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9 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016

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11 Louisiana State Capitol

12 900 North Third Street

13 House Committee Room 2

14 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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18 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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9 June 30, 2020

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June 30, 2020

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14 Fourth Congressional District

June 30, 2018

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Third Congressional District

17 June 30, 2018

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19 WANDA THERIOT

(At large)

20 First Congressional District

June 30, 2021

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22 Ex-Officio Board Member

Louisiana State Police

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KEVIN RICHARD

24 Deputy Secretary of Revenue

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Baton Rouge Court Reporters

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Good morning and
3 welcome to the October monthly meeting
4 of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.

5 Miss Tramonte, would you call the
6 roll.

7 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: Mr. Jackson?

16 MR. JACKSON: Here.

17 THE CLERK: Mr. Gaston? [No
18 response.]

19 Miss Berry?

20 MS. BERRY: Here.

21 THE CLERK: Miss Theriot?

22 MS. THERIOT: Here.

23 THE CLERK: Colonel Edmonson?

24 MAJOR NOEL: Major Noel for Colonel
25 Edmonson.

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1 THE CLERK: Secretary Robinson? [No
2 response.]

3 MR. RICHARD: Kevin Richard for
4 Secretary Robinson.

5 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

6 CHAIRMAN JONES: We have a quorum,
7 and we may conduct business. Is there
8 anyone in the audience today who wants
9 to offer public comment on any item on
10 our agenda?

11 Okay. I will. We had our second
12 meeting of the Riverboat Gaming Task
13 Force this past Tuesday, and my sense is
14 they're going to be very productive
15 meetings; and I'm hopeful that this is
16 going to be something that's good for
17 the riverboat gaming industry.

18 All of the meetings are streamed
19 live. They're scheduled for the third
20 Tuesday of every month, except for
21 December and when the legislature's in
22 session, so we'll have another meeting
23 in November, and we'll have Anthony
24 Sanfillipo with Pinnacle Entertainment,
25 Geoff Freeman in for the January

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1 meeting; February, Tony Rodio, with
2 Tropicana; March may be Mark Frissora
3 with Caesars or Tilman Fertitta. I'm
4 not sure which. We're still planning
5 those meetings.

6 But if you miss watching the
7 meetings live, they're archived on the
8 legislative website. I would encourage
9 you to go there and look at particularly
10 this past week's meeting when we had the
11 CEO and President of Boyd Gaming, and he
12 gave a great -- painted a great picture
13 of Boyd's investment in Louisiana and
14 from his standpoint what could be done
15 to provide greater economic development
16 for the riverboat gaming industry.

17 All of the documents, PowerPoints,
18 any presentation made before the task
19 force is archived on our website, the
20 Gaming Control Board website. There's a
21 tab up there for the Riverboat Gaming
22 Task Force. If you click on that, you
23 can get the meeting minutes. You can
24 also get the attachments, PowerPoints
25 and that sort of thing.

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1 So I'd encourage you to pay
2 attention as we go through this process
3 because I think it's important for all

4 of you who are involved on the riverboat
5 side of gaming in the state.

6 III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: There being no
8 other business with respect to public
9 comment, I'd ask for a motion to waive
10 reading and approve the minutes. By
11 Mr. Bradford, second by Miss Berry.

12 Any objection? Without objection,
13 the minutes are approved.

14 IV. REVENUE REPORTS

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll now move to
16 Revenue Reports. Good morning.

17 MS. JACKSON: Good morning, Chairman
18 Jones, Board Members. My name is Donna
19 Jackson with the Louisiana State Police
20 Gaming Enforcement Division.

21 The 15 operating riverboats
22 generated Adjusted Gross Receipts of
23 \$158,460,904 in September. This total
24 represents an increase of \$8 million or
25 5.4 percent from last month, and an

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1 increase of \$5.3 million or 3.5 percent
2 from last September.

3 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
4 year 2016-2017 to date are almost \$487
5 million, a decrease of \$8.7 million or
6 2 percent from fiscal year 2015-2016.

7 During September, the State
8 collected fees totaling \$34,069,094. As
9 of September 30th, 2016, the State
10 collected \$104.7 million in fees for
11 fiscal year 2016-2017, a decrease of
12 \$1.9 million from last fiscal year.

13 Next is a summary of the September
14 2016 gaming activity for Harrah's New
15 Orleans found on page three. During
16 September, Harrah's generated
17 \$23,650,086 in gross gaming revenue, up
18 \$4.5 million or 23 percent from last
19 month, but down \$871,000 or 3.6 percent
20 from last September.

21 Fiscal year-to-date gaming revenues
22 for 2016-2017 are \$65,288,140, down
23 almost \$18 million or 21 percent from
24 fiscal year 2015-2016.

25 During September, the State received

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1 \$4,931,507 in minimum daily payments.
2 As of September 30th, 2016, the State
3 has collected \$15 million in fees for
4 fiscal year 2016-2017.

5 Next I'll present the revenues for
6 Slots at the Racetracks. During
7 September, the four racetrack facilities
8 combined generated Adjusted Gross
9 Receipts of \$27,233,481, an increase of

10 \$1.6 million or 6 percent from August,
11 but a decrease from September 2015 of
12 \$1.2 million or 4 percent.

13 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
14 year 2016-2017 to date are \$83.5
15 million, a decrease of \$6.3 million or
16 7 percent from fiscal year 2015-2016.

17 Overall, Riverboats, Landbased and
18 Slots at the Racetracks combined
19 generated \$209 million in AGR and
20 \$43 million in state fees. These
21 revenues represent an increase from
22 September 2015 of about 2 percent.

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

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1 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions,
2 Board Members? There are no questions.

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 report covers pay
7 periods in September 2016.

8 For the first pay period, the
9 Division verified 2,438 employees with a
10 payroll of \$1,821,000. For the second
11 pay period, the Division verified 2,456
12 employees with a payroll of \$1,829,000.

13 Therefore, Harrah's met the employment
14 criteria during September.

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16 Board Members? There are no questions.

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3 criteria during September.

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: Questions? There
5 are no questions.

6 MS. JACKSON: Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: Jim.

8 MR. BOSSIER: Good morning, Chairman
9 Jones and Board Members. My name is Jim
10 Bossier with the Louisiana State Police
11 Gaming Enforcement Division here to
12 report video gaming statistics for
13 September 2016 as shown on page one of
14 your handout.

15 Seventeen new video gaming licenses

16 were issued during September: Seven
17 bars and ten restaurants. Seven new
18 applications were received by the Gaming
19 Enforcement Division during September
20 and are currently pending in the field:
21 Six bars and one restaurant.

22 The Gaming Enforcement Division
23 assessed \$26,000 and collected \$1,750 in
24 fines during September, and there are
25 currently \$24,500 in outstanding fines.

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1 Please refer to page two of your
2 handout.

3 There are presently 13,042 video
4 gaming devices activated at 1,769
5 locations.

6 Net device revenue for
7 September 2016 was \$46.7 million, a \$2.5
8 million increase, or 5.5 percent, when
9 compared to August 2016, and a
10 \$1 million increase, or 2.2 percent,
11 when compared to September 2015.

12 Net device revenue so far for fiscal
13 year 2017 is \$137.2 million, a
14 \$3.8 million decrease, or \$2.7 percent,
15 when compared to fiscal year 2016. Page
16 three of your handout shows a comparison
17 of net device revenue.

18 Total franchise fees collected

19 during September 2016 were \$14 million,
20 an \$800,000 increase when compared to
21 July 2016, and a \$400,000 increase when
22 compared to September 2015. Total
23 franchise fees collected for fiscal year
24 2017 are \$41.1 million, a \$1.1 million
25 decrease, or 2.5 percent, when compared

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1 to fiscal year 2016. Page four of your
2 handout shows a comparison of franchise
3 fees.

4 Does anybody have any questions?

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any
6 questions? Mr. Singleton.

7 MR. SINGLETON: I have one.

8 MR. BOSSIER: Yes, sir.

9 MR. SINGLETON: On the amount of
10 outstanding fees, that looks like it
11 keeps going up. Why can't we collect
12 the money?

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: Major.

14 MAJOR NOEL: Mr. Singleton, it's a
15 rolling number. We're constantly
16 collecting them, and, in fact, when they
17 become delinquent, we have a -- pretty
18 much a hundred percent collection
19 rate --

20 MR. SINGLETON: Okay.

21 MAJOR NOEL: -- because we'll

22 disable the location until they pay it.
23 So we usually are very good at
24 collecting them; but it's a revolving
25 number, and sometimes it goes up and

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1 goes down depending on the number of
2 violations we've issued during the
3 month.

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: Did that help you,
5 Mr. Singleton?

6 MR. SINGLETON: Yes.

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any other
8 questions? There are no questions.

9 Thank you very much.

10 V. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

11 A. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance
12 for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of
13 the gaming vessel of Louisiana 1 Gaming L.P.
14 d/b/a Boomtown New Orleans - No. R012600196

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll now move to
16 Casino Gaming Issues. First up is:
17 Consideration of Certificate of
18 Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat
19 Inspection of the gaming vessel
20 Louisiana 1 Gaming L.P. doing business
21 as Boomtown New Orleans, No. R012600196.

22 Good morning, gentlemen.

23 MR. LEWIS: Good morning.

24 MR. FRANCIC: Good morning.

25 MR. LEWIS: Good morning, Chairman

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1 Jones, Board Members. I'm Assistant
2 Attorney General Kanick Lewis, Jr., and
3 with me is John Francic of ABSC. We're
4 here in the matter of the issuance of
5 the renewal of the Certificate of
6 Compliance to Louisiana 1 Gaming, L.P.
7 doing business as Boomtown New Orleans.

8 And on August 9th, 2016, ABSC began
9 the inspection process for the renewal
10 of the Boomtown New Orleans' Certificate
11 of Compliance, and for more on this, I
12 now turn it over to Mr. Francic.

13 MR. FRANCIC: Good morning, Chairman
14 and Board Members. I'm John Francic
15 with ABS Consulting here to the report
16 the annual certification for Boomtown
17 Casino Harvey.

18 The inspectors, Doug Chapman and
19 Pete Bohler, did, on August 9th, attend
20 the riverboat Boomtown Belle to conduct
21 the annual inspection in accordance with
22 the Alternative Inspection Program for
23 the State of Louisiana.

24 The inspectors reviewed the fire
25 protection measures, equipment, egress

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1 routes, mooring systems, machinery

2 spaces and conducted a fire drill. The
3 deficiencies found during the inspection
4 are noted on page seven of your report.

5 A follow-up exam was done on
6 September 16th, and the discrepancies
7 were found corrected and satisfactory.
8 This can be found in the supplemental
9 report.

10 The 2016 annual survey, as required
11 by the Louisiana Gaming Commission, is
12 complete and presents no safety concerns
13 to its patrons or employees onboard the
14 riverboat. It is the recommendation of
15 ABS Consulting to issue the Certificate
16 of Compliance.

17 MR. LEWIS: We now present these
18 findings to the Board and request that
19 upon the Board accepting this report
20 submitted by ABSC, that you will move
21 for the renewal of Boomtown New Orleans'
22 Certificate of Compliance.

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: Do you have a
24 question, or did you move?

25 MS. BERRY: No, I was going to move,

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1 but she beat me to it. I was going to
2 second that everything was done
3 correctly.

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: Let me make sure

5 there are no questions from Board
6 Members. Are there any questions?

7 Yes, sir, Mr. Stipe.

8 MR. STIPE: For this particular
9 facility, are any of these discrepancies
10 repeat from the previous years? Do you
11 follow me?

12 MR. FRANCIC: Yes. I would have to
13 go back and look. I can't really state
14 for sure. Usually it's items that
15 are -- how do you say -- you know,
16 lights go out with exit lights and, you
17 know, so it's common things that they
18 just need to keep up on with it. But
19 sometimes it's repeated, but sometimes
20 it's not.

21 MR. STIPE: And these, you don't
22 recall these from previous years'
23 inspections?

24 MR. FRANCIC: Let me just look at
25 it. No. I mean, the common thing is,

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1 you know, usually when they get the
2 service inspection report for their fire
3 system, sometimes there's always
4 discrepancies on them, and they don't
5 follow up with the company and make sure
6 that they're corrected. So that's the
7 most common throughout the industry, is

8 when they get these reports, they don't
9 go back and make sure all these
10 deficiencies are corrected with their
11 fire fighting systems, so we make sure
12 that gets done.

13 MR. STIPE: All right. Thank you.
14 Appreciate it.

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: So, Miss Theriot, I
16 believe you had a motion and, Miss
17 Berry, is the second.

18 Is there any objection? Without
19 objection, the issuance of the
20 Certificate of Compliance is approved.
21 Thank you.

22 B. Consideration of petition to Amend License
23 Conditions by Bossier Casino Venture, Inc.,
24 d/b/a Margaritaville Casino - No. R011000841

25 CHAIRMAN JONES: Next up is

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1 Consideration of Petition to Amend
2 License Conditions by Bossier Casino
3 Venture, Inc., doing business as
4 Margaritaville Casino, No. RO11000841.

5 Good morning.

6 MR. MEEK: Good morning. Good
7 morning, Chairman Jones, Members of the
8 Board. I'm Matt Meek Assistant Attorney
9 General before the Board in the matter
10 of Bossier Casino Venture,

11 Incorporated's, petition for approval to
12 amend its license conditions.

13 The riverboat casino is located at
14 777 Margaritaville Way, Bossier City,
15 Louisiana, in Bossier Parish.

16 The Board imposed the license
17 conditions at issue on August 18th,
18 2011. On July 24th, 2014, all license
19 conditions were reviewed and revised in
20 connection with the five-year renewal of
21 riverboat gaming license, but the
22 substance of the condition at issue was
23 not changed.

24 On September 21st, 2016, the
25 licensee filed a petition with the Board

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1 requesting to amend a portion of Section
2 6(c) of its license conditions, namely
3 the portion that requires the licensee
4 to maintain a, quote, 400-seat
5 Margaritaville style restaurant with an
6 entertainment area, end quote.

7 The licensee is requesting that the
8 language be amended to read a, quote,
9 325-seat casual dining restaurant with
10 an entertainment area. The proposed
11 change would lift the Margaritaville
12 style requirement and reduce the number
13 of seats in the restaurant from 400 to

14 325.

15 Should the Board approve the
16 requested amendment, the license
17 conditions -- to the license conditions,
18 a Resolution has been prepared for
19 adoption by the Board.

20 Margaritaville representatives are
21 present this morning if the Board has
22 any questions.

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: I'd like to hear
24 from them.

25 MS. HARKINS: Good morning.

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1 CHAIRMAN JONES: So tell us what's
2 going on with this request.

3 MR. REGULA: So basically all
4 aspects of our business have improved
5 dramatically since opening with the
6 exception of this one restaurant. What
7 we are proposing to do is replace this
8 restaurant with a restaurant we feel
9 will better service our guests, provide
10 more revenue to the entity and generally
11 improve our operations.

12 COURT REPORTER: Can you state your
13 name for the record.

14 MR. REGULA: Oh, for the record, I'm
15 General Manager, Barry Regula.

16 CHAIRMAN JONES: Miss Harkins,

17 identify yourself, please.

18 MS. HARKINS: Good morning. My name
19 is Deborah Harkins with Roedel Parsons,
20 and I'm here representing Bossier Casino
21 Venture, Inc.

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Stipe.

23 MR. STIPE: Yeah, just on its face,
24 it looks to be a decrease in the
25 physical planned commitment. Is their

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1 some counterbalancing capital
2 expenditure or something? Do you
3 understand?

4 MR. REGULA: Right. So the physical
5 plan is actually remaining the same
6 size. We haven't found the need for 400
7 seats in this restaurant to this point
8 so what -- we're investing over
9 \$2 million in the restaurant. We're
10 adding a wood burning oven, which takes
11 up some space, the ability to do some
12 things a little differently, and a
13 better bar. So what it will do is it
14 will occupy the same amount of space but
15 fill it up a little bit more and then
16 make the seating more efficient.

17 We haven't had a -- haven't had a
18 400-seat turn in many, many months in
19 this particular restaurant.

20 So it was originally designed to be
21 a standalone attraction for cash
22 business and then support casino gaming,
23 but it really hasn't functioned like
24 that in quite some time.

25 MR. STIPE: That's all I have.

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1 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any other questions
2 from the Board?

3 Yes, sir, Mr. Bradford.

4 MR. BRADFORD: So this is basically
5 just changing the theme of this
6 particular restaurant and remodeling it,
7 renovating it, give it a different look?

8 MR. REGULA: Correct.

9 MR. BRADFORD: Same square
10 footage --

11 MR. REGULA: Same square footage.

12 MR. BRADFORD: -- and because of the
13 renovation, a few less tables,
14 basically --

15 MR. REGULA: Right.

16 MR. BRADFORD: -- and a different
17 layout, different look?

18 MR. REGULA: Different layout,
19 different look.

20 MR. BRADFORD: In the same spot
21 where it is now.

22 MR. REGULA: Space.

23 MS. HARKINS: Exact same space, and
24 we'll be taking advantage of -- it's
25 going to be called the Riverview

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1 Brewhouse, I believe, is what we have
2 the name of it, something like that.

3 MR. REGULA: Riverview Restaurant &
4 Brewhouse.

5 MS. HARKINS: And we'll have more --
6 take advantage more of the river and the
7 view, and, you know, it would be
8 aesthetically really much more pleasing
9 and hopefully more attractive and
10 conducive with, we believe, what the
11 market, you know...

12 MR. BRADFORD: Same kitchen?

13 MR. REGULA: Same main kitchen, and
14 then we're adding a wood fired oven area
15 to do pizzas and charbroiled oysters and
16 things that will resonate more with our
17 repeat guests.

18 MR. BRADFORD: No more questions.

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any other questions
20 from the Board?

21 Do I have a motion to adopt the
22 Resolution?

23 MR. BRADFORD: I do.

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Mr. Bradford,
25 second by Mr. Jackson.

1 Miss Tramonte, would you read the
2 Resolution into the record.

3 THE CLERK: On the 20th day of
4 October, 2016, the Louisiana Gaming
5 Control Board did, in a duly noticed
6 public meeting, consider the Petition to
7 Amend License Conditions filed by
8 Bossier Casino Venture, Incorporated,
9 doing business as Margaritaville Casino,
10 license Number RO11000841, and upon
11 motion duly made and second, the Board
12 adopted this Resolution:

13 Be it resolved that, subject to all
14 license conditions currently in effect
15 on Bossier Casino Venture doing business
16 as Margaritaville, the following
17 modification to the Statement of
18 Conditions be and is hereby approved:

19 Condition 6(c) of the Statement of
20 Conditions, dated July 24th, 2014, be
21 modified and replaced with the
22 following:

23 6(c) Several food and beverage
24 outlets, including a 325-seat casual
25 dining restaurant with an entertainment

1 area, a 350-seat buffet, a fine dining
2 restaurant and a 24-hour cafe.

3 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
4 Louisiana, this 20th day of October,
5 2016.

6 Mr. Bradford?

7 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

8 THE CLERK: Mr. Stipe?

9 MR. STIPE: Yes.

10 THE CLERK: Mr. Singleton?

11 MR. SINGLETON: Yes.

12 THE CLERK: Mr. Jackson?

13 MR. JACKSON: Yes.

14 THE CLERK: Miss Berry?

15 MS. BERRY: Yes.

16 THE CLERK: Miss Theriot?

17 MS. THERIOT: Yes.

18 THE CLERK: Chairman Jones?

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes. The motion

20 carries. The Resolution is approved.

21 Thank you.

22 MS. HARKINS: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: Don't leave yet,

24 please. You can leave, Matthew.

25 Now that the vote's been taken, I

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1 just want to put something into the

2 record. I know there's a pending

3 potential sale of the property.

4 MS. HARKINS: Correct.

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: In the event that

6 that doesn't happen, all right, if you
7 come back before the Board again for
8 changes, I want you to review the 120
9 pages of sworn testimony that was made
10 before this Board as to the concept on
11 which this license was based. All
12 right. The sworn testimony was: We're
13 not going to be another clone casino.
14 Okay. This is going to be an
15 experience. Okay?

16 Do we understand each other?

17 MS. HARKINS: Sure.

18 MR. REGULA: Um-hmm.

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: Read the testimony
20 if you come back before this Board for
21 changes.

22 MS. HARKINS: Okay. We'll
23 absolutely do that.

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you very
25 much.

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1 C. Consideration of request for amendment to
2 Riverboat Staffing Plan by PNK (Bossier City),
3 LLC, d/b/a Boomtown Bossier City - No.
4 R016500701

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: Next up is
6 Consideration of request for amendment
7 to Riverboat Staffing Plan by PNK
8 (Bossier City), LLC, doing business as a

9 Boomtown Bossier City, No. RO16500701.

10 Good morning again.

11 MR. LEWIS: Good morning.

12 MR. FRANCIC: Good morning.

13 MR. LEWIS: Again, Chairman Jones,

14 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney

15 General Kanick Lewis, Jr. With me is

16 John Francic of ABSC, and we're here

17 this morning in the matter of the

18 Amendment of the Riverboat Staffing Plan

19 for PNK (Bossier City), LLC, doing

20 business as Boomtown Bossier City.

21 For more on this, I now turn the

22 presentation over to Mr. Francic.

23 MR. FRANCIC: Good morning,

24 Chairman, Board Members, John Francic

25 with ABS Consulting.

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1 As you know, the manning variance

2 and staffing is really a working

3 document, and I applaud Boomtown Bossier

4 for taking the time out to update their

5 plan.

6 I reviewed the plan, and there's no

7 change in the staffing. They're

8 utilizing more porters. They updated

9 their training program for the porters

10 and updated the competency (phonetic),

11 name changes, titles throughout their

12 plan. They added some more additional
13 items for when they had flooding, how
14 they address that issue based on the
15 experience recently.

16 So the plan's just been updated to
17 accommodate what their emergency needs
18 are, so it's -- and, you know, a good
19 thing that they did this.

20 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any
21 questions? There are no questions.

22 MR. LEWIS: We now present these
23 findings to the Board and request upon
24 the Board's accepting the report
25 submitted by ABSC, that you will move

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1 for the acceptance of the Amended
2 Riverboat Staffing Plan of PNK (Bossier
3 City), LLC, doing business as Boomtown
4 Bossier City.

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: Do I have a motion
6 to approve the amendment to the staffing
7 plan?

8 By Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Stipe.

9 Any objection? [No response.]

10 The motion carries. The staffing
11 plan is approved. Thank you.

12 VI. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT IN THE
13 FOLLOWING:

14 1. In Re: PNK (Baton Rouge) Partnership,

15 d/b/a L'Auberge Casino & Hotel Baton Rouge
16 - Nos. SAR #16-1-38-123-2663 and SAR
17 #16-1-38-124-2664

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: And the final item
19 up on the seemingly Pinnacle agenda
20 today is a proposed settlement in regard
21 to PNK (Baton Rouge) Partnership doing
22 business as L'Auberge Casino & Hotel
23 Baton Rouge, SAR #16-1-38-123-2663 and
24 SAR #16-1-38-124-2664. It's a proposed
25 settlement.

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1 Good morning.

2 MR. PARENTON: Good morning.

3 MS. BROWN: Good morning. Chairman
4 Jones, Board Members, I'm Mesa Brown,
5 Assistant Attorney General, and here
6 with me representing PNK (Baton Rouge)
7 Partnership is Mickey Parenton, General
8 Manager, and Frank Brown, Director of
9 Compliance. I'll be presenting the
10 consolidated settlement regarding SAR
11 Numbers 16-1-38-123-2663 and
12 16-1-38-124-2664.

13 Here we have two underaged gaming
14 violations that occurred on the same day
15 within the same time frame, so the
16 matter was consolidated into one
17 settlement.

18 Both parties have agreed to settle
19 this matter for a penalty of \$20,000.
20 The settlement has been approved by the
21 hearing officer and is now before you
22 for final approval.

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: Do you want to
24 address the Board?

25 MR. PARENTON: First of all, good

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1 morning, Chairman and Board.

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Morning.

3 MR. PARENTON: Let me say this that

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5 CHAIRMAN JONES: And identify
6 yourself for the record, please.

7 MR. PARENTON: Oh, I'm sorry.
8 Mickey Parenton, General Manager of
9 L'Auberge Baton Rouge, and with me is
10 Frank Brown our Director of Compliance.

11 I just want to emphasize the
12 importance that we take in our policies
13 and our procedures and our training for
14 our security at our entrance on
15 underage. Unfortunately, in this
16 situation, complacency takes -- you
17 know, there's sometimes complacent team
18 members, and unfortunately for us it
19 will affect us with a fine. And the
20 team members are no longer employed by

21 us.

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Very good.

23 Are there any questions from the
24 Board for either the Attorney General's
25 Office or the licensee? The Board

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1 appears to be clear.

2 Do I have a motion to approve the
3 settlement? By Mr. Singleton, second by
4 Miss Berry.

5 Any objection? Without objection,
6 the settlement is approved. Thank you
7 very much.

8 MS. BROWN: Thank you.

9 VII. ADJOURNMENT

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: I was not trying to
11 set a land speed record this morning.
12 It just kind of worked out that way. I
13 appreciate your indulgence, and there
14 being no further business, I'll ask for
15 a motion to adjourn.

16 MR. JACKSON: Motion to adjourn.

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Jackson, and a
18 second by Mr. Bradford.

19 Any objection? [No response.]
20 Without objection, we stand adjourned.
21 Thank you.

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17 action.

18 Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 14th day of

19 November, 2016.

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