

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of January 15, 2008

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board conducted a meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 10:00 a.m., Senate Room E of the Louisiana State Capitol. Present at the meeting were: H. Charles Gaudin, Chairman; William Lastrapes, Marcia Morgan, Rupert Richardson, Major Claude Mercer, Velma Rogers, Rose Bromell and Ray Todd. Absent were ex-officio members, Col. Mike Edmonson and Sec. Cynthia Bridges.

The meeting was called to order. It was moved by Ms. Richardson to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the December meeting. That motion was seconded by Major Mercer and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Donna Stevens, State Police Gaming Audit Division, presented the statistics for video poker. Ms. Donna Jackson, also with the Gaming Audit Division, presented the revenue reports for the riverboats, landbased casino and slots at the track.

Mr. Wade Duty, Executive Director of the Casino Association, updated the Board on the status of casino gaming in Louisiana. Mr. Duty stated revenue seemed to be leveling due to Indian Casinos in Oklahoma and the resumption of gaming in Mississippi. There has been an eight percent decrease in admissions since the hurricanes of 2005. Despite the fact that two casinos have not yet reopened since the hurricanes, employment was holding steady. He also stated that additional jobs would be created with the construction and opening of the closed casinos.

The next item was consideration of the renewal of the license of Harrah's Bossier City Investment Company, L.L.C. d/b/a Harrah's Louisiana Downs. Ms. Adrian Wilson, Asst. Attorney General in the Gaming Division, Mr. Collin Gros, Auditor 3 with Louisiana State Police, and Trooper James Cormier addressed the Board with reference to this item.

After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Richardson to renew the license of Harrah's Louisiana Downs for a period of five years effective February 18, 2008, with an expiration date of February 18, 2013. That motion was seconded by Major Mercer and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on a request by Louisiana Downs for approval of reconfiguration of gaming space. Sergeant Chuck McNeal, Louisiana State Police, addressed the Board with reference to this item.

Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Lastrapes to approve the request for the reconfiguration of gaming space. That motion was seconded by Ms. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board also acted on a request for reconfiguration of gaming space by Boomtown Belle Casino Westbank. It was moved by Ms. Morgan to approve the request for the reconfiguration of gaming space. That motion was seconded by Ms. Bromell and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Leonce Gautreaux, Deputy Director of the Attorney General's Gaming Division, addressed the Board with reference to instituting rule-making procedures for the adoption of amendments to LAC 42:XI.2405, Application and License.

Following discussion, it was moved by Ms. Richardson to institute the rule-making procedures for LAC 42:XI.2405, Application and License. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on Proposed Settlements/Appeals from Hearing Officers' decisions in the following:

1. **In Re: David A. Pate – No. P040031404** – Motion by Mr. Lastrapes to approve the \$500 penalty for failure to provide required information regarding an arrest. That motion was seconded by Major Mercer and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **In Re: Pitre's Enterprises of Jefferson Parish LLC d/b/a Pitre's Restaurant – No. 2602213943** – Motion by Ms. Bromell to approve the settlement stating Rickey Pitre is ineligible to apply for any approval authorized by Louisiana Gaming Law for 60 months, and dismissal by the Division of revocation action due to Rickey Pitre's disassociation with the licensee. That motion was seconded by Ms. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.
3. **In Re: Harrah's Bossier City Investment Company, L.L.C. d/b/a Harrah's Louisiana Downs – Enf. No. 070086** – Motion by Mr. Todd to approve the \$15,000 penalty to the State and \$1,676 penalty to the Compulsive and Problem Gaming Fund for allowing a patron on the Voluntary Exclusion List to gamble. That motion was seconded by Ms. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.
4. **In Re: Arthur D. Darden, Inc. – No. P08261235** – Motion by Mr. Todd to approve the \$5,000 penalty for failure to timely provide required information involving changes in ownership. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and unanimously approved by the Board.
5. **In Re: Café "Lan-Yap", LLC d/b/a Goody's Café II – No. 2600213327; Goody's Café, LLC d/b/a Goody's Café – No. 2600213577; Grand Sports Café, LLC d/b/a Mama Rosa's – No. 2605213611; Progressive Gaming Systems, LLC d/b/a Progressive Gaming Systems – No. 5200612836** – Motion by Major Mercer to

approve the \$5,000 penalty for each of these licensees for submission of improperly notarized documents. That motion was seconded by Ms. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

6. **In Re: RJB Consulting, LLC – No. P081002611** – Motion by Mr. Todd to approve the \$562.50 penalty for failure to timely submit the annual fee and annual affidavit. That motion was seconded by Ms. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The next item dealt with the election of a Vice-Chairman of the Board. Ms. Richardson requested that the Board also fill the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Chairman Gaudin stated that the statute did not require the position of Secretary/Treasurer but she could move to have that position filled.

Ms. Richardson moved to fill the position of Secretary/Treasurer. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and passed with seven votes. The Chairman abstained from voting.

It was moved by Mr. Lastrapes to nominate Marcia Morgan as Vice-Chairman of the Board. That motion was seconded by Ms. Richardson and unanimously approved.

It was moved by Mr. Todd to nominate Ms. Richardson as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and unanimously approved.

There being no further comments, it was moved by Mr. Lastrapes to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned.