

**ARIZONA RACING COMMISSION**  
**FRIDAY, April 11, 2025**  
**734<sup>th</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 734<sup>th</sup> Arizona Racing Commission Meeting of Friday, April 11, 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. Executive Session under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) in order to discuss with its attorneys on this matter. Legal update regarding the *Simms v. Simms, et al.*, Case No. 1 CA-CV 23-0139, and *Simms v. Arizona Racing Commission, et al.*, Case No. LC2016-000505-001, regarding a Racing License for Ronald A. Simms. The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) or (4) in order to discuss with its attorneys on this matter and to take any vote as may be appropriate in the public meeting following the Executive Session.
2. TP Racing, L.L.L.P. –Continuation of the Hearing or Status Conference 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, on December 11, 2024, and on January 24, 2025 a 45-day conditional permit was issued to Turf Paradise and on March 7, 2025, a 75-day conditional permit was issued to Turf Paradise conditioned upon an annual review of financials by the Department, final receipt and consideration of the financial report and completion of the submitted repair list based upon the Turf Paradise Track Safety and Grounds Inspection Report.
3. Update status on Advance Deposit Wagering Permits. The Arizona Department of Gaming Division of Racing has received applications, which are dependent upon the Racing Permit renewal, and the Division requests that this matter be continued until the next Regular Meeting. 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. Churchill Downs Technology Initiative Company dba Twinspires – Consideration of 3-year Permit for 2025, 2026, and 2027.
  - b. ODS Technologies, L.P. dba TVG Network - Consideration of 3-year Permit for 2025, 2026 and 2027.
  - c. Xpressbet, LLC – Consideration of 3-year Permit for 2025, 2026, and 2027
4. Awarding of Annual Adoption Grants. 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. Desert Oasis Rescue (Tucson, Az.)

5. 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. Century Mile
  2. Sam Houston
  3. Woobine
  4. Belterra Park
  5. Churchill Downs
  6. Delta Downs
  7. Emerald Downs
  8. Fanduel
  9. Finger Lakes
  10. Hastings Park
  11. Horseshoe Indianapolis
  12. Jack Thistledown
  13. Louisiana Downs
  14. Monmouth Park
  15. Mountaineer Park
  16. Prairie Meadows

6. 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. Century Mile (complete)(anticipated date 5/4/2025-09/13/2025)
  2. Sam Houston QH (complete)(anticipated dates 4/24/2025-6/14/2025)
  3. Woodbine (complete)(anticipated dates 4/26/2025-11/30/2025)
  4. Belterra Park (pending)(anticipated date 5/1/2025-10/4/2025)
  5. Churchill Downs(pending)(anticipated dates 4/26/2025-6/29/2025)
  6. Delta Downs (pending)(anticipated date 4/25/2025-7/12/2025)
  7. Emerald Downs (pending)(anticipated date 4/27/2025-9/7/2025)
  8. Fanduel (pending)(anticipated date 4/22/2025-09/7/2025)
  9. Finger Lakes (pending)(anticipated date 4/28/2025-11/26/2025)
  10. Hastings Park (pending)(anticipated date 5/3/2025-10/19/2025)
  11. Horseshoe Indianapolis (pending)(anticipated date 4/15/2025-11/13/2025)
  12. Jack Thistledown (pending)(anticipated date 4/21/2025-10/9/2025)
  13. Louisiana Downs (pending)(anticipated date 5/3/2025-9/25/2025)
  14. Monmouth Park (pending)(anticipated dates 5/10/2025-10/17/2025)
  15. Mountaineer Park (pending)(anticipated dates 4/20/2025-12/3/2025)
  16. Prairie Meadows (pending)(anticipated dates 5/9/2025-9/27/2025)

**C. Information Reports**

(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 C.)

1. Track Safety Report (Brian Duncan, Sue Gale DVM)
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**

(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 D.)

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. April 11 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 929-445-0452 PIN: 758 826 769# 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 regularly scheduled Commission meeting will be at **10:30 AM on Tuesday, May 20, 2025** at 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://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.

## **I. Notices**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, the [Racing & MMA Commission](#) ensures that all public meeting notices are posted electronically at least 24-hours in advance of the meeting on the [Racing Commission webpage](#). Additionally, a physical copy of public meeting notices will be posted on the exterior bulletin board at the entrance of the [Arizona Department of Gaming, 100 N. 15th Ave. #200, Phoenix, AZ 85007](#).