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LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 29, 1996 BOARD MEETING

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board conducted a meeting on Tuesday, October 29, 1996, 10:00 a.m., in Committee Room 6 of the Louisiana State Capitol. Board members in attendance were Chairman Hillary J. Crain, General Sherian Cadoria, Judge Robert Fleming, Mr. Ecotry Fuller, Mr. Ralph Perlman and ex-officio member John N. Kennedy, Secretary, Department of Revenue & Taxation.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman who stated that the Board should begin by approving the minutes of the previous three meetings. General Sherian Cadoria moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Ralph Perlman seconded the motion. Without any objection, the minutes were approved.

The Chairman continued by stating to those in attendance that he had been called before three legislative committees and questioned about the licensing procedures dealing with video poker applicants, and if we were deliberately holding out licensing until after the November 5 election. He stated that we had not been sitting on any applications and that some files simply did not contain all of the required information needed in order to receive a license from this Board. Additional information had to be requested and once the additional information had been received, the licensing process continued. Chairman Crain stated that unless the Board changed the current procedure for processing applications, they would not be acted upon unless they were reviewed by State Police, the attorneys, and had been recommended for either denial or approval.

At that point, board member Ralph Perlman made a motion not to change the current procedure for licensing applicants, and board member Ecotry Fuller seconded that motion. Before the Board voted on the motion, Frank Blackburn asked to have public comments concerning this issue.

Numerous video poker applicants addressed the Board concerning their investments in their establishments, and requested the Board to consider issuing conditional licenses before the November 5 election. Board member Sherian Cadoria made a substitute motion to consider issuing conditional licenses. The motion failed for lack of a second.

The Board proceeded to vote on the original motion made by Mr. Perlman, not to change the licensing procedure. Voting in favor of that motion was: Chairman Crain, Judge Fleming, Mr. Fuller and Mr. Perlman. Voting against that motion was General Cadoria. The motion carried.

Jenifer Schaye, Director of the Gaming Division of the Attorney General's office, updated the Board on statistics in reference to the hearing process.

Tom Warner briefed the Board about the readoption of Rules 101-104 and 105-107 and amending 1701, in order for them to become effective on November 20, 1996.

A motion was made by General Cadoria to readopt the rules and Judge Fleming seconded that motion. The rules were unanimously readopted.

Discussion was then turned to Casino Magic's request for a private sale of bonds. After statements made by Jenifer Schaye, Director of the Gaming Division of the Attorney General's Office and Mr. Gus Bourgeois, Assistant Attorney General with the Gaming Division, a motion was made by Ralph Perlman to approve the sale. That motion was seconded by General Cadoria and approved unanimously by the Board.

The Board then granted two truck stop licenses by unanimous vote, one to A.M. Collette, Inc. D/B/A Texaco Grand Bayou Casino Truck Stop and one to Stelly's of LeBeau.

A motion to adjourn was made by Judge Robert Fleming and seconded by Mr. Ecotry Fuller. After a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.