



ARIZONA RACING COMMISSION
Friday, April 12, 2024
722nd REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 38-431.03(A)(3) and/or (A)(4), the Arizona Racing Commission (Commission) may vote to go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from its attorney(s) on any matter listed on the Agenda. Any such Executive Session will not be open to the public.

A. Call to Order of the 722nd Arizona Racing Commission Meeting of Friday, April 12, 2024

B. Action Items: Review, discussion and possible action on the following:

(The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and/or (4) in order to discuss with its attorneys on any matter listed in this Section B.)

1. Awarding of Annual Adoption Grants. The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) in order to discuss with its attorneys on this matter.
 - a. Desert Oasis Rescue (Tucson, Az.)
2. Executive Session under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) in order to discuss with its attorneys on this matter. Legal update regarding the *Simms v. Simms, et al.*, Case No. 1 CA-CV 18-0546, and *Simms v. Arizona Racing Commission, et al.*, Case No. LC2016-000505, regarding a Racing License for Ronald A. Simms, Case No. 14A-020-RAC. The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) or (4) in order to discuss with and instruct its attorneys on this matter.
3. Discussion on whether the Commission) has the authority to establish a benevolent or other fund to support the health, safety, and welfare of “pony horses” that are used in the operation of commercial horse racing in Arizona. The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) or (4) in order to discuss with and instruct its attorneys on this matter.
4. Discussion on Track Maintenance and Safety. The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) or (4) in order to discuss with and instruct its attorneys on this matter.
5. Simulcast Agreements Pursuant to A.R.S. § 5-112(U). The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and/or (4) in order to discuss with its attorneys on this matter.
 - a. Turf Paradise
 1. Sam Houston Race Park (PNG)
 2. Belmont Park (NYRA)
 3. Finger Lakes
 4. Gulfstream Park (MCM)
 5. Pimlico (MCM)
 6. Mountaineer Park

7. Hastings
 8. Belterra Park
 9. Century Mile
 10. Churchill Downs (CDI)
 11. Delta Downs
 12. Fanduel (NYRA)
 13. Louisiana Downs (CDI)
 14. Thisltdown (NYRA)
 15. Woodbine
6. Simulcast Horse Racing Import Signals Pursuant to IHA Section 3004(a)(3). The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and/or (4) in order to discuss with its attorneys on this matter.
- a. Turf Paradise
 1. Sam Houston Race Park - (Complete)(anticipated dates 04/21/2024/06/17/2024)
 2. Belmont Park- (Pending (anticipated dates 05/02/2024-07/07/2024)
 3. Finger Lakes – (Pending)(anticipated dates 04/29/2024-11/27/2024)
 4. Gulfstream Park (Pending)(anticipated dates 04/11/2024-06/30/2024)
 5. Pimlico - (Pending)(anticipated dates 05/09/2024/-05/27/2024)
 6. Mountaineer Park - (Pending)(anticipated dates 04/21/2024-12/11/204)
 7. Hastings Park- (Pending)(anticipated dates 04/27/2024-10/20/2024)
 8. Belterra Park- (Pending)(anticipated dates 04/25/2024-10/05/2024)
 9. Century Mile - (Pending)(anticipated dates 05/04/2024-09/14/2024)
 10. Churchill Downs - (Pending)(anticipated dates 04/27/2024-06/30/2024)
 11. Delta Downs - (Pending)(anticipated dates 04/26/2024-07/15/2024)
 12. Fanduel - (Pending)(anticipated dates 04/16/2024-11/16/2024)
 13. Louisiana Downs - (Pending)(anticipated dates 05/04/2024-09/26/2024)
 14. Thisltdown- (Pending)(anticipated dates 04/22/2024-10/10/2024)
 15. Woodbine- (Pending)(anticipated dates 04/28/2024-12/15/2024)

C. Information Reports

(The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and/or (4) in order to discuss with its attorneys on any matter listed in this Section C.)

1. Track Safety Report (Sue Gale, DVM, Juan Estrada, Don Rausch)
2. Budget Report
3. Legislative Update
4. Racing Industry Report (Danny Vella)
5. Report on International Horseracing Integrity Act (Wm. Leroy Gessmann, HBPA)
6. Permittee Reports – **Not to exceed 3 minutes**
 - a. American Greyhound Racing
 - b. County Fairs
 - c. Rillito Park
 - d. Turf Paradise
7. Optional Industry Stakeholder Association Updates (limited to officers or officially designated spokesperson) – **Not to exceed 3 minutes**
 - a. Arizona Counties Racing Association
 - b. Arizona Quarter Horse Racing Association
 - c. Arizona Thoroughbred Breeders Association
 - d. Horsemen’s Benevolent & Protective Association
 - e. Jockey’s Guild

D. Commission Reports

(The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and/or (4) in order to discuss with its attorneys on any matter listed in this Section D.)

1. Summary of Current Events Affecting the Arizona Racing Commission. A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K) – Only Commission Members or the Director may report. No discussion or action may be taken on matters reported unless properly noticed for legal action or discussion.
2. Identification of Matters to be placed on future Agendas.

E. Call to the Public

Those members of the public wishing to address the Commission should please notify by phone or text to the Commission Secretary, Ana Armenta, via EMAIL at aarmenta@azgaming.gov by 9:00 a.m. April 12, 2024 with your name and identify the portion of the Agenda for which you wish to address the Commission, if applicable, or just provide your name if you wish to address the Commission on any matter not listed on the Agenda. If any person wishes to address the Commission once the meeting has commenced, those persons may TEXT the Commission Secretary, Ana Armenta, at 602-316-6976, giving their name and the portion of the Agenda for which they wish to address the Commission, and the information will be provided to the Chair of the Racing Commission during the meeting. They may also submit a request via the “chat” feature in Google Meet. The Chair will recognize the request and, time permitting, each presentation will be given approximately five (5) minutes to speak. Comment length beyond five (5) minutes is at the discretion of the Chairperson. Those who waive their opportunity to speak when called upon may not assign their time to another individual. Those requesting to speak should be prepared to use a phone to call into the meeting at 262-770-5837 PIN: 630 308 377# or the microphone on their device as soon as the Chairman recognizes them to speak. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to responding to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, directing staff to study the matter, or asking that the matter be placed on a future Agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(I).

F. Announcements

The next scheduled Commission meeting is scheduled as a Public Hearing and will meet in person **at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 100 N. 15th Ave. Suite 302., Phoenix, Arizona and via Google Meet**, and is subject to change based on a quorum. Physical access to the meeting place will be fifteen minutes before the start of the meeting. For current information about the Arizona Racing Commission meeting schedule, please visit the Arizona Department of Gaming-Racing Division website (<https://gaming.az.gov/racing/calendar>)

G. Adjournment

H. Materials

A copy of the Agenda and background material and Commission packets (excluding materials exempt from public inspection) will be available at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting, at the Department of Gaming, located at 100 N. 15th Ave., Ste. 202, Phoenix, AZ 85007.