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8 THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2019

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10 House Committee Room 1

11 Louisiana State Capitol

12 900 North Third Street

13 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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17 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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1 APPEARANCES

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Chairman (At Large)

3 June 30, 2019

4 MARK STIPE

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5 Seventh Congressional District

June 30, 2020

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June 30, 2020

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June 30, 2024

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June 30, 2021

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20 Fourth Congressional District

June 30, 2024

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(Economic/Community Planner)

23 Sixth Congressional District

June 30, 2019

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3 JEFF TRAYLOR

Louisiana State Police, Audit Division

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7 TRUDY SMITH

Confidential Assistant

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Baton Rouge Court Reporters

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Good morning and

3 welcome to the July meeting of the

4 Louisiana Gaming Control Board.

5 Miss Smith, would you call the roll.

6 MS. SMITH: Mr. Avant?

7 MR. AVANT: Here.

8 MS. SMITH: Miss Berry?

9 MS. BERRY: Here.

10 MS. SMITH: Mr. Jackson?

11 MR. JACKSON: Here.

12 MS. SMITH: Mr. Lagasse?

13 MR. LAGASSE: Yes, ma'am.

14 MS. SMITH: Mr. Patrick? [No

15 response.]

16 Mr. Poole?

17 MR. POOLE: Here.

18 MS. SMITH: Mr. Singleton?

19 MR. SINGLETON: Here.

20 MS. SMITH: Mr. Stipe?

21 MR. STIPE: Here.

22 MS. SMITH: Colonel Reeves?

23 MR. TRAYLOR: Jeff Traylor.

24 MS. SMITH: Secretary Robinson? [No

25 response.]

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1 II. PUBLIC COMMENT

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Okay, we have a  
3 quorum. We may conduct business. It's  
4 an opportunity now for public comment  
5 for anybody in the audience who would  
6 like to speak to any of the items on our  
7 agenda this morning. [No response.]

8 No one.

9 III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: Okay, we'll now  
11 move to Approval of the Minutes. Do I  
12 have a motion to waive reading and  
13 approve the minutes from the June 20th  
14 and 27th meeting? Mr. Singleton and Mr.  
15 Poole.

16 Any objection? [No response.]

17 Without objection, the motion  
18 carries, and the minutes are approved.

19 IV. REVENUE REPORTS

20 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll now call  
21 Revenue Reports. Good morning.

22 MS. JACKSON: Chairman Jones and  
23 Board Members, my name is Donna Jackson  
24 with Louisiana State Police Gaming  
25 Enforcement Division.

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1 The 15 operating riverboats

2 generated Adjusted Gross Receipts of  
3 \$151,736,752 in June. This total  
4 represents a decrease of \$8.3 million or  
5 5 percent from last month, and a  
6 decrease of \$17.2 million or 10 percent  
7 from last June.

8 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal  
9 year 2018-2019 are \$1,863,000,000, a  
10 decrease of \$63.4 million or 3 percent  
11 from fiscal year 2017-2018.

12 During June, the State collected  
13 fees totaling \$32,623,402. As of  
14 June 30th, 2019, the State collected  
15 over \$400 million in fees for fiscal  
16 year 2018-2019, a decrease of \$13.6  
17 million or 3 percent from last fiscal  
18 year.

19 Next is a summary of the June 2019  
20 gaming activity for Harrah's New Orleans  
21 found on page three. During June,  
22 Harrah's generated \$22,414,438 in gross  
23 gaming revenue, a decrease of \$4 million  
24 or 15 percent from last month, and a  
25 decrease of \$1.3 million or 5.5 percent

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1 from last June. Revenues for fiscal  
2 year 2018-2019 are \$291.5 million, up  
3 almost \$3 million or 1 percent from  
4 fiscal year 2017-2018.



5 During June, the State received  
6 \$4,918,033 in minimum daily payments.  
7 As of June 30th, 2019, the State  
8 collected \$63,149,064 in fees for fiscal  
9 year 2018-2019.

10 Next I will present the revenues for  
11 Slots at the Racetracks. During June,  
12 the four racetrack facilities combined  
13 generated Adjusted Gross Receipts of  
14 \$30,042,065, a decrease of \$1.5 million  
15 or 4.6 percent from last month, and a  
16 decrease from June 2018 of \$1.7 million  
17 or 5.4 percent.

18 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal  
19 year 2018-2019 are \$355 million, an  
20 increase of \$2.3 million or 1 percent  
21 from fiscal year 2017-2018.

22 During June, the State collected  
23 \$4,557,381 in fees. As of June 30th,  
24 2019, the State has collected  
25 \$53,868,234 in fees for fiscal year

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1 2018-2019.

2 Overall in June, Riverboats,  
3 Landbased and Slots at the Racetracks  
4 combined generated \$204 million in AGR  
5 and \$42 million in state fees. These  
6 revenues represent a decrease from  
7 June 2018 of 9 percent. Revenues for

8 fiscal year 2018-2019 for all four  
9 gaming venues were over \$3,120,000,000,  
10 down \$31 million or 1 percent as  
11 compared to 2017-2018. I've included an  
12 additional chart in your folders which  
13 shows this comparison.

14 Are there any questions before I  
15 present the Harrah's employee  
16 information?

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any  
18 questions on the revenue figures? [No  
19 response.]

20 There are no questions.

21 MS. JACKSON: Harrah's New Orleans  
22 is required to maintain at least 2,400  
23 employees and a bi-weekly payroll of  
24 \$1,750,835. This report covers pay  
25 period in June 2019.

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1 For the first pay period, the  
2 Division verified 2,580 employees with a  
3 payroll of \$2,177,000. For the second  
4 pay period, the Division verified 2,584  
5 employees with a payroll of \$2,179,000.  
6 Therefore, Harrah's met the employment  
7 criteria during June.

8 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any  
9 questions? [No response.]

10 There are no questions. Thank you.

11 Jim, good morning.  
12 MR. BOSSIER: Good morning, Chairman  
13 Jones and Board Members. My name is Jim  
14 Bossier with the Louisiana State Police  
15 Gaming Enforcement Division here to  
16 report video gaming for June 2019 as  
17 shown on page one of your handout.

18 Nine new video gaming licenses were  
19 issued during June: Four bars, four  
20 truckstops and one restaurant.

21 Eleven new applications were  
22 received by the Gaming Enforcement  
23 Division during June and are currently  
24 pending the field: Six bars, four  
25 restaurants and one truckstop.

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1 The Gaming Enforcement Division  
2 assessed no fines but collected \$3,550  
3 in fines during June, and there are  
4 currently \$1,250 in outstanding fines.  
5 Please refer to page two of your  
6 handout.

7 There are presently 12,955 video  
8 gaming devices activated at 1,650  
9 locations.

10 Net device revenue for June 2019 was  
11 \$49.9 million, a \$4.3 million, or 8  
12 percent, decrease when compared to  
13 May 2019, and a \$700,000 increase, or

14 1.3 percent, when compared to June 2018.

15 Net device revenue so far for fiscal  
16 year 2019 is \$610.7 million, a  
17 \$27 million, or 4.6 percent, increase  
18 when compared to fiscal year 2018. Page  
19 three of your handout shows a comparison  
20 of net device revenue.

21 Total franchise fees collected for  
22 June 2019 were \$14.9 million, a \$1.3  
23 million decrease when compared to  
24 May 2019, and a \$200,000 increase when  
25 compared to June 2018.

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1 Total franchise fees collected for  
2 fiscal year 2018 are \$182.9 million, a  
3 \$8 million increase, or 4.6 percent,  
4 when compared to fiscal year 2018. Page  
5 four of your handout shows a comparison  
6 of franchise fees.

7 Does anybody have any questions?

8 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any  
9 questions on video poker? [No  
10 response.]

11 There are no questions. Thank you.

12 At least there was a little good news in  
13 there.

14 MR. BOSSIER: A little bit.

15 V. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

16 A. Consideration of Renewal Application for

17 Riverboat Gaming License of PNK (Baton  
18 Rouge) Partnership d/b/a L'Auberge Casino &  
19 Hotel Baton Rouge - No. R011000801

20 B. Consideration of Renewal Application for  
21 Riverboat Gaming License of Bossier Casino  
22 Venture, LLC, d/b/a Margaritaville Resort  
23 Casino - No. R011000841

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: Okay, we'll now  
25 move to Casino Gaming Issues. We have

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1 two matters for consideration. First up  
2 is Consideration of Renewal Application  
3 for -- we'll take both together --  
4 Consideration of Renewal Application for  
5 Riverboat Gaming License of PNK (Baton  
6 Rouge) Partnership doing business as  
7 L'Auberge Casino & Hotel Baton Rouge,  
8 No. R011000801 and Consideration of  
9 Renewal Application of Riverboat Gaming  
10 License for Bossier Casino Venture, LLC,  
11 doing business as Margaritaville Resort  
12 Casino, No. R011000841.

13 MS. MOORE: Good morning. Chairman  
14 Jones, Members of the Board, I'm  
15 Assistant Attorney General Charmaine  
16 Moore appearing today with Lieutenant  
17 Saleem El-Amin in the matter of the  
18 pending renewal applications of PNK  
19 (Baton Rouge) Partnership doing business

20 as L'Auberge Casino & Hotel Baton Rouge  
21 and Bossier Casino Venture doing  
22 business as Margaritaville Resort  
23 Casino.

24 Both licensees are owned by Penn  
25 National Gaming, Inc. The State Police

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1 has notified the Board and the A.G.'s  
2 Office that it is not able to complete  
3 its suitability investigation of Penn  
4 prior to the expiration of the licenses  
5 and accordingly has requested that the  
6 licenses be conditionally renewed for a  
7 period of 90 days commencing on the date  
8 of expiration of the current licenses to  
9 allow State Police time to complete its  
10 investigation. The license of PNK  
11 (Baton Rouge) Partnership doing business  
12 as L'Auberge Casino & Hotel Baton Rouge  
13 expires on August 19th, 2019, and the  
14 license of Bossier Casino Venture, LLC,  
15 doing business as Margaritaville Resort  
16 Casino expires on September 21st, 2019.

17 Louisiana Revised Statute 27:75.A  
18 requires that the Board act on any  
19 renewal application no later than 30  
20 days prior to the expiration of the  
21 current license. Lieutenant Saline L.  
22 Amine will now speak on behalf of the

23 Division.  
24 LIEUTENANT EL-AMIN: Good morning,  
25 Chairman Jones and Members of the Board.

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1 I'm Lieutenant Saleem El-Amin with the  
2 Louisiana State Police Gaming  
3 Enforcement Division. I'm appearing  
4 before the Board to request an extension  
5 to complete the investigation of PNK  
6 (Baton Rouge) Partnership doing business  
7 as L'Auberge Baton Rouge and Bossier  
8 Casino Venture, LLC, doing business as  
9 Margaritaville Bossier City gaming  
10 license renewals.

11 The Division has not completed its  
12 investigation of the renewal application  
13 of the licensees. Therefore, the  
14 Division is unable to make the  
15 appropriate recommendation to the Board  
16 in regards to the renewals. At this  
17 time, the Division is requesting that  
18 the Louisiana Gaming Control Board grant  
19 a 90-day conditional renewal of these  
20 gaming licenses. The extension would  
21 allow the licensees to continue to  
22 operate and not impede the licensees'  
23 gaming operations prior to the  
24 completion of their renewal  
25 investigation.

1 MS. MOORE: If it is the Board's  
2 pleasure to grant the extension of time  
3 requested by State Police, a Resolution  
4 conditionally renewing both licenses for  
5 90 days, subject to certain stipulations  
6 agreed to by the licensees and State  
7 Police, has been prepared for your  
8 consideration.

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: Very good. Were  
10 there any questions, Board Members?

11 Yes, Miss Berry.

12 MS. BERRY: Is there a particular  
13 reason why you weren't able to complete  
14 your investigation?

15 LIEUTENANT EL-AMIN: We're still  
16 awaiting information to complete that  
17 investigation along with manpower issues  
18 in our office. We weren't able to  
19 complete it.

20 MS. BERRY: But it wasn't the  
21 licensees that were preventing?

22 LIEUTENANT EL-AMIN: No.

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: Our staff has met  
24 with State Police, and we're satisfied  
25 that this is reasonable based on what we

1 know at this point.

2 Any other questions? [No response.]



3 MR. JACKSON: Motion to approve.

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Jackson, I have

5 a motion to adopt the Resolution.

6 Miss Berry seconds it. A vote "yes"

7 will be a vote to adopt the Resolution.

8 A vote "no" would be not to adopt the

9 Resolution.

10 Miss Smith, would you read the

11 Resolution into the record.

12 MS. SMITH: On the 18th day of

13 July 2019, the Louisiana Gaming Control

14 Board did, in a duly noticed public

15 meeting, consider the license renewal

16 applications of PNK (Baton Rouge)

17 Partnership d/b/a L'Auberge Casino &

18 Hotel Baton Rouge and Bossier Casino

19 Venture, LLC, d/b/a Margaritaville

20 Resort Casino, and upon motion duly made

21 and seconded, the Board adopted the

22 following Resolution:

23 Be it resolved that the riverboat

24 gaming license of PNK (Baton Rouge)

25 Partnership d/b/a L'Auberge Casino &

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1 Hotel Baton Rouge, RO11000801, be

2 conditionally renewed for a term of 90

3 days commencing August 19th, 2019. Be

4 it resolved that the riverboat gaming

5 license of Bossier Casino Venture, LLC,

6 d/b/a Margaritaville Resort Casino,  
7 RO11000841, be conditionally renewed for  
8 a term of 90 days commencing  
9 September 21st, 2019.

10 Be it resolved that the conditional  
11 license renewals hereby granted be  
12 subject to the following:

13 All conditions previously placed  
14 upon the licenses, the suitability  
15 investigations of the pending renewal  
16 applications of the licensees and a  
17 recommendation of appropriate action by  
18 the Gaming Enforcement Division of  
19 Louisiana State Police to the Board, and  
20 stipulations agreed to by the Division  
21 and the licensees, a copy of which is  
22 attached hereto and made a part hereof  
23 as is contained herein in its entirety.

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: Please call the  
25 roll.

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1 MS. SMITH: Chairman Jones?

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes.

3 MS. SMITH: Mr. Avant?

4 MR. AVANT: Yes.

5 MS. SMITH: Miss Berry?

6 MS. BERRY: Yes.

7 MS. SMITH: Mr. Jackson?

8 MR. JACKSON: Yes.

9 MS. SMITH: Mr. Lagasse?

10 MR. LAGASSE: Yes.

11 MS. SMITH: Mr. Poole?

12 MR. POOLE: Yes.

13 MS. SMITH: Mr. Singleton?

14 MR. SINGLETON: Yes.

15 MS. SMITH: Mr. Stipe?

16 MR. STIPE: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: Without objection,

18 the motion carries, and the Resolution

19 is adopted.

20 MS. MOORE: Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you to both

22 of you.

23 VI. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT & APPEAL

24 A. In Re: Mandina's, Inc., d/b/a Mandina's

25 Restaurant & Bar - No. 3601209820

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1 (settlement)

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: We now move to the

3 last item on our agenda, Consideration

4 of Proposed Settlement & Appeal. We're

5 going to take up the settlement first.

6 That's in regard to Mandina's, Inc.,

7 doing business as Mandina's Restaurant &

8 Bar, No. 3601209820. This is a

9 settlement.

10 Good morning.

11 MS. MURRAY: Good morning, Chairman

12 Jones, Board Members. I am Assistant  
13 Attorney General Alonna Murray here in  
14 the matter of the settlement of  
15 Mandina's, Inc., doing business as  
16 Mandina's Restaurant & Bar. This  
17 settlement addresses the Type 2  
18 licensee's failure to timely submit the  
19 required annual fee and supporting  
20 documents.

21 On February 15th, 2018, the Division  
22 mailed a Video Gaming Advisory Notice to  
23 the licensee informing them of the  
24 requirement to submit the annual fee and  
25 forms no later than July 1st of 2018.

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1 On April 26th, 2019, the Division  
2 received the required annual renewal  
3 forms and fee.

4 The civil penalty contained in the  
5 settlement is \$750, which is an amount  
6 consistent with violations of this type.  
7 The settlement has been signed by the  
8 hearing officer and is now before the  
9 Board for final approval. I'd be happy  
10 to answer any questions you may have.

11 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any  
12 questions on the proposed settlement?

13 [No response.]

14 There are no questions. Do I have a

15 motion? By Mr. Singleton, Mr. Stipe.

16 Any objection? [No response.]

17 Without objection, the settlement is

18 approved. Thank you.

19 B. In Re: The Sunshine Boys & Girls, Inc., d/b/a

20 The Blvd Bar of Metairie - No. 2605101031

21 (appeal)

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: And we now move to

23 the final item that's in regard to The

24 Sunshine Boys & Girls, Inc., doing

25 business as The Blvd Bar of Metairie.

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1 That's No. 2605101031.

2 Is there someone here representing

3 The Blvd? [No response.]

4 No one is here, please proceed.

5 MS. LANDRY: Good morning, Chairman

6 Jones and Board Members. I'm Assistant

7 Attorney General Lisha Landry

8 representing the Gaming Enforcement

9 Division here in the matter of the

10 appeal for The Sunshine Boys & Girls,

11 Inc., doing business as The Blvd Bar of

12 Metairie. We are here at the licensee's

13 request.

14 On May 3rd, 2019, Hearing Officer

15 Reynolds ordered the licensee to pay a

16 civil penalty in the amount of \$500 for

17 having a video poker advertisement on

18 the exterior of its establishment other  
19 than the uniform logo and a civil  
20 penalty in the amount of \$250 for  
21 failure to comply with all the  
22 applicable federal, state and local laws  
23 and regulations, specifically for  
24 failing to have a valid Board of Health  
25 permit on display at its establishment.

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1 The civil penalties ordered are in  
2 accordance with the penalty schedule and  
3 has been approved by the Gaming Control  
4 Board.

5 On December 26th, 2018, the Division  
6 conducted an inspection of the  
7 licensee's establishment. At the time  
8 of the inspection, a trooper for the  
9 Division observed an unapproved video  
10 poker advertisement in the front window  
11 on the exterior of the establishment.  
12 The Division also observed a Board of  
13 Health permit on display with an  
14 expiration of June 30th, 2018. The  
15 licensee was unable to produce a valid  
16 Board of Health Permit during the  
17 inspection. As a result of the  
18 licensee's noncompliance with gaming  
19 laws, it was issued a Notice of  
20 Violation by the Division.

21 Pursuant to Louisiana gaming laws, a  
22 licensed premise upon which a licensee  
23 conducts any video gaming activity shall  
24 be subject to inspection by the Division  
25 in order to ensure compliance with all

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1 gaming laws and regulations. Every  
2 licensee is required to comply with all  
3 federal, state and local laws and  
4 regulations and is prohibited from  
5 having a video draw poker advertisement  
6 on the exterior of its establishment  
7 other than the uniform logo. A civil  
8 penalty is imposed for every licensee's  
9 first violation of these provisions.

10 The licensee argued that the video  
11 poker advertisement in question existed  
12 prior to the licensee acquiring its  
13 gaming license. It also argues that the  
14 licensee was not cited for this  
15 violation in past inspections and was  
16 unaware that the advertisement was in  
17 violation of gaming law.

18 However, this assertion does not  
19 negate the fact that at the time of the  
20 inspection, the licensee was in  
21 violation of gaming law. It is the  
22 responsibility of every licensee to  
23 remain aware of the rules that govern

24 the gaming industry, and although the  
25 licensee was not cited for this

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1 violation in past inspections, it does  
2 not prohibit the Division from citing  
3 this licensee for the same violation of  
4 gaming law if it is found during a  
5 subsequent inspection.

6 The licensee also argues that it  
7 paid for a Board of Health permit but  
8 never received the permit in the mail.  
9 However, the failure to receive a  
10 physical permit in the mail is not a  
11 defense to this violation. The  
12 requirement is to have a valid Board of  
13 Health permit posted in a location  
14 conspicuous or clear to the public and  
15 not just paying for one. At the time of  
16 the inspection, the only Board of Health  
17 Permit that was posted in the  
18 establishment expired on June 30th,  
19 2018, which was approximately six months  
20 before the inspection giving rise to  
21 this violation occurred. The licensee  
22 had ample time to follow up with the  
23 Department of Health to obtain its Board  
24 of Health permit to post and display in  
25 its establishment before being cited for

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1 this violation on December 26th, 2018.

2 The licensee presented these same  
3 arguments during the administrative  
4 hearing. The hearing officer's decision  
5 and order was based not only on the  
6 evidence and testimony presented by the  
7 Division, but also Miss Manning, who is  
8 partial owner of the licensee, her own  
9 testimony that at the time of the  
10 inspection, the licensee was not in  
11 compliance with Louisiana gaming laws  
12 and regulations.

13 Despite these arguments, the total  
14 civil penalty of \$750 is accurate for  
15 these two separate violations. The  
16 civil penalty ordered by the hearing  
17 officer is in total compliance with  
18 Louisiana gaming laws and the penalty  
19 schedule that has been approved by the  
20 Gaming Control Board.

21 In the interest of maintaining  
22 consistency and fairness among all  
23 licensees, the Division and this  
24 honorable board are bound by Louisiana  
25 gaming laws, regulations and a penalty

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1 schedule for these types of violations.

2 Regardless of when these were

3 discovered, the licensee was in

4 noncompliance with gaming law and as a  
5 result was issued a civil penalty as  
6 provided by gaming law in these matters.  
7 The decision and order of the hearing  
8 officer are in accordance with the law  
9 and evidence submitted during the  
10 administrative hearing and the amount  
11 set forth in the penalty schedule. And  
12 for these reasons, we respectfully  
13 request that you affirm the hearing  
14 officer's decision.

15 MR. LAGASSE: The facility we're  
16 talking about is on Williams Boulevard  
17 in Kenner? Because I'm reading, there's  
18 two or three different -- one mailing is  
19 at 701 -- 707 Foch (phonetic) Street,  
20 and there was another one -- another --  
21 I'm -- I'm just checking. I'm not  
22 questioning it. I'm just saying, the  
23 facility we are talking about is on  
24 Williams Boulevard in Kenner, correct?

25 MS. LANDRY: I believe so. I'm not

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1 sure. I know that there were issues  
2 with the licensee not updating the  
3 correct mailing address.

4 MR. LAGASSE: Okay.

5 MS. MOORE: So there may be issues,  
6 but the licensee did receive the Notice

7 of Violation. She was present during  
8 the administrative hearing, and she was  
9 able to provide evidence and testimony  
10 during that time.

11 MR. LAGASSE: Okay, good enough.  
12 Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: I can confirm for  
14 you that it is on Williams. I pulled up  
15 Google Maps and looked at photographs.  
16 So we know where it is.

17 Are there any other questions? [No  
18 response.]

19 I have a couple of comments. Thank  
20 you for the presentation, and you-guys  
21 did a great job at the hearing this  
22 morning. You mentioned consistency and  
23 fairness, and I would remind the Board  
24 that an individual appealing to the  
25 Board does not have to be present for

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1 the hearing, because we have everything  
2 in the record that we need.

3 You know, I spent most of my adult  
4 life in State Police so I understand the  
5 law, and there's very little wiggle room  
6 when it comes to the law. But when we  
7 talk about fairness, that's a totally  
8 different matter. I find it disturbing  
9 that State Police conducted at least two

10 and perhaps three inspections of the  
11 property and saw this plate glass window  
12 that appears to be something like 5 feet  
13 by 4 feet and nobody from State Police  
14 ever advised her that's a violation, let  
15 alone cite her, until they came back the  
16 final time.

17 So I have a problem representing the  
18 interests of this state when I believe  
19 that the State Police didn't do their  
20 job; and my Board Members may disagree  
21 with me, but I'm going to move that --  
22 that we affirm the \$250 civil penalty,  
23 and that we reverse the \$500 civil  
24 penalty on the sign -- even though it is  
25 obviously and was obviously illegal --

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1 and we issue a warning. That's my  
2 motion.

3 Do I have a second?

4 MR. LAGASSE: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Lagasse.

6 We'll call the roll now.

7 MS. SMITH: Chairman Jones?

8 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes.

9 MS. SMITH: Mr. Avant?

10 MR. AVANT: No.

11 CHAIRMAN JONES: Miss Berry?

12 MS. BERRY: Yes.

13 MS. SMITH: Mr. Jackson?  
14 MR. JACKSON: Yes.  
15 MS. SMITH: Mr. Lagasse?  
16 MR. LAGASSE: Yes.  
17 MS. SMITH: Mr. Poole?  
18 MR. POOLE: Yes.  
19 MS. SMITH: Mr. Singleton?  
20 MR. SINGLETON: Yes.  
21 MS. SMITH: Mr. Stipe?  
22 MR. STIPE: Yes.  
23 CHAIRMAN JONES: "Yes"?  
24 I assume the yeses have it.  
25 MS. SMITH: Yes.

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1 CHAIRMAN JONES: So the \$500 civil  
2 penalty is reversed and it's amended to  
3 an issuance of a warning, and the \$250  
4 civil penalty by the hearing officer is  
5 affirmed.

6 MS. LANDRY: Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you very  
8 much.

9 VII. ADJOURNMENT

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: And with that, we  
11 have come to the end of another Gaming  
12 Control Board meeting. I'll entertain a  
13 motion for adjournment.

14 MR. SINGLETON: So moved.

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Singleton and

16 Miss Berry.

17 Any objection? [No response.]

18 Without objection, we stand

19 adjourned.

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