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9 THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016

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11 Louisiana State Capitol

12 900 North Third Street

13 House Committee Room 6

14 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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18 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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1 APPEARANCES

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RONNIE JONES

3 Chairman (At Large)

Third Congressional District

4 June 30, 2019

5 FRANKLIN AYRES BRADFORD

(Economic Planner)

6 Fifth Congressional District

June 30, 2019

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8 JAMES SINGLETON

(Public/Business Administration)

9 Second Congressional District

June 30, 2014

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11 MAJOR CLAUDE MERCER

(Law Enforcement)

12 Fifth Congressional District

June 30, 2018

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14 CLAUDE D. JACKSON

(At Large)

15 Fourth Congressional District

June 30, 2018

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17 ROBERT W. GASTON, III

(At Large)

18 Sixth Congressional District

June 30, 2015

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20 JULIE BERRY

(CPA)

21 Third Congressional District

June 30, 2018

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23 WANDA THERIOT

(At Large)

24 First Congressional District

June 30, 2021

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5 TRUDY M. SMITH

Confidential Assistant

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7 MAJOR MIKE NOEL

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Good morning.
3 Welcome to the January meeting of the
4 Louisiana Gaming Control Board.
5 Miss Tramonte, would you call the
6 roll.

7 THE CLERK: Chairman Jones?

8 CHAIRMAN JONES: Here.

9 THE CLERK: Mr. Bradford?

10 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

11 THE CLERK: Mr. Stipe?

12 MR. STIPE: Here.

13 THE CLERK: Mr. Singleton?

14 MR. SINGLETON: Here.

15 THE CLERK: Major Mercer?

16 MAJOR MERCER: Here.

17 THE CLERK: Mr. Jackson?

18 MR. JACKSON: Here.

19 THE CLERK: Mr. Gaston?

20 MR. GASTON: Here.

21 THE CLERK: Miss Berry?

22 MS. BERRY: Here.

23 THE CLERK: Miss Theriot?

24 MS. THERIOT: Here.

25 THE CLERK: Colonel Edmonson?

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1 MAJOR NOEL: Major Noel for Colonel
2 Edmonson.

3 THE CLERK: Secretary Robertson?

4 MR. RICHARD: Kevin Richard
5 representing Deputy Secretary.

6 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: We have a quorum.
8 We may conduct business.

9 A couple of quick notices: As you
10 know, the legislature is coming into
11 special session right after Mardi Gras,
12 and that affects our calendar in so far
13 as we have to have a place to meet, so
14 we've changed, I think, the next four
15 months' meeting dates, and they're on
16 our website. The next meeting date will
17 be on Monday, February the 15th, and
18 that's in the LaSalle Building. Revenue
19 was good enough to have us there on the
20 first floor, and we appreciate that
21 hospitality.

22 I was told yesterday that's
23 President's Day, but that's not a state
24 holiday here; and we do plan on
25 conducting business that day.

1 Anyone in the audience wish to make
2 any comment on matters before the Board
3 today?

4 I would like to take the opportunity
5 to ask State Police to brief the Board
6 on the flooding that's occurred on the
7 Red River and the continuing crest in
8 the Mississippi River.

9 Good morning.

10 CAPTAIN CHUSTZ: Good morning.

11 CAPTAIN HALE: Morning.

12 CHAIRMAN JONES: For the record,
13 identify yourselves.

14 CAPTAIN CHUSTZ: Sure. Captain
15 Terry Chustz, Louisiana State Police
16 Gaming Enforcement Division. I
17 represent the north and west region of
18 Louisiana in gaming, so I was intimately
19 involved in the Red River flooding and
20 watch.

21 Back in June -- June 9th of 2015,
22 the Red River had crested at a historic
23 high of 37.04 feet. We met continuously
24 with the riverboats, the captains, the
25 general managers, and we went through a

1 whole lot of their safety plans leading
2 up to the flooding, all the way through

3 the flooding and worked with state and
4 local agencies, met with EOCs in those
5 areas, to prepare and plan.

6 June was a particularly difficult
7 challenge because they hadn't had a
8 flood in so long, they didn't have
9 proper river sediment estimates, so the
10 projected crest kept rising and kept
11 changing, and every day it seemed like
12 it was -- the next day was going to be a
13 disaster.

14 We never closed a single boat for
15 any length of time. All boats remained
16 open. The industry was very out front
17 and involved and worked with us in the
18 spirit of cooperation with us and local
19 entities to ensure that they stayed
20 open. Fire Marshal's Office was at each
21 one of the casinos every day making sure
22 the egresses were maintained so that
23 people could get on and off in a safe
24 and orderly fashion should there have
25 been a disaster, and it really went

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1 well.

2 Well, fast-forward six months later
3 after that historic flood, the next near
4 historic flood was about 6 feet lower
5 than the previous one, so they didn't

6 even have to dust off their plans. They
7 brought them out. We conducted the same
8 preplan meetings; we worked with the
9 EOCs; we had conference calls with them
10 to ensure that they were prepared and
11 ready to go, and it went off flawlessly.

12 All casinos continued to operate
13 through both floods without, and they
14 did have some -- all of them incurred
15 impacts in parking garages, parking
16 areas, entrances and accesses to their
17 properties by car, but as far as the
18 casino operations, it went off without a
19 hitch. And it -- it was a very good
20 operation for them, a little bit
21 expensive, I would think, considering
22 some of the modifications they had to
23 make, but it was very good cooperation.

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you, Terry.

25 CAPTAIN HALE: I'm Captain Glen

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1 Hale. I'm the southeast gaming
2 commander. I'm responsible mainly for
3 Baton Rouge and New Orleans and the
4 areas in the southeast part of the
5 state.

6 The Mississippi River was projected
7 to crest at forty-three-and-a-half feet.
8 It actually crested -- is cresting now

9 at 43.2. In New Orleans it was
10 projected to crest at 17 and is actually
11 cresting at 16.7, so both were under
12 what the projections were. The New
13 Orleans crest was mainly due to them
14 opening -- Army Corps opening 210 flood
15 gates at Bonnet Carre, and the good part
16 about it, back in 2011, we had high
17 water. It was at 44.76 feet, so we knew
18 we were good up to that point. Anything
19 over that would be new territory.

20 Prior to the onset of flood stages,
21 we met with the riverboat captains and
22 the superintendents, along with the
23 general managers, to just go over their
24 flood plans. I had troopers on the
25 property daily just to make sure

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1 everything was working as it should,
2 also received daily -- daily reports
3 from the riverboats on the conditions or
4 any issues that they had. We also
5 requested they review their drills --
6 review and drill their emergency
7 procedures and evacuation procedures.
8 We also participated in conference calls
9 around the state just to make sure we
10 had situational awareness of what was
11 going on.

12 The riverboats didn't anticipate any
13 major issues nor have any major issues
14 to report, which is a good thing. The
15 boats and crews advised that they were
16 well prepared for any emergency, which
17 we feel that they were. We also -- in a
18 worst case scenario if we had to
19 evacuate any of the properties, all
20 three in Baton Rouge said they could
21 evacuate within 15 minutes if they had
22 to.

23 The only major issues -- I'm sorry.
24 The only major concerns we had was river
25 traffic and large debris that might --

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1 you know, that could impact the
2 riverboats. We've got two Legacy boats
3 in Baton Rouge that are, quite honestly,
4 out in the Mississippi River a little
5 further than we would like, but we had
6 no problems here. I think there was
7 some barges that broke loose up river in
8 New Orleans. We don't have any
9 riverboats in the Mississippi River in
10 Orleans -- in New Orleans so we didn't
11 have any issues there.

12 The only issues that we had was some
13 minor flooding in parking lots.
14 L'Auberge had to lock out an elevator

15 because it goes below the casino floor,
16 no issues there. They planned well for
17 it. This is the first flood, I believe,
18 L'Auberge has been through. They
19 weren't open for business yet in 2011,
20 and really we had no major issues. So
21 I'm glad to report that everything went
22 fine and as planned.

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: All right. I thank
24 both of you, and the Major, for keeping
25 the Board informed on a daily basis on

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1 where the crest was and how the
2 properties had responded to it, and I do
3 appreciate the fact that you had
4 troopers on the properties checking
5 daily, working with the Fire Marshal's
6 Office when there were changes to
7 boarding and that sort of thing.

8 As I recall the previous flooding on
9 the Red River, we also -- the day that
10 Colonel Edmonson and I flew up there, I
11 think they had barges that broke loose,
12 and we didn't know what was -- we didn't
13 know, first of all, where they were or
14 what was in the barges.

15 I mean, based on your experience in
16 regulating the boats, how serious a
17 concern is it, State Police, of when the

18 river's high like that of barges that
19 might break loose?

20 CAPTAIN CHUSTZ: For me, I was
21 there. I remember getting the phone
22 call, and I can tell you I really didn't
23 like pinching you and Colonel Edmonson
24 and telling you, hey, the word is barges
25 broke loose north of here. It turned

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1 out to be a houseboat attached to a
2 40-foot piece of dock that floated and
3 was floating downstream, and it became
4 an immediate threat.

5 Okay. You know, we have the press
6 all around us, and we are worried
7 frantically: How do we get people
8 evacuated; when do we initiate; what is
9 the time frame? Panic mode set in on us
10 because there was an impending disaster
11 floating our way. Everything worked
12 out. It got wedged up in the weeds
13 somewhere in the woods, and it worked
14 out. But the panic and the fear factor
15 was definitely there; and I forget which
16 casino was the first one that was in the
17 path, but you have -- there was all of
18 them were in the path because it could
19 have easily bounced off of one and went
20 to the other as it swirled downstream.

21 So, yeah, having the boats exposed
22 to river traffic with stuff, even though
23 the river's, quote, unquote, closed to
24 river traffic, you're concerned about
25 the mooring of other people who may or

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1 may not have taken care of their
2 business. While our boats certainly
3 took care of their business and doubled
4 their moorings and reinspected and spent
5 a lot of money to make sure that they
6 weren't going to break away, there's
7 nothing that they could do to ensure
8 that some of these other marine
9 operating companies took care of their
10 business. So, yes, it's a huge fear
11 factor for us.

12 CAPTAIN HALE: In the Mississippi,
13 it's a major concern. One property
14 actually added a second deflection barge
15 just in case. I've got another property
16 that is out and just about in the travel
17 in the channels. You know, that -- it's
18 really -- you know, it made sense when
19 they cruised because they had to be able
20 to get underway, but now with them, you
21 know, dockside, it really is a major
22 safety concern. We can do -- the boats
23 can do what they can -- you know,

24 whatever precautions they can take, but
25 you're pretty much at the mercy of the

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1 river and Mother Nature at that point.

2 There's a barge marshaling area in
3 close vicinity to both properties. It's
4 not uncommon for barges to break loose.
5 It's not uncommon for the barges to be
6 loaded with anything from gravel to
7 Hazmat. You just never know. I know
8 the Coast Guard keeps a good eye on the
9 barges. I know the -- all three
10 riverboats monitor. The two legacy
11 boats monitor radar. They also monitor
12 the VHF marine radio just in case. They
13 have tugboats that are close to the
14 area. You know, that -- you know,
15 they've done the precautions they can
16 do. It's just you can't prevent someone
17 else's barge or someone else's shipping,
18 you know, to come loose from their
19 moorings, and there is a risk of impact
20 from another vessel.

21 You know, that's why we wanted to
22 know, okay, worst case scenario, without
23 having to worry about funds, money,
24 anything else, how quick can you get
25 people off this boat, you know, on dry

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1 ground? And that's a very major concern
2 that we have.

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: Not quickly enough.

4 CAPTAIN HALE: No, not at all.

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: I mean, that
6 concerns me, and it concerns this Board.

7 And I'll be back to you, Mike. I think
8 over the next 12 months this Board has
9 to have a very serious conversation
10 about the safety issues of those
11 vessels, which are on navigable
12 waterways, not in cofferdams, but those
13 that are actually in the water and are
14 at risk, because we're going to
15 continue -- the river's going to
16 continue to rise every year.

17 CAPTAIN HALE: Right.

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: I mean, you know,
19 it always has, and that's the kind of
20 thing that keeps me awake at night. Are
21 we just about the last state that has
22 boats on navigable waterways?

23 CAPTAIN HALE: I know there's not
24 many, if we're not the last, and I'm not
25 sure. I don't know if any other state

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1 has them out in such a close proximity
2 to the travel -- you know, to the main
3 channels. I want to say we probably

4 are, but I can't be a hundred percent
5 certain.

6 CHAIRMAN JONES: I understand.
7 Major.

8 MAJOR NOEL: Mr. Chairman, I just
9 want to echo what Captain Hale and
10 Chustz mentioned about safety on the
11 river, and just as a historical: Back
12 in 2011, there were some barges that
13 broke loose near the old Mississippi
14 River bridge, and we were minutes away
15 from evacuating Hollywood; and
16 fortunately we had some people on staff
17 and the captain on that boat on that
18 night were paying attention and
19 monitoring and so -- but it is. That's
20 the biggest concern that we have that we
21 really have very little control.

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yeah, I know from
23 the casino's standpoint, you know, it's
24 bad for business. They have to spend
25 money, you have to drill, you have

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1 to have -- the last thing they want to
2 do is evacuate a boat. I mean, you
3 know, are those people going to come
4 back to that boat again?

5 Our concern has to be less about
6 business and about the safety of the

7 people who work on those vessels and the
8 people who visit those vessels, and I
9 think we have an obligation as a Board
10 to look at this very closely in the
11 coming year and maybe make some
12 recommendations.

13 CAPTAIN HALE: Well, now doubt about
14 it. These are permanently moored
15 vessels. They cannot get underway in
16 any reasonable amount of time to avoid
17 any kind of collisions, so they are
18 definitely at the mercy of whatever's
19 coming down the river, so it is
20 definitely something we probably should
21 look at and evaluate.

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions from
23 the Board? Anything to add? [No
24 response.] Thank you very much.

25 CAPTAIN HALE: Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN JONES: And I also want to
2 thank the casino operators, the
3 licensees who were affected by the
4 water, working with State Police and
5 having good plans in place and
6 exercising those plans and training your
7 people. That's an important piece of
8 the whole picture.

9 III. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: We're required by
11 law annually to select a Vice-Chairman,
12 and that is on our agenda. I would ask
13 at this time for any nominations for
14 Vice-Chairman.

15 MR. GASTON: Mr. Chairman.

16 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes, sir.

17 MR. GASTON: First of all, I'd like
18 to say that I've been on a lot of boards
19 before. I don't know of any board that
20 operates as efficiently as this board,
21 and with that in mind, I would like to
22 nominate Mr. Ayres Bradford to be
23 retained as the Vice-Chair.

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: So we have a
25 nomination for Ayres. Do we have a

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1 second?

2 MR. JACKSON: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: Who is the second?

4 THE CLERK: Mr. Jackson.

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Jackson.

6 MR. GASTON: I also want to ask a
7 question to see if he was qualified to
8 serve in this position, as one of my
9 American History students 82 years ago,
10 and, Ayres, what president --

11 MR. BRADFORD: You are really going
12 to ask a question?

13 MR. GASTON: -- was Calvin Coolidge?

14 MR. BRADFORD: He was an American
15 president.

16 MR. GASTON: Well done. Don't go to
17 Google.

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: Do I have any other
19 nominations?

20 MR. BRADFORD: He was the 30th
21 president.

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Are there any
23 objections to closing the nominations?
24 We have before us a nomination of Ayres
25 Bradford to continue to serve as

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1 Vice-Chair and properly seconded. Any
2 objections? [No response.]
3 Congratulations.

4 MR. BRADFORD: Thank you, sir.

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: We appreciate your
6 service, and thank you for the kind
7 words, Dr. Gaston. I'm going to give
8 you a raise.

9 IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: Do I have a motion
11 to waive reading and Approval of
12 Minutes.

13 MR. SINGLETON: So moved.

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Mr. Singleton,
15 seconded by Miss Berry. All in favor?

16 [Collective "aye."] Opposed? [No
17 response.] Motion carries.

18 V. REVENUE REPORTS

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: It's time to call
20 State Police for Revenue Reports. Good
21 morning.

22 MS. JACKSON: Good morning, Chairman
23 Jones and Board Members, my name is
24 Donna Jackson with Louisiana State
25 Police Gaming Enforcement Division. The

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1 riverboat revenue report for
2 December 2015 is shown on page one of
3 your handout.

4 During December, the 15 operating
5 riverboats general Adjusted Gross
6 Receipts of \$165,003,956, up
7 \$15.6 million or 10.4 percent from last
8 month, but down \$7.7 million or 4.5
9 percent from last December. This is the
10 first month that the prior year revenues
11 include all 15 properties in operation,
12 as Golden Nugget marked their one-year
13 anniversary on December 6th. Last
14 December, boosted by Golden Nugget's
15 opening, the Lake Charles riverboats
16 combined to generate \$72 million. This
17 December the market generated,
18 approximately, \$61.7 million, which is

19 about the 12-month average of the Lake
20 Charles riverboat market.

21 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
22 year 2015-2016 to date are over
23 \$971 million, an increase of ten percent
24 or \$86 million from fiscal year
25 2014-2015.

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1 During December, the State collected
2 fees of \$35,475,851. As of
3 December 31st, 2015, the State has
4 collected \$209 million in fees for
5 fiscal year 2015-2016.

6 Next is summary of the December 2015
7 gaming activity for Harrah's New Orleans
8 found on page three. During December,
9 Harrah's generated \$22,056,708 in gross
10 gaming revenue, down \$652,000 or
11 3 percent from last month, and down
12 \$8.3 million or 27 percent from last
13 December. Fiscal year-to-date gaming
14 revenues for 2015-2016 are \$154 million,
15 a decrease of almost \$10 million or
16 6 percent from fiscal year 2014-2015.

17 During December, the State received
18 \$5,081,967 in minimum daily payments.
19 As of December 31st, 2015, the State has
20 collected \$30 million in fees fiscal
21 year 2015-2016.

22 Slots at the Racetracks revenues are
23 shown on page four. During December,
24 the four racetrack facilities combined
25 generated Adjusted Gross Receipts of

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1 \$30,100,581, an increase of \$2 million
2 or 7.4 from last month, but a decrease
3 of \$1.7 million or 5 percent from last
4 December.

5 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
6 year 2015-2016 to date are \$175.5
7 million, down almost \$13 million or
8 7 percent from fiscal year 2014-2015.
9 During December, the State collected
10 fees of \$4.6 million. As of
11 December 31st, 2015, the State has
12 collected \$26.6 million in fees for
13 fiscal year 2015-2016.

14 Overall in December, Riverboats,
15 Land-Based and Slots at the Racetracks
16 combined generated almost \$217 million
17 in Adjusted Gross Receipts and \$45
18 million in state fees.

19 Are there any questions before I
20 present the Harrah's employee
21 information?

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Questions, Board
23 Members? Yes, sir. Mr. Bradford.

24 MR. BRADFORD: Thank you. Just

25 curious: I see where the numbers are

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1 down 27 percent -- let me get in the
2 right place here -- on the land-based
3 casino December -- last year to December
4 this year. Do you think that's -- can
5 be attributed to the smoking -- the
6 smoking ban that the New Orleans City
7 Council placed on them? Because it
8 wasn't in effect last year; is that
9 right?

10 MS. JACKSON: That's correct. It
11 went into effect in April.

12 MR. BRADFORD: I guess I'm asking
13 your opinion, if that's all right. I'll
14 open it up for anybody's opinion. I'm
15 very curious as to the dynamics of the
16 impact of the smoking ban on the
17 land-based casino.

18 MS. JACKSON: It's not something
19 that within my analysis I've looked
20 into.

21 MR. BRADFORD: Right.

22 MS. JACKSON: My assumption is that
23 it would have had an effect. There are
24 representatives from Harrah's, if you
25 would like to get more specific

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1 information from them here.

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Are you aware of
3 such a drop at any other period for the
4 land-based?

5 MS. JACKSON: Not that I recall.

6 CHAIRMAN JONES: Major, anything?

7 MAJOR NOEL: Mr. Chairman, I think
8 it would be -- if Harrah's is prepared
9 to make any comments to add to it, but,
10 yeah, it's an unusual drop when you look
11 historically at the numbers. We have
12 some variations month to month; and you
13 see those trends, but that's a pretty
14 big drop.

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: You know, I think
16 we're waiting for a year's worth of data
17 to really make any final determinations
18 because there are a variety of things
19 that affect the gaming market. I think
20 it's safe to say that some drop is
21 attributable to the smoking ban. We
22 just don't know how much that is, and
23 for the information of the board
24 members, my staff and I have been
25 working over the past few months with

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1 Harrah's and developed a plan for to
2 create two smoking areas; and they're
3 going through the process now
4 negotiating that with city government.

5 And I understand that those talks are
6 ongoing, and they will likely get to
7 that point.

8 MR. BRADFORD: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: Continue.

10 MS. JACKSON: Okay. Harrah's New
11 Orleans is required to maintain at least
12 2,400 employees and a bi-weekly payroll
13 of \$1,750,835. This report covers the
14 pay periods in November and
15 December 2015. For the first pay period
16 in November, the Division verified 2,446
17 employees with a payroll of \$1,897,000.
18 For the second pay period in November,
19 the Division verified 2,457 employees
20 with a payroll of \$1,906,000. For the
21 first pay period in December, the
22 Division verified 2,433 employees with a
23 payroll of \$1,892,000. For the second
24 pay period in December, the Division
25 verified 2,432 employees with a payroll

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1 of \$1,903,000. For the third pay period
2 in December, the Division verified 2,476
3 employees with a payroll of \$1,917,000.
4 Therefore, Harrah's met the employment
5 criteria during November and December.

6 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any
7 questions? The Board is clear.

8 MS. JACKSON: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you very
10 much.

11 Jim.

12 MR. BOSSIER: Good morning, Chairman
13 Jones and Board Members. My name is Jim
14 Bossier with the Louisiana State Police
15 Gaming Audit Section. I'm reporting
16 video gaming statistics for
17 December 2015 as shown on page one of
18 your handout.

19 Nine new video gaming licenses were
20 issued during December: Eight bars and
21 one restaurant. Nine new applications
22 were received by the Gaming Enforcement
23 Division during December and are
24 currently pending in the field: Three
25 bars, four restaurants, one truckstop

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1 and one device owner.

2 The Gaming Enforcement Division
3 assessed \$1,250 and collected \$4,500 in
4 fines during December, and there are
5 currently \$3,250 in outstanding fines.

6 Please refer to page two of your
7 handout.

8 There are presently 14,303 video
9 gaming devices activated at 1,843
10 locations.

11 Net device revenue for December 2015
12 was \$50.2 million. This is a \$4.6
13 million, or 10.1 percent increase when
14 compared to November 2015, and a
15 \$600,000 decrease, or 1.3 percent, when
16 compared to December 2014.

17 Net device revenue so far for fiscal
18 year 2016 is \$285 million, a \$4 million
19 or 1.3 percent decrease when compared to
20 fiscal year 2015. Page three of your
21 handout shows a comparison of net device
22 revenue.

23 Total franchise fees collected for
24 December 2015 were \$15 million, a
25 \$1.4 million increase when compared to

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1 November 2015, and a \$200,000 decrease
2 when compared to December 2014.

3 Total franchise fees collected for
4 fiscal year 2016 are \$85.3 million, a
5 \$1.2 million decrease, or 1.4 percent,
6 when compared to fiscal year 2015.

7 Page four of your handout shows a
8 comparison of franchise fees.

9 Does anybody have any questions?

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any
11 questions? The Board is clear. Thank
12 you, Jim.

13 MR. BOSSIER: Thank you.

14 VI. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

15 A. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance
16 for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of
17 the gaming vessel of PNK Bossier City,
18 Inc., d/b/a Boomtown Casino Bossier City -
19 No. R016500701

20 CHAIRMAN JONES: We now come to
21 Casino Gaming Issues. First up is
22 Consideration of Certificate of
23 Compliance and Alternate Riverboat
24 Inspection of gaming vessel PNK Bossier
25 City, Inc., doing business as Boomtown

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1 Casino Bossier City. That's No.
2 R0165007011.

3 Good.morning, gentlemen.

4 MR. THOMPSON: Morning.

5 MR. FRANCIC: Morning.

6 CHAIRMAN JONES: Identify yourself
7 for the record.

8 MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, Board
9 Members, I'm Assistant Attorney General
10 Buddy Thompson. With me is John Francic
11 of ABSC. We're here in the matter of
12 the issuance of the renewal Certificate
13 of Compliance for PNK Bossier City,
14 Inc., d/b/a Boomtown Bossier City.

15 On January the 9th, 2016, ABSC
16 performed an inspection in connection

17 with the renewal of Boomtown Bossier's
18 Certificate of Compliance. At the
19 present time, there's one remaining
20 discrepancy to be completed.

21 For more on this, I turn the
22 presentation over to John Francic.

23 MR. FRANCIC: Morning, Chairman and
24 Board Members. John Francic with ABS
25 Consulting here to report the follow-up

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1 inspection for the 2015th annual
2 certification for Boomtown Casino.

3 The inspector, Doug Chapman, did, on
4 January 9th, attend the riverboat Mary
5 Prize to inspect the installation of the
6 fire rated doors that was found to be
7 deficient during the October 26th
8 inspection. The fire rated doors were
9 properly installed and operated as
10 intended. That cleared Item 3 and 6 on
11 your report.

12 The remaining item to be completed
13 is the fire sprinkler system. They have
14 the equipment onboard the air receiver,
15 but the issue is this is not a small
16 tank. It's a pretty large tank where it
17 needs to be lifted by a crane. So as
18 you heard, the Red River is currently
19 up, so they can't get a barge up there

20 with a crane to pick this thing up and
21 lower it on the deck of the riverboat.
22 That's one option, or they can float it
23 down; but the river's too strong to do
24 that. So in the meantime, they're just
25 waiting for this to -- the river to

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1 reside so they can get the equipment in
2 there to do it properly and safe.

3 So the air receiver itself, they
4 just have to press it up every few days
5 so it's not an issue. With that in
6 mind, you know, we just recommend that
7 the Certificate be extended for another
8 30 days until they get the air receiver
9 onboard.

10 MR. THOMPSON: We now present these
11 findings to the Board, and request that
12 upon the Board accepting the report
13 submitted by ABSC, the Board will move
14 for a 30-day extension of Boomtown
15 Bossier's Certificate of Compliance
16 until February the 28th, 2016.

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you. Board,
18 any questions?

19 MR. SINGLETON: Thirty days, the way
20 I keep hearing about the river, is it
21 going to go down in 30 days that they
22 can do this?

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Francic?

24 MR. FRANCIC: We hope so. I can't
25 really predict with Mother Nature.

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1 MR. SINGLETON: I'd rather you not
2 hope so and have the time to do it to be
3 done.

4 MR. FRANCIC: Yeah. Well, as soon
5 as the river resides, they'll -- like I
6 said, they have everything in place.
7 They're just waiting for the river to go
8 down.

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: And if not, we'll
10 be back next month --

11 MR. THOMPSON: Yes, Chairman.

12 CHAIRMAN JONES: -- to go for
13 another month.

14 Yes, sir, Mr. Bradford.

15 MR. BRADFORD: They're having to
16 repressurize this tank every two or
17 three days or once a week just to keep
18 the pressure up on the one that's got
19 the pinhole?

20 MR. FRANCIC: It's about once a
21 week, from what I understand from the
22 Captain in Charge. So it's small enough
23 where it's -- constantly needs to be
24 pressed up but --

25 MR. BRADFORD: Repair of that was

1 not an option?

2 MR. FRANCIC: It's a pressurized
3 tank so, no. It's not just repair of
4 the tank. You cannot repair a pressure
5 vessel like that. You have to replace
6 it new because there's other problems
7 internal with it.

8 MR. BRADFORD: My question was the
9 same as Mr. Singleton. The river's at
10 29, and the report said the river had to
11 be at 19 before they can get it done;
12 and the river's got to drop 10 feet. I
13 guess we can just do it and give them
14 another 30 days.

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: And we'll just
16 revisit the issue. We don't know. I
17 mean, we don't know. None of us can
18 really predict what's going to happen at
19 the basin that feeds the river, and, you
20 know, it's just so many factors that I
21 think that was a safe answer for a
22 mariner of your experience. We hope so.

23 MR. FRANCIC: Yes.

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any other questions
25 from the Board? If there's nothing to

1 add by State Police or the licensee,

2 I'll ask for a motion to issue a

3 temporary Certificate of Compliance to
4 expire February 29, 2016. Miss Berry?

5 MS. BERRY: I move we give them a
6 temporary 30-day extension.

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: We have a motion by
8 Miss Berry. Do I have a second?

9 MR. SINGLETON: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Mr. Singleton.
11 Are there any objections? Without
12 objection, the Certificate is issued.

13 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you.

15 B. Consideration of Petition for Approval for
16 \$10,000,000 line of credit by Bossier Casino
17 Venture (Holdco), Inc., d/b/a Margaritaville
18 Resort and Casino - No. R011000841

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: Next up:
20 Consideration of Petition for Approval
21 for a \$10 million line of credit by
22 Bossier Casino Venture (Holdco), Inc.,
23 doing business as Margaritaville Resort
24 and Casino, No. RO11000841.

25 Good morning.

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1 MS. WARE: Good morning, Chairman
2 Jones and Members of the Board. My name
3 is Trnessia Ware with Louisiana State
4 Police Corporate Securities Audit.

5 Miss Deborah Harkins, local counsel

6 for Bossier Casino Venture doing
7 business as Margaritaville Resort
8 Casino, submitted a petition to the
9 Board on behalf of Margaritaville's
10 ultimate parent, Bossier Casino Venture
11 (Holdco), seeking Board approval for a
12 10 million revolving line of credit.

13 Holdco proposes to reduce its annual
14 interest by using cash on hand to pay
15 its outstanding \$10 million second lien
16 loan. Holdco then wishes to obtain a
17 10 million revolving line of credit to
18 replace the cash used to redeem the
19 existing second lien loan. Holdco
20 advised they have no immediate plans to
21 draw down funds but will have the
22 10 million available should they wish to
23 do so.

24 Bossier Casino Venture projects
25 sufficient cash flows from operations to

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1 maintain its debt, and projections
2 appear reasonable.

3 In conclusion, no financial issues
4 came to our attention to preclude the
5 Board's approval of this transaction.

6 Are there any questions?

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: Do I have any
8 questions of State Police from the

9 Board? There are no questions. Does
10 the licensee have anything to add or
11 representatives of the licensee? [No
12 response.]

13 Therefore, do I have a motion to
14 adopt the resolution? By Mr. Bradford

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16 MR. JACKSON: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: -- second by
18 Mr. Jackson.

19 Miss Tramonte would you read the
20 resolution into the record and call the
21 roll.

22 THE CLERK: On the 21st day of
23 January 2016, the Louisiana Gaming
24 Control Board did, in a duly noticed
25 public meeting, consider the issue of

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1 Bossier Casino Venture, Incorporated's,
2 Request for Approval of a \$10 million
3 Senior Secured Revolving Credit
4 Facility, by and among Bossier Casino
5 Venture, Incorporated, as the borrower,
6 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as
7 Administrative Agent and Issuer, Wells
8 Fargo Securities, LLC, as Sole Arranger
9 and Sole Bookrunner, and the Lenders
10 participating therein, and upon motion
11 duly made and second, the Board adopted

12 this Resolution.

13 Be it resolved that Bossier Casino
14 Venture, Incorporated's, request for
15 approval of the aforementioned \$10
16 million Senior Secured Revolving Credit
17 Facility as provided for in the Amended
18 and Restated First Lien Credit
19 Agreement, amending and restating that
20 certain First Lien Credit Agreement,
21 dated April 15th, 2015, and any notes or
22 letter of credit issued pursuant hereto,
23 and any transactions directly related
24 thereto, is hereby approved.

25 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,

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1 Louisiana, this 21st day of January
2 2016.

3 Mr. Bradford?

4 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

5 THE CLERK: Mr. Stipe?

6 MR. STIPE: Yes.

7 THE CLERK: Mr. Singleton?

8 MR. SINGLETON: Yes.

9 THE CLERK: Major Mercer?

10 MAJOR MERCER: Yes.

11 THE CLERK: Mr. Jackson?

12 MR. JACKSON: Yes.

13 THE CLERK: Mr. Gaston?

14 MR. GASTON: Yes.

15 THE CLERK: Miss Berry?

16 MS. BERRY: Yes.

17 THE CLERK: Miss Theriot?

18 MS. THERIOT: Yes.

19 THE CLERK: Chairman Jones?

20 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes. The motion

21 carries without objection, and the \$10

22 million line of credit has been

23 approved. Thank you.

24 VII. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS IN THE

25 FOLLOWING

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1 1. In Re: Red River Restaurant Partners,

2 LLC, d/b/a Red River Restaurant - No.

3 0904215082

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: We now come to

5 agenda items -- these will be

6 settlements. There are no appeals on

7 the agenda today. First up is in Red

8 River Restaurant Partners, LLC, doing

9 business as Red River Restaurant.

10 That's No. 0904215082, a settlement.

11 Good morning.

12 MR. LEWIS: Good morning, Chairman

13 Jones, Ladies and Gentlemen of the

14 Board. I am Assistant Attorney General

15 Kanick Lewis, Jr., representing the

16 Office of State Police in the matter of

17 Red River Restaurant Partners, LLC,

18 doing business as Red River Restaurant.

19 Red River Restaurant Partners, LLC,
20 doing business as Red River Restaurant,
21 is a Type 2 licensed establishment
22 located a 102 Lake Street in Shreveport,
23 Louisiana. On February 2nd, 2015, the
24 Division mailed a video gaming advisory
25 notice to the licensee informing them of

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1 the requirement and deadline date of
2 August 31st, 2015, to submit the annual
3 fee and supporting documents. On
4 November 17th, 2015, the licensee
5 submitted the required documents and
6 annual fee to the Division.

7 The licensee failed to timely submit
8 the required annual fee and supporting
9 documents, which is a violation of
10 gaming law. In lieu of administrative
11 action of its gaming license, Red River
12 Restaurant Partners, LLC, doing business
13 as Red River Restaurant, will pay a
14 civil penalty of \$750 for violating
15 gaming law.

16 Hearing Officer Reynolds has
17 approved the Joint Compromise and
18 Settlement Agreement, and we're here
19 today seeking the Board's approval.

20 At this time, I'd be happy to answer

21 any questions you may have.

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes, sir,

23 Mr. Singleton.

24 MR. SINGLETON: I'm just curious to
25 know: How do we determine \$500, 750?

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1 And then I noticed last month we had two
2 or three that was much higher. Who
3 makes the determination as to what
4 you're going to charge for whatever
5 violations they have?

6 MR. LEWIS: That's based on the
7 information we obtain from the State
8 Police per the type of license that they
9 have, as well.

10 MR. SINGLETON: Your office makes
11 the determination and the
12 recommendation --

13 MR. LEWIS: No.

14 MR. SINGLETON: -- in terms of the
15 amount?

16 MR. LEWIS: That's set forth by the
17 State Police, by the Division.

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: Major.

19 MAJOR NOEL: Mr. Singleton, there is
20 a schedule in the rules that outlines
21 penalties, and those that are not in the
22 schedule, some of those are in statute
23 that are outlined and others are based

24 on prior case precedence that have come
25 before the Board.

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1 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any other
2 questions? Thank you, Major. Any other
3 questions? [No response.] Do I have a
4 motion to approve the settlement?

5 MR. JACKSON: Motion to approve.

6 CHAIRMAN JONES: Motion by
7 Mr. Singleton, second by -- I'm sorry,
8 by Mr. Jackson, second by Dr. Gaston.
9 Are there any objections? Without
10 objection, the motion carries,
11 settlement is approved.

12 2. In Re: Friendly Express, Inc., d/b/a Bayou
13 Daiquiris - No. 0501116808

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: Next up's in
15 regards to Friendly Express, Inc., doing
16 business as Bayou Daiquiris. That's No.
17 0501116808.

18 MR. LEWIS: Good morning, Chairman
19 Jones, again, Ladies and Gentlemen of
20 the Board. Assistant Attorney General
21 Kanick Lewis, Jr., representing Office
22 State Police. We're here in the matter
23 of Friendly Express, Inc., doing
24 business as Bayou Daiquiris, which is a
25 Type 1 licensed establishment located at

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1 526 Front Street in Cottonport,
2 Louisiana.

3 On February 2nd, 2015, the Division
4 mailed a video gaming advisory notice to
5 the licensee informing them of the
6 requirement and deadline date of
7 August 31st, 2015, to submit the annual
8 fee and supporting documents. On
9 November 12th, 2015, the licensee
10 submitted the required documents and
11 annual fee to the Division, which is
12 after the required deadline.

13 The licensee failed to timely submit
14 the required annual fee and supporting
15 documents, which is violation of gaming
16 law, and in lieu in administrative
17 action of its gaming license, Friendly
18 Express, Inc., doing business as Bayou
19 Daiquiris, will pay a civil penalty of
20 \$750 for violating the gaming law.

21 Hearing Officer Reynolds has
22 approved the Joint Compromise and
23 Settlement Agreement, and we're here
24 today seeking the Board's approval. And
25 at this time, I will be happy to answer

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1 any questions you may have.

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions from
3 the Board? There are no questions. Do

4 I have a motion to approve the
5 settlement? By Major Mercer, seconded
6 by Mr. Bradford. Any objections? No
7 objection, motion carries, settlement's
8 approved.

9 3. In Re: Beacon Lakeside, LLC, d/b/a Beacon
10 Lakeside - No. 4800117191

11 CHAIRMAN JONES: Next up is in
12 regards to Beacon Lakeside, LLC, doing
13 business as Beacon Lakeside. That's No.
14 4800117191.

15 Good morning.

16 MS. BOGRAN: Good morning. Chairman
17 Jones, Board Members, I'm Olga Bogran,
18 Assistant Attorney General in the Gaming
19 Division, on behalf of the Office of
20 State Police. The last five settlements
21 on the agenda are -- also arise from the
22 licensee's failure to timely submit the
23 required annual forms and fees, and as
24 Mr. Lewis just stated, every year --
25 this year on February 2nd, all licensees

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1 were sent an advisory notice from the
2 Division informing them of the
3 requirements and deadline for the annual
4 forms and fees.

5 Having said that, my first matter
6 is, as the Chairman mentioned, Beacon

7 Lakeside, License Number 4800117191.
8 This licensee was sent that advisory
9 notice and with the information on the
10 requirements and the deadlines, but
11 Beacon Lakeside did not submit complete
12 and correct annual forms and fees until
13 September 17th, 2015. They are now in
14 compliance. They are Type 1 licensee,
15 and therefore this settlement calls for
16 a payment of a civil penalty in the
17 amount of \$750 in lieu of administrative
18 action.

19 Settlement has been signed by
20 Hearing Officer Reynolds and is before
21 you for final approval.

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions on
23 this license? There are no questions.
24 I have a motion to approve the
25 settlement by Miss Theriot, seconded by

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1 Miss Berry. Any objections? Without
2 objection, the settlement's approved.

3 4. The Beacon Lounge, LLC, d/b/a The Beacon Lounge
4 - No. 4800117192

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: Also in regard to
6 The Beacon Lounge, LLC, doing business
7 as The Beacon Lounge but No. 4800117192.
8 Please continue.

9 MS. BOGRAN: Olga Bogran Assistant

10 Attorney General representing the Office
11 State Police in a related matter, Beacon
12 Lounge. This licensee was also sent the
13 advisory notice on February 2nd with the
14 requirements and deadlines for the
15 annual forms and fees. Beacon Lounge
16 did not submit the complete and correct
17 annual forms and fees until
18 September 17th, 2015. They are now in
19 compliance.

20 They are a Type 1 licensee, and,
21 therefore, this settlement calls for the
22 payment of a civil penalty in the amount
23 of \$750 in lieu of administrative
24 action.

25 The settlement has been signed by

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1 Hearing Officer Reynolds and is before
2 you for final approval.

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any
4 questions on the second settlement for
5 Beacon Lounge? There are no questions.

6 Do I have a motion to approve the
7 settlement? By Mr. Singleton, seconded
8 by Mr. Bradford. Any objection?

9 Without objection, the settlement is
10 approved.

11 5. In Re: SAKCO, LLC, d/b/a Breezeway Cafe - No.

12 4700116562

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: Next up in regard:
14 SAKCO or SAKCO (different
15 pronunciation), S-A-K-C-O, Inc., LLC,
16 doing business as Breezeway Cafe.
17 That's No. 4700116562.

18 MS. BOGRAN: Olga Bogran Assistant
19 Attorney General representing the Office
20 of State Police in this matter.

21 Although this licensee was also sent
22 the advisory notice on February 2nd
23 advising them of the requirements and
24 the deadlines, they did not submit the
25 complete and correct annual forms and

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1 fees until September 15th. They are now
2 in compliance.

3 They are a Type 1 licensee, and
4 therefore this settlement calls for the
5 payment of a civil penalty of \$750 in
6 lieu of administrative action.

7 This settlement has been signed by
8 the hearing officer and is before you
9 for final approval.

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

12 Do I have a motion to approve the
13 settlement? By Mr. Stipe, second by
14 Mr. Bradford. Any objections? Without
15 objection, the settlement is approved.

16 6. In Re: Zeyad Ahmad d/b/a D's Korner - No.
17 4701113710

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: Next up in regard
19 to Zeyad Ahmad doing business as D's
20 Korner. That's No. 4701113710.

21 MS. BOGRAN: Olga Bogran Assistant
22 Attorney General representing the Office
23 of State Police.

24 This licensee was also sent the
25 advisory notice laying out the

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1 requirements and the deadlines for the
2 annual forms and fees. They did not
3 submit the correct annual forms and fees
4 until September 15th, 2015, and they are
5 now in compliance. They are a Type 1
6 licensee, and therefore the settlement
7 calls for payment of \$750 in lieu of
8 administrative action.

9 Settlement has been signed by
10 Hearing Officer Reynolds and is before
11 you for final approval.

12 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any
13 questions on the proposed settlement?
14 There are no questions.

15 Do I have a motion to approve the
16 settlement? By Mr. Bradford, second by
17 Mr. Stipe. Any objections? Without
18 objection, settlement is approved.

19 7. In Re: Dependable Gaming Distributors, LLC,
20 d/b/a Dependable Gaming Distributors, LLC - No.
21 2600816979

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: The final
23 settlement on the agenda is in regard to
24 Dependable Gaming Distributors, LLC,
25 doing business as Dependable Gaming

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1 Distributors, LLC, No. 2600816979.

2 MS. BOGRAN: Okay. And I'm still
3 Olga Bogran Assistant Attorney General
4 in the Gaming Division representing the
5 Office of State Police.

6 Dependable Gaming Distributors was
7 also sent the advisory notice on
8 February 2nd outlining the requirements
9 and the deadlines for the handling of
10 the annual forms and fees, but they did
11 not submit their complete and annual
12 form and fees until September 28th,
13 2015. They are now in compliance.

14 They are a Type 8 licensee, and
15 therefore this settlement is in the
16 amount of \$1,500. Settlement has been
17 signed by the hearing officer and is
18 before you for final approval.

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions on
20 this proposed settlement, Board? [No
21 response.] Do I have a motion to

22 approve the settlement?

23 MR. JACKSON: Move approval.

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Mr. Jackson,
25 second by Miss Berry. Any objections?

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1 Without objection, settlement is
2 approved. Thank you very much.

3 MS. BERRY: I have a question, sir.

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: On this matter?

5 MS. BERRY: Well, in general.

6 MS. BOGRAN: For me?

7 MS. BERRY: Yes, ma'am, if you don't
8 mind, since you represent the State
9 Police.

10 How often do we increase these fines
11 to these people for being late? It
12 seems like they're just flagrantly
13 ignoring the letters and the due dates,
14 and it seems like it's a lot more
15 paperwork and time-consuming than \$750
16 of your office and the hearing officers,
17 et cetera, et cetera, and ours. I mean,
18 do they change these fines very often?
19 Would it behoove us to maybe increase
20 them and maybe get them on their toes
21 and pay us on time?

22 MS. BOGRAN: That would be a
23 possibility. I think we would have to
24 track and see how many of these are

25 repeat offenders. It may be that these

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1 are different licensees that come into
2 the process at different times.

3 MS. BERRY: I understand, but it
4 just seems like if somebody was sending
5 me my license to renew my CPA license, I
6 pay on time, and it just seems like that
7 would be a basic thing for these
8 organizations. And maybe it's just they
9 think, well, \$750 is --

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: State Police can
11 tell us and help us a little bit there,
12 too, Miss Berry.

13 Major?

14 MAJOR NOEL: We did increase the
15 fine schedule several years ago, and
16 certainly that's always -- you know, if
17 the Board wishes, we can revisit it.
18 Also, again, Miss Bogran mentioned, if
19 there is -- a lot of them have second
20 and third offenses, so it does increase.

21 MS. BERRY: Okay. That's good. I
22 was just curious because it seems like
23 we get these every month, you know.
24 Okay. Thank you.

25 MS. BOGRAN: You're welcome.

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1 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you,

2 Miss Berry. Thank you, Major.

3 VIII. ADJOURNMENT

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: There being no
5 further business on the agenda, I will
6 entertain a motion to adjourn.

7 MR. SINGLETON: Move we adjourn.

8 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Mr. Singleton,
9 second by Major Mercer. Any objection?
10 Without objection, we stand adjourned,
11 and I'll see you on President's Day next
12 month. Thank you.

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