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8 MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018

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10 LaSalle Building

11 LaBelle Hearing Room

12 617 North 3rd Street

13 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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17 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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1 APPEARANCES

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Chairman (At Large)

4 June 30, 2019

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6 Fifth Congressional District

June 30, 2019

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Seventh Congressional District

9 June 30, 2020

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Fourth Congressional District

12 June 30, 2018

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15 Sixth Congressional District

June 30, 2021

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18 Third Congressional District

June 30, 2018

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20 RICHARD E. PATRICK

(Law Enforcement)

21 Fifth Congressional District

July 30, 2018

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3 ELTON LAGASSE

(At large)

4 First Congressional District

June 30, 2021

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Good morning.  
3 Welcome to the June meeting of the  
4 Louisiana Gaming Control Board. Thank  
5 you for being flexible. We were  
6 supposed to be across the street, but we  
7 ran into another Special Session, so  
8 this should be, hopefully, the last time  
9 we'll be meeting here for a while. We  
10 should be back on our regular Thursday  
11 schedule back in the Capitol starting  
12 with July.

13 MR. LAGASSE: Don't say that too  
14 loud.

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: I won't.

16 Miss Tramonte, would you call the  
17 roll.

18 THE CLERK: Chairman Jones?

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: Here.

20 THE CLERK: Mr. Bradford?

21 MR. BRADFORD: Here.  
22 THE CLERK: Mr. Stipe?  
23 MR. STIPE: Here.  
24 THE CLERK: Mr. Singleton? [No  
25 response.]

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1 Mr. Jackson?  
2 MR. JACKSON: Here.  
3 THE CLERK: Mr. Gaston?  
4 MR. GASTON: Here.  
5 THE CLERK: Miss Berry?  
6 MS. BERRY: Here.  
7 THE CLERK: Mr. Patrick?  
8 MR. PATRICK: Here.  
9 THE CLERK: Mr. Lagasse?  
10 MR. LAGASSE: Yes, ma'am.  
11 THE CLERK: Colonel Reeves?  
12 MR. EDMONSON: Paul Edmonson for  
13 Colonel Reeves.  
14 THE CLERK: Secretary Robinson?  
15 MR. RICHARD: Kevin Richard for  
16 Secretary Robinson.  
17 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you. We have  
18 a quorum, and we may conduct business.

## 19 II. PUBLIC COMMENT

20 CHAIRMAN JONES: At this time, I  
21 would like to offer anyone in the  
22 audience an opportunity for Public  
23 Comment for anything on the agenda

24 today? There is no comment.

25 III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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1 CHAIRMAN JONES: We will move to  
2 Approval of the Minutes. Do I have a  
3 motion to approve that? By Mr.  
4 Bradford, second by Dr. Gaston.

5 Any opposition? No objection.  
6 Without objection, the minutes have been  
7 approved from the last meeting.

8 IV. REVENUE REPORTS

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll call now for  
10 Revenue Reports. Good morning, you're  
11 riding solo today?

12 MS. JACKSON: Yes. Chairman Jones,  
13 Board Members, my name is Donna Jackson  
14 with Louisiana State Police Gaming  
15 Enforcement Division.

16 The 15 operating riverboats  
17 generated Adjusted Gross Receipts of  
18 \$164,920,634 in May. This total  
19 represents an overall increase from last  
20 month of almost \$8 million or 5 percent,  
21 and a slight increase of .3 percent from  
22 last May.

23 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal  
24 year 2017-2018 to date are  
25 \$1,758,000,000, a decrease of almost

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1 \$19 million or 1 percent from fiscal  
2 year 2016-2017.

3 During May, the State collected fees  
4 totaling \$35,457,936. As of May 31st,  
5 2018, the State has collected  
6 \$378 million in fees for fiscal year  
7 2017-2018.

8 Next is the summary of the May 2018  
9 gaming activity for Harrah's New Orleans  
10 found on page three. During May,  
11 Harrah's generated \$26,924,643 in gross  
12 gaming revenue, an increase of almost  
13 \$3 million or 12.3 percent from last  
14 month, and an increase of \$1.7 million  
15 or 6.8 percent from last May.

16 Revenues for fiscal year 2017-2018  
17 to date are \$265 million, an increase of  
18 \$5.5 million or 2 percent from fiscal  
19 year 2016-2017.

20 During May, the State received  
21 \$5,095,890 in minimum daily payments.  
22 As of May 31st, 2018, the State has  
23 collected \$58.8 million in fees for  
24 fiscal year 2017-2018.

25 Next I will present the revenues for

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1 Slots at the Racetracks. During May,  
2 the four racetrack facilities combined  
3 generated Adjusted Gross Receipts of



4 \$30,684,119, an increase of \$521,000 or  
5 \$1.7 percent from last month, and an  
6 increase of \$729,000 or 2.4 percent from  
7 May 2017.

8 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal  
9 year 2017-2018 to date are \$321 million,  
10 an increase of \$5.3 million or 2 percent  
11 from fiscal year 2016-2017.

12 During May, the State collected  
13 \$4,654,781 in fees. As of May 31st,  
14 2018, the State has collected  
15 \$48.7 million in fees for fiscal year  
16 2017-2018.

17 Overall in May, Riverboats,  
18 Landbased and Slots at the Racetracks  
19 combined generated \$222.5 million AGR  
20 and \$45 million in state fees. These  
21 revenues represent an increase from  
22 May 2017 of \$3 million or 1.4 percent.

23 Are there any questions before I  
24 present the Harrah's employee  
25 information?

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1 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions,  
2 Board Members? No, ma'am.

3 MS. JACKSON: Harrah's New Orleans  
4 is required to maintain at least 2,400  
5 employees and a bi-weekly payroll of  
6 \$1,750,835. This reports cover pay

7 periods in May 2018.

8 For the first pay period, the  
9 Division verified 2,534 employees with a  
10 payroll of \$2,156,000. For the second  
11 pay period, the Division verified 2,580  
12 employees with a payroll of \$2,180,000.

13 For third pay period, the Division  
14 verified 2,616 employees with a payroll  
15 of 2,186,000. Therefore, Harrah's met  
16 the employment criteria during May.

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any  
18 questions? There are no questions.

19 MS. JACKSON: Today I will also be  
20 reporting the video gaming statistics  
21 for May 2018 as shown on page one of  
22 your video handout.

23 Eleven new video gaming licenses  
24 were issued during May: Six bars, four  
25 restaurants and one device owner.

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1 Seven new applications were received  
2 by the Gaming Enforcement Division  
3 during May and are currently pending in  
4 the field: Four bars, two restaurants  
5 and one truckstop.

6 The Gaming Enforcement Division  
7 assessed \$5,461 and collected \$4,919 in  
8 fines during May. Outstanding fines  
9 total \$4,850.

10 As shown on page two of your  
11 handout, there are presently 13,127  
12 video gaming devices activated at 1,709  
13 locations.

14 Net device revenue for May 2018 was  
15 \$50.6 million, a decrease of \$500,000 or  
16 1 percent when compared to April 2018,  
17 but an increase of \$1.5 million or  
18 3.2 percent when compared to May 2017.

19 Net device revenue for fiscal year  
20 2017-2018 to date is \$534.5 million, an  
21 increase of \$4.6 million or .9 percent  
22 when compared to last fiscal year. Page  
23 three of your handout shows a comparison  
24 of the net device revenue.

25 Total franchise fees collected for

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1 May 2018 were \$15 million, a \$200,000,  
2 decrease when compared to April 2018,  
3 but a \$400,000 increase when compared to  
4 May 2017. Total franchise fees  
5 collected for fiscal year 2017-2018 to  
6 date are \$160 million, a \$1.2 million,  
7 or .8 percent increase when compared to  
8 last fiscal year. Page four of your  
9 handout shows a comparison of the  
10 franchise fees.

11 Are there any questions?

12 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board members, any

13 questions? There are no questions.

14 Thank you --

15 MS. JACKSON: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN JONES: -- for both those  
17 reports.

18 Before we move to Video Gaming and  
19 Casino Gaming Issues, I wanted to brief  
20 the Board on a couple matters. First of  
21 all, with the legislative session --  
22 regular legislative session just  
23 concluded, I wanted to take the  
24 opportunity to start my annual -- is  
25 that every two years or twice a year

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1 visits -- whatever, twice a year to  
2 properties around the state. Last week  
3 I was at the Amelia Belle, visited the  
4 manager there. That's the Boyd  
5 property. I was at Delta Downs, which  
6 looks really good based on some  
7 renovations they've done over there.  
8 They're doing amazing business for our  
9 Slots at the Track facility.

10 I also visited with some of the  
11 executives from Pinnacle who were at  
12 L'Auberge Lake Charles for some, excuse  
13 me, transition purposes. We'll be  
14 taking up next month the -- hopefully  
15 the transaction between Penn National

16 and purchasing the property's licenses  
17 of Pinnacle. So I visited with the  
18 general manager of L'Auberge. While I  
19 was there, I also spent time with the  
20 general manager of the Golden Nugget  
21 Lake Charles and some time with the  
22 regional vice-president and regional  
23 manager at the Isle of Capri.

24 So I knocked out about half. I need  
25 to do some business in Baton Rouge and

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1 New Orleans area, and then I'll head to  
2 North Louisiana probably late July or  
3 early August.

4 I also wanted to brief the Board on  
5 legislation with the regular legislative  
6 session just concluded, and I guess top  
7 on -- top of the list there would be the  
8 Riverboat Gaming Task Force that Senator  
9 Johns and I began. It's been 18 months,  
10 19 months now that we took testimony and  
11 heard from regulators from other states,  
12 State Police and the Attorney General,  
13 six different CEOs, Chambers of  
14 Commerce.

15 So we established -- we thought we  
16 did things the right way, and we  
17 established a record on which to make  
18 some recommendations. I think we had

19 somewhere in the neighborhood of a  
20 couple of dozen recommendations from the  
21 industry. We selected what we thought  
22 were conservative recommendations and  
23 could be supported by the record, and  
24 we're also looking at those  
25 recommendations that we thought could be

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1 politically palatable.

2 As you know, we recommended that the  
3 riverboats be permitted to come on to  
4 land 1,200 feet from their designated  
5 berthing site to conduct gaming, and  
6 while that's going to -- going to be  
7 very beneficial for first generation  
8 properties, it won't be quite as  
9 beneficial to the newer generation  
10 properties, like the Golden Nugget,  
11 L'Auberge, Margaritaville. So we also  
12 included a recommendation on redefining  
13 the gaming floor. Rather than using  
14 square footage, we moved to number of  
15 gaming devices, 2,365.

16 So all of the riverboats stand to  
17 gain something from the bill that was  
18 introduced on the Senate side. It  
19 passed out of the Senate and out of the  
20 House without one vote to spare on  
21 either side, and I stayed out of the

22 fight because I'm not supposed to be  
23 involved in it. I was Chairman of the  
24 task force, but the Board's  
25 responsibility is to be neutral with

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1 respect to legislation. Unless they  
2 specifically call me and want me to  
3 bring information to them, we don't --  
4 we neither oppose nor support  
5 legislation.

6 But I have to thank the industry  
7 because there were a number of lobbyists  
8 that were at the Capitol on a regular  
9 basis. The vote was much more difficult  
10 than I thought it was going to be, but  
11 it managed to get off of the Senate  
12 floor, was sent to the House, and  
13 despite about ten different attempts to  
14 amend the bill and send it back to the  
15 Senate and awaiting a date in the  
16 legislature, it got out with only a vote  
17 or two to spare on the House side, as  
18 well.

19 So on June the 23rd, I believe,  
20 Governor Edwards signed that bill and is  
21 now law. We've -- my staff and I have  
22 been visiting with the Attorney  
23 General's Office, the State Police.  
24 We've had one preliminary meeting with

25 Wade Duty representing the industry just

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1 to talk about sort of the macro level  
2 issues. Just philosophically, we're  
3 going to attempt to go with the rules  
4 and regulations to make this possible.

5 We haven't set a specific date to have  
6 the rules and regulations promulgated on  
7 the books. I'd like to have it done by  
8 the end of the year, if Trudy doesn't  
9 throw the water bottle at me.

10 But it's a lot of work that has to  
11 be done. I know of at least three  
12 licenses in Louisiana who are at this  
13 time developing concepts of what  
14 landbased gaming might look like at  
15 their sites, and I'm excited about that.  
16 Because this was always about economic  
17 development. And Senator Johns on more  
18 than one occasion, both in the -- in our  
19 task force meetings and during the  
20 course of the legislative process said  
21 that this wasn't about permitting a  
22 riverboat to move all of the slot  
23 machines into a prefab building or into  
24 an existing conference space in an  
25 adjoining hotel. This was about new

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1 development. This was about jobs, and



2 that's how the Board's going to present  
3 it or view it. And the law was very  
4 specific about coming to the Board with  
5 a plan of economic development and  
6 reinvestment, and that's what we're  
7 going to be looking for.

8 I'm excited that three are already  
9 developing plans. I didn't expect this  
10 to be something that was going to have  
11 an immediate impact in the first 12 to  
12 24 months. Our plan was really to lay  
13 something -- a foundation that's going  
14 to promote the -- permit the industry to  
15 grow over the next five years and ten  
16 years, and I think we've done that. I  
17 think the fact that -- that -- we were  
18 able to successfully amend the Riverboat  
19 Gaming Act for the first time in its  
20 existence. Except for removing the  
21 cruise requirement in 1996, this was the  
22 first substantial legislation that's  
23 passed.

24 Now, there were other sectors in  
25 gaming that saw this also as an

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1 opportunity to introduce their  
2 legislation, so what would have been one  
3 riverboat gaming bill evolved into  
4 somewhere in the neighborhood of 37 or

5 38 gaming bills. Many crashed and  
6 burned before they got out of committee.

7 Video poker managed to get a  
8 somewhat diluted bill out and signed.  
9 They did some concessions. There are  
10 some changes in landscape coming in  
11 video poker. A fantasy sports bill  
12 managed to get out of the -- out of the  
13 House and the Senate and will go on a  
14 parish by parish vote to the people, and  
15 I think what's significant about fantasy  
16 sports, even though they -- they  
17 relegate regulation to this Gaming  
18 Board, I think the vote in the parishes  
19 is going to tell us a little bit about  
20 how our citizens feel about gambling.

21 One of the things that surprised me  
22 during the course of the legislative  
23 session was some of the debate on the  
24 floor, particularly with the Senate of  
25 some of the opposition to gambling in

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1 the state. And, perhaps, I've spent too  
2 many days in my office and not out  
3 visiting with politicians, but I was  
4 surprised at some of the opposition,  
5 particularly since gaming now has  
6 surpassed oil and gas in terms of  
7 revenue.

8           So I think the fantasy bill is going  
9           to be sort of a canary in the coal mine  
10          for us. It's going to tell us the  
11          sentiment of the people in the 64  
12          parishes. I anticipate that a sports  
13          bill will be reintroduced next year,  
14          since Mississippi already has one.  
15          Mississippi will be the only place from  
16          east coast to the west coast across the  
17          south that you can legally bet on sports  
18          events. But I fully anticipate that  
19          happening again next legislative  
20          session. There will be a lot of  
21          groundwork done between now and then.

22          As you probably read -- and I'm  
23          trying to keep the Board informed --  
24          Harrah's had a proposition that was  
25          offered by the Speaker of the House,

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1          Taylor Barras, to move up the execution  
2          on renewal of their contract which  
3          expires in 2024, exclusive contract for  
4          the landbased casino and the City of New  
5          Orleans; and in exchange for that,  
6          Caesars had committed to \$350 million in  
7          non-gaming capital expenditures to build  
8          a hotel tower, add a pool, spa, to  
9          enclose an area, I think Fulton Street.  
10          It was -- it got out of the House with

11 very little debate.  
12 Somewhere between the House and the  
13 Senate, it was publicly learned -- not  
14 that it had been a private matter, but  
15 the issue of a REIT, V-I-C-I, Vici,  
16 having a call option to purchase the  
17 lease on the -- the city lease on the  
18 property became an issue. And the  
19 debate then evolved into, is the  
20 State and is the City -- are those two  
21 entities getting a good deal from  
22 Caesars. And there were negotiations up  
23 to the last two hours of the regular  
24 legislative session, and that bill  
25 failed to get out of the Senate.

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1 I've been told -- and I -- I don't  
2 know whether or not Caesars will offer  
3 that again next year. The General  
4 Manager, Dan Real, said just coming from  
5 the Senate that competition for that  
6 money, among other Caesars' properties,  
7 is going to be tough, and he has no  
8 guarantee that he'll be able to offer  
9 the same deal next legislative session.  
10 So I don't know what happens there, but  
11 I do know that they will not be building  
12 another hotel or providing any other  
13 improvements and amenities at least in

14 the current calendar year and until some  
15 resolution comes to the early renewal of  
16 the contract. Their position is simply  
17 that, why would we invest \$300 million  
18 -- or in excess of \$300 million if we  
19 thought we might have to walk away from  
20 this in six years.

21 So that's the political dispute. We  
22 took no position on it. We weren't  
23 involved in the analysis of it. We  
24 weren't involved in the negotiations.  
25 But obviously we have an interest in

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1 Harrah's doing well. We have an  
2 interest in the City doing well; we have  
3 an interest in the State doing well.  
4 And I'm anxious and hopeful that next  
5 year it can be reconsidered.

6 Any questions from Board Members on  
7 the legislation? [No response.]

8 And I would -- you know, I have  
9 encouraged you before to visit  
10 properties, whether formally or  
11 informally. If you want to meet with  
12 the general manager, if you want an  
13 official tour, I can set that up. The  
14 properties are all glad to have any of  
15 you visit them. If you just want to go  
16 incognito and have dinner and hang out

17 and walk around, that's fine too. I  
18 know that Dr. Gaston recently popped in  
19 on the landbased and identified himself,  
20 and I think they toured you around; and  
21 you were favorably impressed with the  
22 property.

23 MR. GASTON: Very much so.

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: So, you know, I  
25 encourage you to do that. You're under

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1 no obligation to do it. I'm not going  
2 to pay for your meal, nor is the  
3 State -- well, I might do it. We can  
4 negotiate that. The State's not going  
5 to pay for it, but --

6 MR. GASTON: Mr. Chairman, can we  
7 follow up on Harrah's? You know, we all  
8 think about these casinos, and we think  
9 about the gambling part; but the  
10 gentleman that took me around was in  
11 food and beverage. And he told me how  
12 much they gave to the customers who were  
13 the -- you know, the good customers,  
14 whatever you call them, i.e., in the  
15 food -- they had 450 places to eat -- I  
16 mean, seats in the main dining area  
17 there, and the bottom line is, they  
18 absorb that food cost for those who are,  
19 you know, gambling a lot. You know

20 those who are just visiting, they, I'm  
21 sure, pay a small amount, but it was  
22 extremely impressive.

23 I didn't meet the general manager.  
24 I met the assistant general manager.  
25 She was extremely nice and was treated

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1 like a king and also had an opportunity  
2 to meet with us with the head of  
3 security, and they -- if any of you  
4 haven't been there and watched how those  
5 cameras work, there's not a whole lot of  
6 hanky-panky going to pass by those  
7 troopers, I can tell you. Mr. Edmonson  
8 knows that. Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you. And,  
10 you know, I would just encourage  
11 you-guys to do that from time to time.  
12 I think it's important for your role  
13 that you serve. You don't have to tell  
14 if you've been, but if you have -- if  
15 you're favorably impressed, let me know,  
16 and I'll let the general manager know.  
17 And if you want something more formal --  
18 Mr. Patrick, I think, visited  
19 Margaritaville last year and set him up  
20 with some of their staff. He was  
21 interested in some of the financial  
22 background, how they managed things, and

23 I think he came away impressed with what  
24 they do, so --

25 MR. PATRICK: Very impressed.

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1 CHAIRMAN JONES: -- having said  
2 that, if there are no questions, we'll  
3 move forward. Thank you for your  
4 indulgence.

#### 5 V. VIDEO GAMING ISSUES

6 A. Consideration of the transfer of interest in  
7 the following truckstop application:

8 1. WY Properties d/b/a Logansport Truck Stop &  
9 Casino - No. 1601517239

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: First up is Video  
11 Gaming Issues, Consideration of transfer  
12 of interest in the following truckstop  
13 application: WY Properties doing  
14 business as Logansport Truck Stop &  
15 Casino, No. 1601517239.

16 Good morning.

17 MS. HIMEL: Good morning, Chairman  
18 Jones, Members of the Board. I'm  
19 Assistant Attorney, Dawn Himel. I'm  
20 standing in today on behalf of Earl  
21 Pitre, Jr.

22 The establishment is located in  
23 Logansport, Louisiana, and on  
24 September 6th, 2017, Wayne Yates  
25 transferred 100 percent of the



1 membership interest in the licensee, WY  
2 Properties, LLC, to Leon Millitello.

3 Criminal Investigator Glenn Verrett  
4 conducted the criminal checks on the  
5 relevant persons associated and also  
6 conducted an investigation of the  
7 transfer of membership interest, and at  
8 this time, he would like to present his  
9 findings to the Board.

10 TROOPER VERRETT: Good morning, Mr.  
11 Chairman and Board Members. I'm  
12 Investigator Glenn Verrett with  
13 Louisiana State Police.

14 I conducted the investigation of the  
15 transfer of the membership and found no  
16 information that would preclude the  
17 continuing license of the referenced  
18 licensee. Leon Millitello and his wife,  
19 Sharon Millitello, have previously  
20 submitted to suitability investigations  
21 under various licenses, and I found no  
22 information in an updated criminal check  
23 that would preclude them from continuing  
24 to participate in the gaming industry.

25 MS. HIMEL: The Office of the

1 Attorney General has reviewed the file  
2 that's compiled by State Police based on

3 the investigation, and we see nothing to  
4 preclude the continued licensing of the  
5 licensee.

6 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, are  
7 there any questions with respect to the  
8 proposed transfer of interest? [No  
9 response.]

10 There are no questions. Do I have a  
11 motion?

12 MR. JACKSON: Motion to approve.

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Jackson and  
14 Miss Berry.

15 Any opposition? [No response.]

16 Without opposition, the motion is  
17 adopted, and the transfer is approved.

18 MS. HIMEL: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you.

## 20 VI. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

21 A. Consideration of Certificate of  
22 Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat  
23 Inspection of the gaming vessel of  
24 Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership  
25 d/b/a DiamondJacks Casino & Resort - No.

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2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Next up, Casino  
3 Gaming: Consideration of the  
4 Certificate of Compliance for the  
5 Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the

6 gaming vessel of Louisiana Riverboat  
7 Gaming Partnership doing business as  
8 DiamondJacks Casino & Resort, No.  
9 RO10800195.

10 MS. LANDRY: Morning, Chairman Jones  
11 and Board Members. I'm Assistant  
12 Attorney General Lisha Landry. With me  
13 is Mr. Jeff Boyle of ABSC. We're here  
14 in the matter of the issuance of the  
15 Certificate of Compliance to Louisiana  
16 Riverboat Gaming Partnership doing  
17 business as DiamondJacks Casino.

18 On April 4th, 2018, ABSC began the  
19 inspection process for the approval of  
20 DiamondJacks Casino's Certificate of  
21 Compliance. For more on this, I now  
22 turn the presentation over to Mr. Boyle.

23 MR. BOYLE: Good morning, Mr.  
24 Chairman and Board Members. My name is  
25 Jeff Boyle with ABS Consulting here to

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1 report the annual certification for  
2 DiamondJacks Casino & Resort.

3 The inspectors, Doug Chapman and  
4 Pete Bullard, were on-site April 4th and  
5 5th attending the riverboat Margaret  
6 Mary to conduct the annual inspection in  
7 accordance with the Alternate Inspection  
8 Program. The inspectors reviewed fire

9 protection measures, egress routes,  
10 emergency lighting, mooring systems and  
11 conducted a fire drill. The  
12 deficiencies noted are on page seven of  
13 your report. A follow-up inspection was  
14 completed on April 10th, and all of  
15 those items were considered  
16 satisfactory.

17 The 2018 annual survey, as required  
18 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board,  
19 is now complete and presents no safety  
20 concerns to the patrons or employees on  
21 the riverboat. It is the recommendation  
22 of ABS Consulting that DiamondJacks  
23 Casino be issued the Certificate of  
24 Compliance.

25 MS. LANDRY: We now present these

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1 findings to the Board and request that  
2 upon the Board's accepting the report  
3 submitted by ABSC, you will move for the  
4 issuance of DiamondJacks Casino's  
5 Certificate of Compliance.

6 CHAIRMAN JONES: Questions? [No  
7 response.]

8 There are none.

9 MR. GASTON: I'll move, Mr.  
10 Chairman.

11 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Dr. Gaston,

12 second by Miss Berry.  
13 Any objection? [No response.]  
14 Without objection, the motion to  
15 adopt the Certificate of Compliance is  
16 approved. Thank you.

17 VII. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

18 1. In Re: Kiet Tuan Tang d/b/a Keith's  
19 Seafood and Poboys - No. 4400217511  
20 CHAIRMAN JONES: Next up,  
21 Consideration of Proposed Settlement  
22 that's in regards to Kiet Tuan Tang  
23 doing business as Keith's Seafood and  
24 Poboys - No. 4400217511.

25 Good morning.

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1 MR. GATHE: Good morning, Chairman  
2 Jones, Board Members. I'm Assistant  
3 Attorney General Jeremy Gathe present  
4 before the Board in the matter of the  
5 settlement of Kiet Tuan Tang doing  
6 business as Keith's Seafood and Poboys.

7 The settlement addresses the late  
8 submission of annual forms and fees that  
9 are required to be submitted no later  
10 than July 1st of each year. This Type 2  
11 licensee did not submit its annual forms  
12 and fees until April 13th, 2018, which  
13 gave rise to a violation of gaming law.  
14 The civil penalty contained in the

15 settlement is \$750, which is an amount  
16 that is well established for violations  
17 of this type. The settlement has been  
18 signed by the hearing officer and is now  
19 before the Board for final approval.

20 And I'll be happy to answer any  
21 questions at this time.

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any  
23 questions with respect to the proposed  
24 settlement? [No response.]

25 There are none. Mr. Patrick, you

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1 move.

2 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Bradford.

4 Any objection to the motion to  
5 approve the settlement? [No response.]

6 Hearing none, the motion is adopted.

7 Thank you very much.

8 CHAIRMAN JONES: That's it. I'm  
9 sorry. July 19th at the Capitol --  
10 provisionally at the Capitol on  
11 Thursday, and hopefully at that meeting,  
12 we'll take up the major transactions  
13 between Pinnacle and Penn. And I've  
14 ad-libbed as much as I can do, but  
15 there's nothing else on the agenda.

16 VIII. ADJOURNMENT

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: Do I have a motion?

18 By Dr. Gaston, Mr. Bradford.

19 Without objection, we stand

20 adjourned. Thank you.

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