

Virginia Racing Commission

MINUTES

OF THE

COMMISSION MEETING

April 6, 2022

**Colonial Downs
Ballroom, 4th Floor
10515 Colonial Downs Parkway
New Kent, VA 23124**

In Attendance

Commission Members:

J. Sargeant Reynolds, Jr., Chairman
Stuart Siegel, Vice Chairman
John F. Tanner Jr.
Marsha K. Hudgins
Stephanie B. Nixon

Commission Staff:

David S. Lermond, Jr., Executive Secretary
Kimberly C. Mackey, Director of Operations
Dr. Ada Caruthers, Equine Medical Director
Rhonda Davis, Director of Pari-Mutuels and Licensing

Attorney General's Office:

Elizabeth B. Myers, Esquire

At 11:12 a.m., Chairman Reynolds called the monthly meeting of the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC) to order.

The Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, Matthew Lohr introduced himself as well as the Deputy Secretary, Beth Green.

Vice Chairman Siegel moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 15, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nixon and the vote was as follows: Vice Chairman Siegel, aye; Hudgins, aye; Nixon, aye; Chairman Reynolds, aye; Tanner, aye.

Chairman Reynolds moved to approve the Limited License for the Virginia Gold Cup Association for 2022. The motion seconded by Vice Chairman Siegel and the vote was as

follows: Vice Chairman Siegel, aye; Hudgins, aye; Nixon, aye; Chairman Reynolds, aye; Tanner, aye.

Vice Chairman Siegel moved to approve the racing officials for the Virginia Gold Cup races. The motion seconded by Commissioner Hudgins and the vote was as follows: Vice Chairman Siegel, aye; Hudgins, aye; Nixon, aye; Chairman Reynolds, aye; Tanner, aye.

Commissioner Hudgins moved to approve the VHBPA's Benevolence Budget for 2022. The motion seconded by Commissioner Nixon and the vote was as follows: Vice Chairman Siegel, aye; Hudgins, aye; Nixon, aye; Chairman Reynolds, aye; Tanner, aye.

Commissioner Nixon moved to approve the VHBPA's Withdrawal of Administrative Costs from the Horsemen's Purse Account. The motion seconded by Commissioner Hudgins and the vote was as follows: Vice Chairman Siegel, aye; Hudgins, aye; Nixon, aye; Chairman Reynolds, aye; Tanner, aye.

Jeb Hannum, Executive Director, gave a brief description of the Virginia Equine Alliance (VEA).

Debbie Easter, Executive Director, gave a brief description of the Virginia Thoroughbred Association (VTA).

Frank Petramalo, Executive Director, gave a brief description of the Virginia Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association (VHBPA).

Dr. William Allison, Chairman, gave a brief description of the Virginia Gold Cup Association (VGCA).

Debbie Warnick, Executive Director, gave a brief description of the Virginia Harness Horse Association (VHHA).

John Marshall, Executive Vice President of Operations, gave a brief description of Colonial Downs Group (CDG) and an update on plans for live racing in 2022.

William Carstanjen, CEO of Churchill Downs Incorporated introduced himself and gave a brief synopsis of what is to come for future racing in Virginia.

With no further business set forth on the agenda, Chairman Siegel moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:29 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hudgins and the vote was as follows: Vice Chairman Siegel, aye; Hudgins, aye; Nixon, aye; Chairman Reynolds, aye; Tanner, aye.