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#### **ILLINOIS RACING BOARD**

### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Tuesday, October 15, 2019, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at the Villa Park OTB, Villa Park, Illinois starting at 12:00 noon. The following Board members were present at the Villa Park OTB: Chairman Jeffrey Brincat and Commissioners Dan Beiser, Marcus Davis, Arlene Mulder, and Benjamin Reyes. Telephonic: Commissioner Edgar Ramirez. Absent: Commissioners Thomas McCauley and Greg Sronce. Staff members Domenic DiCera, John Gay, Mickey Ezzo, and Michael Belmonte were also present.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

The Board received comments from the following speakers: Kathy Gilroy; and Anita Bedell, Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems.

# LICENSEE REQUESTS

Chairman Brincat moved for approval of Chris Polzin (Association Steward), Dr. Pete Langley (Association Veterinarian), and Jose Nava (Outrider) as race officials at Hawthorne Race Course. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Mulder moved for approval of an intertrack wagering location license to Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. at 17030 Torrence Avenue, Lansing, Illinois. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) by roll call vote.

Chairman Brincat moved for approval of an occupation license to Voska Ventures, LLC to operate as a concessionaire at 17030 Torrence Avenue, Lansing, Illinois. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) by roll call vote.

# **BOARD ITEMS**

Commissioner Reyes moved for certification of the following pari-mutuel tax credits:

Arlington Park Racecourse, LLC - \$2,512,520.88

Fairmount Park, Inc. - \$80,022.14

Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. - \$685,373.60

Commissioner Beiser seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) by roll call vote. Tony Petrillo testified on behalf of Arlington Park Racecourse. Jim Miller testified on behalf of Hawthorne Race Course.

Chairman Brincat moved for approval of the 2020 Dates Order including the following amendment: Due to the fact that Playing in the Park, LLC cannot secure the property (see letter from CMS dated 10/15/19) that was part of its application and the securing of the property was to be a condition precedent to licensure, the consideration of their application cannot proceed. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) by roll call vote. Rick Heidner testified on behalf of Playing in the Park, LLC. Mike Murray and Robert Molaro testified on behalf of Hawthorne Race Course.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Beiser moved to approve the minutes of the September 17 and 24, 2019 Board meeting. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **ADJOURMENT**

At 1:05 p.m., Commissioner Mulder moved to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Brincat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Domenic DiCera
Executive Director