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6 THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021

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10 HOUSE COMMITTEE ROOM 1

11 900 NORTH 3RD STREET

12 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

2 MS. BERRY:

3 Good morning. Obviously, I'm not
4 Chairman Mike Noel. I am the Assistant
5 Vice-chairman, Julie Berry, who represents the
6 Third Congressional District. And we would just
7 like to recognize that Chairman Noel has retired
8 and resigned and that we will miss him, and we
9 sincerely appreciate his long-time dedication to
10 the State Police and the Gaming Control Board, and
11 we would like to thank him for everything he's
12 done. I'm not going to say that I will replace
13 him very well, but I'll do the best I can. So
14 y'all bear with me, also. So we are going to call
15 the meeting to order, and I would like to ask
16 Ms. Thurman to please call the role.

17 MR. AMBEAU:

18 Hit the remote button, please.

19 MS. THURMAN:

20 Ms. Berry?

21 MS. BERRY:

22 Here.

23 MR. AMBEAU:

24 Hit the mic button, please.

25 MS. BERRY:

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1 It's on remote. You can hear?

2 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

3 We can hear.

4 MS. THURMAN:

5 Ms. Berry?

6 MS. BERRY:

7 Here.

8 MS. THURMAN:

9 Mr. Avant?

10 (NO RESPONSE)

11 MS. THURMAN:

12 Mr. Jackson?

13 MR. JACKSON:

14 Here.

15 MS. THURMAN:

16 Mr. Lagasse?

17 MR. LAGASSE:

18 Yes, ma'am.

19 MS. THURMAN:

20 Ms. Lewis?

21 MS. LEWIS:

22 Here.

23 MS. THURMAN:

24 Mr. Poole?

25 MR. POOLE:

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1 Here.

2 MS. THURMAN:

3 Ms. Hamilton-Acker?

4 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

5 Present.

6 MS. THURMAN:

7 Colonel Davis?

8 (NO RESPONSE)

9 MS. THURMAN:

10 Secretary Lewis?

11 SECRETARY LEWIS:

12 Present.

13 MS. THURMAN:

14 We have a quorum.

15 MS. BERRY:

16 Very good. I feel we have a quorum.

17 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

18 MS. BERRY:

19 Okay. First thing I would like to
20 ask, is there any public comments on any matter
21 before the Board today? Does anyone need to
22 address the Board?

23 (NO RESPONSE)

24 MS. BERRY:

25 I see no comments.

1 III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2 MS. BERRY:

3 Okay. We will go on to Approval of
4 Minutes for the first agenda item, and I would
5 like to know if I could ask for a motion to waive
6 reading of the minutes and approval of our May 17,
7 2021 board meeting.

8 MR. LAGASSE:

9 So moved.

10 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

11 Second.

12 MS. BERRY:

13 A move by Mr. Lagasse and a second by
14 Ms. Hamilton-Acker. Is that correct? Okay. All
15 in favor?

16 (COLLECTIVE "AYE")

17 MS. BERRY:

18 All opposed?

19 (NO RESPONSE)

20 MS. BERRY:

21 Motion carries. Thank you.

22 IV. AUTHORIZATION FOR VICE-CHAIRMAN TO SIGN

23 NOTICES, TIME AND ATTENDANCE, AND

24 DISBURSEMENTS (AND TO EXECUTE FISCAL YEAR

25 2022 PERSONAL SERVICES AND COPIER SERVICES

1 CONTRACTS)

2 MS. BERRY:

3 Okay. Now, I would like to ask for a
4 motion to authorize, since I am the vice-chairman,
5 to perform administrative functions, including the
6 signing of notices, time and attendance sheets and
7 disbursements and to execute the documents today
8 which reflect approval of agenda items considered
9 by the Board at its monthly meeting.

10 Okay. Ms. Smith is going to explain
11 why I'm having to ask for this motion. Sorry.

12 MS. SMITH:

13 That's okay. If there's any
14 questions, we've been without a chairman three
15 times in the past years. This will be the third
16 time. So we've researched this situation, and in
17 the absence of the chairman, the office is unable
18 to process recommendations for licensing,
19 permitting, suitability determinations, can't
20 respond to requests for amendments to casino
21 credit agreements, loans and lines of credit,
22 process leave requests, process time and
23 attendance, among other things that you can
24 imagine has to go on.

25 Any matter that was handled under the

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1 chairman under his delegated or her delegated
2 authority will now have to be presented to the
3 full board and will need authorization, you know,
4 before it can be processed. Now, this excludes
5 administrative matters, you know, such as, you

6 know, daily -- daily operate -- daily operations
7 with the office.

8 So that's why this motion is
9 presented to you, and that is authorizing
10 Ms. Berry to sign administrative matter documents,
11 such as time and attendance, leave requests,
12 et cetera, and also to authorize her to sign, on
13 your behalf, anything that requires full board
14 action that occurs at the board meeting.

15 So anything y'all vote on today,
16 like, you know, a transfer of ownership interest,
17 there's a document that we submit, and usually the
18 chairman signs it after the meeting. Y'all have
19 to authorize the vice-chair to do that. And we
20 prepared the motion for your consideration, and
21 that's the motion that Ms. Berry read.

22 MS. BERRY:

23 We're all good with that?

24 (NO RESPONSE)

25 MS. BERRY:

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1 So now I would like to ask for a
2 motion to authorize myself, the vice-chairman, to
3 perform these administrative functions, including
4 the signing of notices, time and attendance
5 sheets, and disbursements and to execute documents
6 which reflect the approval of agenda items
7 considered by us, the Board, at our monthly board
8 meetings.

9 MR. POOLE:

10 So moved.

11 MS. BERRY:

12 So moved, Mr. Poole.

13 MS. LEWIS:

14 Second.

15 MS. BERRY:

16 And a second by Ms. Lewis. All in

17 favor?

18 (COLLECTIVE "AYE")

19 MS. BERRY:

20 All opposed?

21 (NO RESPONSE)

22 MS. BERRY:

23 Okay. Your motion carries.

24 V. REVENUE REPORTS

25 MS. BERRY:

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1 Okay. Now, we'll have the revenue

2 reports, Ms. Donna Jackson.

3 MS. JACKSON:

4 Good morning, Vice-chairman Berry,

5 Members of the Board. My name is Donna Jackson

6 with Louisiana State Police Gaming Enforcement

7 Division. For your reference, I have included an

8 additional chart in your folders, which shows a

9 three-year comparison of admissions, revenues, and

10 state fees to show how this year compares to

11 year -- the year prior to COVID-19, which I will

12 reference later in my presentation.

13 During May, the 13 operating
14 riverboats generated adjusted gross receipts of
15 \$168,137,970. The State collected fees totaling
16 \$36,149,664.

17 Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal
18 year 2021 to date are almost \$1 billion, 454
19 million, an increase of \$129.6 million, or 10
20 percent, from fiscal year 2020 but a decrease of
21 \$258 million, or 15 percent, from fiscal year
22 2019.

23 As of May 31, 2021, the State collected
24 \$312.6 million in fees for fiscal year 2021.

25 On page 2, you will see the riverboat

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1 revenue broken down by regional market. All
2 markets reflect a decrease from the revenues
3 generated in April 2021, although several
4 individual properties experienced an increase.
5 The overall decrease totaled approximately
6 \$7.7 million, or 4.4 percent. Compared to last
7 May, when most properties reopened and had 12 to
8 14 gaming days, this month's revenues represent an
9 increase of approximately \$108 million, or
10 180 percent.

11 Next is a summary of the May 2021
12 gaming activity for Harrah's New Orleans, found on
13 page 3. Harrah's generated \$26,750,129 in gross
14 gaming revenue during May. These revenues

15 represent an increase from last month of
16 \$1.7 million, or 6.7 percent. Harrah's produced
17 no revenue last May due to continued closure for
18 COVID-19. During May 2021, the State received
19 \$5,095,890 in minimum daily payments.

20 Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal
21 year 2021 to date are \$188.6 million, a decrease
22 of \$16 million, or 8 percent, from fiscal year
23 2020 and a decrease of \$80.5 million, or
24 30 percent, from fiscal year 2019. As of May 31,
25 2021, the State collected approximately

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1 \$55 million in fees for fiscal year 2021.

2 Next, I will present the revenue for
3 slots at the racetracks found on page 4. During
4 May, the four racetrack facilities combined
5 generated adjusted gross receipts of \$33,361,087,
6 a decrease of approximately \$1.6 million, or
7 4.5 percent, from April 2021 but an increase of
8 \$23 million when compared to the partial month of
9 May 2020. During May 2021, the State collected
10 approximately \$5 million in fees.

11 Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal
12 year 2021 to date are approximately
13 \$290.6 million, an increase of \$40 million, or
14 16 percent, from fiscal year 2020 and a decrease
15 of \$34.5 million, or 11 percent, from fiscal year
16 2019. As of May 31, 2021, the State has collected
17 \$44 million in fees for fiscal year 2021.

18 I will now move to the video gaming
19 information.

20 There are currently 12,445 video
21 gaming devices activated at 1,515 locations. Net
22 device revenue for May 2021 was \$77.6 million, a
23 decrease of \$7 million, or 8.3 percent, when
24 compared to April 2021 and an increase of
25 225 percent when compared to last May. Total

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1 franchise fees collected during May 2021 were
2 \$23.5 million, a decrease of \$2.2 million when
3 compared to April 2021 and an increase of
4 \$16.2 million when compared to May 2020.

5 Net device revenue for fiscal year
6 2021 to date is \$694.5 million, an increase of
7 \$226.5 million, or 48 percent, when compared to
8 fiscal year 2020 and an increase of
9 \$133.7 million, or 24 percent, when compared to
10 fiscal year 2019. Total franchise fees collected
11 for fiscal year 2021 to date are \$211 million, an
12 increase of \$70.7 million, or 50 percent, when
13 compared to fiscal year 2020.

14 As you can see on the bottom of the
15 three-year May recap chart, admissions for the
16 three casino venues are down a total of 24 percent
17 from May 2019. Revenues for all four types of
18 gaming combined, for a total of \$306 million, up
19 12.4 percent, while fees are up 15.4 percent.

20 Are there any questions?

21 MS. BERRY:

22 Any questions, Board?

23 (NO RESPONSE)

24 MS. BERRY:

25 Thank you, Ms. Jackson.

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1 MS. JACKSON:

2 Thank you.

3 VI. UPDATE FROM LOUISIANA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S

4 GAMING DIVISION ON 2021 GAMING LEGISLATION

5 WITH AN OVERVIEW ON SPORTS BETTING

6 MS. BERRY:

7 Next on the agenda, we will have an

8 update from Louisiana Attorney General's Gaming

9 Division on the 2021 gaming legislation with an

10 overview on our sports betting.

11 MS. LANDRY:

12 Good morning, Vice-chair Berry and

13 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney General

14 Lisha Landry, here to provide a brief overview of

15 the gaming legislation that was passed during the

16 2021 Regular Legislative Session, which impacts

17 the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. This was one

18 of the most active legislative sessions for gaming

19 bills we've had in a long time; so please bear

20 with me.

21 First, I'll begin with House Bill 702

22 and House Bill 541 impacting riverboat gaming and

23 slots at the track. House Bill 702 authorizes a

24 referendum election on or after October 9, 2021,
25 which is necessary under the Constitution to

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1 authorize riverboat gaming in St. Tammany Parish
2 and the relocation of an existing riverboat
3 licensee to a new berth site. The relocation of
4 the riverboat is subject to the conditional
5 approval by the Gaming Control Board prior to the
6 election. The Board's approval is contingent upon
7 the majority of the voters in St. Tammany Parish
8 voting in favor of the proposition.

9 This bill is effective upon signature
10 of the governor or upon expiration of the time for
11 this bill to become law without his signature,
12 which will be after June 19, 2021. It's important
13 to note that this legislation does not increase
14 the number of riverboat gaming licenses authorized
15 by law. It only provides a means for one of the
16 existing riverboats to relocate to St. Tammany
17 Parish.

18 House Bill 541 requires all
19 electronic gaming devices located only on
20 riverboats and slots at the track facilities to be
21 connected to a licensee's own central computer,
22 casino management, or slot management system,
23 which the Board and Gaming Enforcement Division
24 will have complete and unrestricted access to.
25 The bill ceases the Division's use and

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1 responsibility for maintaining its COINS system
2 and allows it to rely solely on each licensee's
3 own central computer system, which the Division
4 already utilizes. The bill also repeals the
5 required annual fee that licensees must pay for
6 each electronic gaming device linked by
7 telecommunication to the COINS system. And this
8 bill will take effect on August 1, 2021.

9 Next, I'll address House Bill 435
10 impacting video draw poker. This bill amends the
11 definition of video draw poker to include any game
12 approved by the Division that utilizes one or more
13 deck of cards for each hand, with multiple hands
14 allowed per game. And this bill will take effect
15 on August 1, 2021.

16 Now I'll address House Bill 137
17 impacting the land-based casino operating
18 contract. The bill amends several non-gaming
19 economic development activities required by the
20 casino gaming operator. The bill removes
21 third-party tenants from the total operating force
22 or personal level reported to the Board and
23 provides that third-party contractor employees are
24 only counted until the \$325,000 in capital
25 investment is completed. The bill changes the

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1 level of positions required to no more than half
2 of the total operating force or personal level and
3 adds provisions related to the taxation of

4 complimentary hotel rooms, food and beverage,
5 entertainment, and parking. And this bill will
6 take effect on July 1, 2021.

7 Now I'll address House Resolution
8 No. 6 impacting the Board. This resolution urges
9 and requests the Louisiana Department of Children
10 and Family Services to develop data sharing
11 agreements with the Board and the Louisiana
12 Lottery Corporation to identify lottery and other
13 gaming winners who receive Supplemental Nutrition
14 Assistance benefits, or SNAP benefits.

15 Senate Bill 136 or Act 211 also
16 affects the Board. Act 211 changes and sets forth
17 a formal procedure for the promulgation of
18 emergency rules by administrative agencies for
19 certain emergency circumstances. An emergency
20 rule may be adopted by an agency without prior
21 notice or public hearing under certain conditions,
22 including, but not limited to, an act by the
23 Legislature specifically directing the agency to
24 proceed with emergency rulemaking.

25 Emergency rules require submittal to

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1 the Governor's Office, the Legislature, the
2 Attorney General's Office, and the Office of the
3 State Register by the fifth day after adoption to
4 determine whether the emergency rule is
5 acceptable.

6 The new law changes the time period

7 for when an emergency rule can remain in effect
8 from 120 days to the new effective date of 180
9 days.

10 This bill is effective on August 1,
11 2021, and will affect the Board concerning
12 emergency rulemaking for sports wagering.

13 Lastly, we'll address Senate Bill 247
14 and 142 and Act 80 relative to sports wagering.
15 Senate Bill 247 created the Louisiana Sports
16 Wagering Act and designates the Board as the
17 regulatory agency for sports wagering offered by
18 specific licensees and provides for emergency
19 rules to be promulgated by the Board for sports
20 wagering in person and through the internet and
21 mobile app.

22 In this bill, there is a limit of 20
23 licenses to operate the sports book -- a sports
24 book. The bill requires the Board to consider
25 applications for licensing first from the

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1 land-based casino, the 15 riverboat licensees, and
2 the four racetracks.

3 If any of those initial 20 eligible
4 applicants fail to submit a completed application
5 by January 1, 2022, or within 30 days of
6 applications being available, then those
7 applicants will not be considered for a license,
8 and the Board may consider applications from video
9 poker licensees and fantasy sports operators.

10 Under this bill, if a license becomes
11 available, the Board is required to notify current
12 licensees who do not have a sports wagering
13 license about the available license to give those
14 entities an opportunity to apply for the license
15 by a certain date.

16 If the number of eligible
17 applications received by the Board exceeds the
18 number of licenses available, the Board shall
19 provide for a concealed bid process and issue the
20 available licenses to bidders who have the
21 greatest potential to generate revenue for the
22 State.

23 The bill also allows the Board to
24 issue temporary certificates of authority to
25 applicants prior to licensing.

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1 A licensee may operate the sports
2 book itself or contract with a sports wagering
3 platform provider permittee but must have a sports
4 book lounge for people aged 21 and up.

5 Each licensee may contract with two
6 sports wagering platform providers who can each
7 have branded websites with a mobile application.

8 Any mobile wagering platform must be
9 able to verify the identity, age, and location of
10 the patron.

11 Act 80 provides for the application
12 and licensing fee structure for sports wagering

13 licenses and permits and sets forth the tax
14 structure for sports wagering of 10 percent for
15 in-person wagering at an establishment and 15
16 percent for any wagering through a website or
17 mobile app.

18 Senate Bill 142 provides for the
19 distribution of funds collected from sports
20 wagering.

21 And our office and State Police have
22 begun drafting the sports wagering regulations,
23 and we anticipate the rules being ready to be
24 presented to the Board in the upcoming months.

25 And that concludes my brief overview of

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1 the gaming bills that passed the legislature this
2 fiscal session which impact the Gaming Control
3 Board. Thank you.

4 MS. BERRY:

5 Thank you very much. Thank you very
6 much. It looks like we have a lot of homework to
7 do.

8 MS. LANDRY:

9 Yes.

10 MS. BERRY:

11 I would just like to recognize
12 Senators Stefanski and --

13 MR. STEFANSKI:

14 Brett, Brett. Yeah.

15 MS. BERRY:

16 Brett. I'm sorry. Excuse me -- and

17 Cortez --

18 MR. CORTEZ:

19 Cortez.

20 MS. BERRY:

21 -- for coming to the meeting today --

22 thank you very much -- and for all y'all's work in

23 all this -- what she just mentioned. And I'm

24 sure, like I said, we have a lot of homework to do

25 and a lot of new things to learn, but it will

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1 benefit the state tremendously. So thank you for

2 all your hard work.

3 Okay. Now, was there any questions

4 from the Board on her presentation -- Ms. Lisha's

5 presentation?

6 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

7 Not a question, just a request for a

8 copy of that overview, please.

9 MS. BERRY:

10 I would love that, too. Could we get

11 that, please?

12 MS. LANDRY:

13 Yes, ma'am.

14 MS. BERRY:

15 Thank you. Good question, Ms. Acker.

16 Okay. Any other questions?

17 (NO RESPONSE)

18 MS. BERRY:

19 Thank you so much Ms. Landry.
20 VII. UPDATE FROM LOUISIANA STATE POLICE, GAMING
21 ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, ON FANTASY SPORTS

22 MS. BERRY:

23 Okay. Now I believe we'll have an
24 update from Louisiana State Police, Gaming
25 Enforcement Division, on fantasy sports.

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1 MR. McNEIL:

2 Good morning, Vice-chair Berry and
3 Board Members. Again, Major Chuck McNeil with
4 Louisiana State Police. I just wanted -- we just
5 wanted to give y'all a quick update of where we
6 stand on data fantasy sports.

7 As you know, the rules were
8 officially adopted in February, and that began the
9 process for accepting applications for data --
10 DFS.

11 Currently, we have two parties that
12 have applied for a data fantasy sports application
13 license. One, we believe, will be ready within
14 the next month or two for your approval to come
15 before the Board. But one of the -- some of the
16 things that's taken so long is that not only does
17 the applicant have to apply, but if they use a
18 geofence location, that company has to comply.
19 Any non-gaming suppliers and gaming suppliers have
20 to also comply that may be doing business with
21 that entity.

22 So all of those have to be licensed
23 by us and approved by us and do a background
24 before we can bring that before you -- before the
25 Board. So that's why -- and I know that there's

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1 been a lot of questions why this has taken so
2 long, and that's one of the reasons why. It's
3 getting all the information that we need to
4 present to the Board.

5 One has prevented -- provided all the
6 information that we need, and we're preparing the
7 report right now, and the AG's Office will be
8 reviewing that report soon. So, hopefully, once
9 that report is completed, we'll bring that
10 licensee up to you for consideration for approval.
11 The second one is -- we're still working on
12 getting some information from them; so that one
13 may probably take a little -- is going to take
14 longer for us to get the necessary information.

15 We also are licensing and doing
16 suitability backgrounds on the geolocation
17 companies to make sure that they are licensed,
18 because that is going to be, obviously, an
19 important component, with the parishes that are --
20 have voted it in and voted it out, to make sure
21 that they meet the integrity that we need here for
22 the State of Louisiana.

23 One of the caveats that's going to be
24 different for us is the -- because, currently, the

25 entire state is blocked out, meaning no DFS can

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1 occur in the state, we can't truly test the system
2 until they go live, because they're going to have
3 to turn off the ability to block people, and at
4 that time we're going to then be able to test and
5 verify.

6 We've been working with GeoLife, who
7 is our lab that we use for everything, casino and
8 video poker, to be working with us and developing
9 guidelines to that. And they are pretty --
10 they're confident, and so are we, that they will
11 be able to geofence the necessary parishes so that
12 the prohibited -- from DFS occurring in that
13 realm.

14 It's also -- you can think of this,
15 in some ways, as a warm-up for us and for the --
16 and for -- related to sports betting when it's
17 coming from mobile, because it's pretty much --
18 we'll be using the same technology, the same
19 components, same companies, plus the other -- the
20 ones that have been coming to the state. So this
21 will maybe ensure -- because we're probably going
22 live potentially close to the same time frame
23 based on the way the law was written for sports
24 betting, and it was written differently for DFS;
25 so that -- it's going to be a lot faster for

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1 sports betting to come online just the way that

2 the rules and laws were written for us.

3 That's kind of the overview, but I
4 can answer any questions you guys may have. I'll
5 be glad to answer anything you have.

6 MS. BERRY:

7 Board members, do y'all have any
8 questions?

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 MS. BERRY:

11 Not at this time. Thank you very
12 much --

13 MR. McNEIL:

14 Thank you.

15 MS. BERRY:

16 -- for your presentation today.

17 MR. McNEIL:

18 Thank you.

19 MS. BERRY:

20 Appreciate it.

21 VIII. CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT WITH COURT

22 REPORTER

23 MS. BERRY:

24 All right. Next on the agenda is the
25 consideration of the contract with the court

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1 reporter. Board members, we've been provided with
2 two contract proposals, one from Baton Rouge Court
3 Reporters and one from Ms. Shelley Parola. You
4 have had time to review each of the contracts.

5 Please indicate your preference by making a motion
6 as to approve the contract of your choice and
7 authorize the vice-chairman, myself, to sign the
8 contract on behalf of the Board.

9 MS. LEWIS:

10 I move that we accept the contract
11 from Baton Rouge Court Reporters.

12 MR. AMBEAU:

13 Mr. Chairman -- Ms. Chairman, this is
14 a public record. It has to be on public record.
15 You have to recognize them on the microphone.

16 MS. BERRY:

17 I'm sorry. You can't --

18 MR. AMBEAU:

19 You've got to recognize her mic.

20 MS. BERRY:

21 Oh, recognize Ms. Lewis? Okay. Got
22 it now? I'm sorry. Ms. Lewis, would you mind
23 repeating what you just said?

24 MS. LEWIS:

25 Yes, ma'am.

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1 MS. BERRY:

2 I'm competent on this technology
3 right here.

4 MS. LEWIS:

5 I move that we accept the contract
6 from Baton Rouge Court Reporters.

7 MS. BERRY:

8 Okay. I have a motion from Ms. Lewis
9 to accept the contract from Baton Rouge Court
10 Reporters.

11 MR. JACKSON:

12 Second.

13 MS. BERRY:

14 And I have a second from Mr. Jackson.

15 All in favor? Oh, we're going to take a roll.

16 Okay. We need a roll call, please.

17 MS. THURMAN:

18 Mr. Jackson?

19 MR. JACKSON:

20 Yes.

21 MS. THURMAN:

22 Mr. Lagasse?

23 MR. LAGASSE:

24 Yes.

25 MS. THURMAN:

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1 Ms. Lewis?

2 MS. LEWIS:

3 Yes.

4 MS. THURMAN:

5 Mr. Poole?

6 MR. POOLE:

7 Yes.

8 MS. THURMAN:

9 Ms. Hamilton-Acker?

10 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

11 Yes.

12 MS. THURMAN:

13 Ms. Berry?

14 MS. BERRY:

15 Yes.

16 MS. THURMAN:

17 It's unanimous.

18 MS. BERRY:

19 Unanimous. Motion carries. Thank
20 you.

21 IX. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

22 A. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

23 FOR THE ALTERNATE RIVERBOAT INSPECTION OF THE

24 GAMING VESSEL OF CATFISH QUEEN PARTNERSHIP IN

25 COMMENDAM D/B/A BELLE OF BATON ROUGE -

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1 NO. R011700009

2 MS. BERRY:

3 All right. Next up will be

4 consideration of Certificate of Compliance for

5 Alternative Riverboat Inspection of the gaming

6 vessel of Catfish Queen Partnership in Commendam

7 doing business as the Belle of Baton Rouge,

8 No. R01170009. Good morning.

9 MS. LANDRY:

10 Vice-chairman Berry and Board

11 Members, I'm Assistant Attorney General

12 Lisha Landry. With me is Mr. John Reinert of

13 ABSG Consulting. And we're here in the matter of

14 the issuance of a second temporary Certificate of
15 Compliance to Catfish Queen Partnership in
16 Commendam doing business as Belle of Baton Rouge
17 Casino.

18 On March 2, 2021, ABSG began the
19 inspection process for the approval of Belle of
20 Baton Rouge Casinos' annual Certificate of
21 Compliance. The Board issued a temporary
22 Certificate of Compliance to Belle of Baton Rouge
23 on May 17, 2021.

24 Belle of Baton Rouge is requesting an
25 extension of time to resolve the fire sprinkler

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1 pump discrepancy noted by ABSG that remains
2 outstanding. Mr. Reinert will now provide the
3 details on ABSG's recommendation for the issuance
4 of a second temporary Certificate of Compliance.

5 MR. REINERT:

6 Good morning, Chairman and Board
7 Members. I'm John Reinert from ABS Consulting,
8 here to provide an update to the annual
9 Certificate -- certification of Belle of Baton
10 Rouge Casino.

11 A letter -- excuse me. A letter was
12 received by the Belle of Baton Rouge requesting an
13 extension of their Certificate of Compliance. The
14 engineers were not able to obtain full operating
15 capacity of the fire sprinkler pump. The problem
16 was thought to be an obstruction in the sea chest,

17 preventing the flow of water to the fire pump. A
18 diving company was hired, and it turned out that
19 the sea chest was clear. The fire pump remains in
20 the same condition as per the discussion last
21 board meeting. There is now a plan to rebuild the
22 pump.

23 The 2021 annual survey, as required
24 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, is not
25 considered complete until the fire pump is fully

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1 operational.

2 MS. LANDRY:

3 Okay. We now present these findings
4 to the Board and request that upon the Board
5 accepting the recommendation submitted by ABSG,
6 you will move for the issuance of a temporary
7 Certificate of Compliance for Belle of
8 Baton Rouge, which expires on July 31, 2021. And
9 we have representatives from the licensee who are
10 here that can answer any questions that the Board
11 may have on the status of the discrepancy.

12 MS. BERRY:

13 Board Members, does anyone have any
14 questions regarding the contract extension?

15 MR. POOLE:

16 I -- I do, actually.

17 MS. BERRY:

18 Sure.

19 MR. POOLE:

20 So as I understand it right now, the
21 fire sprinkler system is --

22 MS. BERRY:

23 Wait. Wait, Mr. Poole.

24 MR. POOLE:

25 Check.

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1 MS. BERRY:

2 Okay. Got you now. Sorry.

3 MR. POOLE:

4 All right. We're all good. Are we
5 to understand that the sprinkler system on the
6 boat at this point is somewhat operational, or
7 it's not operational at all? Where --

8 MR. REINERT:

9 It is operational to 90 percent.

10 MR. POOLE:

11 Okay. And this would just bring it
12 into full compliance?

13 MR. REINERT:

14 It would bring it into full
15 compliance, and the -- there's a reserve tank of
16 500 gallons that is in use, also, at this time.

17 MR. POOLE:

18 Okay. Thank you.

19 MS. BERRY:

20 And you do -- you do feel by July 31,
21 we should be okay?

22 MR. REINERT:

23 I -- I don't have an update on what
24 the rebuild of the pump is.

25 MS. BERRY:

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1 Do --

2 MS. LANDRY:

3 Well, we do have Mr. Danny Jones, who
4 is the captain of the vessel, in the audience. He
5 may be able to provide a status update on when the
6 pump will be completed.

7 MS. BERRY:

8 Mr. Jones, would you like to address
9 the Board, please? Thank you, sir.

10 MR. JONES:

11 Hi, Vice-chairman, Members of the
12 Board. We are currently waiting on an update for
13 parts for the pump. All this has just happened.
14 The divers were only out just recently; so now we
15 move to the next step. So we feel that in the
16 next few weeks, we should be able to get the parts
17 on hand, but we're waiting on the manufacturer.

18 MS. BERRY:

19 Okay. All right. Any other
20 questions?

21 (NO RESPONSE)

22 MS. BERRY:

23 Thank you, sir. I appreciate that.

24 MR. JONES:

25 You're welcome.

1 MS. BERRY:

2 Okay. So now I will ask for a motion
3 to approve the temporary Certificate of
4 Compliance, which expires on July 31, 2021, to
5 authorize the vice-chairman to sign the
6 Certificate of Compliance on behalf of the Board.

7 MR. JACKSON:

8 Motion to approve.

9 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

10 Second.

11 MS. BERRY:

12 Motion by Mr. Jackson.

13 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

14 Second.

15 MS. BERRY:

16 Second by Ms. Hamilton-Acker. All in
17 favor?

18 (COLLECTIVE "AYE")

19 MS. BERRY:

20 All opposed?

21 (NO RESPONSE)

22 MS. BERRY:

23 Thank you, motion carries. Thank
24 you.

25 B. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

1 FOR THE ALTERNATE RIVERBOAT INSPECTION OF THE
2 GAMING VESSEL OF PNK (LAKE CHARLES), LLC

3 D/B/A L'AUBERGE LAKE CHARLES -
4 NO. R011001707.

5 MS. BERRY:

6 All right. Next, we are having the
7 consideration of Certificate of Compliance for the
8 Alter -- Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the
9 gaming vessel PNK (Lake Charles), LLC doing
10 business as L'Auberge Lake Charles,
11 No. R011001707.

12 MS. LANDRY:

13 Assistant Attorney General
14 Lisha Landry and John Reinert of ABSG Consulting
15 now here in the matter of the issuance of an
16 annual Certificate of Compliance to
17 PNK (Lake Charles), LLC doing business as
18 L'Auberge Casino.

19 On April 13, 2021, ABSG began the
20 inspection process for the approval of
21 L'Auberge -- L'Auberge's annual Certificate of
22 Compliance.

23 On May 17, 2021, the Board issued a
24 temporary Certificate of Compliance to L'Auberge
25 to allow additional time to resolve several

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1 outstanding discrepancies. ABSG has now issued a
2 supplemental report addressing these
3 discrepancies, and Mr. Reinert will now provide
4 the details on the supplemental report.

5 MR. REINERT:

6 Good morning, Board Members. I'm
7 John Reinert from ABSG Consulting, here to report
8 on the follow-up examination of L'Auberge Casino
9 Lake Charles. The inspector Doug Chapman did, on
10 May 19, attend L'Auberge Lake Charles Casino and
11 verified the outstanding deficiencies as
12 satisfactory -- corrected. The 2021 annual survey
13 as required by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board
14 is now complete and is considered fit to continue
15 its intended service as a dockside gaming
16 riverboat in the State of Louisiana. It is the
17 recommendation of ABSG Consulting that L'Auberge
18 Casino Lake Charles is issued the Certificate of
19 Compliance.

20 MS. LANDRY:

21 We now present these findings to the
22 Board and request that upon the Board accepting
23 the supplemental report submitted by ABSG, you
24 will move for the issuance of the annual
25 Certificate of Compliance to L'Auberge Casino,

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1 which will expire on May 31, 2022.

2 MS. BERRY:

3 Okay.

4 MR. LAGASSE:

5 I'll make a motion.

6 MS. BERRY:

7 We have a motion for -- to issue a
8 Certificate of Compliance and to authorize the

9 vice-chairman to sign this Certificate of
10 Compliance on behalf of the Board by Mr. Lagasse.

11 Second? Do I have a second?

12 MR. POOLE:

13 I'll second.

14 MS. BERRY:

15 Second by Mr. Poole. Thank you very

16 much. All in favor?

17 (COLLECTIVE "AYE")

18 MS. BERRY:

19 All opposed?

20 (NO RESPONSE)

21 MS. BERRY:

22 Motion carries. Thank you.

23 C. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
24 FOR THE ALTERNATE RIVERBOAT INSPECTION OF THE
25 GAMING VESSEL OF BOSSIER CASINO VENTURE, LLC,

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1 D/B/A MARGARITAVILLE RESORT CASINO -
2 NO. R011000841.

3 MS. BERRY:

4 Now we have another Certificate of --
5 consideration of Certificate of Compliance for the
6 alternate riverboat inspection of the gaming
7 vessel of Bossier Casino Ventures, LLC doing
8 business as the Margaritaville Resort Casino,
9 No. R011000841.

10 MS. LANDRY:

11 Assistant Attorney General

12 Lisha Landry and John Reinert of ABSG Consulting
13 now here in the matter of the annual Certificate
14 of Compliance for Bossier Casino Venture, LLC
15 doing business as Margaritaville Resort Casino,
16 which is located in Bossier City, Louisiana.

17 On April 20, 2021, ABSG began the
18 inspection process for the approval of
19 Margaritaville's annual Certificate of Compliance.
20 Mr. Reinert will now provide details on ABSG's
21 inspection.

22 MR. REINERT:

23 Good morning, Board Members. I'm
24 John Reinert from ABSG Consulting here to report
25 the annual certification for the Margarita --

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1 Margaritaville Casino. The inspector Jeff Boyle
2 and Pete Bullard did, on April 20, attend the
3 Riverboat Margaritaville to conduct the annual
4 inspection in accordance with the Alternative
5 Inspection Program.

6 The inspect -- inspectors verified
7 fire protection measures, emergency right --
8 lighting, egress routes, and conducted a fire
9 drill. There were no discrepancies noted, and a
10 revised report was submitted to update the annual
11 servicing of the fire alarm, fire pump by a
12 third-party vendor.

13 The 2021 annual survey, as required
14 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, is now

15 complete and is considered fit to continue its
16 intended service as a dockside riverboat in the
17 State of Louisiana. It is the recommendation of
18 ABSG Consulting that Margaritaville Casino is
19 issued the Certificate of Compliance.

20 MS. LANDRY:

21 We now present these findings to the
22 Board and request that upon the Board accepting
23 the report submitted by ABSG, you will move for
24 the issuance of the annual Certificate of
25 Compliance to Margaritaville Resort Casino, which

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1 expires on June 30, 2022.

2 MS. BERRY:

3 Okay. I would like to ask if there
4 is a motion from the Board to issue a Certificate
5 of Compliance and to authorize the vice-chairman
6 to sign the Certificate of Compliance on behalf of
7 the Board for Margaritaville Resort Casino.

8 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

9 So moved.

10 MS. BERRY:

11 So moved by Ms. Hamilton-Acker.

12 MR. JACKSON:

13 Second.

14 MS. BERRY:

15 Second by Mr. Jackson.

16 MS. BERRY:

17 All in favor?

18 (COLLECTIVE "AYE")

19 MS. BERRY:

20 All opposed?

21 (NO RESPONSE)

22 MS. BERRY:

23 Motion carries. Thank you.

24 MS. LANDRY:

25 Thank you.

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1 D. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
2 FOR THE ALTERNATE RIVERBOAT INSPECTION OF THE
3 GAMING VESSEL OF BELLE OF ORLEANS, LLC D/B/A
4 AMELIA BELLE - NO. R013600020.

5 MS. BERRY:

6 And, finally, the consideration of
7 the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate
8 Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of
9 Belle of Orleans, LLC doing business as the
10 Amelia Belle No. R013600020.

11 MS. JAMES:

12 Good morning, Vice-chairman and Board
13 Members. I'm Assistant Attorney General
14 Lekiesha James here with Mr. John Reinert of ABSG.
15 We're here in the matter of the issuance of the
16 annual Certificate of Compliance for the Belle of
17 Orleans, LLC doing business as Amelia Belle
18 Casino.

19 On May 11, 2021, ABSG began the
20 inspection process for the approval of

21 Amelia Belle Casino's annual Certificate of
22 Compliance. There were no discrepancies found.
23 Mr. Reinert will now present the details on ABSG's
24 inspection.

25 MR. REINERT:

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1 Good morning, Board Members. I am
2 John Reinert with ABSG Consulting here to report
3 the annual certification for Amelia Belle Casino.
4 The inspector Doug Chapman and Pete Bullard did,
5 on May 11, attend the Riverboat Belle of Orleans
6 to conduct the annual inspection in accordance
7 with the Alternative Inspection Program.

8 The inspect -- inspectors reviewed
9 fire protection measures, egress routes,
10 observed -- observed emergency lighting, tested
11 the emergency generator, inspected the mooring
12 system, and conducted a fire drill. There were no
13 discrepancies noted.

14 The 2021 annual survey, as required
15 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, is complete
16 and is considered fit to continue its service as a
17 dockside gaming rate -- riverboat in the State of
18 Louisiana. It is the recommendation of
19 ABSG Consulting that Amelia Belle is issued the
20 Certificate of Compliance.

21 MS. JAMES:

22 We now present these findings to the
23 Board and request that upon the Board accepting

24 the report submitted by ABSG, you move forward
25 with the issuance of Amelia Belle Casino's annual

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1 Certificate of Compliance, which expires on
2 July 31, 2022

3 MS. BERRY:

4 Thank you. We need a motion from a
5 member of the board to issue a Certificate of
6 Compliance and to authorize the vice-chairman to
7 sign the Certificate of Compliance for -- on
8 behalf of the Board.

9 MR. LAGASSE:

10 So moved.

11 MS. BERRY:

12 So moved, Mr. Lagasse.

13 MS. LEWIS:

14 Second.

15 MS. BERRY:

16 Second by Ms. Lewis. All in favor?

17 (COLLECTIVE "AYE")

18 MS. BERRY:

19 All opposed?

20 (NO RESPONSE)

21 MS. BERRY:

22 Motion carries. Thank you very much.

23 MS. JAMES:

24 Thank you.

25 X. VIDEO GAMING ISSUES

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1 A. CONSIDERATION OF TRANSFERS OF INTEREST IN THE
2 FOLLOWING TRUCKSTOPS:

3 1. OUTPOST TRAVEL CENTERS, LLC D/B/A OUTPOST

4 LAKE PROVIDENCE - NO. 1800515763

5 2. OUTPOST TRAVEL CENTERS, LLC D/B/A

6 OUTPOST MINDEN - NO. 6000515644

7 3. OUTPOST TRAVEL CENTERS, LLC D/B/A

8 OUTPOST PLAIN DEALING - NO. 0802515610

9 4. THREE LITTLE ONES NO. 2, LLC D/B/A

10 OUTPOST GREENWOOD - NO. 0906516819

11 MS. BERRY:

12 All right. Now we will address --
13 address some video gaming issues regarding some
14 transfers of interest in truckstops. Now, for
15 your information, the first four items 1, 2, 3,
16 and 4, will be considered in globo. Together, we
17 are going to consider the transfer of interest in
18 the licensees Outpost Travel Centers, LLC d/b/a
19 Outpost Lake Providence, No. 1800515763; Outpost
20 Travel Centers, LLC doing business as Outpost
21 Minden, No. 6000515644; Outpost Travel Centers,
22 LLC doing business as Outpost Plain Dealing,
23 No. 0802515610; and Three Little Ones No. 2, LLC
24 doing business as Outpost Greenwood,
25 No. 0906516819.

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1 MS. JOHNSON:

2 Good morning -- good morning,
3 Vice-chairman and Members of the Board. I'm

4 Assistant Attorney General Venise Johnson, present
5 in the matter of the approvals of transfers of
6 interest of the following Type 5 video game
7 licensees: Outpost Travel Centers, LLC doing
8 business as Outpost Lake Providence; Outpost
9 Travel Centers, LLC doing business as Outpost
10 Minden; Outpost Travel Centers, LLC doing business
11 as Outpost Plain Dealing; Three Little Ones No. 2,
12 LLC doing business as Outpost Greenwood.

13 The Robert H. Horn, II, trust had a
14 8.33 percent membership interest in Outpost Travel
15 Centers, LLC. On October 7, 2019, Robert H. Horn,
16 II, turned 25 years old. As per the term of the
17 trust set up for his sole benefit, he received
18 half of the membership interest held in the trust
19 for his 25th birthday. As a result, the trust now
20 holds 4.165 percent, and Robert H. Horn, II, owns
21 4.165 percent in his own individual capacity.

22 On December 15, 2020, the following
23 transaction occurred: Richard M. Gonzales
24 transferred his 20 percent membership interest in
25 Outpost Travel Centers, LLC and Three Little Ones

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1 No. 2, LLC to Robert H. Horn, Sr. As a result of
2 the transfers, Robert H. Horn, Sr., now has
3 50 percent membership interest in Outpost Travel
4 Centers, LLC, and a 70 percent membership interest
5 in Three Little Ones No. 2.

6 Investigator Glenn Verrett conducted an

7 investigation of the transfers. He is present
8 this morning to report his findings to the Board.

9 MR. VERRETT:

10 Good morning, Vice-chairman Berry,
11 Board Members. I'm Investigator Glenn Verrett
12 with the Gaming Enforcement Division. I
13 investigated the transfers that occurred in the
14 licensees and conducted updated suitability checks
15 on Robert H. Horn, Mary S. Horn, and Robert H.
16 Horn, II. I found no information that would
17 preclude the licensees, its members, or its
18 members' spouses from continuing to participate in
19 the Louisiana gaming industry.

20 MS. JOHNSON:

21 The Office of the Attorney General
22 has reviewed the file prepared by the Office of
23 State Police, and no information contained therein
24 would preclude approval of the transfers.

25 MS. BERRY:

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1 Okay. So now I will look for a
2 motion to approve the transfers of interest and
3 authorize the vice-chairman to sign the approvals
4 of transfer of interest on behalf of the Board in
5 these matters. Got a motion?

6 MR. JACKSON:

7 Motion to approve.

8 MR. LAGASSE:

9 Second.

10 MS. BERRY:
11 Motion by Mr. Jackson, and a second
12 by Mr. Lagasse. All in favor?

13 (COLLECTIVE "AYE")

14 MS. BERRY:
15 All opposed?

16 (NO RESPONSE)

17 MS. BERRY:
18 Motion carries.

19 5. 24/7 XPRESS ASSOCIATES, LLC D/B/A SULPHUR

20 TRUCKSTOP & CASINO - NO. 1000517329

21 6. TALL TIMBERS TRUCKSTOP & CASINO, LLC D/B/A

22 EUNICE TRUCKSTOP & CASINO - NO. 4900515948

23 7. TALL TIMBERS TRUCKSTOP & CASINO, LLC D/B/A

24 TALL TIMBERS TRUCKSTOP & CASINO (AMITE) -

25 NO. 4600515641

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1 MS. BERRY:

2 Our next consideration of the
3 transfers of interest in the licensees is
4 24/7 Xpress Associates, LLC doing business as
5 Sulphur Truckstop & Casino, No. 1000517329;
6 Tall Timbers Truckstop & Casino, LLC doing
7 business as Eunice Truckstop & Casino,
8 No. 4900515948; and Tall Timbers Truckstop &
9 Casino, LLC doing business as Tall Timbers
10 Truckstop & Casino (Amite) No. 4600515641.

11 MR. PITRE:

12 Vice-chairman Berry, Board Members,

13 I'm Assistant Attorney General Earl Pitre, Jr.,
14 appearing before the Board in the matter of the
15 transfers of membership interest in the Type 5
16 video gaming licensees, 24/7 Xpress Associates,
17 LLC doing business as Sulphur Truckstop & Casino;
18 Tall Timbers Truckstop & Casino, LLC doing
19 business as Eunice Truckstop & Casino; and
20 Tall Timbers Truckstop & Casino, LLC doing
21 business as Tall Timbers Truckstop & Casino
22 (Amite).

23 On March 25, 2021, the following
24 transfers occurred: Nicky L. Nichols transferred
25 5 percent -- a 5 percent membership interest in

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1 both 24/7 Xpress Associates, LLC and Tall Timbers
2 Truckstop & Casino, LLC to R L Enterprises, LLC.
3 Nicky Nichols is the manager of R L Enterprises,
4 LLC, and Robert L. Nichols is the sole member of
5 R L Enterprises, LLC.

6 Criminal Investigator Glenn Verrett
7 conducted an investigation of the transfers of
8 membership interest. He also conducted updated
9 suitability checks on the relevant persons
10 associated with the licensees. He will present
11 the Office of State Police's findings to the
12 Board.

13 MR. VERRETT:

14 Good morning, Vice-chairman Berry,
15 Board Members. Investigator Glenn Verrett with

16 the Gaming Enforcement Division. I conducted the
17 investigations of the transfer of membership
18 interests and an updated suitability check on
19 Nicky L. Nichols, Benny F. Relan, Julie S. Relan,
20 Margaret C. Relan, Shawn M. Nichols,
21 Courtney S. Nichols, Shane A. Nichols,
22 Stephanie A. Nichols, David D. Bulloch, and
23 Janet E. Bulloch. I found no information that
24 would preclude the licensees, their members, or
25 the members' spouses from continuing to

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1 participate in the Louisiana gaming industry.

2 MR. PITRE:

3 The Office of the Attorney General
4 has reviewed the file compiled as a result of the
5 investigations conducted by the Office of State
6 Police. Our review indicates that no information
7 has been found to preclude approval of the
8 transfers.

9 MS. BERRY:

10 Thank you. Based on their
11 investigations, I would like to hear a motion to
12 approve the transfers of interest and to authorize
13 the vice-chairman to sign the approvals on behalf
14 of the Board.

15 MR. POOLE:

16 So moved.

17 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

18 Second.

19 MS. BERRY:

20 A move by Mr. Poole, and a second by

21 Ms. Hamilton-Acker. All in favor?

22 (COLLECTIVE "AYE")

23 MS. BERRY:

24 All opposed?

25 (NO RESPONSE)

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1 MS. BERRY:

2 Motion carries. Thank you, sir.

3 XI. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS IN THE

4 FOLLOWING:

5 1. IN RE: HAN D. PHAM - NO. P040072644

6 MS. BERRY:

7 Okay. Next, we have some settlements

8 on the agenda. We are in consideration of the

9 settlement for Han Pham, No. P040072644.

10 MS. JAMES:

11 Good morning, Vice-chairman and Board

12 Members. I'm Lekiesha James, Assistant Attorney

13 General, here in the matter of the settlement

14 regarding Mr. Han Pham, who holds a non-key gaming

15 employee permit. The settlement addresses the

16 failure of Mr. Pham to disclose his arrest for

17 violating Louisiana Revised Statute 14:67, Theft.

18 Mr. Pham was arrested on April 21,

19 2020, by the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office for

20 violating Louisiana Revised Statute 14:67, Theft.

21 The East Baton Rouge District Attorney's Office

22 refused the charge against Mr. Pham; however, he
23 failed to timely notify the Division of that
24 arrest. The civil penalty contained in this
25 settlement is \$500.00, which is an amount that is

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1 well-established for violations of this type. The
2 settlement has been signed by the hearing officer
3 and is now before the Board for final approval. I
4 would be happy to answer any questions you may
5 have at this time.

6 MS. BERRY:

7 Are there any questions from the
8 Board on this settlement?

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 MS. BERRY:

11 Can I get a motion to approve the
12 settlement and to authorize the vice-chairman to
13 sign the decision on behalf of the Board?

14 MS. LEWIS:

15 I move.

16 MS. BERRY:

17 Moved by Ms. Lewis.

18 MR. LAGASSE:

19 Second.

20 MS. BERRY:

21 Second by Mr. Lagasse. All in favor?

22 (COLLECTIVE "AYE")

23 MS. BERRY:

24 All opposed?

25 (NO RESPONSE)

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1 MS. BERRY:

2 Motion carries for that settlement.

3 Thank you.

4 MS. JAMES:

5 Thank you.

6 2. IN RE: MEATBALL PALACE, CORP. D/B/A

7 THE JACKPOT COFFEEHOUSE - NO. 2600204527

8 MS. BERRY:

9 Thank you. Next, the consideration
10 of the settlement for Meatball Palace,
11 Corporation, doing business as the Jackpot Coffee
12 House, No. 2600204527.

13 MS. JOHNSON:

14 Good morning, Vice-chairman and Board
15 Members. I am Assistant Attorney General
16 Venise Johnson, here in the matter of the
17 settlement of Meatball Palace, Corp. doing
18 business as Jackpot Coffee House, which holds a
19 Type 2 video draw poker gaming license. This
20 settlement addresses the late submission of annual
21 forms and fees that are required to be submitted
22 to the Division no later than July 1 of each year.

23 The licensee did not submit the 2020
24 annual forms and fees until March 29, 2021, which
25 gave rise to a violation of gaming law. The civil

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1 penalty contained in this settlement is \$750.00,

2 which is an amount that is well-established for
3 violations of this type. The settlement has been
4 signed by the hearing officer and is now before
5 the Board for final approval. I would be happy to
6 answer any questions that you may have at this
7 time. Thank you.

8 MS. BERRY:

9 Hearing no questions, I would like to
10 get a motion to approve this settlement and
11 authorize the vice-chairman to sign the decision
12 on behalf of the Board.

13 MR. JACKSON:

14 Motion to approve.

15 MS. BERRY:

16 Motion by Mr. Jackson.

17 MR. POOLE:

18 I'll second.

19 MS. BERRY:

20 Second by Mr. Poole. All in favor?

21 (COLLECTIVE "AYE")

22 MS. BERRY:

23 All opposed?

24 (NO RESPONSE)

25 MS. BERRY:

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1 Motion carries. Thank you.

2 3. IN RE: EMPRESS OF CHINA NOLA, INC. D/B/A

3 EMPRESS OF CHINA - NO. 2601216452

4 MS. BERRY:

5 Lastly, we have consideration of the
6 settlement for Empress of China NOLA, Incorporated
7 doing business as Empress of China,
8 No. 2601216452.

9 MS. JAMES:

10 Good morning, Vice-chairman, Board
11 Members. Assistant Attorney General
12 Lekiesha James, here in the matter of Empress of
13 China NOLA, Inc. doing business as Empress of
14 China, who holds a Type 2 video draw poker gaming
15 license. This settlement addresses the licensee's
16 failure to timely submit its annual forms and fees
17 to the Division.

18 The licensee did not submit the forms
19 and fees until April 27, 2021, in violation of
20 gaming law. The settlement is -- the settlement
21 amount is \$750.00, which is a civil penalty amount
22 that is well-established for violations of this
23 type. The settlement has been signed by the
24 hearing officer and is now before the Board for
25 final approval. I'm available to answer any

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1 questions should they arise.

2 MS. BERRY:

3 Hearing no questions, I would like to
4 ask to approve the settlement on behalf -- and
5 authorize the vice-chairman to sign the decision
6 on behalf of the Board. Motion?

7 MR. LAGASSE:

8 So moved.

9 MS. BERRY:

10 Moved by Mr. Lagasse.

11 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

12 Second.

13 MS. BERRY:

14 Second by Ms. Hamilton-Acker. All in

15 favor?

16 (COLLECTIVE "AYE")

17 MS. BERRY:

18 All opposed?

19 (NO RESPONSE)

20 MS. BERRY:

21 Motion carries. Thank you.

22 XII. ADJOURNMENT

23 MS. BERRY:

24 And, lastly, it looks like that's all

25 the business today. Could I get a motion to

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1 adjourn?

2 MR. JACKSON:

3 Motion to adjourn.

4 MR. LAGASSE:

5 Seconded.

6 MS. BERRY:

7 Motion to adjourn by Mr. Jackson.

8 Second by Mr. Lagasse. The meeting is adjourned.

9 Thank you very much.

10 (PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED AT 10:52 A.M.)

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