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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
BEFORE THE
TEXAS LOTTERY COMMISSION
AUSTIN, TEXAS
BINGO ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

JANUARY 31, 2024

10:00 a.m.

AT

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APPEARANCES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- William T. Smith III (Trace), Chairman
- Jason Pohl
- Michael Anastasio
- Melodye Green
- Stacie Johnston
- Tommy Duncan Jr.
- Veronica Uriegas
- Floyd Olive

COMMISSION STAFF:

- LaDonna Castañuela, Director of Charitable Bingo Operations
- Tyler Vance, Assistant General Counsel

PUBLIC:

None

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P R O C E E D I N G S

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024 (10:00 a.m.)

AGENDA ITEM I

CHAIRMAN SMITH: It is now 10:00 on January 31st, 2024. I will call the Bingo Advisory Committee meeting at Texas Lottery Commission to order. We will start off today with our Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and to the Texas flags. Mr. Michael Anastasio, if you'll lead us, sir.

MR. ANASTASIO: Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

(Pledge recited)

MR. ANASTASIO: Now face the Texas flag.

(Pledge recited)

AGENDA ITEM II

CHAIRMAN SMITH: Moving on to roll call, Item Number 2. Melodye Green.

MR. GREEN: Here.

CHAIRMAN SMITH: Veronica Uriegas.

MS. URIEGAS: Here.

CHAIRMAN SMITH: Stacey Johnston.

MS. JOHNSTON: Here.

CHAIRMAN SMITH: Tommy Duncan?

MR. DUNCAN: Here.

CHAIRMAN SMITH: Jason Pohl.

MR. POHL: Here.

1 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Michael Anastasio.

2 MR. ANASTASIO: Here.

3 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Corey Harris, are you on,
4 sir? Is Corey on? No luck? Okay. And Floyd Olive.

5 MR. OLIVE: Here.

6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Floyd is our
7 newest member of the Bingo Advisory Committee. He is a
8 manufacturer's rep for Everi.

9 MR. OLIVE: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Floyd, if you'd like to take
11 a second, if you want to say anything, I'll give you the
12 floor. If not, we'll move on to the next thing.

13 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Up here so he can be on
14 camera.

15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay.

16 MR. OLIVE: Just real quick, it's an honor to
17 be part of this organization, and I hope I can help in any
18 way possible. Just let me know, that's anybody on the
19 committee and anybody involved with charitable bingo.
20 Thanks.

21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you, sir. We
22 appreciate that. We've got the upcoming rule review, so in
23 the Sunset rules, I'm sure you'll be of great help to us.

24 AGENDA ITEM III

25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Item Number 3,

1 meeting minutes from December 12th, 2023 meeting. Any public
2 comment? Okay. If not, can we get a motion to accept them
3 as printed?

4 MS. URIEGAS: I motion to approve the meeting
5 minutes.

6 MS. GREEN: I second.

7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. We have a motion
8 and a second. All in favor?

9 (Chorus of "ayes")

10 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any opposed? Meeting minutes
11 are approved from December 12th.

12 AGENDA ITEM IV

13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Item Number 4, Sunset
14 update. We, most of us, if not all of us, have now had our
15 meeting with the Sunset Committee and I would personally like
16 to thank the Sunset Committee for that. That was a very
17 painless and seamless process. We appreciate y'all's
18 questions and your time. If there's anything y'all would
19 like to add or speak about at this time, we'd be glad to hear
20 from you.

21 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Indiscernible)
22 appreciate y'all's contribution.

23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you very much. We
24 appreciate that. Any other public comment on Sunset?
25 LaDonna, Tyler, anything? All good?

1 MS. CASTAÑUELA: All good.

2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Excellent. Anyone else? No?
3 Okay. All right.

4 AGENDA ITEM V

5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: If no other discussion on
6 that, we'll move on to Item Number 5, rules review. Item A
7 is choose a date and a place for our subcommittee meeting.
8 We have the subcommittee for that. So LaDonna, Tyler, do
9 y'all have a proposed meeting date?

10 MR. VANCE: Sure. My recommendation would be
11 to tack it on to the first week of April. We have a
12 Commission meeting tentatively scheduled for the 4th, a BAC
13 for the 3rd. And then I think the 2nd would be a good day to
14 knock this out. We would like to close the rule review in
15 June, so this would give us plenty of time. If everything
16 wasn't resolved in this April meeting, we would still have
17 time we call another meeting to try to resolve it. But my
18 idea was to send out staff's proposed changes this month to
19 the subcommittee and maybe we'll have some back and forth
20 before this meeting so that we're not -- we don't show up
21 just, you know, completely fresh.

22 Yeah, that would be my recommendation. I
23 think that makes sense. You guys are all going to be here,
24 or most of you, the BAC will all be here the next day anyway,
25 so.

1 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. And I guess -- I'm
2 sure that the industry will have some recommended changes as
3 well, and if we receive those, we'll make sure that those get
4 to you in an email before we have that meeting as well.

5 One of the things about the rule review that I
6 have been urged to speak to everyone about is if you've got a
7 rule that is particularly cumbersome or that you view may
8 need a small change or a big change even, please submit that
9 to the BAC or to the staff so that we can get a look at that
10 and get a jump on that. The back and forth between staff and
11 the industry typically takes a little time because there's a
12 lot of moving parts involved. So the sooner you get those
13 suggested changes to us, the better.

14 Anybody got any thoughts on April 2nd? Looks
15 like the subcommittee is good for April the 2nd. What time
16 and where?

17 MR. VANCE: I think we could do this in the
18 lottery office. It won't be an open -- I mean, anyone from
19 the public is welcome to come, but it's not an official open
20 meeting, so I don't think we need to host it here.

21 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Our subcommittee, when I sent
22 you that list last month sometime, I believe that
23 subcommittee had 12 members on it. There'll be a number of
24 people from staff. I think we need a space that will
25 accommodate, you know, however many that is. Why don't you

1 let me work with my staff and figure out where that can be
2 and I'll let you know?

3 On the 2nd, does 10:00 in the morning work?

4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Fine by me.

5 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Okay.

6 MS. GREEN: When's the BAC meeting?

7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Pardon?

8 MS. GREEN: Is there a BAC meeting?

9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yeah, there'll be a -- so
10 tentatively it'll be --

11 MS. CASTAÑUELA: The BAC meeting is the 3rd.

12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: So we'd be here the 2nd for
13 the rules committee sub --

14 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: -- rules review subcommittee.
16 That's a mouthful -- rules committee subcommittee, whatever,
17 on the 2nd, and then the 3rd would be the bingo advisory
18 committee, and then the 4th would be the commissioners.
19 Okay. Excellent.

20 MR. DUNCAN: Tyler, will we go -- like on the
21 last rules review, will we go through every single rule like
22 we did?

23 MR. VANCE: I think so, yeah. The idea is the
24 staff will send out our proposed changes to you guys and then
25 you guys can send in your proposed changes, any comments

1 anyone might have, and then on the day of we'll just go
2 through every single one of them and have a discussion --

3 MR. DUNCAN: All right. Okay.

4 MR. VANCE: -- with everybody, see if we can
5 sit down and reach an agreement.

6 MR. DUNCAN: Cool. Thank you.

7 MR. VANCE: Uh-huh.

8 CHAIRMAN SMITH: And I just want to real quick
9 thank LaDonna and staff for handing out the booklet that we
10 got today. That was really kind.

11 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Hot off the presses.

12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: We really appreciate that.
13 So thank you for that.

14 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any other public comment on
16 the rules review? No? Okay.

17 AGENDA ITEM VI

18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Moving on. Item Number 6,
19 old business. Any old business? Any public comment for old
20 business? Okay.

21 AGENDA ITEM VII

22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Moving on, Item Number 7, new
23 business. Any public comment for new business? No? Quick
24 meeting today, guys. All right.

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AGENDA ITEM VIII

CHAIRMAN SMITH: If no comment under new business, we will move on to Item Number 8, and set the date for the next meeting, which we already have, for April the 3rd. April the 3rd, that's on a Wednesday. Okay.

So the rule review will be the 2nd, which is Tuesday, 3rd will be the BAC meeting, and then the 4th will be the commissioner meeting.

MS. URIEGAS: Is there a state holiday the day after Easter? That's the weekend after Easter.

MS. CASTAÑUELA: I don't think so.

MS. URIEGAS: Oh, okay. Just want to make sure.

MS. URIEGAS: Easter's the 31st, I believe so.

(Pause)

CHAIRMAN SMITH: No state holiday?

MR. VANCE: No. Good Friday is an optional holiday, so it will be a skeleton crew day, but there's nothing marked for any other day.

CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. If -- any other business? None?

AGENDA ITEM IX

CHAIRMAN SMITH: We'll adjourn the shortest meeting in the history of the Bingo Advisory Committee.

1 However, please be ready for the next meeting, which will be
2 the rules committee. That --

3 MR. VANCE: Longest one.

4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: -- we will make for lost
5 time, I promise you. We'll call this meeting adjourned.

6 (Meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.)

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