



ARIZONA RACING COMMISSION
Thursday, August 15, 2024
726th 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 726th Arizona Racing Commission Meeting of Thursday, August 15, 2024

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. Commission consideration of Joint Stipulation to Stay Ronald A. Simms's Notice of Appeal to the Arizona Racing Commission of Director's June 25, 2024, determination Ronald Simms's License Application to be Incomplete. 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 this matter.
2. Request from Turf Paradise for Approval of the Off-Track Betting Facility, The Porch in Glendale, located at 312 N. Gilbert Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85234. 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 this matter.
3. Simulcast Agreements Pursuant to A.R.S. § 5-112(U). 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 this matter.
 - a. Turf Paradise
 1. Fair Grounds (CDI)
 2. Maryland Jockey Club (Timonium Fair Meet) (MCM)
 3. Belmont (Elmont, NY) (NYRA)
 4. Downs at Albuquerque
 5. Maryland Jockey Club (w/ARC Fall Meet) (MCM)
 6. Churchill Downs (CDI)
 7. Kentucky Downs
 8. Lone Star Park QH (MCM)
 9. Los Alamitos (MCM)
 10. Remington Park
 11. Will Rogers Downs

4. Simulcast Horse Racing Import Signals Pursuant to IHA Section 3004(a)(3). 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 this matter.
 - a. Turf Paradise
 1. Fair Grounds (Complete)(anticipated dates 08/15/2024 – 09/14/2024)
 2. Maryland J.C. (Complete)(Timonium Fair Meet)(anticipated dates 08/23/2024 – 09/02/2024)
 3. Belmont (Complete)(Elmont, NY)(anticipated dates 09/13/2024-11/03/2024)
 4. Downs at Albuquerque (Complete)(anticipated dates 09/05/2024 – 10/27/2024)
 5. Maryland Jockey Club (Pending)(w/ARC Fall Meet)(anticipated dates 09/07/2024-12/29/2024)
 6. Churchill Downs (Pending)(anticipated dates 09/12/2024-09/29/2024)
 7. Kentucky Downs (Pending)(anticipated dates 08/29/2024-09/11/2024)
 8. Lone Star Park QH (Pending)(anticipated dates 09/06/2024-11/16/2024)
 9. Los Alamitos (Pending)(anticipated dates 09/13/2024-09/22/2024)
 10. Remington Park (Pending)(anticipated dates 08/16/2024-12/13/2024)
 11. Will Rogers Downs (Pending)(anticipated dates 09/09/2024-11/12/2024)

C. Information Reports

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1. Track Safety Report (Claudia Alvarez, Sue Gale DVM, Juan Estrada)
2. Budget Report
3. Legislative Update
4. Report on International Horseracing Integrity 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.
 - a. Information on Report Breeder’s Awards
 - b. Information on Federal Grants
 - c. Information Report on Twinspires – Turf Paradise Simulcast Agreement Approval
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 by 9:00 a.m. August 15, 2024 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 262-770-5837 PIN: 630 308 377# 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 not meet in-person. The meeting will be held via Google Meet at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, September 17, 2024**, and is subject to change based on a quorum. Physical access to the meeting place will be fifteen minutes before the start of the meeting. 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.