



**ARIZONA RACING COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021  
688<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 38-431.03(A)(3), the Arizona Racing Commission (Commission) may vote to go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from its attorney on any matter listed on the Agenda. Any such Executive Session will not be open to the public.

**A. Call to Order of the 688<sup>th</sup> Regular Arizona Racing Commission Meeting of June 10, 2021 at 10:01 AM.**

**Commissioners present via Google Meet are:**

**Chuck Coolidge, Chairman  
Rory Goreé, Vice Chairman  
Tracy Olson, Commissioner**

**Also present:**

**Ted Vogt, Gaming Director  
Rudy Casillas, Racing Director  
Kelly Wagner, Assistant Attorney General  
Stacey Aramayo, Pari-Mutuel Manager  
Sheri Koss, Records Administrator  
Cassie Goodwin, Commission Secretary  
Camila Alarcon, Esq. (Agenda Item B.1 only)**

**B. Executive Session**

The following item is for Executive Session purposes only:

1. *Simms v. Arizona Racing Commission*, No. CV-21-0073-PR, Arizona Supreme Court, regarding a Racing License for Ronald A. Simms, Case No. 14A-020-RAC. The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) to discuss with and instruct its attorneys in this matter.

**Commissioner Goreé moved to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Olson second. Motion Carried. (Ayes: Coolidge, Goreé, Olson)**

**Open Session is recessed at 10:02 AM  
Open Session is reconvened at 10:16 AM**

**Commissioner Goreé moves to direct Ms. Alarcon to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. Commissioner Coolidge second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Coolidge, Goreé, Olson)**

**C. Action Items: Review, discussion and possible action on:**

1. Request from Arizona Downs, LLC for Approval Live Race Dates and Dark Day Simulcast for the 2021 Race Season. The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) in order to discuss with its attorneys on this matter.

**Mike Weiss addressed the Commission.  
Tom Auther addressed the Commission.  
Leroy Gessmann addressed the Commission.**

**Commissioner Olson moved to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Coolidge second. Motion Carried. (Ayes: Coolidge, Goreé, Olson)**

**Open Session is recessed at 10:21 AM  
Open Session is reconvened at 10:30 AM**

**Director Casillas addressed the Commission.**

**Commissioner Coolidge moves to conditionally approve Arizona Downs' Live Race Dated and Dark Day Simulcast to run its meet through the end of the season (September 30, 2021) as it continues the permit process. Commissioner Goreé second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Coolidge, Goreé, Olson)**

2. Request from TP Racing, L.L.P. for Approval of Live Race Dates and Dark Day Simulcast for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) in order to discuss with its attorneys on this matter.

**Vincent Francia addressed the Commission.  
Director Rudy Casillas addressed the Commission.  
Leroy Gessmann addressed the Commission.**

**Commissioner Coolidge moves to conditionally approve Turf Paradise to continue its 2021-2022 Meet and confirm HBPA is in agreement with the limited dates. Commissioner Goreé second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Coolidge, Goreé, Olson)**

3. Request from Arizona Downs for Off-Track Betting Facilities:

**Director Rudy Casillas addressed the Commission.  
Tom Auther addressed the Commission.  
Larry Delany addressed the Commission.**

- a. Mr. Haney's Castaways Sports Bar, 5110 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85008
- b. Padre Murphy's Sports Bar, 4338 W. Bell Rd., Glendale, AZ 85308

**Commissioner Goreé moved to table Items C.3.a. and b. Commissioner Olson second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Coolidge, Goreé, Olson)**

4. Simulcast Agreements Pursuant to A.R.S. § 5-112(U)
  - A. Arizona Downs
    1. All American Ruidoso Downs

**Stacey Aramayo, Pari-Mutuel Manager, addressed the Commission.**

**Commissioner Goreé moved to approve the All American Ruidoso Downs contract with Arizona Downs. Commissioner Coolidge second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Coolidge, Goreé, Olson)**

5. Simulcast Horse Racing Import Signals Pursuant to IHA Section 3004(a)(3)
  - A. Arizona Downs
    1. Ruidoso (anticipated dates 05/28/2020 – 09/06/2021)

**Commissioner Goreé moved to approve the All American Ruidoso Downs contract with Turf Paradise. Commissioner Coolidge second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Coolidge, Goreé, Olson)**

## D. Information Reports

1. Track Safety Report(s) – **Steward Gary Baze addressed the Commission.**
2. Budget Report (Director Casillas/Jason La Forest) – **Jason La Forest addressed the Commission.**
3. Jockey Concussion Protocols (Darryll Haire, Jockey's Guild) – **Darryll Haire addressed the Commission.**
4. Monthly Track Maintenance Reports from Permittees (Director Casillas) – **Mike Weiss (AZ Downs) and Vincent Francia (Turf Paradise) addressed the Commission.**
5. Permittee Reports – **Not to exceed 3 minutes**
  - a. American Greyhound Racing – **No report.**
  - b. Arizona Downs – **Mike Wiess addressed the Commission.**
  - c. County Fairs – **No report.**
  - d. Rillito Park – **No report.**
  - e. Tucson Greyhound Park – **No report.**
  - f. Turf Paradise – **No report.**
6. Optional Industry Stakeholder Association Updates (limited to officers or officially designated spokesperson) – **Not to exceed 3 minutes**
  - a. Arizona Counties Racing Association – **No report.**
  - b. Arizona Quarter Horse Racing Association – **Lloyd Yother addressed the Commission.**
  - c. Arizona Thoroughbred Breeders Association – **No report.**
  - d. Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association – **Leroy Gessmann addressed the Commission.**
  - e. Jockey's Guild – **Darryll Haire addressed the Commissioner.**

## E. Commission Reports

1. Summary of Current Events Affecting the Arizona Racing Commission. A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K) – Only Commission Members or the Director may report. No discussion or action may be taken on matters reported unless properly noticed for legal action or discussion.

**Director Casillas reported the Department has contacted the Boards and Commissions Office to request replacements for the two Commissioner vacancies. He has also completed the request to fill Greg Stiles' vacancy and hopes to fill the position within the next week.**

2. Identification of Matters to be placed on future Agendas.

**Commissioner Goreé has requested that there be a Discussion Item on the next Agenda on the Monarch signal; One Signal Network; and 60-Mile radius issues. Director Casillas gave a brief history on the one signal network.**

## F. Call to the Public

Those members of the public wishing to address the Commission should please notify Commission Secretary, Cassie Goodwin, via EMAIL at [cgoodwin@azgaming.gov](mailto:cgoodwin@azgaming.gov) by 9 a.m. June 10, 2021 with your name and the portion of the Agenda for which you wish to address the Commission. If any person wishes to address the Commission once the meeting has commenced, those persons may TEXT Commission Secretary, Cassie Goodwin, at 480-276-5005, giving their name and the portion of the Agenda for which they wish to address the Commission, and the information will be provided to the Chair of the Racing Commission during the meeting. They may also submit a request via the "chat" feature in Google Meet. The Chair will recognize the request and, time permitting, each presentation will be given approximately three (3) minutes to speak. Those requesting to speak should be prepared to use a phone to call into the meeting at 478-845-1127 PIN 882 780 379# or the microphone on their device as soon as the Chair recognizes them to speak. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or ask that the matter be placed on a future Agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H).

**Tom Auther addressed the Commission.  
Mike Senor addressed the Commission.  
JD Foxx addressed the Commission.**

## G. Announcements

The next regularly scheduled Commission meeting will be at **10:00 AM on Thursday, July 8, 2021** at **1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona** or via **Google Meet**, and is subject to change based on a quorum. For current information about the Arizona Racing Commission meeting schedule, please visit the Arizona Department of Gaming-Racing Division website (<https://racing.az.gov/racing-commission/commission-calendar-schedule>) or call Cassie Goodwin at 602-771-4263.

## H. Adjournment

**Commissioner Coolidge moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Goreé second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Coolidge, Goreé, Olson) Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.**

## I. Materials

A copy of the Agenda and background material and Commission packets (excluding materials exempt from public inspection) will be available at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting, at the Department of Gaming, located at 1110 W Washington St., Ste. 450, Phoenix, AZ 85007