

Virginia Racing Commission

MINUTES

OF THE

COMMISSION MEETING

June 6, 2023

**Colonial Downs
Ballroom, 4th Floor
10515 Colonial Downs Parkway
New Kent, VA 23124**

In Attendance

Commission Members:

Stephanie B. Nixon, Chair
Marsha K. Hudgins, Vice Chair
Stuart C. Siegel
John F. Tanner Jr.
Bette Brand

Commission Staff:

David S. Lermond, Jr., Executive Secretary
Kimberly C. Mackey, Director of Operations
Ada K. Caruthers, DVM, Equine Medical Director
Rhonda Davis, Director of Pari-Mutuels and Licensing
Yolanda Lopez Macias, Commission Veterinarian
Rebecca Gibbs, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Licensing Coordinator
Thomas Cade, Licensing and Pari-Mutuel Wagering Assistant
Mary Gay, Licensing and Pari-Mutuel Wagering Assistant

Attorney General's Office:

Elizabeth Myers, Esquire

At 11:00 a.m., Chair Nixon called the regular monthly meeting of the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC) to order.

Commissioner Siegel moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 7, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Tanner and the vote was as follows: Commissioner Siegel, aye; Vice Chair Hudgins, aye; Chair Nixon, aye; Commissioner Tanner, aye; Commissioner Brand, aye.

There were no comments from the public.

Vice Chair Hudgins moved to approve the License applications submitted by Colonial Downs Group, LLC for a Satellite Wagering Facility and to Conduct Pari-Mutuel Wagering on Historical Horse Racing at Rosie's – Emporia for 2023 with the conditions set forth in the staff report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brand and the vote was as follows: Commissioner Siegel, aye; Vice Chair Hudgins, aye; Chair Nixon, aye; Commissioner Tanner, aye; Commissioner Brand, aye.

Commissioner Siegel moved to approve the 2023 Colonial Downs racing officials. Seconded by Commissioner Tanner and the vote was as follows: Commissioner Siegel, aye; Vice Chair Hudgins, aye; Chair Nixon, aye; Commissioner Tanner, aye; Commissioner Brand, aye.

Commissioner Tanner moved to approve the joint request from the Colonial Downs Group and the VHBPA for a reduction in the retainage percentage of the Pick-5 and Pick-6 Pari-Mutuel pools on live racing conducted at Colonial Downs for 2023. Seconded by Vice Chair Hudgins and the vote was as follows: Commissioner Siegel, aye; Vice Chair Hudgins, aye; Chair Nixon, aye; Commissioner Tanner, aye; Commissioner Brand, aye.

Vice Chair Hudgins moved to approve the VHBPA Benevolence Budget for 2023 in the amount of \$194,000. Seconded by Commissioner Brand and the vote was as follows: Commissioner Siegel, aye; Vice Chair Hudgins, aye; Chair Nixon, aye; Commissioner Tanner, aye; Commissioner Brand, aye.

Commissioner Siegel moved to approve the VHBPA's withdrawal of administrative costs from the horsemen's purse account for 2023 in the amount of \$320,000. Seconded by Commissioner Brand and the vote was as follows: Commissioner Siegel, aye; Vice Chair Hudgins, aye; Chair Nixon, aye; Commissioner Tanner, aye; Commissioner Brand, aye.

Vice Chair Hudgins moved to approve the request for Final Amendments to 11VAC10-130-10 (Definition of Virginia-bred Thoroughbred horse) Seconded by Commissioner Brand and the vote was as follows: Commissioner Siegel, aye; Vice Chair Hudgins, aye; Chair Nixon, aye; Commissioner Tanner, aye; Commissioner Brand, aye.

Jill Byrne from the VEA gave an update on the Virginia Horse Industry Strategic Planning Committee.

Frank Hopf, Senior Director of Racing Operations for Colonial Downs Group, reported on plans for the 2023 Thoroughbred racing season at Colonial Downs.

David Lermond, Executive Secretary for the Virginia Racing Commission, gave an update on the Historical Horse Racing (HHR Study).

The next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

With no further business set forth on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.