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(Time noted: 10:30 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN BORST: Okay. Why don't we call this meeting to order. Welcome, everybody. First off, I'm going to swear in our reporter.

(Oath administered to court reporter.)

CHAIRMAN BORST: Thank you, again, Horseshoe

Indianapolis, we appreciate you guys hosting this

again. I figured this would be the appropriate

place with some of the subjects we have today, just

a small thing we're going to have to deal with, but

we thank you for that.

I'd like to introduce a new attorney, a new addition, Matt Eggiman. Welcome. He's taken -- actually Dale has kind of moved up and he's taking Dale's spot. And Dale's done a great job, too. You know, I don't know whether this is appropriate or not or whether we do these things, but, you know, we did lose Noah Jackson, and I think it might make sense to have a little moment of silence. It was a great loss.

(Moment of silence.)

CHAIRMAN BORST: Thank you. Too young. That was just a shame. Okay. So at this point I guess I would take a motion to approve the memoranda from the March 1 meeting.

1 COMMISSIONER ESTES: So move.

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COMMISSIONER McCARTY: Second.

CHAIRMAN BORST: Moved and seconded. We don't have to do roll call votes; we're all here. All those in favor say aye.

(Members all say aye.)

CHAIRMAN BORST: All those opposed? Okay.

Next on the agenda is readoption of administrative rules scheduled to expire. Dale, you want to take that?

MR. PENNYCUFF: Like other administrative agencies, the Commission's administrative rules automatically expire every seven years. However, the Agency is given the opportunity to readopt their rules so long as the rule language remains identical. There are a number of rules scheduled to expire at the end of year, each of which is listed in the Notice of Intent to Readopt.

Commission staff will post the rules on the legislative service agency's website as required by statute. This gives an opportunity for members of the public to ask us to consider making changes to the changes or readopting separately. We will also share the list of readoption with the Horseman's Horseman's Association and Caesars for

1 informational purposes.

Commission staff is presenting these rules for your information, in case you have any input on the rules to be readopted without change. If there are no changes, no vote will be necessary. If you wish to make a change, a vote would be required.

CHAIRMAN BORST: So for today, take any questions or comments basically?

MR. PENNYCUFF: Yes.

CHAIRMAN BORST: Does anyone have any questions or comments on the readopted rules that are on the agenda? Seeing none, then I guess we don't have to have a motion, then, right?

MR. PENNYCUFF: Correct.

CHAIRMAN BORST: Okay. We'll move to No. 2, review and consideration of the following Indiana Horse Racing Commission emergency rules.

MR. PENNYCUFF: Agenda Item 2 is the proposed emergency rules which cover all breeds. The rule packet in your meeting booklets are for housekeeping purposes and were posted on the IHRC website. We received no public comments. All of those rules are posted separately on the agenda.

Commission typically casts a single vote in favor, with no opposition to passage of the

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emergency rules as a single document, which will, then, be sent to the legislative services agency.

Under the Commission's emergency rule making authority, the rules will go into effect as soon as they are filed.

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At this time Commission staff respectfully requests the approval of the rules listed in the agenda and provided in your meeting materials.

CHAIRMAN BORST: Do we have a motion and a second?

COMMISSIONER ESTES: I would move to approve the emergency rules.

COMMISSIONER McCARTY: Second.

CHAIRMAN BORST: Moved and seconded. Any comments from the public at all on any of the rules? Already read them hopefully and seen them. Seeing none, any Commission comments? If not, all those in favor say aye.

(Members all say aye.)

CHAIRMAN BORST: Opposed? The ayes have it. It's passed.

Next is consideration and approval of the 2022 Standardbred Advisory Board County fair harness racing program.

MR. PENNYCUFF: Commissioners, Jessica Barnes,

Director of Racing and Breed Development, will present the Standardbred Advisory Board budget for the year of 2022.

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MS. BARNES: Good morning. This is the Standardbred Advisory Board's program. The advisory board is the board -- it's a five-member governor appointed board that used to be in the Office of Commissioner of Agriculture back in 1994 and then moved over to the Racing Commission.

They prescribe the conditions of the Indiana Sire Stakes and Indiana Sire Fair circuit. The county fairs actually ran under the rules and regulations of the USTA.

So our role with those programs is that we help set up the fair schedule. We control the conditions for those races. The fairs actually put on the fair program through the USTA rules, but we administer the drug testing program because we are using breed development funds for their purses that have already been approved.

So our budget is fairly small. It's an appropriation from -- used to be an appropriation from the state and now it's actually an appropriation from the Commission that comes to the advisory board for those programs.

1 So our costs are pretty much the 2 administration of the drug testing program. 3 do a stipend for the fairs to help them hire the officials that are required for the USTA and some 5 promotions for the county fairs. So I would be happy to answer questions you 6 7 have. CHAIRMAN BORST: Any questions for Jessica? 8 Another puzzle you've put together. 10 MS. BARNES: Thank you. 11 CHAIRMAN BORST: Seeing none, I will accept 12 motion and a second. 13 COMMISSIONER ESTES: So move. COMMISSIONER McCARTY: Second. 14 15 CHAIRMAN BORST: Moved and seconded that we 16 approve the Standardbred Advisory Board County Fair 17 harness racing program. Any members of the public to speak to it? If not, all those favor, say aye. 18 19 (Members all say aye.) 2.0 CHAIRMAN BORST: Opposed? The ayes have it. 2.1 Thank you, again, Jessica. 22 Next is review and consideration of the

Organization license which will allow PENN ADW to

extension of PENN ADW's Secondary Para-Mutuel

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services to Indiana customers. Dale, you got that one?

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MR. PENNYCUFF: Commissioners, PENN ADW, LLC, doing business as Hollywood Races or PENN, filed for and was approved as a secondary para-mutuel organization of SPMO at a public hearing in front of this Commission on July 15, 2021, for a one-year period.

The other six SPMO's license renewal period runs from January 1st to December 31st of each calendar year, making PENN the only midyear approval required. 71 IAC 2-2-1 allows the Commission to waive a rule if compliance of the rule is impracticable or unduly burdensome, providing waiving the rule will still ensure that the para-mutuel wagering in Indiana will continue to be conducted with the highest standards and the greatest level integrity.

The approval of the extension for PENN as a SPMO through December 31, 2022, pursuant to 71 IAC 2-2-1(c) relieves the burden on PENN and the Commission by allowing all SPMO renewal periods to begin on January 1 and end on December 31 and assures that para-mutuel wagering on horse races in Indiana would continue to be conducted with the

1 highest standards and greatest level of integrity. 2 Commission staff respectfully requests that 3 the Commission approve the extension, condition final order for PENN. 5 CHAIRMAN BORST: Thank you. Motion and second? 6 7 COMMISSIONER McCARTY: I would move to 8 approve. 9 COMMISSIONER ESTES: And I would second. 10 CHAIRMAN BORST: Been moved and seconded. 11 members of the public to speak? Any Commission 12 questions? Okay. All those in favor say aye. 13 (Members all say aye.) CHAIRMAN BORST: Opposed. The ayes have it. 14 15 Next is a petition to amend NYRA Bets' SPMO 16 license reflecting the addition of Caesars Racebook 17 as an affiliate. MR. PENNYCUFF: Commissioners, on March 29, 18 2022, the SPMO NYRA Bets, LLC, or NYRA Bets, 19 20 submitted a petition for marketing affiliate ADW 2.1 service along with an updated plan of operations. 22 NYRA Bets requested the approval of the Commission to add Caesars Racebook as a marketing affiliate to 2.3

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American Wagering, Inc., doing business as

NYRA Bets' SPMO license.

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Caesars Racebook is a wholly owned subsidiary of Caesars Entertainment, Inc. The Oregon Racing Commission approved the digital services agreement on March 6, 2022. That's significant because the Oregon Racing Commission is the organization that licensed the ADW hubs and there will be yearly audits scheduled for all hub licensees.

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NYRA Bets' request is a similar to TVG's request to add FanDuel to its SPMO license as a marketing affiliate at the May 28, 2020 Commission meeting. The goal is to build interest n horse racing product through a familiar brand. The back end of Caesars Racebook is under complete control of NYRA Bets.

Because the addition of Caesars Racebook represents a material change to NYRA Bets' SPMO license application, it would require Commission approval. Based on the delegation of authority to approve 2022 race matters prior to the next Commission meeting, with review by the Commission at the next meeting that was given to the Executive Director at the March 1, 2022 meeting, Executive Director Pitman gave NYRA Bets interim approval on June 3, 2022.

Commission staff respectfully requests that

the Commission affirm the interim approval of NYRA Bets' petition.

CHAIRMAN BORST: Thank you. Do we have a motion and a second?

COMMISSIONER ESTES: I move to accept.

COMMISSIONER McCARTY: Second.

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CHAIRMAN BORST: Moved and seconded Any members of the pubic? Any Commission members have questions? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye.

(Members all say aye.)

CHAIRMAN BORST: All those opposed? The ayes have it.

Next is review of Commission rulings. No vote there. But if anybody has any questions as you look through them, of any particular ones that you saw, now is the time to bring that up. If not, then we will move on to the main event, I guess.

Review and consideration on whether to sign a Voluntary Implementation Agreement with the Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Authority HISA or HESA, however you want to pronounce -- they don't even know how to pronounce it, so I don't know -- regarding racetrack safety rules effective July 1, 2022 and a review of HISA's six-month

assessment fee July 1 through December 31, 2022.

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MR. PENNYCUFF: Commissioners, both the voluntarily implementation agreement and the HISA fee assessment proposal will require a vote, and the votes will be conducted separately.

MR. EGGIMAN: The federal legislation provides that the HISA authority can work with state racing commissions to utilize commission resources to help implement, execute and enforce the HISA act. HISA sent racing commissions a voluntarily implementation agreement, or VIA.

The current vision of the VIA is a result of input from the Indiana Attorney General's Office, Commission staff and HISA attorneys over many weeks. Indiana's agreement have a strong clause to indemnify the Commission and our state employees.

I'll let Executive Director Pitman explain in more detail the VIA.

MS. PITMAN: Thank you, Matt. With the implementation of the first batch of the HISA rules, the racetrack safety rules effective July 1, the Authority has requested every racing commission where thoroughbred racing is conducted to sign an agreement, which essentially promises HISA that racing in Indiana will be compliant with the new

federal regulations that become effective on July 1.

The agreement basically identifies to HISA the individuals at the racetrack and commission level that will be responsible for HISA rule enforcement in Indiana. If HISA rules are not enforced by either the Commission stewards and/or a combination of Commission and racetrack employees, then the law allows HISA to hire individuals to do so.

If that is the case, then the additional expense to do that would also be passed down to the racetrack and ultimately the horsemen to pay, in addition to the fee HISA has already assessed. Furthermore, failure to conduct racing using federal rule enforcement could jeopardize a percentage of simulcast proceeds that are currently deposited into the horsemen's purse account.

Uniform regulation, if done correctly, is a good thing. Unfortunately, the proposed HISA implementation process to date has been anything but easy, which is why it will almost certainly be a continuous work in progress.

While the federal racetrack safety rules comprise of very specific changes and include additional reporting requirements for trainers,

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jockeys, practicing veterinaries and racetrack personnel, the total number of the July 1 rules that are preempting Commission rules are a very low percentage of the overall thoroughbred rules of racing in Indiana.

Therefore, the majority of the Commission's rules of racing will stay the same. I believe utilizing the same individuals currently enforcing rules at Horseshoe Indianapolis remains in the best interest of the racetrack and the horsemen in Indiana.

Since many of the HISA committees and board members are necessarily experienced in the practicalities of horse racing, I have to add that utilizing these individuals may be helpful to HISA from a practical stance, especially when it comes HISA's understanding the unintended consequences of new and past HISA rules and negative impact on longstanding industry practices that were not taken into consideration when a specific rule was passed.

As the Commission discusses this topic, Dale, Matt or I am happy any questions you may have.

CHAIRMAN BORST: Thank you. So that kind of sets the stage a little bit. You know, I have to give kudos to everybody, I guess, that the staff

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has worked so hard for months and months and obviously Caesars and Joe Morris have been great and the horsemen have been great, too, to try to work through this. Nobody particularly likes it, but we've got to do it. We've got to do something because it's a federal law and we want to be as cooperative as we.

But I'll tell you that our attorneys have really changed the agreement to help us out a lot, and no other state has that right now. So you have to give them a big kudo because of trying to protect the state of Indiana and the horsemen and all.

A lot us have been on conference calls. I've tried to learn as much as I could. I went to a conference in Arizona and tried to keep up on it and learn, and just everything changes everyday and you're seeing that, too. And to keep up with it is not easy, but we've got to do it.

We just decided that probably the best bet is to try to play along best we can with them and try to cooperate, and maybe they'll give us some breaks here and there if we need them and maybe they'll listen to us and maybe we'll be able to come up with a better system for them to help them out.

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That's what we're hoping anyway.

I guess next maybe Joe Morris, from your point of view, you've been in the middle of all of this thankfully and you don't have just Indiana to worry about; you've got other tracks to worry about, too. But you might want to tell us where you're at and where Caesars has stepped up and is working with the horsemen and so on.

MR. MORRIS: Good morning, Commissioners. Morris, with Caesars Entertainment. Racing, it's been a part of the process and it is the federal law. There's been numerous meetings, and I'd like to just point out that the collective collaboration we've had here. Eric Hallstrum, who is not here today, but he's been a part of it. Dr. Hardy has been right in the middle of it and been instrumental in this whole process. Brian Elmore and Joe Davis have been right there side by side with us. Rodney Prescott with the jockeys, Roy Smith on the track side, casination staff as we've been walking through this, because at the beginning when the Commission staff passed on this, then the letter came Mr. Morris at Caesars. So it came right onto us, too, to do it.

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We still worked side by side with the Commission to try to get us to the best place, and in our racing office, who's still helping with the whole process.

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Good news is HISA has backed up a little bit in some areas. They've made it a little easier. Grooms and hot walkers were supposed to all be covered people and sign up. We're at least going to get a pass for a while on them. So they kind of gave us one, two, three, to which I changed into the real one, which the real one which they wouldn't say is you need to pay us.

So we worked out with the horsemen how we would do that, and we have that letter to HISA and they've approved that side of it. And hopefully maybe the Commission is going to participate in that also.

We're kind of setting a standard for the industry. There's different ways to do it, but there's true partnerships in this industry and track and horsemen is one of them and then how you work and collaborate with your regulators is another one. So we would -- it would be quite a statement to the industry to see what we always refer to as our gold star standard, the horsemen, Commission, association standing there side by side

1 working through this whole process.

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A couple of weeks ago here on a Thursday working, again, with Brian and Joe, we had a HISA meeting. There was over 50 people in this very room. We had 46 on the ZOOM call and then we had Alex Walder, who is an old friend of mine who was on the call, Sue Stover, one of the veterinary regulatory experts as part -- she's on the HISA

board, and we had the head of IT, Steve Ketch.

A lot of questions are procedural. I mean the time to complain about it and the time to try to input is past us at this point. The law is going in. How can we make it work for us, how can we sequence this. So it makes sense on how we can get in and then add layers to it as it goes forward.

So we had the call and it was an hour and half call. A lot of emotion on it and everybody got to speak their mind on it. HISA really across the board is in catch-up. They're just behind on just about all of it. They're adding resources, little late in the game, but at least they're getting in the game and we working through it.

So we had some issues on getting trainers signed up, covered, getting their horses covered.

So one was trainers and an owner. One owner from

that horse needs to be signed up. That was a little bit of a give on their part because originally they were talking about all the owners.

The second part is getting the jockeys signed up. They need to be signed up. They've given us a little bit of leeway. We'll working with our jocks. We found a local doctor whose doing the concussion protocol. Caesars has stepped up to pay the bills on that so they can get through it. And we're down just to a very small number that aren't covered now.

So we've gone through that. Our racing office has been talking to the trainers and the owners, trying to help them get set up. If I call it Joe dumb proof, if I can figure out how to do it anybody can, not my expertise. Some trainers, some of them might not even have computers, so we've got to help them get set up. And Chris Bowes and his crew is working on that to get through all of that.

As the Chair said earlier, I don't think any of us like it. It is the law. We do need to figure it out and work through it, and that's what we're attempting to do. Our first day under HISA will be July 4. We've drawn on July 4. We'll still be clearing that card is the way I would say

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it, trying to get people set up so we don't have to have tractions on it.

Good news is our business has been pretty good here lately. You know, we're picking up on the number of horses we've had and coming into the main time of our season with the Derby and Oaks coming up a week from Saturday. A lot of people doing a lot of work.

I'll take any questions.

CHAIRMAN BORST: Anybody have any questions?

You covered it well. Question, Commissioner

McCarty.

COMMISSIONER McCARTY: I just want to commend you for this effort to make this work and to help them find a course that is rationale and not overburdensome. So I commend you for that.

I also want to say I have great reservations about the implementation of this and will watch very closely over this first quarter, July, August and September, and what kind of process is being made on this. I appreciate your efforts, Joe.

CHAIRMAN BORST: Why don't we -- so we have something before us -- that was kind of a general introduction. Why don't we have a motion and a second on the draft voluntary implementation

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agreement and then we'll open it up to the public.

COMMISSIONER ESTES: So move.

COMMISSIONER McCARTY: And I'll second.

CHAIRMAN BORST: Okay. So before us we have the draft agreement. I'm going to open it up to you all. If you've got anything burning -- of course, Brian does, he always does, but if you've got anything burning you want to say, now is the time to say it before we do anything because we want to have some input and everybody has got to work together. Brian, take it.

MR. ELMORE: Brian Elmore, Executive Director of the Indiana HBPA. Commissioners, staff, associates, I want to apologize because up until this point, this meeting has been going real smoothly and quickly. I think we could have been on pace for a track record as far as time, but I hate to tell you that it's going to be delayed a couple of minutes. But please bear with me because I want you to know firsthand some of the issues our horsemen have had to go through and hoops we've had to do.

The Horse Racing Safety Integrity Act, roll out is not ready for implementation and needs to be delayed as is blatantly evident from the various

town hall type meetings HISA has had with horsemen.

It is difficult to get a straight answer on how

rules are going to be enforced and often the answer

varies from one meeting to the next.

Additionally, we have seen the Authority abandon the direction from Congress by changing the program effective date, by moving enforcement dates on rules without the permission of the FTC or Congress and by forcing registrations onto industry participants, who must agree to all of the rules when the total set of rules have not been reviewed or approved by the FTC including the registration rule.

July 16, Mr. Morris was kind enough to arrange a ZOOM meeting here in this meeting and we did have at least have 50 horsemen here and with Alex Walder from HISA, an attorney. No offense, Matt, Dale, don't take any offense, but I might say when we point blank asked him, I point blank asked him has the HISA registration rule been approved by the FTC, he hesitated a second, which told me I knew what he was going to say, and he said yes. I said are you sure. He said yes.

Just for interest, the FTC met the afternoon of June 16 at 1 o'clock and this was not on their

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docket and they meet once a month. So they don't meet until July. So it's not been approved or reviewed by the FTC.

I have an e-mail from John Roach, who is the attorney for HISA, and he states the registration has not approved by the FTC. We anticipate that the FTC will consider the rule this month. We apologize. Mr. Walder misspoke, misspoke.

If I get up and make a comment like that, I know what they'd say about me is that you're lying, you're lying. It's funny the next day when you try to get out of a jam and got caught, he misspoke. You think that an attorney with HISA employed by them would know the rules. Evidently they don't.

Secondly, the Authority has failed to promulgated rules based upon the suggestions of trainers, owners, jockeys and practicing veterinarians who have a lifetime of experience in the industry. It is our opinion the Act along with the aspects of the regulations are unconstitutional for a variety of reasons.

One of the most troubling is the triconic approach that forces horsemen to waive their basic constitutional rights to due process and a fair and speedy hearing for any alleged violation by

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registering via rule that has not been approved by the FTC. I've got copies I would like to provide the Commission, and I think I've got one for everybody. If I may, I'll just present these to Deena, and this is the letter from Senator Chuck Grassley Monday. I went to the FTC and I went to the Authority. I'm not going to read the whole letter. I'll let you read it, but I do want to point out a couple of things it says in this letter.

This letter is signed by four senators, Chuck Grassley, Joe Manchin, John Kennedy, and Joni Ernst. To the Honorable Lina Khan, Chair of the Federal Trade Commission, to Ms. Lisa Lazarus, President and CEO of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act. First, the Authority publicly stated in a December 2021 press release that it will not implement the anti-doping and medical control program by the statutory deadline of July 1, 2022. This deadline is statutorily required and neither the FTC nor the Authority have the Authority to extend the deadline.

Later it talks about the deadline, its risk leaving the regulated industry without the certainty and transparency they need to budget for

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the current or future race meets. We don't know what it's going to cost. This first round of 412,000, it's just a start. That's the safety and integrity part, which to me personally insults me because I think we've got a fine group of staff here in Indiana. I'm very confident in Dr. Peterson, Dr. Hardy and the other vets that we have here. And to me it's a slap in their face by implying possibly they're not doing as much as they should be doing.

budget for the programs, and thus far is unduly and unnecessarily expensive. A fix to uniform rules and uniform standards can be relatively simple and inexpensive without a whole new layer of monestrous federal oversight paying federal bureaucrats large six and seven figure salaries. Any such effort by the federal government is extremely troublesome and in all likelihood will be extremely detrimental to the financial wellbeing of the thoroughbred racing industry.

Also, I'll give you an update. The Indiana
HBPA, along with 11 of its affiliates and the
National HBPA, filed theirs briefs this past Monday
in New Orleans in the Fifth Circuit Court

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challenging the constitutionality of HISA, a 75-page document, 223 pages appendix again.

The Supreme Court of the United States came out with the anti-commandeering doctrine. It was derived from the 10th Amendment of our Constitution. It says the federal government cannot require states or state officials to adopt or enforce federal law. There is the main crux of the state of Texas and the Texas Racing Commission in their suit challenge to HISA, the anti-commandeering act doctrine.

This is the new whip, which was to go into effect July 1. It got postponed until August 1, due to a lack of whips available. There are many owners in this industry that only have one or two horses, and can you imagine the disappointment when they finally win a race, maybe break their maiden and the next day they get a call from a steward saying Mr. Borris, sure am sorry to notify you of this, but your jokey struck the horse one more than was allowed and you've lost your purse; are you kidding me.

We're going to expect our jockeys on a race that lasts a minute and 35 seconds going a mile, taking it in their mind to be counting the number

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of strikes they use. Two purposes for this. No. 1 is to control the horse. You've got to remember, the jockeys have only a set reins and are bouncing on the balls of their feet on a saddle which includes the stirrups that weighs two and a half pounds.

This is their tool. This is their tool of their trade. They must control the horse with this. It's also used to urge the horse. And if it would be all right, I'd like to do a little demonstration for you, and I'm going to call upon our chaplain here, Otto Cobra, to assist me in a demonstration for you about the effectiveness of this and why it is dangerous.

Now, Otto was a success jockey. He had many leading jockey awards at meets. He also starred in a little movie that Disney made called Secretariat. He played in Secretariat. So if you haven't seen it, go home and rent it and you'll see Otto in the movie. Otto --

Now, notice, I am not wearing a flap jacket.

This is all mass. This comes from eating gallons and gallons of ice cream. Otto, you've probably been waiting to do this for a long time.

CHAIRMAN BORST: There will be others, too.

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1 (Demonstration presented.)

MR. ELMORE: Now, wait just a minute, Otto, don't hold back. But for just a moment, just a moment, close your eyes. Close your eyes and listen to this.

(Demonstration presented.)

MR. ELMORE: Thank you, Otto. It sounds like a firecracker, would you agree? Chairman Borst, as a doctor of veterinary medicine, is it true that domesticated and farm animals are often frightened by fireworks?

CHAIRMAN BORST: I wrote a whole bunch of prescriptions yesterday for dogs.

MR. ELMORE: For the Fourth of July?
CHAIRMAN BORST: Yes, I did.

MR. ELMORE: Well, see, the horses are the same way, especially young horses. This is going to scare a horse. I asked Fernando Dela Cruse, who's been a leading rider here, I asked Rodney Prescott independently, who's the winning most jockey in the history of Indiana racing, and they describe this in one word, dangerous, dangerous.

We don't have any studies on how a horse is going to react to this. That sound can make a horse dart, go some other direction, do something

different than what they're accustomed to.

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This whip was used in a race last week. Sammy Bermuda used this whip in a race. It's his. Rodney Prescott was riding the race to be outside of him. When Rodney heard this, they were approaching the finish line, and Rodney thought there was an active shooter on the apron. If the perception is to the betting public, who we often forget about, that this is kinder and gentler to a horse, how are they going to perceive the sound that they're going to hear when you've got multiple riders coming down the stretch and it sounds like an AR15 going off.

COMMISSIONER ESTES: Will you take a question?

MR. ELMORE: Oh, absolutely. I love questions.

COMMISSIONER ESTES: Where are these whips used presently?

MR. ELMORE: I don't know of anyplace. Jeff
Johnston from the Jockeys Guild is here. Jeff,
could you answer that? I don't know of any, which
could be.

MR. JOHNSTON: This particular whip was developed by retired Jockey Ramon Dominquez. It came out about two or three years ago. He did

preliminary studies and trial periods in New York with a number of jockeys. They had several problems with them, with the way they're holding up. They would fall apart. They would break. He spent two plus years developing it.

We've asked Ramon -- and last year they implemented it in Monmouth. So to answer your question, the only participating racetrack that is actively using them was Monmouth Park. They were mandatory there last year.

However, Monmouth Park also last year did away with any whipping rule other than for safety, which is another issue that Brian mentioned and I will, if you'll allow me to bring up, is a major concern of mine.

So they have not been used regularly. The people that have used them have been restricted, heavily restricted, in using them. There are some concerns with being able -- the safety of them being able to pull the whip through because of the design popper to change length, change hands, if you have to hit a horse right-handed or left-handed, you have to switch them quickly.

Jocks have complained that they actually drop reins when they're pulling them through because the

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wideness of the popper. So there are additional safety concerns with their use. And for what reason.

The vets have not complained the last few years since we switched from the old style whip to the new safety riding crop with the padded popper, the seven-inch popper. It was not cylinder pull like this one is, but it does have a compression index in the regulation. It is in your current regulation now. We have not seen reports of horses being cut or welts being seen. So the impetus for this new specific riding crop is I don't know. I haven't seen the evidence.

Brian also mentioned the supply chain issue, the supply issue. There are -- Ramon has said, he's told me specifically he has 500 in the warehouse ready to go. HISA officials have said that they do not anticipate a problem with supply issues.

If you consider we have 15 to 1600 licensed jockeys annually throughout the United States, eight to 900 active jockeys that ride four to 500 horse races each year at several racetracks, and each jockey does not have one riding crop. They have several. They have five. They have eight.

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If they ride at multiple racetracks regularly, they will have four or five at each racetrack.

In addition, exercise riders, I don't know how many exercise riders you have on the track or what we have nationally, but it is in multiples of the number of jockeys. So to think that 500 or even double that is going to meet the needs of the population who will be carrying a riding crop, they're highly mistaken. Thus, the one-month delay.

Now, we do have other jockeys or industrial professionals that have made riding crops in the past that are looking at different designs that meet the specifications. However, the specifications from HISA mandate that there's a five-millimeter compression index in that popper. There's no tool currently in existence to measure a five-millimeter compression index in a riding crop.

It is going to be left to your stewards to determine whether these new riding crops from other manufacturers come in and meet the specifications, including the ones that Ramon makes, because Ramon has a maker now who is in Louisiana. There is no base for the riding crop. So they do not have to be independently certified before they are released

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So nobody is checking on the compression index to make sure that the whips that are mandated by HISA actually meet the restrictions in the HISA rule. So it will be left up to your steward to squeeze it between their fingers and determine if it is soft enough. So I don't know how they're going to do that, against, the rules available.

If I may just one second --

MR. ELMORE: I was just getting ready to say everything you said, but that's okay. Go ahead.

This will be my one thing on MR. JOHNSTON: the use of the riding crop is the six times maximum. Unless, and in every rule that they're creating now, including New Jersey last year, you can use the riding crop if it's a safety concern. You can go over the max. If you hit them seven or eight times, but two of those times are for safety issues, then they're free. You get a freebie.

However, Otto can attest to this too, to use the riding crop properly for, safety you have to do it before a horse reacts to something. You can sense, the jockey on the horse, the rider, the exercise rider on the horse, can feel or sense a horse. Maybe it pricks its ears, maybe it turns

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its head. But it is not noticeable to the general public and it cannot be noticeable to your stewards, no matter how adequately or highly trained and acclaimed they are. In your steward stand, a steward cannot see what a jockey feels and anticipates in a horse, and you have to react and hit that horse in order for that horse to maintain focus.

If you wait until the horse reacts or does something wrong and you're using it for safety, a safety measure, to react to the horse doing something, that's like putting your safety belt on after your car has driven off the cliff. It is useless, and a steward will not able to see that.

So when a jockey is called in for a hearing because he hit one more time over the limit and they've taken an owner's purse away, that jockey's argument is I had to do it for safety, and that steward's argument is well, we couldn't see that on the films. It's a flawed system and you're putting your stewards in a very precarious situation as well as your owners and the jockeys and every other industry personnel.

So with that, I'll turn it back to Brian. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BORST: Thank you, Jeff. Appreciate it. Any more questions?

MR. ELMORE: In closing, I'd just like to say this. This coming weekend, we were going to hold our annual jockeys and jeans event, which is a fundraiser for the permanently disabled jockeys at Churchill Downs. Last year it was at Monmouth Park, this year at Churchill Downs. I am honored to serve as an ambassador for this event as is Joe Morris. Joe and I worked closely on this. There are 62 permanently disabled jockeys, 42 of them are in wheelchairs. It's the reality of our game.

And I hope and pray that that number does not increase by utilizing a whip that we're not certain is going to do the job. I also want to say on behalf of jockeys and jeans, they're very appreciative of Caesars Entertainment being a primary sponsor this year of the event at Churchill Downs.

And to take it one step further to show their commitment to the horse racing industry, next year the event will be held at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. I think that speaks a lot about our track operator.

In closing, you're right, HISA is federal law.

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Mitch McConnell got that in there December 26 of 2020. There were no hearings. There was no testimony. It just became part of an 8,000 page stimulus bill. NBC Evening News used to have a segment called Fleecing of America. To me this is, as Joe mentioned before, what they're really concerned about right now is they want the money. They want the money. This is the fleecing of the thoroughbred racing industry in our country. Thank you very much for your time. Appreciate it.

CHAIRMAN BORST: Thank you. Any further questions. Anybody else want to speak? Everybody is welcome. I think Brian said it all pretty well.

Okay. Nobody else wants to speak.

COMMISSIONER McCARTY: I've got a request -- CHAIRMAN BORST: Yes, Commissioner McCarty.

COMMISSIONER McCARTY: -- from our counsel on this voluntary agreement. Could you give a brief summary of some of the mechanisms that would allow us to back off, pull off, suspend our engagement with HISA? Do we have options here to go no, we're on hold?

MR. EGGIMAN: There's a 90-day termination clause in there, that we give 90 days notice to terminate. Additionally, the agreement becomes

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1	null and void when the medication and anti-doping
2	rules go into effect, which we anticipate is still
3	January 1.
4	COMMISSIONER McCARTY: The agreement will be
5	null and void?
6	MR. EGGIMAN: The agreement, yeah, ends at
7	that time.
8	CHAIRMAN BORST: There would be a new
9	agreement, then, for 2023?
10	MR. EGGIMAN: Yes.
11	COMMISSIONER McCARTY: And what would be the
12	terms of that new agreement?
13	MR. EGGIMAN: We do not know. We have not
14	seen that.
15	COMMISSIONER McCARTY: So that would be yet to
16	be determined and to be negotiated?
17	MR. EGGIMAN: Yes.
18	MS. PITMAN: Correct.
19	COMMISSIONER McCARTY: But might involve
20	multiple states negotiating with HISA about. I
21	assume at some point they want to get to one
22	uniform agreement, maybe not, maybe the states are
23	distinctive. But it would allow us to negotiate as
24	to what an ongoing agreement would be?

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Yes.

MR. EGGIMAN:

COMMISSIONER McCARTY: And a 90-notice on suspending or ending the agreement?

MR. EGGIMAN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER McCARTY: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BORST: Okay. Any further Commission member questions? If not, we have before us a motion and a second to approve the voluntary implementation agreement. I guess I'll call for a vote. All those in favor, say aye.

(Members all say aye.)

CHAIRMAN BORST: Opposed? The ayes have it.

We're going to try to make the best of it and, I

think if everybody sticks together and works

together, you know, issues like that -- I just

learned today that HISA didn't even have a form for

the stewards to fill out. I mean there's some

basics. I think there's going to be a lot leeway

to start with for people getting registered as well

as whips and other things. There's going to have

to be.

And who knows, it may not be August 1. Maybe they'll put it off until next year. I don't know. But it would be nice if they did talk to people who knew what was going, that's for sure.

Next on the agenda is a discussion of the HISA

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1	fee assessment documents. Deena, do you want to
2	start off on that? That's been another progress,
3	too.
4	MR. PENNYCUFF: Chairman Borst, we'd like to
5	request that we delegate to Deena to sign the HISA
6	agreement that was just passed.
7	CHAIRMAN BORST: So that we all don't have to
8	do it?
9	MR. PENNYCUFF: Yes. The Indiana
10	Administrative Code 71 IAC 2-2-1(b) allows the
11	Commission to delegate to the Executive Director
12	all powers and duties necessary to fully implement
13	the purposes of the Horseracing Act. And
14	Commission staff respectfully requests that the
15	Commission delegate to Director Pitman the
16	authority to sign for the Commission on the VIA
17	that just passed.
18	CHAIRMAN BORST: Okay. Do we have a motion
19	and a second?
20	COMMISSIONER ESTES: I move to have Deena
21	sign.
22	COMMISSIONER LEVENGOOD: Second.
23	CHAIRMAN BORST: Okay. All those in favor,
24	say aye.

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(Members all say aye.)

CHAIRMAN BORST: Opposed? Okay. The delegation as been made.

MS. PITMAN: HISA fee assessment. The Act provides the Authority shall be funded by assessing a yearly fee to individual state racing commissions. The Act provided state racing commissions until April 1 to inform the Authority of their intent to pay the 2022 fee.

In addition, the Authority promulgated rules providing that if the state racing commission does not respond to the request for payment, then the responsibility for payment falls to the thoroughbred racetrack in the state.

The IHRC did not inform the Authority of its decision on whether to pay the fee for April 1, 2022. Therefore, the fee payment, then, defaulted to Horseshoe Indianapolis to pay. Horseshoe Indianapolis received a letter from the Authority on May 9, 2022, stating that the amount due to the Authority for 2022 was \$412,685. And that covered a six-month period from July 1 to December 31 of 2022.

Horseshoe Indianapolis and Indiana Horsemen's
Benevolent Protective Association moved forward
immediately to come up with a solution to pay the

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first HISA fee assessment. The agreed upon solution includes utilizing funds generated from the racetrack's export signal cell before expenses and splits to cover the fee for 2022. This arrangement will result in equal contributions from the racetracks export sales commission and export monies allocated by contract to the horsemen's purse account.

With the tight deadlines HISA established for racing commissions to commit to paying an unbudgeted fee assessment of this size, I wish to recognize and applaud the horsemen of Indiana and Caesars for their part in stepping up to the plate with a plan to cover this assessment.

Further, I wish to offer the following proposal. After many internal meetings and a review of our budget, I would like to suggest a share of the paying type of proposition whereby the Commission agrees to pay Horseshoe Indianapolis in the amount \$137,562, one-third of the total HISA fee, to help offset the amount of money that will essentially be coming out of the purse account.

Please understand that while we find ourselves in the position to be able to make such a payment for this year, it's certainly not something we are

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able to sustain for future HISA assessments.

Additionally, in no way would any payment to

Horseshoe Indianapolis or its parent company,

Caesars Enterprise Services, be construed as a

payment to the Authority or the federal government

of the United States nor would it bind the IHRC

into making any future payment to the Authority or

federal government.

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Should the Commission here today be amendable to such a proposal, I believe the next step would be to ask for a motion and then a vote.

CHAIRMAN BORST: Thank you. You know, as we said earlier and Deena said, the horsemen and Caesar working together on this is amazing, and we just think we should participate, too. We can, and we've got the budget to do it this time, but as Brian says we have no idea what 2023 is going to be. It could be four times that, five times that. We just don't know.

With hearing that, do you have a question, Commissioner McCarty?

COMMISSIONER McCARTY: Yes. Deena, where would this 137,000 come from?

MS. PITMAN: This 137,000 would come from the Commission's integrity fund, which is a fund that's

out there to help pay for drug testing, for adjudication cases and whatnot. And this is a fund that we have accrued funds in over time because it's a fund that's not reverted back to the general budget.

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COMMISSIONER McCARTY: Okay. And it is not drawn down in different amounts each year or --

MS. PITMAN: It just depends on what's going on, what type of activity that we've had, how many cases we've had to adjudicate, what we had to pay for legal expenses. It depends on where we're at with drug testing expenses. So it get hits differently every year.

COMMISSIONER McCARTY: And would some of these expenses be covered by HISA and their operations going forward?

MS. PITMAN: Well, some of these expenses would be covered by HISA. When it comes to January and they have their new anti-doping program in effect, they're going to kind of tell us. The cost is still going to be in there. It's still going to cost us. It's still going to cost the horsemen. But we don't know what that cost is going to be because we don't know what kind of testing they're going to implement.

COMMISSIONER McCARTY: Finally, this 137,000, will it be a portion at the same schedule as the payments are scheduled for? In other words, a fourth of it would be dispersed in September, a fourth of it in October, November and December.

MS. PITMAN: We could work with the racetrack to make sure that happens that way.

COMMISSIONER McCARTY: Yes, I would like to see that done that way and not some lump sum figure, because I've expressed concern about where we are at the end of September and how we feel going forward.

MS. PITMAN: Right. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BORST: Okay. I suppose, then, we can offer a motion to participate in the 137,000 -- what was it five --

MS. PITMAN: 562.

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CHAIRMAN BORST: 562 --

COMMISSIONER McCARTY: So moved.

COMMISSIONER ESTES: Second.

CHAIRMAN BORST: And then I guess also with the caveat of four different payments, too, which I think that was masterful that you guys did that because that's a good idea, just parcel it out to them and they took it. So I think they're hungry.

So the motion would be the 137,562 and do it in four different payments much like they're going to do to HISA. It's been seconded. Any further discussion? Seeing none, all those, in favor say aye.

(Members all say aye.)

CHAIRMAN BORST: Opposed? The ayes have it.

It's not a lot, but it's a little to try to help
the horsemen out, some purses. That's who
obviously we worry about, and we're trying to grow
the sport. And like you say, there's people with
one horse, two horses and we don't want to run them
out. We want to get more of them in here and fill
the race cards and so forth.

So it's going to be a growing process and hopefully people will be patient. This staff will do everything it can to accommodate. The stewards will. Everybody will. Hopefully people will use common sense, and maybe common sense at some point will happen eventually with this HISA thing. I don't know.

Okay. Dale.

MR. PENNYCUFF: Chairman Borst, we have one more delegation request.

CHAIRMAN BORST: Okay.

1 MR. PENNYCUFF: Commissioners, Indiana 2 Administrative Code 71 IAC 2-2-1(b) allows the 3 Commission to delegate to the Executive Director all powers and duties necessary to fully implement 5 the purposes of the Act. The Commission staff respectfully requests the Commission delegate to 6 7 Director Pitman the authority to approve any modified horsemen's agreement that will be required 8 9 to implement the IHRC HISA fee proposal just 10 passed. 11 CHAIRMAN BORST: Do we have a motion to

delegate that authority?

COMMISSIONER McCARTY: So move.

COMMISSIONER ESTES: Second.

CHAIRMAN BORST: Moved and seconded. discussion? All those in favor, say aye. (Members all say aye.)

CHAIRMAN BORST: Opposed? The ayes have it.

Thank you all. This is a tough subject and it's not right. We all know it's not right, but we've got to make the best of it. It's a federal law right now and who knows what will happen. Maybe some of that constitutionality will come around and then we'll deal with things as it comes. But everybody just try to have patience and move

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1 forward the best we can.

Speaking of moving forward, let's go to the last item on our agenda. It's a good item. The 2022 Community Giving Report from Harrah's Hoosier Park and Horseshoe Indianapolis, and we have representatives from both here.

If you'll identify yourself for our transcriber.

MS. LANCE: Good morning. I'm Marta Lance.

I'm the community relations manager at Harrah's

Hoosier Park. I, along with the director of

marketing here at Horseshoe Indianapolis, we worked

together to supply the Community Giving Report that

you guys have in front of you.

For the eighth consecutive year, Caesars

Entertainment has been honored as one of the most
community minded companies in the US. Harrah's
Hoosier Park and Horseshoe Indianapolis likewise
followed the mindset and are already underway with
the 2022 community relations efforts with budget
expenses of 430,000 and 525,000 respectively.

Both properties take a practical approach,
meeting with organizations in the host cities,
counties and equine related to learn their needs in
the areas and offer support. Through quarter two,

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Harrah's Hoosier Park has given a total of 250,000 to over 33 organizations. Horseshoe Indianapolis has given \$450,000 to more than 15 organizations. Both have initial givings and are identified for the remainder of the year as well.

By contributing time, energy and support to many worthy causes, both properties continue to make reinforced strong commitments and relationships with their host communities. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BORST: Thank you. Any questions?

Commissioner McCarty has a question or two.

COMMISSIONER McCARTY: I noticed that the first six months at Hoosier Park, the total expenditure is 202, which is less than 50 percent of the total amount allocated. Is it your intention to make sure that the full 430,000 is spent?

MS. LANCE: Yes, absolutely.

COMMISSIONER McCARTY: And conversely, I notice that here 450,000 of the 325,000 is being committed or spent. How did it get to be that substantial amount for six months?

MS. LANCE: For Horseshoe Indianapolis?

COMMISSIONER McCARTY: Yes.

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MS. LANCE: Steve is going to help me out with this one.

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MR. JONES: Steve Jones, general manager of Horseshoe Indianapolis. At the end of last year we had a backlog of requests that came in from various community organizations that we took a progressive approach with in the first six months to make sure that we were happy with where the money was being allocated. We made decisions early and moved forward. A little out of the game, but we're on pace to finish at our \$525,000 for the year.

COMMISSIONER McCARTY: I guess I would offer the suggestion that you, with funding, catch up on last year's commitments and free feel to exceed your stated goal at both tracks. I would be very favorably impressed with that.

In one of those entries, you had 247,000 in May alone. Was that a large commitment at one particular project or was it multiple of projects?

MR. JONES: We have a couple of large commitments in Shelbyville specifically here, two different three-year commitments at \$300,000 apiece. So 200 of that went straight to Shelbyville, one for the Shelbyville Players and the other -- there was another 100,000 commitment

right in Shelbyville. 200 of that were two sizeable donations.

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COMMISSIONER McCARTY: I think I have maybe one last question. I noticed that the apportionment of expenditures within the first six months in Shelby County was predominantly for Shelbyville and just the reverse is the case in Madison County where the large proportion, about a two to one ratio, was to Madison County as opposed to Anderson. I'm curious if that trend is going to continue or things balance out.

The track in Anderson is in Anderson. And I hope that you would be acknowledging efforts in Anderson.

MS. LANCE: Yes, we will balance that out absolutely.

COMMISSIONER McCARTY: Okay. I guess I can close with I compliment you on your commitment to communities. Please feel free to exceed it a bit if you need to.

CHAIRMAN BORST: Always wanting more. Rick Moore has input here also.

MR. MOORE: Just a quick comment. Rick Moore,
Vice President and Show Manager of Racing at
Harrah's Hoosier Park. To Mr. McCarty's comment,

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1 Bill, I've been in Anderson for many, many years working in Anderson and near and dear to my heart, 2 been on many boards, trust me we will exceed. A 3 lot of money is spread around the community of 4 5 Anderson. You can trust me on that. COMMISSIONER McCARTY: I will count on that. 6 7 CHAIRMAN BORST: Any further questions? Seeing none, thank you. Congratulations to 8 9 Caesars. We saw the handout here of the top 50 in the United States in community giving. 10 That's 11 pretty impressive I would say. And so then like 12 Bill was saying, keep giving more, keep giving 13 more. Okay. Do we have any old business? I don't 14 15 think so. Any new business? If somebody wants to 16 make a motion, we'll adjourn. COMMISSIONER McCARTY: I move that we adjourn. 17 18 COMMISSIONER ESTES: Second. 19 CHAIRMAN BORST: Moved and seconded. All 2.0 those in favor, say aye. 21 (Members all say aye.) 22 CHAIRMAN BORST: We're adjourned. All right. 23 Thank you all for being here.

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(Time is 11:50 a.m.)

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4	I, Clarice H. Howard, Professional Court
5	Reporter and Notary Public, within and for the County
6	of Hamilton, State of Indiana at Large, do hereby
7	certify that on the 29th day of June, 2022, I took down
8	in stenographic notes for the foregoing ZOOM hearing;
9	that the transcript is a full, true and correct
10	transcript made from my stenographic notes.
11	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
12	on this the 20th day of July, 2022.
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	Clarice H. Howard
16	Court Reporter
	Notary Public
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