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# The \_\_\_\_\_ MICHIGAN GAMING \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter



## SENATE APPROVES APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD KALM AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MGCB

Today, at 10:45 a.m., the Michigan Senate voted (36-0) to approve the appointment of Richard Kalm as the new executive director of the Michigan Gaming Control Board. The full Senate roll call vote occurred following a similar unanimous vote (7-0) of the Senate Economic Development and Regulatory Reform Committee yesterday afternoon. The vote occurred after the committee conducted a hearing in which Kalm answered a variety of questions.

Kalm has an extensive background in law enforcement, and currently serves as chief of staff for the Macomb County Sheriff's Office. Prior to becoming chief of staff, he served as deputy sheriff, lieutenant, sergeant, corporal, captain and division commander. Kalm received an associate degree in law enforcement and a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University. He is also a graduate of the Michigan Leadership Academy and the F.B.I. National Academy, Quantico, Virginia. He is a member of the Southeastern Michigan Chiefs of Police, the Association of Public Safety Communications Officers, the Michigan Antiterrorism Task Force and the Detroit Chamber of Commerce Tourism Action Group.

In yesterday's committee hearing, Kalm was asked to describe his leadership style in one word. His response was "tenacious". He also indicated that his main priority as executive director will be to fulfill the mission of the agency by protecting the integrity of the games and casinos, and by looking out for the interests of the people of the state of Michigan. Kalm said that as the "face of Michigan gaming" he will seek input from people within the industry in order to make the regulatory process as quick and efficient as possible. However, he noted that he will not be a "cheerleader for the industry". The Senate committee asked Kalm to return in eight to nine months to update the committee and to provide an assessment of the status of the agency, and he agreed to do so.

*Next: Michigan Gaming Control Board Honors Judge Michael Stacey*

## MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD HONORS JUDGE MICHAEL STACEY

On Tuesday, the Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB) passed Resolution 2007-01, recognizing and honoring Judge Michael Stacey's ten years of service to the state of Michigan as a Board member for the MGCB. Judge Stacey was the last of the five original gaming control board members. He served a total of three terms, with his first term being an initial two year appointment. Board members of the MGCB are volunteers, and do not receive compensation for the time spent in this important role.

The resolution adopted by the Board states that Judge Stacey served the Board with honor, decisive leadership and distinction. It also states that his colleagues, and the people of the state of Michigan, recognize his dedication, integrity, fairness, astute leadership, keen insight and prudent judgment. The resolution extends to Judge Stacey the Board's very best wishes for continued happiness, success, and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Judge Stacey's term expired at the end of December 2006, and Governor Granholm has yet to appoint a replacement. The Gaming Control and Revenue Act states that the Board is to be made up of five members, not more than three of whom shall be members of the same political party. Each member of the Board is required to be a resident of the state of Michigan, and Board members must comply with numerous regulatory requirements designed to protect the integrity of the industry.

## MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD RELEASES DETROIT CASINO REVENUES FOR APRIL 2007

Yesterday, the Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB) released April 2007 total adjusted revenue for the three Detroit casinos. MGM Grand Detroit Casino, MotorCity Casino and Greektown Casino are currently located in temporary facilities limited to 75,000-square-feet of gaming floor space.

Month in 2007	Total Adjusted Revenue 2007		
	MGM Grand Detroit	MotorCity Casino	Greektown Casino
January	\$40,503,320.38	\$40,452,401.96	\$28,439,733.74
February	\$36,771,280.82	\$39,208,228.16	\$28,998,669.02
March	\$47,402,120.22	\$42,894,972.21	\$33,427,503.33
April	\$41,040,958.48	\$39,345,925.30	\$30,060,692.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$165,717,679.90</b>	<b>\$161,901,527.63</b>	<b>\$120,926,598.89</b>

The figures released by the MGCB are the gross receipts less winnings paid to wagerers. The figures do not include: 1) the 12.1 percent state share of the wagering tax; 2) the 11.9 percent city of Detroit portion of the wagering tax; 3) any fees or other relevant city, state or federal taxes; 4) wages and benefits paid to casino employees; and 5) payments to suppliers, service providers or vendors.

The three Detroit casinos' Total Adjusted Gross Receipts for April 2007 were \$110,447,576.58. Of this amount, the three Detroit casinos collectively paid the state of Michigan \$13,364,156.77 and the city of Detroit \$13,143,261.61.

## **MICHIGAN SELLS OUT OF \$50 RAFFLE TICKET**

All 250,000 of the most expensive tickets in the history of the Michigan Lottery have been sold out. Tickets for the new "Super Raffle" cost \$50 and went on sale Monday for a June 18 drawing.

The new game features two prizes of \$2 million each, 25 prizes of \$100,000 each and 4,500 prizes of \$500 each. Lottery officials developed the "Super Raffle" after much success on two "Millionaire Raffles" held earlier this year, with tickets priced at \$20. The first raffle sold out in 11 days, while the second raffle sold out in less than six days.

In an interview with *The Detroit News*, Lottery Commissioner Gary Peters expressed his thoughts on the new "Super Raffle".

"We are the first in the history of the U.S. lottery to offer a \$50 raffle ticket," said Peters. "We knew that despite the cost, it would sell. The odds of winning a \$2 million prize are 1 in 125,000. These are probably the best odds you'll ever see."

All proceeds from the lottery go to Michigan's School Aid Fund which supports K-12 education.

## **MICHIGAN OFFICE OF RACING COMMISSIONER RELEASES 2006 ANNUAL REPORT**

On Tuesday, Michigan's Office of Racing Commissioner (ORC) released its 2006 Annual Report.

Among other items, the 27-page report includes comments from Racing Commissioner Christine White, a summary of 2006 revenues, a history of Michigan's pari-mutuel horse racing, and summaries of each of Michigan's six race tracks.

According to the report, Michigan's race tracks showed a combined 1,909 days of live and simulcast pari-mutuel racing in 2006. More than 1.1 million fans came to the tracks last year and wagered \$281.2 million in revenue, generating more than \$9 million in state tax revenue.

To read the full annual report, visit the ORC's Web site at <http://www.michigan.gov/mda>.