



**ARIZONA RACING COMMISSION**  
**Friday, January 24, 2025**  
**731<sup>st</sup> REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 38-431.03(A)(3) and/or (A)(4), the Arizona Racing Commission (Commission) may vote to go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from its attorney(s) on any matter listed on the Agenda. Any such Executive Session will not be open to the public.

**A. Call to Order of the 731<sup>st</sup> Arizona Racing Commission Meeting of Friday, January 24, 2025**

**B. Action Items: Review, discussion and possible action on the following:**

(The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and/or (4) in order to discuss with its attorneys on any matter listed in this Section B.)

1. Continuation of the Hearing on the Renewal of Turf Paradise's 3 year Commercial & Teletrack Permit for July 11, 2024 through July 11, 2027 (2025, 2026 & 2027). On October 28, 2024 and December 11, 2024, a 45-day conditional permit was issued to Turf Paradise, conditioned upon an annual review of financials by the Department, final receipt and disposition of the financial report and completion of the submitted repair list based upon the Turf Paradise Track Safety and Grounds Inspection Report.
2. Request for the Commission's approval for Outside Counsel Patrick Irvine's representation of, and the acceptance of service for, the Arizona Racing Commission regarding the claims set forth in the Arizona Downs LLC's Complaint filed in the Superior Court of the State of Arizona, County of Maricopa, **preserving all defenses** (including nullity of the service of process due to the non-jural status pertaining to the Department/Commission).

**C. Information Reports**

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1. Track Safety Report (Don Rausch, Sue Gale DVM, Juan Estrada)
2. Budget Report
3. Legislative Update
4. Report on the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (Wm. Leroy Gessmann, HBPA)
5. Permittee Reports – **Not to exceed 3 minutes**
  - a. American Greyhound Racing
  - b. County Fairs
  - c. Turf Paradise
6. Optional Industry Stakeholder Association Updates (limited to officers or officially designated spokesperson) – **Not to exceed 3 minutes**
  - a. Arizona Counties Racing Association
  - b. Arizona Quarter Horse Racing Association

- c. Arizona Thoroughbred Breeders Association
- d. Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association
- e. Jockey's Guild

#### **D. Commission Reports**

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

#### **E. Call to the Public**

Those members of the public wishing to address the Commission should please notify by phone or text to the Commission Secretary, Ana Armenta, via EMAIL at [aarmenta@azgaming.gov](mailto:aarmenta@azgaming.gov) by 9:00 a.m. January 24, 2025 with your name and identify the portion of the Agenda for which you wish to address the Commission, if applicable, or just provide your name if you wish to address the Commission on any matter not listed on the Agenda. If any person wishes to address the Commission once the meeting has commenced, those persons may TEXT the Commission Secretary, Ana Armenta, at 602-316-6976, 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 five (5) minutes to speak. Comment length beyond five (5) minutes is at the discretion of the Chairman. Those who waive their opportunity to speak when called upon may not assign their time to another individual. Those requesting to speak should be prepared to use a phone to call into the meeting at 929-282-0884 PIN: 873 453 784# or the microphone on their device as soon as the Chairman recognizes them to speak. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to responding to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, directing staff to study the matter, or asking that the matter be placed on a future Agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(I).

#### **F. Announcements**

The next scheduled Commission meeting will meet via Google Meet **at 10:00 AM on Friday, February 14, 2025, 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://gaming.az.gov/racing/calendar>)

#### **G. Adjournment**

#### **H. 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 100 N. 15th Ave., Ste. 202, Phoenix, AZ 85007.