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Mr. Will Martin

Mr. Tommy Duncan

Mr. Jason Pohl

Ms. Melodye Green

Mr. Emile Bourgoyne

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Ms. Cindy Fields - Commissioner

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P R O C E E D I N G S

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

(10:00 a.m.)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

MR. SMITH: Okay. Well, I'll go ahead and call the meeting to order. Hold on just one second here.

(Brief pause)

All right. Okay. There we go. I couldn't -- my screen blacked out on me. I couldn't get it unlocked. Sorry about that. I'm going to go ahead and call the meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEM NOS. 2 & 3

MR. SMITH: We'll start off with the American pledge. Is there anyone that would like to start out with that?

(Brief pause)

MR. BOURGOYNE: I'm guessing Will is not here, huh?

MR. SMITH: I'm guessing not.

Will, are you on a telephone line, sir?

MR. BOURGOYNE: He's muted. I know that.

MR. SMITH: Okay. I don't see his deal on here.

MR. ASHLOCK: Will is promoted to a

1 panelist. He's on mute.

2 MR. SMITH: Oh, okay.

3 There you go, Will. Do you want to start
4 off with the American pledge and Texas pledge, sir?

5 MR. MARTIN: All right. Can you hear me?

6 MR. SMITH: Yes, sir.

7 MR. MARTIN: Okay. Here we go.

8 (American Pledge and Texas Pledge recited)

9 MR. SMITH: All right. Wonderful. Thank
10 you, sir.

11 AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

12 MR. SMITH: Next, we're going to go to
13 roll call.

14 Kim, are you on?

15 (No audible response)

16 MR. SMITH: I don't see her listed. I
17 know Veronica had --

18 MR. BOURGOYNE: Kim is listed here, but
19 she's muted.

20 MR. SMITH: Kim Rogers?

21 MR. BOURGOYNE: No, I think that's Kim
22 Kiplin.

23 MR. SMITH: Okay. Okay. I guess Kim
24 Rogers is not going to be at the meeting today. We'll
25 just go ahead and do the roll there. I am present. Kim

1 Rogers is not here yet.

2 Will Martin.

3 MR. MARTIN: Here.

4 MR. SMITH: Jason Pohl.

5 MR. POHL: Here.

6 MR. SMITH: Tommy Duncan.

7 MR. DUNCAN: Here.

8 MR. SMITH: Y'all will have to bear with
9 me. I'm going to have to be taking notes and conducting
10 the meeting today.

11 (Laughter)

12 MR. SMITH: Melodye Green.

13 MS. GREEN: Here.

14 MR. SMITH: All right. Emile.

15 MR. BOURGOYNE: I'm here.

16 MR. SMITH: Mr. Corey Harris. Are you
17 here, sir?

18 (No audible response)

19 MR. SMITH: He may be possibly calling in.
20 I'm not sure. I don't have his actual telephone number
21 yet, but okay. Corey is not here, and Veronica is not
22 going to be here. I haven't heard from Kim, but
23 Veronica is celebrating a wedding today. So, she is --
24 one of her children, so she will -- absolutely
25 understood to be partaking in that instead of the

1 meeting today.

2 We do still have a quorum, so I think we
3 can proceed with the meeting.

4 AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

5 MR. SMITH: The meeting minutes from March
6 25th, we're going to have to come back to that in the
7 next meeting. Veronica had those, I believe, or Kim,
8 one of the two. So, we're going to have to come back to
9 that, unless there's anybody that has any questions or
10 comments about the meeting from March 25th. Is there
11 anyone?

12 (No audible response)

13 MR. SMITH: No? Okay. We'll come back to
14 that for a vote on the next meeting, then.

15 AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

16 MR. SMITH: Report on the Texas Lottery
17 Commission meeting April the 8th, 2021. That was very
18 standard. There was just very little to report, other
19 than the stuff on the bills and where they were at that
20 time. It was just a very brief report.

21 There's not a whole lot to say about it.
22 They didn't ask any questions, didn't have any issues.
23 So, that went well.

24 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

25 MR. SMITH: Skip on down to old business.

1 Does anybody have any old business that they would like
2 to bring up?

3 (No audible response)

4 MR. SMITH: Okay. I would like to talk
5 about the temps on demand.

6 Tyler, I'm assuming you're the one that's
7 fixed that or at least had somebody fix it. My
8 understanding is that is up and working and working very
9 efficiently, so I've been told. If that is the case, we
10 definitely want to say thank you and congratulations for
11 getting that done.

12 MR. VANCE: Sure. Yeah, thanks, y'all.
13 They are up and running. You can find the forms on the
14 website, and they're also available on BSP. I think
15 we've received a few already coming -- trickling in. I
16 sent you guys an e-mail a couple of weeks ago when it
17 went live and encouraged you to pass the word around or
18 ask us any questions.

19 And I just want to make sure that everyone
20 is aware that when you submit the Form 17, you're issued
21 the licenses, and they're blank. They have no date or
22 time. And before you can use them, you have to notify
23 us by submitting the Form 18, and that has to be before
24 the occasion. Now, the difference is, in the past, you
25 used to have to wait for us to then approve that, and

1 now you don't.

2 So, now, you need to submit it at any
3 point before the occasion. You can e-mail it. You can
4 fax it. You can snail mail it, as long as it's
5 postmarked the day before, but it just needs to be sent
6 to us before the occasion starts.

7 If the Form 18 is sent in after the
8 occasion, then that occasion is unlicensed just because
9 you're issued a license when you submit Form 17, that
10 license can't be used until we receive Form 18 letting
11 us know the specific date and time that it's used. So,
12 if you send in that Form 18 after the occasion, you're
13 just telling us that you just conducted an unlicensed
14 occasion, which is going to have to become an
15 enforcement issue, and that's why I kind of -- I threw
16 out the warning in my e-mail to y'all.

17 This is a great privilege. It provides
18 you guys with a lot of flexibility. You can conduct a
19 session on the fly on a Friday or Saturday night if
20 you're super busy. But it comes with more
21 responsibilities, and it comes with more risks than a
22 traditional temporary license, which has the date and
23 time specified way in advance.

24 You know, we know. We have a record of
25 it. You have a record of it. Everyone knows when the

1 occasion is scheduled, and there's never going to be an
2 issue of an unlicensed occasion or a missing record on
3 an old-fashioned temporary.

4 But when you use a temporary on demand,
5 you have to be very careful and very diligent about
6 making sure that you submit it and submit it correctly
7 before the occasion and then also maintaining records of
8 it in case you get audited and then the auditor sees
9 some occasion that's outside of your normal hours.
10 They're going to want proof that you did, in fact,
11 submit that form before the occasion. So, again, it
12 gives you guys some flexibility, and I'm glad we got it
13 up and running. I know you guys have wanted it for a
14 long time, but just be careful with it. That's all I
15 ask.

16 MR. SMITH: Great, man. We certainly
17 appreciate that. We know that it's been a long time in
18 the works, and there's been some hiccups on it. We just
19 appreciate the attention to detail from you and the
20 staff. I know that was a big undertaking. We're
21 definitely grateful. I know a lot of people are going
22 to be able to utilize that and make some more monies for
23 the charities. So, that's awesome.

24 All right. Is there any other old
25 business?

1 (No audible response)

2 MR. SMITH: Okay. The only other thing I
3 can think that would fall under old business is, I know
4 we talked about last time when we would be able to have
5 an actual meeting in person. I know a lot of people are
6 technologically challenged like I am, and we miss the
7 old style of getting to see everybody and say hello.

8 Tyler, do y'all have any idea or have
9 y'all been given any indication of when you may be
10 allowed to have public meetings again in person?

11 MR. VANCE: Well, the plan is for the
12 June 10th Commission meeting to be in person.

13 MR. SMITH: Okay.

14 MR. VANCE: I don't think it's going to be
15 as robust as it normally is as far as in-person
16 attendance, but if I can defer to Bob, I think he knows
17 more about the specific details on in-person public
18 meetings --

19 MR. SMITH: Okay.

20 MR. VANCE: -- going forward.

21 Bob, are you available?

22 (No audible response)

23 MR. SMITH: It shows Bob's on. It shows
24 he's muted. I don't know if that's on his end or on
25 the --

1 MR. VANCE: Okay. Well, yeah, I think,
2 Trace --

3 (Simultaneous discussion)

4 MR. BIARD: I found it. I found it.
5 Sorry. I had to find the one that had my microphone on
6 it.

7 MR. SMITH: There you go.

8 MR. BIARD: Hi, it's Bob.

9 MR. SMITH: Good to hear from you.

10 MR. BIARD: Yeah, starting with the next
11 meeting, we're going back to in-person, but we're going
12 to have health and safety protocols in place. So,
13 there's going to be social distancing. Commission
14 staff, we're only going to have people who need to be at
15 the meeting in order for the meeting to occur. So,
16 we're not going to have a room full of Commission folks
17 in there, and so I haven't seen what the seating is
18 going to look like. But, of course, anyone from the
19 public who wants to come is going to be accommodated.

20 I just wanted you to know that there's
21 going to be some plexiglass shields like you've seen up
22 at the Capitol. I haven't seen any of this stuff yet,
23 but we are going back to in-person meetings going
24 forward. And that will be June, August, October. As
25 far as I know this is going to be our new practice going

1 forward. But this first meeting, obviously, is going to
2 be -- we're kind of going to be feeling our way and see
3 how many folks show up and all that, but we're certainly
4 going to accommodate anyone from the public who shows
5 up.

6 But you also need to know there's not
7 going to be an option to participate online, so you
8 won't have a choice to stay at home to watch the
9 meeting. If you want to come and attend the meeting,
10 you're going to need to come in person.

11 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

12 MR. SMITH: Okay. I guess, Bob, since
13 you're addressing that -- and I don't think anybody else
14 had any old business -- I'll go ahead and skip to new
15 business and go ahead and ask you a question. Since
16 they're going to be in person for the Commission, will
17 they also be in person for the BAC meetings now?

18 MR. BIARD: No, we have not talked about
19 that. So, I think that's a topic -- I mean, the BAC, of
20 course, it reports to the Commissioners.

21 And I don't know if Commissioner Fields is
22 on the call or not, but I think that's something for
23 the -- since the BAC reports directly to the
24 Commissioners, it's not going to be as much of a --
25 something for, like, Tyler and me to weigh in on it. If

1 y'all want to -- are ready to have in-person meetings, I
2 think it would probably be most appropriate to sort of
3 work that out with Commissioner Fields as the Bingo
4 Commissioner.

5 MS. FIELDS: Bob, I'm here.

6 (Simultaneous discussion)

7 MR. SMITH: I do see that --

8 MS. FIELDS: So, we can do that --

9 MR. SMITH: -- Commissioner Fields is on
10 the meeting.

11 Commissioner, thank you for attending. If
12 you would like to jump in and weigh in, you're more than
13 welcome to. If you'd like to think about it a while and
14 give us an opinion later, we're definitely okay with
15 that, too, but I will hand the floor to you.

16 MS. FIELDS: Well, do you-all have a
17 preference as far as what you would like to do?

18 MR. SMITH: I can only speak for myself on
19 this because we haven't actually talked about that yet,
20 which I'm going to assume we're fixing to. (Laughter)
21 As the oldest East Texan saying goes, we're fixing to
22 talk about it.

23 I personally would definitely like to have
24 the meetings in person. I think it's more in-depth when
25 it's a personal meeting. I think we get to hash out

1 things better and people are more inclined to speak up
2 on issues that they may have or that they may be
3 concerned about.

4 I can't speak for everyone yet, like I
5 say, because we haven't chatted about it. But I think
6 if the Commission meeting is going to be in person, I
7 think it would be okay for us to do it, as well.

8 MS. FIELDS: Yeah, I --

9 (Simultaneous discussion)

10 MR. SMITH: If anybody has got any
11 thoughts on that, please speak up now.

12 MR. MARTIN: I agree with you.

13 (Simultaneous discussion)

14 MR. BOURGOYNE: This is --

15 MR. MARTIN: In-person is better.

16 MS. GREEN: Yes.

17 MR. BOURGOYNE: This is Emile. I'm
18 100 percent getting back to normal.

19 MR. SMITH: I guess the better question
20 would be, is there anyone opposed to having the meeting
21 in person?

22 (No audible response)

23 MR. SMITH: All right.

24 Well, it looks like, I guess --
25 Commissioner Fields, I guess that it sounds like we

1 would like to have the next one in person, if that's at
2 all possible. I don't know if the Commissioners have to
3 vote on that or if they need to discuss that. I guess
4 if you'd like, you can send out an e-mail and maybe get
5 with the staff to either talk about that amongst
6 yourselves, I guess, would be the right way to do that.
7 Is that okay with you?

8 MS. FIELDS: Since I'm new at this, Bob,
9 is this something that we can decide right now, or do we
10 need to discuss it with staff and the other
11 Commissioners?

12 MR. BIARD: Yeah, we're all feeling our
13 way in this new world. So, while I certainly support
14 the Committee wanting to meet in person, but we
15 probably -- let's just talk among -- if you don't mind,
16 just see what kind of logistic issues, if any, there
17 might be. And we have a Commission meeting coming up on
18 June 10th. I mean, I'm not sure.

19 I mean, it's definitely something we could
20 bring up at the June meeting, but I don't know if we
21 need to wait that long in order to -- for you guys to
22 make a decision because I imagine the Commissioners will
23 defer to Commissioner Fields because that's part of the
24 reason for having a Bingo Commissioner, and this is
25 really an administrative issue. But because we're

1 talking about the Commission facilities and the hearing
2 room is going to be configured a little differently
3 because of all the health and safety protocols, I think
4 I'd caution -- I'd prefer not to make a final decision
5 right now. But let us talk a little bit with the
6 Administration staff, and let them know that's what
7 we're thinking about doing and then get back with you.

8 MS. FIELDS: Okay. That's what we'll do.
9 Thank, Bob.

10 MR. SMITH: Yeah, that sounds great.
11 Thank you. I do appreciate that. I know we do miss
12 seeing everyone and hearing how everyone is doing, not
13 only in a work aspect, but in a personal aspect, as
14 well. So, yeah, if we could, that would be great. If
15 not, we understand.

16 We definitely don't want to jeopardize
17 anybody's health or make anyone feel too uncomfortable.
18 So, we appreciate y'all considering that for us very
19 much. Thank you, Commissioners Fields and staff, as
20 well. We do appreciate that.

21 Is there --

22 MR. MARTIN: Trace.

23 MR. SMITH: Yes, sir.

24 MR. MARTIN: I guess this is old business
25 I'd like to bring up. Could someone there refresh the

1 goings over on the gift certificates?

2 MR. SMITH: In what specific aspect are
3 you talking about? Are you talking about just how do
4 you do them, or --

5 MR. MARTIN: No. You know, we were
6 wanting to go with plastic, and one of the Indian tribes
7 had some question or objected to that. And they were
8 going to rewrite the rules, and I think it was going to
9 go in front of the Commission. Can someone tell me what
10 happened with that?

11 MR. SMITH: Tyler, I'm going to refer to
12 you on that. I'm not -- I wasn't 100 percent versed on
13 that. I don't want to speak out of line on that.

14 MR. VANCE: Sure. So, at the last BAC
15 meeting you guys approved of kind of the draft proposed
16 language, and then we agreed that before we formally
17 proposed it as a rule, Governmental Affairs was going to
18 reach out to the Kickapoo's lawyer or lobbyist and kind
19 of run it by them first before we propose it so that way
20 we don't formally propose it and then they don't like it
21 again and then we have to go back and revise it again.
22 And I'm not sure of the status on that. I know with
23 session going on I think -- I mean, I'll let Nelda speak
24 on this, but I think she was probably going to wait
25 until session was over to reach out to the Kickapoos on

1 that.

2 MR. MARTIN: Okay. That answered my
3 question. Thank you.

4 MR. SMITH: All right. Yes, sir.

5 If there's no other old business, I'm
6 going to consider this new business now. Is there any
7 new business that anybody would like to bring up or talk
8 about?

9 MR. VANCE: Yeah. Trace, this is Tyler.
10 We've noticed an issue recently. When you guys transfer
11 money into your bingo account from an outside source,
12 you're required to submit Form No. 14, which is a
13 transfer of funds form.

14 Now, at the top of that form you'll see it
15 says the form is required to be submitted within 14 days
16 of the transfer. Now, that requirement comes from the
17 statute. That isn't a rule. That's nothing that I can
18 work with. (Laughter)

19 It says we have to get it within 14 days
20 of the transfer into the bingo funds, and it's recently
21 come to my attention that organizations routinely send
22 that form in later than 14 days and that the agency
23 hasn't really done anything about it in the past. We've
24 just kind of filed them and took them as they came. But
25 going forward, starting next quarter -- when we're about

1 to send an e-mail blast out to everybody letting them
2 know -- this is going to be a violation. The statute is
3 very clear you have to notify us of the transfer within
4 14 days of the transfer. Otherwise, it's an illegal
5 deposit into your bingo account.

6 And so on the first time violation we're
7 just going to issue a warning, but after that it will
8 result in fines. And we're giving you guys some time
9 because we realize that, for whatever reason, nobody has
10 ever noticed this in the past, and it hasn't been an
11 issue. But the law is very clear, and the form is very
12 clear that if you're going to transfer money into your
13 bingo account, you have to let us know within 14 days.

14 And so, like I said, we'll be sending out
15 an e-mail to everybody just to reiterate that, and it
16 will kick in next quarter.

17 MR. SMITH: Excellent. Well, we
18 definitely appreciate your guidance on that and your
19 understanding, as well. I'm assuming this is in result
20 of the PPP loans, or --

21 MR. VANCE: Yeah, that's some of it, and
22 we've also had organizations that have been borrowing
23 money to pay for prizes and expenses. And then other
24 situations. But it goes back apparently years that, for
25 whatever reason, a new organization that start a new

1 licensee that needs money, that they deposit money from
2 their organization account just to get it up and
3 running, that's a very common one. But for whatever the
4 reason, we just need to know about it within 14 days.

5 MR. SMITH: Gotcha. Gotcha. Well, we
6 certainly appreciate that, and we'll do our due
7 diligence getting the word out as well on that and try
8 to help you out a little bit.

9 MR. VANCE: Thank you, sir.

10 MR. SMITH: Is there -- have you got
11 anything else on your list, sir?

12 MR. VANCE: I do not, no.

13 MR. SMITH: All right. Wonderful.

14 Does anybody on the Bingo Advisory
15 Committee have anything else, new business?

16 (No audible response)

17 MR. SMITH: No?

18 Anybody from our -- the call-in people
19 can't speak, can they, the general public can't speak?
20 Isn't that correct?

21 MR. VANCE: Yeah, I think that's right.
22 They can't raise their hand. If they're not on the
23 application, they can't raise their hand to notify us
24 that they would like to speak.

25 MR. SMITH: All right.

1 Well, for those that can hear us and do
2 have an issue and would like to get it on the next BAC
3 agenda, please feel free to send an e-mail, and we will
4 be glad to get that on there for you. We don't want you
5 to feel left out, or we don't want you to feel like you
6 don't have a voice because you do. Things are pretty
7 quiet right now on the bingo front with the session
8 going on, which is sometimes a good thing and sometimes
9 a bad thing.

10 Was there anyone from the Bingo staff that
11 wanted to address anything, maybe Nelda or anyone else
12 that wanted to address anything on the Bingo Advisory
13 Committee before we set the date for the next meeting?

14 MR. MARTIN: Yes, I would. Just for my
15 curiosity, has everyone had their vaccination?

16 MR. SMITH: Will, I don't know if
17 that's -- I don't think we can ask that question. That
18 might violate HIPAA laws since we're in an Open Meeting
19 deal. I don't know that we can actually ask that, Will.
20 I'm not a HIPAA law guy, but we do deal with that quite
21 a bit. I don't know if we can ask that or not. That
22 might be something that we need to talk to Legal about.

23 MR. MARTIN: Okay. I just thought maybe
24 it would be pertinent if we were talking about doing
25 person-to-person or in-person meetings.

1 MR. SMITH: Gotcha.

2 Tyler, would you like to --

3 MR. VANCE: Yeah, sure. He's free to ask
4 that, and people are free to answer it. But nobody is
5 obligated to answer it, and nobody is obligated to be
6 vaccinated or to prove that they're vaccinated or
7 anything like that. I guess you're free to talk about
8 it personally, but nobody's going to make you do it.

9 MR. SMITH: Gotcha. I didn't want us to
10 get into any trouble or do anything we're not supposed
11 to.

12 All right. Any other comments?

13 (No audible response)

14 AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

15 MR. SMITH: All right. Let's set the date
16 for the next meeting. I guess open your calendars, and
17 the next Commission meeting is June the 10th. I
18 suspect -- when -- does the -- the session ends on the
19 31st, is that correct, May 31st?

20 (Simultaneous discussion)

21 MR. VANCE: Yes.

22 MR. SMITH: Okay. Would y'all want to
23 have a meeting before or right after the June 10th
24 Commission meeting?

25 And, Tyler, your input from you and the

1 staff is greatly appreciated at this point, as well.

2 MR. VANCE: Yeah, sure. Let me -- just
3 checking my availability in June. So, one thing to
4 consider, so on the 10th that's the planned date to hire
5 the new permanent director. And we don't know when
6 they're going to start. They could, theoretically,
7 start on June 11th, if they wanted to, but I think it's
8 pretty safe to assume that they would want to start
9 maybe at the beginning of July, July 1st.

10 So, I don't know if you guys want to
11 consider waiting until that person is in place, although
12 with the caveat that we really don't know for sure when
13 they'll be in place. I can only assume that July 1st is
14 probably when it's going to be, but that's no guarantee.
15 From my perspective and my scheduling, Wednesdays look
16 good --

17 MR. SMITH: Why don't we -- if it's all
18 right with you -- why don't we do it maybe the last week
19 of June on the -- maybe the -- is that the 23rd on June?
20 Is that a Wednesday?

21 MR. VANCE: That works for me.

22 MR. SMITH: Okay.

23 Does anybody have any issues with June
24 23rd at 10:00 a.m.?

25 (No audible response)

1 MR. SMITH: That will give a couple of
2 weeks after the Commission meeting to kind of see where
3 things are going to fall and maybe give whoever the new
4 person is an opportunity to join in the meeting, if they
5 would like to.

6 MS. GREEN: Will this be on -- by phone,
7 again, long distance, or are you trying to do that in
8 person, Trace?

9 MR. SMITH: Well, that's what we're
10 talking about, trying to have it in person. That way --
11 we're going to let the staff talk amongst themselves and
12 kind of see what, logistically, they would have to do to
13 let it be in person and let the Commissioners talk about
14 it, as well. And then, once they kind of decide and get
15 together and meet, then they'll let us know whether it's
16 going to be on the phone or in person.

17 So, their next meeting is on June the
18 10th. So, that will give us a good week and a half,
19 almost -- that will give us 13 days to either meet in
20 person or on the phone. Did I answer that right for
21 you, Melodye?

22 MS. GREEN: Yeah, sounds good. I'm sorry.
23 Yes, that's great. Thank you.

24 UNIDENTIED SPEAKER: Okay.

25 MR. SMITH: All right. So, does anybody

1 have an issue with June 23rd at 10:00 a.m.? If not,
2 forever hold your peace.

3 (No audible response)

4 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

5 MR. SMITH: All right. Well, Tyler,
6 unless you or the staff have anything else, I think
7 we'll conclude the meeting, and we have now set the
8 record for the shortest BAC meeting ever.

9 MR. VANCE: Thank you, sir.

10 MR. SMITH: All right. Thank you very
11 much. We'll see y'all June 23rd at 10:00 a.m. either
12 virtually or in person.

13 MR. POHL: Have a good one.

14 MR. SMITH: Everybody have a good day.
15 Thank you.

16 (Meeting adjourned: 10:33 a.m.)
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