

Virginia Racing Commission

MINUTES

OF THE

COMMISSION MEETING

October 15, 2024

**Patrick Henry Building
East Reading Room
1111 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219**

In Attendance

Commission Members:

Stephanie B. Nixon, Chair
Jeff Tanner Jr., Vice Chair
Bette Brand
Gillian Gordon-Moore
Stuart C. Siegel

Commission Staff:

Waqas Ahmed, Executive Secretary
Kimberly C. Mackey, Director of Operations
Rhonda Davis, Director of Pari-Mutuels & Licensing
Israel Saavedra, Commission Investigator
Yolanda Lopez Macias, DVM, Commission Veterinarian

Attorney General's Office:

Elizabeth Myers, Assistant Attorney General

The October 15th, 2024, meeting of the Virginia Racing Commission (Commission) was called to order by Chair Nixon at 11:00 a.m. A roll call was conducted, confirming the presence of Vice Chair Tanner, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Gordon-Moore, and Commissioner Siegel. With all members present, Chair Nixon declared that a quorum was established, allowing the meeting to proceed.

The Commission discussed the approval of the minutes from the September 12, 2024, Commission meeting. Commissioner Gordon-Moore moved to approve the minutes, and Vice Chair Tanner seconded the motion. Executive Secretary Ahmed confirmed that no changes were made to the minutes by staff. With no further additions or corrections, Chair Nixon called for a vote. All commissioners present voted in favor, with no opposition or abstentions. The motion carried, and the minutes were approved as presented.

DRAFT – THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE VIRGINIA RACING COMMISSION.

Chair Nixon gave opening remarks on behalf of the Commission for Cathy Rutherford and Rhonda Davis.

Next, the Commission addressed new business. The Commission discussed and voted on the revocation of Virginia Gold Cup Association’s limited license. Commissioner ___ moved to approve the revocation of Virginia Gold Cup Association’s limited license and seconded by commissioner _____. Executive Secretary Ahmed explained why the license was being revoked. After the discussion, all commissioners voted in favor, with no opposition or abstentions, and the motion was carried.

Next, the Commission discussed the license to own a satellite facility and offer pari-mutuel wagering on historical horse racing. Executive Secretary Ahmed introduced Bobbie Sample, General Manager for The Rose gave a presentation on the facility and its amenities. Following the presentation, Commissioner Siegel moved to approve the license to own a satellite facility and offer pari-mutuel wagering on historical horse racing and seconded by Vice Chair, Tanner. All commissioners voted in favor, with no opposition or abstentions, and the motion was carried.

Next, the commission discussed authorization of historical horse racing terminals pursuant to chapters 1197 and 1248 of the Acts of Assembly of 2020. Executive Secretary Ahmed gave an overview of the historical horse racing terminals. Commissioner Siegel moved the authorization of historical horse racing terminals pursuant to chapters 1197 and 1248 of the Acts of Assembly of 2020 and seconded by Commissioner Brand. All commissioners present voted in favor, with no opposition or abstentions, and the motion was carried.

During the public comment period, the following stakeholders gave comments:

- Jeb Hannum
- Debbie Easter
- Dr. William Allison
- Tad Berman

The October 15th, 2024, meeting of the Virginia Racing Commission was adjourned after Chair Nixon called for a motion. Commissioner Siegel, Vice Chair Tanner, Commissioner Gordon-Moore, and Commissioner Brand all seconded the motion. All commissioners present voted in favor of adjournment, with no opposition or abstentions. The motion was carried, and the meeting was officially adjourned.