



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Friday, April 24, 2020, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held via WebEx Audio Conferencing starting at 10:00 a.m. The following Board members participated: Chairman Dan Beiser and Commissioners Marcus Davis, Charles MacKelvie, Thomas McCauley, Arlene Mulder, Benjamin Reyes. Staff members Domenic DiCera, John Gay, Mickey Ezzo, Michael Belmonte, and Donald Marquez also participated.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

The Board entertained comments from the following speakers: Eric Poders, Nicholas Micaletti representing Teamsters Local 727, and representing the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA), Michael Campbell, David McCaffrey, and Chris Block.

LICENSEE REQUESTS

Commissioner Mulder moved for approval of Deborah Lindsay (Assistant Racing Secretary) and Don McAlvey (Program Director) as race officials at Suburban Downs. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Reyes moved for approval of an intertrack wagering license, September 20 through September 23, 2020, for Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Mulder moved for approval to suspend the opening of the Arlington Park live race meet and assign dark host days to Arlington Park for the period April 27, 2020 through May 21, 2020, the date of the Board's May meeting. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) by roll call vote. Tony Petrillo and Shaun Wood testified on behalf of Arlington Park. Michael Campbell, David McCaffrey, and Kerry Lavelle testified on behalf of the ITHA.

Commissioner Mulder amended her previous motion and Commissioner Reyes amended his second to reflect the correct date of the May Board meeting, May 22, 2020. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) by roll call vote.

The petition submitted by Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. requesting the establishment of a working equalization group to address the Governor's "stay at home" order was discussed with the following persons testifying: Tim Carey, Hawthorne Race Course, Tony Petrillo and Shaun Wood, Arlington Park, and Michael Campbell and David McCaffrey, ITHA. Executive Director Domenic DiCera was directed by the Board to work with the stakeholders regarding the establishment of a working group to address the ongoing issues with the Governor's Order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 Board meeting. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURMENT

At 11:50 a.m., Commissioner Mulder moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Domenic DiCera".

Domenic DiCera
Executive Director