

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of February 19, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board was convened on Thursday, February 19, 2015, 10:00 a.m., in House Committee Room 1 of the Louisiana State Capitol. Present at the meeting were: Ronnie Jones, Chairman, Ayres Bradford, Mark Stipe, James Singleton, Denise Noonan, Claude Mercer, Claude Jackson, Robert Gaston, and ex-officio member Colonel Mike Edmonson. Absent was ex-officio member Secretary Tim Barfield.

The meeting was called to order. Mr. Wade Duty, Executive Director of the Casino Gaming Association, announced that a Minority Vendor Fair would be held in Lake Charles on March 4, 2015, and was open to the public.

Colonel Mike Edmonson stated he appreciated the working partnership between State Police and the Board. Mr. Singleton thanked Colonel Edmonson for his support in New Orleans.

It was moved by Mr. Bradford to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the January meeting. That motion was seconded by Mr. Gaston and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

The Board acted on 2015-2016 Contracts for Court Reporter and Hearing Officer. Following discussion, it was moved by Major Mercer to approve both contracts. That motion was seconded by Ms. Noonan and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Janet Miller, Executive Director of the Louisiana Association on Compulsive Gambling, presented information concerning their organization. She stated the helpline has received over 605,000 calls and 3,205 people have been treated in the CORE Center. Treatment at CORE for compulsive gamblers and their family is free in Louisiana. Ms. Miller also stated that March is problem gambling awareness month and the theme this year is "Have the Conversation".

Ms. Mesa Brown, Assistant Attorney General in the Gaming Division, reported on compliance results for the fourth quarter of 2014.

Chairman Jones advised the Board that he had attended the annual meeting of the Black Legislative Caucus recently held in Lake Charles to discuss minority compliance issues. He reassured the group that General Managers in the casino industry were fully aware of the goals established for all properties and that licensees were reminded on a regular and recurrent basis as to the importance of minority interests with regard to promoting economic development. Chairman Jones reiterated the Board's commitment to hiring and procurement goals.

The Board acted on the Casino Support Services Contract with the City of New Orleans. It was moved by Ms. Noonan to authorize the Chairman to execute the contract on behalf of the Board upon approval of both the contract and appropriation of funding for the contract by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. That motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Golden Nugget Lake Charles, LLC – No. R016502995. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Gaston to issue the Certificate of Compliance which will expire March 31, 2015. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on the renewal application for the riverboat gaming license of Belle of Orleans, LLC d/b/a Amelia Belle Casino - No. R013600020. Following discussion, it was moved by Major Mercer to adopt the resolution approving the five-year renewal of the license. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on the renewal application for the riverboat gaming license of St. Charles Gaming Company, LLC d/b/a Isle of Capri Casino Hotel Lake Charles – No. R011700174. Following discussion, it was moved by Ms. Noonan to adopt the resolution approving the five-year renewal of the license. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on the following truckstop applications:

1. Lucky Deuces Casino LLC d/b/a Lucky Deuces Casino – No. 0109515776 - Motion by Mr. Bradford to approve the transfer of interest. That motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and unanimously approved by the Board
2. Big Top Travel Center & Casino LLC d/b/a Big Top Travel Center & Casino – No. 3300512939
3. Coushatta Truckstop LLC d/b/a Coushatta Truckstop – No. 4101511094
4. QuickDraw Travel Plaza & Casino LLC d/b/a QuickDraw Travel Center & Casino – No. 6000515065
5. Minden Truck Center LLC d/b/a Waverly Truckstop – No. 3300510619

Numbers 2 – 5 listed above were handled in globo because they involved the same parties. It was moved by Mr. Singleton to approve the transfers of interest in these truckstops. That motion was seconded by Mr. Gaston and unanimously approved by the Board.

6. Whispering Pines Plaza & Casino, LLC d/b/a Whispering Pines Casino – No. 4600515433 – Motion by Ms. Noonan to approve the transfer of interest. That motion was seconded by Mr. Gaston and unanimously approved by the Board.
7. Emerald Palace Truck & Casino Plaza, LLC d/b/a Emerald Palace Truck & Casino Plaza - No. 6100517119 – Motion by Mr. Gaston to approve the

application. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the institution of rule-making procedures for amendments to the following:

1. LAC 42:III.1701 (Definitions)
2. LAC 42:III.2108.C (Non-Gaming Suppliers)
3. LAC 42:III.2109.B (Suitability Determination)
4. LAC 42:III.2114.A (Tax Clearance of an Applicant, Licensee or Permittee)
5. LAC 42:III.2721 (Internal Controls; Tips or Gratuities)
6. LAC 42:III.2737 (Casino Gaming Payment Interception)
7. LAC 42:III.2915 (Age Restrictions for Casinos; Methods to Prevent Minors from Gaming Area)
8. LAC 42:III.2955.B (Managerial Representative on Premises)
9. LAC 42:III.4204.D.4 (Progressive Electronic Gaming Devices)
10. LAC 42:XI.2405 (Application and License)
11. LAC 42:XI.2424.B (Penalty Schedule)

Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Singleton to institute the rule-making procedures for amendments to the above rules as stated. That motion was seconded by Major Mercer and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on proposed settlements and rehearing request in the following:

1. **In Re: Lillie Jackson d/b/a Twin Stop Lounge – No. 3601111384** – Motion by Ms. Noonan to approve the \$750 penalty for failure to timely submit the annual fee and required documents. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by Board.
2. **In Re: The Phoenix Bar Complex LLC d/b/a Phoenix – No. 3601114959** – Motion by Mr. Jackson to approve the \$750 penalty for failure to timely submit the annual fee and required documents. That motion was seconded by Mr. Gaston and unanimously approved by the Board.
3. **In Re: Scorpio Rising, Inc. d/b/a Bourbon Pub & Parade Disco – No. 3601116248** – Motion by Mr. Jackson to approve the \$500 penalty for failure to pay a voucher when presented. That motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and unanimously approved by the Board.
4. **In Re: Noonie’s Po-Boys & All LLC d/b/a Noonie’s Po-Boys & All – No. 2600216972** – Motion by Mr. Gaston to deny the rehearing request. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

