



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

On Thursday January 23, 2025, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at 555 West Monroe, Chicago, Illinois starting at 1:00 p.m. The board voted 7-0 to allow Chairman Beiser and Commissioner Breuer to participate remotely. The following Board members participated: Chairman Dan Beiser, Commissioners Eddie Arroyo, Leslie Breuer Jr, Marc Laino, Alyssa Murphy, Benjamin Reyes, Patricia Saccone, Michael Schmidt. And Julie Ullrich. Staff members Domenic DiCera, Lindsay Evans, Bob Denneen, Michael Belmonte, and Donald Marquez also participated.

LICENSEE REQUESTS:

Commissioner Reyes moved for approval of race officials at Fairmount Park, Inc for calendar year 2025. Commissioner Arroyo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Saccone moved for approval of race officials at Suburban Downs, Inc for calendar year 2025. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote.

Fairmount Park withdrew their request to amend the 2025 race schedule.

Commissioner Reyes moved for approval to vacate live racing on Thursday March 20th and Sunday March 23rd. Commissioner Laino seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Laino moved to continue consideration of Hawthorne Race Course's request to amend their 2025 live race calendar. Commissioner Arroyo seconded the motion. The motion passed (8-1) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Reyes moved for approval of the following contracting goals for 2025 for organization licensees pursuant to Section 12.2 of the Illinois Horse Racing Act. Minority owned businesses – 11%, Female owned businesses – 7%, Businesses owned by persons with disabilities – 2%. Commissioner Arroyo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote.

BOARD REQUESTS:

Commissioner Laino moved to certify the following recapture amounts for calendar year 2025. Hawthorne Race Course Thoroughbred \$2,649,104, Suburban Downs, Inc Harness \$888,007, Fairmount Park Thoroughbred \$1,863,760, Fairmount Park Illinois Colt Stakes Fund \$14,963 for a total 2025 recapture amount of \$5,415,884. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote.

Staff withdrew the request to initiate rulemaking to amend Section 1413.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Saccone moved to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2024 board meeting. Commissioner Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote.

ADJOURMENT

At 2:02 PM., Commissioner Saccone moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Domenic DiCera". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Domenic DiCera
Executive Director