

**MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION
INTERIM SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 11, 1993**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mississippi Gaming Commission met for an interim special meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11, 1993, in the Tax Commission Conference Room in the Woolfolk Building, Jackson, MS.

Staff in attendance:

Ed Buelow, Jr., Chairman and Commissioner of the MSTC
Harvey Johnson, Jr., Associate Commissioner, MSTC
Bill Tann, Associate Commissioner, MSTC
Bobby Long, Legal Division, MSTC
Chuck Patton, Acting Executive Director, MS Gaming Commission
Carole Edds, Special Assistant, Attorney General's Office
Clara Wright, Secretary Confidential, MS Gaming Commission

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Buelow at 4:00 p.m.

In the matter of personnel, Commission and staff discussed future staffing needs of the Gaming Commission in the area of Investigations, Enforcement and Administration. Chuck Patton offered a personnel chart outlining the current positions and vacancies within the agency.

Mr. Patton stated that the process involving the State Personnel Board has been rather problematic because it requires the agency to only be allowed to hire from the list of eligible applicants provided by the Personnel Board. He also stated that the Personnel Board has the ability to close positions when they feel that a sufficient number of candidates have applied; therefore, new applicants can not qualify.

Mr. Patton stated that everything possible was being done to fill the vacancies in a timely manner. Commissioner Johnson stressed the importance of the Administrative Division being in operation before October because the Gaming Commission will become a stand-alone agency.

In the matter of investigations, Mr. Patton stated that staff was now in the process of conducting the first round of investigations, which constitutes a total of 30 individuals that need to be investigated, involving 24 states, 37 different cities, including 4 overseas trips and 1 trip to Canada. He asked the Commission to consider the possibility of utilizing a private contractor to provide assistance to the staff. Mr. Patton told the Commission that he was concerned that the four operations in question would be completed and ready to open and forced to wait for the results of the investigation. Commissioner Johnson had several questions regarding the four operations that Mr. Patton referenced. Commissioner Tann made a motion to close the meeting to determine the need for Executive Session.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the meeting and also to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the particular operations in question and the specifics of their investigation. No action was taken during Executive Session and the Commission voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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