



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Thursday, July 18, 2019, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at the Arlington International Racecourse, Arlington Heights, Illinois starting at 11:00 a.m. The following Board members were present at Arlington Park: Chairman Jeffrey Brincat and Commissioners Thomas McCauley, Arlene Mulder, Benjamin Reyes and Gregory Sronce. Telephonic: Commissioner Edgar Ramirez. Absent: Commissioners Marcus Davis, Shelley Kalita and Robert Lunt. Staff members Domenic DiCera, John Gay, Michael Belmonte, and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

Chairman Brincat moved to allow Commissioners Ramirez to attend the meeting telephonically pursuant to Section 7(a) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Mulder seconded the request. The motion passed unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Tim Carey and Robert Molaro representing Hawthorne Race Course and Richard Guidice representing Fairmount Park discussed the gaming expansion bill recently passed by the Illinois General Assembly and signed by Governor Pritzker.

LICENSEE REQUESTS

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve Shelbi Hill as Placing Judge at Arlington International Racecourse. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) by roll call vote.

Chairman Brincat moved to approve Don McAlvey as Program Director at Suburban Downs. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Mulder moved for approval of organization licenses for 2019 to the Illinois Department of Agriculture to conduct pari-mutuel wagering at the Illinois State Fair on August 9, 10, 14 and 15 and the DuQuoin State Fair on August 23 and 24. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Sronce moved for approval to switch live racing at Suburban Downs from August 23 to August 22 and vacate live racing on August 24, 2019. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) by roll call vote.

BOARD ITEMS

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve the initiation of rulemaking to amend Parts 502, 1302, 1408, 1413 and 1420 of the Illinois Racing Board rulebook. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) by roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2019 Board meeting. Commissioner McCauley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Commissioners Reyes and Sronce abstained.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:55 a.m., Chairman Brincat moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Domenic DiCera
Executive Director