

1 BEFORE THE
2 TEXAS RACING COMMISSION
3 AUSTIN, TEXAS

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9 COMMISSION MEETING
10 APRIL 14, 2015

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20 BE IT REMEMBERED that the above entitled matter
21 came on for hearing on the 14th day of April, 2015,
22 beginning at 10:30 A.M. at 2105 Kramer Lane, Austin,
23 Travis County, Texas, and the following proceedings
24 were reported by SHERRI SANTMAN FISHER, Certified
25 Shorthand Reporter for the State of Texas.

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Commissioners: ROBERT SCHMIDT
 RONALD F. EDERER
 MIKE MARTIN
 GLORIA HICKS
 GARY P. ABER
 JOHN T. STEEN, III
 JONATHAN STEINBERG
 A. CYNTHIA LEON

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1 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Good morning and
2 welcome. It's 10:30.

3 Mary Welch, will you please call the
4 roll?

5 MS. WELCH: Chairman Robert Schmidt?

6 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Here.

7 MS. WELCH: Commissioner Ron Ederer?

8 VICE-CHAIRMAN EDERER: Present.

9 MS. WELCH: Commissioner Gloria Hicks?

10 COMMISSIONER HICKS: Present.

11 MS. WELCH: Commissioner Michael Martin?

12 COMMISSIONER MARTIN: Here.

13 MS. WELCH: Commissioner Vicki Weinberg?

14 Commissioner Gary Aber?

15 COMMISSIONER ABER: Here.

16 MS. WELCH: Commissioner John Steen?

17 COMMISSIONER STEEN: Here.

18 MS. WELCH: Commissioner Cynthia Leon?

19 MS. LEON: Here.

20 MS. WELCH: Commissioner Jonathan

21 Steinberg?

22 MR. STEINBERG: Here.

23 MS. WELCH: We have a quorum.

24 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Thank you. Thank
25 you.

1 Public comment. Devon, do we have any
2 public comment?

3 MS. BIJANSKY: I've received no cards on
4 any agenda item. If anyone has any, if you'd bring
5 them to me.

6 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: An omen for a quiet
7 meeting. Great.

8 General business, budget and finance
9 update. Ms. Courtney, our director of finance and
10 procurement, can you give us an update? Thank you.

11 MS. COURTNEY: Good morning,
12 Commissioners. My name is Adrienne Courtney and I'm
13 the director of finance and procurement.

14 On pages seven and eight of your agenda
15 packet you will find the agency's fiscal year 2015
16 operating budget reflecting revenue collection and
17 expenditures as of February 28th. With 50 percent of
18 the year completed, the agency has collected 5.4
19 million or 57 percent of projected revenue and has
20 spent 3.8 million or 42 percent of our budgeted
21 expenditures. We are well within our budget
22 constraints for the year.

23 If you have any questions, I'd be happy
24 to answer them.

25 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Any questions of the

1 Commissioners of Ms. Courtney?

2 Thank you very much and welcome.

3 MS. COURTNEY: Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Wagering statistics.

5 Ms. Smith?

6 MS. SMITH: Good morning. My name is

7 Lila Smith. I am the director of pari-mutuel.

8 On pages nine through 11 of your agenda
9 packet you will find the statistics report for periods
10 of January 1st through April 5th for both 2014 and
11 2015. The report reflects total wagering activity for
12 2015 has increased at greyhound tracks by 4.55 percent
13 and has increased at horse tracks by 2.07 percent.
14 Total wagering placed in Texas has decreased by 3.89
15 percent.

16 Do you have any questions?

17 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Any questions of

18 Lila?

19 Thank you, Lila. Thank you very much.

20 Jim Blodgett, director of investigations,
21 enforcement report, sir?

22 MR. BLODGETT: Good morning,

23 Commissioners.

24 Commissioners, Sam Houston Race Park's
25 winter Thoroughbred meet began on January 16th, 2015,

1 and ran through March 10th. It's now transitioned into
2 its spring Quarter Horse meet and runs until May 16th.
3 Gulf Greyhound Park continued to run live as well
4 during this reporting period.

5 For the Sam Houston Thoroughbred meet,
6 TVMDL reported a total of three positives, which were
7 one Clenbuterol, two bute overages. No drug positives
8 were reported for Gulf Greyhound during this same
9 reporting period.

10 Agency investigative activities during
11 this period have included investigation on racehorse
12 drug positives, human drug violations, ineligible
13 licensees, conduct violations, contraband, minor
14 medication violations, trainer and jockey infractions,
15 and the lawful -- unlawful influence of race outcome by
16 jockey Roman Chapa.

17 As a result of the enforcement case
18 against Mr. Chapa, the Sam Houston Race Park Board of
19 Stewards issued a five-year suspension and
20 25,000-dollar fine; but due to the seriousness of the
21 offense and violation, Executive Director Trout has
22 modified the fine in this case to a hundred thousand
23 and the case currently remains under appeal.

24 Racetrack inspections during this period
25 of time were conducted at Sam Houston Race Park, Gulf

1 Greyhound, Lone Star Park, Gulf Coast Racing, Retama
2 Park, Valley Greyhound, and the Gillespie County Race
3 Barn. Staff, working closely with the associations,
4 was able to resolve many deficiencies. However, as
5 enumerated within your agenda packet, several
6 inspection issues still remain unresolved at this
7 time. Staff continues to work closely with the
8 associations on all these outstanding issues.

9 I'd be happy to answer any questions you
10 may have.

11 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Just one --
12 Mr. Vice-Chair? After you, sir.

13 VICE-CHAIRMAN EDERER: What is the status
14 of any criminal complaint filed against Chapa?

15 MR. BLODGETT: The Harris County District
16 Attorney's office has currently the charges filed --
17 the felony charges filed against Mr. Chapa on the
18 unlawful race outcome as well as lying to investigators
19 which is also a felony.

20 VICE-CHAIRMAN EDERER: Has he actually
21 been indicted?

22 MR. BLODGETT: Yes.

23 VICE-CHAIRMAN EDERER: Okay. Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: When Director Trout
25 increased the fine, is that the maximum permitted

1 fine?

2 MR. BLODGETT: Yes, it is.

3 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: So the maximum
4 penalty.

5 MR. BLODGETT: Yes.

6 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Any further
7 questions?

8 COMMISSIONER ABER: How is the Houston
9 meet going now with the horses?

10 MR. BLODGETT: We've received our first
11 flood of positives, if you accept that, from the first
12 couple of weekends. It seems that Clenbuterol is
13 showing up again rather quickly in this horse meet.
14 We've also received a couple of positives for
15 Zilpaterol which we're currently working out.

16 COMMISSIONER ABER: Let me ask you
17 something like on Zilpaterol. Is -- what are we
18 doing -- being as you can take a horse off of that too
19 late before a race and they don't test positive, what
20 are we doing to correct that? Are we going to be able
21 to check out-of-competition testing? And what are we
22 doing? Are we doing anything like compared to
23 California like when they make the finals to a trial
24 that they have the horse -- have to have the horses
25 there? What's our approach?

1 MR. BLODGETT: Commissioner, that may be
2 a question more appropriately answered by Dr. Quirk.

3 COMMISSIONER ABER: Okay.

4 MR. QUIRK: Okay. Yeah, that's a -- that
5 obviously is a concern. And I do think that the
6 Commission -- and Chuck, in fact, has discussed this
7 internally, that we're on a path to at least discuss
8 pursuing out-of-competition testing. It's an issue
9 that gets a little dicey in some areas and we need to
10 have a clear understanding of how to do it. But that's
11 really ultimately going to have to happen. That's the
12 only way you're going to stop this type thing.

13 COMMISSIONER ABER: Yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER MARTIN: Will that be able
15 to work if you have horses that are off-track and
16 horses that hauled in, though?

17 MR. QUIRK: That's a big problem for us
18 because they're scattered all over, particularly on the
19 Quarter Horse side. It's not uncommon for over half
20 the horses competing on a particular card to be
21 ship-ins. And that's going to be quite a challenge
22 actually. I'm not sure how best to address that. It's
23 going to take fairly substantial resources to do and
24 we'll have to see where those may lie, if they lie
25 anywhere near.

1 COMMISSIONER ABER: And so our
2 Clenbuterol, how is that? Isn't it a fact that
3 Louisiana is still allowing a good bit of Clenbuterol?
4 And are we going to -- are we thinking about doing the
5 hair testing with -- like California?

6 MR. QUIRK: Happily, Louisiana is on a
7 path, I'm told, to embrace and adopt the RMTCC
8 recommendations. If they do that, then they will be
9 aligned with us on Clenbuterol. I'm hopeful that that
10 will come about. The hair testing really is an effort
11 that's being put forth by AQHA, particularly for their
12 Grade 1 stakes. That's something that somewhere down
13 the road may become part of our effort, but it isn't
14 currently.

15 COMMISSIONER ABER: Let me ask you
16 something about the Federal case in Pennsylvania, about
17 the veterinarians that are getting penalties charged
18 against them. And the deal is that -- you know, most
19 everybody has read that and we passed it around to
20 everybody. Are we going to be able to get the Federal
21 Government to help us on a deal like that when only
22 you're supposed to give Lasix on race day and nothing
23 else?

24 MR. BLODGETT: I think when we do have a
25 clear-cut case, Commissioner, that we're obligated to

1 run that and see if we have any interest at our local
2 Federal prosecutor.

3 COMMISSIONER ABER: Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Any other questions of
5 Jim?

6 Thank you, Jim.

7 MR. TROUT: Mr. Chairman, I have one
8 additional item.

9 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Director Trout? Yes.

10 MR. TROUT: Dr. Quirk, our chief
11 veterinarian, who has been our chief veterinarian for
12 six years, will be stepping down this month, at the end
13 of this month. And it's a little bit -- not totally
14 unexpected, but we just haven't been able to get ready
15 to properly give him a farewell, so I'm hoping to do
16 that at the next Commission meeting.

17 He has served with quite distinction. He
18 has been just the greatest help to me. I just couldn't
19 have done a lot of what we've done in the area of drug
20 testing without him. He is just -- he, along with
21 Drs. Martin and Aber, have just done a splendid job of
22 getting us to where we need to be when it comes to the
23 drug testing. And like I say, I'm hopeful we'll be
24 able to say good-bye to him at a later meeting,
25 hopefully in June.

1 At this time, Dr. Severson, are you
2 here? Would you please stand?

3 Because of the short notice, I have
4 appointed Dr. Severson, who is one of our staff
5 veterinarians, as the interim chief veterinarian.
6 Dr. Severson is a graduate of LSU. She's worked on the
7 backside of the racetrack or with race animals in
8 Florida, Kentucky, and Louisiana, and she's been a
9 staff veterinarian with us now for about a year. She's
10 an outstanding employee. And she'll be assuming that
11 position at the end of this month.

12 Thank you, Dr. Severson.

13 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Thank you for that
14 update, Mr. Director.

15 I want to welcome Dr. Severson and just
16 state what a tremendous job Dr. Quirk has done for us,
17 invaluable. As you can tell from our proceedings, I
18 think you need to be a veterinarian and have a Ph.D. in
19 pharmacology to handle most of the issues now that come
20 before the Commission and -- a steady hand, insightful,
21 and just a great service to the State and we certainly
22 look forward to an opportunity to thank him formally.

23 MR. TROUT: Yes, sir.

24 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Moving on, proceedings
25 on racetracks, a request by Gulf Coast Racing for

1 approval of tote services agreement with United Tote
2 Company.

3 Mr. Fenner, can you lay out the request
4 for us, please, sir?

5 MR. FENNER: Yes, sir. Gulf Coast
6 Racing, which is the greyhound track in Corpus Christi,
7 has submitted a new tote contract with United Tote that
8 replaces their existing contract. This contract -- the
9 current contract expires on May 22nd; and this one, if
10 approved by the Commission, will take effect
11 retroactively back to May -- March 23rd of 2015.

12 Staff has reviewed the agreement and we
13 find it to be in compliance with the act and the rules
14 and recommend approval.

15 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: And, Devon, there's no
16 comment on this at all?

17 MS. BIJANSKY: No, sir.

18 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Great. Great.

19 Any discussion or questions by the
20 Commission?

21 If not, I'll certainly entertain a motion
22 to approve the totalisator services agreement between
23 Gulf Coast Racing and United Tote Company.

24 COMMISSIONER HICKS: I'll make the
25 motion.

1 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: A motion by
2 Commissioner Hicks.

3 VICE-CHAIRMAN EDERER: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Seconded by Vice-Chair
5 Ederer.

6 All those in favor signify by saying
7 aye.

8 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Anyone opposed?

10 That passes unanimously.

11 Item B, a request by Retama Park for
12 approval of tote services agreement with AmTote
13 International.

14 MR. FENNER: Yes, sir. Very similar to
15 the last agenda item, this is a new contract between
16 Retama Park and AmTote International. This, if
17 approved, will become effective as of March 12th.

18 We did review the contract. We had a
19 couple of minor observations and concerns about it
20 which we shared with the parties and they did make
21 amendments to the contract which we feel responds
22 adequately to our concerns. And so we recommend
23 approval of the contract as amended.

24 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Devon, any public
25 comment at all?

1 MS. BIJANSKY: No, sir.

2 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Nothing? Okay.

3 Great.

4 Any discussion or any questions by any of
5 the Commissioners?

6 I'll certainly entertain a motion to
7 approve the totalisator services agreement between
8 Retama Park and AmTote International.

9 COMMISSIONER STEEN: I'll make the
10 motion.

11 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: A motion made by
12 Commissioner Steen.

13 COMMISSIONER MARTIN: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Seconded by
15 Dr. Martin.

16 All those in favor signify by saying
17 aye.

18 MR. STEINBERG: Point of clarification,
19 if you don't mind. Could we amend that to make it
20 clear that it's as amended, approve the contract as
21 amended?

22 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Very good point.
23 Yes. The motion is to approve the totalisator services
24 agreement between Retama Park and AmTote International
25 as amended.

1 COMMISSIONER STEEN: Yes.

2 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Commissioner Steen and
3 Commissioner Martin.

4 Any further discussion?

5 All those in favor signify by saying
6 aye.

7 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Anyone opposed?

9 That's also passed unanimously.

10 Designation by the Commission of an
11 application period for race dates under Commission Rule
12 303.41. Mr. Fenner, can you lay this one out for us,
13 please?

14 MR. FENNER: Yes, sir. Every year the
15 Commission entertains applications for race dates; and
16 over the course of the past several years, the periods
17 for which it has considered race dates is the following
18 calendar year and the first eight months of the year
19 after that. In this case we're talking about calendar
20 year 2016 and the first eight months of 2017.

21 The period during which people would be
22 able to apply for those race dates under this
23 recommendation would be from May 1st through June
24 30th. During this period everybody would get
25 together. Hopefully the racetracks would come to an

1 agreement with the horsemen as to the dates that they
2 want and when they want them and how many dates and
3 then submit their requests and those requests would
4 then be considered by the Commission at its August and
5 sometimes, if follow-up is required, the October or
6 even December meeting.

7 But this is the first step in that
8 process and that is to open the application period.

9 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Okay. And there's no
10 public comment.

11 Any comments, questions by any of the
12 Commissioners?

13 Okay. Then I'll certainly entertain a
14 motion, again, to designate a race date application
15 period, the application period to begin on May 1st and
16 conclude on June 30th, 2015, and this will allow
17 racetracks to apply for race dates in the calendar year
18 of 2016 and the first eight months -- that's through
19 the end of August -- of 2017.

20 COMMISSIONER MARTIN: Motion to approve.

21 COMMISSIONER HICKS: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: A motion made by
23 Dr. Martin and seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

24 Any further discussion, questions,
25 concerns?

1 I'll call it to a vote. All those in
2 favor signify by saying aye.

3 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

4 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Anyone opposed?

5 That also passes unanimously.

6 Mr. Fenner, I do think we should take the
7 last two items together.

8 MR. FENNER: Yes, sir.

9 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: And for those, I think
10 everyone is aware, but Drew Alexander, one of the
11 co-owners of Saddle Brook, passed away unexpectedly
12 last week. I spoke with Lynn Alexander last week as
13 well. He was going to be here, but he's tending to
14 family issues. So if you could bring the -- just bring
15 us up to date on both items.

16 MR. FENNER: Yes, sir. Well, as you may
17 recall from the last Commission meeting, the issue came
18 up about the designation of Saddle Brook's license as
19 either active, in this case active-other, or whether
20 the Commission should change the designation to
21 active -- or to inactive.

22 As part of that process, Saddle Brook
23 Park representatives got up and said that they still
24 had an application for race dates pending. So we
25 have -- the Commission tabled it until this meeting so

1 that in conjunction with the designation issue, the
2 Commission could consider whether or not to grant race
3 dates. And Saddle Brook did request race dates in
4 2016, late in October. And at this point the issue is
5 whether or not you wish to grant race dates; and if you
6 do, then they would qualify for a designation as
7 active-other under the original designation criteria.

8 We did send a request for some
9 information. We've not received anything in response.
10 It could be connected to the death of Drew.

11 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Is anyone here from
12 Saddle Brook Park?

13 Okay. I think we can go forward.

14 I guess my own thoughts are as follows.
15 And I'll certainly follow the wishes of the
16 Commission. Saddle Brook did have a very active
17 license in the sense that they planned to build. They
18 built an off-track facility and ran it, invested money,
19 had plans. When they wanted to extend their off-track
20 facility, we denied them their request, which I think
21 was correct, but they were active.

22 Since that time, now their ownership --
23 while Mr. Alexander has been ill for some time, his
24 passing was unexpected at the time. I am inclined to
25 consider a motion to simply designate Saddle Brook's

1 license -- to basically table this and ask the
2 Commission to -- I can personally convey this or ask
3 the Commission to convey this to Mr. Alexander. That
4 will give them six months, to the fall, to present a
5 plan to us, what they're going to do going forward,
6 whether or not they want the race dates, solidify their
7 leadership structure and their executive structure, and
8 come back in the fall and then make a final decision at
9 that time unless someone else feels strongly.

10 VICE-CHAIRMAN EDERER: I make a motion to
11 table Section D and E in the proceedings of racetrack
12 concerning Saddle Brook.

13 COMMISSIONER MARTIN: I second.

14 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: A motion made by
15 Vice-Chair Ederer and seconded by Dr. Martin.

16 Anybody else have any questions,
17 concerns?

18 MS. LEON: Are we going to make a
19 decision next time?

20 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: I thought I'd give
21 them -- there's no urgency -- give them until the fall
22 and either up or down.

23 MS. LEON: The fall is like September or
24 October?

25 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Yeah. September,

1 October.

2 MS. LEON: What's our fall meeting?

3 Let's see. June --

4 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: June, August,
5 October.

6 MS. LEON: Let me do the math. Okay.
7 October to make that decision.

8 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Yeah. I think -- you
9 know, I think things have been unclear for them. I
10 think they were a very active license, however. They
11 had a plan. I think we're wise not to proceed with
12 their plan. But now I think their ownership structure
13 is disrupted and I think the Commission would be fair
14 to give them a chance to at least reorganize and go
15 forward.

16 COMMISSIONER STEEN: So they'd maintain
17 an active-other designation for the time being?

18 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Yes, sir.

19 MS. LEON: Now, inactive status would
20 require them to put more money forward? Is that it?

21 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Yes. Well, actually I
22 think -- no, I think it's more you have to maintain
23 active racing. Isn't that -- I'll defer to --

24 MR. FENNER: Yes, sir. Actually what the
25 rule about the fees say is in order to prorate the

1 annual fee, you have to be actually conducting racing.
2 So last time I may have been a little --

3 MS. LEON: So the difference really
4 between inactive and active-other is the proration of
5 the fee.

6 MR. FENNER: Actually the designation
7 itself, the formal designation by the Commission,
8 doesn't have anything to do with it because it's the
9 actual act of simulcasting or conducting live racing.
10 If you're simulcasting as of September 1, then you get
11 to prorate the annual fee. But if you are not, even if
12 you're active-other, then under the current rule you
13 have to pay the full amount up front as of September
14 1.

15 Now, I will say that Chuck, our executive
16 director, has directed staff to look at the finances
17 and see whether there's an option for prorating
18 everybody's annual fee, whether we have the flexibility
19 to do that in whole or in part, perhaps a smaller part
20 up front. That's something that staff is continuing to
21 look at and we hope to bring some proposals first to
22 the rules committee and then to the Commission at the
23 June meeting.

24 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: I think your
25 perception is right, Commissioner Leon, that -- a

1 common misperception is that active is prorated and
2 inactive is not, but it's -- if you're simulcasting on
3 September 1st, that's the decision-making.

4 MR. STEINBERG: I have a question. Mark,
5 you mentioned that the issue came up last month about
6 their inactive status. Wasn't there a reason for that
7 to arise at that meeting?

8 MR. FENNER: Yes. The triggering event
9 was the failure to conduct their live race dates in
10 August of 2014 and the rules say that the Commission
11 shall consider whether to change the designation within
12 four calendar months.

13 MR. STEINBERG: Within four calendar
14 months or by the end of four calendar months?

15 MR. FENNER: Yes.

16 MR. STEINBERG: By the end of the four
17 calendar months?

18 MR. FENNER: Yes.

19 MR. STEINBERG: And we passed -- the
20 Commission has passed the four-calendar-month time
21 which it shall consider.

22 MR. FENNER: Yes, it has.

23 MR. STEINBERG: Or may consider, isn't
24 it?

25 MR. FENNER: It doesn't require the

1 Commission to take any particular action, but the
2 Commission has considered it.

3 MR. STEINBERG: And we tabled it last
4 time. Is that correct?

5 MR. FENNER: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER ABER: Let me ask you, on
7 the inactive, doesn't that have to be reviewed every
8 year instead of every four years?

9 MR. FENNER: Yes, sir. An inactive
10 license is reviewed annually, reviewed and renewed or
11 not renewed, while an active racetrack has an ownership
12 and management review every five years. As I recall,
13 Saddle Brook Park's next ownership and management
14 review I believe is scheduled for 2018, I believe.

15 COMMISSIONER ABER: What's their status
16 on the simulcasts? I know they're not doing it, but
17 they're not having simulcasting.

18 MR. FENNER: That's correct.

19 COMMISSIONER ABER: So what's their
20 status on that?

21 MR. FENNER: Well, they're not -- I don't
22 believe that facility is even open.

23 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: The facility is closed
24 now, sir.

25 COMMISSIONER ABER: Yeah, I thought so.

1 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Any further questions,
2 discussion?

3 There's a motion that's been seconded.
4 We'll call a vote.

5 All those in favor signify by saying
6 aye.

7 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: All those opposed?

9 MR. STEINBERG: Nay.

10 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: So we have six --
11 seven in favor and one opposed? Seven in favor and one
12 opposed. Okay. The motion carries.

13 We will not have an executive session.

14 Our next Commission meeting is scheduled
15 for the 9th of June.

16 MR. FENNER: Yes, sir.

17 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: And I guess I would
18 also just mention to the stakeholders, we will be
19 dealing with sunset actually beginning this summer and
20 hopefully in the fall, assuming our funding continues.
21 And it's certainly an opportunity for us to look at our
22 own Texas Racing Act and see constructive ways in which
23 we can improve it. So if you have thoughts, concerns,
24 suggestions, please relay them to Mr. Fenner or
25 Director Trout as we make a list as we begin having

1 meetings with the Sunset Commission.

2 The time is now 10:54 and we're
3 adjourned.

4 (Proceedings concluded at 10:54 a.m.)

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