

## LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

### Minutes of June 20, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board was convened on Monday, June 20, 2016, 10:00 a.m., in the LaBelle Hearing Room of the LaSalle Building. Present at the meeting were: Ronnie Jones, Chairman, Ayres Bradford, Mark Stipe, James Singleton, Claude Mercer, Claude Jackson, Robert Gaston, Julie Berry and Wanda Theriot. Absent were ex-officio members Colonel Mike Edmonson and Secretary Kimberly Robertson.

The meeting was called to order. It was moved by Ms. Berry to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the May meeting. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Donna Jackson, State Police Gaming Audit Section, provided revenue reports for the riverboats, landbased casino, slots at the track, employee numbers for the landbased casino and video poker.

The Board considered Certificates of Compliance for the following casinos:

1. Belle of Orleans, LLC d/b/a Amelia Belle Casino – No. R013600020. There was a motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance by Mr. Bradford. That motion was seconded by Mr. Gaston and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership d/b/a DiamondJacks Casino & Resort – No. R010800195. There was a motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance by Major Mercer. That motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Joint Petition for Transfer of Interest of Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership d/b/a DiamondJacks Casino & Resort and parent company, Legends Gaming, LLC, to PGP Investors, LLC.

Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Bradford to adopt the resolution approving the transfer of interest. That motion was seconded by Mr. Stipe and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered a Proposed Sixth Amendment to the Amended and Renegotiated Casino Operating Contract between the State of Louisiana and Jazz Casino Company, L.L.C.

Following discussion, it was moved by Ms. Berry to adopt the resolution approving the Proposed Sixth Amendment, authorizing Chairman Jones to execute the amendment which shall become effective upon approval by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, and fulfillment of the Suspensive Conditions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the following truckstop application.

1. Riverbend Casino Reserve, LLC d/b/a River's Palace Casino – No. 4800517371. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Gaston to approve the new truckstop application and issue a license. That motion was seconded by Ms. Theriot and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered a Proposed Settlement and Appeals in the following:

1. **In Re: Mallet Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Encore Nite Club – No. 3601116921** – Motion by Mr. Singleton to approve the \$1,500 penalty for failure to timely submit the annual fee and required documents. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **In Re: Therese A. Bourque – No. V000013677** – Motion by Mr. Stipe to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision denying the video draw poker employee permit application because Ms. Bourque is statutorily disqualified from holding a permit. That motion was seconded by Major Mercer and unanimously approved by the Board.
3. **In Re: Shankeitha L. Thomas – No. P040059446** – Motion by Mr. Gaston to affirm the Hearing Officer's revocation of Ms. Thomas' non-key gaming employee permit based on a pending felony charge for illegal possession of stolen items. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford and unanimously approved by the Board.
4. **In Re: David Johnson – No. V000020495** – Motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Berry to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision which upheld the denial of the video draw poker employee permit application. There was a substitute motion by Mr. Bradford to remand the case to the Hearing Officer for consideration of new evidence. That motion was seconded by Mr. Stipe but failed by a vote of four to five. Voting for the motion were: Mr. Bradford, Mr. Stipe, Mr. Singleton and Mr. Jackson. Voting against the motion were: Major Mercer, Mr. Gaston, Ms. Berry, Ms. Theriot and Chairman Jones.

The Board voted on Mr. Jackson's original motion to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision which upheld the denial of the video draw poker employee permit. That vote passed by a vote of five to four. Voting for the motion were: Major Mercer, Mr. Gaston, Ms. Berry, Ms. Theriot and Chairman Jones. Voting against the motion were: Mr. Bradford, Mr. Stipe, Mr. Singleton and Mr. Jackson.

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

The meeting was adjourned.