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9 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015

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11 Louisiana State Capitol

12 House Committee Room 1

13 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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17 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Good morning. I
3 want to welcome you to the Louisiana
4 Gaming Control Board and our regular
5 monthly meeting.

6 Miss Tramonte, call the 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: Miss Noonan?

16 MS. NOONAN: Here.

17 THE CLERK: Major Mercer?

18 MAJOR MERCER: Here.

19 THE CLERK: Mr. Jackson?

20 MR. JACKSON: Here.

21 THE CLERK: Mr. Gaston?

22 MR. GASTON: Here.

23 THE CLERK: Colonel Edmonson?

24 COLONEL EDMONSON: Here.

25 THE CLERK: Secretary Barfield?

1 MR. LEGENDRE: Mike Legendre here

2 for Secretary Barfield.

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: We have a quorum.

4 We may conduct business.

5 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

6 CHAIRMAN JONES: At this point I'd
7 like to call for public comments for any
8 matter before the Board. I understand
9 that Wade Duty has some brief remarks
10 he'd like to make. Good morning, Wade.

11 MR. DUTY: Good morning,
12 Mr. Chairman and Board Members, Wade
13 Duty, Executive Director of Louisiana
14 Casino Association.

15 I just wanted to put on the Board's
16 radar that on March 4th in Lake Charles
17 at the Isle of Capri Casino, we'll be
18 hosting our third annual Minority Vendor
19 Fair, an event designed to identify
20 potential new vendors for the gaming
21 industry to procure goods and services
22 from, as well as firm up existing
23 relationships.

24 So we have the participation of all
25 casinos that are part of the

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1 association, so we're expecting a good
2 turnout.

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you very much
4 for that, Wade. We do appreciate it.

5 I also understand Colonel Edmonson
6 has some preliminary remarks he'd like
7 to make before he has other business to
8 attend to this morning.

9 COLONEL EDMONSON: Mr. Chairman,
10 thank you for allowing me to be here. I
11 just want to kind of give a couple of
12 comments.

13 You know, we're 18 months into a
14 program where we've opened up two major
15 riverboats to bring our licenses, of
16 course, up to 15, and I just wanted to
17 tell you how much I appreciate the
18 relationship and the partnership with
19 the Board, along with my 50 some add
20 troopers that work in gaming. I'm very,
21 very pleased when I look back over those
22 last 18 months where we are as a state,
23 but also when you talk about the
24 integrity of gaming, I mean, none better
25 than what we have here in Louisiana; and

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1 I'm just very, very pleased to report
2 that you to.

3 You look at the -- we're at about
4 14,111 video poker machines, 1,920 some
5 odd locations. Now, if you look back
6 four years ago, we peaked at probably
7 around a little over 15,000 machines,

8 about 2,100 locations. We've leveled
9 off at that, and I think that's a good
10 thing.

11 I think when you look at where we
12 are from the industry standpoint, but
13 also from the enforcement standpoint,
14 we've leveled off at a number that I
15 think is a good number.

16 Truckstops, we've dipped below 200.
17 I think we have 197 truckstops. We've
18 been as high as 205. I think when you
19 look at where we are in truckstops now,
20 it's mostly change of ownerships that
21 we're seeing. I know we have one on the
22 agenda here today, but for the most
23 part, it's change of ownerships; and,
24 again, I think we've leveled off at that
25 portion of it.

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1 When we talk about the SAS protocol
2 upgrade, which should be completed by
3 the end of this year, it's going to be a
4 more robust type of specifics in the
5 machine itself as far as analytics.
6 We're going to go from, what, I think 12
7 games to where you can have as many as
8 50 games on a machine, and I think
9 that's going to be a good thing for us
10 from an enforcement standpoint, also

11 from the industry standpoint.

12 The only thing that I'm a little
13 concerned about, we're at, about,
14 30 percent right now. We should be a
15 little bit higher than that. We're
16 going to continue to work with industry
17 out there to try to push that to where
18 they can get that moving a little bit
19 more. I know we have got the rest of
20 the year, but we're at a number that I
21 think we should be a little bit higher
22 at. So we're going to work with them,
23 and we will report back to the Board on
24 that as we move forward on it.

25 Just a few comments I wanted to

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1 make, Mr. Chairman, and, again, I'll let
2 you know that the 50 troopers that we
3 have working in gaming is diligently
4 visiting these locations, working
5 investigations around the State, and I'm
6 very, very pleased where we are.

7 We're going to do a couple things
8 different in State Police as we go
9 forward over the rest of this year.

10 We're trying to -- we have got a lot of
11 expertise out there that we've lost as
12 far as retirements. A program that's
13 been very beneficial to me at State

14 Police is called WAE, When Actually
15 Employed. We've actually brought back
16 individuals that have retired in the
17 department to bring them back on a
18 part-time basis. We're going to try to
19 continue to do that as we move into
20 2015, where I can open up some positions
21 more so in the enforcement side of State
22 Police as far as out on the road and
23 visibility and bring some other people
24 in. Still maintain the numbers that we
25 have, still maintain the -- what we are

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1 doing from an enforcement standpoint,
2 but just a couple of things that we're
3 going to do a little differently, and
4 I'll report back.

5 We visit with the Chairman, if not
6 daily, weekly, so he's certainly
7 available or apprised of what we're
8 doing on a statewide basis. We're going
9 to continue to keep visiting the
10 locations. I think that's the best way
11 to approach this, and I appreciate
12 y'all's leadership and guidance and more
13 than anything the partnership that we
14 have with this.

15 So thank you, Mr. Chairman. Any
16 questions you might have, I'll be glad

17 to answer.

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Singleton.

19 MR. SINGLETON: I don't have a
20 question, Colonel. I just want to say
21 thank you. I don't get to see you that
22 often, but thank you for your
23 understanding of what's going on in New
24 Orleans and the assistance that you've
25 given down there; and I just want to let

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1 you know I and, I think, the people of
2 the City of New Orleans appreciate it.
3 And I know the Chairman lives down
4 there, too, and we all appreciate what
5 you've done. I just want to say thank
6 you.

7 COLONEL EDMONSON: Thank you. I
8 think when you look at where New Orleans
9 is as a city, here it is, it's -- I just
10 found this out. It's the number one or
11 two locations for weddings now in the
12 United States. It's the number two city
13 in the country that people want to
14 visit. It's the number five city in the
15 world that people want to visit, so from
16 an economic standpoint and a tourist
17 standpoint, New Orleans needs to be
18 successful and needs to be safe.

19 My desire is once they visit New

20 Orleans, they would see what the rest of
21 the state has to offer, because we have
22 a lot to offer, but I've committed to
23 the City of New Orleans. I've had a
24 conversation with the mayor, the police
25 chief and the governor's office. We're

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1 going to commit an element to the City
2 of New Orleans throughout the rest of
3 this year. I believe it's the right
4 thing to do.

5 You've got French Quarter Fest,
6 which is half a million people coming up
7 in several weeks. You've got Jazz Fest
8 now, which eclipsed a million individual
9 point. That's over a two weekend
10 period, where French Quarter Fest is one
11 long weekend. You also have five major
12 conventions over the next two-and-a-half
13 months that have anywhere between 7,000
14 to 22,000 people that will be visiting
15 the city.

16 So we're going to have a contingency
17 based on what's going on. On any given
18 day, keep in mind we have almost 50
19 troopers that work in the city when
20 we're talking about the gaming troopers
21 that are at the riverboats and the
22 land-based and the outlets. We also

23 have narcotics detectives; we have
24 intelligence officers.

25 As far as the industry that comes in

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1 through the port, those areas across New
2 Orleans, with commercial loads, those
3 things we're investigating out in New
4 Orleans east. We're working traffic.
5 The bridge -- the Mississippi River
6 Bridge, Crescent City Connection, that's
7 under my control as far as the
8 enforcement side of it.

9 So we're in the city every single
10 day, but what we want to do is provide,
11 in conjunction with Troop B, more of a
12 uniform presence in and around that area
13 where there's a Central Business
14 District, the French Quarter, The
15 Marigny, the Bywater, that area where
16 there's a lot of tourist; and hopefully
17 with that, that New Orleans will take
18 additional personal, additional police
19 officers, and they'll sprinkle them
20 around the city.

21 Because if I have a plan and they
22 don't, well then there's not a plan, but
23 I've seen what they want to do. I was
24 very pleased with what took place over
25 Mardi Gras. We had one incident on that

1 Thursday before Mardi Gras, but here's
2 the deal, I mean, there was police
3 within ten feet of that happening, and
4 an arrest was made within seconds.

5 So that's the expectation from the
6 public. That's what I want to be a part
7 of. I want to be a part of the
8 solution, and I think that we've -- I
9 know that we've got a plan if we move
10 forward that should address those
11 things, and I'm pleased with that.

12 But I'm very mindful, I'm very
13 respectful of what's going on around the
14 State, because we can't lose site of the
15 fact that there's a lot of other cities,
16 towns, villages, and people throughout
17 Louisiana, and we're going to be mindful
18 of that as we go forward.

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you, Colonel.
20 I want to thank Colonel Edmonson for the
21 relationship that we have with State
22 Police, Mike Noel and his team just do a
23 remarkable job. I mean, we're reaching
24 out to them all the time, and they're
25 just incredibly professional about how

1 they conduct their business and
2 represent State Police; and on behalf of

3 the Board, I thank you-guys for that.
4 That's really important to us. Thank
5 you.

6 III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: At this time, I'd
8 ask for a motion to waive the reading
9 and approve the minutes.

10 MR. BRADFORD: I move, Mr. Chairman.

11 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Mr. Bradford,
12 second by --

13 MR. JACKSON: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: -- Mr. Gaston. All
15 in favor? [Collective "aye."] The
16 motion carries.

17 IV. REVENUE REPORTS

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: At this time, I
19 call the revenue reports, State Police.
20 Good morning.

21 MS. JACKSON: Good morning, Chairman
22 Jones, Board Members. My name is Donna
23 Jackson, Louisiana State Police.

24 The riverboat revenue report for
25 January 2015 is shown on page one of

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1 your handout.

2 During January, the 15 operating
3 riverboats generated Adjusted Gross
4 Receipts of \$161,898,731, a decrease of
5 almost \$11 million or 6.3 percent from

6 December, but an increase of \$30 million
7 or 23 percent from January 2014.

8 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
9 year 2014-2015 to date are
10 \$1,047,000,000, an increase of 6 percent
11 or almost \$61 million from fiscal year
12 2013-2014.

13 During January, the State collected
14 fees of \$34.8 million. As of
15 January 31st, 2015, the State has
16 collected \$225 million in fees for
17 fiscal year 2014-2015.

18 Next is a summary of the
19 January 2015 gaming activity for
20 Harrah's New Orleans found on page
21 three. During January, Harrah's
22 generated \$26,216,771 in gross gaming
23 revenue, a decrease from December of
24 \$4 million or 13.6 percent, and a slight
25 decrease of 2 percent from last January.

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1 Fiscal year-to-date gaming revenues for
2 2014-2015 are \$109.5 million, up one
3 million dollars or 1 percent from last
4 fiscal year.

5 During January, the State received
6 \$5,095,890 in minimum daily payments.
7 As of January 31st, 2015, the State has
8 collected \$35 million in fees for fiscal

9 year 2014-2015.

10 Slots at the Racetracks Revenues are
11 shown on page four. During January, the
12 four racetrack facilities combined
13 generated Adjusted Gross Receipts of
14 \$31,743,815, a minimal decrease from
15 December, but and increase of \$1.6
16 million or 5 percent from last January.

17 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
18 year 2014-2015 to date are \$220 million,
19 an increase of 1 percent or \$1.6 million
20 from fiscal year 2013-2014. During
21 January, the State collected fees
22 totaling \$4.8 million. As of
23 January 31st, 2015, the State has
24 collected over \$33 million in fees for
25 fiscal year 2014-2015.

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1 Overall in January, riverboats,
2 land-based and Slots at the Racetracks
3 combined generated almost \$220 million
4 in Adjusted Gross Receipts, and nearly
5 \$45 million in state fees.

6 Are any questions before I present
7 the Harrah's employee count and payroll
8 information?

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any
10 questions? No, ma'am.

11 MS. JACKSON: Harrah's New Orleans

12 is required to maintain at least 2,400
13 employees and a bi-weekly payroll of
14 \$1,750,835. This report covers the
15 three pay periods in January 2015.

16 For the first pay period, the
17 Division verified 2,440 employees with a
18 payroll of \$1,983,000. For the second
19 pay period, the Division verified 2,449
20 employees with a payroll of \$1,946,000.
21 For the third pay period, the Division
22 verified 2,495 employees with a payroll
23 of \$1,933,000. Therefore, Harrah's met
24 the employment criteria during January.

25 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions? The

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1 Board appears to be clear.

2 MS. JACKSON: And today I will also
3 be reporting the video gaming statistics
4 for January 2015 as shown on page one of
5 your video handout.

6 Eleven new video gaming licenses
7 were issued during January: Nine bars
8 and two restaurants. Fifteen new
9 applications were received by the Gaming
10 Enforcement Division during January and
11 are currently pending in the field:
12 Fourteen bars and one restaurant.

13 The Gaming Enforcement Division
14 assessed \$4,750 and collected \$1,750 in

15 penalties in January. There are
16 currently \$4,000 in outstanding fines.

17 There are presently 14,111 video
18 gaming devices activated at 1,923
19 locations. Net device revenue for
20 January 2015 was \$48.9 million, a
21 \$1.9 million or 3.8 percent decrease
22 when compared to December 2014, and a
23 \$3.1 million or 6.6 percent increase
24 when compared to January 2014.

25 Net device revenue for fiscal year

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1 2015 to date is \$338 million, a \$7
2 million or 2 percent increase when
3 compared to fiscal year 2014. A
4 comparison of net device revenue is
5 shown on page three.

6 Total franchise fees collected for
7 January 2015 were \$14.6 million, a
8 \$600,000 decrease when compared to
9 December 2014, and a \$900,000 increase
10 when compared to January 2014. Total
11 franchise fees collected for fiscal year
12 2015 are \$101 million, a \$2 million or
13 2.2 percent increase when compared to
14 fiscal year 2014.

15 A comparison of franchise fees is
16 shown on page four. Any questions?

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions,

18 Board Members? The board is clear.

19 Thank you very much for that.

20 V. CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACTS WITH COURT REPORTER

21 AND HEARING OFFICER

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, as
23 part of your package, you will find the
24 contract for professional services,
25 contract for court reporting services.

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1 These are two annualized contracts that
2 we enter into on behalf of the Board to
3 conduct our business and our hearings
4 and record all of our formal
5 proceedings. There are no changes in
6 the contracts from the previous year.
7 They're essentially the same. It's a
8 simple renewal.

9 Are there any questions? There are
10 no questions. Do I have a motion to
11 approve the contracts?

12 MAJOR MERCER: So moved.

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Major Mercer and
14 a second --

15 MS. NOONAN: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN JONES: -- by Miss Noonan.

17 All in favor? [Collective "aye."]

18 Motion carries. It's been approved.

19 Thank you.

20 VI. PRESENTATION BY JANET MILLER, EXECUTIVE

21 DIRECTOR OF THE LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION ON
22 COMPULSIVE GAMBLING

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: At this point, we'd
24 like for -- we have a special
25 presentation from a good friend of the

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1 Board, good friend of gaming in
2 Louisiana, Janet Miller, now Executive
3 Director of Louisiana Association of
4 Compulsive Gambling. She and I met,
5 what, in December, Janet, perhaps?

6 MS. MILLER: Yes.

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: And you left and
8 left us a treat, and I didn't even know
9 about it until you left, so thank you.

10 MS. MILLER: Well, it wasn't for
11 you, sir. It was for your girls.

12 CHAIRMAN JONES: It wasn't for me at
13 all. They enjoyed it. Thank you for
14 that.

15 MS. MILLER: Good morning, Chairman
16 and Board. This is an honor to be here.
17 I tried to get here all last year to
18 present to you. I became the Executive
19 Director of the Louisiana Association on
20 Compulsive Gambling in 2014. It was a
21 busy year with transitions of different
22 items, and so I'm ready to present some
23 new findings, some new ideas, and also

24 just introduce myself to you, as well as
25 give you information that I handed to

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1 Miss Tramonte.

2 I want to thank you again for
3 allowing me to appear this morning and
4 give you a brief update of our work with
5 problem gamblers and their families, and
6 also in the packet is a bio for you to
7 understand how long I've been with the
8 organization. I've been with them since
9 1998, worked primarily as the organizer
10 of the clinical teams from CORE Center
11 of Recovery, as well as CORE South in
12 New Orleans Pre-Katrina, and then also
13 worked with Reese Middleton as his
14 deputy for the last eight, nine years.

15 So we are indeed fortunate to be
16 able to tell you, again, that we are
17 able to have a respect around the
18 country. Louisiana has a great
19 reputation. It's a national leader in
20 addressing and solving what we think is
21 truly a public health concern, if not a
22 problem, is/as gambling addiction. Our
23 efforts have been met by the
24 partnership -- as Colonel Edmonson said
25 was between our organization, the

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1 Department of Health and Hospitals, the
2 gaming industry, the State Police, the
3 Attorney General's Office. We have been
4 able to do work in this state
5 unparalleled to other states.

6 The gaming industry often has been
7 represented to our organization through
8 Wade Duty and his wife and assistant,
9 Vicki, as well as the many general
10 managers who have stepped up to help
11 from the casinos and get involved with
12 what we can do to help people.

13 So our goal is, as you see our
14 mission, is always to reach people in
15 Louisiana in a way that's cost effective
16 and that helps them. What I have seen
17 over the past year of taking leadership
18 is just that, obviously, I still run
19 into people around Louisiana that have
20 never heard of the treatment center CORE
21 Center of Recovery in Shreveport that is
22 free for Louisiana residents. I find
23 that that, shame on us, but also being a
24 non-profit with no marketing moneys and
25 all that.

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1 I also see that people sometimes
2 think the 1-800 help line number that we
3 answer, with about 30 staff members that

4 are always trained and throughout the
5 year have updates and training, are
6 actually -- some people think it's
7 answered by the casinos, I guess,
8 because it's at the bottom of that
9 advertisement.

10 So we get a lot of those calls that
11 make no sense like, you know, who's on
12 tonight and where can I park and all
13 that. So we really don't care, but we
14 also know that we can convert some of
15 those calls. Maybe they're not always
16 calling for that very reason.

17 I gave you information that I think
18 was exceptional to date as far as since
19 the inception of CORE -- CORE opened in
20 1999, and so my goal in 2015 -- and I'd
21 like to ask that all of you help me with
22 this because I'm one voice and you know
23 a lot of people, and I know some but you
24 know more; and collectively between the
25 State Police, the Department of Health

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1 and Hospitals, our organization, this
2 board and the gaming industry, I think
3 it's amiss that we don't let every
4 Louisiana person know that treatment for
5 a gambler and their family and friends
6 now is free. And it's through the

7 dedicated funding through gaming taxes
8 why it's free.

9 The majority of all states have none
10 of this going on; and so I definitely
11 want to be a part of getting that word
12 out, but I am asking everybody that
13 partners with us or anybody that cares
14 about anybody, which is all of you, is
15 to help that. Because since the
16 inception of CORE in 1999, we have
17 treated 3,205 people between CORE and
18 CORE South. That is a smidgen of the
19 people that we know in the state that
20 need that help, but also people still
21 don't know about that.

22 To date we have actually encountered
23 some outcome studies that show that even
24 though somebody may go through
25 treatment, be it in-patient or

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1 outpatient, the fact is that treatment
2 does address some of the problems. If
3 they relapse and return to gambling, we
4 know that their economic and stability
5 and family relationships and job status
6 has improved. So we're looking towards
7 the improvement of a whole life system,
8 and that can take some time.

9 Since we opened our help line, the

10 Louisiana Problem Gamblers Help Line, we
11 took it over in January 1, 2000. We've
12 answered over 605,000 calls. Actually,
13 today as far as converting all the calls
14 that the whole organization has
15 answered -- and that's the Louisiana
16 number -- we've answered over a million
17 two. What I'd like to see is that we
18 also again help people to understand
19 that that number is directly related to
20 health and services that all they have
21 to do, if anything -- I tell people just
22 call that 1-800 number, and it's all
23 over. If we can get them to do that,
24 they can do what they're supposed to do,
25 which is get them the help.

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1 What we've set up with the help line
2 now is called a warm transfer, so if
3 somebody wants to help at the treatment
4 center or a gambling counselor
5 throughout the State of Louisiana, we
6 have set up that somebody's going to
7 pick up the next line. We're going to
8 transfer it over, get them help. If
9 it's three o'clock in the morning, four
10 o'clock in the afternoon, it doesn't
11 matter.

12 We have also picked up with our help

13 line the suicide line for Northwest
14 Louisiana. We've answered almost 3,000
15 of those. I am very happy to say,
16 because I'm on the team for the backup,
17 is that we've converted 235 active
18 suicides to not complete that; and
19 that's 235 people that have been saved
20 through just picking up the phone and
21 just reaching for help, and we've been
22 able to do that.

23 We've also answered almost 55,000
24 substance abuse calls for Louisiana, and
25 that was during Hurricane Katrina and

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1 Rita where we were asked by the
2 Department of Health and Hospitals to
3 pick that up. That has been astounding,
4 and so on each of those lines, a
5 gambling line and the substance abuse
6 line, we have actually had and to
7 convert some suicide callers, as well,
8 and some those numbers are in your
9 packet.

10 So I think that without said, many
11 of the gaming industry and everybody is
12 a -- to see a new face and want you to
13 certainly get my number and call me,
14 e-mail me. If I'm traveling, it's easy
15 to do. I've done that certainly with

16 the Chairman and Miss Tramonte. But
17 that my goal, again, in 2015 is that
18 everybody in the State knows that there
19 is treatment available to them as a
20 Louisiana resident free, but it's not
21 just in Shreveport where we have the
22 treatment center. It's all over the
23 State. We don't contract. We don't
24 provide all the services in the State,
25 but the Department of Health and

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1 Hospitals and their local districts do,
2 and so that's important.

3 This year alone we are working on
4 marketing efforts, as I said, to get
5 that information out there. In the
6 month of March is called Proud Gambling
7 Awareness Month, and so that month you
8 will hear more of us hopefully. If you
9 have anybody, a contact through TV or
10 radio, please let them know that I'd
11 love to be interviewed and talk to them
12 and talk to you with them and everything
13 we can do to get this word out.

14 We know that gamblers and their
15 families don't always listen to the
16 radio right at that time, but certainly
17 as some point if they run it again, we
18 can get them.

19 The theme for this year's Problem
20 Gambling Awareness Month is "Have the
21 Conversation." If we don't have the
22 conversation with people, if we don't
23 ask people, do you ever gamble or do you
24 ever have to lie about that or do you
25 cover it up, if we never ask anything,

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1 no one says anything about it because
2 this addiction is so easy to hide. We
3 call it the hidden addiction.

4 So we're asking people and we're
5 doing a lot of promotional things in the
6 month of March, and I hope you will,
7 too, which is just asking people so
8 we're going -- and we're reaching out to
9 different universities, different mental
10 health clinics throughout the State, as
11 well as all the hospitals, to have them
12 to ask the questions that they need to
13 do.

14 So I've inserted in the purple
15 folder for you some of the items that we
16 actually give out as tools and things
17 that people can use and would -- if you
18 want more, we will mail it to you and
19 send it to you, as well as the local
20 office here with -- some of the team
21 that works here out of Baton Rouge would

22 certainly help.

23 And so in closing, I just want to
24 say that I know as I've watched all of
25 you silently and quietly for the last

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1 few years, and some of you for the last
2 year, that you are dedicated to what
3 you're doing, and so am I and so is our
4 team who work for a non-profit who are
5 credentialed and licensed and master
6 level and working hard.

7 But we just need to know from you,
8 as people who are in the connection of
9 the community where we're not
10 necessarily at, be it Baton Rouge or New
11 Orleans or wherever, is that what do we
12 need to bring to that area? And we will
13 do it, or we will find someone to do it.
14 That's our goal, because we also train
15 and offer our services to the gaming
16 industry to train all their employees
17 for the compliance trainings, and I
18 think that anywhere from 400 to 2, 3,000
19 employees, that's a lot of Louisiana
20 people I can say, hey, guess what?
21 There's a lot of services in this state
22 for people. If not, obviously for those
23 who come in the casino, but those who
24 that they know in the community and

25 family and friends.

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1 So I'm very honored again, and I
2 appreciate you taking a few minutes to
3 let me present to you the new Executive
4 Director of the Louisiana Association,
5 but I have been with them for a very
6 long time. I've been doing all the work
7 behind the scenes really, and now that
8 Reese isn't here, I can say that.

9 Anyway, he does send his regards.
10 He's very excited that I was here, and
11 he sends his regards to all of you. So
12 thank you for your time and your energy
13 and work.

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you. I want
15 to thank you on behalf of the Board and
16 thank you on behalf of the citizens of
17 the state.

18 MS. MILLER: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: We take this very
20 seriously. I don't know if you monitor
21 our meetings, but I think in November,
22 the Golden Nugget game up for a number
23 of licensing items --

24 MS. MILLER: I did.

25 CHAIRMAN JONES: -- and, of course,

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1 they had to file their plan for

2 compulsive gambling. And the comments I
3 made at the time was, this isn't some
4 drill. I mean, this is important to us,
5 and it's part of this body of law that
6 makes gaming legal in Louisiana. And
7 we're very sensitive to the issues of
8 compulsive gambling, and we don't want
9 anybody in the business, nor do business
10 operators want to take advantage of
11 anyone who is suffering from that sort
12 of addiction.

13 So we take it seriously. We
14 appreciate the work you and your
15 colleagues do, and we look forward to
16 continuing that productive relationship.

17 Are there any questions from board
18 members? Thank you so much, Janet.

19 MS. MILLER: Thank you, sir.

20 VII. COMPLIANCE REPORTS

21 CHAIRMAN JONES: At this time, we'll
22 take compliance reports. Miss Brown,
23 welcome back to the Board.

24 MS. BROWN: Good morning.

25 CHAIRMAN JONES: Good morning.

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1 MS. BROWN: Chairman Jones, Board
2 Members, I'm Mesa Brown, Assistant
3 Attorney General. Today I'll present
4 the staff reports on riverboat and

5 racetrack casino licensees' compliance
6 with the employment and procurement
7 conditions for the fourth quarter of
8 2014. I'll begin with riverboats.

9 The fourth quarter reports are taken
10 from figures reported by the 15
11 operating riverboats to the Louisiana
12 Gaming Control Board. In the fourth
13 quarter of 2014, approximately 15,129
14 people were employed by the riverboat
15 industry. Of that number, 14,722 people
16 were Louisiana residents, 9,579 were
17 minorities, and 8,722 were women.

18 Three licensees achieved total
19 compliance fourth quarter of 2014, they
20 are L'Auberge Casino & Hotel Baton
21 Rouge, Boomtown New Orleans, and
22 L'Auberge du Lac.

23 Next I'll address employment. Four
24 licensees did not meet their total
25 employment goals, and they are:

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1 DiamondJacks Casino & Resort, who
2 achieved 514 out of a goal of 650;
3 Hollywood achieved 448 out of 450;
4 Boomtown Casino Bossier achieved 595 out
5 of 650; and Eldorado Shreveport achieved
6 1,196 out of a goal of 1,200.

7 All licensees, with the exception of

8 Treasure Chest Casino, either met or
9 exceeded their voluntary conditions in
10 all of the subcategories under the main
11 category of employment. Under female
12 employment, Treasure Chest achieved 50.3
13 out of a goal of 51.86.

14 Next I'll address procurement. The
15 licensees are approved according to
16 three subcategories, which appear in
17 your report. They are Louisiana,
18 minority and female procurement.

19 Louisiana procurement: Two
20 licensees did not achieve compliance
21 with their voluntary conditions. They
22 are Horseshoe Casino & Hotel, who
23 achieved 73.6 out of a goal of
24 75 percent; Margaritaville Resort Casino
25 achieved 54.8 out of a goal of

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1 90 percent.

2 Minority procurement: Nine
3 licensees did not achieve compliance
4 with their voluntary conditions. They
5 are DiamondJacks, who achieved 7.7 out
6 of 10; Sam's Town achieved 11.6 out of
7 25; Golden Nugget, .1 out of 10;
8 Horseshoe Casino & Hotel achieved
9 10.4 percent out of a goal of
10 35 percent; Belle of Baton Rouge Casino

11 achieved 9.8 percent out of a goal of
12 15 percent; Treasure Chest Casino
13 achieved 7.2 percent out of a goal of
14 15 percent; Amelia Belle Casino achieved
15 4.5 percent out of a goal of 30 percent;
16 Isle of Capri Casino St. Charles
17 achieved 6.9 out of a goal of
18 10 percent; and Margaritaville Resort
19 Casino achieved 6.8 out of a goal of
20 10 percent.

21 Female procurement: Three licensees
22 did not achieve compliance with their
23 voluntary condition, and those licensees
24 are Golden Nugget, who achieved 1.4 out
25 of 10 percent; Horseshoe, who achieved
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1 31.2 out of 35 percent; and Hollywood,
2 who achieved 9.7 out of 10 percent.

3 Are there any questions?

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions on
5 riverboat, either employment or
6 procurement? Please proceed.

7 MS. BROWN: Thank you. Now, I'll
8 begin with racetrack. In the fourth
9 quarter of 2014, approximately 1,835
10 people were employed by the racetrack
11 casino industry. Of that number, 1,565
12 were Louisiana residents, 1,028 were
13 minorities, and 1,100 were women. All

14 racetrack casino licensees achieved
15 total compliance with the exception of
16 two licensees: Delta Downs and
17 Louisiana Downs. Delta Downs did not
18 achieve its Louisiana employment
19 condition. It achieved 63 percent out
20 of the 80 percent condition. Louisiana
21 Downs did not achieve its female
22 employment condition. It achieved 58.9
23 out of the 60 percent goal.

24 Are there any questions regarding
25 the racetracks?

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1 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions on
2 racetracks, Board Members? The Board is
3 clear.

4 MS. BROWN: Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you, Mesa.

6 For the benefit of the Board, I
7 would share with you, I represented the
8 Board in Lake Charles about three weeks
9 ago. We had a meeting of the
10 Legislative Black Caucus, and we had a
11 discussion about the employment,
12 procurement figures, and I think I
13 helped them understand the challenges.
14 We seem to be doing generally well with
15 regard to employment.

16 Procurement is the challenge.

17 Procurement's always been the challenge.
18 I shared with them some of the feedback
19 that I've gotten from general managers,
20 the difficulty sometimes at identifying
21 a minority contractor who they enter
22 into an agreement with, and then the
23 contractor's unable to provide the
24 service, which puts the property at a
25 disadvantage. They don't have liquor

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1 delivered or food delivered or whatever
2 the commodity is.

3 They had a number of questions, and
4 I think their concern was that we pay
5 attention to this; and I think everybody
6 understands that we pay attention to
7 this. And my staff and I will go back
8 and evaluate these numbers, as we've
9 done in the past. If we need to bring
10 some general managers before the Board
11 and ask them, why are you so low,
12 repeatedly so low, and how are you going
13 to change that, we have no reluctance
14 whatsoever.

15 This is at the end of the day about
16 economic development. We would not have
17 gaming today were it not for economic
18 development. I think the Casino
19 Association understands that, the fact

20 that Wade told us on the front end they
21 have a minority hiring vending fair
22 coming very soon.

23 So I know the commitment is there.
24 We all just have to keep our eye on that
25 ball, and we're going to continue to

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1 monitor the numbers.

2 Thank you, Mesa.

3 VII. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

4 A. Consideration of the Casino Support 5 Services Contract with the City of New 6 Orleans

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, at
8 this point in your packet, you will find
9 the Casino Support Services Contract for
10 the City of New Orleans. We're going to
11 call the Attorney General's
12 representative up. Good morning.

13 MS. BOGRAN: Good morning, Chairman
14 Jones, Board Members. I'm Olga Bogan,
15 Assistant Attorney General in the Gaming
16 Division, here today to present the
17 Casino Support Services Contract.

18 As you know, this process is
19 mandated by statute, Louisiana Revised
20 Statute 27:247. Effective 2012,
21 Louisiana Revised Statute 27.247 was
22 revised to remove the requirement that

23 Casino Support Services Contract
24 payments were made only quarterly. The
25 subsequent Casino Support Services

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1 Contract 2013 was amended to change the
2 provision of quarterly payments from
3 mandatory to permissible, and this year
4 the Legislature further amended 27:247
5 to include a Casino Support Services
6 Fund created to provide funding for the
7 Casino Support Services Contract.

8 Additionally, changes were made to
9 Louisiana Revised Statute 27:270, which
10 is the statute that governs the
11 collection of the revenue and
12 disbursement of funds for the Casino
13 Support Services Contract. Both of
14 these statute amendments became
15 effective May 22nd, 2014, and because of
16 these changes in the law, the language
17 that referenced quarterly payments in
18 the previous contracts has been removed
19 in this contract.

20 No other material changes were made
21 this year. The total amount asked for
22 in this contract is \$3.6 million, which
23 is the same amount that's been requested
24 since 2003.

25 The City has also submitted an

1 unaudited expenditures report relative
2 to the support services that are
3 provided to the casino, and this report
4 will be forwarded to the Legislative
5 Committee along with the contract.

6 Joining us today a Rodney Braxton,
7 as representative for the City of New
8 Orleans, and he's here to answer any
9 questions you may have.

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: Did you want to add
11 anything, Mr. Braxton?

12 MR. BRAXTON: No. I think
13 Miss Bogran did an excellent job.

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: The contract has
15 been signed by the mayor, hasn't it?

16 MR. BRAXTON: Correct.

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: Miss Olga, thank
18 you, because sometimes reading this
19 contract just makes my head hurt. This
20 is really complicated, and we appreciate
21 your work on it. It's something we're
22 all -- you know, I'm trying to learn
23 more about the contract, so I appreciate
24 your work on it.

25 Board Members, are there any

1 questions of Mr. Braxton or Miss Olga?

2 Any questions?

3 MR. STIPE: Mr. Braxton, the -- the
4 indirect or the administrative expenses
5 you've got, you've broken them down.
6 Some of them are as small as \$15,000.

7 MR. BRADFORD: Um-hmm.

8 MR. STIPE: Why is the miscellaneous
9 category \$697,000?

10 MR. BRAXTON: Well, if I had
11 prepared the report and were an
12 accountant, I could probably explain
13 that to you a little bit better, but I
14 did not and I am not. So I can do my
15 best to try to find out why they have
16 such a large miscellaneous category, but
17 I honestly don't know the answer to the
18 question.

19 MR. STIPE: Perhaps next year if we
20 have a compilation --

21 MR. BRAXTON: Sure.

22 MR. STIPE: -- would it possible to
23 maybe get a little more detailed
24 breakdown on that \$697,000 miscellaneous
25 category?

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1 MR. BRAXTON: We will make sure that
2 happens.

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you,
4 Mr. Stipe. Any other questions of the
5 Board Members? I see that the board is

6 clear. I need a motion to authorize me,
7 as Chairman, to execute the contract on
8 behalf of the Board, upon approval of
9 the contract by the Joint Legislative
10 Committee on the Budget and
11 Appropriation.

12 MS. NOONAN: I'll move.

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Miss Noonan,
14 second by Mr. Singleton. All in favor?
15 [Collective "aye."] Opposition? [No
16 response.] Carried. Thank you.

17 MR. BRAXTON: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: Just a point of
19 information for the Board Members. You
20 know we had a presentation by State
21 Police recently about potential impact
22 with the smoking ban in the City of New
23 Orleans, and that ordinance did pass
24 unanimously. I'll be meeting with Dan
25 Real, the General Manager of Harrah's,

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1 Monday. They're developing an
2 implementation plan, and it will go into
3 effect -- it's supposed to go into
4 effect within 90 days, I believe. They
5 may try and negotiate a little bit
6 longer for the casino because it's not
7 like a bar where you walk 30 feet and
8 you're outside. This is a much larger

9 facility, and it's a little more
10 complicated. But that's the direction
11 they're headed.

12 B. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for
13 the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the
14 gaming vessel of Golden Nugget Lake Charles,
15 LLC - No. R016502995

16 CHAIRMAN JONES: At this time, we'd
17 call Consideration of Certificate of
18 Compliance for the Alternate Riveboat
19 Inspection of gaming vessel Golden
20 Nugget Lake Charles, LLC, No.
21 R016502995. Good morning.

22 MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, Board
23 Members, I'm Buddy Thompson, Assistant
24 Attorney General. With me is John
25 Francic of American Bureau of Shipping

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1 Consultants, known as ABSC. We're here
2 in the matter of the Certificate of
3 Compliance for Golden Nugget Lake
4 Charles, LLC.

5 As you know with the November 20th,
6 2014, board meeting, the Board adopted a
7 resolution authorizing Chairman Jones to
8 issue a 90-day temporary Certificate of
9 Compliance to Golden Nugget. On
10 December 5th, the temporary 90-day COC
11 was issued to Golden Nugget pending the

12 successful completion of certain
13 deficiencies. To date, most of these
14 items have been completed; however, some
15 have not. Golden Nugget is therefore
16 seeking an extension for completion of
17 the remaining items until March the
18 31st, 2015.

19 For more on this, I turn the
20 presentation over to John Francic.

21 MR. FRANCIC: Good morning,
22 Chairman, Board Members, John Francic
23 with ABS Consulting here to report the
24 deficiencies of the Golden Nugget.

25 Our surveyor, Sam Maupin attended

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1 the Golden Nugget on January 7th and 8th
2 and on February 11th and 12th to check
3 the progress of clearing the 30 and
4 90-day deficiencies list that was issued
5 on December 5th, 2014. On January 7th
6 and 8th, the 30-day list of deficiencies
7 were cleared, and some of the
8 deficiencies were cleared on the 90-day
9 list; however, a few more items were
10 added to that list.

11 Another visit to the casino occurred
12 on February 11th and 12th clearing 47
13 items on that list. The contractor
14 anticipates clearing the remaining items

15 by the next Board Members. None of the
16 items on the list are life safety
17 issues. A lot of the items are outside
18 the gaming floor area from the bilge up
19 to the pilothouse, so like I said, the
20 contractor thinks that they can get it
21 all done by the next board meeting,
22 which will be the 90 days that was given
23 initially.

24 It is recommended that -- ABS
25 Consulting recommends that the

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1 certificate be extended to the end of
2 March.

3 MR. THOMPSON: We now present these
4 findings to the Board and request that
5 upon the Board accepting the
6 supplemental report submitted by ABSC,
7 the Board will move for an extension of
8 Golden Nugget's Certificate of
9 Compliance until March the 31st, 2015.

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: Are there any
11 questions, Board Members? And before I
12 ask for a motion, I would ask: Any
13 representative of the licensee wish to
14 be heard? Nothing. Okay. State Police
15 wish to be heard? No? We're good.

16 All right. No questions.

17 MR. GASTON: I'll move, Mr.

18 Chairman.
19 CHAIRMAN JONES: We have a motion to
20 issue the Certificate of Compliance,
21 which will expire March 31, 2015, by
22 Mr. Gaston, second by Mr. Jackson. All
23 in favor? [Collective "aye."] Opposed?
24 [No response.] Motion carries, so
25 approved.

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1 C. Consideration of renewal application for
2 riverboat gaming license of Belle of Orleans,
3 LLC d/b/a Amelia Belle Casino, No. R013600020

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: Consideration of
5 renewal application for riverboat gaming
6 license of Belle of Orleans, LLC, doing
7 business as Amelia Belle Casino, No.
8 R013600020. I was just there.

9 MS. MOORE: Good morning. Chairman
10 Jones, Board Members, I'm Assistant
11 Attorney General, Charmaine Moore, and
12 with me are State Police Auditor Evie
13 Ficklin and Trooper Eddie Daigle of
14 State Police. Representatives of the
15 licensee are also present today.

16 We are here in the matter of the
17 renewal of the riverboat license of
18 Belle of Orleans, LLC, doing business as
19 Amelia Belle Casino, located in Amelia,
20 Louisiana.

21 Riverboat licenses are issued for
22 five-year terms, and the license of
23 Belle of Orleans is due to expire on
24 March 24th, 2015. As part of the
25 renewal process, the A.G.'s Office

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1 worked with counsel for the licensee to
2 review and update the license conditions
3 previously placed on the license by the
4 Board. The Audit Section of State
5 Police has reviewed the financial
6 circumstances of the licensee, and the
7 Investigative Unit of State Police has
8 conducted a suitability investigation of
9 the licensee, its principals and parent
10 company.

11 At this time, Auditor Evie Ficklin
12 and Trooper Eddie Daigle will present
13 their findings to the Board.

14 MS. FICKLIN: Good morning,
15 Mr. Chairman and Board Members.

16 CHAIRMAN JONES: Morning.

17 MS. FICKLIN: I'm Evie Ficklin, an
18 auditor with Louisiana State Police.

19 The Belle of Orleans, LLC, doing
20 business as Amelia Belle Casino,
21 operates on Bayou Buck in Amelia,
22 Louisiana. Boyd Gaming Corporation,
23 Amelia Belle's ultimate parent, acquired

24 Amelia Belle and four other properties,
25 including Evangeline Downs in Opelousas,

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1 from Peninsula Gaming Partners, LLC, in
2 November 2012 for an aggregated
3 approximate \$1.45 billion.

4 Amelia Belle operates in the New
5 Orleans gaming market. In addition to
6 Amelia Belle, the New Orleans gaming
7 market is comprised of Harrah's New
8 Orleans, the land-based casino; the
9 Fairgrounds Racetrack, a casino owned by
10 Churchill Downs; and two riverboats,
11 Boomtown New Orleans operated by
12 Pinnacle Entertainment, and Treasure
13 Chest Casino, Boyd Gaming's other gaming
14 property operating in that market.

15 The bar chart on page six depicts
16 the Adjusted Gross Receipts of the
17 properties operating in the New Orleans
18 market for fiscal years 2011 through
19 2014. As shown in the chart, Amelia
20 Belle's gaming revenue ranked fourth in
21 Adjusted Gross Revenues.

22 Amelia Belle's projected cash flow
23 -- pre-cash flow schedule shown -- for
24 years 2014 through 2018 shown on page
25 24, reflects modest increases in free

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1 cash flows.

2 Boyd provided information used to
3 create the schedules beginning on page
4 13 detailing Amelia Belle's historical
5 capital expenditures beginning with
6 Boyd's acquisition of the Peninsula
7 properties in 2012 through 2014. The
8 projected capital expenditures through
9 2018 are provided on page 60.

10 Amelia Belle is a party to a water
11 bottom lease with the State of Louisiana
12 and is also a party to various leases
13 with private companies for office space,
14 storage and parking. Amelia Belle is
15 also a party of St. Martin Parish
16 wherein Amelia Belle remits a minimum
17 payment to the parish of \$1.5 million
18 annually. The St. Mary's Parish
19 agreement also includes a provision for
20 a graduated increase in the amount
21 Amelia Belle pays the parish annually
22 based on increases in the casino's
23 Adjusted Gross Revenues. The
24 spreadsheet on page 17 depicts Amelia
25 Belle's payments to St. Mary's Parish

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1 through 2014.

2 Peninsula, on behalf of its
3 subsidiaries including Amelia Belle, is

4 a party with Boyd affiliate, Boyd
5 Acquisition, LLC, to management and
6 support services agreements dated
7 November 20th, 2012. Details of some of
8 the management and support services Boyd
9 acquisition provides under those
10 agreements are found on pages seven
11 through ten.

12 Boyd is a publicly traded company.
13 Its stock price at closing on
14 February 16th, 2015, was \$14.41 per
15 share. As of September 30th, 2014, Boyd
16 owned 21 casinos and racinos in eight
17 states. The company operates five
18 Louisiana licensees, including two
19 acquired through its recent acquisition
20 of Peninsula Gaming. The pie chart on
21 page 29 depicts the distribution of
22 Louisiana gaming revenues amongst parent
23 companies operating Louisiana gaming
24 properties for fiscal years 2013 and
25 '14.

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1 In conclusion, the Board is being
2 asked to consider the renewal of Amelia
3 Belle's gaming license for a period of
4 five years effective March 24th, 2015.
5 We found no financial impediments to the
6 Board's approval of this renewal

7 application, and licensing will now
8 present the results of their
9 investigation.

10 TROOPER DAIGLE: Good morning,
11 Chairman Jones and Members of the Board.
12 I'm Trooper Eddie Daigle with Louisiana
13 State Police.

14 A renewal suitability investigation
15 was conducted on Belle of Orleans, LLC,
16 doing business as Amelia Belle Casino,
17 and all associated companies and key
18 personnel. This consisted of inquiries
19 through federal, state and local law
20 enforcement agencies, computerized
21 criminal history databases, civil
22 institutions and gaming regulatory
23 agencies.

24 During this suitability
25 investigation, no information was

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1 discovered which would preclude
2 licensing of Belle of Orleans, LLC, and
3 the associated companies or the key
4 personal.

5 At this time, I'd gladly answer any
6 questions you may have.

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions for
8 Trooper Daigle, Miss Ficklin or Miss
9 Moore? Do you wish to close?

10 MS. MOORE: Mr. Chairman, Board
11 Members, conditions were initially
12 placed on the license in 1994 when it
13 was issued a Certificate of Preliminary
14 Approval for Riverboat Gaming
15 Operations. Since initial licensing,
16 the Board has placed additional
17 conditions on the license multiple
18 times. All of those conditions were
19 consolidated by the Board previously in
20 2010.

21 Since 2010, those conditions have
22 been amended twice in 2011 and 2013.
23 It's now proposed to again consolidate
24 and update the conditions for this
25 license so they'll be similar to all the

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1 other boats. All conditions that were
2 completed, satisfied and no longer
3 applicable were removed, and there was
4 some substantive changes made to the
5 conditions and some editing of other
6 conditions.

7 The licensee has accepted and agreed
8 to be bound by the proposed Statement of
9 Conditions, and a proposed resolution,
10 subject to those conditions authorizing
11 the renewal of the license commencing
12 March 24th, 2015, has been prepared if

13 the Board approves the renewal.

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: And you're
15 satisfied with the Statement of
16 Conditions?

17 MS. MOORE: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: Does any other
19 representative from the licensee wish to
20 be heard? [No response.] Then do I
21 have a motion to adopt the resolution?

22 MAJOR MERCER: I'll move.

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Major Mercer, a
24 second --

25 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

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1 CHAIRMAN JONES: -- by Mr. Bradford.
2 Miss Tramonte, would you read the
3 resolution into the record, please.

4 THE CLERK: On the 19th day of
5 February 2015, the Louisiana Gaming
6 Control Board did, in a duly noticed
7 public meeting, consider the license
8 renewal application of Belle of Orleans,
9 LLC, doing business as Amelia Belle
10 Casino, and upon motion duly made and
11 second, the Board adopted this
12 resolution.

13 Be it resolved that the license
14 RO13600020 to conduct riverboat gaming
15 issued to Belle of Orleans, LLC, Amelia

16 Belle Casino, be renewed for a term of
17 five years commencing March 24th, 2015,
18 subject to the Statement of Conditions
19 to riverboat gaming license of Belle of
20 Orleans, LLC, attached hereto and made a
21 part thereof.

22 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
23 Louisiana, this 19th day of February,
24 2015.

25 Mr. Bradford?

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1 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

2 THE CLERK: Mr. Stipe?

3 MR. STIPE: Yes.

4 THE CLERK: Mr. Singleton?

5 MR. SINGLETON: Yes.

6 THE CLERK: Miss Noonan?

7 MS. NOONAN: Yes.

8 THE CLERK: Major Mercer?

9 MAJOR MERCER: Yes.

10 THE CLERK: Mr. Jackson?

11 MR. JACKSON: Yes.

12 THE CLERK: Mr. Gaston?

13 MR. GASTON: Yes.

14 THE CLERK: Chairman Jones?

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes, and the motion
16 carries without objection. The
17 resolution is adopted. Thank you, very
18 much.

19 D. Consideration of renewal application for the
20 riverboat gaming license of St. Charles Gaming
21 Company, LLC, d/b/a Isle of Capri Casino Hotel
22 Lake Charles, No. R011700

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: Now for
24 Consideration of renewal application for
25 the riverboat gaming license of

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1 St. Charles Gaming Company, LLC, doing
2 business as Isle of Capri Casino Hotel
3 Lake Charles. That's No. R011700174.
4 Good morning.

5 MS. MOORE: Good morning. Chairman
6 Jones, Board Members, I'm Assistant
7 Attorney General, Charmaine Moore. With
8 me are State Police Auditor Trnessia
9 Ware and Trooper Michael Daniel with
10 State Police. Representatives of the
11 licensee are also here today.

12 We're here in the matter of the
13 renewal of the riverboat license of
14 St. Charles Gaming Company, LLC, doing
15 business as Isle of Capri Casino Hotel
16 Lake Charles located in Westlake,
17 Louisiana.

18 Riverboat licenses are issued for
19 five-year terms, and the license of
20 St. Charles Gaming Company is due to
21 expire on March 29th, 2015. As part of

22 the renewal process, the A.G.'s Office
23 worked with the licensee to review the
24 license conditions previously placed on
25 the license by the Board in an effort to

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1 update those conditions.

2 The Audit Section of State Police
3 reviewed the financial circumstances of
4 the licensee, and the licensing section
5 conducted a suitability investigation of
6 the licensee, its parent company and
7 principals.

8 At this time, Auditor Trnessia Ware
9 and Trooper Michael Daniel will present
10 their findings to the Board.

11 MS. WARE: Good morning, Chairman
12 Jones and Members of the Board.

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: Morning.

14 MS. WARE: My name is Trnessia Ware
15 with Louisiana State Police Corporate
16 Securities Audit.

17 Licensee, St. Charles Gaming
18 Company, doing business as Isle of Capri
19 Casino Hotel Lake Charles, is owned
20 100 percent by IOC Holdings. IOC
21 Holdings is owned 100 percent by Isle of
22 Capri Casinos, Incorporated.

23 Isle's Lake Charles is Isle's only
24 Louisiana property. Isle is one of

25 three riverboat casinos in the Lake

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1 Charles market. The Lake Charles market
2 also consists of one slots at the track
3 casino.

4 For fiscal year 2013-2014, Isle
5 ranked third in the Lake Charles market
6 with gross receipts of approximately
7 \$136 million, or 5.6 percent of total
8 revenues generated by Louisiana
9 riverboat, land-based and slots at the
10 track casino.

11 In 2012, Isle renovated 253 of its
12 tower guest rooms. In 2013, Isle
13 renovated the hotel lobby, the meeting
14 rooms and fitness area at a cost of over
15 \$14 million.

16 In 2014, Isle budgeted approximately
17 \$5 million for capital expenditures and
18 projects it will spend approximately
19 \$14 million for years 2015 through 2019.

20 St. Charles Gaming allocates
21 management fees based on Isle's needs
22 for expenses incurred in managing and
23 supporting Isle's operation. Corporate
24 fees are allocated to support Isle with
25 costs associated with taxes, information

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1 services, legal and marketing. Page

2 seven of your report shows the amount of
3 management fees and corporate fees paid
4 for years 2011 through 2014.

5 In conclusion, no financial issues
6 came to our attention to preclude the
7 Board from approving the Isle of Capri
8 Casino Hotel Lake Charles' license for a
9 period of five years effective March 29,
10 2015.

11 Trooper Mike Daniel will now present
12 his findings.

13 SENIOR TROOPER DANIEL: Good
14 morning, Chairman Jones and Members of
15 the Board.

16 CHAIRMAN JONES: Good morning.

17 SENIOR TROOPER DANIEL: I'm Senior
18 Trooper Michael Daniel with Louisiana
19 State Police. I was assigned to conduct
20 a suitability investigation regarding
21 the license renewal of St. Charles
22 Gaming Company, LLC, doing business as
23 Isle of Capri Hotel Lake Charles.

24 This consisted of inquiries through
25 federal, state and local law enforcement

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1 agencies, computerized criminal history
2 databases, civil institutions and gaming
3 regulatory agencies.

4 During the suitability

5 investigation, no information was
6 discovered which would preclude
7 licensing of St. Charles Gaming Company,
8 LLC, doing business as Isle of Capri
9 Casino Hotel Lake Charles, the
10 associated entities or key personal.

11 At this time, I will gladly answer
12 any questions you may have.

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions for
14 Trooper Daniel, Miss Ware or Miss Moore
15 from the Board? The Board appears to be
16 clear.

17 MS. MOORE: Mr. Chairman, Board
18 Members, conditions were initially
19 placed on this license in 1995.
20 Additional conditions were placed on the
21 license only once in 2005. At this
22 time, it is proposed that a revised and
23 updated statement of conditions be
24 approved. All conditions that were
25 completed, satisfied and no longer are

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1 applicable were removed, and there was
2 some editing of other conditions.

3 The licensee has accepted and agreed
4 to be bound by the conditions, and a
5 proposed resolution, subject to the
6 proposed Statement of Conditions,
7 authorizing the renewal of the license

8 commencing March 29th, 2015, has been
9 prepared if the Board approves the
10 renewal.

11 CHAIRMAN JONES: And you were
12 satisfied with the Statement of
13 Conditions?

14 MS. MOORE: Yes, sir.

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: Do I have a motion
16 to adopt the resolution?

17 MS. NOONAN: I move.

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Miss Noonan,
19 second by --

20 MR. JACKSON: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN JONES: -- Mr. Jackson.
22 Miss Tramonte, would you read the
23 resolution into the record, please.

24 THE CLERK: On the 19th day of
25 February 2015, the Louisiana Gaming

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1 Control Board did, in a duly noticed
2 public meeting, consider the license
3 renewal application of St. Charles
4 Gaming Company, LLC, d/b/a Isle of Capri
5 Casino Hotel Lake Charles, and upon
6 motion duly made and second, the Board
7 adopted this resolution.

8 Be it resolved that the license
9 RO11700174 to conduct riverboat gaming
10 issued to St. Charles Gaming Company,

11 LLC, doing business as Isle of Capri
12 Casino Hotel Lake Charles, be renewed
13 for a term of five years commencing
14 March 29th, 2015, subject to the
15 Statement of Conditions to riverboat
16 gaming license of St. Charles Gaming,
17 LLC, attached hereto and made a part
18 hereof.

19 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
20 Louisiana, this 19th day of February
21 2015.

22 Mr. Bradford?

23 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

24 THE CLERK: Mr. Stipe?

25 MR. STIPE: Yes.

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1 THE CLERK: Mr. Singleton?

2 MR. SINGLETON: Yes.

3 THE CLERK: Miss Noonan?

4 MS. NOONAN: Yes.

5 THE CLERK: Major Mercer?

6 MAJOR MERCER: Yes.

7 THE CLERK: Mr. Jackson?

8 MR. JACKSON: Yes.

9 THE CLERK: Mr. Gaston?

10 MR. GASTON: Yes.

11 THE CLERK: Chairman Jones?

12 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes. There being
13 no objection, the motion carries. The

14 resolution is adopted. Thank you.

15 MS. MOORE: Thank you.

16 IX. VIDEO GAMING ISSUES

17 A. Consideration of the following truckstop
18 applications:

19 1. Lucky Deuces Casino, LLC, d/b/a Lucky
20 Deuces

21 Casino - No. 0109515776

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Next is:

23 Consideration of transfer of interest in
24 Lucky Deuces Casino, LLC doing business
25 as Lucky Deuces Casino. That's No.

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1 0109515776. This is a transfer of
2 interest. Good morning.

3 MS. HOOD: Good morning, Chairman
4 Jones, Members of the Board. I'm
5 Assistant Attorney General, Heather
6 Hood, appearing before the Board in the
7 matter of the transfer of 99 percent of
8 the membership interest of Lucky Deuces
9 Casino, LLC, doing business as Lucky
10 Deuces Casino.

11 Lucky Deuces Casino, LLC, doing
12 business as Lucky Deuces Casino, holds a
13 Type 5 video gaming license and operates
14 a truckstop facility located at 2002
15 Daulaut Drive, Suite B, in Duson,
16 Louisiana, which is in Acadia Parish.

17 On January 1st, 2013, Manish Sthanki
18 transferred 99 percent of his 100
19 percent membership interest in Lucky
20 Deuces Casino to Lucky Deuce, LLC, an
21 Arizona-based limited liability company.
22 Manish Sthanki retained 1 percent
23 membership interest in Lucky Deuces
24 Casino, LLC.

25 Manish Sthanki is the sole member of

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1 and holds a hundred percent of the
2 membership interest in Lucky Deuce, LLC.
3 He and his spouse, Asha Sthanki, are
4 managers of Lucky Deuce, LLC.

5 Due to the transfer, the membership
6 of Lucky Deuces Casino doing business as
7 Lucky Deuces Casino is as follows:
8 Manish Sthanki one percent, Lucky Deuce,
9 99 percent, and Manish owns a hundred
10 percent of Lucky Deuce, LLC.

11 Senior Trooper James M. Cannon
12 conducted a suitability investigation of
13 the relevant persons associated with the
14 transfers, and he is here this morning
15 to report his findings to the Board.

16 SENIOR TROOPER CANNON: Good
17 morning, Chairman and Members of the
18 Board.

19 Manish Sthanki is the sole member of

20 Lucky Deuce, LLC. Asha Sthanki is a
21 manager of Lucky Deuce, LLC. Manish
22 Sthanki and Asha Sthanki previously
23 underwent a suitability investigation
24 under the existing license of Park
25 Forest Investment, LLC, video gaming

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1 license No. 0109615777 and this license.

2 An updated criminal history check
3 was conducted on Manish Sthanki and Asha
4 Sthanki. I found no information that
5 would preclude Lucky Deuce, LLC, from
6 participating in or that would preclude
7 Manish or Asha Sthanki from continuing
8 to participate in the video gaming
9 industry or that would preclude the
10 continued licensing of Lucky Deuces
11 Casinos, LLC, doing business as Lucky
12 Deuces Casino.

13 MS. HOOD: The Office of the
14 Attorney General has reviewed the file
15 compiled as a result of the Division's
16 investigation. Our review indicates
17 that no information was found that would
18 preclude the continued licensing of
19 Lucky Deuces Casino, LLC, doing business
20 as Lucky Deuces Casino.

21 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any there questions
22 from the Board? The Board is clear. We

23 have a motion to approve the transfer of
24 interest by Mr. Bradford and a second by
25 Mr. Singleton. All in favor?

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1 [Collective "aye."] There's no
2 opposition.

3 MR. GASTON: Could anybody vote
4 against Lucky Deuces?

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: The motion carries.
6 Thank you.

7 2. Big Top Travel Center & Casino, LLC, d/b/a Big
8 Top Travel Center & Casino - No. 3300512939
9 (transfer of interest)

10 3. Coushatta Truckstop, LLC, d/b/a Coushatta
11 Truckstop - No. 4101511094 (transfer of
12 interest)

13 4. QuickDraw Travel Plaza & Casino, LLC, d/b/a
14 QuickDraw Travel Center & Casino - No.
15 6000515065 (transfer of interest)

16 5. Minden Truck Center, LLC, d/b/a Waverly
17 Truckstop - No. 3300510619 (transfer of
18 interest)

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: Now what comes
20 before us, we're going to take these in
21 globo, transfers of interest in Big Top
22 Travel Center & Casino as further
23 detailed, Item No. 2 in your agenda;
24 Coushatta Truckstop, LLC, doing business
25 as Coushatta Truckstop, as further

1 detailed on your agenda; QuickDraw
2 Travel Plaza & Casino, LLC doing
3 business as QuickDraw Travel Plaza &
4 Casino, as further detailed in your
5 agenda; and the Minden's Truck Center
6 doing business as Waverly Truckstop.

7 MS. HOOD: Good morning again.

8 CHAIRMAN JONES: Good morning again.

9 MS. HOOD: Chairman Jones, Members
10 of the Board, I'm Assistant Attorney
11 General, Heather Hood, appearing before
12 the Board in the matter of the transfer
13 of Janet B. Hill's 20 percent membership
14 interest in Minden Truck Center, LLC, to
15 The Janet Burnett Brown Hill Living
16 Trust.

17 Minden Truck Center, LLC, doing
18 business as Waverly Truckstop, holds a
19 Type 5 video gaming license and operates
20 a truckstop facility located at 313
21 Highway 577, Delhi, Louisiana, in
22 Madison Parish.

23 Minden Truck Center is the sole
24 member of the following gaming license:
25 QuickDraw Travel Plaza & Casino, LLC,

1 doing business as QuickDraw Travel
2 Center & Casino, which holds a Type 5

3 video gaming license and operates a
4 truckstop facility located at 1703
5 Highway 531, Minden, Louisiana, in Red
6 River Parish; Coushatta Truckstop, LLC,
7 doing business as Coushatta Truckstop,
8 which holds a Type 5 video gaming
9 license and operates a truckstop
10 facility located at 945 Highway 71
11 Cutoff, Coushatta, Louisiana in Red
12 River Parish; and Big Top Travel Center
13 & Casino, LLC, doing business as Big Top
14 Travel Center & Casino, which holds a
15 Type 5 video gaming license and operates
16 a truckstop facility located at 420
17 Highway 577 South, Delhi, Louisiana, in
18 Madison Parish.

19 On September 1st, 2013, Janet B.
20 Hill, a 20 percent member of Minden
21 Truck Center, passed away. In
22 accordance with Janet B. Hill's will,
23 her 20 percent membership interest in
24 Minden Truck Center transferred to The
25 Janet Brunett Brown Hill Living Trust.

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1 Janet B. Hill's daughter, Lou-Ann Brown
2 Terry, was appointed as the independent
3 executor of the estate of Janet B. Hill
4 and named trustee of The Janet Burnett
5 Brown Hill Living Trust upon Janet B.

6 Hill's death.

7 Under the terms of The Janet Burnett
8 Brown Hill Living Trust agreement, Janet
9 B. Hill's interest in Minden is part of
10 the residue of her estate. There are
11 two classes of residuary beneficiaries
12 of the Living Trust: The 2009 GST Trust
13 and the 2006 Descendant Exempt Trusts,
14 which both set up individual trusts for
15 the Janet B. Hills -- for her
16 descendants. Angela Linburg, Lou-Ann
17 Terry and Richard W. Brown are the
18 principal and income beneficiaries of
19 their own respective trusts.

20 The transfer of the 20 percent
21 membership interest in Minden Truck
22 Center caused the transfer of an
23 indirect interest in QuickDraw Travel
24 Plaza & Casino, Coushatta Truckstop and
25 Big Top Travel Center & Casino. The

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1 membership of the licensees is currently
2 as follows: The only change was Janet
3 B. Hill owned 20 percent, and now it's
4 The Janet Burnett Brown Hill Living
5 Trust which owns 20 percent, and then
6 Minden owns a hundred percent of all the
7 other three.

8 Trooper Vincent Lenguyen conducted a

9 suitability investigation of the
10 relevant persons associated with the
11 transfers. He's here this morning to
12 report his findings to the Board.

13 TROOPER LENGUYEN: Good morning,
14 Chairman Jones and Board Members. My
15 name is Trooper Vincent Lenguyen with
16 Louisiana State Police. I'm here to
17 report my findings.

18 All associated persons previously
19 submitted to a suitability investigation
20 on these licenses. An updated criminal
21 history check was conducted on Angela
22 Linburg, Lou-Ann Terry, Richard Brown
23 and their respective spouses, William
24 Linburg, Sean Terry and Rhonda Brown.
25 The membership interest held by Janet B.

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1 Hill and Minden Truck Center, LLC, was
2 transferred to The Janet Burnett Brown
3 Hill Living Trust.

4 No information was found that would
5 preclude the associated persons from
6 continuing to participate in the video
7 gaming industry or to preclude the
8 continuing license of these licenses.

9 MS. HOOD: The Office of the
10 Attorney General reviewed the file
11 compiled as a result of the Division's

12 investigation. Our review indicates
13 that no information was found that would
14 preclude the continued licensing of
15 Minden Truckstop Center, LLC, doing
16 business as Waverly Truckstop; QuickDraw
17 Travel Plaza & Casino, LLC, doing
18 business as QuickDraw Travel Center &
19 Casino; Coushatta Truckstop, LLC, doing
20 business as Coushatta Truckstop; and Big
21 Top Travel Center & Casino, LLC, doing
22 business as Big Top Travel Center &
23 Casino.

24 I did want to note there's a pending
25 administrative action for failure to

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1 timely notify. The contact person of
2 Minden Truck Center, LLC, was not
3 notified of Mrs. Hill's death, and the
4 licensees have expressed a desire to
5 settle those matters.

6 CHAIRMAN JONES: You're otherwise
7 satisfied.

8 MS. HOOD: Yes, sir.

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: Very good. Do I
10 have a motion to approve the transfer of
11 interest that's enumerated in Items No.
12 2 through 5?

13 MR. SINGLETON: So moved.

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Mr. Singleton,

15 second by Mr. Gaston. All in favor?
16 [Collective "aye."] No opposition. The
17 approval is -- the transfer of interest
18 is approved. Thank you.

19 6. Whispering Pines Plaza & Casino, LLC, d/b/a
20 Whispering Pines Casino - No. 4600515433
21 (transfer of interest)

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: And now finally
23 before us a truckstop, the last matter
24 of business, consideration of a new
25 truckstop application --

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1 MS. SMITH: Number 6.

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Oh, Number 6. I'm
3 sorry. I skipped right over it.
4 Whispering Pines Plaza & Casino, LLC,
5 doing business as Whispering Pines
6 Casino, No. 4600515433. This is a
7 transfer of interest. Pardon me for
8 being too quick.

9 Good morning.

10 MR. PITRE: Good morning, Chairman
11 and Board Members. I am Assistant
12 Attorney General, Earl Pitre, Jr.,
13 appearing before the Board in the matter
14 of the transfers of membership interest
15 in Whispering Pines Plaza Casino, LLC,
16 doing business as Whispering Pines Plaza
17 & Casino.

18 Whispering Pines is located at 325
19 Highway 10, Suite C, Greensburg,
20 Louisiana, in St. Helena Parish.

21 On April 8th, 2009, Joe Penn
22 transferred 20 percent, just half of his
23 40 percent membership interest in the
24 licensee, to Debra White and James
25 White, each receiving 10 percent.

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1 Jeremy Hudson transferred 25.5 percent,
2 which is half of his 1 percent
3 membership interest in the licensee, to
4 Sarah Tate. Jeremy Hudson also
5 transferred 12.75 percent, which is half
6 of his 25.5 percent membership interest
7 in the licensee, to his spouse, Angela
8 Hudson. Robert Wall transferred all of
9 his 5 percent membership interest in the
10 licensee to Joe Penn.

11 On March 29th, 2010, Sarah Tate
12 assigned her 25.5 percent membership
13 interest in the licensee to H & T
14 Investments, LLC. Chad Tate and Sarah
15 Tate each held 50 percent membership
16 interest in H & T Investments, LLC.

17 This right here -- for the April 8th,
18 2009, transfers, and this is the
19 March 29th, 2010, transfers.

20 On April 10th, 2012, Travis Gaming,

21 LLC, transferred all of its 4 percent
22 membership interest in the licensee to
23 Jerry Travis, and then lastly, on
24 May 14, 2013, Jeremy Hudson, Angela
25 Hudson and H & T Investments transferred

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1 all of their membership interest
2 totaling 51 percent in the licensee to
3 Joe Penn, the managing member and then
4 25 percent owner of the licensee.

5 Subsequent to these transfers,
6 Stephen Foreman was hired as a casino
7 manager. His spouse, Wendy Foreman, was
8 hired as a casino manager and
9 bookkeeper; Darin Peairs was hired as a
10 casino manager, and his spouse, Patricia
11 Peairs, was hired as a casino manager
12 and bookkeeper.

13 Based on both transfers, the current
14 membership interest in the licensee is:
15 Joe Penn with 76 percent, James White
16 with 10 percent, Debra White with
17 10 percent and Jerry Travis with
18 4 percent.

19 Trooper Vincent Lenguyen conducted a
20 suitability investigation of the
21 relevant persons associated with the
22 transfer. He is present this morning to
23 report his findings to the Board.

24 TROOPER LENGUYEN: Chairman Jones
25 and Board Members, I conducted an

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1 investigation of the various transfer of
2 interest. Joe Penn, James White and
3 Debra White and Jerry Travis and Sandra
4 Travis previously met suitability under
5 the license. An updated suitability
6 investigation revealed no information
7 that would preclude Joe Penn, Patricia
8 Penn, James White, Debra White, Jerry
9 Travis from continuing to participate in
10 the gaming industry.

11 A suitability investigation
12 conducted on Stephen Foreman, Wendy
13 Foreman, Darin Peairs, and Patricia
14 Peairs revealed no information that
15 would preclude them from participating
16 in the video gaming industry.

17 MR. PITRE: The Office of the
18 Attorney General has reviewed the file
19 compiled as a result of the
20 investigation conducted by the Office of
21 State Police. Our review indicates that
22 no information was found that would
23 preclude the continued licensing of
24 Whispering Pines Plaza & Casino, LLC,
25 doing business as Whispering Pines Plaza

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1 & Casino.
2 Further, no information has been
3 found to preclude Joe Penn, Debra White,
4 James White, Jerry Travis, Stephen
5 Foreman, Wendy Foreman, Darin Peairs and
6 Patricia Peairs from participating in
7 the gaming industry.

8 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions?
9 Mr. Stipe.

10 MR. STIPE: They're strictly
11 witnesses in that matter in Colorado?

12 MR. PITRE: Yes.

13 TROOPER LENGUYEN: Yes.

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any other
15 questions? Do I have a motion to
16 approve the transfer of interest?

17 MS. NOONAN: I'll move.

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Miss Noonan,
19 second by Mr. Gaston. All in favor?
20 [Collective "aye."] Opposed? Without
21 opposition the motion carries. The
22 transfer is approved.

23 7. Emerald Palace Truck & Casino Plaza, LLC, d/b/a
24 Emerald Palace Truck & Casino Plaza - No.
25 6100517119 (new application)

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1 CHAIRMAN JONES: And now we take a
2 new truckstop application:
3 Consideration of the application of

4 Emerald Palace Truckstop & Casino Plaza,
5 LLC, doing business as Emerald Palace
6 Truck & Casino Plaza, No. 6100517119,
7 for a video gaming license.

8 MS. HOOD: Morning, again, Chairman
9 Jones, Members of the Board.

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: Morning.

11 MS. HOOD: I'm Heather Hood,
12 Assistant Attorney General, here to
13 present before the Board in the matter
14 of the original application of Emerald
15 Palace Truck & Casino Plaza, LLC, doing
16 business as Emerald Palace Truck &
17 Casino Plaza, LLC, applying for approval
18 of a Type 5 video draw poker gaming
19 license.

20 The truckstop facility is located at
21 the 321 Lobdell Highway, Port Allen,
22 Louisiana, in West Baton Rouge Parish.
23 H & R Truckstop & Casino, LLC,
24 previously held a Type 5 truckstop
25 license on the same premises where the

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1 applicant is applying for a new license.
2 H & R Truckstop & Casino surrendered its
3 video gaming license on February 10,
4 2012. The Louisiana Gaming Control
5 Board granted the approval of their
6 request for surrender on February 16,

7 2012.

8 On December 19th, 2013, Emerald
9 Palace Truck & Casino Plaza purchased
10 two tracts of land equaling
11 approximately 5.101 acres, which
12 includes the existing qualified
13 truckstop facility from WSM Properties,
14 LLC.

15 Emerald Palace Truck & Casino Plaza,
16 LLC, submitted a video draw poker
17 license application within 36 months of
18 the approval of the surrender of the
19 video draw poker truckstop license held
20 by H & R Truckstop & Casino, LLC.

21 Therefore, the truckstop facility is
22 waived from meeting the one mile
23 distance requirement from the National
24 Register of Historic Places. The public
25 playground, residential property are a

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1 national register of historic places --
2 buildings used primarily by a church,
3 synagogue, public library or school.

4 The convenience store, fuel
5 facility, restaurant and gaming area are
6 all owned, operated and managed by
7 Emerald Palace Truck & Casino Plaza,
8 LLC.

9 The associated persons and

10 membership interest of the applicant are
11 as follows: Bryan E. Brush, III, owns
12 33 1/3 percent, Raymond Loup and Randall
13 Loup own 16.666 percent; Mark Spring,
14 Ladd Spring and Davin Spring all have
15 11.111 percent, and their respective
16 spouses.

17 Trooper Vincent Lenguyen has
18 inspected the truckstop facility and
19 conducted suitability investigations of
20 the associated persons. He is present
21 this morning to report his findings to
22 the Board.

23 TROOPER LENGUYEN: Chairman Jones
24 and Board Members, Trooper Lenguyen. I
25 followed -- the following associated

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1 persons previously submitted to a
2 suitability investigation in connection
3 with other video poker licenses: Rodney
4 Bush, III, Melanie S. Bush, Raymond R.
5 Loup, Mardell S. Loup, Randall P. Loup,
6 and Hayley R. Loup. Mark B. Spring,
7 Kristen M. Spring, Ladd C. Spring and
8 Davin O. Spring were not connected to
9 any other video gaming licenses. I
10 conducted a suitability investigation
11 and criminal history inquiry on them.

12 An on-site inspection was conducted,

13 and I was -- and it was determined that
14 the establishment meet all criteria set
15 forth in the video gaming law as a
16 qualified truckstop facility. All
17 required license and permits were posted
18 and valid at the time of the inspection.

19 The establishment consists of at
20 least five contiguous acres,
21 specifically 5.101 acres. The
22 establishment has a separate area for
23 adult patrons only as required by state
24 gaming law.

25 I found no information to preclude

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1 the issuance of a Type 5 video draw
2 poker gaming license to Emerald Palace
3 Truck & Casino Plaza, LLC, doing
4 business as Emerald Palace Truck &
5 Casino Plaza, LLC, or to preclude Bryan
6 E. Bush, Melanie Bush, Raymond Loup,
7 Mardell Loup, Randall Loup and Hayley
8 Loup from continuing to participate in
9 the gaming industry. I also did not
10 find any information to preclude Davin
11 O. Spring, Mark Spring, Kristen Spring
12 and Ladd Spring from participating in
13 the gaming industry.

14 MS. HOOD: The Office of the
15 Attorney General has reviewed the file

16 compiled as a result of the
17 investigation conducted by the Gaming
18 Enforcement Division of the Office of
19 State Police. Our review indicates that
20 no information has been found to
21 preclude the issuance of a Type 5
22 license to Emerald Palace Truck & Casino
23 Plaza, LLC, doing business as Emerald
24 Palace Truck & Casino Plaza, LLC.

25 CHAIRMAN JONES: Are there any

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1 questions? The Board is clear. Do I
2 have a motion to approve the
3 application, issue a license?

4 MR. GASTON: I'll move,
5 Mr. Chairman.

6 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Mr. Gaston,
7 second --

8 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: -- by Mr. Bradford.
10 All in favor? [Collective "aye."]
11 Without opposition it passes. Thank you
12 very much.

13 X. RULEMAKING

14 A. Consideration of institution of rule-making
15 procedures for amendments to the following:

- 16 1. LAC 42:III.1701 (Definitions)
- 17 2. LAC 42:III.2108.C (Non-Gaming Suppliers)
- 18 3. LAC 42:III.2109.B (Suitability)

- 19 Determination)
- 20 4. LAC 42:III.2114.A (Tax Clearance of an
- 21 Applicant, Licensee or Permittee)
- 22 5. LAC 42:III.2721 (Internal Controls; Tips
- 23 or Gratuities)
- 24 6. LAC 42:III.2737 (Casino Gaming Payment
- 25 Interception)

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- 1 7. LAC 42:III.2915 (Age Restrictions for
- 2 Casinos; Methods to Prevent Minors from
- 3 Gaming Area)
- 4 8. LAC 42:III.2955.B (Managerial
- 5 Representative on Premises)
- 6 9. LAC 42:III.4204.D.4 (Progressive
- 7 Electronic Gaming Devices)
- 8 10. LAC 42:III.2405 (Application and
- 9 License)
- 10 11. LAC 42:III.2424.B (Penalty Schedule)

11 CHAIRMAN JONES: We now move to

12 Section X., Rulemaking. Consideration

13 of institution of rule-making procedures

14 for amendments to rules as listed in

15 detail, Item Number X, Section A.

16 That's number one through 11, as will be

17 explained by Mr. Pitre.

18 Good morning.

19 MR. PITRE: Good morning. Chairman

20 Jones, Board Members, again Earl Pitre,

21 Jr., Assistant Attorney General, here in

22 the matter of institution of the
23 rule-making procedures.

24 First is the amendments to LAC Title
25 42, Part III, Section 1701, Definitions.

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1 Currently the rule has as a defined term
2 "key gaming employee or managerial
3 employee." The rule change removes "or
4 managerial employee" from the defined
5 term. The rule change also removes
6 section -- subparagraph D from the
7 definition, which concerns designated
8 people as managerial representatives on
9 the premises. The rule change further
10 removes the phrase "in the opinion of
11 the board" to conform with the
12 Legislative change to Louisiana Revised
13 Statute Title 27, Section 28.H, by Act
14 738 of the 2014 regular legislative
15 session.

16 Next is the amendments to LAC Title
17 42, Part III, Section 2108.C, which is
18 of non-gaming suppliers. This change
19 adds professional sports and racing
20 teams regulated by national sectioning
21 bodies to the list of persons who are
22 exempt from obtaining a non-gaming
23 supplier permit.

24 Next is the amendments to LAC Title

25 42 --

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1 MR. STIPE: I'm sorry. And this one
2 allows them to sponsor? Is that the
3 idea of this? Why are we adding this, I
4 guess?

5 MR. PITRE: The industry had
6 wanted --

7 MR. DUTY: Wade Duty, Executive
8 Director of the Louisiana Casino
9 Association.

10 This is one that's relevant, for
11 example, like Texas Motor Speedway. If
12 a casino obtains a lease on a booth box
13 for entertainment purposes for hiring
14 players and things like that, this would
15 relieve them of the permitting process.
16 You always retain the ability to call
17 them forward should you have suspicion
18 that there's a reason to do so, but
19 you're basically talking NASCAR teams so
20 that it was not really relevant to the
21 conduction of gaming in Louisiana that
22 these people go through the permitting
23 process.

24 MR. STIPE: Okay.

25 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you, Wade.

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1 Please proceed, Mr. Pitre.

2 MR. PITRE: Next item is the
3 amendments to LAC Title 42, Part III,
4 Section 2109, Suitability
5 Determinations. This rule change is
6 also about the removal of "in the
7 opinion of the board" to conform with
8 the legislative change to Louisiana
9 Revised Statute Title 27, Section 28.H,
10 by Act 738 of the 2014 regular
11 legislative session.

12 The legislative change also provided
13 the criteria that the Board or the
14 Division may consider when determining
15 whether a person has the ability or
16 capacity to exercise significant
17 influence, such as management and
18 decision-making authority, operational
19 control, financial relationship, receipt
20 of gaming revenue or proceeds, financial
21 indebtedness, and gaming-related
22 associations.

23 Next is the amendments to LAC Title
24 42, Part III, Section 2114. This change
25 is to clarify that casino gaming

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1 applicants, licensees and permittees
2 would no longer be required to provide a
3 tax clearance from the Internal Revenue
4 Service.

5 Next is the amendments to LAC Title
6 42, Part III, Section 2721, internal
7 controls, tips or gratuities. The rule
8 change is intended to establish the
9 manner in which tips are handled, either
10 pooled or separate from the pro rata
11 distribution pool, and it also allows
12 key gaming employees or other gaming
13 employees, serving in a supervisory
14 position, to handle, transport or
15 temporarily possess a tip of an eligible
16 employee in accordance with the
17 licensee's internal controls. Key
18 gaming employees or other gaming
19 employees serving in supervisory
20 positions may not accept tips for
21 themselves.

22 Next is the amendments to LAC Title
23 42, Part III, Section 2737. This rule
24 change is intended to make the rule
25 conform to the legislative enactment of

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1 Louisiana Revised Statute Title 47,
2 Section 1676.B4, by Act 816 of the 2014
3 regular legislative session. The rule
4 change provides the procedure for
5 licensees and permittees to follow when
6 determining whether a winning patron
7 owes a debt to a state agency once the

8 single point inquiry system that allows
9 for searches of one or more realtime
10 databases containing debt information is
11 made available.

12 Next is the amendments to LAC Title
13 41, Part III, Section 2915, age
14 restrictions for casinos, methods to
15 prevent minors from gaming areas. The
16 rule of change is intended to make the
17 rule conform to the legislative changes
18 to Louisiana Revised Statute Title 14,
19 Section 90.5, by Act Number 738 of the
20 2014 regular legislative session.

21 The change provides an exception for
22 emergency personnel, who are under the
23 age of 21 and acting in their official
24 capacity, to enter a designated gaming
25 area of a riverboat, the official gaming

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1 establishment, or the designated slot
2 machine area of a pari-mutuel wagering
3 facility.

4 Next is the amendments to LAC Title
5 42, Part III, Section 2955.B. This rule
6 change expands the pool of employees
7 from which the licensees or the casino
8 operator can select to be managers to
9 include both key gaming employees and
10 non-key gaming employees. The rule of

11 change also clarifies that the employee
12 acting as a managerial representative on
13 behalf of the licensee or the casino
14 operator shall be selected from gaming
15 permitted positions of managerial level
16 or higher.

17 Next is the amendments to LAC Title
18 42, Part III, Section 4204.D4. The
19 current rule provides that all
20 progressive jackpot transfers shall be
21 prominently posted at or near the
22 applicable electronic gaming device at
23 least 14 days in advance of the
24 requested transfer date. The rule of
25 change shortens the time period from

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1 fourteen days to seven days.

2 Next is the amendments to LAC Title
3 41, Part IX, Section 2405, which is
4 applications and license. The rule of
5 change is intended to clarify that it is
6 the sales tax clearance certificate that
7 needs to be submitted with all renewal
8 applications and the annual fee,
9 regardless of the expiration date of the
10 license. The rule of change also
11 provides the proper citation that's
12 referenced in that section to state:
13 Subparagraph B.10.A of this section.

14 Lastly is the amendments to LAC
15 Title 42, Part IX, Section 2424.B, the
16 penalty schedule. This change is
17 intended to make the penalty consistent
18 with Louisiana Revised Statute Title 27,
19 Section 435.F.2, by reducing the amount
20 in the penalty schedule to 500 to 250
21 for first offense, from 1,000 to 500 for
22 a second offense, and from --
23 administrative action to 1,000 or
24 administrative action for third offense.

25 The penalty schedule is also being

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1 amended to reflect the change in the
2 citation for the violation from
3 2405.C.3.D to 2409.C.3.B, and a
4 reference to 2405 -- 2409.C.3.B was
5 added in the description of the penalty
6 to include the fine plus interest.

7 If the Board has no questions, a
8 motion to institute the rule-making
9 procedures in needed.

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you,
11 Mr. Pitre. Before I open it up to the
12 Board, just let me give them some
13 assurance that my staff and I have
14 worked very closely with State Police,
15 with the Attorney General's Office and
16 representatives of the industry where

17 appropriate. In going through the
18 liberty process, I know we threw a lot
19 at you here, but these are things that
20 we've worked on over weeks and months.

21 MR. PITRE: Since June 23rd, at
22 least.

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: And it's just --
24 you know, it's really the tough part of
25 this job. So we've been heavily

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1 involved in it, and we're satisfied with
2 what we have here. It's simply to
3 institute the rule-making process. Are
4 there any questions?

5 The Board is clear. Do I have a
6 motion to institute the rule-making
7 procedures?

8 MR. SINGLETON: I'll move.

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Mr. Singleton --

10 MAJOR MERCER: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN JONES: -- second by
12 Mr. Mercer. All in favor? [Collective
13 "aye."] Motion carries. Thank you very
14 much.

15 XI. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED

16 SETTLEMENTS/REHEARING REQUEST IN THE
17 FOLLOWING:

18 1. In Re: Lillie Jackson d/b/a Twin Stop
19 Lounge - No. 3601111384 (proposed

20 settlement)

21 CHAIRMAN JONES: First up is in
22 regard to Lillie Jackson doing business
23 as Twin Stop Lounge. That's No.
24 3601111384. Good morning.

25 MR. LEWIS: Good morning, Chairman
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1 Jones, Members of the Board. I'm Kanick
2 Lewis, Jr., Assistant Attorney General,
3 representing Office of State Police, and
4 I'm here today regarding the matter of
5 Lillie Jackson doing business as Twin
6 Stop Lounge.

7 And Twin Stop Lounge is a Type 1
8 licensed establishment located at 8600
9 Chef Menture Highway in New Orleans.

10 On February 18th, 2014, the Division
11 mailed a video gaming advisory notice to
12 Twin Stop informing them of the
13 requirement and the deadline date to
14 submit the annual fee and supporting
15 documents. On June 16, 2014, an urgent
16 reminder was mailed to Twin Stop
17 reminding them that the annual license
18 fee and supporting documents had not
19 been received by the required date.

20 Twin Stop did not submit the annual
21 license fee and supporting documents
22 until December 4th, 2014, which is

23 approximately five months after their
24 deadline. Twin Stop failed to timely
25 submit the annual license fee and

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1 supporting documents, which is a
2 violation of gaming law.

3 In lieu of administrative action,
4 Twin Stop will pay a civil penalty of
5 \$750 towards violation of the gaming
6 law.

7 Hearing Officer Reynolds has signed
8 off on the joint compromise and
9 settlement agreement, and we're here
10 today seeking the Board's approval. At
11 this time, I will answer any questions
12 you may have.

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board, any
14 questions as to the settlement
15 provisions? Do I have a motion to
16 approve the settlement?

17 MS. NOONAN: I'll move.

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Miss Noonan.

19 MR. JACKSON: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN JONES: Second by
21 Mr. Jackson. All in favor? [Collective
22 "aye."] The motion carries, settlement
23 is approved.

24 2. In Re: The Phoenix Bar Complex, LLC, d/b/a
25 Phoenix - No. 3601114959 (proposed settlement)

1 CHAIRMAN JONES: Now in regards to
2 The Phoenix Bar Complex, LLC, doing
3 business as Phoenix, No. 3601114959.

4 MR. LEWIS: And good morning, Kanick
5 Lewis, Jr., with the Attorney General's
6 Office, representing the Office of State
7 Police regarding the matter of The
8 Phoenix Bar Complex, LLC, doing business
9 as Phoenix.

10 Phoenix is a Type 1 licensed
11 establishment located at 941 Elysian
12 Fields Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana.

13 On February 18th, the Division
14 mailed a video gaming advisory notice to
15 Phoenix informing them of the
16 requirement and deadline date to submit
17 the annual fee and all supporting
18 documents. On June 16th, an urgent
19 reminder was mailed to Phoenix reminding
20 them that the annual license fee and
21 supporting documents had not been
22 received by the required date.

23 Phoenix did not submit the required
24 documents and annual fee to the Division
25 until December 2nd, 2014, approximately

1 five months after the deadline.

2 Phoenix failed to timely submit the

3 annual license fee and supporting
4 documents, which is a violation of
5 gaming law. In lieu of administrative
6 action, Phoenix will pay a civil penalty
7 of \$750 towards violation of the law.

8 Hearing Officer Reynolds has signed
9 off on the joint compromise and
10 settlement agreement, and we're here
11 today seeking the Board's approval.

12 At this time, I'd be happy to answer
13 any questions you may have.

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions,
15 Board Members?

16 MR. JACKSON: I make a motion we
17 approve.

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: We have a motion by
19 Mr. Jackson, a second by Mr. Gaston.

20 All in favor? [Collective "aye."]

21 Opposition? [No response.] Settlement
22 is approved.

23 3. In Re: Scorpio Rising, inc., d/b/a Bourbon Pub
24 & Parade Disco - No. 3601116248 (proposed
25 settlement)

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1 CHAIRMAN JONES: And now in regard
2 to Scorpio Rising, Inc., doing business
3 as Bourbon Pub & Parade Disco, No.
4 3601116248.

5 MR. HEBERT: Good morning, Chairman

6 Jones, Members of the Board.
7 Christopher Hebert representing the
8 Louisiana Office of State Police in the
9 matter of Scorpio Rising, Inc., doing
10 business as Bourbon Pub & Parade.

11 On the evening of October 14th,
12 2014, a patron won \$1,000 at the
13 licensed establishment. The patron
14 stated that a bartender told him that he
15 did not have enough money to pay him and
16 by law had 48 hours to pay a winning
17 ticket. The patron was also told this
18 by a second employee. The patron stated
19 that he was told to come back the next
20 morning to pick up his money, and when
21 the patron did return on the next day,
22 October 15th, the patron received
23 payment from the licensee.

24 The licensee failed to pay out the
25 voucher when presented in violation of

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1 gaming law, and in lieu of
2 administrative action, the licensee will
3 pay a civil penalty of \$500 for its
4 violation of gaming law. The hearing
5 officer has signed off on the
6 settlement, and we're here this morning
7 seeking the Board's approval.

8 And I'll be happy to answer any

9 questions the Board might have.

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

12 I'll take a motion to approve the
13 settlement.

14 MR. JACKSON: Motion to approve.

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Mr. Jackson.

16 Second?

17 MS. NOONAN: I'll second.

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Mr. Singleton.

19 All in favor? [Collective "aye."]

20 Without opposition, the settlement is
21 approved. Thank you very much.

22 4. In Re: Noonie's Po-Boys & All, LLC, d/b/a

23 Noonie's Po-Boys & All - No. 2600216972

24 (rehearing request)

25 CHAIRMAN JONES: And now finally a

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1 rehearing request in regard to Noonie's
2 Po-Boy & All, LLC, doing business as
3 Noonie's Po-Boys & All, No. 2600216972.

4 Is anyone here from Noonie's? [No
5 response.] Please proceed.

6 MR. HEBERT: Again, good morning,
7 Chairman, Members of the Board,
8 Christopher Hebert, Assistant Attorney
9 General, representing the Office of
10 State Police in the request for a
11 rehearing regarding the notice of

12 revocation which was filed by Noonie's
13 Po-Boys & All, LLC, doing business as
14 Noonie's Po-Boys & All.

15 The issue before this honorable
16 board is clear, and it is should this
17 board grant the licensee's request for a
18 rehearing when all legal requirements
19 for the acts taken by this board were
20 complied with. The licensee failed to
21 avail itself of a right to a hearing,
22 and the licensee remains out of
23 compliance.

24 On June 16th of last year, the
25 Division mailed an urgent reminder

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1 letter to the licensee informing
2 Noonie's that the Division had not
3 received its completed annual license
4 form, \$200 annual fee and other required
5 documents. The letter also informed
6 Noonie's that those documents and annual
7 fee must be submitted by July 1st, 2014,
8 and as of October 27th, 2014, Noonie's
9 had not come into compliance.

10 Therefore, on November 7th, 2014, a
11 notice of availability of compliance
12 conference was sent via certified mail
13 to the mailing address of the licensee,
14 which set the compliance conference for

15 December 2nd of 2014. The notice of
16 availability of compliance conference
17 was delivered to the mailing address of
18 the licensee on November 10th of last
19 year. Despite proof of delivery of this
20 notice of availability of compliance
21 conference, no representative of the
22 licensee attended the compliance
23 conference.

24 And on December 9th this Board
25 issued a notice of recommendation of

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1 revocation and sent the notice via
2 certified mail. Notice was delivered to
3 Noonie's on December 11th of last year.
4 The notice detailed Noonie's right to
5 request in writing an administrative
6 hearing with the hearing officer of the
7 board within ten calendar days of
8 receipt of that notice, and also set
9 forth the consequences for failing to do
10 so. The Newmans failed to request a
11 hearing by December 22nd, 2014.

12 On January 6th, 2015, 15 days past
13 the expiration of the time that Noonie's
14 had to request a hearing, this Board
15 issued and sent via certified mail a
16 notice of revocation revoking the Type 1
17 video draw poker license. Finally, on

18 January 14th of this year, seven months
19 after its initial notice through that
20 urgent reminder letter, the Board
21 received a letter from Noonie's
22 requesting a rehearing.

23 Now, why should this Board grant
24 Noonie's request for a rehearing when,
25 again, all legal requirements for action

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1 that was taken by this Board were
2 complied with? The licensee failed to
3 avail itself of a right to a hearing,
4 and the licensee remains out of
5 compliance.

6 Further, Louisiana law imposes
7 certain prerequisites for the request
8 for a rehearing. The grounds for such
9 action shall be either that the decision
10 or order is clearly contrary to the law
11 of evidence; the party has discovered
12 evidence which could not have been
13 obtained with due diligence before or
14 during the hearing; there is a showing
15 that issues not previously considered
16 ought to be examined, or that there is a
17 public interest in these issues and that
18 causes good ground for a rehearing.

19 There are no grounds for rehearing
20 in this matter. The decision of this

21 Board is not contrary to the law and
22 evidence. That submission of the annual
23 licensee form, annual license fee and
24 accompanied documents is mandated by
25 gaming regulations. Further, there's no

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1 new evidence. There are no new issues
2 and no public interest in a rehearing of
3 this matter.

4 The Division employed due diligence
5 in checking for compliance of this
6 licensee before, during and after
7 revocation. The relevant evidence of
8 the continuing noncompliance, which
9 formed the basis of the revocation
10 action, was reviewed and updated, and
11 this licensee remained and remains
12 noncompliant.

13 Before closing, this Board should
14 also note that Noonie's is not asking
15 for a rehearing in order to come into
16 compliance, but so that it can surrender
17 its gaming license, thereby wasting the
18 time and resources spent by the Division
19 in enforcing this matter.

20 Additionally, it is with the
21 Division's -- is within the Division's
22 discretion whether to accept this
23 surrender, and the Division, as a

24 policy, does not accept surrenders of
25 licenses where pending administrative

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1 action is involved.

2 This matter is crystal clear. All
3 legal requirements for the revocation by
4 this Board were complied with. Noonie's
5 failed to avail itself of a right to a
6 hearing. This licensee remains out of
7 compliance and has presented absolutely
8 no prerequisite grounds for a rehearing,
9 and for those reasons, we urge that the
10 decision of this Board revoking Noonie's
11 video draw poker license should be
12 affirmed and Noonie's request for a
13 rehearing should be denied.

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions for
15 the Attorney General's Office?

16 Let me ask one last time: Is any
17 representative from Noonie's here? I
18 don't see you or hear you.

19 Do I have a motion?

20 MR. GASTON: Yes, sir, I move
21 exactly what he said, very forcefully.

22 MR. JACKSON: I'll second.

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: We have a motion to
24 deny the rehearing. We have a second by
25 Mr. Jackson. All in favor? [Collective

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1 "aye.]" Opposed? Without opposition,
2 the hearing is denied. Thank you very
3 much.

4 As a closing note, keep in mind that
5 the legislature will come into session
6 very soon, and we will be sent upon the
7 land to find another place to do
8 business. We're sort of juggling
9 calendars now and facilities, and we've
10 got an offer of assistance from the kind
11 people at the Department of Revenue.
12 We'll be working that out, and it will
13 all be on our website as to whatever
14 dates are finally chosen and where we'll
15 be located.

16 XII. ADJOURNMENT

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: Do I have a motion
18 to adjourn?

19 MS. NOONAN: So moved.

20 MR. BRADFORD: By Mr. Bradford,
21 second by Miss Noonan. Opposition? [No
22 response.] We shall be in adjournment.
23 Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

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1 REPORTER'S PAGE

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3 I, SHELLEY PAROLA, Certified Shorthand

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5 officer before whom this sworn testimony was
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1 STATE OF LOUISIANA

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3 I, Shelley G. Parola, Certified Court

4 Reporter and Registered Professional Reporter, do

5 hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and

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12 I further certify that I am not an
13 attorney or counsel for any of the parties, that I
14 am neither related to nor employed by any attorney
15 or counsel connected with this action, and that I
16 have no financial interest in the outcome of this
17 action.

18 Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 18th day of
19 March, 2015.

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