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LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021

LASALLE BUILDING  
LABELLE HEARING ROOM  
617 NORTH 3RD STREET  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

2 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

3 All right. Good morning, everyone.

4 We'll go ahead and call the meeting to order.

5 Ms. Thurman, would you call roll, please?

6 MS. THURMAN:

7 Chairman Noel?

8 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

9 Here.

10 MS. THURMAN:

11 Mr. Avant?

12 MR. AVANT:

13 Here.

14 MS. THURMAN:

15 Ms. Berry?

16 MS. BERRY:

17 Here.

18 MS. THURMAN:

19 Mr. Jackson?

20 MR. JACKSON:

21 Here.

22 MS. THURMAN:

23 Mr. Lagasse?

24 (NO RESPONSE)

25 MS. THURMAN:

1 Ms. Lewis?

2 MS. LEWIS:

3 Here.

4 MS. THURMAN:

5 Mr. Poole?

6 (NO RESPONSE)

7 MS. THURMAN:

8 Ms. Hamilton-Acker?

9 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

10 Present.

11 MS. THURMAN:

12 Mr. West?

13 (NO RESPONSE)

14 MS. THURMAN:

15 Colonel Davis?

16 MR. BRADLEY:

17 Captain Pat Bradley for Colonel

18 Davis.

19 MS. THURMAN:

20 And Secretary Robinson?

21 MR. RICHARD:

22 Kevin Richard representing Secretary

23 Robinson.

24 MS. THURMAN:

25 We have a quorum.

1 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

2 Thank you.

3 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

4 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

5 At this time I'll ask if there's any  
6 public comment on any matter before the Board  
7 today.

8 (NO RESPONSE)

9 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

10 All right. Nobody popped up.

11 III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

12 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

13 So we'll go ahead and move to the  
14 next agenda item, Approval of Minutes. I would  
15 ask for a motion to waive reading and approve the  
16 minutes of the April 2021 meeting.

17 MR. AVANT:

18 So moved.

19 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

20 Mr. Avant. Second?

21 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

22 Second.

23 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

24 Seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker. All  
25 in favor?

1 (COLLECTIVE "AYE")

2 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

3 Any opposed?

4 (NO RESPONSE)

5 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

6 No opposition. Motion carries.

7 Thank you.

8 IV. REVENUE REPORTS

9 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

10 And, next, as usual, we'll move to  
11 Revenue Reports. Ms. Jackson?

12 MS. JACKSON:

13 Good morning, Chairman Noel and Board  
14 Members. My name is Donna Jackson with Louisiana  
15 State Police Gaming Enforcement Division. Before  
16 I start, I just wanted to mention that in your  
17 chart folders, I've included a copy of my script,  
18 which is cross-referenced to the revenue report  
19 itself, numerically and color-coded. Hopefully,  
20 that will make it a little bit easier to follow,  
21 because I know I cover a lot of numbers.

22 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

23 Thank you.

24 MS. JACKSON:

25 As we all recall, gaming licensees

1 generated no revenue last April due to COVID  
2 closures. For your reference, I've included an  
3 additional chart in your folder which shows a  
4 three-year comparison of admissions, revenues, and  
5 state fees to show how this year compares to the  
6 year prior to COVID.

7           During April, the 13 operating  
8 riverboats generated adjusted gross receipts of  
9 \$175,825,387. Golden Nugget generated its highest  
10 month ever at almost \$31.8 million, while  
11 L'Auberge Lake Charles generated \$31.6 million.  
12 The State collected fees totaling \$37.8 million.

13           Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal  
14 year 2021 to date are almost \$1,286,000,000, an  
15 increase of \$21.5 million, or 2 percent, from  
16 fiscal year 2020 but a decrease of \$266 million,  
17 or 17 percent, from fiscal year 2019.

18           As of April 30, 2021, the State  
19 collected \$276.4 million in fees for fiscal year  
20 2021.

21           On page 2, you will see the riverboat  
22 revenue broken down by regional market. All  
23 markets reflect an increase from the revenues  
24 generated in March 2021, for a total increase of  
25 \$7.6 million, or 4.5 percent.



1                   Next is a summary of the April 2021  
2 gaming activity for Harrah's New Orleans, found on  
3 page 3. Harrah's generated \$25,080,878 in gross  
4 gaming revenue during April. These revenues  
5 represent an increase from last month of \$2.6  
6 million, or 11.7 percent. During April, the State  
7 received \$4,931,507 in minimum daily payments.

8                   Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal  
9 year 2021 to date are \$161.8 million, a decrease  
10 of almost \$43 million, or 21 percent, from fiscal  
11 year 2020 and a decrease of \$80.8 million, or 33  
12 percent, from fiscal year 2019. As of  
13 April 30, 2021, the State collected approximately  
14 \$50 million in fees for fiscal year 2021.

15                   Next, I will present the revenues for  
16 slots at the racetracks, found on page 4. During  
17 April, the four racetrack facilities combined  
18 generated adjusted gross receipts of \$34,943,223,  
19 an increase of approximately \$500,000, or 1.6  
20 percent, from March 2021. During April, the State  
21 collected \$5.3 million dollars in fees.

22                   Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal  
23 year 2021 to date are approximately \$257 million,  
24 an increase of \$16.9 million, or 7 percent, from  
25 fiscal year 2020 and a decrease of \$36 million, or

1 12 percent, from fiscal year 2019. As of  
2 April 30, 2021, the State has collected  
3 \$39 million in fees for fiscal year 2021.

4 I will now move to the video gaming  
5 information. There are currently 12,701 video  
6 gaming devices activated at 1,551 locations.

7 Net device revenue for April 2021 was  
8 \$84.7 million, a slight increase of \$18,000 when  
9 compared to March 2021, making this month's  
10 revenue the highest month ever. Total franchise  
11 fees collected during April 2021 were  
12 \$25.7 million.

13 Net device revenue for fiscal year  
14 2021 to date is \$616.8 million, an increase of  
15 \$173 million, or 40 percent, when compared to  
16 fiscal year 2020 and an increase of \$110 million,  
17 or 22 percent, when compared to fiscal year 2019.

18 Total franchise fees collected for  
19 fiscal year 2021 to date are \$187.6 million, an  
20 increase of \$54.5 million, or 41 percent, when  
21 compared to fiscal year 2020.

22 As you can see on the bottom of the  
23 three-year April recap, the chart that has the  
24 blue, yellow, and green columns, -- at the bottom  
25 we have the recap -- admissions for the three

1 casino venues are down a total of 20.4 percent  
2 from April 2019. Revenues for all four types of  
3 gaming combined total \$320.5 million, up  
4 27.5 percent, while fees are up 30.2 percent.

5 Are there any questions?

6 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

7 Do we have any questions for  
8 Ms. Jackson?

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

11 No questions. Thank you.

12 MS. JACKSON:

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

15 Appreciate it.

16 V. COMPLIANCE REPORTS

17 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

18 All right. Next up on the agenda, we  
19 have Compliance Reports from the AG's Office.  
20 Thank you.

21 MR. PICOU:

22 Good morning, Chairman Noel, Members  
23 of the Board. I'm Assistant Attorney General  
24 Charlie Picou. Today I'll present the staff  
25 reports on riverboat and racetrack casino

1 licensees' compliance with employment procurement  
2 conditions for the first quarter of 2021. I'll  
3 begin with the riverboats. These reports were  
4 taken from figures reported by the 15 operating  
5 riverboats to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.  
6 In the first quarter of 2021, approximately 7,999  
7 people were employed by the riverboat industry.  
8 Of that number, 7,850 were Louisiana residents;  
9 4,773 were minorities; 4,369 were women.

10                   Next, I will address employment.  
11 Fourteen licensees did not meet their total  
12 employment goals, and they are: Diamond Jacks  
13 Casino & Resort, which achieved 42 out of a goal  
14 of 650; Sam's Town Hotel & Casino, which achieved  
15 371 out of a goal of 700; Golden Nugget  
16 Lake Charles, which achieved 1,455 out of a goal  
17 of 1,500; Louisiana -- L'Auberge Baton Rouge,  
18 which achieved 648 out of a goal of 800;  
19 Horseshoe Casino & Hotel, which achieved 644 out  
20 of a goal of 1,000; Boomtown New Orleans, which  
21 achieved 392 out of a goal of 555; Belle of  
22 Baton Rouge Casino, which achieved 154 out of a  
23 goal of 450; Treasure Chest Casino, which achieved  
24 309 out of a goal of 500; Hollywood Casino, which  
25 achieved 280 out of a goal of 450; Amelia Belle,

1 which achieved 163 out of a goal of 325; Isle of  
2 Capri Casino & Hotel, which achieved 556 out of a  
3 goal of 650; Boomtown Casino Bossier, which  
4 achieved 268 out of a goal of 650; Eldorado  
5 Casino, which achieved 523 out of a goal of 950;  
6 and L'Auberge Lake Charles, which achieved 1,478  
7 out of a goal of 1,500.

8 All licensees, except Belle of Baton  
9 Rouge and Treasure Chest Casino, either met or  
10 exceeded their goals in all of the subcategories  
11 under the main category of employment.

12 51.3 percent of Belle of Baton Rouge's employment  
13 were women -- employees were women. They have a  
14 goal of 51.8 percent. 44 percent of Treasure  
15 Chest Casino's employees were women. They have a  
16 goal of 51.86 percent.

17 Next, I'll address procurement. The  
18 licensees are grouped according to three  
19 subcategories, which appear in your report. These  
20 subcategories are Louisiana, minority, and female  
21 procurement. Under Louisiana procurement, six  
22 licensees did not achieve compliance with its  
23 voluntary conditions. Those licensees are:  
24 Treasure Chest Casino, which achieved 71.9 percent  
25 out of a goal of 75 percent; Hollywood Casino,

1 which achieved 74.3 percent out of a goal of 80  
2 percent; Amelia Belle Casino, which achieved 54.4  
3 percent out of a goal of 80 percent; Isle of Capri  
4 Casino & Hotel, which achieved 47.6 percent out of  
5 a goal of 60 percent; Margaritaville Resort  
6 Casino, which achieved 88.5 percent out of a goal  
7 of 90 percent; Eldorado Resort Casino, which  
8 achieved 58.3 percent out of a goal of 60 percent.

9 Under the subcategory of minority  
10 procurement, six licensees did not achieve  
11 compliance with their voluntary conditions, and  
12 those licensees are: Diamond Jack's Casino, which  
13 achieved 0 percent out of a goal of 10 percent;  
14 Sam's Town Casino & Hotel -- or Hotel & Casino,  
15 which achieved 7.3 percent out of a goal of 25  
16 percent; Horseshoe Casino & Hotel, which achieved  
17 9.4 percent out of a goal of 35 percent; Amelia  
18 Bell Casino, which achieved 24.1 percent out of a  
19 goal of 30 percent; Isle of Capri Casino & Hotel,  
20 which achieved 1.3 percent out of a goal of 10  
21 percent; and Eldorado Resort Casino, which  
22 achieved 16.2 percent out of a goal of 25 percent.

23 Under the subcategory of female  
24 procurement, two licensees did not achieve  
25 compliance with their voluntary conditions, and

1 those licensees are: Horseshoe Casino & Hotel,  
2 which achieved 14.5 out of a goal of 35 percent;  
3 and Isle of Capri Casino & Hotel, which achieved  
4 2.6 percent out of a goal of 10 percent.

5 Are there any questions regarding  
6 riverboats?

7 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

8 Any questions for Mr. Picou?

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 MR. PICOU:

11 I'll now move on to racetracks. In  
12 the first quarter of 2021, approximately 1,014  
13 people were employed by the racetrack industry.  
14 Of that number, 822 were Louisiana residents, 506  
15 were minorities, 579 were women. Two Racetrack  
16 casinos achieved total compliance this quarter,  
17 Evangeline Downs and Fair Grounds. Delta Downs  
18 did not achieve its Louisiana employment  
19 condition. It achieved 57.2 percent out of the 80  
20 percent condition. And Louisiana Downs also did  
21 not achieve its female employment condition. It  
22 achieved 57.5 percent out of the 60 percent  
23 condition.

24 Are there any questions regarding  
25 racetracks?

1 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

2 Questions? Any questions?

3 (NO RESPONSE)

4 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

5 Thank you.

6 MR. PICOU:

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

9 Hopefully, as we see the second  
10 quarter numbers later on this summer, hopefully  
11 we'll see a trend in the positive. I know most of  
12 the properties were still, during that first  
13 quarter, impacted by occupancy restrictions and  
14 capacity restrictions. So we'll hopefully see --  
15 I know it's been a difficult road to fill some of  
16 these vacancies.

17 MR. PICOU:

18 Right. And a lot of them are still  
19 feeling the effects of COVID-19, and hopefully  
20 we'll see an upward trend next quarter.

21 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

22 Thank you.

23 MR. PICOU:

24 Thank you.

25 VI. CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT WITH COURT REPORTER



1 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

2 Next item up is Consideration of  
3 Contract with Court Reporter.

4 MS. PAROLA:

5 Mr. Chairman?

6 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

7 Yes, ma'am.

8 MS. PAROLA:

9 Could I ask if you would reopen for  
10 public comments before you vote on that agenda  
11 item? I got caught behind an accident, and I  
12 would like to speak to the board before you vote  
13 on it.

14 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

15 You can, if you would like to come  
16 up.

17 MS. PAROLA:

18 Okay. Good morning, --

19 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

20 Good morning.

21 MS. PAROLA:

22 -- everybody, Board Members,  
23 Chairman. So I'm -- I have to state my name, I'm  
24 sure, for the record. I'm Shelley Parola. I'm a  
25 freelance court reporter in Louisiana. I want to

1 speak to you about the vote that's going to take  
2 place on the renewal of the contract.

3 So it pretty much looks like the same  
4 contract that you've voted on forever,  
5 because I've been here a long, long time, and we  
6 pretty much don't change anything. It just goes  
7 through on a vote. But there are differences in  
8 the contract, three.

9 There is a page increase. There is  
10 also an appearance fee that's added, which really,  
11 to be honest, in the totality of the contract,  
12 doesn't matter, because you guys allot a certain  
13 amount of money for the contract, and we never  
14 come close to billing it. My only point in  
15 bringing this up is I've been here for years. We  
16 try to calculate at least 10 to be conservative,  
17 but probably more like 15, and have never asked  
18 for a page increase or any -- anything. That's  
19 one.

20 But the third and most important  
21 thing to me is that if the contract is renewed the  
22 way it is set for you to vote on, I am banned, or  
23 prohibited, for the next year, until I can rebid,  
24 from participating in covering any of Gaming here  
25 or at the other hearing office. Okay. So that's

1 one.

2                   Secondly -- and I -- I wrote up this  
3 because I was advised by counsel to do this. Last  
4 board meeting, we postponed the vote on the  
5 contract renewal for a reason. I put it in here.  
6 I'm supposed to be nonemotional and very precise.  
7 I tried to be. If it isn't clear to you, I'll  
8 answer any questions. But Baton Rouge Court  
9 Reporters, who I work through -- I'm an  
10 independent contractor, but I run my clients, or  
11 contracts, through -- through that office. It's  
12 just the way we do it, and we had them, in name  
13 only, be the contract because they had a tax ID  
14 number.

15                   For tax purposes -- I used to have a  
16 firm, 18 court reporters, but for tax purposes, I  
17 don't have it anymore, and they said, "Just get  
18 rid of the corporation. You don't need to file  
19 two, and let's use their tax ID number. It's just  
20 easier." So that's why we did it that way.

21                   Renewal came up this year, and Baton  
22 Rouge Court Reporters said, "Because of COVID and  
23 we've lost a lot of people, we just don't have the  
24 number of reporters to cover the contract. So we  
25 would prefer if you put it in your name only, and

1 we will help you if we can, but we don't have the  
2 number of reporters to do it." They've taken jobs  
3 with the State. They've gone elsewhere. So,  
4 okay, that's what -- that's why we moved the vote,  
5 or the renewal.

6 So I went and did what I was told to  
7 do, become a vendor again, did I need to get a tax  
8 ID number or not, and I didn't, and everything was  
9 set. And the week before last, not last week but  
10 the week before, I left an e-mail for Ms. Thurman  
11 and said, "I got all this stuff done. How do you  
12 want to handle it," because in the prior years, it  
13 really was just Ms. Tramonte sent an e-mail, we  
14 changed the dates, and we resubmitted the  
15 contract. Okay. So that's one point.

16 But going forward, I'm getting ready  
17 to submit the new bid, and I get a call from --  
18 one second. I'm supposed to do this (indicating)  
19 if I get a little emotional. I get a call from  
20 Ms. Tramonte, which, I'm sure, with all due  
21 respect, Mr. Chairman, you knew this was going on.  
22 I mean, I don't think anything in the office would  
23 go on without counsel and you knowing.

24 I got a call that said, "We've  
25 decided to take the bid with Baton Rouge Court

1 Reporters, and this is the way we're going to go."  
2 Baton Rouge Court Reporters did not submit a bid  
3 at all. Actually, your office, again,  
4 respectfully, almost solicited a bid from them.

5 That, I don't know if I have any  
6 legal standing on at all. I don't know. I mean,  
7 I have an attorney. He can't be here today,  
8 because this was Friday. It took a day to  
9 process, and he has court. If he walks in the  
10 door, I will jump up and down. I don't think  
11 he'll make it in time.

12 But when that happened, that's --  
13 that's a legal issue that somebody else can, you  
14 know, argue about. But what I want to argue is I  
15 then wasn't allowed to submit a bid, period. So,  
16 I mean, I feel that's in violation of the law.

17 And so I -- I wanted to submit just  
18 this, because I was advised to write it down  
19 rather than air it all in front of the board and  
20 take up too much time. I tried to do a timeline  
21 of what just happened from last board meeting to  
22 this board meeting, but it's only according to me.  
23 So it's only me who -- this is what happened -- I  
24 was informed of or dealt with.

25 And so I don't know if I'm even

1 allowed to ask this, but I'm going to ask two  
2 things. And then, legally, I'm sure Ms. Smith can  
3 tell if I can even ask this, because I've never  
4 had an objection to the contract.

5           So, first, I would like to ask a  
6 member of the board, if they can, to make a motion  
7 to allow me a week to have counsel submit a bid.  
8 And I know you get to decide whatever you want  
9 with the bids. And I have read the law, and I  
10 thought it was the lowest bid, and it is not.  
11 It's whatever you think will benefit your -- your  
12 responsibilities and procedures to do your job  
13 with the State and the people. I read that. I  
14 didn't know that. That's one.

15           And if we can't make a motion that  
16 way, then I would like to say to every board  
17 member, when item 5 comes up on the agenda, you  
18 all get a vote. That's why you're here, to  
19 represent -- you know, I know a lot of times -- I  
20 think people think everybody goes with the  
21 chairman. You have your reasons for what happened  
22 and what's on the agenda, but you guys have a  
23 vote.

24           All I'm asking for is, if you vote  
25 yes on the contract renewal, you are banning me

1 for at least a year; if you vote no, I don't even  
2 know what will happen, because I don't know the  
3 protocol. Everybody I've asked, nobody knows, no  
4 one. But if you vote no, maybe there's a chance  
5 that I can submit a bid.

6 So it's been great working with you.  
7 Thank you for your time. And that's it.

8 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

9 Thank you, Shelley.

10 MS. PAROLA:

11 Okay.

12 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

13 And, look, I don't -- I'm not aware  
14 that you will be banned. I'm not -- so -- and --

15 MS. PAROLA:

16 That's what I was told.

17 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

18 So, you know, if you have these legal  
19 concerns, you know, we have ample representation  
20 through the Attorney General's Office.

21 MS. PAROLA:

22 Sure.

23 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

24 We can -- you know, they can  
25 spearhead any discussions.

1 MS. PAROLA:

2 Sure. May I just give this to you to  
3 look --

4 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

5 Yeah, if you want to leave it right  
6 here on the end of the table there.

7 MS. PAROLA:

8 Here or up here?

9 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

10 Right there.

11 MS. PAROLA:

12 Okay.

13 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

14 Thank you, Shelley.

15 MS. PAROLA:

16 Yeah. I just wanted the board -- I  
17 mean, it's not very detailed. It's just what  
18 happened and why we were changing the name. So  
19 that's it. All right. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

21 Thank you, Shelley.

22 MS. PAROLA:

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

25 So, Board Members, we are at that



1 item on the agenda, the renewal of court reporter  
2 contract. Just to hit a few points, and we can  
3 decide the course of action, but the contract  
4 terms are essentially the same except for a few  
5 minor tweaks to the page amounts. The max kept on  
6 the contract is \$70,000, which is consistent with  
7 what it's been for several years.

8 We can -- unless you have some  
9 questions, we can either make a decision on it, or  
10 we can postpone it till next month and perhaps  
11 give the AG's Office an opportunity to speak with  
12 Ms. Parola and her attorney to clarify some of  
13 these issues, because I do think there are some  
14 things that do need to be clarified. And I don't  
15 know that we necessarily need to get into all the  
16 details here.

17 MS. BERRY:

18 I'd like to move that we postpone the  
19 vote. I really don't understand the entire  
20 situation.

21 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

22 I'll second.

23 MS. BERRY:

24 And I'm just -- I would like to  
25 understand more about what's going on and get our

1 legal ramifications straight so that -- I don't  
2 want to hurt anybody one way or the other. I just  
3 think postponing this would be good.

4 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

5 Thank you. We have a motion by  
6 Ms. Berry to postpone this agenda item until  
7 June. Seconded by -- well, several seconds -- by  
8 Ms. Hamilton-Acker. All in favor?

9 (COLLECTIVE "AYE")

10 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

11 Any opposed?

12 (NO RESPONSE)

13 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

14 No opposition. So we'll move that  
15 item on the agenda till next month.

16 VII. VIDEO GAMING ISSUES

17 A. Consideration of Transfer of Interest in the  
18 following truckstop:

19 1. A.N. Collette Oil Company, Inc. d/b/a

20 Grand Bayou Casino - No. 2401508817

21 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

22 Okay. Next up, Video Gaming Issues.

23 We have Consideration of Transfer of Interest in  
24 the following truckstop: A.N. Collette Oil  
25 Company, Incorporated, doing business as

1 Grand Bayou Casino, No. 2401508817. We have  
2 someone from the Attorney General's Office and the  
3 State Police.

4 MR. PITRE:

5 Chairman Noel, Board Members, I am  
6 Assistant Attorney General Earl Pitre, Jr.,  
7 appearing before the board in the matter of the  
8 transfer of ownership interest in A.N. Collette  
9 Oil Company, Incorporated, doing business as  
10 Grand Bayou Casino.

11 On November 13, 2020, Ronald A.  
12 Collette died. At the time of his death  
13 Mr. Collette held a 50.25 percent ownership  
14 interest in A.N. Collette Oil Company,  
15 Incorporated. Mr. Collette bequeathed his 50.25  
16 percent ownership interest in the licensee to his  
17 son, Dustin J. Collette.

18 Criminal Investigator Glenn Verrett  
19 conducted the suitability investigations on the  
20 associated persons associated with licensing and  
21 conducted an investigation of the transfer of  
22 ownership interest. He will present the Office of  
23 State Police's findings to the Board.

24 MR. VERRETT:

25 Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Board

1 Members. I'm Investigator Glenn Verrett from the  
2 Gaming Enforcement Division. I investigated the  
3 transfer of ownership interest that occurred on  
4 the licensee. I conducted suitability  
5 investigations on Nicole Collette and the updated  
6 suitability checks on Dustin Collette, Brenda  
7 Collette, Toni Cockerham, and Dana Quebedeaux. I  
8 found no information that would preclude them from  
9 participating in the video gaming industry. I  
10 found no information that would preclude the  
11 continuing licensing of A.N. Collette Oil Company,  
12 Inc., doing business as Grand Bayou Casino.

13 MR. PITRE:

14 The Office of Attorney General has  
15 reviewed the file compiled as a result of the  
16 investigation conducted by the Office of State  
17 Police. Our review indicates that no information  
18 has been found which would preclude approval of  
19 the transfer.

20 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

21 Thank you. Any questions for State  
22 Police or the AG's Office?

23 (NO RESPONSE)

24 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

25 All right. No questions. Then

1 motion to approve the transfer of interest?

2 MR. AVANT:

3 So moved.

4 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

5 Mr. Avant.

6 MS. BERRY:

7 Second.

8 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

9 Seconded by Ms. Berry. All in favor?

10 (COLLECTIVE "AYE")

11 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

12 Any opposed?

13 (NO RESPONSE)

14 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

15 No opposition. The motion carries.

16 Thank you.

17 VIII. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

18 1. Eldorado Casino Shreveport Joint Venture

19 d/b/a Eldorado Resort Casino Shreveport -

20 No. R013600009

21 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

22 Next up, we have Casino Gaming

23 Issues. And back in, I believe, December, when we

24 approved the transfer for Eldorado, I know some of

25 the -- some of the board members were interested

1 to hear back from Eldorado after several months of  
2 operation. So we have the General Manager for  
3 Eldorado Shreveport and, I think, another  
4 representative from Bally's, Mr. Rolansky.

5 MR. ROLANSKY:

6 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Members of  
7 the Board. Good morning. Thank you for having us  
8 here. As the chairman just mentioned, the Board  
9 approved the transfer of interest by which Bally's  
10 subsidiaries acquired the Eldorado Shreveport  
11 Casino back in December, and at that meeting, at  
12 least one of the board members, -- I think  
13 Mr. Avant and others -- may have said -- suggested  
14 to come and give a report after some period of  
15 operations, and that's -- that's what's happening  
16 today.

17 With me today are Paul Avery, General  
18 Manager of Eldorado Resort Casino Shreveport,  
19 along with Todd Raziano, who is the Regional  
20 General Manager and Vice President of Bally's  
21 Corporation.

22 The acquisition closed on  
23 December 23, and Bally's through subsidiaries, has  
24 been operating that property since that time. So  
25 I'll turn it over to Mr. Avery, who, I think, will

1 begin.

2 MR. AVERY:

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

5 Good morning.

6 MR. AVERY:

7 Good morning, Chairman. Good  
8 morning, Members of the Board. We mentioned in  
9 December -- we had our general counsel with us at  
10 the time -- how excited we were to be able to  
11 purchase the property of Eldorado but also enter  
12 the state of Louisiana. And four months later,  
13 that excitement is exceeded. We have had numerous  
14 visits by our corporate officers, and the  
15 excitement about the potential of that market and  
16 that property is at a high level.

17 So what I wanted to walk through with  
18 you is kind of give you an update. There was no  
19 set, formal request on what you wanted to know  
20 about; so I was just going to kind of go through,  
21 in chronological order, what we've done since  
22 we've taken ownership on December 22.

23 Our company, Bally's, has four  
24 pillars of things we live by, clean, safe,  
25 friendly, and fun. So the first thing we wanted

1 to do was look at those four things and address  
2 what we needed to address.

3           From a clean standpoint -- well, I  
4 should say, clean and safe are the two most  
5 important things. You can't even compete in  
6 business in any aspect, not alone casinos, without  
7 being both clean and safe; so those were the two  
8 things we wanted to focus on.

9           Internally, as you walk into the  
10 property, it's an elegant-looking, very classy  
11 property, beautiful. Very little, if any, needed  
12 to be -- to do to keep -- to make that clean.

13           So to get focused on the exterior,  
14 the approach as you come into Downtown Shreveport  
15 and you come to our property, we're going back to  
16 Shreveport after this meeting and meeting with a  
17 landscaper architect, and we're planning to redo  
18 the whole front entrance from our -- from a  
19 landscape standpoint to create a better sense of  
20 entrance, to make it more attractive. We have  
21 implemented things like pressure washing the  
22 exterior and just trying to make the place look  
23 clean on the outside to match the elegant look  
24 that's already on the inside.

25           From a safety standpoint, we try to



1 promote safety. It's very important for our  
2 guests to feel safe, and it's simple things.  
3 We've gone into the parking garage and just turned  
4 all the lights on that were -- you know, there  
5 were probably 20 percent of the lights were off.  
6 We've just lit up the hotel. We've lit up the  
7 front entrances. We're changing lights from  
8 regular lights to LED to make them brighter just  
9 to give a sense of safety as players come to our  
10 property wanting to game.

11                   Friendly, I cannot tell you how  
12 impressed we are with the team members that were  
13 already there, just -- just a friendly, friendly  
14 team. I will say, with COVID, -- and we'll talk  
15 about the challenges later with labor stretched to  
16 the max, working six days a week, and it's hard to  
17 put on a happy face every day as you're trying to  
18 cover shifts as the businesses come back. But the  
19 labor hasn't necessarily come back to support the  
20 business and try to take care of the guests to the  
21 level we believe they should be taken care of.

22                   And fun, I think we mentioned that  
23 also, that we're a marketing-driven company. We  
24 believe in marketing. We do not believe in  
25 cutting away to even up a profit line. And we

1 have turned marketing on from the very first day  
2 that we could touch it, which was in January.  
3 Since then, we've expanded offers. We've  
4 increased gift giveaways. We've increased the  
5 reinvestment. We've reached out to players who  
6 were not being mailed to and invited them back to  
7 experience.

8           The other thing we wanted to do was  
9 to tell people we were open for business within  
10 the recommendations of the CDC and this regulatory  
11 body and what we could do from a COVID-restricted  
12 guideline, but we've increased the -- the table  
13 game operations to go back to 24 hours on the  
14 weekend.

15           We've expanded our steakhouse. We've  
16 opened two additional restaurants in the space  
17 that the buffet was. We cannot operate a buffet  
18 right now with COVID. We have two restaurants  
19 that we've built in its place. We've opened a  
20 spa. We've offered touchless room service. No  
21 one is walking in. It's almost like Uber Eats but  
22 from a property standpoint where you order the  
23 food and we'll bring it up to you. And we've  
24 also reopened the Celebrity Lounge, more of a  
25 sports bar right now, as dancing is still

1 prohibited, but reopened it nonetheless to just  
2 give a sense of energy on the floor.

3 Capital. So to support marketing,  
4 which was our original -- we want to push  
5 marketing. We spent \$2 million in computer  
6 conversions and upgrades to the property so far so  
7 that we can thus do these marketing initiatives  
8 that I've described above.

9 As you know, Twin River, after the  
10 announcement of the sale but before it was  
11 approved, changed the name to Bally, and we are  
12 now a Bally corporation, and so we are in the  
13 middle of a rebrand. We have begun receiving  
14 artwork for our chips and dice and cards and  
15 seeking approval through the Louisiana State  
16 Police on that artwork and subsequent gaming  
17 equipment. So we anticipate being able to rebrand  
18 to a Bally's Shreveport Casino & Hotel name in the  
19 fall. It is pending when we can get the chips  
20 back from manufacturers and things of that nature,  
21 and, obviously, the approval from LSP. So we'll  
22 be spending millions on that, as we have to change  
23 the exterior signage. We have to change all the  
24 signage on the interior.

25 Other capital we're in the middle of

1 is the master plan of the property. We've engaged  
2 with an architect designer. Again, I mentioned  
3 the corporate offices, the top people, came down  
4 to the property and see so much potential, they  
5 said, "Let's engage an architect. Let's figure  
6 out where we want to put restaurants."

7 We're not really -- we're interested  
8 in taking care of the customers, but we want to  
9 see restaurants be a driver. We want new people  
10 to come in. So we're in discussions with national  
11 name brand restaurants to come in and locate  
12 within our four walls of the casino.

13 We have also addressed the casino  
14 floor in the process. We're designing a high  
15 limit area. Currently, the higher level players  
16 play in the general casino. We want to try to  
17 build their own area to game in, that we feel like  
18 that's a segment of our database that's  
19 underserved. We're building a mini baccarat pit.  
20 We've already purchased equipment. Tables are  
21 out. We think that is a segment of operation that  
22 is underserved.

23 Poker, actually, we reopened that, I  
24 forgot to mention. It's been phenomenal for us,  
25 very strong business levels. We had all our

1 tables occupied Saturday night when we -- when I  
2 was in the casino, every table in our poker room,  
3 but we only have eight tables; so we're relocating  
4 poker to the third floor, designing a room,  
5 expanding poker, hoping to bring in tournaments --  
6 national tournaments that come across, and take  
7 advantage of that.

8           And, lastly, but certainly not least,  
9 we're keeping an eye on what the Legislature does  
10 from a regulatory standpoint -- or from a  
11 legislative standpoint on Sportsbook. And then --  
12 and our master planning is to build not only  
13 Sportsbook but a Sportsbook restaurant and a  
14 lounge to go with it that is to be branded under  
15 the Bally name.

16           So that is the capital plan so far.  
17 It is in full gear. I will say some of the  
18 challenges we've had. We're five months in now  
19 next week. The winter storm was devastating. It  
20 kind of put a halt to things. We actually had to  
21 close the doors for five days, as we lost water.  
22 We spent over -- we spent well over \$100,000 in  
23 repairs and probably lost over a million in  
24 revenue during those five days.

25           And labor. Staff at the time of

1 acquisition was 474. You heard the announcement  
2 through April. We're up to -- I think we're -- it  
3 was at 520-something at the end of April. We're  
4 just near 600 now. We continue to hire. So we've  
5 increased labor 27 percent in the last four months  
6 from when we inherited it. We hope to continue to  
7 grow it.

8           The challenge is -- we find is  
9 individuals wanting to come and work. We've held  
10 job fairs onsite. And, historically, I'm told, we  
11 would have 200 people in attendance out there. We  
12 had 30, and we held it over two days. We've  
13 attended job fairs in the city. So I would say  
14 that is our biggest challenge right now is trying  
15 to find enough staff to support the business that  
16 we have been able to bring back. And that's kind  
17 of where we are.

18           I'm actually -- certainly open to any  
19 questions or if Todd has anything to add.

20           MR. RAZIANO:

21           Paul, thank you. Good morning, Mr.  
22 Chairman, Members of the Board. I just had to  
23 reiterate what Paul said. Our company is in the  
24 midst of a fairly large transformation. You know,  
25 when -- back in December, the company was called

1 Twin River. And as they've grown, they acquired  
2 the iconic Bally's name. And they have really  
3 focused on generating value with that name to be  
4 one of the most recognized casino companies in the  
5 country. And you may have been reading they are  
6 acquiring companies that will expand their ability  
7 to operate sports betting, high gaming eventually  
8 in markets where that is.

9           The idea -- and they use the word  
10 "omnichannel." The idea is that in this industry,  
11 we want the Bally name to be pervasive. It's --  
12 it's an entertainment/media company is what  
13 they're trying to transform it to. We want to  
14 deliver a quality experience in brick and mortar  
15 casinos. We want to deliver state-of-the-art  
16 online interactions throughout the country, again,  
17 where we're authorized. And even -- you may have  
18 seen some of the regional Fox sports channels are  
19 now labeled Bally's Sports Channel.

20           And so as they build this brand and  
21 invest this brand -- into this brand, it creates  
22 this expectation among the customers that this is  
23 a quality brand. And when we come back to the  
24 properties, we want to be able to deliver on that.  
25 As Paul mentioned, the Eldorado property in

1 general is a fantastic property. It's very well  
2 appointed. You know, it has the type of amenities  
3 that our company looks to develop to grow  
4 business, to bring more people into the state,  
5 into the property. And building this nationwide  
6 brand, we feel, is going to serve the properties  
7 in each jurisdiction very well.

8 I can tell you that, you know, the  
9 corporate leaders of Bally's are very excited  
10 about the property in Shreveport. Paul mentioned  
11 that we've hired a design firm to start doing  
12 master planning. You know, what do we do with all  
13 this fantastic space? What's the best use of it?  
14 How can we continue to deliver a great customer  
15 experience, grow the experience, cater to the  
16 guests, generate employment?

17 And that's what, I think, in these  
18 first five months -- as we know, these things take  
19 a little time to develop. But, as Paul mentioned,  
20 and I think Paul and his team have done a great  
21 job with moving the needle forward in a short time  
22 with a few challenges along the way, we fully  
23 expect that we're just going to continue to make  
24 the property more appealing and a property that  
25 the State is going to be proud to have.



1                   So we really appreciate the  
2 opportunity to come and speak with you all, to  
3 give you a little insight as to how we're looking  
4 at this thing, what we've done, and where we think  
5 we're going to go from here. And, again, thank  
6 you. Thank you for taking us this morning.

7                   CHAIRMAN NOEL:

8                   Thank you. I appreciate the update.  
9 Any questions from the board members?

10                   (NO RESPONSE)

11                   CHAIRMAN NOEL:

12                   All right. Again, appreciate it.  
13 I'm very -- I'm very pleased to hear of the  
14 progress that you're making but also understand  
15 some of the challenges, too, that affect the  
16 industry as a whole. So thank you very much.

17                   MR. AVERY:

18                   Thank you for the opportunity. We  
19 appreciate it.

20                   THE COURT REPORTER:

21                   Excuse me. Can I get your name?

22                   MR. ROLANSKY:

23                   Yeah. I'm sorry. I didn't introduce  
24 myself for the record. Mr. Chairman,  
25 Larry Rolansky representing Eldorado Casino joint

1 venture.

2 THE COURT REPORTER:

3 Spell your last name, please.

4 MR. ROLANSKY:

5 R-o-l-a-n-s-k-y.

6 THE COURT REPORTER:

7 Thank you.

8 MR. ROLANSKY:

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

11 Thank you.

12 2. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance

13 for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the

14 gaming vessel of Catfish Queen Partnership in

15 Commendam d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge -

16 No. R011700009

17 MR. CHAIRMAN:

18 All right. No. 2 under Casino Gaming

19 Issues is Consideration of Certificate of

20 Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection

21 of the gaming vessel Catfish Queen Partnership in

22 Commendam, doing business as Belle of Baton Rouge,

23 No. R011700009.

24 MS. LANDRY:

25 Good morning, Chairman Noel and Board

1 Members. I am Assistant Attorney General  
2 Lisha Landry. With me is Mr. John Reinert of ABSG  
3 Consulting. We're here in the matter of the  
4 issuance of a temporary Certificate of Compliance  
5 to Catfish Queen Partnership in Commendam, doing  
6 business as Belle of Baton Rouge Casino.

7 On March 2, 2021, ABSG began the  
8 inspection process for the approval of Belle of  
9 Baton Rouge Casino's annual Certificate of  
10 Compliance. Belle of Baton Rouge is requesting  
11 extension of time to resolve a discrepancy noted  
12 by ABSG during its initial inspection that remains  
13 outstanding.

14 Mr. Reinert will now provide the  
15 details on ABSG's inspection.

16 MR. REINERT:

17 Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Board  
18 Members. I am John Reinert from ABS Consulting  
19 here to report the annual certification for Belle  
20 of Baton Rouge Casino. The inspector Doug Chapman  
21 and Pete Bullard did, on March 2, attend the  
22 riverboat Argosy III to conduct the annual  
23 inspection in accordance with the Alternative  
24 Inspection Program.

25 The inspectors reviewed fire

1 protection and lifesaving equipment, egress  
2 routes, mooring systems, and conducted a fire  
3 drill. There were deficiencies noted during the  
4 annual inspection, and a follow-up was conducted  
5 on April 26. The deficiencies were cleared at the  
6 time except for the fire pump. The fire pump  
7 remains yellow tagged by the service vendor. A  
8 yellow tag means the condition is not an immediate  
9 hazard but has potential of failure. The 2021  
10 annual survey, as required by Louisiana Gaming  
11 Control Board, is not considered complete until  
12 the fire pump is fully operational.

13 MS. LANDRY:

14 We now present these findings to the  
15 Board and request that upon the Board accepting  
16 the report submitted by ABSG, you will move for  
17 the issuance of a temporary certificate of  
18 compliance to Belle of Baton Rouge, which expires  
19 on June 30, 2021.

20 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

21 Thank you. And it's my understanding  
22 that the Belle is in the process of making the  
23 necessary repairs?

24 MR. REINERT:

25 The fire pump is operational, but

1 it's not at 100 percent, Mr. Chairman, and the  
2 vendor is -- it needs to be tested, basically;  
3 so . . .

4 MS. LANDRY:

5 It's my understanding that we have  
6 representatives from the licensee who can answer  
7 questions regarding the status of the discrepancy.

8 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

9 Do we have any questions for the  
10 Belle? Ms. Berry?

11 MS. BERRY:

12 I would like to understand. It's  
13 being repaired, or it's not being repaired, or you  
14 said it needs to be tested?

15 MR. REINERT:

16 Right. It's yellow tagged, meaning  
17 that it -- it's not at 100 percent, but it is  
18 working but they need to retest it to find out if  
19 it will make the 100 percent.

20 MS. BERRY:

21 So why -- well, if they're going to  
22 retest it, what do they do in the meantime to  
23 change it?

24 MR. REINERT:

25 Well, in the meantime, it is

1 operational.

2 MS. BERRY:

3 Oh, I understand.

4 MR. REINERT:

5 But it just doesn't make the 100 --  
6 it doesn't make the capacity that it's supposed to  
7 be making.

8 MS. BERRY:

9 Okay.

10 MR. REINERT:

11 And there's -- you've got the -- as  
12 you know, the fire plan on the Belle, they have a  
13 service tank for their sprinkler systems. So  
14 there are redundancies. So we feel that that's --  
15 having the extension will give them time to get  
16 this tested and the deficiency passed.

17 MR. AVANT:

18 So they have until June 30?

19 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

20 If we -- if we --

21 MS. LANDRY:

22 If --

23 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

24 -- approve the temporary.

25 MS. LANDRY:

1                   Yes. It's my understanding that  
2 this -- the fire pump situation should be resolved  
3 by the end of the month, but that's something that  
4 the Belle would have to address to the Board  
5 directly, which I believe they're in the audience  
6 right now.

7                   CHAIRMAN NOEL:

8                   Ms. Nathalie?

9                   MS. GUILLORY:

10                  Good morning, Chairman Noel --

11                  CHAIRMAN NOEL:

12                  Good morning.

13                  MS. GUILLORY:

14                  -- and Board Members. My name is  
15 Nathalie Guillory. I'm Director of Compliance to  
16 the Belle. I have with me our captain,  
17 Mr. Danny Jones, who can elaborate a little bit  
18 more.

19                  MR. JONES:

20                  Good morning, Chairman, Board  
21 Members. As they stated, the pump is actually for  
22 our sprinkler system. The vendor classifies them  
23 all as fire pumps, but it actually supplies the  
24 sprinkler system on the boat. There is a  
25 500-gallon tank that -- the way the system is

1 designed to work, it will -- if a sprinkler head  
2 is activated, that tank supplies the water in the  
3 unit for at least four minutes according to the  
4 specs for the system, and then the pump would back  
5 that up, and the pump is working more than enough,  
6 90 percent efficiency.

7 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

8 Any other questions? Mr. Jackson?

9 MR. JACKSON:

10 I have one.

11 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

12 Can you pull your mic to you?

13 MR. JACKSON:

14 When will the 30-day time frame  
15 start?

16 MS. LANDRY:

17 It's going to start -- the additional  
18 30 days starts upon the expiration of the current  
19 permit. So they'll have until June 20 -- June 30  
20 of next month, but the board meeting is on  
21 June 17. So they would have to have all  
22 discrepancies completed before the June meeting.

23 MR. JACKSON:

24 And so they haven't asked for an  
25 extension or anything?



1 MS. LANDRY:

2 Say that again.

3 MR. JACKSON:

4 Have they asked for an extension?

5 MS. LANDRY:

6 It's my understanding that they have,  
7 that they put in a request to ABSG.

8 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

9 Yeah. The current -- the current  
10 permit will expire at the end of this month; so  
11 since we don't meet again -- and, traditionally,  
12 this is what we've done in cases like this, is  
13 give a 30-day temporary; so they'll come back next  
14 month and show that everything has been repaired  
15 and is working properly.

16 MR. JACKSON:

17 Okay.

18 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

19 All right. No other questions?

20 (NO RESPONSE)

21 MS. BERRY:

22 Make a motion on extension?

23 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

24 I believe -- have you finished your  
25 presentation, though?

1 MS. LANDRY:

2 Yes, sir.

3 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

4 Yes. We will need a motion to issue  
5 a temporary certificate of compliance, which will  
6 expire again on June 30, 2021.

7 MR. AVANT:

8 Motion.

9 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

10 Ms. Berry, second. Mr. Avant. All  
11 in favor say aye.

12 (COLLECTIVE "AYE")

13 MS. GUILLORY:

14 Thank you, Chairman and Board  
15 members.

16 3. Consideration of the Certificate of  
17 Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat  
18 Inspection of the gaming vessel of PNK (Lake  
19 Charles), LLC d/b/a L'Auberge Lake Charles -  
20 No. R011001707

21 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

22 All right. Next up is Consideration  
23 for Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate  
24 Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel  
25 PNK Lake Charles, LLC doing business as L'Auberge

1 Lake Charles, No. R011001707.

2 MS. LANDRY:

3 Assistant Attorney General

4 Lisha Landry and John Reinert of ABSG Consulting  
5 now here in the matter of the issuance of a  
6 temporary Certificate of Compliance to PNK (Lake  
7 Charles), LLC doing business as L'Auberge Lake  
8 Charles Casino.

9 On April 13, 2021, ABSG began the  
10 inspection process for the approval of L'Auberge  
11 Casino's annual Certificate of Compliance.

12 L'Auberge is requesting an extension of time to  
13 resolve discrepancies noted by ABSG during the  
14 initial inspection. Mr. Reinert will provide the  
15 details on that inspection.

16 MR. REINERT:

17 Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Board  
18 Members. I am John Reinert from ABSG Consulting  
19 here to report the annual certification for  
20 L'Auberge Lake Charles Casino. The inspectors  
21 Doug Chapman and Pet Bullard did, on April 13,  
22 attend the L'Auberge Lake Charles Casino to  
23 conduct the annual inspection in accordance with  
24 the Alternative Inspection Program.

25 The Surveyors reviewed fire

1 protection equipment, lifesaving equipment, egress  
2 routes, and emergency lighting. There were  
3 deficiencies noted that were considered life  
4 safety issues. They include the fire screen door  
5 and emergency lighting. It was reported to us  
6 that all deficiencies are corrected, and we have  
7 scheduled a follow-up inspection on May 24.

8 The 2021 annual survey, as required  
9 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, is not  
10 considered complete, as the corrective lifesaving  
11 deficiencies need to be verified before the  
12 certificate can be issued.

13 MS. LANDRY:

14 So we now present these findings to  
15 the board and request that upon the board  
16 accepting the report submitted by ABSG, you will  
17 move for an issuance of a temporary certificate of  
18 compliance to the Belle -- I mean, I'm sorry, to  
19 L'Auberge Casino, which will expire on June 30,  
20 2021.

21 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

22 Thank you. Just to clarify, you did  
23 mention it's being repaired. ABS just needs to go  
24 out and verify that --

25 MR. REINERT:

1 Correct.

2 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

3 -- the repairs have been made?

4 MR. REINERT:

5 Correct. And that's scheduled for  
6 the 24th of May.

7 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

8 Okay. Any other questions from the  
9 board?

10 (NO RESPONSE)

11 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

12 Okay. Motion to issue a temporary  
13 certificate of compliance, which will expire  
14 June 30, 2021.

15 MR. JACKSON:

16 Move to approve.

17 MS. LEWIS:

18 Second.

19 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

20 Motion by Mr. Jackson. Seconded by  
21 Ms. Lewis. All in favor say aye.

22 (COLLECTIVE "AYE")

23 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

24 Any opposed?

25 (NO RESPONSE)

1 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

2 No opposition. The motion carries.

3 Thank you.

4 IX. ADJOURNMENT

5 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

6 All right. So is there a motion to  
7 adjourn? Motion to adjourn?

8 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

9 So moved.

10 MR. AVANT:

11 Second.

12 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

13 Motion by Ms. Hamilton-Acker.

14 Seconded by Mr. Avant. All in favor say aye.

15 (COLLECTIVE "AYE")

16 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

17 Any opposed?

18 (NO RESPONSE)

19 CHAIRMAN NOEL:

20 We're adjourned.

21 (PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED AT 10:51 A.M.)

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