

**THE STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**August 27, 2019**

*A public business meeting of The State Horse Racing Commission was held at the following date, place and time: FARMSHOW Complex in the Susquehanna room in Harrisburg, PA, Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 1:00 P.M.*

*Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Cheryl L. Cook, C. Edward Rogers, Dr. John Egloff, Darryl Breniser, Russell Jones, Michele Ruddy, Thomas Jay Ellis, Dr. Corinne Sweeney and Salvatore DeBunda. Also present were Commission counsel Jorge Augusto and Marija Kuren. Robert F. Lark was not in attendance.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A quorum of the Commission being present, Acting Chairman Cheryl L. Cook called the meeting to order. Acting Chairman Cook noted that the meeting was properly advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Law. The Commission conducted an executive session to engage in a quasi-judicial deliberation to be adjudicated at the public meeting and discussed personnel matters and engaged in attorney client privilege communication.

Acting Chairman Cook welcomed everyone to Harrisburg.

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**1.) MINUTES OF THE August 24, 2019 MEETING** as emailed to the Commissioners for their review in advance of the meeting.

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda  
Second by: Commissioner Ellis  
Decision: Passed by unanimous vote.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**2.) AUGUST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** – presented by Tracee Gotwalt.

**3.) OTW Penn National** – Adrian King, Daniel Ihm and Christopher McErlean presented Penn National’s proposed relocation of non-primary OTW locations in York and Morgantown.

**4.) 2019/2020 Marketing Allocation Proposal**- Director Chuckas presented the 2019/2020 Marketing Allocation Proposal.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**

**5.) Motion to approve Penn Nationals relocation of non-primary OTW locations in York and Morgantown.**

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers  
Second by: Commissioner Ruddy  
Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**6.) Motion to approve recommended proposal to distribute the 2019/2020 Marketing Funds. (See Attached)**

Motion by: Commissioner Sweeney  
Second by: Commissioner DeBunda  
Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**7.) Motion to approve Simulcast Calendars for September 2019, for Harrah’s Philadelphia, Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs and the Meadows.**

Motion by: Commissioner Egloff  
Second by: Commissioner Sweeney  
Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**8.) Motion to approve Simulcast Calendars for September 2019, for Parx, Penn National and Presque Isle Downs.**

Motion by: Commissioner Jones  
Second By: Commissioner DeBunda  
Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**9.) Motion to approve amending §163.95 Coupled Entries. (Motion Tabled)**

Motion by: Commissioner Ellis  
Second By: Commissioner Sweeney  
Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

**OLD BUSINESS**

**10.) OOCT Update-** Director Chuckas gave a review of the OOCT.

**MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

**11.) Working Group Update** – Director Chuckas provided a review of the of the Equine Racing Committee Meeting.

**INDUSTRY REPORTS**

**12.)** Mike Ballezzi from the Horsemen's Assoc. gave a review of the upcoming Labor Day celebration at Parx featuring Smarty Jones.

**13.)** Brian Sanfratello gave a review Breeders Assoc. report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Acting Chairman Cook announced the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at the FARMSHOW Complex in the Susquehanna Room at 2300 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

- Executive Session      11:00 A.M.
- Regular Session        1:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Chuckas Jr.  
Bureau Director  
Bureau of Thoroughbred Horse Racing

Anthony Salerno  
Bureau Director  
Bureau of Standardbred Racing

**THE STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**September 11, 2019**

*A public business meeting of The State Horse Racing Commission was held at the following date, place and time: PA. Dept. of Agriculture Building Room 202 in Harrisburg, PA, Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.*

*Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Cheryl Cook, Salvatore M. DeBunda, C. Edward Rogers, and Michele Ruddy. Also present were Bureau Directors Thomas Chuckas and Anthony Salerno. Commissioners Darryl Breniser, Thomas Jay Ellis, Russell B. Jones and Robert F. Lark were present via conference call-in. Dr. Corinne Sweeney and Dr. John Egloff were not in attendance.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A quorum of the Commission being present, Acting Chairman Cheryl L. Cook called the meeting to order. Acting Chairman Cook noted that the meeting was properly advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

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**PRESENTATIONS**

**1).** Tracee Gotwalt presented the proposed FY 20-21 Budget Request for the Horse Racing Commission and Testing for review. Dr. Robinson presented the FY20-21 UPENN proposed budget, a line item in the Testing budget proposal.

The presenters responded to multiple areas of inquiry from the Commissioners. The staff was requested to provide supplementary information prior to the September 24, 2019 Commission meeting. The requested informational areas are:

**COMMISSION BUDGET**

- Specialized Services
- Professional Services
- Administrative Billing

**TESTING BUDGET**

- Specialized Services
- Professional Services
- Contracted Services
- Other Equipment: Rental/Leases
- Administrative Billing

No further discussion ensued. The Commission took no action on the matters presented.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas F. Chuckas Jr.  
Bureau Director  
Bureau of Thoroughbred Horse Racing

Anthony Salerno  
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