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4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

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9 APRIL 18, 2013

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12 602 North Fifth Street

13 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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4 June 30, 2012

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

2 CHAIRMAN HALL: I would like to say,  
3 there's folks next-door taking a test,  
4 so if we could be a little bit quieter.  
5 Of course I know, y'all -- you know,  
6 y'all hinge on ever every word I say,  
7 and you can always hear a pin drop in  
8 this room anyway, so. But we'll just  
9 try to keep the roar to a dull roar, if  
10 we can, and out of respect for those  
11 folks. I don't know what kind of test  
12 it is, but I'm sure it's no fun.

13 I'd like to call the meeting to  
14 order. If I can have, Miss Tramonte,  
15 call the roll, please.

16 THE CLERK: Chairman Hall?

17 CHAIRMAN HALL: Here.

18 THE CLERK: Miss Rogers?

19 MS. ROGERS: Here.

20 THE CLERK: Mr. Bradford?

21 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

22 THE CLERK: Mr. Jones?

23 MR. JONES: Here.

24 THE CLERK: Mr. Stipe?

25 MR. STIPE: Here.

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1 THE CLERK: Mr. Singleton?

2 MR. SINGLETON: Here.

3 THE CLERK: Miss Noonan?

4 MS. NOONAN: Here.

5 THE CLERK: Major Mercer?

6 MAJOR MERCER: Here.

7 THE CLERK: Mr. Jackson?

8 MR. JACKSON: Here.

9 THE CLERK: Colonel Edmonson?

10 MAJOR NOEL: Major Noel for Colonel

11 Edmonson.

12 THE CLERK: Secretary Barfield?

13 MR. LEJEUNE: Michael Legendre here

14 for Mr. Barfield.

15 CHAIRMAN HALL: All right. We have

16 a quorum.

17 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

18 CHAIRMAN HALL: Is there any Public

19 Comment on any items before the Board

20 today? (No response.)

21 III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

22 CHAIRMAN HALL: Not seeing any,

23 we'll move on to the Approval of the

24 Minutes. If we could, could I have a

25 motion to waive the reading of the



1 minutes and approve the minutes, please.

2 MS. ROGERS: I so move.

3 CHAIRMAN HALL: Miss Rogers moves,  
4 seconded by --

5 MR. SINGLETON: I'll second.

6 CHAIRMAN HALL: -- by Mr. Singleton.

7 Any opposition? Hearing none, the  
8 motion carries.

9 IV. CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT WITH HEARING OFFICER

10 CHAIRMAN HALL: The next item on the  
11 agenda, up for approval and renewal, is  
12 the contract with our hearing officer.

13 I don't know if -- I'm just going to  
14 make sure the board members know this,  
15 that Judge Brown is retiring, and so  
16 Mr. Reynolds will be the only hearing  
17 officer we have at the moment. We're  
18 renewing his contract for the next year.

19 I'm going to try it for a while with one  
20 hearing officer having hearings every  
21 week. So we'll continue having weekly  
22 hearings, and we'll see how that works.  
23 But if we need to, we'll come back and  
24 readjust.

25 Is there any discussion about the

1 contract? Hearing none, I'd ask for a  
2 motion to approve the contract, please.

3 MAJOR MERCER: I move for approval.

4 MR. SINGLETON: Approval.

5 CHAIRMAN HALL: Mr. Singleton and  
6 seconded by Claude Mercer. Is there any  
7 opposition? Hearing none, the motion  
8 carries, and the contract is approved.

9 And before we get to the Revenue  
10 Reports, which is the next item on the  
11 agenda, I would like, for those of you  
12 that do not know, Lana has a daughter --  
13 Miss Tramonte, one of the Board's staff,  
14 and her daughter was just selected to be  
15 a Saintsation for the upcoming year, so  
16 we're proud of her. And we'd like to  
17 congratulate momma and daddy on raising  
18 a very beautiful and talented daughter.  
19 That's right, in spite of the mother.

20 So we know who to ask for tickets  
21 now.

## 22 V. REVENUE REPORTS

23 CHAIRMAN HALL: Revenue Reports,  
24 please. Good morning.

25 MS. JACKSON: Good morning, Chairman

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1 Hall, Board Members.

2 CHAIRMAN HALL: How are you?

3 MS. JACKSON: It's very close. My  
4 name is Donna Jackson with the Louisiana  
5 State Police Gaming Audit Section. The

6 riverboat revenue report for March 2013  
7 is shown on page one of your handout.

8 During March, the 13 operating  
9 riverboats generated Adjusted Gross  
10 Receipts of \$161,329,155, up almost  
11 \$22 million or 16 percent from last  
12 month, and up \$7 million or 5 percent  
13 from last March.

14 Adjusted Gross receipts for fiscal  
15 year 2012-2013 to date are  
16 \$1,243,000,000, an increase of  
17 .2 percent or \$2 million from fiscal  
18 year 2011-2012.

19 During March, the State collected  
20 fees totaling \$34,685,768. As of  
21 March 31st, 2013, the State has  
22 collected \$267 million in fees for  
23 fiscal year 2012-2013.

24 Next is summary of the March 2013  
25 activity for Harrah's New Orleans found

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1 on page three. Harrah's New Orleans  
2 generated \$31,588,280 in gross gaming  
3 revenue, a slight decrease of .4 percent  
4 from last month, and a decrease of  
5 \$4 million or 12 percent from last year.  
6 Fiscal year-to-date gaming revenues for  
7 2012-2013 are \$254 million, down  
8 \$500,000 or .2 percent from fiscal year

9 2011-2012.

10 During March, the State received  
11 \$17,673,238 in fees. This includes a  
12 true-up payment of \$12,577,348 for the  
13 April 2012 through March 2013 fiscal  
14 year, since 21.5 percent of Harrah's  
15 revenues exceeded their minimum payment  
16 of \$60 million.

17 As of March 31st, 2013, the State  
18 has collected almost \$58 million in fees  
19 for fiscal year 2012-2013.

20 Slots at the Racetracks revenues are  
21 shown on page four. During March the  
22 four racetrack facilities combined  
23 generated Adjusted Gross Receipts of  
24 \$39,249,280, an increase of 11 percent  
25 or \$4 million from last month, and an

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1 increase of 3 percent or \$1 million from  
2 March 2012.

3 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal  
4 year 2012-2013 to date are \$301 million,  
5 an increase of .3 percent or \$1 million  
6 from fiscal year 2011-2012.

7 During March, the State collected  
8 fees of almost \$6 million. As of  
9 March 31st, 2013, the State has  
10 collected almost \$46 million in fees for  
11 fiscal year 2012-2013.

12 Overall in March, riverboats,  
13 landbased and Slots at the Racetracks  
14 combined generated \$232 million in  
15 Adjusted Gross Receipts, which is  
16 \$4 million or 2 percent more than the  
17 previous March. Fiscal year-to-date  
18 revenues for all three venues total  
19 \$1,798,000,000, up \$3 million or  
20 .2 percent from last fiscal year.

21 Are there any questions before I  
22 present the Harrah's employee  
23 information?

24 CHAIRMAN HALL: I don't think so.

25 MS. JACKSON: Harrah's New Orleans

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1 is required to maintain at least 2,400  
2 employees a bi-weekly payroll of  
3 \$1,750,835. This report covers the two  
4 pay periods in March 2013.

5 For the first pay period, the Audit  
6 Section verified 2,437 employees with a  
7 payroll of \$1,978,000. For the second  
8 pay period, the Audit Section verified  
9 2,436 employees with a payroll of  
10 \$1,988,000. Therefore, Harrah's New  
11 Orleans met the employment criteria  
12 during March. Questions?

13 CHAIRMAN HALL: Any questions?

14 Thank you very much.

15 Good morning.

16 MR. BOSSIER: Good morning, Chairman  
17 Hall and Board Members. My name is Jim  
18 Bossier with the Louisiana State Police  
19 Gaming Audit Section. I'm reporting  
20 video gaming information for March 2013  
21 as shown on page one of your handout.

22 During March 2013, nine new video  
23 gaming licenses were issued: Six bars,  
24 one restaurant and two device owners.  
25 Thirteen new applications were received

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1 by the Gaming Enforcement Division  
2 during March and are currently pending  
3 the field: Six bars, six restaurants  
4 and one device owners'.

5 The Gaming Enforcement Division  
6 assessed \$0 and collected \$4,353 in  
7 penalties in March, and there are  
8 currently \$1,000 in outstanding fines.  
9 Please refer to page two of your  
10 handout.

11 There are presently 14,217 video  
12 gaming industry activated 2,082  
13 locations.

14 Net device revenue for March 2013  
15 was \$58,896,121, a \$4.2 million increase  
16 or 7.8 percent when compared to net  
17 device revenue for February 2013, and a

18 \$746,000 decrease or 1.3 percent when  
19 compared to March 2012.

20 Net device revenue for fiscal year  
21 2013 is \$457,873,955, a \$1.7 million  
22 increase or four-tenths of one percent  
23 when compared to net device revenue for  
24 fiscal year 2012. Page three of your  
25 handout shows a comparison of net device

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1 revenue.

2 Total franchise fees collected for  
3 March 2013 were \$17,593,512, a  
4 \$1.2 million increase when compared to  
5 February 2013, and a \$219,000 decrease  
6 when compared to March 2012.

7 Total franchise fees collected for  
8 fiscal year 2013 are \$136,742,684, a  
9 \$655,000 or five-tenths of one percent  
10 increase when compared to last year's  
11 franchise fees. Page four of your  
12 handout shows a comparison of franchise  
13 fees.

14 Does anybody have any questions?

15 CHAIRMAN HALL: Was there a breath  
16 in there?

17 MR. BOSSIER: I hope so.

18 MR. SINGLETON: I had a question  
19 about that. Something I read in the  
20 paper -- I think it was in the paper

21 about a bridge somewhere that was being  
22 built, and the people were -- business  
23 was slower, or lower or something than  
24 it was before, and there was something  
25 going on to compensate for that?

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1 MR. BOSSIER: Yes, sir. There's a  
2 force majeure provisions for that. Was  
3 it the one down in Houma?

4 MR. SINGLETON: I don't remember.  
5 There was one in the Advocate.

6 MR. BOSSIER: Yes, sir. There are  
7 provisions in the law for that if  
8 there's construction or anything like  
9 that that we do take that into  
10 consideration as far as averaging their  
11 yearly fuel sales.

12 MR. BRADFORD: I think the  
13 legislature is considering a bill right  
14 now to exempt -- if your fuel sales drop  
15 too low, you still get to keep your  
16 machines. That's what he's referring  
17 to.

18 MR. BOSSIER: Yes, sir. I think  
19 there already is a provision, but my  
20 wife was telling me that last night. So  
21 that's the first I've heard of it.

22 CHAIRMAN HALL: They're amending the  
23 protocol and to actually broaden it a



24 little bit --

25 MR. BOSSIER: Okay.

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1 CHAIRMAN HALL: -- clarify, I should  
2 say, more than broaden.

3 MR. BOSSIER: Thank you.

4 VI. VIDEO GAMING ISSUES

5 A. Consideration of the following truckstops:

6 1. The Longhorn Truck & Car Plaza, Inc.,  
7 d/b/a Lucky Longhorn Casino - No.  
8 1000500933 (transfer of interest)

9 CHAIRMAN HALL: Next we have video  
10 gaming issues, if you would, please, and  
11 we have a number of them. We have five  
12 transfers of interest and one new  
13 application, and if we could, I'd like  
14 to go ahead and start with the transfers  
15 of interest beginning with Lucky  
16 Longhorn Casino.

17 MR. PITRE: Chairman Hall, Board  
18 Members, I'm Assistant Attorney General,  
19 Earl Pitre, Jr., here in the matter of  
20 The Longhorn Truck & Car Plaza,  
21 Incorporated, doing business as Lucky  
22 Longhorn Casino.

23 The licensee is a Louisiana company  
24 that was incorporated on December 12th,  
25 1991. It is located in Vinton in

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1 Calcasieu Parish.

2 On December 28th, 2012, Charles R.  
3 -- or Ray Cotton, Sr., donated 200  
4 shares, representing 100 percent of the  
5 outstanding stock in the licensee to his  
6 daughter, Tina Cotton.

7 On December 28th, 2012, Charles  
8 Cotton and Dorothy Cotton resigned as  
9 members of the board of directors and as  
10 president and vice-president and  
11 secretary, respectively, of the  
12 licensee.

13 On December 28th, 2012, Tina Cotton  
14 became the sole member of the board. On  
15 the same day, Tina Cotton was appointed  
16 president and treasurer, and Amanda  
17 Schlesinger was appointed as secretary  
18 of the licensee.

19 Trooper Vincent Lenguyen conducted  
20 the investigation of the transfers of  
21 ownership and of the relevant persons  
22 associated with the licensee.

23 TROOPER LENGUYEN: Good morning,  
24 Board Members -- Chairman Hall and Board  
25 Members. My name is Trooper Vincent

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1 Lenguyen with Louisiana State Police  
2 Gaming Enforcement Division.

3 I conducted the investigation of the

4 transfer of the ownership. Tina Cotton  
5 previously met suitability, and no  
6 information was found that would  
7 preclude her from continuing to  
8 participate in the industry.

9 An investigation on Amanda  
10 Schlesinger did not reveal any  
11 information that would preclude her from  
12 participating in the video gaming  
13 industry.

14 MR. PITRE: The Office of the  
15 Attorney General reviewed the file  
16 compiled as a result of this  
17 investigation. Our review indicates  
18 that no information has been found which  
19 would preclude the continued licensing  
20 of The Longhorn Truck & Car Plaza,  
21 Incorporated, doing the business as the  
22 Longhorn -- I mean, Lucky Longhorn  
23 Casino, or the participation of Tina  
24 Cotton and Amanda Schlesinger.

25 CHAIRMAN HALL: Do we have any

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1 questions?

2 MS. ROGERS: I have a question. I  
3 notice in your check-off list -- it was  
4 not checked off that they had done  
5 federal and state income tax. It's not  
6 checked off on your list.

7 TROOPER LENGUYEN: Miss Tina Cotton,  
8 she already was a manager for the  
9 truckstop, so there was no tax check on  
10 it, and also Miss Amanda, under the new  
11 -- I guess new application that you can  
12 check off that if you are current with  
13 taxes, then there's no tax -- you know,  
14 need it to be done at that time.

15 MR. PITRE: What they do is they  
16 look at certifications from the  
17 agencies.

18 MS. ROGERS: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN HALL: Any other questions?  
20 Yes. Do I have a motion to approve the  
21 transfer of the interest?

22 MS. ROGERS: I so move.

23 CHAIRMAN HALL: All right.

24 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN HALL: All right. We have

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1 Mr. Bradford and Miss Rogers seconds,  
2 and is there any opposition? Hearing  
3 none, the transfer of interest is  
4 approved.

5 2. Landry's, L.L.P., d/b/a Landry's Auto Truck

6 Stop - No. 5100504259 (transfer of interest)

7 3. Ventre Guillory Willis, L.L.C., d/b/a The

8 Quarters Casino & Restaurant - No. 4900513265

9 (transfer of interest)

10 CHAIRMAN HALL: Up next we have  
11 Landry's Auto Truck Stop, transfer of  
12 interest.

13 MS. COLLY: Good morning, Chairman  
14 Hall, Members of the Board, I'm  
15 Assistant Attorney General, Nicolette  
16 Colly, appearing before the Board on the  
17 matter of three transfers of interest  
18 and two truckstop licensees, and if I  
19 may, Chairman Hall, I'd like to take up  
20 both Landry's, L.L.P., d/b/a Landry's  
21 Auto Truck Stop and Ventre Guillory  
22 Willis, L.L.C., d/b/a The Quarters  
23 Casino & Restaurant, number two and  
24 three on the docket.

25 CHAIRMAN HALL: Certainly.

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1 MS. COLLY: Ventre Guillory Willis,  
2 LLC, d/b/a The Quarters Casino &  
3 Restaurant is a Type 5 licensed  
4 truckstop facility located at 165  
5 Highway 744 in Opelousas, Louisiana, in  
6 St. Landry Parish.

7 On August 2nd, 2012, Blane Guillory  
8 transferred all of his 21 percent  
9 interest in Ventre Guillory Willis to  
10 Guillory Companies, Inc. Blane Guillory  
11 is the 100 percent owner and President  
12 of Guillory Companies. Paulette

13           Guillory Olivier is the secretary and  
14           treasurer Guillory Companies.

15           The membership interest in Ventre  
16           Guillory Willis subsequent to the  
17           transfer are as follows: Emile Karl  
18           Ventre, III, 50 percent; Guillory  
19           Companies, 21 percent; Pat F. Willis,  
20           Jr., 20 percent; Gregory F. Doucet, 1.25  
21           percent; Donald W. Doucet and Madeline  
22           Doucet, 1.25 percent; Hosea Doucet, 1.25  
23           percent; Mark Cassidy, 1.25 percent;  
24           Paulette Guillory Olivier, 1 percent;  
25           Racheal Guillory, 1 percent; Roxanne

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1           Guillory, 1 percent; Tonas Bill  
2           Guillory, the Dylan Scott Guillory  
3           Trust, 1 percent.

4           Landry's, LLP, d/b/a Landry's Auto  
5           Truck Stop is a Type 5 licensed  
6           truckstop facility located at 20355  
7           Highway 90 Frontage Road in Jeanerette,  
8           Louisiana, in Iberia Parish, and at this  
9           point you'll note in your documents that  
10          the date of death for Connie Landry is  
11          July 7th. The correct date is  
12          July 27th, 2012.

13          Miss Landry's 25 percent interest in  
14          Landry's, L.L.P., was given, by last  
15          will and testament, to her husband,

16 Kenneth K. Landry, Sr., and then on  
17 August 2nd, 2012, Blane Guillory  
18 transferred all of his 25 percent  
19 interest in Landry's to Guillory  
20 Companies.

21 The partnership interest in Landry's  
22 subsequent to the transfers are as  
23 follows: Kenneth Landry, 50 percent;  
24 Patterson Willis, 25 percent; and  
25 Guillory Companies, 25 percent.

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1 Trooper Eddie Daigle has conducted a  
2 suitability investigation of the  
3 relevant persons associated with the  
4 transfers, and he is present this  
5 morning to report his findings.

6 TROOPER DAIGLE: Chairman Hall,  
7 Members of the Board, I'm Trooper Eddie  
8 Daigle with Louisiana State Police. I  
9 conducted the investigation of the  
10 transfers of the interest by Blane  
11 Guillory and Connie Landry. Blane  
12 Guillory was unmarried and previously  
13 met suitability in both licenses. A  
14 suitability investigation revealed no  
15 information that would preclude a  
16 continued finding of suitability for  
17 Blane Guillory or Guillory Companies,  
18 Incorporated.

19 Paulette Olivier has previously been  
20 found suitable in connection with two  
21 other video draw pokers licenses. A  
22 suitability investigation revealed no  
23 information that would preclude a  
24 continued finding of suitability for  
25 Paulette Olivier.

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1 Kenneth K. Landry, Sr., has  
2 previously been found suitable in  
3 connection with the license of Landry's,  
4 L.L.P. A suitability investigation of  
5 Mr. Landry revealed no information that  
6 would preclude a continued finding of  
7 suitability.

8 I'll be happy to answer any  
9 questions you might have at this time.

10 CHAIRMAN HALL: Any questions? I  
11 don't see any.

12 MS. COLLY: The Office of the  
13 Attorney General has reviewed the file  
14 compiled by the Video Gaming Division,  
15 the Office of State Police, and our  
16 review indicates that no information was  
17 found that would preclude the continued  
18 licensing of Landry's, L.L.P., d/b/a  
19 Landry's Auto Truck Stop and Ventre  
20 Guillory Willis, L.L.C., d/b/a The  
21 Quarters Casino & Restaurant.



22 Further, no information has been  
23 found to preclude Blane Guillory,  
24 Paulette Olivier, Guillory Companies or  
25 Kenneth Landry, Sr., from participating

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1 in the gaming industry. The Division,  
2 therefore, submits the transfers and  
3 suitability recommendations for your  
4 approval.

5 CHAIRMAN HALL: Do we have any  
6 questions? Can I do this in one motion,  
7 both of them, or do I need a separate  
8 motion each?

9 MR. BRADFORD: One.

10 CHAIRMAN HALL: We're going to go  
11 with one, then.

12 MR. BRADFORD: I so move.

13 CHAIRMAN HALL: Mr. Bradford moves.  
14 Do I have a second?

15 MS. NOONAN: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN HALL: Seconded by  
17 Miss Noonan. Is there any opposition?  
18 Hearing none, the transfer of interest  
19 is approved for both Landry's Auto Truck  
20 Stop and The Quarters Casino &  
21 Restaurant.

22 4. Timberland Truckstop, LLC, d/b/a Timberland  
23 Truckstop - No. 6000512436 (transfer of  
24 interest)

25 CHAIRMAN HALL: Next up will be

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1 Timberland Truckstop.

2 MS. HIMEL: May I please the Board,

3 Dawn Himel, appearing on next three

4 matters: Timberland, Maloney and

5 Jackpot Junction Casino.

6 The first matter is Timberland

7 Truckstop, LLC, doing business as

8 Timberland Truckstop, license number

9 6000512436. Timberland Truckstop, LLC,

10 holds a Type 5 video gaming license and

11 operates a truckstop facility in

12 Sarepta, Louisiana, in Webster Parish.

13 On December 31st, 2012, Kenneth

14 Coile, Jr., who is the 100 percent

15 member, donated 2 percent of his

16 membership interest in the licensee to

17 his wife, Melanie Coile. As a result of

18 the transfers, Kenneth Coile holds

19 98 percent membership interest, and his

20 wife, Melanie, holds 2 percent

21 membership interest.

22 Trooper Vincent Lenguyen [sic] did

23 the suitability investigation, and he is

24 present to present his findings to the

25 Board. Sorry, Trooper Eddie Daigle.

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1 TROOPER DAIGLE: Chairman Hall,

2 Members of the Board, I'm Trooper Eddie  
3 Daigle with the Louisiana State Police.  
4 I investigated the transfer of  
5 membership interest from Kenneth Coile,  
6 Jr., to Melanie Coile. Melanie Coile  
7 previously met suitability under this  
8 license as the spouse of Kenneth Coile,  
9 Jr.

10 I found no information that would  
11 preclude the continued licensing of  
12 Timberland Truckstop, LLC, or that would  
13 preclude the associated persons from  
14 participating or continuing to  
15 participate in the Louisiana Gaming  
16 Industry.

17 MS. HIMEL: The Office of the  
18 Attorney General has reviewed the file  
19 compiled by the Division's  
20 investigation. Our review indicates no  
21 information that was found to preclude  
22 the transfer of the membership interest  
23 and continued licensing of Timberland  
24 Truckstop, LLC, doing business as  
25 Timberland Truckstop.

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1 CHAIRMAN HALL: Do we have any  
2 questions from the Board?  
3 Mr. Singleton.

4 MR. SINGLETON: I move.

5 MAJOR MERCER: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN HALL: Mr. Singleton moves

7 and Mr. Mercer seconds for approval of

8 the transfer of interest in Timberland

9 Truckstop. Is there any opposition?

10 Hearing none, it is so moved. The

11 transfer of interest is approved.

12 5. Maloney Sept, LLC, d/b/a Big Easy Travel Plaza

13 - No. 3601509389 (transfer of interest)

14 CHAIRMAN HALL: Next up would be Big

15 Easy Travel.

16 MS. HIMEL: Yes, Maloney Sept, LLC.

17 CHAIRMAN HALL: And this is Trooper

18 Vincent --

19 MS. HIMEL: Trooper Vincent

20 Lenguyen. This is the matter of Maloney

21 Sept, LLC, doing business as Big Easy

22 Travel Plaza, video gaming license

23 number 3601509389.

24 Maloney Sept, LLC, holds a Type 5

25 video gaming license and operates a

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1 truckstop facility off of Old Gentilly

2 Highway in New Orleans in the Parish of

3 Orleans.

4 On September 19th, 2012, the

5 licensee redeemed two-sevenths of its

6 membership interest held by Robert S.

7 Maloney, Sr., and wife, Bonny B.

8 Maloney. As result of the transfers,  
9 the remaining five members now each hold  
10 20 percent membership interest. They  
11 are the children of Robert, Sr., and  
12 Bonny, and they are: Bobby, Robert S.,  
13 Jr., Kurt, Julie Wenck and Craig.

14 The licensee entered into a  
15 consulting agreement with Robert, Sr.,  
16 and Bonny Maloney; whereby, Robert, Sr.,  
17 and Bonny receive 10 percent of the  
18 gaming revenues per month.

19 Trooper Vincent Lenguyen conducted  
20 the suitability investigation of the  
21 transfers of the relevant persons  
22 associated, and he is present this  
23 morning to present his findings.

24 TROOPER LENGUYEN: Good morning,  
25 again, Chairman Hall and Board Members.

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1 I am Trooper Vincent Lenguyen with  
2 Louisiana State Police Gaming  
3 Enforcement Division. I investigated  
4 the transfer of the membership interest  
5 from Robert S. Maloney, Sr., and Bonny  
6 B. Maloney to Maloney Sept, LLC, and  
7 conducted an updated suitability  
8 investigation of Robert S. Maloney, Sr.,  
9 Bonny B. Maloney, Bobby J. Maloney,  
10 Robert S. Maloney, Jr., Kurt B. Maloney,

11 his wife, Carol A. Maloney, Julie A.  
12 Wenck, Craig S. Maloney and his wife,  
13 Sandra P. Maloney.

14 I found no information that would  
15 preclude the continued licensing of  
16 Maloney Sept, LLC, or that would  
17 preclude the associated persons from  
18 participating or continuing to  
19 participate in the Louisiana Gaming  
20 Industry.

21 MS. HIMEL: The Office of the  
22 Attorney General has reviewed the file  
23 compiled by the Division's  
24 investigation, and on our review found  
25 no information that would preclude the

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1 continued findings of suitability or  
2 continued licensing of the licensee.

3 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you. Are  
4 there any questions?

5 MR. STIPE: Just let me make sure.  
6 So they're going to redeem or they're  
7 terminating a membership interest.  
8 They're getting compensated or getting  
9 consideration for their membership  
10 interest that they're turning in, and  
11 they're becoming consultants and getting  
12 a share of the gross revenues. Is that

13 --

14 MS. HIMEL: Yes. Proper sale  
15 documents were done, and they actually  
16 sold one-seventh membership interest  
17 each respectively back to the licensee;  
18 and none of the members chose to  
19 purchase it, so it was redeemed by the  
20 licensee, and it got distributed. They  
21 are paid monthly through a promissory  
22 note, and they get 10 percent of the  
23 gaming revenues for the consulting  
24 agreement.

25 MR. STIPE: On a day-to-day basis,

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1 who is involved in this?

2 TROOPER LENGUYEN: On a day-to-day  
3 basis, it's going to be Kurt Maloney.  
4 When they have their board meetings or  
5 anything like that, they'll call -- you  
6 know, the Mr. Maloney, Sr., in to, you  
7 know, give any expertise regarding to  
8 how -- you know, what way can they run  
9 the truckstop more efficient or anything  
10 to generate more revenues, anything like  
11 that.

12 MR. STIPE: Does the consulting  
13 agreement call for any kind of minimum  
14 number of hours?

15 MS. HIMEL: It does not. It just  
16 talks about their expertise and their

17 many years of being in the food service,  
18 the truckstop business, convenience  
19 store and video gaming industry.

20 MR. STIPE: And your recommendation  
21 is approval of -- are we approving both  
22 the transfer of membership interest and  
23 this consulting agreement or just the --

24 MS. HIMEL: Well, Robert, Sr., and  
25 Bonny have previously been found

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1 suitable under the license, so today  
2 it's just approval of the transfer of  
3 interest.

4 MR. STIPE: That's all I have.

5 CHAIRMAN HALL: No other questions?  
6 Do we have a motion?

7 MR. JONES: So move.

8 CHAIRMAN HALL: Mr. Jones moves the  
9 approval or transfer of interest,  
10 seconded by Miss Noonan. Is there any  
11 opposition? All right. Hearing none,  
12 the transfer of interest in Big Easy  
13 Travel Plaza is approved. Thank you.

14 6. Lance Palermo d/b/a Jackpot Junction  
15 Casino/Mission Fuel - No. 1000516257 (new  
16 application)

17 CHAIRMAN HALL: Next up will be a --  
18 it's a new application, Jackpot Junction  
19 Casino.



20 MS. HIMEL: As you stated, this is  
21 the transfer of interest for Lance  
22 Palermo doing business as Jackpot  
23 Junction Casino/Mission Fuel, video  
24 gaming license 1000516257. This is a  
25 new original application.

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1 The establishment is located at 2700  
2 Ruth Street in Sulphur, Louisiana.  
3 That's in Calcasieu Parish.

4 On May 13th, 2010, Lance Palermo  
5 acquired the ownership of the licensed  
6 establishment. It was previously  
7 licensed to Speedway SuperAmerica under  
8 video gaming license number 100251408.

9 The licensed establishment, in two  
10 of the four tracts of land that  
11 comprised the licensed establishment,  
12 were acquired by Lance Palermo through a  
13 settlement agreement. The other two of  
14 the four tracts of land were previously  
15 owned by Lance Palermo.

16 Steenbok, Incorporated, through  
17 Mr. Dave Jones, operate the on-site  
18 restaurant. Oakdale Petroleum, LLC,  
19 manages the fuel facility and the  
20 convenience store operations. The video  
21 draw poker placement agreement is  
22 through Lance Palermo doing business as

23 L.P. Gaming; and Trooper Eddie Daigle  
24 inspected the truckstop facility, and he  
25 is present this morning to present his

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1 findings to the Board.

2 TROOPER DAIGLE: Chairman Hall,  
3 Members of the Board, I am Trooper Eddie  
4 Daigle with the Louisiana State Police.  
5 State Police previously conducted a  
6 suitability investigation on the  
7 following individuals in connection with  
8 other video poker gaming licenses:  
9 Lance Palermo, Tonia Robinson Palermo,  
10 Anita Leblanc, Ida Jaramillo.

11 Tax clearance certificates and  
12 inquiries revealed that the applicant and  
13 the associated persons are current in  
14 the filings and payment of all required  
15 taxes and returns. An on-site  
16 inspection was conducted, and it was  
17 determined that the establishment meets  
18 all criteria set forth in video gaming  
19 laws as a qualified truckstop facility.

20 All required licenses and permits  
21 were posted and valid at the time of  
22 inspection. The establishment has a  
23 separate area for adult patrons only as  
24 required by state gaming law. The  
25 establishment consists of at least five

1 contiguous acres.

2 State Police found no information to  
3 preclude the issuance of a Type 5 video  
4 draw poker gaming license to Lance  
5 Palermo d/b/a Jackpot Junction Casino  
6 /Mission Fuel, and a continued finding  
7 of suitability for Lance A. Palermo,  
8 Connie D. Robinson Palermo, Anita  
9 Leblanc and Ida Jaramillo.

10 MS. HIMEL: The Office of the  
11 Attorney General has reviewed the file  
12 compiled as part of the Division's  
13 investigation. Our review indicates no  
14 information has been found to preclude  
15 the issuance of a Type 5 license to  
16 Lance Palermo doing business as Jackpot  
17 Junction Casino/Mission Fuel.

18 MR. STIPE: Is the alcohol permit  
19 current?

20 TROOPER DAIGLE: Yes. It was -- it  
21 expires March of 2014.

22 MR. STIPE: I guess this was --

23 TROOPER DAIGLE: It just got  
24 renewed.

25 CHAIRMAN HALL: Yeah. The

1 application was updated.

2 TROOPER DAIGLE: Yes.

3 CHAIRMAN HALL: Any other questions?

4 Do I have a motion?

5 MS. NOONAN: I'll motion.

6 CHAIRMAN HALL: All right.

7 Miss Noonan for the approval of the  
8 original application of Jackpot Junction  
9 Casino/Mission Fuel. Do I have a  
10 second?

11 MR. BRADFORD: [Raises hand.]

12 CHAIRMAN HALL: Mr. Bradford  
13 seconds. Is there any opposition?

14 MS. ROGERS: I abstain.

15 CHAIRMAN HALL: You abstain? All  
16 right. Let's call the roll, please,  
17 Miss Tramonte.

18 THE CLERK: Miss Rogers, for the  
19 record.

20 MS. ROGERS: Abstain.

21 THE CLERK: Mr. Bradford?

22 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

23 THE CLERK: Mr. Jones?

24 MR. JONES: Yes.

25 THE CLERK: Mr. Stipe?

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1 MR. STIPE: Yes.

2 THE CLERK: Mr. Singleton?

3 MR. SINGLETON: Yes.

4 THE CLERK: Miss Noonan?

5 MS. NOONAN: Yes.

6 THE CLERK: Major Mercer?

7 MAJOR MERCER: Yes.

8 THE CLERK: Mr. Jackson?

9 MR. JACKSON: Yes.

10 THE CLERK: Chairman Hall?

11 CHAIRMAN HALL: Yes.

12 MS. HIMEL: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you very much,  
14 folks.

15 VII. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

16 A. Consideration of approval of Compulsive  
17 Gaming Program for Bossier Casino Venture,  
18 Inc., d/b/a Margaritaville Bossier City -  
19 No. R011000841

20 CHAIRMAN HALL: We have to move on  
21 other issues, Casino Gaming Issues, and  
22 up for consideration for approval is the  
23 Compulsive Gaming Program for Bossier  
24 Casino Venture doing business as  
25 Margaritaville Bossier City. Good

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1 morning.

2 MS. BROWN: Good morning, Chairman  
3 Hall, Members of the Board, I'm Mesa  
4 Brown, Assistant Attorney General, and  
5 also here is Barry Regula, the General  
6 Manager of Margaritaville Casino Resort,  
7 appearing before you today to formally  
8 present Margaritaville's Compulsive

9 Gaming Program.  
10 I'll start by giving you a little  
11 background information on this matter.  
12 In 2001, the Louisiana Legislature  
13 passed the Uniform Compulsive Gaming  
14 Act. Pursuant to this enactment, the  
15 Louisiana Gaming Control Board adopted  
16 Rules 301 through 304 to aid in the  
17 development of a statewide uniform  
18 compulsive and problem gaming program.  
19 Each casino gaming operator is required  
20 to submit for Board approval a  
21 comprehensive program that outlines its  
22 policies and procedures in respect to  
23 the areas of concern enumerated in  
24 Louisiana Revised Statute 27:27.1(C)(1)  
25 through 11.

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1 Prior to submission to this Board,  
2 Margaritaville presented its Compulsive  
3 Gaming Program to the Attorney General's  
4 Office. The program was reviewed by our  
5 office and suggestions were offered.  
6 The program that we present to you today  
7 has been revised a number of times, and  
8 the program before you does contain the  
9 minimum statutory requirements under the  
10 Louisiana Uniform Compulsive Gaming Act.  
11 Barry Regula, General Manager of

12 Margaritaville, is here to answer any  
13 questions that you may have.

14 CHAIRMAN HALL: Do you have any  
15 questions? I'd just like -- if I could,  
16 I'd like to make a comment. One of the  
17 things we get a lot of phone calls about  
18 at the Gaming Control Board is the  
19 Compulsive Gaming Program.

20 MR. REGULA: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN HALL: And as we know, the  
22 folks who are having issues at least  
23 should all be adults, a majority, and,  
24 therefore, family members have extreme  
25 difficulty, assuming whether it's a

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1 spouse, a child, a parent, in trying to  
2 intercede and help them with their  
3 gambling addiction, and I only say that.  
4 I know you're probably aware of it, but  
5 we do get lots of phone calls from  
6 family members who are trying to help,  
7 you know, their family.

8 MR. REGULA: Yes, sir.

9 CHAIRMAN HALL: And, again, because  
10 they're adults, they have to take --  
11 they have to take responsibility  
12 themselves, but it does cause concern.  
13 And I just hope that when y'all do  
14 receive calls from family members, that

15 you at least, you know, give some  
16 consideration to their concerns --

17 MR. REGULA: Absolutely.

18 CHAIRMAN HALL: -- although you're  
19 not required to in any manner.

20 MR. REGULA: And we do, and we also  
21 -- we work closely with Reece Middleton  
22 because we have that resource in the  
23 market and the terrific center at the  
24 CORE-Center, and I've met with Reece two  
25 times there recently; and he's helping

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1 us with this package, as well.

2 CHAIRMAN HALL: And that's not  
3 directed at Margaritaville because,  
4 obviously, I haven't had the first phone  
5 call about a problem with you. It's not  
6 directed to you, by any means. That's  
7 just a general comment industry wide I'd  
8 like to make.

9 MR. REGULA: Absolutely.

10 MR. JONES: I have a question, of  
11 course unrelated. What is the current  
12 target for their opening date?

13 MR. REGULA: We're still on track  
14 for our late June opening. We were  
15 looking at June 15th as our soft opening  
16 date, following that with a grand  
17 opening date subsequently thereafter.



18 CHAIRMAN HALL: Just so the Board  
19 will know -- and in relation to that,  
20 again, it has nothing to do with the  
21 agenda item -- that State Police has a  
22 -- has worked out a, I guess, if you  
23 will, timeline --

24 MR. REGULA: Yes.

25 CHAIRMAN HALL: -- a checklist of  
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1 things that have to be done both by the  
2 regulators and by the casino itself, and  
3 we have been having conference calls  
4 with the troopers that are in  
5 Shreveport. Right now we're doing it  
6 every two weeks, but we'll get down to  
7 doing it weekly so that we make sure  
8 that whatever needs to be in the process  
9 by the Board, even though it's going to  
10 be held really fairly close -- we're  
11 going to have a lot of stuff to do in  
12 May --

13 MR. REGULA: Yeah.

14 CHAIRMAN HALL: -- but nonetheless  
15 to make sure that everything gets to the  
16 Board as timely as it can for  
17 consideration so they won't be held up  
18 for their opening. And if you will,  
19 I'll have -- I may have State Police  
20 distribute that to the Board Members so

21 they'll have a better idea where that  
22 stands.

23 All right. Do I have a motion on  
24 the Compulsive Gaming Program?

25 MR. BRADFORD: So move.

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1 CHAIRMAN HALL: All right.

2 Mr. Bradford, Chairman Hall seconds, and  
3 is there any opposition? Hearing none,  
4 your Compulsive Gaming Program is  
5 approved.

6 MR. REGULA: Thank you, sir.

7 CHAIRMAN HALL: Good luck rocking  
8 and rolling trying to get this thing  
9 opened, sir.

10 B. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance  
11 for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of  
12 the gaming vessel of Catfish Queen  
13 Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Belle of  
14 Baton Rouge - No. R011700009

15 CHAIRMAN HALL: All right. Next up  
16 we have a Certificate of Compliance for  
17 Catfish Queen Partnership. Good  
18 morning.

19 MR. TYLER: Chairman Hall, Board  
20 Members, I'm Assistant Attorney General,  
21 Michael Tyler, and today I'm joined by  
22 John Francic of the American Bureau of  
23 Shipping Consultants.

24 Today we come before you to present  
25 the matter with respect to the issuance

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1 of a renewal Certificate of Compliance  
2 to Baton Rouge Belle -- or Belle of  
3 Baton Rouge, excuse me.

4 On February 14th, 2013, Belle of  
5 Baton Rouge began the inspection process  
6 for the renewal of its Certificate of  
7 Compliance. On March 20th, 2013, a  
8 follow-up inspection was conducted by  
9 ABSC. For more on this process, I now  
10 turn this matter over to John Francic of  
11 ABSC.

12 MR. FRANCIC: Good morning, Board  
13 Members and Chairman.

14 CHAIRMAN HALL: Good morning.

15 MR. FRANCIC: I'm John Francic with  
16 ABS Consulting here to give you a  
17 summary of the inspection of the  
18 riverboat Belle of Baton Rouge.

19 On February 14th, Doug Chapman  
20 attended the Belle of Baton Rouge to  
21 conduct the annual inspection in  
22 accordance with the alternate program  
23 for the State of Louisiana. The  
24 inspection reviewed the fire control  
25 plan, egress routes, safety equipment,

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1 moorings, water tight integrity,  
2 machinery equipment and conducted fire  
3 drills.

4 A few items found were found  
5 deficient such as the fire dampers,  
6 sprinkler system, the ship's service  
7 generator, bilge system and emergency  
8 lighting. But a reinspection was done  
9 on March 27th, and all item were  
10 repaired to the satisfaction of the  
11 attending marine surveyor.

12 It is the recommendation of ABS  
13 Consulting that the Belle of Baton Rouge  
14 be reissued the Certificate of  
15 Compliance.

16 MR. TYLER: We now present these  
17 findings to this Honorable Board and  
18 request, upon accepting the findings of  
19 ABSC, the Board will move for the  
20 renewal of a Certificate of Compliance  
21 for the Belle of Baton Rouge.

22 CHAIRMAN HALL: Are there any  
23 questions? Hearing none, do we have a  
24 motion to approve and issue the  
25 Certificate of Compliance?

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1 MS. NOONAN: I so move.

2 CHAIRMAN HALL: Miss Noonan --

3 MS. ROGERS: [Raises hand.]

4 CHAIRMAN HALL: -- and Miss Rogers  
5 seconds. Is there any opposition?

6 Hearing none, it's approved.

7 MR. TYLER: Thank you.

8 C. Consideration of Certificate of  
9 Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat  
10 Inspection of the gaming vessel of PNK Lake  
11 Charles, LLC, d/b/a L'Auberge Lake Charles -  
12 No. R011001707

13 CHAIRMAN HALL: Next up will be  
14 L'Auberge.

15 MR. TYLER: Again, Chairman Hall,  
16 Board Members, Assistant Attorney  
17 General, Michael Tyler, appearing in  
18 this matter. I'm joined by John Francic  
19 of the American Bureau of Shipping  
20 Consultants.

21 I come before you with respect to  
22 the issuance of the renewal of the  
23 Certificate of Compliance for L'Auberge,  
24 Lake Charles.

25 On March 19th, 2013, L'Auberge Lake

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1 Charles began the inspection process for  
2 the renewal of its Certificate of  
3 Compliance. For more on this process, I  
4 now turn this matter over to John  
5 Francic.

6 MR. FRANCIC: John Francic with ABS

7 Consulting here to give you a summary of  
8 the inspection on the riverboat  
9 L'Auberge du Lac, Lake Charles.

10 On March 19th, Doug Chapman and Brad  
11 Conklin (phonetic) were the attending  
12 surveyors, and the inspection was  
13 conducted in accordance with the  
14 Alternative Inspection Program for the  
15 State of Louisiana. The inspection  
16 reviewed the fire fighting systems,  
17 egress routes, life safety equipment,  
18 moorings, paddle wheel, generators,  
19 watertight integrity and conducted a  
20 fire drill. All were found  
21 satisfactory.

22 In addition to the routine of the  
23 inspection, we also checked the  
24 alternate manning variance to make sure  
25 that they were in compliance with that.

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1 All the paperwork was found in good  
2 order.

3 It is the recommendation of ABS  
4 Consulting that the L'Auberge du Lac be  
5 reissued the Certificate of Compliance.

6 MR. TYLER: We now present these  
7 findings to this Honorable Board and  
8 request that upon accepting the findings  
9 of ABSC, the Board will move for the

10 issuance of a renewal Certificate of  
11 Compliance to L'Auberge Lake Charles.

12 CHAIRMAN HALL: Can I ask a  
13 question, if you would, please? Is this  
14 the first one we've had where we've  
15 issued the annual COC and after we've  
16 done an alternative manning?

17 MR. FRANCIC: Yes. This is the  
18 first one.

19 CHAIRMAN HALL: So this  
20 inspection --

21 MR. FRANCIC: They just had a couple  
22 of months under the plan, so everything  
23 is in order just the way they --

24 CHAIRMAN HALL: Had anticipated that  
25 it would be --

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1 MR. FRANCIC: Right.

2 CHAIRMAN HALL: Do I have a motion?

3 MR. JONES: I've got a question.

4 CHAIRMAN HALL: Yes.

5 MR. JONES: Just you mentioned a  
6 fire drill --

7 MR. FRANCIC: Correct.

8 MR. JONES: -- and I can't imagine a  
9 fire drill in a casino. It's got to be  
10 total chaos. What actually happened?  
11 Is the money everywhere, there's people  
12 running out the doors? You probably do

13 it at four in the morning when there's  
14 no one there.

15 MR. FRANCIC: Correct. We try to do  
16 it at the least restricted times so we  
17 don't interfere with the operation of  
18 the casino, but basically it's just to  
19 see how the crew responds to the fire  
20 drill. So there's actually no patrons  
21 onboard because we don't want anybody to  
22 get hurt. So we just basically do it  
23 with the team, the crew there, so we  
24 just run through the fire drill and make  
25 sure they respond and what their -- what

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1 their job responsibilities are.

2 MR. JONES: And if you really had a  
3 fire, it would be full of people.

4 MR. FRANCIC: Correct. It would be,  
5 and hopefully, you know, by doing drills  
6 all the time and then the casino itself  
7 doing their annual drills or their  
8 quarterly drills, it just gets them in  
9 the habit of just, you know, repetition  
10 of what they're doing. They  
11 automatically know what -- by doing  
12 drills all the time, it has it built in  
13 the system that to be able to respond  
14 more efficiently and have the knowledge  
15 to do that.



16 MR. JONES: Has there ever been,  
17 under your jurisdiction, a fire on a  
18 riverboat?

19 MR. FRANCIC: Not specifically on  
20 the riverboat, but sometimes adjoining  
21 structures, they have, you know, fires  
22 or something like that, but nothing that  
23 we've experienced have been on a  
24 riverboat.

25 MS. NOONAN: I have a question.

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1 CHAIRMAN HALL: Yes, ma'am.

2 MS. NOONAN: I notice on several of  
3 these the capacity of persons, and I'm  
4 sure you guys -- I just want to make  
5 sure that some of the larger capacities  
6 don't seem to have as many security  
7 personnel, so evidently you take into  
8 consideration the layout of the casino  
9 itself or --

10 MR. FRANCIC: Right. What that  
11 initial capacity is is the stability  
12 requirements to the vessel; how many  
13 people they can put onboard.

14 MS. NOONAN: Oh.

15 MR. FRANCIC: So lately we've been  
16 having -- readjusting it because two  
17 things happened over the past few years.  
18 The Coast Guard adjusted the weight

19 allowance to the vessels, so instead of  
20 it being 165, they moved it up to 185.  
21 But, also, we look at egress routes and  
22 how they get them off the vessel, so we  
23 have to look at that layout and the  
24 width of the ramps and stuff like that,  
25 so those figures can be adjusted to

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1 accommodate that.

2 MS. NOONAN: Okay. You do take  
3 things into consideration, the way the  
4 boat or the facility is constructed and  
5 where the egresses are --

6 MR. FRANCIC: Yes.

7 MS. NOONAN: -- on making this  
8 recommendation on the existing and new  
9 personnel.

10 MR. FRANCIC: Correct.

11 CHAIRMAN HALL: Any other questions?  
12 Do I have a motion?

13 MAJOR MERCER: I move approval.

14 CHAIRMAN HALL: Claude Mercer and --

15 MR. STIPE: [Raises hand.]

16 CHAIRMAN HALL: -- Mr. Stipe. And  
17 is there any opposition? Hearing none,  
18 the motion carries.

19 D. Consideration of riverboat staffing  
20 proposal for Treasure Chest Casino, LLC,  
21 d/b/a Treasure Chest Casino - No.

22 R012600098

23 CHAIRMAN HALL: All right. Next is  
24 to amend the proposed staffing for  
25 Treasure Chest Casino.

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1 MR. TYLER: Chairman Hall, Board  
2 Members, again, Assistant Attorney  
3 General, Michael Tyler, appearing in  
4 this matter of the requested approval of  
5 a manning variance for Treasure Chest  
6 Casino's marine crew.

7 For more on this particular process,  
8 I now turn it over to Walt Hanson of the  
9 American Bureau of Shipping Consultants.

10 MR. HANSON: Mr. Chairman, I'm  
11 Walter Hanson of ABS Consulting. We  
12 received the initial letter submitted by  
13 Treasure Chest Casino on 30  
14 October 2012. As a result, we had a  
15 visit to the riverboat around 18 and 19  
16 February of this year, and consequently,  
17 we had a number of data calls,  
18 correspondence between ABS Consulting  
19 and Treasure Chest on 9/13 to 15 and 18  
20 March, which concluded with a final  
21 letter of submission for what they  
22 wanted for their manning variance on 18  
23 March.

24 Ultimately, they're requesting

25 assignment of 15 job positions that

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1 would be identified as riverboat staff  
2 or crew. Two of these workers would be  
3 shift workers. They would be on call  
4 24/7. These are a captain in charge and  
5 engineer in charge. Both of these  
6 people would have had or currently hold  
7 Merchant Mariner credentials.

8 They'll also be 13 shift personnel  
9 required to be onboard when the casino  
10 is opened. That's a captain of the  
11 watch, engineer of the watch, six  
12 riverboat technicians and then five  
13 security, two being at the main entrance  
14 ramps and three rovers, one on each deck  
15 of the casino.

16 In our review, we considered three  
17 major factors: Basically, the temporal  
18 and geographic hazards associated with  
19 Treasure Chest; meaning, where they're  
20 located and the different hazardous  
21 events that they could face, both in  
22 and -- internal and externally  
23 generated. We also looked at their  
24 engineered and administrative controls,  
25 their safeguards they have in place to

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1 basically maintain public safety and the

2 reliability of their safety systems, and  
3 finally, the organization of their  
4 emergency situations, how their  
5 emergency action plans are laid out,  
6 their station bills under the proposed  
7 program.

8 Ultimately, with regards to that,  
9 our review concluded that the designated  
10 riverboat staff provides an adequate  
11 organization to maintain the reliability  
12 of their safety equipment, and  
13 associated with the permanently moored  
14 riverboat and the performance of the  
15 routine and emergency duties, are  
16 adequate to safeguard the public and the  
17 employees onboard.

18 MR. TYLER: I now present this  
19 matter to this Honorable Board for a  
20 decision.

21 CHAIRMAN HALL: Just for everybody's  
22 knowledge, their Certificate of  
23 Compliance is going to come up next  
24 month. It will be on the agenda for  
25 next month.

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1 MR. TYLER: That's correct.

2 CHAIRMAN HALL: Their annual  
3 Certificate of Compliance, and this is  
4 strictly the staffing variance that

5 they're requesting. Is there any  
6 discussion?

7 MS. NOONAN: I have a -- I'm not  
8 sure whether this is relevant to the  
9 Certificate; I think it is. As a  
10 staffing variance, I noticed that for  
11 them to -- if there's anybody here from  
12 Treasure Chest that can address this in  
13 human resources, the staff -- it's come  
14 to my attention that some of these  
15 positions may have to be reapplied for  
16 internally, and I don't know if that was  
17 the intention of the Legislature and the  
18 Board when this was done. Can anybody  
19 speak to that?

20 CHAIRMAN HALL: Is anyone here from  
21 Treasure Chest?

22 MR. GARMS: Mike Garms, General  
23 Manager of Treasure Chest.

24 COURT REPORTER: Can you state your  
25 last name, please.

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1 MR. GARMS: Garms, G-A-R-M-S.

2 MS. NOONAN: The question is: I  
3 noticed that for the staffing change in  
4 personnel that you will use existing  
5 personnel that is qualified for the  
6 current positions. Will you be -- do  
7 you just change the title of these

8 employees, or do they have to reapply  
9 for these positions?

10 MR. GARMS: No. They would be the  
11 existing staff that is in place and  
12 already licensed in several of the  
13 positions and then, of course, the  
14 deckhands that are in place, as well.

15 MS. NOONAN: Okay. All right.  
16 Thank you.

17 MR. STIPE: I mean, they're at-will  
18 employees.

19 MR. GARMS: Yes, sir.

20 MR. STIPE: The job qualifications  
21 for the previous would kind of cause  
22 them to be, maybe, overqualified or at  
23 least as qualified for the new  
24 positions, correct?

25 MR. GARMS: At least as qualified

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1 for the new positions. The plan is very  
2 detailed as in to what their  
3 requirements would be, and, of course,  
4 they would be meeting all of those  
5 requirements.

6 MR. STIPE: Okay. Thank you.  
7 Appreciate it.

8 CHAIRMAN HALL: Any other  
9 discussion? Hearing none, do I have a  
10 motion?

11 MS. NOONAN: I'll motion.

12 CHAIRMAN HALL: Miss Noonan motions  
13 to approve the request.

14 MS. ROGERS: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN HALL: Miss Rogers seconds.  
16 Is there any opposition? Hearing none,  
17 the manning variance request is  
18 approved.

19 MR. GARMS: Thank you.

20 E. Consideration of riverboat staffing  
21 proposal for Horseshoe Entertainment,  
22 L.P., d/b/a Horseshoe Casino - No.  
23 R010800198

24 CHAIRMAN HALL: All right. We get  
25 to move on to another one, alternative

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1 staffing proposal for Horseshoe --  
2 Horseshoe Casino.

3 MR. TYLER: Chairman Hall, Board  
4 Members, Assistant Attorney General,  
5 Michael Tyler, joined by Walt Hanson of  
6 the American Bureau of Shipping  
7 Consultants. We come before you with  
8 respect to Horseshoe Casino Bossier  
9 City's request to receive a variance on  
10 its marine crew.

11 For more on their process, I now  
12 turn it over to Walt Hanson.

13 MR. HANSON: Mr. Chairman, Board



14 Members, I'm Walt Hanson with ABS  
15 Consulting.

16 This review process began with the  
17 initial letter that Horseshoe Casino  
18 Bossier City submitted to us on 19  
19 November of last year. We made a visit  
20 to the Horseshoe Casino on 7 and 8  
21 March, and then we received additional  
22 data from them and further  
23 correspondence on 18, 20 and 28 March,  
24 which concluded in their final letter  
25 submission for a manning variance of 28

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1 March of this year.

2 Their request resulted in having  
3 asking for two workers at -- that would  
4 not be shift workers. Those are a  
5 captain in charge and an engineer in  
6 charge and then 12 shift personnel, who  
7 are a captain of the watch, engineer of  
8 the watch, assistant captain of the  
9 watch and nine security officers, two  
10 being at each ramp entrance, six on each  
11 deck -- I mean, six on each deck. They  
12 have three casino decks, so there would  
13 be two security officers on each deck,  
14 I'm sorry, and one security officer who  
15 is a rover.

16 To also clarify, again, the captain

17 in charge and engineer in charge at the  
18 Treasure Chest, they're coming from  
19 credentialed mariners either having or  
20 have held a license.

21 Again, the review considered both  
22 the temporal and geographic hazards  
23 associated with where the King of the  
24 Red is located or existing engineered  
25 and administrative controls that they

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1 have onboard and the organization  
2 basically in terms of their emergency  
3 action plan, their station bills and how  
4 they would be running their emergency  
5 duties.

6 Ultimately, the review concluded  
7 that these designated riverboat staff  
8 provide an adequate organization to  
9 maintain the reliability of safety  
10 equipment that's associated with the  
11 permanently moored riverboat, and the  
12 performance of both their routine and  
13 emergency duties of this staff could  
14 adequately safeguard the public and  
15 employees aboard it.

16 MR. TYLER: And now we present this  
17 matter to the Honorable Board for a  
18 decision.

19 CHAIRMAN HALL: If I may ask: This

20 is, again -- as all of them, this is  
21 keeping with the same terminology type  
22 staffing, job descriptions that we've  
23 looked at previously?

24 MR. HANSON: Right. What you're  
25 going to find is what we try to hold is

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1 the title and the position descriptions  
2 are going to have very similar, as far  
3 as competencies and the hiring  
4 requirements, and basically you'll find  
5 you have two models that will be  
6 presented before the Board, one model  
7 which would have an engineer or a  
8 captain in charge and one model that  
9 would have a superintendent in charge.  
10 And those position descriptions are very  
11 different, and you're going to find that  
12 their differences primarily are  
13 associated with the age of the vessel,  
14 whether it's a new generation or a  
15 legacy riverboat.

16 CHAIRMAN HALL: Any questions?  
17 Discussion? Hearing none, we'd like to  
18 have a motion, please.

19 MR. JACKSON: I move.

20 CHAIRMAN HALL: Mr. Jackson moves  
21 that we accept the manning variance,  
22 seconded by Mr. Jones. Is there any

23 opposition? Hearing none, the staffing  
24 variance is approved. Thank you.

25 MR. HANSON: Thank you very much.

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1 VIII. PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND APPEAL FROM HEARING

2 OFFICER'S DECISION

3 In Re: Couristan, Inc. - No. PO86503053  
4 (proposed settlement)

5 CHAIRMAN HALL: All right. Moving  
6 on now up next would be a proposed  
7 settlement with Couristan, and, again,  
8 I'd like to just remind everyone that no  
9 new evidence for settlements or appeals  
10 may be presented, but this is a  
11 continuing on with the record. Hi  
12 there.

13 MS. HARKINS: Good morning.

14 MR. TYLER: Chairman Hall, Board  
15 Members, Assistant Attorney General,  
16 Michael Tyler, appearing in the matter  
17 of Couristan, Incorporated.

18 Couristan submitted an application  
19 for a non-gaming supplier permit on  
20 November 9th, 2011. The chairman of  
21 Couristan is George Couri, and the  
22 President is Ronald Couri.

23 The Division's background  
24 investigation of the documents submitted  
25 by Couristan revealed that Couristan had

1 previously been issued non-gaming  
2 supplier permits within the State of  
3 Louisiana, and both George Couri and  
4 Ronald Couri had been previously been --

5 COURT REPORTER: You need to slow  
6 down a little. I can't understand the  
7 names that you're saying.

8 MR. TYLER: Okay. George Couri,  
9 C-O-U-R-I, and Ronald Couri, same last  
10 name.

11 COURT REPORTER: Thanks.

12 MR. TYLER: They had previously been  
13 found suitable here in the State of  
14 Louisiana.

15 It is alleged in this matter that  
16 George Couri and Ronald Couri failed to  
17 disclose certain criminal matters on  
18 their most recent suitability documents.

19 In lieu of a recommended denial of  
20 Couristan's application, the Division  
21 has agreed to allow Couristan to  
22 withdraw its non-gaming supplier permit  
23 application to allow George Couri and  
24 Ronald Couri to withdraw the suitability  
25 documents that they submitted in

1 connection with the application, and  
2 Couristan, George Couri and Ronald

3 Couri, have agreed to refrain from doing  
4 business with any Louisiana casino,  
5 licensee or casino operator for a period  
6 of five years.

7 This settlement has been approved by  
8 the hearing officer, and now we submit  
9 this matter to the Board for approval.

10 MS. ROGERS: Where are they from?

11 MS. HARKINS: New Jersey.

12 MR. STIPE: In most all of these  
13 settlements, the paragraph, where you  
14 reserve the right to take into  
15 consideration these allegations, is in  
16 this settlement agreement. Do you have  
17 the documents that are at issue with  
18 this still?

19 MR. TYLER: Meaning, the suitability  
20 documents?

21 MR. STIPE: Yeah.

22 MR. TYLER: Yes. They're still  
23 maintained in their file.

24 MR. STIPE: So even after five  
25 years, those documents are available for

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1 consideration by the Division if there's  
2 ever any application?

3 MR. TYLER: They'll still be in the  
4 file, and these allegations will still  
5 be available for consideration.

6 MS. ROGERS: Were they given an  
7 opportunity to give that personal  
8 information that they didn't give? I'm  
9 just curious: Why wouldn't they put it  
10 on there?

11 MS. HARKINS: It was oversight on  
12 their part, and, in fact, we have, you  
13 know, actually records of the dismissals  
14 of every one of those criminal  
15 allegations. They were all part of a  
16 divorce proceeding.

17 MS. NOONAN: So do they currently  
18 hold any permits?

19 MS. HARKINS: No.

20 MR. TYLER: They hold no permits  
21 here in the State of Louisiana.

22 MS. NOONAN: And it's my  
23 understanding that because they hold no  
24 permits, there is no monetary charge  
25 attached -- a monetary penalty for this?

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1 MR. TYLER: It was an original  
2 application. Given the fact they hold  
3 no permits; that's correct.

4 MS. ROGERS: They were just denied.

5 MR. JONES: It never said in here  
6 what it was that they failed to  
7 disclose.

8 MS. HARKINS: Well, it was a number

9 of allegations related to a divorce --  
10 an ugly divorce back about 15 years ago,  
11 and they just simply didn't think. They  
12 thought it was already submitted is the  
13 bottom line.

14 MR. TYLER: And just various items,  
15 nothing involving any takings or  
16 anything like that.

17 MS. HARKINS: No.

18 CHAIRMAN HALL: Okay. I have a  
19 question. Is it -- I just want to make  
20 sure that it's my understanding from  
21 both y'all, actually, that Couristan,  
22 George Couri or Ronald Couri, if it's  
23 their understanding and ours and yours,  
24 an agreement that under the terms of  
25 this settlement that Couristan, George

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1 Couri and Ronald Couri, can't do  
2 business, either directly or indirectly  
3 or through an affiliate or a subsidiary,  
4 for 60 months under the circumstances  
5 stated, actually, in paragraph three,  
6 which are the terms and conditions of  
7 the settlement. Is that --

8 MS. HARKINS: That is correct.  
9 Trudy mentioned your concern, and that's  
10 our understanding.

11 MR. SINGLETON: What happens after



12 the 60?

13 CHAIRMAN HALL: They can reapply --

14 MR. SINGLETON: They can reapply.

15 CHAIRMAN HALL: -- and it doesn't  
16 guarantee them anything other than the  
17 right to reapply.

18 MR. TYLER: Correct.

19 CHAIRMAN HALL: Quite honestly, if  
20 they were denied, they couldn't apply  
21 for ten years, so...

22 MS. HARKINS: No. Five years.

23 CHAIRMAN HALL: Five years, so it's  
24 the same. Nevermind. I showed my  
25 ignorance. I'll keep my mouth shut at

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1 this time.

2 Do we have any discussion? Any more  
3 discussion? Hearing none, I make a  
4 motion that we accept the settlement.

5 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN HALL: The settlement is  
7 seconded by Mr. Bradford. Any  
8 opposition? Hearing none, the  
9 settlement is accepted.

10 MS. HARKINS: Thank you.

11 2. In Re: Amanda Kent - No. V000016215 (appeal)

12 CHAIRMAN HALL: All right. I think  
13 we have one other, Miss Amanda Kent.  
14 Miss Kent.

15 MS. KENT: Good morning.  
16 Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask for a  
17 continuance so I can obtain legal  
18 counsel in this matter.

19 CHAIRMAN HALL: Okay. I thought you  
20 had an attorney.

21 MS. KENT: I haven't been able to  
22 obtain one at this time, so...

23 CHAIRMAN HALL: Does the Attorney  
24 General have any objection to a  
25 continuance other than "we're prepared"?

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1 MS. BROWN: We are prepared, as well  
2 as we were prepared at hearing, and in  
3 Miss Kent's statement that she wrote to  
4 the Board, she was stating that she was  
5 unprepared. So in the interest of  
6 fairness, I ask that we be allowed to  
7 proceed today.

8 CHAIRMAN HALL: Is that strictly my  
9 decision, or is it the Board's decision?

10 MS. SMITH: To continue it?

11 CHAIRMAN HALL: Yeah.

12 MS. SMITH: It's the Board.

13 CHAIRMAN HALL: All right.

14 MR. BRADFORD: I'll make a motion  
15 for a continuance.

16 CHAIRMAN HALL: You want to make a  
17 motion?

18 MR. BRADFORD: I do.

19 CHAIRMAN HALL: All right.

20 Mr. Bradford makes a motion that we  
21 continue it.

22 MR. STIPE: And I'll second it.

23 CHAIRMAN HALL: Seconded by  
24 Mr. Stipe. Is there any opposition to  
25 that?

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1 MS. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, can you  
2 continue it to the next board meeting?

3 CHAIRMAN HALL: Continue it to the  
4 next board meeting. Do you understand  
5 it will be May 16th?

6 MS. KENT: Okay. So that would give  
7 me a couple weeks?

8 CHAIRMAN HALL: A month.

9 MS. KENT: Okay. That would be  
10 fine.

11 CHAIRMAN HALL: Hearing no  
12 opposition, then the motion carries, and  
13 we'll continue it to the next board  
14 meeting.

15 MS. KENT: I appreciate it. Thank  
16 you.

17 IX. ADJOURNMENT

18 CHAIRMAN HALL: Now, do I have a  
19 motion to adjourn?

20 MS. NOONAN: I do.

21 CHAIRMAN HALL: Miss Noonan says  
22 adjourn.

23 MS. ROGERS: I second.

24 CHAIRMAN HALL: Seconded by  
25 Miss Rogers. Anybody opposed to

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1 adjourning? Hearing none, we're  
2 adjourned.

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