

**THE STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**August 28, 2018**

*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 28, 2018 at 1:00 P.M.*

*Commissioners in attendance were: Chairman Russell C. Redding, C. Edward Rogers, Dr. John Egloff, Salvatore DeBunda, Robert Lark, Dr. Corinne Sweeney, Michele Ruddy, Russell Jones and Thomas Jay Ellis. Also present were Commission legal Jorge Augusto and John Howard.*

*The Chair called the meeting to order. Legal counsel noted that the meeting has been advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Law. Legal counsel noted that executive session was conducted at 10:30 a.m. to engage in quasi-judicial deliberations regarding the adjudications, attorney-client privilege communication and litigation matters.*

Chairman Redding welcomed everyone to Harrisburg.

**I. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**II. NEW BUSINESS: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**

**(A) 2: Minutes of the July 31, 2018**, meeting as emailed to the Commissioners for their review in advance of the meeting.

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers

Second by: Commissioner Ellis

Passed: Unanimously to accept the July 31, 2018 meeting minutes.

Financials:

**(A) 3: Tom Chuckas presented the July financial statements.**

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda

Second by: Commission Ellis

Passed: Unanimously to accept the July financial statements.

Motions:

**(B) 1 (A):** September 2018 Simulcast calendars for the 3 Standardbred tracks.

**(B) 1 (B):** September 2018 Simulcast calendars for the 3 Thoroughbred tracks.

Motion by: Commissioner Sweeney

Second by: Commissioner Lark

Passed: Unanimously to accept items A-B. See agenda.

New Regulations:**(B) 3 (A):** Thoroughbred

None

**(B) 3 (B):** Standardbred

Claiming Regulations and Procedures 58 Pa. Code §183.151 (Temporary Regulation) Administrative Docket 2018-8

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers

Second by: Commissioner Ruddy

Passed: Administrative Docket 2018-8 was passed by commission with two abstentions from Commissioner DeBunda and Commissioner Jones.

**(B) 3 (C):** Joint

None

**C. LICENSING AND ADJUDICATIONS**1. Licensing Matters:

Mr. Augusto provided notice of Twin Spires SPMO application and Parx has requested modifications to their southern Philadelphia OTW to implement sports wagering.

2. Adjudications:

**Mary Alice R. Pattershall (Appeal of Disqualification of "Wendy Wend" from the 10<sup>th</sup> Race, Philadelphia PARX Race Track on March 6, 2018).**

**The Board of Stewards decision to disqualify "Wendy Wend" from the 10<sup>th</sup> race at Philadelphia PARX Racetrack on March 6, 2018, is AFFIRMED by the Commission.**

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda

Second by: Commissioner Jones

Passed: Approved to accept the Board of Steward's decision with one abstention from Commissioner Lark.

**Bill Wayne Benson, D.V.M. (Appeal of Disqualification of "Discreet Tattoo" from the 8<sup>th</sup> Race, Penn National Race Course on March 16, 2018).**

**The Board of Stewards decision disqualify "Discreet Tattoo" from the 8<sup>th</sup> race at Penn National Race Course on March 16, 2018, is AFFIRMED by the Commission.**

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda  
 Second by: Commissioner Ellis  
 Passed: Approved to accept the Board of Steward's decision with one abstention from Commissioner Lark.

3. Pending Appeal Numbers and Status:

Legal Counsel Jorge Augusto provided the Commissioners with an updated report.

Commissioner DeBunda made a motion to have two letters drawn up and sent out. The first letter to be sent to the Category 1 casinos to encourage the tracks to implement and integrate sports wagering with racing and simulcasting. The second letter will go to the Gaming Control Board.

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda  
 Second by: Commissioner Jones  
 Passed: Directing the commission staff to write letters to the Category 1 casinos and the Gaming Control Board.

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

1. OOCT Update:

Director Chuckas gave the Commission an update on the Out of Competition Testing.

2. Marketing Update:

Director Revington spoke to the Commission about how the six stakeholders will come to the Commission meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> and let the commission know what they did with the marketing money from FY 17-18.

**E. INDUSTRY REPORTS**

Roger Legg, President of the PHBA, reported on the following PHBA activities.

1. Monthly newsletter
2. Smarty Jones is coming back to Pennsylvania.
3. \$300,000 check was delivered to PETRL to start the gene doping process.
4. Reminder for September 1<sup>st</sup>, PA Day at the Races.

Jan Budman, Equine Coalition Lawyer, spoke to the commission concerning the ability to appoint independent legal counsel. The Equine Coalition would support this venture.

Commissioner DeBunda read aloud a proclamation and congratulated Commissioner Jones on his upcoming induction to the Parx Hall of Fame on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> along with former governor Ed Rendell.

**F. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**G. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Redding announced the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 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.

Chairman Redding announced a Special meeting will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2018, at the Department of Agriculture in room 202 at 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110

- Executive Session 9:00 A.M
- Regular Session 10:00 A.M.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bureau Director  
Bureau of Thoroughbred Horse Racing

Brett Revington  
Bureau Director  
Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing