

ARKANSAS STATE RACING COMMISSION MEETING
Saturday, January 26, 2019, 11:00 a.m.
Arkansas Racing Commission
Hot Springs, Arkansas

MEETING MINUTES

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Chairman Alex Lieblong asked Arkansas Racing Commission Manager, Smokey Campbell to call roll. The following were in attendance.

Commissioners	Present (x)
Alex Lieblong, Chairman, Conway	X
Mark Lamberth, Batesville	X
Denny East, Marion	X
Michael Post, Altus	X
Steve Landers, Little Rock	X
Bo Hunter, Fort Smith	X (Per Phone)
Butch Rice, Beebe	X
Others in Attendance:	
Smokey Campbell, Manager	Loretta Brennan, HBPA
Nikki Langston, ARC	Jed Doro, Oaklawn
David Wolf, Southland	
Jennifer Rushin, DFA-EGS	
Wayne Smith, Oaklawn	
Skip Ebel, Oaklawn	
John Beech, Jockey's Gulid Inc.	
Wendy Heaton, DFA-EGS	
Alex Gray, Downstream Development	

Chairman Alex Lieblong noted a quorum and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the January 10, 2019 meetings. There were none noted.

Commissioner Michael Post made a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Mark Lamberth Seconded the motion; Motion Passed.

Chairman Alex Lieblong requested the rulings from Southland; there were none.

Chairman Alex Lieblong requested the rulings from Oaklawn; there were none.

1) Report from Byron Freeland on the Draft Casino Gaming Rules

Byron Freeland gave a brief report on the Draft Casino Gaming Rules. Below is the Casino Gaming Timeline.

CASINO GAMING TIMELINE

The Casino Gaming Amendment contains the following mandatory deadlines:

Nov. 14, 2018 - Effective date of Amendment

March 14, 2019 – The Amendment requires that the ARC adopt rules containing the following topics within one hundred twenty (120) days from November 14, 2018, which is March 14, 2019:

(1) The establishment of a casino license application fee which shall not exceed \$250,000;

(2) The manner in which the Arkansas Racing Commission considers applications for issuance of casino licenses;

(3) The renewal of casino licenses;

(4) The form and content of renewal for casino licenses;

(5) Oversight requirements for casinos and casino gaming;

(6) Recordkeeping requirements for casinos;

(7) Personnel requirements for casinos and casino gaming;

(8) Procedures for suspending or terminating casino licenses held by casino licensees that violate the provisions of this Amendment or the rules adopted under this Amendment;

(9) A schedule of penalties and procedures for appealing penalties;

(10) Procedures for inspection and investigations of casinos and casino gaming;

(11) Responsibilities of casino licensees related to conducting casino gaming;

(12) The Racing Commission shall allow licensees to transfer their casino license only to a party who has casino gaming experience;

(13) Any other matters necessary for the fair, impartial, stringent, and comprehensive administration of its duties under this Amendment.

June 1, 2019 - The ARC must begin accepting applications for casino licenses no later than June 1, 2019. The ARC may accept applications sooner if the Commission can get all of the required rules and procedures in place by the deadline of March 14, 2019.

Deadlines for ARC Not Contained in Amendment but Required by Law:

