair
Ms. Lasonja Black
Mr. Mark Cooper
The Honorable William Feasenmyer
Mr. Samuel Kaufman
Mr. James Lewis
Ms. Lea Roberts
Ms. Amy Solares

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Tanya Conrad, Vice-Chair
Mr. Clay Dawson
The Honorable Ryant Washington

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:

Mr. Justin Bell, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

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

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Lessin provided members with an update on the final Texas Hold'em Poker Tournaments regulations. With no further remarks, Mr. Lessin moved onto New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lessin stated members will review legislation that was introduced during the 2020 legislative session, so that the Board may consider taking a policy position on each of the legislation under consideration by the Virginia General Assembly.

House Bill 1943 (Patron: Willett): Mr. Lessin explained the introduced bill to the members. Mr. James Lewis stated he did not support any bill that restricts the authority of the Board though he supported the idea of allowing an electronic pull-tab devices to have more than one screen on it. Mr. Samuel Kaufman stated he agreed with the comments by Mr. Lewis. Mr. Lessin asked for a motion and Mr. Lewis motioned to amend the bill to remove the restrictive language placed on the Board. The motion was seconded by The Honorable Bill Feasenmyer and as such, the following members voted in favor of the motion:

Member	Vote on the Motion
Lessin	Aye
Black	Not Voting
Cooper	Aye
Feasenmyer	Aye
Kaufman	Aye
Lewis	Aye
Roberts	Not Voting
Solares	Aye

Mr. Lessin announced the vote with six ayes and two members not voting; and the motion passed.

House Bill 1843 (Patron: Keam): Mr. Lessin explained the introduced bill to the members. Mr. Lessin asked for a motion and Mr. Lewis motioned for the Board to oppose House Bill 1843. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaufman and as such, Mr. Lessin asked Mr. Menefee to call the roll to record each member's vote. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Member	Vote on the Motion
Lessin	Aye
Black	Not Voting
Cooper	Aye
Feasenmyer	Aye
Kaufman	Aye
Lewis	Aye
Roberts	Aye
Solares	Aye

Mr. Lessin announced the vote with seven ayes and one member not voting; and the motion passed.

House Bill 1880 (Patron: Krizek): Mr. Lessin explained the introduced bill to the members. Mr. Lessin asked for a motion and Ms. Amy Solares motioned for the Board to oppose House Bill 1880. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis and as such, Mr. Lessin asked Mr. Menefee to call the roll to record each member's vote. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Member	Vote on the Motion
Lessin	Aye
Black	Not Voting
Cooper	Aye
Feasenmyer	Aye
Kaufman	Aye
Lewis	Aye
Roberts	Aye
Solares	Aye

Mr. Lessin announced the vote with seven ayes and one member not voting; and the motion passed.

All Bills Related to Casinos: Mr. Lessin explained the introduced bills related to casinos to the members. Mr. Lessin asked for a motion and Mr. Lewis motioned for the Board to take no position on all of the casino bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaufman and as such, Mr. Lessin asked Mr. Menefee to call the roll to record each member's vote. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Member	Vote on the Motion
Lessin	Aye
Black	Not Voting
Cooper	Aye
Feasenmyer	Aye
Kaufman	Aye
Lewis	Aye
Roberts	Aye
Solares	Aye

Mr. Lessin announced the vote with seven ayes and one member not voting; and the motion passed.

House Bill 1847 (Patron: Sickles): Mr. Lessin explained the introduced bill to the members. Mr. Lessin asked for a motion and Mr. Lewis motioned for the Board to take no position on House Bill 1847. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaufman and as such, Mr. Lessin asked Mr. Menefee to call the roll to record each member's vote. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Member	Vote on the Motion
Lessin	Aye
Black	Not Voting
Cooper	Aye
Feasenmyer	Aye
Kaufman	Aye
Lewis	Aye
Roberts	Aye
Solares	Aye

Mr. Lessin announced the vote with seven ayes and one member not voting; and the motion passed.

Senate Bill 1127 (Patron: Reeves): Mr. Lessin explained the introduced bill to the members. Mr. Lessin asked for a motion and Mr. Lewis motioned for the Board to support Senate Bill 1127. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaufman. Mr. Chris Petersen, who represents the Virginia Charitable Gaming Council informed members that the council supports the introduced bill because it will tighten up the existing requirements. Mr. Lessin asked Mr. Menefee to call the roll to record each member’s vote. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Member	Vote on the Motion
Lessin	Aye
Black	Not Voting
Cooper	Aye
Feasenmyer	Aye
Kaufman	Aye
Lewis	Aye
Roberts	Aye
Solares	Aye

Mr. Lessin announced the vote with seven ayes and one member not voting; and the motion passed.

Senate Bill 1278 (Patron: Bell): Mr. Lessin explained the introduced bill to the members. Mr. Lessin asked for a motion and Ms. Solares motioned for the Board to support Senate Bill 1278. The motion was seconded by Hon. Feasenmyer. Mr. Petersen, who represents the Virginia Charitable Gaming Council explained the introduced bill to members. He further stated the introduced bill was a result of a discussion to replace the registration system for Texas Hold’em poker tournament operators with a license system. Mr. Lessin asked Mr. Menefee to call the roll to record each member’s vote. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Member	Vote on the Motion
Lessin	Aye
Black	Not Voting
Cooper	Aye
Feasenmyer	Aye
Kaufman	Aye
Lewis	Aye
Roberts	Aye
Solares	Aye

Mr. Lessin announced the vote with seven ayes and one member not voting; and the motion passed.

Senate Bill 1407 (Patron: Bell): Mr. Petersen, who represents the Virginia Charitable Gaming Council asked members to consider taking a position on Senate Bill 1407 and in doing so, he explained the bill to members. Mr. Lessin asked for a motion and Mr. Lewis motioned for the Board to support Senate Bill 1407. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaufman. Mr. Lessin asked Mr. Menefee to call the roll to record each member's vote. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Member	Vote on the Motion
Lessin	Aye
Black	Not Voting
Cooper	Aye
Feasenmyer	Aye
Kaufman	Aye
Lewis	Aye
Roberts	Aye
Solares	Aye

Mr. Lessin announced the vote with seven ayes and one member not voting; and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lessin asked whether anyone from the public had any comments for the Board.

With no comments from the public and there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Menefee
Program Manager
Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs