



TEXAS RACING COMMISSION

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Texas Racing Commission
Wednesday, September 6, 2023
10:30 a.m.
6100 Guadalupe St., Bldg. E
Criminal Law Enforcement Auditorium
Austin, Texas 78752

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGES (U.S. AND TEXAS)

III. COMMISSIONER REMARKS

- A. Commission Chair
- B. Commission Vice Chair
- C. Commission Members

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

V. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Executive Director Report

VI. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on Chair designation of an Ad Hoc Committee on the future of the greyhound industry in Texas.

VII. RACETRACK PROCEEDINGS

- A. Discussion on active racetrack licenses scheduled for review under TEX. OCC. CODE §2025.106 and 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §309.53:
 - 1. Gulf Greyhound Race Park
 - 2. Gulf Coast Racing

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (AS NEEDED)

The following items may be discussed and considered in executive session or open meeting, with any action taken in the open meeting:

- A. Under TEX. GOV'T CODE §551.071(1), the Commission may enter an executive session to seek the advice of its attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation or regarding a settlement offer.
- B. Under TEX. GOV'T CODE §551.071(2), the Commission may enter an executive session to discuss all matters identified in this agenda where the Commission seeks the advice of its attorney as privileged communications under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas. This may include, but is not limited to, legal advice regarding the Open Meetings Act, the Administrative Procedures Act, and the Texas Racing Act.
- C. Under TEX. OCC. CODE §2025.005, the Commission may enter an executive session to review security plans and management, concession, and totalisator contracts.

IX. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

X. ADJOURN



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AD HOC COMMITTEE CHARTER: TEXAS GREYHOUND INDUSTRY

I. Membership.

- A. Commissioners.** Chair: Commissioner Mike Moore,
Vice Chair: Commissioner Connie McNabb
- B. Industry Representatives.** Nick James -Texas Greyhound Association (TGA),
Tommy Azopardi - Greyhound Track Representative, Sabrina Brown - Greyhound
Track Representative, Marsha Rountree - THP Executive Director.
- C. Assigned Staff:** Amy Cook, Executive Director, or Designee

II. Purpose. This Ad-Hoc Committee is created as a standing committee for the purpose of working with industry stakeholders to determine how to address the current and future state of greyhound racetrack licenses and related activities in Texas.

III. Scope of Work. The Ad Hoc Committee shall:

- A. Gather facts regarding the state of the Texas Greyhound Industry (breeding, training, racing and licensed greyhound tracks) including legislation filed during the 88th Legislative Session (e.g., HB 4115).
- B. Review the Texas Racing Act provisions on greyhound regulation.
- C. Review the Texas Rules of Racing provisions on greyhound regulation.
- D. Review industry proposals on regulatory matters related to the future of the greyhound industry in Texas.
- E. Review disposition of funds held by and for the Texas Greyhound Association and other industry participants.

IV. Deliverables. Provide specific recommendations on statutory, rule, fiscal and policy changes for the Texas Greyhound Industry to the full Commission no later than February 2024.

Texas Racing Commission
Staff Review of Racetrack Licenses
September 2023
Gulf Greyhound Park (La Marque, TX)

Description	Greyhound Track License
Current Status	Active-Operating (Last Review: (2020)
Live Race Dates	Hosted all live races since 2017. Last racing was February 2020

Renewal Criteria: *Texas Racing Act* §2025.104-106 identifies the following factors as criteria the Commission shall consider in determining whether to renew a racetrack license: *Financial Stability, Ability to Conduct Live Racing, Ability to Construct and Maintain a Racetrack, Other Good Faith Efforts to Conduct Live Racing*

<i>Financial Stability</i>	<i>Ability to Conduct Live Racing</i>	<i>Ability to Construct and Maintain a Track</i>	<i>Other Good Faith Efforts to Conduct Live Racing</i>
Under Review	Under Review	Under Review	Under Review

Staff Analysis: A review of the agency's records indicated Gulf Greyhound Park currently holds an Active-Operating Greyhound Track License.

Staff Recommendation: TBD



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Staff Review of Racetrack Licenses

September 2023

Gulf Coast Racing (Corpus Christi, Texas)

Description	Active Greyhound Racetrack License (Galveston County)
Current Status	Active-Operating (Last Review of Record: 2018)
Live Race Dates	No live racing since on or around 2016

Renewal Criteria: *Texas Racing Act §§2025.104-106* identifies the following factors as criteria the Commission shall consider in determining whether to renew a racetrack license: *Financial Stability, Ability to Conduct Live Racing, Ability to Construct and Maintain a Racetrack, Other Good Faith Efforts to Conduct Live Racing*

<i>Financial Stability</i>	<i>Ability to Conduct Live Racing</i>	<i>Ability to Construct and Maintain a Track</i>	<i>Other Good Faith Efforts to Conduct Live Racing</i>
Under Review	Under review. Racetrack is closed; simulcasting continues at the restaurant location.	Under Review	Under Review

Staff Analysis: A review of the agency's records indicates that Gulf Coast Racing currently holds an Active-Operating Greyhound Racetrack License.

Staff Recommendation: TBD

