

RONNIE JONES

Ronnie Jones was appointed Chairman of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board by Governor Bobby Jindal in August of 2013. Chairman Jones is a veteran State Police administrator with 33 years of experience in the agency prior to his appointment to the Chairman's position.

Jones brings a unique and varied background to the position of chairman. He was the primary legislative coordinator for the State Police when riverboat and video poker gaming were first approved in 1991 and he participated in the debate and discussions which eventually resulted in the legalization of gaming. Thereafter, he was a senior operational and policy advisor and the department spokesperson when State Police established the regulatory structure and began issuing licenses.

Jones has also been a college instructor and a consultant. Through Public Safety Consulting Services, Jones provided public safety agencies with advice and counsel on policy, management, training and communications issues. He was a full time and adjunct instructor at Southeastern Louisiana University and an adjunct faculty member at Tulane University and the University of South Florida.

The Gaming Control Board was created in 1996 and is an independent body comprised of 9 appointees from a variety of disciplines and serving staggered 6 year terms. The Board oversees an industry which annually generates more than \$3 billion in total net revenue and more than \$600 million in state fees. The board is primarily responsible for maintaining public confidence in, and operational integrity of 15 riverboat properties, the land-based casino in the city of New Orleans, more than 2,000 licensed video poker establishments and four racetrack slot gaming facilities.

Jones earned his BA from Louisiana State University in 1974, his MS from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1983, and attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois in 1978-1979.

In 2017 Chairman Jones was recognized by the International Masters of Gaming Law as the North American Regulator of the Year.

He is a native of Tangipahoa Parish and currently resides in New Orleans.