

**ARIZONA RACING COMMISSION
THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

Actions taken denoted in red

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 April 1, 2021 Arizona Racing Commission Special Meeting

B. Hearing on Arizona Downs, LLC Application for a 3-year Commercial Racing Permit for Fiscal Years 2019, 2020 and 2021

1. Hearing on Arizona Downs, LLC for 3-year Commercial Racing Permit Application for Fiscal Years 2019, 2020, and 2021. The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session under A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) in order to discuss with its attorney(s) on this matter.

In this hearing, the Racing Commission (“Commission”) first reviewed a financial due diligence report on Arizona Downs, LLC, (“AZ Downs”) presented by the Division of Racing (“Division”). This financial due diligence report indicated that AZ Downs had to rely on outside investors for funding and without an investor, they would not have proper financial backing to continue to operate and conduct the 2021 live racing meet. The Commission expressed concerns outlined in the financial report. AZ Downs responded to Commission concerns that their current contract with an outside investor, Peninsula Pacific Gaming (“P2E”), allows for P2E to finance the entire 2021 live racing meet.

The Commission called upon representatives from multiple organizations including AZ Downs, Turf Paradise, Monarch Content Management, the Arizona HBPA, P2E, and others, to answer questions Commissioners had. This included, but was not limited to, discussion regarding the following topics: AZ Downs permit renewals, how AZ Downs is specifically financing and managing the 2021 meet, and requests for improvements in the timely submission of license applications and other Division-requested documents.

After discussion, the Commission voted to approve AZ Downs Commercial Racing Permit with a 3-1 vote. (Commissioners Goreé, Propheter and Hover voting YES. Chairman Coolidge voting NO, indicating concerns with missing financial documentation from AZ Downs and compliance with A.R.S 5-107.02).

Specific discussion can be found by viewing the Minutes for the 4/1 Special Racing Commission Meeting on the ADG website.

C. 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 by 9 a.m. February 11, 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 meetings. 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).

D. Announcements

The next regularly scheduled Commission meeting will be at **10:00 AM on Thursday, April 8, 2021** at **1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona** or **via Google Meetings**, 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.

E. Adjournment

F. 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