# **FINAL MINUTES**

Charitable Gaming Board
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)
Patrick Henry Building
Meeting Room 1 (East Reading Room)
1111 East Broad Street
Tuesday, December 12, 2023

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Michael Menefee called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Michael Menefee called the roll.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Mark Biladeau

The Honorable Dirksen Compton

Ms. Joanne Smith

Ms. Bonnie Whitlock

Mr. Anthony Williams

## **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Anthony Amos

Ms. Lasonja Black

Mr. Tyrone Foster

Mr. Michael Kimlick

### **VDACS STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Larry Nichols, Director, Division of Consumer Protection

Mr. Joel Maddux, Deputy Director, Division of Consumer Protection

Mr. Michael Menefee, Program Manager, Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs

# **OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Justin Bell, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Mr. Menefee announced that a quorum was present.

## **ELECTION OF THE BOARD'S CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR**

Mr. Menefee asked for nominations for the Board's Chair. Mr. Anthony Williams nominated The Honorable Dirksen Compton for the Board's Chair, which was seconded by Ms. Bonnie Whitlock. Mr. Menefee asked for any further nominations of which there were none.

Hon. Compton accepted the nomination and Mr. Menefee called the roll on the motion to elect him as the Board's Chair.

Member	Vote on the Motion
Biladeau	Yes
Compton	Abstain
Smith	Yes
Whitlock	Yes
Williams	Yes

With four members voting in favor of the motion with one abstention, Hon. Compton was elected as the Board's Chair.

Hon. Compton took the gavel as the Board's Chair and called the nomination for the Board's Vice-Chair. Mr. Anthony Williams nominated Ms. Joanne Smith for the Board's Vice-Chair, which was seconded by Ms. Bonnie Whitlock. Hon. Compton asked for any further nominations of which there were none.

Ms. Smith accepted the nomination and Hon. Compton asked Mr. Menefee to call the roll on the motion to elect Ms. Smith as the Board's Vice-Chair.

Member	Vote on the Motion
Biladeau	Yes
Compton	Yes
Smith	Yes
Whitlock	Yes
Williams	Yes

With five members voting in favor of the motion, Ms. Smith was elected as the Board's Vice-Chair.

Hon. Compton called the Board into recess for ten minutes.

At 10:18 a.m., Hon. Compton called the meeting to order. Hon. Compton reminded that any member of the public wishing to speak during the public comment period may sign-up to do so.

## **REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Hon. Compton asked the members whether they had any reports for the Board. Mr. Anthony Williams inquired whether the Board had anything to do with skill games, which Mr. Menefee responded "no" to the inquiry. Ms. Smith commented that the Veterans of Foreign Wars donated \$2.1 million in support of the community, and it wished for building expenses used for lawful charitable, community, educational or religious purposes be counted as a Use of Proceeds expenditure. Mr. Mark Biladeau acknowledged that charitable gaming faced competition from other gaming options and appreciated the work for the Charitable Gaming Inspectors performed

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in the field. With no further remarks from members, Hon. Compton informed members that there were no further reports before the Board.

#### PRESENTATION ON VIRGINIA CHARITABLE GAMING

Hon. Compton asked Mr. Menefee to make his presentation on Virginia Charitable Gaming. Mr. Menefee made his presentation, and several members had questions during the presentation. At the conclusion of the presentation, Hon. Compton moved on to the next item on the agenda.

## PRESENTATION ON THE VIRGINIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Hon. Compton asked Mr. Justin Bell to make his presentation on Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Mr. Bell made his presentation, and several members had questions during the presentation. At the conclusion of the presentation, Hon. Compton moved on to the next item on the agenda.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Hon. Compton asked members whether there was any old business that needed to be discussed by the Board. With no further comments from members on any old business, Hon. Compton moved on to the next item on the agenda.

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#### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Hon. Compton asked members on their availability to attend the next Board meeting. The Board agreed to meet on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in Richmond, Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Hon. Compton asked for public comments and there were none.

Mr. Anthony Williams motioned for the Board to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Biladeau and the motion passed. The Board adjourned at approximately 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Menefee Program Manager Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs