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**P R O C E E D I N G S**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023 (10:00 a.m.)

AGENDA ITEM 1

CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. It's 10:02 and we're going to start the February 10th Bingo Advisory Committee meeting at the Texas Lottery Commission.

AGENDA ITEM 2 and 3

CHAIRMAN SMITH: We will start off with the American Pledge, and then the Texas Pledge. So, Emile.

(Pledges recited)

AGENDA ITEM 4

CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. We'll go ahead and do the roll call. Jason Pohl.

MR. POHL: Here.

CHAIRMAN SMITH: Tommy Duncan.

MR. DUNCAN: Here.

CHAIRMAN SMITH: Veronica.

MS. URIEGAS: Here.

CHAIRMAN SMITH: Melodye.

MS. GREEN: Here.

CHAIRMAN SMITH: Corey.

MR. HARRIS: Here.

CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Emile.

MR. BOURGOYNE: I'm here.

CHAIRMAN SMITH: Michael.

1 (No response)

2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Is Michael online? No luck?

3 MR. DUNCAN: I thought he was going to be  
4 here.

5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. He might try to dial  
6 in here shortly. And of course, we are short one BAC member  
7 today. Our beloved Will Martin who we lost on January the  
8 6th. In addition to his BAC duties, he was Commander of  
9 American Legion Post 166 and the Executive Director for  
10 Texans of Charitable Bingo. Will will be sorely missed. He  
11 was definitely a friend and a confidant to all who knew him,  
12 so he will be missed.

13 AGENDA ITEM 5

14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Moving on to number five,  
15 meeting minutes from December the 8th, 2022. We have any  
16 public comment on that?

17 (No response)

18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: None? None. Okay.

19 Anybody want to --

20 MR. DUNCAN: Make a motion to accept them as  
21 they are.

22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Tommy made a motion to  
23 accept the meeting minutes from December 8th as written.

24 MR. POHL: I'll second.

25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All in favor?

1 (Chorus of 'ayes')

2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any opposed?

3 (No response)

4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Meeting minutes  
5 are approved.

6 AGENDA ITEM 6

7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Number six, website review;  
8 Corey Harris. I know we had spoke about this last time. I  
9 know that the staff is going through some internal stuff  
10 dealing with the website stuff, and they have asked us to  
11 hold onto that until they get some stuff situated on their  
12 end. But we're going to keep that on the agenda until we get  
13 word from staff that we can proceed on that.

14 (Pause)

15 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Oh, is it this microphone?  
16 I'm sorry. Yes, Trace. Thank you. Could I see by a show of  
17 hands when you all are accessing the website and also Emile  
18 and Corey, because I can see you on camera, and then making  
19 comments, are you accessing it on your cell phones? Show of  
20 hands; anybody?

21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Both.

22 MS. CASTAÑUELA: I know it looks different on  
23 the phone.

24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yeah, both.

25 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Okay. All right. Because

7  
1 I'm always accessing --

2 MR. HARRIS: I access the website both ways.  
3 I have looked at it via a web browser on both a Mac browser  
4 as well as a PC browser.

5 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Uh-huh.

6 MR. HARRIS: And I've observed it from my  
7 phone, which is an Apple product. So I don't know what it  
8 looks like on an Android phone, but I've tried to take a look  
9 at it in a few different ways.

10 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Right, right. I've also been  
11 asked to clarify that we have -- we think of it really as two  
12 websites; the txbingo.org, I guess, and then the BSP that you  
13 access through the Charitable Bingo website, the Charitable  
14 Bingo website being sort of for everybody and then of course  
15 the BSP for license holders and industry folks.

16 So, with that, that's all. I just wanted to  
17 make those couple of comments and let --

18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Cool.

19 MS. CASTAÑUELA: -- you know I'm still working  
20 on it. Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Thank you, ma'am.  
22 Appreciate that very much.

23 MR. HARRIS: And Trace, if I can say one thing  
24 to that. I think we're in agreement that the website is  
25 broken to service two different facets. And that's why

1 perhaps when you log on, if there was just a single landing  
2 page that directed either towards the public side or the  
3 private side, we could eliminate the two having to commingle  
4 with each other. Having public -- members of the public  
5 having to rifle through all the information that only  
6 pertains to the professional side and vice versa.

7 So in a way, you can kind of split those two,  
8 keep them under the same website, but direct the traffic to  
9 two different ways.

10 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Gotcha. Thank you, Corey.  
11 We appreciate that. Moving on. Any other comment on that  
12 item from anyone?

13 (No response)

14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Nope? All right.

15 AGENDA ITEM 7

16 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Moving on, number seven,  
17 Shutter Card Bingo Systems. Kim Kiplin, did you want to  
18 update us on your progress on that?

19 MS. KIPLIN: Good morning.

20 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Morning.

21 MS. KIPLIN: Excuse me, I'm recovering from a  
22 little bit of allergies. Appreciate you putting this on the  
23 agenda item; just want to update you.

24 First of all, my name's Kimberly Kiplin. I'm  
25 an attorney here in Austin, Texas. I represented three



1 distributors in the petition for rulemaking to have the  
2 Shutter Card Bingo rules proposed and then hopefully adopted.  
3 It's been a pretty -- a kind of a long process, but that's  
4 good. It gave everybody an opportunity to take a look at the  
5 rules, understand the concept.

6           The Commission did vote to propose those rules  
7 and the proposed rules were published in I believe it was the  
8 December 23rd, 2022 Texas Register for issue public comment.  
9 And the public comment period is now closed. There was  
10 public comment. I put on public comment on behalf of the  
11 petitioners and the Texas Department of VFW also submitted  
12 comment. That -- as far as I know, that's the only two  
13 comments. Both of those comments were in support of moving  
14 forward to adopt the rules as drafted by the staff.

15           And I'm here today to say that we still  
16 continue to support the proposed rules as drafted by the  
17 staff and would respectfully request that the Bingo Advisory  
18 Committee recommend to the Commission to move forward to  
19 adopt those rules. They are on the agenda for the February  
20 15th Texas Lottery Commission meeting for consideration to  
21 adopt.

22           And with that, I'm happy to answer any  
23 questions.

24           CHAIRMAN SMITH: Excellent. So just going  
25 back when you originally presented this and the BAC looked at

1 it, we voted to support the rules as written. Tyler, do we  
2 need to redo that now that the public comment period is over?

3 MR. VANCE: Yes, I think so, because you'll be  
4 asked tomorrow or you should present tomorrow the BAC's  
5 opinion on whether the Commission should adopt the rules now.

6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay.

7 MR. VANCE: So the BAC should take a vote as  
8 to their position to support or not support it.

9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Excellent. Okay. So I'll go  
10 ahead and make a motion if that's all right with everyone,  
11 that the BAC votes to adopt the rules as written and has come  
12 through the public comment period for the Shutter Card Bingo  
13 Systems.

14 MR. DUNCAN: And I'll second it; Tommy Duncan.

15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Tommy second. All right.  
16 We've got a second. All in favor?

17 (Chorus of 'ayes')

18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any opposed?

19 (No response)

20 MS. KIPLIN: Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Thank you. Thank  
22 you, Kim. Good luck tomorrow.

23 AGENDA ITEM 8

24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Number eight,  
25 discussion on upcoming legislation. Steve Bresnen, Steve

1 Fenoglio.

2 MR. BRESNEN: Good morning, everybody. Steve  
3 Bresnen on behalf of the Bingo Interest Group and thank y'all  
4 for your service, both those here and afar. Thanks for  
5 serving on the BAC.

6 There are two bills that relate directly to  
7 Charitable Bingo. One is House Bill 431 by Chairwoman  
8 Senfronia Thompson, and the other is Senate Bill 643 by  
9 Senator Judith Zaffirini.

10 These bills are the same as they were last  
11 session as they came out of the Senate Committee last  
12 session. If you recall, the bills died. There was kind of a  
13 melee that killed a whole lot of bills right at the last  
14 time. It was not because there was anything wrong with the  
15 bill that it failed.

16 There's one change in the bill from last  
17 session. Instead of having a \$3,500 cap on regular bingo  
18 prizes per occasion, we've put 5,000 in the bill this time  
19 and there will be a change. There's a section that was in  
20 the bill last time to help address the pandemic and the times  
21 where rent was incurred and people had no revenue to pay it  
22 and allowed the lessors to go back and get that rent without  
23 regard to the limits on rent. I think in consultation with  
24 the agency, and Senator Zaffirini's office and Representative  
25 Thompson's office, I think we've all concluded that that ship

1 has sailed and we're -- time this bill became effective in  
2 September, the utility of that provision would probably be  
3 done. So that'll come out.

4 More generally, in general environment that  
5 bingo might have to conduct business in, there's a couple of  
6 sports betting bills, one by Representative Leach and one by  
7 Senator Kolckhorst. Those would not become effective unless  
8 there's a constitutional amendment passed to authorize it.  
9 There's a casino gaming bill that's filed by Representative  
10 Charlie Geren that would have a limited number of racetrack  
11 connected casinos. And now that I'm talking, I'm going to  
12 leave out something. There's one more I'm leaving out.

13 But bottom line is those things -- House  
14 committees just got appointed the last couple days and so  
15 bills have not even been started to be referred yet. Over in  
16 the House, the committee that's had oversight of charitable  
17 bingo, Licensing and Administrative Procedures, is going to  
18 be chaired by Representative Ken King from Canadian; is an  
19 outstanding guy and we have friends of bingo on that  
20 committee.

21 Over in the House, Senator Bryan Hughes will  
22 continue to chair the State Affairs Committee, expected  
23 legislation would go there in the Senate. Also a favorable  
24 committee.

25 I think that's the extent of it, unless I'm

1 leaving something out. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Anybody, questions or  
3 comments?

4 (No response)

5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Nope.

6 MR. BRESNEN: Thank you for your time.

7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you, Steve.

8 AGENDA ITEM 9

9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Moving on to  
10 number nine on the agenda, discussion on chairperson and  
11 operator training; Michael Anastasio. Did Michael ever get  
12 on? Didn't make it. Okay. I guess we'll go ahead and move  
13 that down and we'll put that on the next meeting's agenda if  
14 Michael can't be here.

15 I did speak with Michael about that briefly.  
16 He had very positive things to say about it, so that's a good  
17 thing.

18 AGENDA ITEM 10

19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Moving on to  
20 number ten, old business. Anybody have any old business we  
21 need to discuss?

22 (No response)

23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Any public comment for  
24 old business?

25 (No response)

1 AGENDA ITEM 11

2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. New business. We do  
3 need to reopen the nominations for the Bingo Advisory  
4 Committee because Will is no longer with us. We will make  
5 that ask of the Commissioners tomorrow -- or next week at the  
6 Commission meeting. How long would it be before people would  
7 be able to start applying for that? Do we need to wait till  
8 after the Commission meeting?

9 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yeah?

11 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Yes. You'll ask the  
12 Commissioners to reopen nominations. They'll direct me to do  
13 so, and then I'm already working with staff on that  
14 paperwork. I hope to get it out within a week after the  
15 meeting. We do have a holiday in there. And then that'll be  
16 a director's message that goes to everybody, an email blast  
17 with a link to the nomination form. Nomination form will be  
18 online, so I hope that'll be soon after the Commission  
19 meeting next week.

20 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Gotcha.

21 MS. GREEN: Trace?

22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yes, Melodye.

23 MS. GREEN: What position did he hold in the  
24 BAC?

25 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Conductor.

1 MS. GREEN: Was it charity lessor or charity  
2 rep or?

3 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Conductor.

4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I think it was charity rep.

5 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Yes.

6 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Charity rep.

7 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Yes.

8 MS. GREEN: Charity rep. Okay.

9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: So -- all right. Thank you.  
10 Any other new business? Do we need to -- oh, Steve?

11 MR. FENOGLIO: Hi, Stephen Fenoglio. I'm an  
12 attorney in Austin. I would suggest that there be a  
13 presentation by staff on audits. I think I know how the  
14 audits are done, but when I've dealt with charities --

15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I think somebody's typing on  
16 their computer.

17 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: It's Corey. If you could  
18 ask him to mute.

19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Oh, Corey, can you mute,  
20 please, sir? It's -- for some reason it's coming --

21 MR. HARRIS: Oh, I thought I was muted.

22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. We're getting some  
23 background noise from someone.

24 MR. FENOGLIO: I'll try again. So, I think I  
25 know how the audits work, but when I've visited with

1 individual charities, conductors, they're puzzled by the  
2 requests sometimes. Why do they go back? Why do they only  
3 ask for three items, et cetera? And I think it would be  
4 helpful, transparency, to just explain the process.

5 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Here? In this meeting?

6 MR. FENOGLIO: In a BAC meeting.

7 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Okay. Okay.

8 MR. FENOGLIO: That's my suggestion.

9 MS. CASTAÑUELA: All right. Okay. I'll work  
10 with staff and figure out when we can do that, Trace, and --

11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay.

12 MS. CASTAÑUELA: -- get with you on putting it  
13 on the agenda. Thank you, Steve.

14 MS. URIEGAS: I have a question. There's  
15 several different kind of audits. So are you talking in one  
16 specific?

17 MR. FENOGLIO: I would suggest all forms; the  
18 formal audit and then the book review.

19 MS. URIEGAS: Desk review, the --

20 MR. FENOGLIO: Desk review -- yes.

21 MS. URIEGAS: Receipts review. And there's  
22 another one.

23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Full blown?

24 MS. URIEGAS: No, there's one more. I can't  
25 remember what it is. There -- okay. There's a list of them,



1 so we'll get it.

2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Gotcha. All right. Okay.

3 MR. BRESNEN: Trace?

4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yes, sir.

5 MR. BRESNEN: May I supplement my report?

6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yes, sir.

7 MR. BRESNEN: I left a couple things out.

8 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay.

9 MR. BRESNEN: First of all, I forgot to thank  
10 staff and for all the work we've done together over the  
11 years, including the legislative folks and all that. It's  
12 been a fantastic working relationship. We've made some  
13 changes at their request and vice versa. So, appreciate you  
14 and both of y'all fantastic job and I really appreciate it.

15 We received a request from Travis County.  
16 There's some language; you recall, a few sessions back we  
17 gave political subdivisions an option to drop out of the  
18 prize fee and allow that money to go to the charities  
19 conducting bingo within that political subdivision. And  
20 that's all done.

21 And the language was a little confusing. And  
22 so working with staff, that language has been rewritten in  
23 order to affect the legislative intent, which was indicated  
24 in a letter from the bill sponsor to the agency. This has  
25 been several years ago.

1           So Travis County reached out again this time  
2 and wanted to know, would the -- what effect would this new  
3 language have on their receipt of prize fees? And it turned  
4 out that the agency and the bill sponsor's office  
5 collaborated and -- or cooperated with each other and a  
6 letter was issued or an email or some communication to the  
7 representative that it would be status quo. So whatever  
8 Travis or any other county's getting now, they would continue  
9 to get. Of course, they can always opt out. So don't stop  
10 lobbying in your area.

11           But the bottom line is, if you get any  
12 questions from the political subdivisions in your area, if  
13 they're getting it now, they would continue to get it under  
14 this bill.

15           CHAIRMAN SMITH: Excellent. Thank you.  
16 Melodye?

17           MS. GREEN: I have a question. If I  
18 understand, you said that the counties now or cities now can  
19 vote to give the money to the charities. It's not a you had  
20 to do it right then, you can do it at any time?

21           MR. BRESNEN: That's correct.

22           CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yes.

23           MS. GREEN: All right.

24           CHAIRMAN SMITH: But I --

25           MS. GREEN: We do get it and it's really nice.

1 I mean, it's quite a --

2 MR. BRESNEN: Well, you were the -- you were  
3 one of the models. Those and the guys down in Harris County,  
4 I believe --

5 MS. GREEN: That's right.

6 MR. BRESNEN: -- those -- it's -- basically  
7 it's a player contribution to the charity.

8 MS. GREEN: Oh, it's huge.

9 MR. BRESNEN: Percentage to the local  
10 government, so --

11 MS. GREEN: Uh-huh.

12 MR. DUNCAN: It was huge in Harris County.

13 MR. BRESNEN: Yeah.

14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yes.

15 MR. DUNCAN: Eight hundred thousand.

16 MR. BRESNEN: It's a big deal.

17 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Wow.

18 MR. BRESNEN: That's a lot of money, so.

19 MS. GREEN: Yeah, we just got the city, but  
20 it's massive. The city money has just -- has been --

21 MR. BRESNEN: Of course, local governments and  
22 we represent a couple of them, they're strapped for money and  
23 --

24 MS. GREEN: Right.

25 MR. BRESNEN: -- they've got lots of

1 considerations and lots of demands with a fast growing  
2 population. On the other hand, this source of revenue is a  
3 small source of revenue in the scheme of things. And sales  
4 taxes are way up, revenues for most political subdivisions  
5 are way up as a result. And so, you know, it's -- I'd  
6 encourage you to assess your ability to go to your local  
7 governments with your organizations and then put it on their  
8 radar, because you might very well get surprised.

9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you, Steve.

10 MR. BRESNEN: Appreciate it.

11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Michael, how are you, sir?

12 MR. ANASTASIO: Lost in Austin.

13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Lost in Austin. Don't feel  
14 bad, sir.

15 MR. ANASTASIO: Thirty-five minutes I've been  
16 driving around this building, couldn't find my way in.

17 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Are you -- so are you ready  
18 to do your agenda item or do you need a minute, sir?

19 MR. ANASTASIO: Oh, yes, sir. Yes, sir. I'm  
20 fine.

21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Pardon?

22 MR. ANASTASIO: Yes, I'm fine.

23 AGENDA ITEM 9

24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Floor's yours, sir.

25 MR. ANASTASIO: Okay. What we had was over

1 the past five or six months we stood up in auxiliary bingo  
2 and since none of the auxiliary officers knew who was going  
3 to be chairperson, bookkeeper, any of that kind of stuff,  
4 every one of them took the required bingo training. I think  
5 that was 16 folks --

6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Wow.

7 MR. ANASTASIO: -- plus one from the VFW who's  
8 coming on to our operations. Every one of them thought the  
9 training was really informative and really good. One lady  
10 who's been a paralegal for about 35 or 40 years, she read the  
11 Bingo Enabling Act, the rules, and she said she was bored.  
12 But she already knew everything that was in it by the time  
13 she was sitting in front of it. So, I mean, that makes a  
14 little bit of sense.

15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Sure.

16 MR. ANASTASIO: I did have a few people  
17 request a workbook, something that they could refer to rather  
18 than just going back to the training. I had one person who  
19 was our chairman who said that when they got the in-person  
20 training, that the in-person training provided a workbook for  
21 them. So I -- that's the only suggestion that I heard come  
22 out of it. All the reviews were pretty darn good, and  
23 they've already started their operation. I think they've  
24 run, as of this past Tuesday, they've run four bingo sessions  
25 clearing between one and \$2,000 a session and stuff. So, I

1 mean, I -- net profit.

2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Awesome.

3 MS. GREEN: Two thousand is good.

4 MR. ANASTASIO: After everything and stuff.

5 And it's picking up, because we used to only do bingo on the  
6 last two Tuesdays of the month, which was inconsistent. Now  
7 they do it every Tuesday of the month, and we're seeing their  
8 numbers increase a little bit at a time.

9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Good.

10 MR. ANASTASIO: That's all I got unless  
11 somebody's got questions.

12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Well, I can certainly say  
13 that the -- it -- back in -- and Melodye, you can probably  
14 verify this for me. Back in the old days when we had the  
15 in-person operator training, it's definitely come a long way  
16 since those days. It's definitely a lot better than it has  
17 been in the past. And I know staff's worked hard on that, so  
18 we do appreciate that.

19 I think as far as a workbook that you're  
20 talking about, I think that it --

21 MR. DUNCAN: It had the BAC --

22 MS. URIEGAS: It was --

23 MR. DUNCAN: It had the Bingo Enabling Act and  
24 the administrative rules in it is what it was.

25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yeah. Yeah.

1 MS. URIEGAS: Well, but there was a workbook  
2 that they handed out that was just a copy of the sides, slide  
3 shows, and it just had every single word typed out. I think  
4 I still have one.

5 MR. DUNCAN: You're right. They did -- they  
6 did give one.

7 MS. URIEGAS: And it's about this thick, and  
8 it's just the same --

9 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Dallas office didn't get  
10 that.

11 MR. DUNCAN: What you see online is in the  
12 book.

13 MS. URIEGAS: Yeah. What you see online is in  
14 the book.

15 MS. GREEN: Right.

16 MS. URIEGAS: So I'm wondering if that's what  
17 they're referring to.

18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I bet that is.

19 MR. ANASTASIO: If you can point me to it, I  
20 can download it in print version.

21 MS. URIEGAS: It's very big. It's a lot.

22 MS. GREEN: Yeah, it's huge.

23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yeah, it's huge.

24 MS. URIEGAS: It's like this thick.

25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yeah, it's like a novel.

1 MS. URIEGAS: Yeah.

2 MS. CASTAÑUELA: I know that people make a  
3 request for that, open records request. Michael, I thought I  
4 made a note about that, that I failed to follow up on when we  
5 talked the other day. But Angelica Navarro is here from my  
6 staff and we can talk to her before you leave.

7 I -- we had talked about maybe putting it  
8 online, but it changes when the law changes and when the  
9 rules change, and so that's a little tricky. But we can  
10 certainly figure out how to get you a copy. Okay.

11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: But you can print out the  
12 administrative rules and --

13 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Oh, absolutely. Yes.

14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: So yeah, so you're good with  
15 --

16 MS. CASTAÑUELA: There are links to that  
17 online.

18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yeah.

19 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Yes.

20 CHAIRMAN SMITH: You're good there. Okay.

21 MS. CASTAÑUELA: For the paralegal.

22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yeah, if you have a ream of  
23 paper, right?

24 MS. GREEN: I was asking Michael, they're  
25 asking about a workbook. Are they asking you how to fill out



1 the paperwork daily or just the basic laws; can I do this or  
2 can I do that?

3 MR. ANASTASIO: I think it's just the basic  
4 laws, the slide deck --

5 MS. GREEN: Basic laws, okay.

6 MR. ANASTASIO: -- that they sit through and  
7 stuff.

8 MS. GREEN: Right, right.

9 MR. ANASTASIO: And I've already printed out  
10 for them the Bingo Enabling Act and the --

11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Administrative rules?

12 MR. ANASTASIO: -- administrative rules.

13 MS. GREEN: Yeah. Yeah.

14 MR. ANASTASIO: So they have that for  
15 reference.

16 MS. GREEN: Uh-huh.

17 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Awesome. Okey dokey. So we  
18 kind of got off track a little bit there.

19 AGENDA ITEM 11

20 CHAIRMAN SMITH: We're going to skip back down  
21 to number eleven, new business. Was there any other public  
22 comment on new business?

23 (No response)

24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: No? If not, carry on.

25 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Trace, I had one more thing

1 that I just wanted to let the committee know. We have in  
2 fact published online our user manuals for quarterly reports  
3 for how to post your quarterly reports on the BSP. So I had  
4 promised that I can't even tell you how many months ago.  
5 It's been through lots and lots of revisions. They are very  
6 detailed. They have screenshots, nice big red arrows to show  
7 you the fields that you're supposed to look to. When you go  
8 to the website, there is a link at the top for publications.  
9 If you click on that and then scroll down to publications,  
10 you'll find those user manuals.

11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Awesome.

12 MS. CASTAÑUELA: They're up there for every  
13 license type.

14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Excellent. The only other --

15 MS. CASTAÑUELA: And there will be an email  
16 blast soon.

17 CHAIRMAN SMITH: -- new business that I wanted  
18 to ask was I think I saw on the Commissioners' agenda that  
19 they're going to talk about the COVID relief. I know we're  
20 still under the governor's order.

21 MS. CASTAÑUELA: I didn't see that.

22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Are we still or did I -- I  
23 may have misread that.

24 MS. CASTAÑUELA: I didn't see that.

25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I was just wondering, I know

1 we're still under the governor's orders for the COVID relief  
2 deal.

3 MS. CASTAÑUELA: I know we have a current  
4 order. I just got that update from Angelica a couple of days  
5 ago, but I don't -- I did not know that there was something  
6 at the -- on the Commission agenda about it.

7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I may have misread that. I  
8 may be looking -- I may have looked at an old agenda or  
9 something. I'm technologically challenged sometimes. So, I  
10 was just curious. I know we had talked in the past about the  
11 the waivers and the stuff like that. Is -- any -- we still  
12 status quo on that?

13 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Yes.

14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Wonderful.

15 MR. VANCE: Yeah, it appears so. The last  
16 order from the governor's office is October 11th.

17 MS. CASTAÑUELA: No, no. There was one in  
18 January.

19 MR. VANCE: No.

20 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Yes.

21 MR. VANCE: I don't see it on there.

22 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: January 15th.

23 MS. CASTAÑUELA: January 15th.

24 MR. VANCE: So, yeah, as long as there's still  
25 a governor's order the --

1 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Every 30 days.

2 MR. VANCE: -- waivers can still be granted.

3 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Uh-huh.

4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Awesome. Thank  
5 you. All right. Anything else?

6 (No response)

7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right.

8 AGENDA ITEM 12

9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: We're going to set the date  
10 for the next meeting.

11 MS. CASTAÑUELA: So the next Commission  
12 meeting is for April 13th, and then we have this room  
13 scheduled for the BAC meeting on April 12th.

14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Sounds good to me. It's a  
15 lot easier to do them back to back. That way I'm not here  
16 two separate weeks.

17 MS. CASTAÑUELA: The only -- yeah, the only  
18 problem in the past has been --

19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Right.

20 MS. CASTAÑUELA: -- you know, the reservation  
21 of this room.

22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Sure.

23 MS. CASTAÑUELA: But I think we've got it now  
24 for the rest of the year.

25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Well, I just -- I personally

1 want to say thank you for trying to accommodate --

2 MS. CASTAÑUELA: We're trying.

3 CHAIRMAN SMITH: -- for that. That's huge.

4 MS. CASTAÑUELA: I know.

5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: So definitely thank you very  
6 much.

7 MS. GREEN: Wednesday, April 12th?

8 MS. CASTAÑUELA: I'll pass it along.

9 MR. HARRIS: Could you repeat the dates,  
10 please?

11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: April 12th for the BAC  
12 meeting, and then April 13th for the Commission meeting.

13 MR. HARRIS: Thank you.

14 MS. CASTAÑUELA: 10:00 for both.

15 MS. GREEN: Wednesday and Thursday.

16 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Pardon?

17 MS. GREEN: Wednesday and Thursday.

18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yes.

19 MS. URIEGAS: Is the Commission meeting here  
20 as well?

21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yes. And we're -- at 10:00  
22 a.m., correct?

23 MS. CASTAÑUELA: Yes. Both of them --

24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Excellent.

25 MS. CASTAÑUELA: -- 10:00.

1                   CHAIRMAN SMITH: Anybody have any issues with  
2 that?

3                   MS. GREEN: Beats Friday.

4                   CHAIRMAN SMITH: Pardon?

5                   MS. GREEN: Beats Friday.

6                   CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yeah.

7                   MR. BOURGOYNE: I'm good.

8                   CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. All right. Excellent.

9 We -- the date is set.

10                                   AGENDA ITEM 13

11                   CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. It is now 10:30  
12 and we will call this meeting adjourned. Thank you very  
13 much, everyone.

14                   (Meeting adjourned)

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