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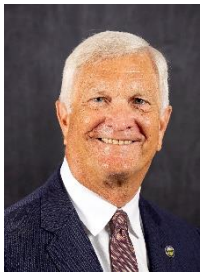
Ohio Casino Control Commissioners



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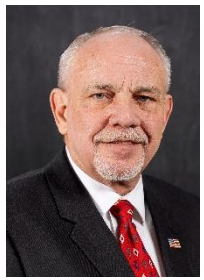

Keith Cheney

Penelope Cunningham

Christopher Smitherman

About the Commission

- Bipartisan commission
- Commissioners are appointed by the Governor
- The Chair is selected by the Governor
- The Vice Chair is selected by the Commission
- At least one Commissioner must have experience in each of the following areas:
  - ✓ Law Enforcement
  - ✓ Auditing & Accounting
  - ✓ Practice of Ohio Law
  - ✓ Reside in a county with a casino

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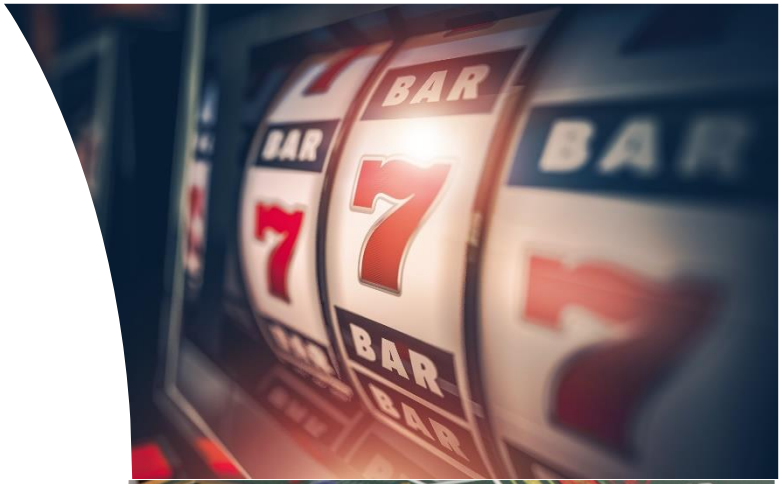
THE GAMING INDUSTRIES REGULATED BY THE OCCC

Casino Gaming - 2011

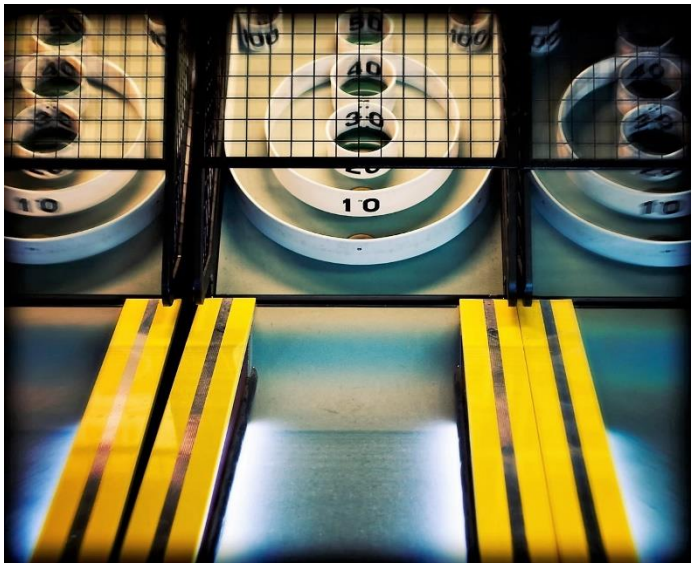
- Slot Machines
- Table Games
- Poker (Player v. Player)



Skill-Based Amusement Machines 2018

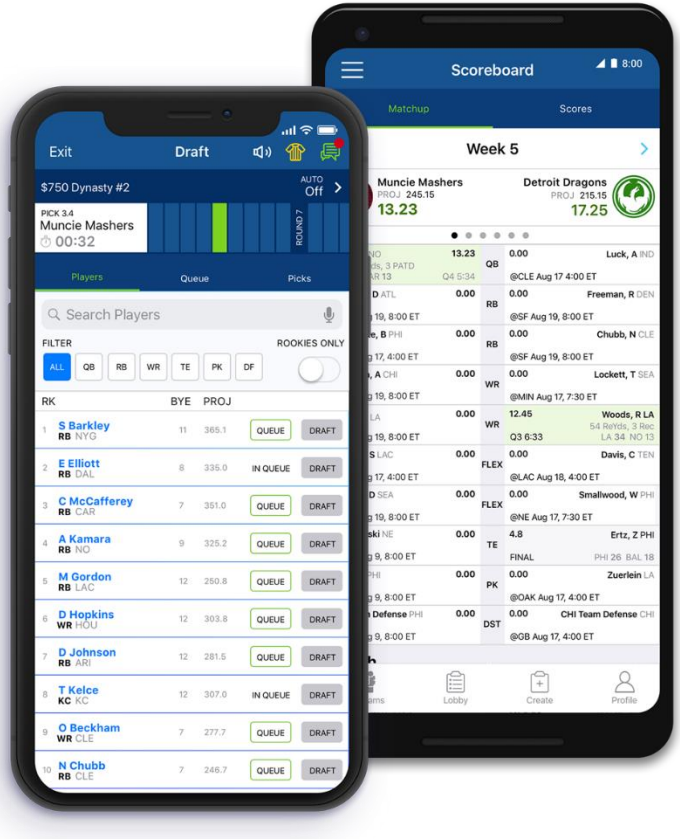
- **Novelty Games**

- **Family Entertainment Centers**



Fantasy Contests - 2019

- Online Game
- Players assemble virtual teams of real players in a professional sport
- Teams compete based on the actual statistical performance of the real players
- Contests can be season long or played across shorter periods of time, such as a single week of a season



Sports Gaming - 2023

- Sports gaming is the business of accepting wagers on sporting events.
- Sporting events include:
  - Any professional sport or athletic event
  - Any collegiate sport or athletic event
  - Any Olympic or international sports competition event
  - Any motor race event
  - Any esports event (video game competition)
  - Any other special event the commission authorizes
  - The individual performance statistics of athletes
- Sporting events do NOT include:
  - An event for K-12 school students

Sports Gaming

Online Sports Gaming

Online sportsbooks through computers and mobile applications

Brick-and-Mortar Sportsbooks

Brick-and-mortar facilities with betting windows and terminals

Sports Gaming Lottery Product

Self-service kiosks in bars and taverns*

*The OCCC conducts licensing for the Sports Gaming Lottery operators and retail hosts

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Mission Statement:

The Ohio Casino Control Commission has the responsibility to ensure the integrity of casino gaming, skill-based amusement machines, fantasy contests, and sports gaming

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THE METHODS OF REGULATON

- Licensing & Investigations
- Regulatory Compliance
- Enforcement of the Law
- Problem Gambling Services

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LICENSING & INVESTIGATIONS

Licenses Issued by Commission

Casino Gaming:

- Casino Operators, Management Companies & Holding Companies
- Gaming-Related Vendors
- Key Employees
- Casino Gaming Employees

Skill-Based Amusement Machines:

- Type B & C Operators
- Type B & C Vendors
- Type C Location

Sports Gaming:

- Type A, B, & C Sports Gaming Proprietors
- Mobile Management Services Provider, Management Services Provider
- Sports Gaming Holding Company
- Sports Gaming Supplier
- Key Sports Gaming Employee
- Standard Sports Gaming Employee
- Type-C Sports Gaming Host

Fantasy Contests:

- Fantasy Contest Operators

Statutory Licensing Standards

Statutory Factors Used When Evaluating Applicants

Criminal History	Financial History	Compliance with Gaming Laws & Regulations
Reputation & Experience	Tax Compliance	Credit History & Debt
Litigation History	Bankruptcies	Liens & Judgements

All investigations result in a recommendation to grant or deny licensure

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REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Regulatory Compliance

- Accounting
- Advertising
- Approved Sports Gaming Wagers
- Auditing
- Chips, Cards, and Dice Specifications
- Customer Identity Verification
- Digital Wallet Creation
- Electronic Gaming Equipment (EGE)
- Geolocation Requirements
- Independent Testing Lap Certification
- Integrity Monitor Requirements
- IT System Architecture
- Player Funds Protection
- Prompt Payouts
- Security
- Surveillance
- Table Game Rules
- Table Games Hardware

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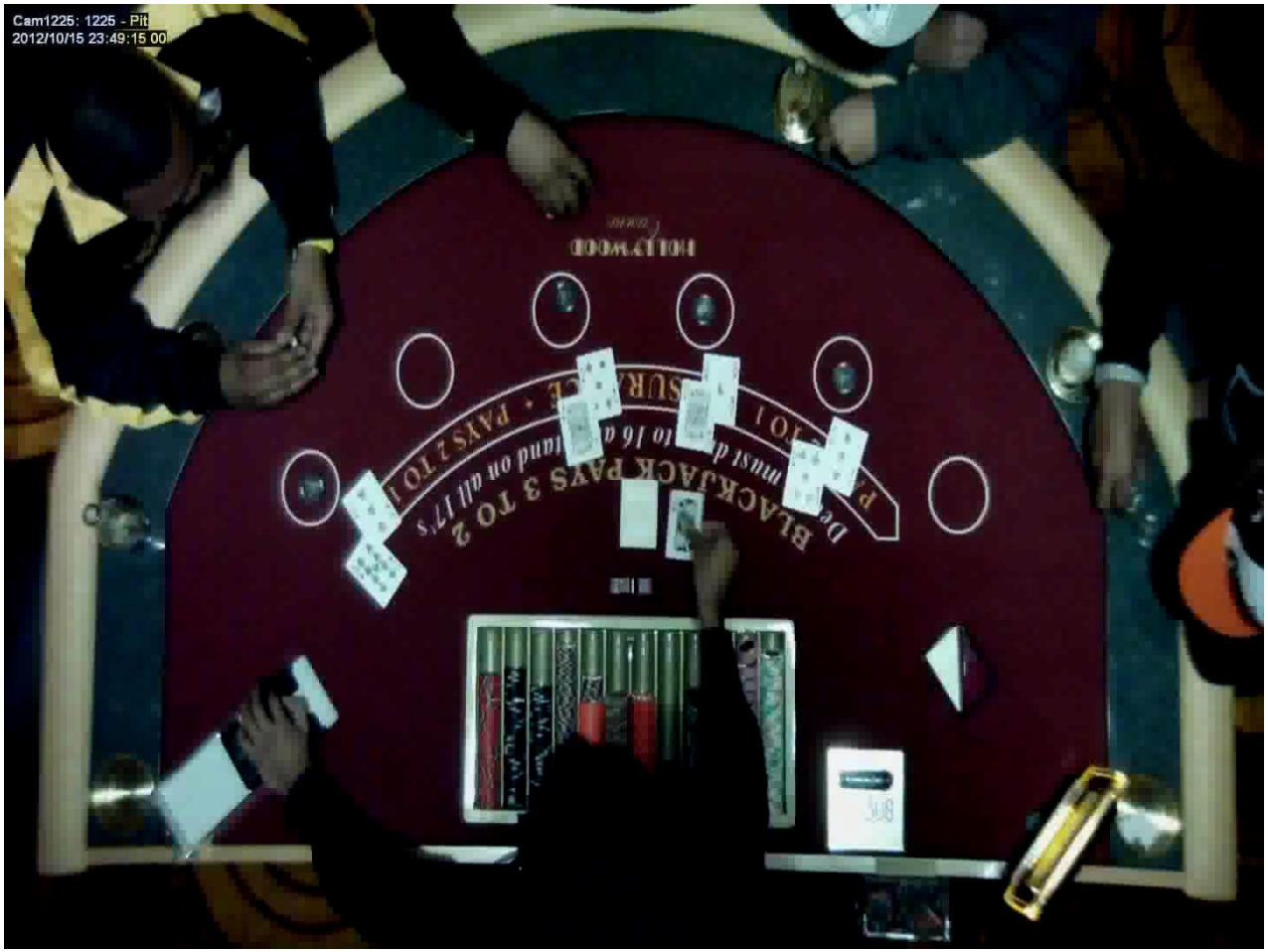
ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement

- The Commission is a law enforcement agency
- Gaming agents are peace officers and have arrest authority at the casinos and outside the casinos when enforcing the gaming laws
- Enforcement detail at each casino location includes:
  - Supervisor
  - Investigator
  - 11 Gaming Agents

Cheating – Capping A Bet

Cheating – Pinching A Bet



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Money Laundering

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Pickaway County shop raided for gambling machines

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Following complaints from residents, state and local authorities raided a business and a house in Pickaway County this afternoon and seized records and slot machines as part of a suspected illegal gambling operation.

Agents with the Ohio Casino Control Commission, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and deputies and detectives from the Pickaway County sheriff's office seized 143 gambling machines, cash and documents from Spinners, a business at 24753 Rt. 23 in Circleville, said Jessica Franks, spokeswoman for the commission.

Authorities also raided the home of the business's owner, Stephen Cline, 68, at 14270 Walnut Pike Creek in Ashville. He has not been criminally charged.

But he could be, if the investigation shows that he was, in fact, giving out cash prizes. In Ohio, the charge of illegal gambling is a fifth-degree felony.

Illegal Casino Investigations

- Warrants served on 159 locations
- 7,114 + illegal slot machines seized/disabled
- Approx. $7.5 million in cash seized on site

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PROBLEM GAMBLING SERVICES

Problem Gambling Index

Questions:

1) Have you bet more than you could really afford to lose?
2) Have you needed to gamble with larger amounts of money to get the same feeling of excitement?
3) When you gambled, did you go back another day to try to win back the money you lost?
4) Have you borrowed money or sold anything to get money to gamble?
5) Have you felt that you might have a problem with gambling?
6) Has gambling caused you any health problems, including stress or anxiety?
7) Have people criticized your betting or told you that you had a gambling problem, regardless of whether or not you thought it was true?
8) Has your gambling caused any financial problems for you or your household?
9) Have you felt guilty about the way you gamble or what happens when you gamble?

Scoring:

0 = “Never”
1 = “Sometimes”
2 = “Most of the time”
3 = “Almost always”

Low Risk: 1-2
Moderate Risk: 3-7
Disordered Gambling: 8 or <

The Need

Survey Year	Do Not Gamble	Non-Problem Gambler	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	Problem Gambler
Pop. Est. 2022	1,573,094	5,758,463	991,513	560,248	**254,729**
2022	17.2%	63%	10.9%	6.1%	**2.8%**
2017	25.1%	64.4%	6.4%	3%	.9%
2012	41.4%	53%	4.2%	1.1%	.4%

The Ohio Model

Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services

Lottery Commission

Racing Commission

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State-Level Partner Initiatives

Problem Gambling Helpline

No Cost Treatment Options

Ohio Gambling Telehealth Network – Treatment without geographical limitations

Time Out Ohio – Voluntary exclusion program

Awareness Campaigns
- Pause Before you Play – Focused generally on safer gambling practices
- Change the Game – Focused on youth gambling prevention
- More Than a Bet – Raise awareness of the harms of threats and harassment of student athletes

Workforce Development
- Trainings (Stage I, II, III) for a gambling treatment credential
- University of Cincinnati Pilot– Inclusion of gambling disorder treatment to social work curriculum

Ohio Gambling Telehealth Network – Treatment without geographical limitations

Statewide Problem Gambling Survey - Data gathering to inform campaigns, programs, and services

TIME OUT OHIO

Ohio Gambling Telehealth Network

Sports Gambling/Online Initiatives

- **GamBan** - Once downloaded, blocks thousands of legal and illegal websites and apps worldwide
- **GamFin** – Access to financial counseling for individuals and families in financial distress
- **RecoverMe** – An App that provides individualized counseling and other tools for individuals to manage a gambling disorder.
- **Student Athlete Wellbeing App** – Access to confidential mental health counseling, problem gambling counseling, and anonymous reporting of harassment and threats
- **Statewide Sports Gambling Survey** – Data gathering to inform sports gambling specific campaigns, programs, and services

Gamban

GamFin
Financial counseling for problem gambling

RECOVERME

OCCC Funding

Account	Actual			Estimate	Request			
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	% Change	FY 2027	% Change
Operating Fund								
Payroll	12,663,884	13,298,035	14,095,691	15,200,000	16,246,394	6.88%	17,022,482	4.78%
Purchased Personal Services[1]	41,637	47,026	79,492	155,000	126,047	-18.68%	143,979	14.23%
Supplies and Maintenance[2]	1,156,737	1,362,116	1,412,101	1,353,000	1,467,487	8.46%	1,545,734	5.33%
Equipment[3]	18,388	25,582	61,315	45,000	16,000	-64.44%	137,000	756.25%
Judgments, Settlements & Bonds	0	5,000	370	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers and Non-Expense	0	1,047	1,549	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**13,880,646**	**14,738,806**	**15,650,518**	**16,753,000**	**17,855,928**	**6.58%**	**18,849,195**	**5.56%**
Staff	**100**	**101**	**102**	**106**	**108**		**108**	
Enforcement Fund								
510 Purchased Personal Services	2,330	3,810	3,040	23,000	5,205	-77.37%	5,240	0.67%
520 Supplies and Maintenance	107,845	112,306	98,620	155,000	146,275	-5.63%	149,707	2.35%
530 Equipment	0	0	4,290	72,000	5,200	-92.78%	45,600	776.92%
Total	**110,175**	**116,116**	**105,950**	**250,000**	**156,680**	**-37.33%**	**200,547**	**28.00%**
Problem Sports Gambling Fund								
510 Purchased Personal Services	0	0	577,000	2,750,000	2,925,000	6.36%	2,925,000	0.00%
520 Supplies and Maintenance	0	0	34,900	750,000	575,000	-23.33%	575,000	0.00%
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3,500,000**	**3,500,000**	**0.00%**	**3,500,000**	**0.00%**
Grand Total	**13,990,821**	**14,854,922**	**15,756,468**	**20,503,000**	**21,512,608**	**4.92%**	**22,549,742**	**4.82%**

1 Purchased Personal Services:	Training, Administrative Hearings, Research Services
2 Supplies & Mainstenance	Rent, Travel Expenses, Intrastate Agency Payments (BCI/FBI Fingerprint Fees, Attorney General Fees, DAS Fees, Vehicles)
3 Equipment	Amunition, Computers, Firearms, Protective Gear, Surveillance Equipment, Etc.

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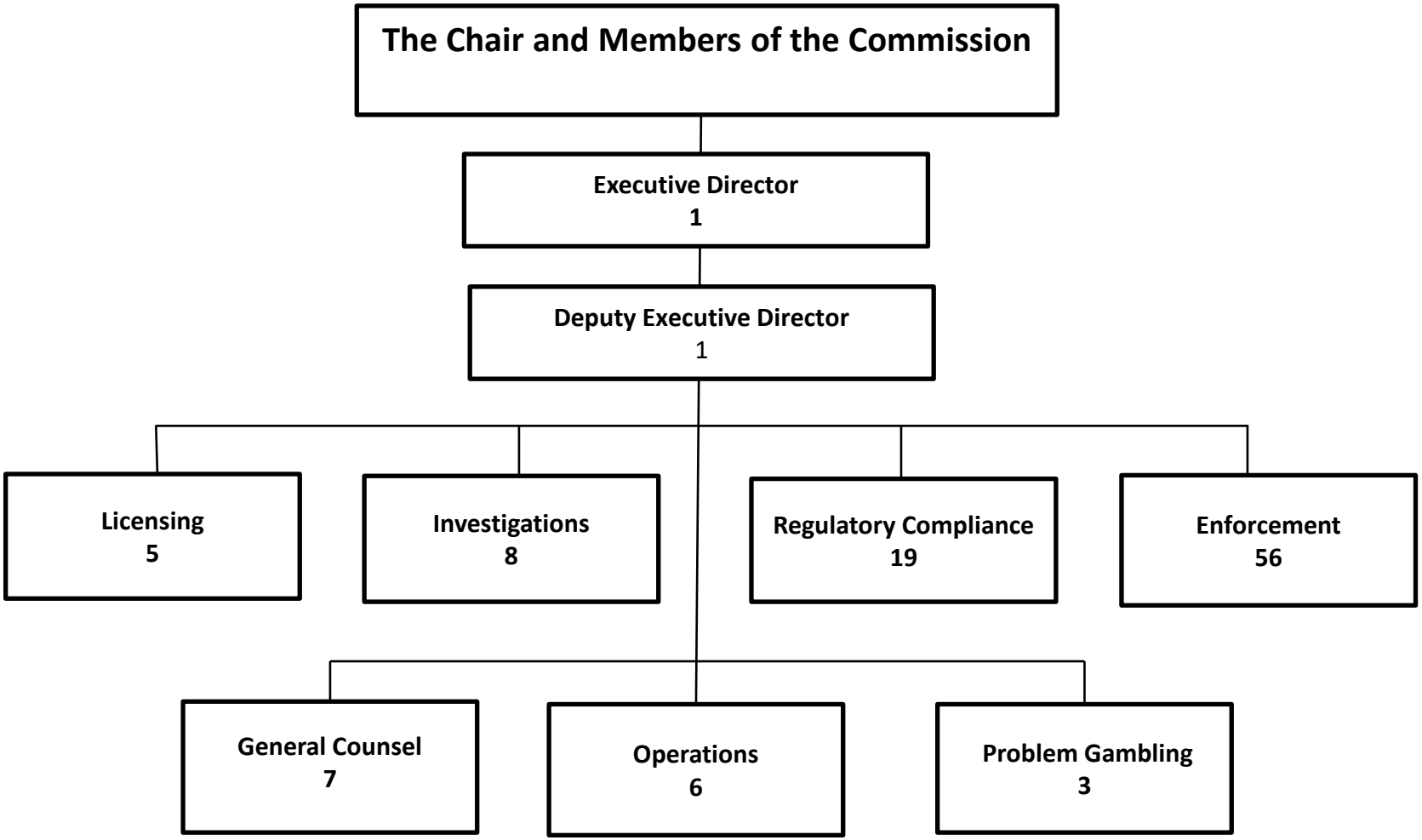

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