New York State Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law Section 102 provide that the New York State Gaming Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Six members having been confirmed by the New York State Senate affords the Commission an ability to establish a form and undertake action. This present meeting of the Commission is now called to order. Miss Secretary, will you please call the role?

Miss Secretary: John Crotty?

John Crotty: Here.

Miss Secretary: Mark Gearan? Peter Moschetti?

Peter Moschetti: Here.

Miss Secretary: John Poklemba?

John Poklemba: Here.

Miss Secretary: Barry Sample?

Barry Sample: Here.

Miss Secretary: Todd Snyder?

Todd Snyder: Here.

Unidentified Male: Miss Secretary, please have the record reflect that a quorum of qualified members are present, thus enabling a transaction of business. Given an absence of the Chairman Gearan, would the members like to designate a member for the purpose of presiding over today’s meeting?

Unidentified Male: I nominate John Crotty.

Unidentified Male: Second.

Unidentified Male: All done then?

Unidentified Male: Fine.

Unidentified Male: I.

Unidentified Male: Mr. Crotty, the floor is yours.

John Crotty: Thank you gentlemen once again. The first item up is the minutes of the Commission meeting conducted last time, April 27th of 2015, have been provided to the members in advance. At this time, I would like to ask if there are any edits, corrections, or amendments from the Committee
members. Madame Secretary, please reflect the minutes were adopted. The report of the acting director. Are you not now the full-time acting director?

Unidentified Male: Yeah, it is all – I am.

Unidentified Male: So next up is the report of the executive director, even better, Rob.

Unidentified Male: I have four items of interest to talk about today. First is that the initial – let us start the conversation. Problem Gambling Awareness Event, which is a high board town hall meeting that was conducted on May 14th at Rochester’s Monroe Community College. The event was attended by representatives of: Wyndham Resort and Casino, Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack, Batavia Downs, Buffalo Raceway, Western OTB, Seneca Gaming Authority and many regional problem gambling treatment providers. The next event is scheduled for June 17th at 10:00 a.m. at Schenectady County Community College and if anyone has any availability or is in the area, we would be happy to have you stop by. As you are all aware, the Triple Crown is again on the line at this year’s Belmont Stakes, where American Pharoah will try to become the first horse since Affirmed in 1978 to emerge with the crown. The Belmont Stakes is, however, only one component of NYRA’s inaugural Belmont Stakes Racing Festival. The Festival encompasses three days of racing featuring 17 stakes worth more than $10,000,000 in purses. While the 147th running of the Grade 1 Belmont Stakes is the primary event, as with last year’s Belmont racing, this will be the finest day outside of the Breeders’ Cup, as five other Grade 1 events will be contested – The Metropolitan Handicap, the Manhattan, the Ogden Phipps, the Acorn and the Longines Just a Game. Additionally, the Grade 2 Woody Stephens, Grade 2 Brooklyn Invitational, Grade 3 Jaipur Invitational and the Grade 3 Easy Goer will also be conducted on that day. In addition to the racing, NYRA announced that the 2015 Belmont Stakes Racing Festival will include headline performances by O.A.R. on Friday and the Goo Goo Dolls on Belmont Stakes day. The Commission, as it does with all Grade 1 stakes with purses of a $1,000,000 or more has employed enhanced safety protocols for horses competing in such races. And we will have plenty of individuals on hand working that day.

Recently I was approached by a prominent New York horse owner who inquired what the industry had done in the nearly three years since the December 2011 release of the New York Task Force on Retired Thoroughbreds. This report here was released. The Task Force was created a number of years ago by state legislative action to identify productive uses for retired racehorses and increase the number available of such uses. Well the main recommendation of the report, which was public funding of retirement programs from DLT revenue, has not been realized. There were a number of other recommendations that if implemented could assist in addressing this important issue. Given the Commission’s Mission Statement, I think it is appropriate to call for industry stakeholders to gather in Saratoga late this summer to discuss what has been done regarding retired racehorses and what we as interested parties can do to focus on this important issue. So we are going to try to pull together an event for probably in late August.

Finally, we are now some five months from the Gaming Facility Location Board’s public announcement of Recommended Parties for a commercial casino license and are just short of three months since the release of the Gaming Facility Location Board’s report and findings. The New York State Police have advised that they are in the final stages of information gathering relative to the three applicants. This will then enable the State Police to construct a cumulative background
report from which the Commissioners may base their suitability determination. Staff is looking to complete draft regulations regarding entity and principal occupational licensing for your consideration so that these regulations may be in place contemporaneous with the receipt of State Policy materials, thus enabling your prompt consideration of licensing matters. To that end, later this week I may be contacting you all to seek dates for the conduct of a special meeting of the Commission for rulemaking purposes. And with that, back to you, Mr. Crotty.

John Crotty: Thank you. So the first item up for business is rulemaking. New York State Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law Section 104 at 19 authorize the Commission to promulgate rules and regulations they deem necessary to carry out its responsibilities. To that regard, the Commission will from time to time promulgate rules and amendments pursuant to the State Administrative Procedure Act. Today we have two rulemaking items for consideration. Rob, will you please outline the first one.

Unidentified Male: Thank you. Item 4A regards rules pertaining to gaming facility requests for application and gaming facility license application. Specifically, on March 31st, 2014, the Commission promulgated emergency rules prescribing both forms for the request for applications to develop and operate a gaming facility and several forms necessary to consider and process applications for gaming facility licenses. By publication in the State Register on July 16th, 2014, September 10th, 2014, November 12th, 2014, January 7th, 2015, and again on March 4th, 2015, the Commission extended the emergency adoption. This present emergency rule will expire on June 14th, 2015. Accordingly, for Commission consideration is the re-adoption of Part 5300 as an emergency rule with such re-adoption to be filed with the Department of State prior to the expiration of the current emergency rules. The text of the rules has not changed since the initial emergency adoption on March 31st, 2014. While the public comment period has expired and no public comments were received, permanent adoption of this rule will be considered when the Commission has before it the broad set of commercial casino regulations that as I mentioned are still being crafted. Commission staff recommends re-adoption of this emergency rule.

Unidentified Male: Commissioners, are there any questions on the re-adoption of rules pertaining to the Gaming Facility request and facility license applications, with such re-adoptions to be filed with the Department of State prior to the expiration of the current emergency ruling?

Unidentified Male: No, but I will go with the adoption personally. Thank you.

Unidentified Male: Thank you.

Unidentified Male: I am in the affirmative.

Unidentified Male: Can I just ask a quick question, Rob?

Unidentified Male: Sure.

Unidentified Male: Is there anything you can tell us to give us a very, very short update on the RA _____ [00:09:08] for the fourth license.
Unidentified Male: For the fourth license, sure. We are right now in the midst of waiting on applicants to reconfirm their information. They are due I believe on July 2nd.

Unidentified Male: Sixth.

Unidentified Male: July 6th, excuse me. They are due on July 6th so right now we are in a dead period where there is no interaction between the applicants, no working on responses. It is my understanding that there are a couple of interested parties that are still considering applying, one new and one that had previously applied.

Unidentified Male: Excellent. Thank you.

Unidentified Male: Rob, there is another rulemaking matter for consideration.

Unidentified Male: Yes, there is. Item 4B for Commission consideration is a draft regulation allowing for the introduction of a new wager type for the Lotteries Division, Lottery Divisions Numbers and Win Four drawings. The division’s regulations presently set forth existing wager types for each of those games and the division would like to introduce a new wager type called Close Enough. In a Close Enough wager, each digit must match or be within one number greater or less than the corresponding digit selected in a drawing. These new wagers are designed for players who might be attracted to the chance of winning a smaller prize for near wins. Ideally, the division intends to introduce this feature in late August once reprogramming of lottery systems has been completed and tested. Similar wages to this are performing well in Missouri, North Carolina, Michigan and Florida, thus the division anticipates the introduction of these new wager types would increase ticket sales for numbers in Win Four games as well, and provides additional aid for education for the current fiscal year and future fiscal years. Consistent with other existing provisions, this proposed rule also provides for future flexibility by allowing certain modifications or permutations so long as any such changes are timely communicated to the public on the lottery’s website. Staff recommends that the Commission authorize the proposal of this rulemaking.

Unidentified Male: Mr. Chairman, before we move on with it, I just want to touch on a little clarification and hope the clarification is correct. I thought there was a conflict in the description memo with respect to the language of the rule. I asked Counsel Ferns [PH] about that. We agreed that the rule language was correct as stated, even though there was a conflict with the covering memo and that it is the rule language we are voting on. Is that correct, Ed?

Unidentified Male: That would be correct, yes. And also to clarify, too, since May 21st staff has made a number of other more technical corrections to the rule, adding prize structure and odds consistent with the way other lottery games are described, and circulated that to the Commissioners for their consideration and that revised text should be the text that you vote on.

Unidentified Male: Has your normal meticulous nature been replaced by the name of the game?

Unidentified Male: Very nice.

Unidentified Male: Fair enough.
Unidentified Male: With that all being said, is there any other questions? Do I have a motion?

Unidentified Male: So moved.

Unidentified Male: Moved.

Unidentified Male: Second.

Unidentified Male: And the nays? Five yeses. The motion carries. Rob, will you please go to the next item.

Unidentified Male: The next item on the agenda regards adjudications. The Commission has two hearing officer reports for consider – or actually, two items for consideration. The first is in the matter of Graham Louis [PH]. On January 28th, 2015, the Commission issued its findings in order affirming the denial of license to Graham Louis as a harness racing trainer and driver. The denial was based on the grounds that Mr. Louis’ experience, character and general fitness are such that his participation in racing or related activities would be inconsistent with public interest, convenience or necessity or with the best interest of racing generally. Mr. Louis filed a request that the Commission reopen his adjudicatory proceeding on the basis of newly discovered evidence, namely a January 30th, 2015 decision and order issued by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission favorable to Mr. Louis. At a meeting conducted pursuant to the judicial or quasi-judicial proceedings exemption of the New York public officers’ law section 108.1, the Commission considered this matter.

Unidentified Male: Commission did consider this matter and deliberated and we had a vote of five to nothing sustaining the hearing officer’s report.

Unidentified Male: Just to clarify, this is to reject Mr. Louis’ request for reconsideration.

Unidentified Male: To reject his request.

Unidentified Male: Just for purposes of the minutes. Thank you.

Unidentified Male: Sure.

Unidentified Male: On March 26th, 2014, lottery agent First Choice Food Market 046847 was issued a notice of license suspension for participation in conduct prejudicial to public confident and the state lottery pending investigation of criminal allegations regarding conduct occurring on the agent’s premises. Under Commission lottery procedure, the suspension notice converts to a revocation unless a hearing is requested. A requested hearing was conducted on March 25th and March 30th of this year. The hearing officer’s report and recommendation were delivered to the Commission Secretary on May 6th. The hearing officer recommended that the license suspension be upheld until a revocation is finalized. At a meeting conducted pursuant to the judicial or quasi-judicial proceedings exemption of the New York public officers’ law section 108.1, the Commission considered this matter.
Unidentified Male: The Commission did duly deliberate and consider this matter and again, it was five to nothing to uphold the hearing officer’s reports and recommendations.

Unidentified Male: So with that, we will move on to the next item, the Racing Fan Advisory Council. I think they are here today to present to us. They are –

Unidentified Male: We do not know. They are on the phone.

Unidentified Male: Oh, they are on the phone. I am sorry. Rob, would you please establish some background for record and purpose?

Unidentified Male: Certainly. In September 2011 the New York State Racing and Wagering Board formally created the Racing Fan Advisory Council to provide input and advice to the board, now the Commission, on horse racing and wagering matters in New York State. Upon establishment, the Commission explicitly continued the council’s existence. Members of the council are required to be long-term horse racing fans selected on their involvement, interest, knowledge and devotion to the sport. The council has five members, three appointed by the Commission Chairman and two appointed by the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Racing, Gaming and Wagering and the Assembly Committee on Racing and Wagering. As outlined in the establishment directive, the council’s mission is to grow the fan base related to the sport of horse racing by, among other things, recommending procedures to insure that the opinion of the fan is a central part of the regulation of horse racing. And advising the Commission on issues related to the horse racing and wagering, advising the Commission on appropriate actions to encourage fan attendance and wagering at the state’s thoroughbred and harness racetracks, and the state’s off track betting corporations, recommending changes of rules to the Commission and to the laws affecting horse racing. And to prepare an annual report regarding the operation of the state’s thoroughbred and harness racetracks and the state’s off track betting corporations.

Unidentified Male: Okay. Today the members of the council will present their annual report. At this time, I would like to recognize the council’s chairman, Patrick Connor, who is with us via telephone. Patrick, you there?

Patrick Connor: Thank you very much. I also would like to recognize the other members of the council on the line. We have Michael Amo, who is also the Chair and Co-Founder of ThoroFan, which is the largest horse racing fan group in the country. We also have Allan Carter, the historian at The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame. Kelly Young, who is the Deputy Director of Public Policy for the New York Farm Bureau, and Kelly is really our point person on harness racing. And then we have Michael Mills, the Village Administrator of the Village of Elmsford. I am happy to present the report that we worked on during the 2014 year. There are essentially two major items in the report that I would like to discuss. One deals with steward transparency and the other one deals with fan feedback on Belmont Stakes day and the letter that we issued last year. At this time, I would like to turn it over to Michael Amo to address issues of steward transparency. And I would just note that we considered these during last year but the Breeders’ Cup race where Bayern won after an inquiry based on some conduct at the start of the race that knocked out Shared Belief and Moreno, two horses that at least had an arguable chance in the race. I think it highlighted the importance of steward transparency for the sport and for New York State. Michael Amo, can you speak to this?
Unidentified Male: Michael, if you are there, you have to unmute your line. Is he there?

Michael Amo: Am I coming out now?

Unidentified Male: There you are. We have you.

Michael Amo: Okay. I am sorry. Thank you, Pat, and honorable members of the Gaming Commission. At the end of this presentation, I will have Mike Mills and Kelly Young fill in on some of the respective issues. In March of last year, the Commission asked us to look into the issues of steward transparency and to make some recommendations to you. Since then, we have been working with the Commission staff to collect information on how stewards and presiding judges rules and identify how information are made public at tracks across the country. The results both in and beyond New York State vary and we believe decisions made in the booth should be issued to the public in a clear and concise, consistent manner. Transparency starts, we believe, with education of the fans about the rules and guides these decisions. We all here from fans who tell us they cannot understand why a particular steward ruled or their particular inquires ruled a particular way. Most of the time, it was because they do not understand the rules. I think maybe this is something that fan education initiatives – there should be a fan education initiative perhaps by the council. Once fans understand these rules and the logic of how they are applied in any circumstance, we believe confusion about the rules will be minimized. Council believes that the standardized reporting format should be used by all tracks in New York and will begin with the New York Racing Association first and hopefully, then bring on other tracks as we move through the year. The Commission should push to report weekly on its website with pertinent information including the names of the stewards for each day, the weather conditions for each day, a detailed description of any stewards’ inquiries, claims that follow and/or incidents. Stating whether the stewards’ decisions are unanimous or by a majority rule. Statistics on the week’s races including the number of races, starters and conditions should be reported. List of horses claimed for each day as well. Track handle including data on certain wagers, information on any ruling issued each week, statistics on racing and equine fatalities. And there should be a link to the video replays at each track so you can see exactly what happened. Before we move into the hardest component, I would like to see if any of my colleagues, specifically Mike Mills, would also like to add to those comments. Okay. Go ahead, Mike, please.

Mike Mills: I think you did a fantastic job. The only piece that I would emphasize a little bit more that we tried to incorporate into the report was more daily information in terms of track conditions changing as well as weather. And I think that is important that fans are able to see that on those reports on a weekly basis.

Michael Amo: Thank you. Kelly, would you like to address some of the unique issues regarding harness racing, and where we might take this steward transparency issue to the harness side of our industry. Kelly, you there?

Kelly Young: Sorry, I forgot to unmute. So we would like to duplicate this type of report for the harness tracks in the state and the thoroughbred outline is a great one to start from. But there are some differences with harness racing that we want to tailor to that, such as equipment changes. Some of the rules because of the gate are complicated to explain so we want to make sure those are
clear for fans. For the fan at the track, it is usually easy to find out what happened because it is announced well typically. But if you are watching via simulcast or if you are looking at a replay or the results after the fact, it is very difficult to understand what happened and what the infraction was, and why the judges ruled the way that they did. So we will try to duplicate this from the harnessing. We are working with the Commission staff to do just that.

Michael Amo: Thank you Kelly. I think that sums up our concern. We have a number of other issues that have come up over the year that following the model. We want to walk before we run. I think we want to begin here and then build on this so it becomes a better model each and every day. And so we really thank the Gaming Commission staff for all the work they have put in to helping the council get to this point. Pat?

Patrick Connor: Okay, thank you Michael. The next major point that we wanted to discuss that is in the report is our letter that we issued last year approximately a month after the Belmont Stakes was conducted. We have consistently taken the position that Belmont Stakes is probably the most important day in New York racing because it is our chance to attract new fans to the sport that do not go through the gates on a regular basis. And the hope has always been that these new fans that might come on Belmont Stakes day would return to Belmont Park, or Aqueduct or Saratoga shortly thereafter and it is just a great way to increase the fan base. Last year, many of us were present at the event. We spoke to fans during the event and after the event. We read the reporting that took place and we thought it was necessary to send a letter to Chris Kay, the President and CEO of NYRA, addressing our concerns. We did that. The letter is up on the Gaming Commission website. We addressed issues such as the transportation problems, issues regarding food and drink, both the pricing and some problems in obtaining food and drink throughout the facility, especially as the day wore on. We addressed issues concerning the crowd and recommended that NYRA consider maximizing attendance at such events. And then we addressed wagering issues and the difficulties that fans experienced both at the windows and then through attempting to wager on their Wi-Fi. We sent the letter out and Chris Kay met with me in early August during the Saratoga meet, and acknowledged our concerns and said he was going to address them. Since that time, I think that we have seen – just this morning, I got on NYRA’s website and saw that they had a press release regarding transportation. They noted that they are taking steps to increase Wi-Fi capability. They have implemented our recommendation to maximize attendance at the event. So as we sit here now, a little short of two weeks out from the event, I think we are pretty happy as a group with NYRA’s response to our concerns addressed in the letter. And we hope that the 2015 running of the Belmont Stakes will be a much smoother affair. There are a couple of other items in our report that I thought I would mention and let me turn it over to Kelly Young for a moment to address the statewide plan that we had discussed to retain and attract racing fans over the next ten years.

Kelly Young: So one of the things that council has discussed and grown concerned above is developing a plan so that racing fans still have an important role in this state and that racing in particular has a recognized role that a fan can identify with. Obviously, the landscape for gaming is changing with new full scale casinos coming in. Slot machines have been added to racetracks, some of them for about ten years. And there is really a lot shifting in New York State right now and the race fan would be easy to be lost in that shuffle. So we are recommending that there be a careful look at how to take care of the race fan over the next ten years by policymakers in the state that are engaged in racing. So that we can make sure those live racing fans continue to be cultivated and hopefully expanded. Thank you.
Patrick Connor: The other item we mentioned in our report, and I think it is fairly timely given what is going on now with plans to change the physical plan at Saratoga Racecourse. We requested that any track in New York State considering making changes to the physical plan that could impact on the fans’ experience consult with the council first so we can ascertain the concerns of the fans. And we have seen this in all sorts of different times over the last five or six years with the changes made to Aqueduct, changes made to Saratoga and the paddock and the limitations of the fans’ ability to access the paddock now with the various things around the paddock. And we are going to see it with the proposed plan to add the addition to Saratoga Racecourse. And finally, we also urged NYRA to reexamine its pricing policy. We note that if NYRA believes that it must charge more for admission and seating, we recommend that they seriously consider adding value to that cost. And some examples we gave would be a betting voucher of some sort or a food voucher of some sort to just have the fan experience improved and make the fan feel that if they are paying extra money to go into the track, that there is added value to that charge for admission. I think that is about it from our end. I wanted to thank the members of the council for all their hard work during the year. And I also wanted to thank Lee Park [PH] for his invaluable assistance in helping us out at several junctures throughout the year. I think we all agree that we could not do this without Lee’s help.

Unidentified Male: Thanks.

Unidentified Male: I agree. Lee’s the man. One of the things we have talked about, Rob, or we discussed a little bit, was the stewards’ reports and do we have any developments on those?

Unidentified Male: Yeah, actually today with us we have Ron Ochrym, who is the Director of Division of Horse Racing and Pari-Mutuel Wagering. He and his staff have been working on this initiative and have made some rather substantial advances. Ron, if you would address the question.

Ron Ochrym: Thank you. I am pleased to report to the members that the staff of the Gaming Commissions Division of Horse Racing and Pari-Mutuel Wagering, based on the recommendation provided by the New York Racing Fan Advisory Council will today begin hosting online weekly reports from Belmont. While NYRA is the first track to be reported weekly, it is the Commission’s goal to have such weekly reports for all tracks. We continue to work with the other track stewards and presiding judges to create similar reporting procedures and mechanisms that will eventually provide online weekly reports for all seven harness tracks and the two thoroughbred operators. As you know, this initiative was first discussed in March of 2014 when Gaming Commissioner Crotty cited the controversial disqualification of a winning horse at Goldsmith [PH] Park as an example of why racing fans need more information on how decisions are reached in the stewards’ booth. There is no doubt that providing such information on how the stewards make this specific decision serves to further the integrity of New York horse racing. The Commissioner’s report back then spent considerable time reviewing such reports with the goal of providing more information that racing fans wanted. It was also important that such information be presented in a format that fans could easily read and access. In designing this system, we examined a few states that offer such reports. We specifically looked at California, Delaware and Washington that have stewards’ reports that are available on their respective Commission’s websites. We also met with the stewards at both NYRA and Finger Lakes, and discussed with them the initiative and sought their thoughts and recommendations. We were specifically interested in their feedback and opinions on not just
requiring such information but how such information could be provided in the least restrictive manner.

In this regard, the Stewards’ Corner at NYRA served as a foundation for this initiative. The site provided a basic explanation of what the stewards decided after an inquiry had been posted. The weekly report initiative builds on that process by providing additional information that includes both summary and who the stewards spoke with in reviewing the facts and decide on an inquiry. The reports not only provide the steward information, but also statistics on the prior week’s races, including the number of races, starters, conditions, list of horses planned each day and their names and by who. Wagering data, including handled by wagering option and information on any ruling issued each week, statistics on racing equine fatalities and links to video replay results to each day’s races, are provided in the report. We expect that Finger Lakes will be up shortly also. We did have some challenges in creating this system. Specifically, procedures in capturing the data electronically and hardware upgrades that needed to occur that would enable our stewards to provide this information back to Schenectady. Once those were addressed, we turned our attention to style. In this regard, once information is sent to Schenectady, a member of the Division of Horse Racing, John Kukas [PH], who has been assigned as the Project Editor, reviews the data and prepares the reports. Providing an editor when the other tracks come online will assure that the reports are consistent in both style and format. We noticed in our review and design of the reports that once they provided weekly reports but they were not consistent in either style or format. This made finding and accessing information difficult. We felt that a key element to the report was the need to build a reporting structure that would be both uniform and consistent for all stewards and presiding judges to follow and the fans to find easy to access and obtain the information sought, regardless of track. We believe that with John serving as the editor, the reports will achieve those goals. We are excited about this new initiative and thank the Racing Fan Advisory Council for their contributions. We would also note that while we will eventually, with all tracks, we will continue to listen, add information where appropriate, and look to further recommendations on what works and what may not work in providing racing fans these reports. The reports can be found at www.gaming.ny.gov underneath the tag horse racing. Thank you.

Unidentified Male:   Thank you.

Unidentified Male:   That is great.

Unidentified Male:   I would be remiss if I did not thank the Fan Council, Patrick, Michael, Kelly and Allan for their hard work on this report and useful dialogue that we have going forward. So thank you for that. Is there any new business? Nope, being none, any old business to consider? Being none, the last item we will talk about is our next meeting slated for June 22nd, 2015 in Manhattan, which will be great.

Unidentified Male:   ____ [00:36:22]

Unidentified Male:   I do not know. I am not available that day. Traveling will keep me –

Unidentified Male:   That meeting will not change for me, too. I am not supposed to be here but I will figure something out.
Unidentified Male: All right. Just make sure we have –

Unidentified Male: As a general sense, if you have conflicts with the anticipated date, let us work through Chris and she will circulate other dates, alternatives, etcetera.

Unidentified Male: Yeah.

Unidentified Male: The two of you are not going to be around.

Unidentified Male: I am trying to work it out. I am not supposed to be here that day.

Unidentified Male: Myself, I do not know yet. I should be but I do not know for sure.

Unidentified Male: So would a week earlier be better?

Unidentified Male: I do not know. At this moment, I could not speak to –

Unidentified Male: All right. We will talk about it later.

Unidentified Male: Yeah, okay.

Unidentified Male: Rob, you were also going to talk a little bit about maybe a –

Unidentified Male: Yeah, as I have mentioned, we are in the position of trying to finalize the occupational and the entity licensing rules. When we get that in a position where we think it is appropriate, we will circulate it amongst you guys and give you plenty of time to appropriately review and digest that. And then I would like to have a special meeting if we could to consider those rules.

Unidentified Male: Okay.

Unidentified Male: So that way –

Unidentified Male: It is less likely to lobby.

Unidentified Male: The rules? No, no.

Unidentified Male: No, this meeting. Meaning it seems like it is heading for July.

Unidentified Male: Well the licensing meeting would be at that point but we need the rules in advance. So actually I would like to get the rules to you probably by the end of this week.

Unidentified Male: Right.

Unidentified Male: And then giving you another week to review that, get around to you to find out whether we can do a quicker meeting.
Unidentified Male: Just keeping in mind that that week, the end of June, does not work.

Unidentified Male: That meeting around the rules. Does it have to be face to face or can we do that?

Unidentified Male: It would have to be a public meeting.

Unidentified Male: Okay.

Unidentified Male: But we could do it by videoconference as we have done in past ones.

Unidentified Male: Yeah. We will figure it out. Any other items for consideration? All right. Hearing done? This concludes this meeting.

Unidentified Male: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Unidentified Male: Great job, John.

Unidentified Male: Thank you.