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10 House Committee Room 1

11 Louisiana State Capitol

12 900 North Third Street

13 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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17 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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Chairman (At Large)

5 June 30, 2019

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7 Seventh Congressional District

June 30, 2020

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10 Second Congressional District

June 30, 2020

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June 30, 2021

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16 Fourth Congressional District

June 30, 2024

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER  
2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Good morning and  
3 welcome to the regularly scheduled

4 December meeting of the Louisiana Gaming  
5 Control Board.

6 Miss Tramonte, would you call the  
7 roll, please.

8 MS. TRAMONTE: Chairman Jones?

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: Here.

10 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Stipe?

11 MR. STIPE: Here.

12 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Singleton?

13 MR. SINGLETON: Here.

14 MS. TRAMONTE: Miss Berry? [No  
15 response.]

16 Mr. Patrick? [No response.]

17 Mr. Lagasse?

18 MR. LAGASSE: Yes, ma'am.

19 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Avant?

20 MR. AVANT: Here.

21 MS. TRAMONTE: Colonel Reeves.

22 MAJOR MCNEIL: Major McNeil for  
23 Colonel Reeves.

24 MS. TRAMONTE: Secretary Robinson?

25 MR. LEGENDRE: Michael Legendre for

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1 Secretary Robinson.

2 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: We have a quorum.

4 We may conduct business.

5 Is there anyone who would like to

6 make any comment on the front end for

7 anything that we have on our agenda this  
8 morning? Opportunity for public  
9 comment.

10 III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

11 CHAIRMAN JONES: There being none,  
12 we'll move to Approval of the Minutes.  
13 Do I have a motion to waive reading and  
14 approve the minutes?

15 MR. SINGLETON: I'll move approval.

16 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Avant and Mr.  
17 Singleton.

18 Any objection? Without objection,  
19 the minutes are waived -- reading of the  
20 minutes. They have been approved.

21 IV. REVENUE REPORTS

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll now call for  
23 revenue reports. Good morning.

24 MS. JACKSON: Good morning, Chairman  
25 Jones and Board Members. My name is

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1 Donna Jackson with Louisiana State  
2 Police Gaming Enforcement Division.

3 The 15 operating riverboats  
4 generated Adjusted Gross Receipts of  
5 \$151,404,986 in November. This total  
6 represents an increase of \$11 million or  
7 8 percent from last month, but a  
8 decrease of \$1.4 million or 1 percent  
9 from last November. Adjusted Gross



10 Receipts for fiscal year 2018-2019 to  
11 date are \$774 million, a slight decrease  
12 of .3 percent from fiscal year  
13 2017-2018.

14 During November, the State collected  
15 fees totaling \$32,552,072. As of  
16 November 30th, 2018, the State collected  
17 \$166 million in fees for fiscal year  
18 2018-2019.

19 Next is a summary of the  
20 November 2018 gaming activity for  
21 Harrah's New Orleans found on page  
22 three. During November, Harrah's  
23 generated \$25,420,819 in gross gaming  
24 revenue, an increase of \$3 million or  
25 13.5 percent from last month, and an

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1 increase of \$2.6 million or 11.3 percent  
2 from last November. Revenues for fiscal  
3 year 2018-2019 to date are almost \$118  
4 million, a minimal increase of .1  
5 percent from fiscal year 2017-2018.

6 During November, the state received  
7 \$4,931,507 in minimum daily payments.  
8 As of November 30th, 2018, the State  
9 collected \$25 million in fees for fiscal  
10 year 2018-2019.

11 Next I will present the revenues for  
12 Slots at the Racetracks. During

13 November, the four racetrack facilities  
14 combined generated Adjusted Gross  
15 Receipts of \$27,398,395, an increase of  
16 \$2 million or 8 percent from last month,  
17 but a decrease from November 2017 of  
18 \$1.2 million or 4 percent.

19 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal  
20 year 2018-2019 to date are \$141 million,  
21 an increase of \$1.8 million or 1 percent  
22 from fiscal year 2017-2018.

23 During November, the State collected  
24 \$4,156,337 in fees. As of  
25 November 30th, 2018, the State collected

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1 \$21.4 million in fees for fiscal year  
2 2018-2019.

3 Overall in November, Riverboats,  
4 Landbased and Slots at the Racetracks  
5 combined generated \$204 million in AGR  
6 and \$41.6 million in state fees. These  
7 revenues are virtually even with  
8 November 2017.

9 Are there any questions before I  
10 present the Harrah's employee numbers?

11 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any  
12 questions with respect to revenue? [No  
13 response.] There are no questions.

14 MS. JACKSON: Harrah's New Orleans  
15 is required to maintain at least 2,400

16 employees and a bi-weekly payroll of  
17 \$1,750,835. This report covers pay  
18 periods in November 2018.

19 For the first pay period, the  
20 Division verified 2,587 employees with a  
21 payroll of \$2,181,000. For the second  
22 pay period, the Division verified 2,601  
23 employees with a payroll of \$2,204,000.  
24 For the third pay period, the Division  
25 verified 2,591 employees with a payroll

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1 of \$2,211,000. Therefore, Harrah's met  
2 the employment criteria during November.

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions,  
4 Board Members? There are no questions.

5 MS. JACKSON: Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you very  
7 much.

8 Jim.

9 MR. BOSSIER: Good morning, Chairman  
10 Jones and Board Members. My name is Jim  
11 Bossier with the Louisiana State Police  
12 Gaming Enforcement Division here to  
13 report video gaming statistics for  
14 November 2018 as shown on page one of  
15 your handout.

16 Seven new video gaming licenses were  
17 issued during November: Four bars and  
18 three restaurants. Twelve new

19 applications were received by the Gaming  
20 Enforcement Division during November and  
21 are currently pending in the field:

22 Seven bars and five restaurants.

23 The Gaming Enforcement Division  
24 assessed \$2,750 and collected \$2,750 in  
25 fines during November, and there are

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1 currently \$5,105 in outstanding fines.

2 Please refer to page two of your  
3 handout.

4 There are presently 12,851 video  
5 gaming devices activated at 1,676  
6 locations.

7 Net device revenue for November 2018  
8 was \$48.6 million, a \$300,000, or  
9 .5 percent, increase when compared to  
10 October 2018, and a \$2.3 million  
11 increase, or 4.8 percent, when compared  
12 to November 2017.

13 Net device revenue so far for fiscal  
14 year 2019 is \$239.7 million, a  
15 \$9.4 million, or 4.1 percent, increase  
16 when compared to fiscal year 2018. Page  
17 three of your handout shows a comparison  
18 of net device revenue.

19 Total franchise fees collected for  
20 November 2018 were \$14.5 million, a  
21 \$100,000 increase when compared to

22 October 2018, and a \$600,000 increase  
23 when compared to November 2017.

24 Total franchise fees collected for  
25 fiscal year 2019 are \$71.7 million, a

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1 \$2.8 million increase, or 4 percent,  
2 when compared to fiscal year 2018. Page  
3 four of your handout shows a comparison  
4 of franchise fees.

5 Does anyone have any questions?

6 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions,  
7 Board Members, on video poker? There  
8 are no questions.

9 MR. OURS: Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you very  
11 much, Jim.

## 12 V. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

13 A. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for  
14 the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the  
15 gaming vessel of Eldorado Casino Shreveport  
16 Joint Venture d/b/a Eldorado Resort Casino  
17 Shreveport - No. R013600005

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll now move to  
19 Casino Gaming Issues. We have three  
20 Certificates of Compliance up for  
21 consideration. First is, Consideration  
22 of Certificate of Compliance for the  
23 Alternate Riverboat Inspection of gaming  
24 vessel Eldorado Shreveport Joint Venture

25 doing business as Eldorado Resort Casino

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1 Shreveport, No. RO13600005.

2 Good morning.

3 MS. LANDRY: Good morning, Chairman

4 Jones and Board Members. I'm Assistant

5 Attorney General Lisha Landry. With me

6 is Mr. John Reinard of ABSC. We're here

7 in the matter of the issuance of the

8 Certificate of Compliance to Eldorado

9 Casino Shreveport Joint Venture doing

10 business as Eldorado Resort Casino

11 Shreveport.

12 On October 17th, 2018, ABSC began

13 the inspection process for the approval

14 of the Eldorado Casino's Certificate of

15 Compliance. For more on this, I now

16 turn the presentation over to

17 Mr. Reinard.

18 MR. REINARD: Good morning, Mr.

19 Chairman and Board Members. I'm John

20 Reinard from ABS Consulting here to

21 report the annual certification for

22 Eldorado Resort Casino.

23 The inspectors, Doug Chapman and

24 Pete Bullard, did, on October 17, 2018,

25 attend the riverboat Hollywood Dreams to

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1 conduct the annual inspection in

2 accordance with the alternative  
3 inspection of riverboat gaming vessels  
4 in the State of Louisiana.

5 The inspectors reviewed fire  
6 protection measures, egress routes,  
7 recordkeeping and conducted a fire  
8 drill. The deficiencies found during  
9 the inspection are on page six of your  
10 report. A follow-up of the deficient  
11 items were completed on November 5th.

12 The 2018 annual survey as required  
13 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board is  
14 complete and presents no safety concerns  
15 to its patrons or employees on the  
16 riverboat. It is the recommendation of  
17 ABS Consulting that Eldorado Resort  
18 Casino be issued the Certificate of  
19 Compliance.

20 MS. LANDRY: We now present these  
21 findings to the Board and request that  
22 upon the Board's accepting the report  
23 submitted by ABSC, you'll move for the  
24 issuance of Eldorado Resort Casino's  
25 Certificate of Compliance.

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1 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any  
2 questions with respect to Eldorado?

3 There are no questions.

4 Do I have a motion to issue the

5 Certificate of Compliance? Mr. Avant  
6 and Mr. Stipe.

7 Any objection? Without objection,  
8 the motion carries.

9 Before we move to part B, I just  
10 wanted to, for the record, thank  
11 Eldorado. Eldorado executives came in  
12 and met with my staff, State Police and  
13 the Attorney General -- representatives  
14 from the Attorney General's Office about  
15 ten days ago to brief us on their  
16 potential plans on two of the properties  
17 they acquired last year, one being the  
18 Belle of Baton Rouge and one being the  
19 Isle of a Capri in Lake Charles.

20 It was a very productive meeting. I  
21 think the communication channel that we  
22 opened up with that meeting is going to  
23 be good for Louisiana, and I just wanted  
24 to thank Eldorado for making the time to  
25 come see us and to talk about these

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1 projects. Thank you very much,  
2 Eldorado.

3 B. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for  
4 the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the  
5 gaming vessel of Golden Nugget Lake Charles,  
6 LLC - No. R016502995

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll now move to



8 the Consideration of Certificate of  
9 Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat  
10 Inspection of the gaming vessel of  
11 Golden Nugget Lake Charles, LLC. That's  
12 No. R016502995.

13 MS. LANDRY: Assistant Attorney  
14 General Lisha Landry and John Reinard of  
15 ABSC now here in the matter of the  
16 issuance of the Certificate of  
17 Compliance of Golden Nugget Lake  
18 Charles, LLC.

19 On October 23rd, 2018, ABSC began  
20 the inspection process for the approval  
21 of Golden Nugget's Certificate of  
22 Compliance. For more on this, I now  
23 turn the presentation over to  
24 Mr. Reinard.

25 MR. REINARD: Good morning, Mr.

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1 Chairman and Board Members. I'm John  
2 Reinard with ABS Consulting here to  
3 report the annual certification for  
4 Golden Nugget Casino.

5 The inspectors, Jeff Boyle and Doug  
6 Chapman, did, on October 23rd and 24th,  
7 2018, attend the riverboat to conduct  
8 the annual inspection in accordance with  
9 the alternative inspection of riverboat  
10 gaming vessels in the State of

11 Louisiana. The inspectors reviewed life  
12 safety measures, fire protection, egress  
13 routes emergency generator and lighting.

14 There were a few deficiencies found  
15 during the inspection but were corrected  
16 during the inspection or within two  
17 weeks. Golden Nugget has been very  
18 proactive this year with getting  
19 deficient items immediately corrected.

20 The 2018 annual survey as required  
21 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board is  
22 complete and presents no safety concerns  
23 to its patrons or employees on the  
24 riverboat. It is the recommendation of  
25 ABSG [sic] Consulting that Golden Nugget

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1 Casino be issued a certificate of  
2 compliance.

3 MS. LANDRY: We now present these  
4 findings to the Board and request that  
5 upon the Board's accepting the report  
6 submitted by ABSC, you will move for the  
7 issuance of Golden Nugget's Certificate  
8 of Compliance.

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any  
10 questions? There are no questions.

11 Do I have a motion to issue the  
12 Certificate of Compliance?

13 MR. LAGASSE: So moved.

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: We have a motion,  
15 and Mr. Stipe is our second.

16 Any objection? Without objection,  
17 the motion carries. The certificate is  
18 issued.

19 C. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for  
20 the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the  
21 gaming vessel of St. Charles Gaming Company,  
22 L.L.C., d/b/a Isle of Capri Lake Charles - No.  
23 R011700174

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: And finally, the  
25 Consideration of the Certificate of

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1 Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat  
2 Inspection of the gaming vessel of St.  
3 Charles Gaming Company, L.L.C., d/b/a  
4 Isle of Capri Lake Charles. That's No.  
5 R011700174.

6 MS. LANDRY: Assistant Attorney  
7 General Lisha Landry and John Reinard of  
8 ABSC here again in the issuance of the  
9 Certificate of Compliance to St. Charles  
10 Gaming Company, LLC, doing business as  
11 Isle of Capri Lake Charles.

12 On October 2nd, 2018, ABSC began the  
13 inspection process for the approval of  
14 Isle of Capri's Certificate of  
15 Compliance. For more on this, I now  
16 turn the presentation over to Mr.

17 Reinard.

18 MR. REINARD: Mr. Chairman, Board  
19 Members, I'm John Reinard from ABS  
20 Consulting here to report the annual  
21 certification for the Isle of Capri  
22 Casino.

23 The inspectors, Doug Chapman and  
24 Pete Bullard, did, on October 2nd, 2018,  
25 attend the riverboat Grand Palais to

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1 conduct the annual inspection in  
2 accordance with the alternative  
3 inspection of riverboat gaming vessels  
4 in the State of Louisiana.

5 The inspectors reviewed fire  
6 protection measures and equipment,  
7 egress routes, mooring systems,  
8 machinery spaces and conducted a fire  
9 drill. The deficiencies found during  
10 the inspection are on page six of your  
11 report. A follow-up to deficiencies  
12 were corrected by third party vendors,  
13 and the report were review -- was  
14 reviewed December 7th and found  
15 satisfactory.

16 The 2018 annual survey as required  
17 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board is  
18 complete and presents no safety concerns  
19 to the patrons or employees on the

20 riverboat. It is the recommendation of  
21 ABS Consulting that Isle of Capri Casino  
22 be issued the Certificate of Compliance.

23 MS. LANDRY: We now present these  
24 findings to the Board and request that  
25 upon the Board's accepting the report

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1 submitted by ABSC, you'll move for the  
2 issuance of Isle of Capri's Certificate  
3 of Compliance.

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any  
5 questions with respect to the Isle of  
6 Capri deal? There are no questions.

7 Do I have a motion to approve? Mr.  
8 Singleton, Mr. Avant.

9 Any objection? Without objection,  
10 the motion carries. The certificate is  
11 issued. Thank you very much.

12 MS. LANDRY: Thank you.

### 13 VI. VIDEO GAMING ISSUES

14 A. Consideration of the following new  
15 truckstop application:

16 1. Jester's Junction Casino and Truck Stop,  
17 LLC, d/b/a Jester's Junction Casino and  
18 Truck Stop - No. 4700517709

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: We now move to  
20 Video Gaming Issues. We have,  
21 Consideration of the following new  
22 truckstop application, and that is

23 Jester's Junction Casino and Truck Stop,  
24 LLC, doing business as Jester's Junction  
25 Casino and Truck Stop, No. 4700517709.

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1 Good morning, gentlemen.

2 MR. PITRE: Good morning, Chairman,  
3 Board Members.

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: Morning.

5 MR. PITRE: I am Assistant Attorney  
6 General Earl Pitre, Jr., appearing  
7 before the Board in the matter of the  
8 original application of Jester's  
9 Junction Casino and Truck Stop, LLC,  
10 doing business as Jester's Junction  
11 Casino and Truck Stop applying for  
12 approval of a Type 5 video draw poker  
13 gaming license.

14 The establishment is located in St.  
15 James Parish.

16 On April 27th, 2018, Hill City Oil  
17 Company, Inc., of Mississippi doing  
18 business as Jubilee Truckstop Casino,  
19 who previously held a video draw gaming  
20 license for the truckstop, sold its  
21 business and business assets to the  
22 applicant. At that time, the applicant  
23 also leased the premises from Hill City  
24 Oil Company, Incorporated, of  
25 Mississippi.

1           On July 30th, 2018, Hill City Oil  
2           Company, Inc., of Mississippi, doing  
3           business as Jubilee Truckstop Casino,  
4           sold all of its rights, interest in the  
5           immovable property and improvements of  
6           the truckstop facility to the applicant  
7           and terminated the lease.

8           The members of the applicant are as  
9           follows: 97 Rentals, LLC, with 50  
10          percent membership, G3 Rentals, LLC,  
11          with 25 percent membership interest, Del  
12          Group, LLC, with 25 membership interest.

13          The members of 97 Rentals, LLC, are  
14          Kent Bonvillain and Jennifer Bonvillain  
15          each with 50 membership interest. G3  
16          Rentals, LLC's, sole member is Whitney  
17          Guidry, and Del Group, LLC's, sole  
18          member is Drew Delaune.

19          Criminal Investigator William Landry  
20          conducted the suitability investigation  
21          of the relevant persons associated with  
22          the applicant and conducted an on-site  
23          inspection of the truckstop facility.  
24          He is here, and he will present the  
25          Office of State Police's findings to the

1           Board.

2           TROOPER LANDRY: Good morning,

3 Chairman Jones and Members of the Board.

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: Morning.

5 TROOPER LANDRY: My name is William

6 Landry. I'm an investigator with the

7 Louisiana State Police Gaming

8 Enforcement Division.

9 I conducted the suitability

10 investigation on Kent Bonvillain,

11 Jennifer Bonvillain, Whitney Guidry,

12 Drew Delaune and Lisette Delaune, and I

13 found no information that would preclude

14 them from participating in the gaming

15 industry.

16 An on-site inspection was conducted,

17 and it was determined that the

18 establishment meet all criteria set

19 forth in the video gaming law as a

20 qualified truckstop facility.

21 All required license and permits

22 were posted and valid at the time of the

23 inspection.

24 The establishment consists of 5.0

25 contiguous acres.

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1 Jester's Junction Casino and Truck

2 Stop, LLC, purchased a licensed

3 establishment that was approved for

4 gaming in November 2001. Therefore,

5 there are no -- they are not subject to



6 the rule that they must be within one  
7 mile -- must be one mile from a school,  
8 church, playground, synagog, public  
9 library, residence, buildings on the  
10 National Historic Register.

11 I found no information that would  
12 preclude the issuance of a Type 5  
13 license to Jester's Junction Casino and  
14 Truck Stop, LLC, doing business as  
15 Jester's Junction Casino and Truck Stop.

16 MR. PITRE: The Office of the  
17 Attorney General has reviewed the file  
18 compiled as a result of the  
19 investigation conducted by the Office of  
20 State Police. Our review indicates that  
21 no information has been found that would  
22 preclude approval.

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any  
24 questions with respect to this  
25 application. [No response.]

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1 Did you have anything, Mr. Stipe?

2 MR. STIPE: What's that?

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: Did you have  
4 anything? I didn't know if you had  
5 something on this.

6 MR. STIPE: No, no.

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: There are no  
8 questions.

9 Do I have a motion to approve the  
10 application and issue the license? By  
11 Mr. Stipe, Mr. Avant.

12 Any objection? Without objection,  
13 it is so moved and approved. Thank you  
14 very much, gentlemen.

15 VII. RULEMAKING

16 A. Consideration of institution of rulemaking  
17 procedures for amendment of LAC  
18 42:III.2108 (Non-Gaming Suppliers)

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll now  
20 transition to Rulemaking, two this  
21 morning up for consideration:  
22 Consideration of institution of  
23 rulemaking procedures agenda Items VII.  
24 A and B as outlined in the agenda.

25 Good morning.

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1 MS. HIMEL: Good morning. Chairman  
2 Jones, Board Members, I'm Assistant  
3 Attorney General Dawn Himel.

4 First I'm here in the matter of the  
5 rulemaking procedures for Item VII. A  
6 amending LAC III.2108 for non-gaming  
7 suppliers.

8 The proposed rule creates uniformity  
9 with the amended statute as a result of  
10 Act 685 of the 2018 regular legislative  
11 session. The rule change establishes

12 the monetary amount of goods and  
13 services at which point a non-gaming  
14 supplier is required to submit to  
15 suitability.

16 If the Board has no questions, a  
17 motion to institute the rulemaking  
18 procedures is needed.

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Stipe?

20 MR. STIPE: The previous rule was  
21 what?

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Pull your  
23 microphone.

24 MS. HIMEL: Well, the previous  
25 amount set was actually in law, and it

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1 was \$200,000. But in this legislative  
2 session, the legislature changed it to  
3 make it where it's the Board's rule, and  
4 so it went from 200,000 by statute to  
5 now 500,000 by rule.

6 MR. STIPE: And the 200,000 by  
7 statute was set in '93 or whatever it is?

8 MS. HIMEL: It was previous -- I  
9 can --

10 MR. STIPE: No, that's -- that's --  
11 it had been in there --

12 CHAIRMAN JONES: Been there a while.

13 MR. STIPE: Been there a long time.

14 MS. HIMEL: Yes, for a while.

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any other  
16 questions, Board Members? [No  
17 response.]

18 Very good. Do I have a motion to  
19 commence the rulemaking process --  
20 procedures? Mr. Singleton and Mr.  
21 Stipe.

22 Any objection? Without objection,  
23 it's so commenced. You may move to the  
24 next item.

25 MS. HYMEL: Thank you.

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1 B. Consideration of institution of rulemaking  
2 procedures for amendment of LAC 42:III.4201  
3 (Relocation of Gaming Operations to a Facility,  
4 Procedures)

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: You may move to the  
6 next item.

7 MS. HIMEL: Assistant Attorney  
8 General Dawn Himel here in the matter of  
9 instituting rulemaking procedures for  
10 Item VII. B, amending LAC 42:III.2401,  
11 relocation of gaming operations to a  
12 facility, procedures.

13 The proposed rule change creates  
14 uniformity with the amended statutes and  
15 newly enacted statutes as a result of Act  
16 469 of the 2018 regular legislative  
17 session. The proposed rule change

18 creates uniformity with this act by  
19 allowing the consideration for past  
20 economic development and the relocation  
21 of gaming operations.

22 If the Board has no questions, a  
23 motion to institute rulemaking  
24 procedures is needed.

25 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions,

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1 Board Members?

2 MR. LAGASSE: So moved.

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: We have got a  
4 motion, Mr. Singleton a second.

5 Any objection? Without objection,  
6 we'll commence the process there as  
7 well.

8 MS. HIMEL: Thank you all.

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you very  
10 much.

#### 11 VIII. PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS

12 1. In Re: Route 49 Sports Bar, LLC, d/b/a

13 Route 49 Sports Bar - No. 0900117695

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: We now move to  
15 Proposed Settlements, and first up is in  
16 regards to Rouge 49 Sports Bar, LLC,  
17 doing business as Route 49 Sports Bar,  
18 No. 0900117695.

19 Good morning.

20 MS. KEITH: Good morning, Chairman,

21 Board Members and Staff. I am Assistant  
22 Attorney General Rashida Keith present  
23 before the Board in the matter of the  
24 settlement of Route 49 Sports Bar, LLC,  
25 doing business as Route 49 Sports Bar.

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1 The settlement addresses the late  
2 submission of annual forms and fees that  
3 are required to be submitted no later  
4 than July 1st of each year. This Type 1  
5 licensee did not submit its annual forms  
6 and fees until September 24th of 2018  
7 giving rise to a violation of gaming  
8 law.

9 The civil penalty contained in the  
10 settlement is \$750, which is an amount  
11 well established for violations of this  
12 type. The settlement has been signed by  
13 the hearing officer and is now before  
14 the Board for final approval.

15 If you have any questions, I'm happy  
16 to answer.

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any  
18 questions with respect to the Route 49  
19 Sports Bar?

20 Mr. Stipe, Mr. Singleton. Without  
21 objection, the settlement is approved.

22 2. In Re: Steamboat's Seafood Warehouse, Inc.,  
23 d/b/a Steamboat Bills - No. 1001217434

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: Number two is in  
25 regard to Steamboat's Seafood Warehouse,

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1 Incorporated, doing business as  
2 Steamboat Bills, No. 1001217434.

3 MS. KEITH: Assistant Attorney  
4 General Rashida Keith present before the  
5 Board in the matter of the settlement of  
6 Steamboat's Seafood Warehouse,  
7 Incorporated, doing business as  
8 Steamboat Bills. The settlement  
9 addresses the late submission of annual  
10 forms and fees that are required to be  
11 submitted no later than July 1st of each  
12 year. This Type 2 licensee did not  
13 submit it's annual forms and fees until  
14 September 18th, 2018, giving rise to a  
15 violation of Louisiana gaming law.

16 The civil penalty contained in the  
17 settlement is \$750, an amount well  
18 established for violations of this type.  
19 The settlement has been signed by the  
20 hearing officer and is now before the  
21 Board for final approval.

22 If there are any questions, I'm  
23 happy to answer.

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions,  
25 Board Members? There are no questions

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1 on Steamboat's Seafood Warehouse.

2 Do I have a motion? Mr. Avant and  
3 Mr. Singleton.

4 Without objection, that settlement  
5 is also approved.

6 3. In Re: Amid Travel Plaza, Inc., d/b/a Palace  
7 Truck Stop & Casino - No. 3601509418

8 CHAIRMAN JONES: And the final  
9 settlement is Amid Travel Plaza, Inc. --  
10 pardon me if it's Amid (different  
11 pronunciation) -- doing business as  
12 Palace Truck Stop & Casino, No.  
13 3601509418. Good morning.

14 MR. PICOU: Good morning, Chairman  
15 Jones and Board Members. I'm Assistant  
16 Attorney General Charlie Picou here in  
17 the matter of the settlement of Amid  
18 Travel Plaza, Inc., doing business as  
19 Palace Truck Stop & Casino, which holds  
20 a Type 5 video draw poker gaming  
21 license.

22 On July 16th, 2018, the Division  
23 inspected the licensed truckstop in  
24 response to a complaint, and during that  
25 inspection, the Division discovered that

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1 the licensee had been operating without  
2 an on-site restaurant since July 10th,  
3 2018, due to issues with local



4 occupational and Board of Health  
5 permits. Since the licensee did not  
6 have an on-site restaurant, it was no  
7 longer -- no longer met criteria for a  
8 qualified truckstop under Louisiana  
9 gaming law. The licensee remained out  
10 of compliance until July 20th, 2018.

11 The licensee operated video poker  
12 devices without an on-site restaurant  
13 for ten days and also let its local  
14 occupational and health permits lapse.

15 The fine contained in the settlement  
16 is \$10,500, which is an amount  
17 consistent with resolution of violations  
18 of this type. The settlement has been  
19 reviewed and signed by the hearing  
20 officer and is now of before the Board  
21 for final approval.

22 I'll be happy to answer any  
23 questions that you have at this time.

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: For the benefit of  
25 the Board, what's the status of the

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1 truckstop today?

2 MR. PICOU: It's compliant.

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: It's in compliance.

4 MR. PICOU: Total compliance, yes.

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: And the \$10,500  
6 proposed settlement is consistent with

7 what the Division has recommended in the  
8 past, consistent -- well, consistent  
9 with other similar violations.

10 MR. PICOU: Yes, sir.

11 CHAIRMAN JONES: Okay. Any other  
12 questions? There are no questions.

13 Do I have a motion? By Mr. Stipe,  
14 Mr. Avant.

15 Without objection, the motion  
16 carries, and the settlement is approved.

17 Thank you very much.

18 MR. PICOU: Thank you.

19 IX. ADJOURNMENT

20 CHAIRMAN JONES: Wow, what now? Do  
21 I have a motion to adjourn?

22 MR. LAGASSE: So moved.

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: So moved.

24 Do I have a second?

25 Mr. Stipe.

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1 I want to wish all you guys, on  
2 behalf of my Board, my staff, a Merry  
3 Christmas. Have safe holidays, stay  
4 safe, and we'll see you in January.  
5 Thank you.

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