

ORDER 2025-55  
IN RE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

GAMING PARTNERS INTERNATIONAL USA, INC  
25-GPI-01

After having reviewed the attached Settlement Agreement, the Indiana Gaming Commission hereby:

**APPROVED**

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APPROVES OR DISAPPROVES

the proposed terms of the Settlement Agreement.

**IT IS SO ORDERED THIS THE 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2025.**

**THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION:**

Joseph R. Heerens  
Joseph R. Heerens, Chair

ATTEST:

Michael E. Williams  
Michael E. Williams, Secretary

STATE OF INDIANA  
INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION

IN RE THE MATTER OF: )  
 ) SETTLEMENT  
GAMING PARTNERS INTERNATIONAL ) 25-GPI-01  
USA, INC. )

## **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

The Indiana Gaming Commission (“Commission”) by and through its Executive Director Joe B. Hoage and Gaming Partners International USA, Inc. (“GPI”), (collectively, the “Parties”) desire to settle this matter prior to the initiation of a disciplinary proceeding pursuant to 68 IAC 13-1-18(a). The Parties stipulate and agree to the following:

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. 68 IAC 2-2-1(d) provides the applicant's key persons, substantial owners, and any other persons deemed necessary to allow the commission to ensure the applicant meets the statutory criteria for licensure set forth in IC 4-33, IC 4-35, and this title must complete and submit a Personal Disclosure Form 1 (PD1) application for occupational license under 68 IAC 2-3-1.
2. 68 IAC 2-2-6.1(a) provide that all key persons and substantial owners of supplier licensees and supplier license applicants must obtain a Level 1 occupational license.
3. 68 IAC 2-2-4(b)(3) provides an application shall be deemed filed when the completed application forms, including all required documents, all personal disclosure forms, materials, photographs, and application fee have been submitted. The commission will not begin its background investigation until the application is filed.
4. On March 5, 2024, GPI inquired with the Commission on how to add a new Outside Director to the system. The Commission advised that if the individual was not licensed yet, they would need to submit an application through the normal process.
5. On May 31, 2024, GPI appointed a new individual as Outside Director which required a PD-1 application by July 1, 2024.
6. On June 27, 2024, GPI inquired with the Commission if the Outside Director required a level one (1) license and PD-1 application.

7. On July 1, 2024, the Commission advised GPI that a PD-1 application was required and requested the appointment date of the Outside Director. GPI advised that the board met in May to sign the resolution but had backdated his appointment to February 29, 2024. Since the Outside Director was not on the board until May 31, 2024, the Commission advised that May 31, 2024 could be utilized as his appointment date. GPI subsequently requested an extension which was approved by the Commission making the new due date, August 1, 2024.
8. On July 31, 2024, GPI requested an extension until August 5, 2024, which was approved by the Commission.
9. On August 6, 2024, GPI advised the Commission through email that the application had been sent through mail that day.
10. On September 12, 2024, the Commission inquired with GPI to the status of the application as it was not delivered yet.
11. On September 16, 2024, GPI advised that the package had been lost by FedEx and informed the Commission that they would send a new one.
12. On September 25, 2024, the Commission received the application information.
13. On September 26, 2024, the Commission notified GPI that the PD-1 application was not submitted on the updated PD-1 form. The Commission updated the PD-1 form on May 31, 2024, and the most current application was available on the Commission's website. The Commission also notified all active Gaming Entity Human Resources users in LAM, the Commission licensing database, of the application update.
14. On October 10, 2024, the Commission received the updated application.
15. On October 11, 2024, the Commission advised GPI that the submission was incomplete and missing exhibit information.
16. On November 4, 2024, the Commission inquired with GPI on the status of the application. GPI responded that they hoped to provide it to the Commission by November 6, 2024.
17. On November 7, 2024, the Commission received the missing information.
18. Overall, this application was 96 days late.

#### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Commission staff alleges that the acts or omissions of GPI by and through its agents as described herein constitute a breach of IC 4-33, IC 4-35, and/or 68 IAC. The

Commission and GPI hereby agree to a monetary settlement of the alleged violations described herein in lieu of the Commission pursuing formal disciplinary action against GPI.

GPI shall pay to the Commission a total of \$3,000 in consideration for the Commission foregoing disciplinary action based on the facts specifically described in the Findings of Fact contained in this Agreement. This Agreement extends only to those violations and findings of fact specifically alleged in the findings above. If the Commission subsequently discovers facts that give rise to additional or separate violations, the Commission may pursue disciplinary action for such violations even if the subsequent violations are similar or related to an incident described in the findings above.

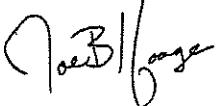
Upon execution and approval of this Agreement, Commission staff shall submit this Agreement to the Commission for review and final action. Upon approval of the Agreement by the Commission, GPI agrees to promptly remit payment in the amount of \$3,000 and shall waive all rights to further administrative or judicial review.

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No prior or subsequent understandings, agreements, or representations, oral or written, not specified or referenced within this document will be valid provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement may not be modified, supplemented, or amended, in any manner, except by written agreement signed by all Parties.

This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original agreement and both of which shall constitute one and the same agreement. The counterparts of this Agreement may be executed and delivered by electronic mail, facsimile, or other electronic signature by either of the parties and the receiving party may rely on the receipt of such document so executed and delivered electronically as if the original had been received.

This Agreement shall be binding upon the Commission and GPI.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Agreement on the date and year as set forth below.



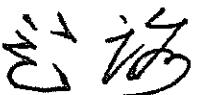
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Joe B. Hoage, Executive Director  
Indiana Gaming Commission

6/23/25

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Date



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Hiroshi Matsumoto, Corporate  
Secretary and Director  
Gaming Partners International USA,  
Inc.

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05.29.2025

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Date