

Kentucky Horse Racing Commission

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BIENNIAL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2021 & 2022

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The Honorable David Osborne & The Honorable Robert Stivers 2023 General Assembly 702 Capital Ave Annex Room 332 Frankfort, KY 40601

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Sincerely, Kentucky Horse Racing Commission



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## **MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS**

The KHRC is made up of fifteen (15) members appointed by the Governor, with three (3) ex-officio nonvoting members. The ex-officio members are the Secretaries of the Public Protection Cabinet, Economic Development Cabinet, and Tourism, Arts and Heritage.

Of the fifteen (15) appointed members, two (2) members must have no financial interest in the business or industry regulated. The members of the KHRC are appointed to serve for a term of four (4) years, with the initial terms being staggered. The Governor may consider appointing members broadly representative of the Thoroughbred, Standardbred, Quarter Horse, Appaloosa, or Arabian industries, and may consider recommendations from interested organizations.

All members of the KHRC, or Commissioners, are administered the constitutional Oath of Office before entering upon the discharge of their duties. A majority of the voting Commissioners constitute a quorum. The KHRC established a quorum on the following dates in 2021 and 2022.

2021	2022
February 16, 2021	February 15, 2022
March 19, 2021 <sup>1</sup>	March 4, 2022 <sup>2</sup>
April 20, 2021	April 26, 2022
June 22, 2021	June 21, 2022
August 17, 2021	July 26, 2022 <sup>3</sup>
October 26, 2021	August 16, 2022
December 14, 2021	September 20, 2022 <sup>4</sup>
	October 31, 2022 <sup>5</sup>
	December 13, 2022

The actions taken at each meeting are compiled into minutes, which are then approved by the KHRC and made available at the KHRC office or on its website. At each meeting, the KHRC reviews requests and recommendations submitted by industry participants, licensees, and KHRC staff. An agenda is compiled and shared with the public through the Public Protection Cabinet (PPC) before each meeting. For the reported period, the KHRC provided in-person and virtual options to the Public.

Commissioners do not receive compensation for serving on the KHRC. The Governor appoints one Commissioner to serve as its chairperson and a second Commissioner

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Special Meeting

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Special Meeting

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Special Meeting

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Special Meeting

who may serve as vice chair. The vice chair has the authority to act in the absence of the chairperson.

The following page lists the persons appointed as Commissioners for the KHRC by calendar year. Due to staggered terms, the names below exceed the fifteen-member count set by statute. Please note that the names not in bold reflect members who resigned or whose terms expired during the periods reported. For specific dates regarding appointments, please contact the KHRC.

Name	Туре
Jonathan Rabinowitz	Chair
Frank Jones, Jr.	Vice Chair
J. Gatewood Bell, Jr.	Member-at-Large
Mike Berry	Member-at-Large
Kerry T. Cauthen	Member-at-Large
Naveed Chowhan, M.D.	Member-at-Large
Tiffany Daniels, D.C.	Member-at-Large
Michael Dudgeon	Member-at-Large
James Gates, Jr.	Member-at-Large
Greg Harbut	Member-at-Large
Douglas A. Hendrickson	Member-at-Large
Lesley Ann Howard	Member-at-Large
Kenneth A. Jackson	Member-at-Large
Franklin S. Kling	Member-at-Large
William L.S. Landes	Member-at-Large
Alan J. Leavitt	Member-at-Large
William May	Member-at-Large
Foster Northrop D.V.M	Member-at-Large
Charles F. O'Connor	Member-at-Large
Catherine J. Parke	Member-at-Large
William T. Riddle, D.V.M	Member-at-Large
C. Frank Shoop	Member-at-Large
Mark Simendinger	Member-at-Large
James E. Worley	Member-at-Large
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	cio Members
Ray Perry	Secretary, Public Protection Cabinet
Lindy Casebier	Secretary, Tourism Arts and Heritage Cabinet
Jeff Noel	Secretary, Economic Development Cabinet
Mike Berry	Secretary, Tourism Arts and Heritage Cabinet
Kerry B. Harvey	Secretary, Public Protection Cabinet
Larry Hayes	Secretary, Economic Development Cabinet

The KHRC expresses its gratitude to the current and former Commissioners who dedicated their time and expertise to the regulation of horse racing in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Their contributions have been invaluable in ensuring the safety and well-being of horses, jockeys, and drivers, as well as the growth and success of the equine industry.

#### **DIVISIONS AND STAFF**

The KHRC is comprised of several divisions with specific tasks related to regulating horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering within Kentucky. The professional expertise, diligence, and commitment of the KHRC staff have been critical in fulfilling the organization's mandate. The following provides an overview of each division's involvement in fulfilling the KHRC's duties.

# Office of the Executive Director

The Office of the Executive Director provides administrative support to all divisions of the KHRC. It serves as the liaison between KHRC's divisions to other parts of state government and works closely with the Public Protection Cabinet. Fiscal, legal, and human resource duties are some of the ways that the Office of the Executive Director supports the KHRC's efforts.

Name	Title	Office
Jamie Eads	Executive Director	Office of the Executive Director
Waqas Ahmed	Deputy Executive Director	Office of the Executive Director
Mariah Dietz	Executive Administrative Secretary	Office of the Executive Director
Bruce Howard	Equine Medical Director	Office of the Executive Director - EDRC
Beth Jacobson	Paralegal	Office of the Executive Director
Travers Manley	Deputy General Counsel	Office of the Executive Director
Brian Nesselrode	Office Manager	Office of the Executive Director
Alicia Ritter	Executive Administrative Secretary	Office of the Executive Director - EDRC
Teresa Whitaker	Fiscal Manager	Office of the Executive Director
Jennifer Wolsing	General Counsel	Office of the Executive Director

## DIVISION OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING AND COMPLIANCE

The Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Compliance is responsible for overseeing all methods of pari-mutuel wagering in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Its primary role is to ensure the integrity of all licensed racetracks, associations, totalizator companies, advance deposit wagering operators, and historical horse racing systems that offer parimutuel wagering. The Division reviews yearly applications for all totalizator and advance deposit wagering licenses and proposed pari-mutuel wagering changes to racetrack applications. It also conducts totalizator testing at each racetrack before every live race meet to ensure proper pari-mutuel accounting functionality. The Division conducts random audits of all historical horse racing manufacturers and works with independent testing facilities and data providers to verify data received from licensed associations before publishing monthly reports. The Division is committed to promoting transparency of wagering data to the public and reporting pari-mutuel handle accurately. With the application of a LEAN methodology and automation, the Division has streamlined and improved several processes.

Name	Title	Office
Andy Conway	Assistant Director	Wagering and Compliance
Joanna Ricci	Analyst	Wagering and Compliance

#### DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT

The Division of Enforcement is responsible for ensuring that racing in Kentucky is conducted according to established laws and regulations. The Division is headed by a director of enforcement and consists of investigators, who investigate any alleged or actual violations, including criminal offenses, claims violations, and pari-mutuel concerns. The Division also conducts criminal background checks and assists with investigations for law enforcement agencies, as well as working in partnership with other racing jurisdictions. The Division performs breathalyzer alcohol testing and drug screening on a random basis and follows proper police procedures in evidence gathering. The Division also responds to complaints received from the KHRC Integrity hotline, ensuring that any reported violations are investigated promptly. Overall, the Division of Enforcement plays a critical role in protecting the integrity of horse racing in Kentucky and ensuring that all participants are held accountable for their actions.

Name	Title	Office
Paul Brooker	Division Director	Enforcement
Daniel Assef	Investigator	Enforcement
Shannon Garner	Investigator	Enforcement
Jeffrey Mayberry	Investigator	Enforcement

# DIVISION OF INCENTIVES AND DEVELOPMENT

The Division of Incentives and Development oversees several restricted funds under the jurisdiction of the KHRC. These include the Kentucky Breeders' Incentive funds, Breed Development funds, and Backside Improvement Fund as well as several purse accounts for Standardbred and Quarter Horse tracks. The Division also oversees the remittance of unclaimed pari-mutuel tickets pursuant to KRS 230.263. As a steward of these restricted funds, the Division is responsible for reconciling and authorizing the disbursement of incentives for horses bred in Kentucky. Each breed has specific eligibility criteria established in applicable statutes and regulations. The Division also authorizes the disbursement of development funds accrued through the pari-mutuel excise tax.

Name	Title	Office
Drew Conners	Division Director	Incentives and Development
PJ Cooksey	Assistant Director	Incentives and Development
Susan Nash	Program Coordinator	Incentives and Development
Katie Mueller	Program Coordinator	Incentives and Development

#### **DIVISION OF LICENSING**

The Division of Licensing performs suitability determinations for all licenses for racing participants that are issued under the jurisdiction of the KHRC. This Division may issue a license if it determines that the applicant is committed to upholding the high quality of Kentucky racing and is suitable under the criteria established in relevant statutes and regulations. The Division processes license applications submitted via email or fax and maintains a physical location at the Kentucky Horse Park. Additionally, Division staff frequently hold field clinics at tracks that are actively conducting racing. All information regarding applications and hours of operation may be found on the KHRC's website.

Name	Title	Office
George Haydon	Division Director	Licensing
Carol Hays	Racing License Administrator	Licensing
Ben Corder	Racing License Administrator	Licensing
Betty Moran	Racing License Administrator	Licensing

#### **DIVISION OF STEWARDS**

On behalf of the KHRC, Stewards and Judges are charged with immediate supervision, control, and regulation of live racing at each licensed race meeting. These officials have the authority to oversee all horses and all persons, whether licensed or unlicensed, on association grounds during each race meeting. Their duties include making determinations on all questions, disputes, protests, complaints, or objections related to racing that arise during a race meeting. In Standardbred racing, the Judges serve as placing Judges and verify the order of finish in each race.

As part of their responsibilities, Kentucky Stewards routinely review the replay of each race from four different camera angles before the results are posted as "official." At Thoroughbred racetracks, the chief state steward and state steward are employees of the KHRC, while the third steward is an employee of the racing association. Pursuant to 810 KAR 2:040, Stewards are accountable solely to the Commission. At Standardbred racetracks, the presiding judge and an associate judge are employees of the KHRC, and the third judge is an employee of the racing association. Information regarding rulings can be found on the KHRC's website.

Name	Title	Office
Barb Borden	Chief State Steward	Stewards
Tim Schmitz	Presiding Judge	Stewards
Brooks Becraft	State Steward	Stewards
PJ Cooksey	Associate Judge	Stewards

#### DIVISION OF VETERINARY SERVICES

The Division of Veterinary Services includes veterinarians, veterinary technicians, detention barn assistants, and administrative staff. The Chief Racing Veterinarian manages the regulatory veterinary activities associated with live racing, supervises staff scheduling, performs personnel performance evaluations, and participates in all KHRC meetings. Test Barn operations, which are essential to the drug-testing program, include the collection and documentation of blood and urine samples and the management of race day furosemide administration. The KHRC veterinarians also perform pre-race examinations, on-track monitoring of horse health and soundness, triage and emergency care of racing injuries, and evaluation of Vet Listed horses for reestablishing racing eligibility. They enter data relevant to scratches, accidents, injuries, or medical conditions into the Jockey Club Equine Injury Database and submit horses that die or are euthanized for necropsy. They also perform blood sampling associated with post-race testing or pre-race TCO2 analysis, and the KHRC Test Barn technicians collect post-race equine urine samples to be sent to the KHRC official laboratory for analysis. The KHRC continues to implement out-of-competition testing for the detection of blood doping agents and other prohibited substances. The KHRC utilizes Industrial Laboratories as its primary drug testing laboratory, which is fully accredited by the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium.

Name	Title	Office	
Nick Smith	Chief Racing Veterinarian	Veterinary Services	
Jenny Engle	Administrative Specialist	Veterinary Services	
J. Iris	Veterinary Technician	Veterinary Services	
Patricia Ludwig	Veterinary Technician	Veterinary Services	
Brent Cassidy	Veterinarian	Veterinary Services	
Louis Johnson	Veterinarian	Veterinary Services	
Jasmin Springfield	Veterinarian	Veterinary Services	
Allison Painter	Veterinarian	Veterinary Services	
Sarah Padilla	Veterinarian	Veterinary Services	
Will Sandman	Veterinarian	Veterinary Services	
Timothy Miller	Veterinarian	Veterinary Services	
Victor Mendoza	Veterinarian	Veterinary Services	
COMMITTEES	COMMITTEES		

# LICENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE

This committee meets pursuant to 810 KAR 3:020 upon the referral of a license application from one of the four parties listed in the administrative regulation. The committee is composed of the Executive Director, Director of Licensing, Chief State Steward or Presiding Judge, and at least one other commissioner or staff member designated by the Executive Director. The Committee's membership is currently comprised of the following:

Lesley Howard, Chair	
Jamie Eads	
Paul Brooker	
Greg Harbut	
George Haydon	

#### RACE DATES COMMITTEE

This is an ad-hoc committee that reviews race dates requested in annual license applications to conduct horse racing, simulcasting, and pari-mutuel wagering. The Committee's membership is currently comprised of the following:

Jonathan Rabinowitz, Chair
Frank Jones, Jr., Vice Chair
Michael Dudgeon
William L.S. Landes III
Bill May
Charles O'Connor
C. Frank Shoop

# RULES COMMITTEE

This is an ad-hoc committee that typically reviews proposed rules related to racing and hears recommendations from industry participants. The committee makes recommendations to the KHRCwhich may then promulgate regulations to enforce those rules. The Committee's membership is currently comprised of the following:

Frank Jones, Jr. Chair

Greg Harbut

Bill May

Charles O'Connor

Catherine Parke

Anna Seitz

C. Frank Shoop

SAFETY AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

This committee identifies issues of concern and makes recommendations to promote human and equine safety and welfare in Kentucky horse racing.

The Committee's membership is currently comprised of the following:

Charles O'Connor, Chair

Dr. Tiffany Daniels

Lesley Howard

Catherine Parke

Dr. Tom Riddle

Wesley Ward

WAGERING INTEGRITY COMMITTEE

This committee is charged with investigating wagering integrity and security issues and making recommendations to the KHRC. It reviews license applications related to wagering operations and gathers information from various sources relating to wagering integrity issues. The Committee's membership is currently comprised of the following:

Michael Dudgeon, Chair

Waqas Ahmed

**Naveed Chowhan** 

**Chuck Grubbs** 

Ronald Johnson

Mike Maloney

William May

#### **GROUPS RELATED TO RESTRICTED FUNDS**

KENTUCKY HORSE BREEDERS' INCENTIVE FUND

This committee advises, assists, and makes recommendations to the KHRCregarding the structure and operation of the Kentucky Horse Breeders' Incentive Fund, the first incentive fund in the country to address multiple non-racing breeds. The Committee's membership is currently comprised of the following:

Kiki Courtelis, Chair Sarah Coleman Brittany Bell

#### EQUINE DRUG RESEARCH COUNCIL

The Kentucky Equine Drug Research Council (EDRC) supports equine research related to the detection of prohibited substances, the regulation of therapeutic medications, the development of drug testing methods, investigation into emerging doping threats, and topics related to the health, safety, and welfare of race horses. The EDRC is partnered with the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC) in pioneering a double-blind quality assurance program intended to ensure that drug testing laboratory performance is consistent across North America. The EDRC recommended funding for drug testing of samples collected from horses treated with therapeutic medications to verify that the medication was cleared from the horse before it was entered to race. The Council's membership is currently comprised of the following:

Dr. Naveed Chowhan, Chair
Michael Kilgore, PhD
Johnny Mac Smith, DVM
Andy Roberts, DVM
Art Zubrod
Mike Ziegler
James Morehead, DVM
Marc Cheney, DVM

KENTUCKY STANDARDBRED DEVELOPMENT FUND AND BREEDERS' INCENTIVE FUND PANEL This Panel advises, assists, and makes recommendations to the KHRCregarding the administration of the Kentucky Sire Stakes. The Kentucky Sire Stakes provides rewards for owners of Standardbred horses by registered Kentucky stallions or registered resident mares. The Kentucky Sire Stakes is funded with revenue from the Kentucky Standardbred Development Fund and the Kentucky Standardbred Breeders' Incentive Fund. The Council's membership is currently comprised of the following:

Ed Worley, Chair Jimmy Avritt, Jr. Joe Costa Kenneth A. Jackson Mike Ziegler

## KENTUCKY THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS' INCENTIVE FUND

This committee reviewed 810 KAR 1:070 to determine if any changes were necessary to ensure the regulation was accomplishing the mission and purpose of the fund. The fund was established in 2005. The Council's membership is currently comprised of the following:

Lesley Howard
Neil Howard
Joe Seitz
C. Frank Shoop
Ed Worley

# KENTUCKY THOROUGHBRED DEVELOPMENT FUND

Each year, by July 1, the KHRC appoints a KTDF advisory committee to assist in the development of the supplemental purse program for Kentucky-bred Thoroughbreds funded through an excise tax imposed on all tracks conducting pari-mutuel wagering under the jurisdiction of the KHRC. Additionally, the committee is charged with establishing guidelines for which the purses are to be administered to promote, enhance, improve, and encourage the development of Thoroughbred breeding in Kentucky. KTDF funds supplement purses for eligible Kentucky-sired and Kentucky-foaled horses running at licensed Kentucky Thoroughbred race meetings for stakes, handicaps, allowances, and non-claiming maiden races. Funds that are reverted are as a result of non-eligible horses placing in the designated races receiving those funds, and reverted funds are returned to the KTDF for distribution in other designated races. The Council's membership is currently comprised of the following:

William L.S. Landes III, Chair
Charles O'Connor, Vice Chair
Rick Hiles
Braxton Lynch
Austin Schmitt

**PROCEEDINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION** 

The KHRC (KHRC) held several regular and special meetings throughout 2021 and 2022 to discuss various requests submitted by industry participants and KHRC staff.

In February 2021, the KHRC approved several proposals, including the KTDF purse structures for Keeneland Association Inc. and Churchill Downs Racetrack LLC's 2021 Spring meets, two backside improvement fund expenditures, KHBIF Period VI applications for 2021, proposed amendments to 810 KAR 5:080, and expansion of Kentucky Downs LLC's licensed premises. Additionally, the KHRC approved requests to amend license applications for Keeneland Association Inc. and ECL Corbin LLC, recommended amendments to withdrawal guidance for Fluphenazine, and approved proposals related to historical horse racing regulations and classification processes.

In March 2021, the KHRC held a special meeting to review four requests submitted by industry participants and KHRC staff. The KHRC approved requests from Churchill Downs Racetrack LLC, Kentucky Downs LLC, and KRM Wagering LLC to offer new entertaining game themes and pari-mutuel pools from various providers. The KHRC also approved a request from KHRC staff to amend the proposed classification process for historical horse racing administrative requests.

In April 2021, the KHRC held a regular meeting to review eleven requests submitted by industry participants and KHRC staff. The KHRC approved several proposals, including the 2021 Kentucky Proud Series race dates, purses, and conditions, proposed KTDF purse structures for Kentucky Downs LLC's September meeting and Ellis Entertainment LLC's Summer meet, backside improvement fund expenditures, and the establishment of the University of Kentucky Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory as the Commission's new drug testing laboratory. The KHRC also approved requests to establish a new Executive Administrative Secretary position for the EDRC, ratified approvals for various race meet officials, and approved a change of control request submitted by Betmakers US, Inc.

In June 2021, the KHRC held a regular meeting to review seven requests submitted by industry participants and KHRC staff. The KHRC approved proposed amendments to 810 KAR 4:040 by the KHRC Rules Committee and ratified the Executive Director's conditional approvals for various requests from Kentucky Downs LLC, ECL Corbin LLC, Derby City Gaming, and KRM Wagering LLC to offer new historical horse racing terminals, pari-mutuel pools, system components, and entertaining game themes. The KHRC also approved proposed race meet officials and date preference systems for Kentucky Downs LLC and Churchill Downs for their 2021 race meets.

In August 2021, the KHRC held a regular meeting to review thirteen requests submitted by industry participants and KHRC staff. The KHRC approved several proposals, including proposed KTDF purse structures for Churchill Downs' September meet and Keeneland's Fall meet, a proposed purse increase for Kentucky Downs' September meet, a backside improvement fund expenditure, and proposed amendments to various administrative regulations. The KHRC also approved requests to amend Keeneland's

application for a license to conduct live horse racing, simulcasting, and pari-mutuel wagering, ratified the Executive Director's conditional approval of a change of control request submitted by FSG Services LLC, and addressed proposed race meet officials and date preference systems for Keeneland and Oak Grove Racing, Gaming & Hotel.

In October 2021, the KHRC held a regular meeting to review eleven requests submitted by industry participants and KHRC staff. The KHRC approved several proposals, including ratifying the Executive Director's conditional approval for Kentucky Downs to send \$450,000 in KTDF funds to Keeneland for use during the 2021 Fall meet, approving KTDF purse structures for Churchill Downs' Fall meet and Turfway Park's 2021 Holiday meet and 2022 Winter/Spring meet, and approving amendments to various administrative regulations. The KHRC also approved the delegation of authority to Committee Chairs for obtaining legal services, conditions of racing association licensing for 2022, licenses to conduct live horse racing, simulcasting, and pari-mutuel wagering for 2022, the calendar of race dates and host status for 2022, and proposed race meet officials and date preference systems for Turfway Park and Churchill Downs.

In December 2021, the KHRC held a regular meeting to review ten requests submitted by industry participants and KHRC staff. The KHRC approved several proposals, including the 2022 meeting schedule and calendar, the transfer of funds to the Kentucky Racing Health & Welfare Fund (KRHWF), and the release of uncashed ticket money for purse distributions at the Kentucky Proud Series. The KHRC also approved proposed amendments to administrative regulations, totalizator licenses, and advance deposit account wagering licenses for 2022, and Churchill Downs' request for a renewal license for its simulcast facility at the Louisville Thoroughbred Society. The KHRC ratified the Executive Director's conditional approval of certain historical horse racing requests and approved the addition of two optional racing dates for Churchill Downs for the September 2022 meet.

In February 2022, the KHRC held a regular meeting to review fifteen requests from industry participants and KHRC staff. The KHRC approved several proposals, including Kentucky Downs' request to send Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund funds (KTDF) to Keeneland, KTDF purse structure requests for Keeneland and Churchill Downs' Spring meets, and Period VII applications for participation in the Kentucky Horse Breeders' Incentive Fund (KHBIF) for 2022, 2023, and 2024. The KHRC also approved proposed amendments to various administrative regulations and ratified Executive Director Guilfoil's approval of Turfway's request to amend the post time and the number of races for December 31, 2021. Additionally, the KHRC addressed requests to approve proposed 2022 Spring race meet officials and date preference systems for Keeneland and Churchill Downs, and partial funding of a grant for a study on pre-race inflammation in catastrophically injured horses.

In March 2022, the KHRC considered requests for stay in KHRC-22-TB-003 and KHRC 22-TB-004.

In April 2022, the KHRC reviewed 16 requests by industry participants and staff. The committee approved several KTDF purse structure requests, including for Kentucky Downs and Ellis Entertainment's upcoming race meets. They also allowed Ellis Entertainment to race one day at Churchill Downs and increased the previously approved KTDF purse structure for Churchill Downs' 2022 Spring Meet. The committee also approved requests related to race date amendments, new exotic wagers for Oak Grove Racing and Gaming, and amendments to various rules and regulations. Additionally, they ratified several Executive Director conditional approvals, including special wagers and future wagers requests from Churchill Downs and Keeneland Association, Inc.

In June 2022, the KHRC held a regular meeting to review nine requests by industry participants and KHRC staff and approved various actions. These included the transfer of funds from Kentucky Downs to Ellis Park to elevate Ellis Park's claiming races, KTDF advertising request from Kentucky Downs, approval of the Kentucky Proud Series race date change for the Woodford County Fair, ECL Corbin LLC's request to shift its race meet location to the Red Mile, authorization for KHRC staff to obtain professional legal services, authorization for the KHRC director of pari-mutuel wagering and compliance to approve or deny certain administrative requests related to historical horse racing, approval of the proposed 2022 race meet officials and date preference system submitted by Ellis Park and Kentucky Downs, and approval of the proposed 2022 race meet officials submitted by The Red Mile.

In July 2022, the KHRC held a special meeting to review two requests, both of which were approved. The first request was for Ellis Park's backside improvement, while the second was for Revolutionary Racing Kentucky, LLC's 2023 initial application for a license to conduct live horse racing, simulcasting, and pari-mutuel wagering.

In August 2022, the KHRC held a regular meeting to review six requests. The KHRC approved four recommendations made by the Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund Advisory Committee for KTDF purse allotment requests for Kentucky Downs, Churchill Downs Racetrack, and Keeneland Association's fall races. Churchill Downs Racetrack and Keeneland Association's proposed 2022 fall race meet officials and date preference systems were also approved.

In September 2022, the KHRC held a special meeting to review a request by industry participants. The request was for the change of control of Ellis Entertainment, LLC from Enchantment Holdings LLC to Churchill Downs, Inc. The KHRC approved the change of control.

In October 2022, the KHRC held a special meeting to review 14 requests. The requests approved included: ratification of Interim Executive Director Jamie Eads' conditional approval of Churchill Downs' KTDF purse structure for its 2022 Fall meet, approval of the KTDF purse structure for Turfway Park's 2022 Holiday Meet and 2023 Winter/Spring meet, addressing Churchill Downs Racetrack's backside improvement request, approval

of the Equine Drug Research Council's funding for two studies, and approval of license applications for live horse racing, simulcasting, and pari-mutuel wagering for 2023. The meeting also addressed the Kentucky Standardbred Development Fund (KSDF) and Kentucky Standardbred Breeders' Incentive Fund (KSBIF) advisory committee's 2023 purse distributions and the approval of race officials for Turfway Park's 2022 Holiday Meet and 2023 Winter/Spring Meet.

In December 2022, the KHRC held a special meeting to review fourteen requests. The approved actions included the 2023 meeting schedule, the transfer of funds to the Kentucky Racing Health & Welfare Fund, funds for backside improvements at Churchill Downs Racetrack LLC, the license to provide totalizer services for 2023, renewal of licenses to conduct advanced deposit account wagering for 2023, renewal of license for simulcast facility at Churchill Downs Racetrack, LLC for 2023, and approval of ECL Corbin, LLC's request to amend its race dates and race officials.

In summary, the KHRC held several regular and special meetings in 2021 and 2022 to review various requests and proposals submitted by industry participants and KHRC staff. The KHRC approved numerous proposals, including KTDF purse structures for different race meets, backside improvement fund expenditures, and amendments to various administrative regulations. The KHRC also addressed requests related to historical horse racing regulations, classification processes, license applications for conducting live horse racing, simulcasting, and pari-mutuel wagering, and race meet officials and date preference systems for various race meets. Additionally, the KHRC ratified several Executive Director conditional approvals, authorized the delegation of authority to Committee Chairs, and approved the transfer of funds to the Kentucky Racing Health & Welfare Fund.

For a detailed record of the Commission's proceedings, please visit khrc.ky.gov or contact the Commission's office.