

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of November 16, 2023

The meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board convened on Thursday, November 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m., at the Louisiana State Capitol – House Committee Room 5. Present at the meeting were Chairman Ronnie Johns, Harry Avant, Julie Berry, Claude Jackson, Julie Lewis, Lamar Poole, Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, Ronald Sholes, and Ashley Traylor. Major Chuck McNeal was present for Col. Lamar Davis and Katrina Emory was present for Sec. Richard. Absent were ex-officio members Col. Lamar Davis and Sec. Kevin Richard.

Chairman Johns opens the floor to public comments, an issue was brought up by a citizen at a video gaming institution. Louisiana State Police being in the audience decided to address the topic outside.

Chairman Johns called the meeting to order. It was moved by Ms. Berry to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the meeting of November 19, 2023. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Donna Jackson, Louisiana State Police (“LSP”) Gaming Audit Section, provided revenue reports for the riverboats, slots at the racetracks, and landbased casino. She also reported on the video poker statistics, sports wagering, mobile wagering, and fantasy sports revenue.

Jeremy Gathe, Assistant Attorney General reported on the 3rd Quarter of 2023 compliance reports.

Presentation by behavioral health fund and metropolitan human services district: Dr. Rochelle Head- Dunham, MD, DFAPA, FASAM. Dr. Dunham presented to the board information about programs, clinic services, treatment funding, licensed staff and facilities that offer gambling treatment in the New Orleans area. Mr. Sholes requested that the Board explore a resolution for an in-patient gambling treatment facility in New Orleans and other parts of the state.

The Board considered the Temporary Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Louisiana I Gaming, A Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Boomtown New Orleans No. R012600196. Present was Moriah Reed for AVS, and Tiffany Kirkland, Director of Property

Operations for Boomtown. After presentation by Delancey Houston, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Mr. Sholes to approve the request. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton- Acker, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Horseshoe Entertainment, L.P. d/b/a Horseshoe Bossier City Casino & Hotel No. R010800198. After presentation by Venise Johnson, Assistant Attorney General, and Moriah Reed for AVS, It was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve the Certificate of Compliance. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the Petition to Amend Terms of Louisiana Gaming Board Resolution for Treasure Chest Casino, LLC d/b/a Treasure Chest Casino No. R012600098. Present was Janet Boles, attorney; Kim Etland, General Manager of Treasure Chest and Vince Shwartz, Regional Vice President. It was moved by Mr. Sholes to approve the petition. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the Approval of Amendments to the Compulsive Gaming Program for Premier Entertainment Shreveport, LLC d/b/a Bally's Shreveport Casino & Hotel - No. R013600005. Present was Jeff Barbin, attorney; Chip Bunyard, VP and GM of Bally's. After presentation by Delancey Houston, Assistant Attorney General, It was moved by Mr. Avant to approve the amendment. That motion was seconded by Mr. Poole, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the Construction Contracts for Catfish Queen, LLC d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge – No. R011700009. Present was Jeff Barbin, attorney; Bill Vanderson, general counsel, and Bruce Woods, GM of Belle of Baton Rouge. After presentation by Lisha Landry, Assistant Attorney General, It was moved by Mr. Poole to approve the resolution. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the Petition for Approval of Interim Construction for Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Company, LLC d/b/a DiamondJacks Casino and Resort –No. R010800195. Present was Jeff Barbin, attorney, It was moved by Mr. Avant to approve the resolution. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered Petitions to Amend Voluntary Employment Goals filed by the following and a Presentation by the Louisiana Casino Association in relation to the Petitions; After Wade Duty from the Louisiana Casino Association gave a presentation all resolutions were unanimously approved by the Board.

1. *Premier Entertainment Shreveport, LLC d/b/a Bally's Shreveport Casino & Hotel No. R013600005; moved by Ms. Hamilton- Acker then seconded by Mr. Jackson.*
2. *Red River Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC d/b/a Sam's Town Hotel and Casino – No. R016500097; moved by Ms. Berry then seconded by Mr. Jackson.*
3. *Horseshoe Entertainment, L.P. d/b/a Horseshoe Bossier City – No. R010800198; moved by Mr. Avant then seconded by Mr. Jackson.*
4. *PNK (Bossier City) d/b/a Boomtown Bossier City – No. R016500701; moved by Ms. Hamilton – Acker then seconded by Ms. Traylor.*
5. *Louisiana Casino Cruises, Inc. d/b/a The Queen Baton Rouge – No. R011700193; moved by Mr. Poole then seconded by Ms. Lewis.*
6. *PNK (Baton Rouge) Partnership d/b/a L'Auberge Casino & Hotel Baton Rouge – No. R011000801; moved by Mr. Poole then seconded Ms. Berry.*
7. *Louisiana-I Gaming, a Louisiana Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Boomtown New Orleans – No. R012600196; moved by Mr. Jackson then seconded by Ms. Hamilton – Acker.*
8. *Belle of Orleans, LLC d/b/a Amelia Belle Casino – No. R013600020; moved by Mr. Jackson then seconded by Ms. Lewis.*
9. *Treasure Chest Casino, LLC d/b/a Treasure Chest Casino – No. R012600098; moved by Mr. Avant then seconded by Mr. Poole.*
10. *St. Charles Gaming Company, LLC d/b/a Horseshoe Casino Lake Charles R011700174; moved by Ms. Berry then seconded by Ms. Traylor.*

The Board next considered the truck stop application for *Mardi Gras Travel Plaza, LLC d/b/a Carnival Club – No. 3601518184*. After presentation by Delancey Houston, Assistant Attorney General and William Landry, Investigator for the LSP Gaming Division, Mr. Sholes moved to approve the new truck stop application and Ms. Berry seconded that motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the truck stop application for *Lucky Diamond Travel Plaza, LLC d/b/a Lucky Diamond Casino- No. 3601518319*. After presentation by Shanna Sizemore, Assistant Attorney General and William Landry, Investigator for the LSP Gaming Division, Mr. Sholes moved to approve the new truck stop application and Ms. Hamilton - Acker seconded that motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Lastly the Board considered the settlement of Jolene Shaw P040074632. After presentation by Hafiz Folami, Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Berry moved to approve the settlement. That motion was seconded by Mr. Poole and unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Berry. That motion was unanimously approved by the Board.