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6 MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022

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9 LaSALLE BUILDING

10 LaBELLE HEARING ROOM

11 617 NORTH 3rd STREET

12 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

3 Okay. Good morning, Ladies and

4 Gentlemen. Welcome to the May meeting of the

5 Louisiana Gaming Control Board. Ms. Thurman,

6 would you call the roll, please?

7 MS. THURMAN:

8 Chairman Johns?

9 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

10 Here.

11 MS. THURMAN:

12 Mr. Avant?

13 MR. AVANT:

14 Here.

15 MS. THURMAN:

16 Ms. Berry?

17 MS. BERRY:

18 Here.

19 MS. THURMAN:

20 Mr. Jackson?

21 MR. JACKSON:

22 Here.

23 MS. THURMAN:

24 Ms. Lewis?

25 MS. LEWIS:

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1 Here.

2 MS. THURMAN:

3 Mr. Poole?

4 MR. POOLE:

5 Here.

6 MS. THURMAN:

7 Ms. Hamilton-Acker?

8 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

9 Here.

10 MS. THURMAN:

11 Mr. Sholes?

12 (NO RESPONSE)

13 MS. THURMAN:

14 Ms. Traylor?
15 MS. TRAYLOR:
16 Here.
17 MS. THURMAN:
18 Colonel Davis?
19 MAJOR McNEAL:
20 Major McNeal for Colonel Davis.
21 MS. THURMAN:
22 Secretary Richard?
23 MS. TEMPLET:
24 Heather Templet for Secretary
25 Richard.

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1 MS. THURMAN:
2 We have a quorum.
3 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:
4 Thank you, Ms. Thurman. We do have a
5 quorum this morning.

6 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:
8 Item No. II on the agenda will be
9 public comments, Ladies and Gentlemen, if there's
10 anything that anyone in the audience today would
11 like to make a public comment on before we get
12 into the agenda. We do not discuss (inaudible)
13 items in the agenda. So this your time to come
14 forward if you have a public comment.

15 (NO RESPONSE)

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17 Okay. Seeing none, we will move on.

18 III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

19 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

20 Item No. III, Members, we have before
21 us the minutes of the April 18, 2022, meeting. I
22 would ask that we --

23 VICE-CHAIRMAN BERRY:

24 (Indicating)

25 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

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1 Vice-Chairman Berry moves that we
2 waive the reading and approve the minutes of the
3 April 18, 2022, meeting.

4 MR. POOLE:

5 (Indicating)

6 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

7 Mr. Poole seconds that motion. Is
8 there any objection?

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

11 Hearing no objection, those minutes
12 are hereby approved.

13 IV. REVENUE REPORTS

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

15 Okay. Item No. IV on the agenda this
16 morning will be our revenue reports. And,
17 Ms. Jackson, good morning.

18 MS. JACKSON:

19 Good morning, Chairman Johns and

20 Board Members. My name is Donna Jackson. I'm
21 with Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement
22 Division.

23 In April, the 13 operating riverboats
24 generated adjusted gross receipts of \$161,061,903.
25 The State collected fees totaling \$34,628,309.

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1 Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal
2 year 2022 to date are approximately \$1.5 billion,
3 an increase of almost \$214 million, or 17 percent,
4 from fiscal year 2021. For comparative purposes,
5 we have added an additional fiscal year prior to
6 COVID to the bottom of each report.

7 As of October -- I'm sorry --
8 April 30, 2022, the State collected \$322.4 million
9 in fees for fiscal year 2022.

10 Page 2 shows the riverboat revenue
11 broken down by regional market. The overall
12 decrease from March was approximately
13 \$6.4 million, or 3.8 percent. Compared to last
14 April, this month's revenues represent a decrease
15 of \$15 million, or 8.6 percent.

16 Next is a summary of the April 2022
17 gaming activity for Harrah's New Orleans, found on
18 page 3. Harrah's generated \$26,994,562 in gross
19 gaming revenue. These revenues represent an
20 increase from last month of almost \$4.2 million,
21 or 18 percent, and an increase of \$1.9 million, or
22 7.6 percent, from the same month last year.

23 During April, the State received \$5,342,446 in
24 minimum daily payments. Effective April 1,
25 Harrah's fees increased from \$60 million to

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1 \$65 million annually; therefore, the minimum daily
2 payment amount was adjusted accordingly.

3 Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal
4 year 2022 to date are \$186.5 million, an increase
5 of \$24.7 million, or 15 percent, from fiscal year
6 2021. As of April 30, 2022, the State collected
7 approximately \$50.4 million in fees for fiscal
8 year 2022.

9 Next, I will present the revenues for
10 slots at the racetracks. During April, the four
11 racetrack facilities combined generated adjusted
12 gross receipts of \$30,764,426, a slight decrease
13 of 1.4 percent from March 2022, and a decrease of
14 \$4.2 million, or 12 percent, when compared to the
15 same month last year. During April, the State
16 collected almost \$4.7 million in fees.

17 Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal
18 year 2022 to date are \$273 million, an increase of
19 \$15.9 million, or 6 percent, from fiscal year
20 2021. As of April 30, 2022, the State has
21 collected \$41.4 million in fees for fiscal year
22 2022.

23 I will now move to the video gaming
24 information. There are 12,168 video gaming
25 devices activated at 1,457 locations. Net device

1 revenue for April 2022 was \$73,479,825, a decrease
2 of \$7.5 million, or 9.3 percent, when compared to
3 March 2022 and a decrease of \$11 million, or
4 13.2 percent, when compared to last April. Total
5 franchise fees for April 2022 totaled \$22 million,
6 a decrease of \$2 million when compared to March,
7 and a decrease of \$3.5 million when compared to
8 April 2021.

9 Net device revenue for fiscal year
10 2022 to date is \$695 million, an increase of
11 \$78 million, or 12.7 percent, when compared to
12 fiscal year 2021.

13 Total franchise fees collected for
14 fiscal year 2022 to date are \$210 million, an
15 increase of \$22.5 million, or 12 percent, when
16 compared to last year.

17 Next, I'll present the April revenue
18 for sportsbook. During April, the 15 operating
19 retail sportsbooks accepted \$22.2 million in
20 sports wagers, resulting in net proceeds of
21 \$2.3 million and \$202,726 in state taxes. The
22 seven mobile sportsbook operators accepted
23 \$186 million in sports wagers, resulting in net
24 proceeds of approximately \$3.3 million and almost
25 \$2.4 million in taxes paid to the State.

1 Finally, for daily fantasy sports,
2 gross revenues for April were \$813,000, with a net

3 revenue of approximately \$86,000 and taxes of
4 \$6,866.

5 Any questions?

6 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

7 Any questions from board members?

8 Any questions?

9 MS. BERRY:

10 This is probably a basic question,
11 but I notice that the video poker results were
12 down a little bit. You think that's affected by
13 the sportsbook and the mobile gaming?

14 MS. JACKSON:

15 I haven't heard that discussed
16 specifically, but that would be my assumption,
17 yes.

18 MS. BERRY:

19 Okay. That's -- just checking.

20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

22 Ms. Jackson, I did notice in the
23 mobile sportsbook that the win ratio for April was
24 only 1.8 percent; so it looks like the betters had
25 a really good month.

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1 MS. JACKSON:

2 And there will be still some -- a bit
3 of an adjustment because of the negatives that
4 were in those early months and carrying forward.

5 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

6 Right. I mean, it -- it looks like
7 it fluctuates so --

8 MS. JACKSON:

9 Right. It's --

10 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

11 -- so much, you know.

12 MS. JACKSON:

13 And some of the bets were -- the
14 wagers were placed in the prior month, and maybe
15 the payouts don't correspond to the same month.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17 Okay. Good. Okay. Any further
18 questions for Ms. Jackson?

19 (NO RESPONSE)

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 Okay. Thank you, Ms. Jackson.
22 Appreciate your -- your hard work.

23 V. COMPLIANCE REPORTS - 1ST QUARTER 2022

24 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

25 Next, we'll move into the compliance

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1 reports. Good morning.

2 MS. MURRAY BROWN:

3 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
4 Board Members. I am Assistant Attorney General
5 Alonna Murray Brown. And today I'll be presenting
6 the staff reports on riverboat and racetrack
7 casino licensees' compliance with the employment
8 and procurement conditions for the first quarter

9 of 2022. I'll begin with river -- with the
10 riverboats.

11 These reports are taken from figures
12 reported by the 15 operating riverboats to the
13 Louisiana Gaming Control Board. In the first
14 quarter of 2022, approximately 8,504 people were
15 employed by the riverboat industry. Of that
16 number, 8,323 were Louisiana residents, 4,935 were
17 minorities, and 4,605 were women.

18 Next, I'll address employment.
19 Twelve licensees did not meet their total
20 employment goals, and they are: DiamondJacks
21 Casino & Resort, which achieved 38 out of a goal
22 of 650; Sam's Town Hotel & Casino, which achieved
23 384 out of a goal of 700; L'Auberge Baton Rouge,
24 which achieved 769 out of a goal of 800; Horseshoe
25 Casino & Hotel, which achieved 562 out of a goal

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1 of 1,000; Boomtown New Orleans, which achieved 445
2 out of a goal of 555; Belle of Baton Rouge Casino,
3 which achieved 146 out of a goal of 450; Treasure
4 Chest Casino, which achieved 301 out of a goal of
5 500; Hollywood Casino, which achieved 305 out of a
6 goal of 450; Amelia Belle, which achieved 152 out
7 of a goal of 325; Horseshoe Lake Charles, which
8 achieved 409 out of a goal of 650; Boomtown Casino
9 Bossier, which achieved 253 out of a goal of 650;
10 and Bally's Shreveport, which achieved 617 out of
11 a goal of 950.

12 All licensees, except for Treasure
13 Chest Casino, either met or exceeded their goals
14 in the subcategories under the main category of
15 employment. 45.2 percent of Treasure Chest Casino
16 employees were women, and they have a goal of
17 51.86 percent.

18 Next, I'll address procurement. The
19 licensees are grouped according to three
20 subcategories which appear in your report. Those
21 subcategories are Louisiana, minority, and female
22 procurement.

23 Under Louisiana procurement, five
24 licensees did not achieve compliance with the
25 voluntary conditions, and those licensees are:

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1 Treasure Chest Casino, which achieved 72.2 percent
2 out of a goal of 75 percent; Hollywood Casino,
3 which achieved 71.6 percent out of a goal of
4 80 percent; Amelia Belle Casino, which achieved
5 54.9 percent out of a goal of 80 percent;
6 Margaritaville Resort Casino, which achieved
7 84.5 percent out of a goal of 90 percent; and
8 Boomtown Bossier, which achieved 78.9 percent out
9 of a goal of 80 percent.

10 Under the subcategory of minority
11 procurement, seven licensees did not achieve
12 compliance with its voluntary conditions, and
13 those licensees are: DiamondJacks Casino, which
14 achieved 0 percent out of a goal of 10 percent;

15 Sam's Town Hotel & Casino, which achieved
16 13.9 percent out of a goal of 25 percent;
17 L'Auberge Baton Rouge, which achieved 9.1 percent
18 out of a goal of 10 percent; Treasure Chest
19 Casino, which achieved 4.7 percent out of a goal
20 of 15 percent; Amelia Belle Casino, which achieved
21 24 percent out of a goal of 30 percent; Horseshoe
22 Lake Charles, which achieved 0 percent out of a
23 goal of 10 percent; and Bally's Shreveport, which
24 achieved 13.7 percent out of a goal of 25 percent.

25 Under the subcategory of female

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1 procurement, one licensee did not achieve
2 compliance with its voluntary condition, and that
3 was Horseshoe Lake Charles, which achieved
4 .2 percent out of goal of 10 percent.

5 And are there any questions regarding
6 the riverboats?

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

8 I'll just remind the board that
9 Horseshoe Casino is still under construction and
10 is not open yet. We'll -- I'll give a quick
11 report on that later. Okay. Any -- any questions
12 from board members?

13 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

14 I have a question.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 Ms. Hamilton-Acker.

17 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

18 Has there been any follow-up with
19 regards to the reason why the seven that did not
20 reach the voluntary goals for the minority
21 and women, I guess, as to why they -- it was not
22 achieved?

23 MS. MURRAY BROWN:

24 I can go down through each property,
25 if you like.

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1 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

2 Just a generalized . . .

3 MS. MURRAY BROWN:

4 Generalized, there -- most of the
5 casinos are citing COVID-19 concerns. They
6 haven't gotten back up to their normal amount of
7 vendor -- I'm sorry. I don't know how to word it,
8 but they're not working with as many of the same
9 vendors as they were previously. They have things
10 like the buffets are still closed; so they aren't
11 using the same vendors they were previously and
12 things like that. So their minority vendors and
13 their female vendors that might have been in those
14 areas are no longer working with them. So
15 whenever they get back to pre-COVID numbers, they
16 plan on getting back with those vendors.

17 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

18 Okay. So they do acknowledge and
19 recognize and are looking to put some remedial
20 measures in place to --

21 MS. MURRAY BROWN:

22 Yes. Yes.

23 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

24 -- to increase their numbers?

25 MS. MURRAY BROWN:

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1 They have, yes.

2 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

3 Thank you.

4 MS. MURRAY BROWN:

5 Uh-huh.

6 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

7 Ms. Hamilton-Acker, I can assure you
8 that I've had some conversations with those
9 operators and will continue to do so in the
10 future. There's been some challenges, but they --
11 they understand their -- what their goals are,
12 so . . .

13 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

14 And thank you, Chairman, because you
15 continue to remind them.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17 It's on --

18 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

19 You are staying on top of it as well.

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 It's on my radar screen.

22 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

25 Thank you. Okay.

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1 MS. MURRAY BROWN:

2 Okay. And now I'll move on to the
3 racetracks. In the first quarter of 2022,
4 approximately 1,157 people were employed by the
5 racetrack casino industry, and of that number 962
6 were Louisiana residents, 577 were minorities, and
7 637 were women.

8 Two racetrack casinos achieved total
9 compliance this quarter, and they were Evangeline
10 Downs and Fairgrounds. Delta Downs did not
11 achieve its Louisiana employment condition. It
12 achieved 59.2 out of the 80 percent condition, and
13 Louisiana Downs did not achieve its female
14 employment condition. It achieved 59.2 percent --
15 I'm so sorry -- achieved 51.1 percent out of the
16 60 percent condition. And Louisiana also did not
17 achieve its minority procurement condition. It
18 achieved 3.7 percent out of the 6 percent
19 condition.

20 And are there any questions regarding
21 the racetracks?

22 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

23 And, once again, Members, in terms of
24 Louisiana Downs, as we know, they're under brand
25 new leadership. We're -- we're having some

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1 discussion with them on -- on their goals, and
2 they've had quite a -- quite a challenge as they
3 took over that property. So they're doing well.
4 Very pleased with the work that they're doing up
5 there. But we -- we will continue to -- to work
6 with them on these numbers. So we take them very
7 seriously, Ladies and Gentlemen.

8 Okay. Any other questions from Board
9 members on the report?

10 (NO RESPONSE)

11 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

12 Okay, Alonna. Thank you very much.

13 MS. MURRAY BROWN:

14 Thank you.

15 VI. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17 Okay. We'll move on quickly to
18 Item No. VI. We have casino gaming issues. First
19 on the agenda will be the consideration of
20 Certificate of Compliance for the Catfish Queen
21 Partnership, doing business as the Belle of
22 Baton Rouge.

23 MR. LEWIS:

24 Good morning, Chairman Johns, --

25 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

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1 Good morning, Mr. Lewis.

2 MR. LEWIS:

3 -- Board Members. I'm Assistant

4 Attorney General Kanick Lewis, Jr., and here with
5 me is Mr. Matt Pitman of American Vessel Services,
6 LLC. We are here in the matter of the issuance of
7 a Certificate of Compliance for Catfish Queen
8 Partnership in Commendam doing business as Belle
9 of Baton Rouge.

10 On March 30, 2022, AVS began the
11 inspection process for the approval of Belle of
12 Baton Rouge Casino's Certificate of Compliance.
13 Mr. Pitman will now provide the details on AVS's
14 inspection.

15 MR. PITMAN:

16 Thank you, Kanick.

17 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

18 Good morning, Mr. Pitman, and welcome
19 to the Gaming Control Board meeting. We've met by
20 Zoom, and we -- we are excited about you being
21 here. This is your first time to be with us, I
22 believe.

23 MR. PITMAN:

24 Yes, sir. Thank you very much.

25 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

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1 I hope you look forward to being with
2 us for a long time. And --

3 MR. PITMAN:

4 I hope so.

5 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

6 -- I've reviewed your reports, and

7 they are very, very thorough, which we -- we
8 greatly appreciate. So if you would like to
9 proceed with Item No. 1 on the Belle of Baton
10 Rouge.

11 MR. PITMAN:

12 Yes, sir. Good morning,
13 Chairman Johns and Board Members. I am
14 Matthew Pitman with American Vessel Services. I
15 am here to report the annual certification for the
16 Belle of Baton Rouge Casino.

17 The AVS inspectors Pete Bullard and
18 Moriah Reed did, on March 30, 2022, attend the
19 Riverboat Argosy 3 to conduct the annual
20 inspection in accordance with the Louisiana
21 Alternative Inspection Program.

22 The inspectors reviewed fire
23 protection measures, egress routes, observed
24 emergency lighting, tested the emergency
25 generator, inspected the mooring system, and

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1 conducted a fire drill, as well as other required
2 life safety items. In this original inspection,
3 there were deficiencies, as noted on page 6, 7,
4 and 8 of the annual inspection report.

5 Documentation was provided on
6 April 29, 2022, as a follow-up to the original
7 inspection, and several deficiencies were settled.
8 As such, a supplemental report was provided to the
9 board identifying the remaining deficiencies.

10 A follow-up inspection was completed on May 12,
11 and all remaining deficiencies are now considered
12 satisfactory.

13 The 2022 annual survey, as required
14 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, is now
15 complete and considered fit to continue its
16 intended service as a dockside gaming riverboat in
17 the state of Louisiana. It is the recommendation
18 of AVS that the Belle of Baton Rouge Casino be
19 issued a Certificate of Compliance for 2022.

20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

22 Okay. So, Mr. Pitman, in the
23 original report that we got, there were a number
24 of deficiencies at the Belle.

25 MR. PITMAN:

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1 Yes, ma'am -- yes, sir.

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

3 And -- but as --

4 MR. PITMAN:

5 Excuse me.

6 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

7 -- our conversation earlier today,
8 the majority of those have been rectified?

9 MR. PITMAN:

10 Yes, sir.

11 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

12 And y'all -- y'all are comfortable

13 where -- where we are?

14 MR. PITMAN:

15 Yes, sir.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17 Okay. Okay. Any questions from

18 board members for Mr. Pitman?

19 (NO RESPONSE)

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 Kanick?

22 MR. LEWIS:

23 We now present these findings to the

24 Board and request that, upon the Board accepting

25 the report submitted by AVS, you will move for the

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1 issuance of Belle of Baton Rouge Casino's

2 Certificate of Compliance, which will expire on

3 May 31, 2023.

4 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

5 Okay. That will go to May of 2023?

6 MR. LEWIS:

7 Yes, sir.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Okay. Any -- any questions, Members?

10 (NO RESPONSE)

11 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

12 If not, I'll entertain a motion to

13 issue a Temporary Certificate of Compliance that

14 will expire May 2023 for the Belle of Baton Rouge.

15 MR. AVANT:

16 So moved.

17 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

18 Mr. Avant has moved.

19 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

20 (Indicating)

21 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

22 Ms. Hamilton-Acker has seconded that
23 motion. Is there any discussion on the motion?

24 (NO RESPONSE)

25 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

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1 Any objection to that motion?

2 (NO RESPONSE)

3 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

4 Hearing none, that motion carries.

5 Thank you very much.

6 MR. PITMAN:

7 Thank you. I just need to stay put.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Okay. Next on the agenda will be the
10 inspection of L'Auberge Lake Charles.

11 MR. JAMES:

12 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
13 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney General
14 Elroy James with Mr. Matthew Pitman of AVS. We
15 are here in the matter of the issuance of the
16 Certificate of Compliance for PNK Lake Charles
17 doing business as L'Auberge Lake Charles.

18 On April 13, 2022, AVS began the

19 inspection process for the approval of the
20 L'Auberge Lake Charles' Certificate of Compliance.
21 Mr. Pitman will now present the details -- provide
22 the details of AVS's inspection.

23 MR. PITMAN:

24 Thank you. Good morning,
25 Chairman Johns, Board Members. I am

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1 Matthew Pitman with American Vessel Services and
2 here to report the annual certification for
3 L'Auberge Casino Lake Charles.

4 The inspectors Pete Bullard and
5 Moriah Reed did, on March 23, attend the Riverboat
6 L'Auberge du Lac to conduct the annual inspection
7 in accordance with the Louisiana Alternative
8 Inspection Program. The inspectors reviewed fire
9 protection measures, egress, observed emergency
10 lighting, tested emergency generator, inspected
11 mooring systems, and conducted a fire drill, as
12 well as other required life safety items. The
13 deficiencies are noted on page 2 of the report. A
14 follow-up inspection was completed on April 13,
15 and all outstanding items are considered
16 satisfactory, as outlined in the supplemental
17 inspection.

18 The 2022 annual survey, as required
19 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, is now
20 complete and is considered fit to continue its
21 intended service as a dockside gaming riverboat in

22 the state of Louisiana. It is the recommendation
23 of AVS that L'Auberge Casino of Lake Charles be
24 issued a Certificate of Compliance for 2022.

25 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

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1 Thank you, Mr. Pitman. Any -- any
2 questions for Mr. Pitman?

3 (NO RESPONSE)

4 MR. JAMES:

5 Mr. Chairman, we now present these
6 findings to the Board and request that, upon the
7 board -- board accepting the report submitted by
8 AVS, you will move for the issuance of L'Auberge
9 Lake Charles' Certificate of Compliance, which
10 will expire May 31, 2023.

11 MS. BERRY:

12 (Indicating)

13 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

14 Okay. And Vice-Chairman Berry has
15 made a motion that we accept the Certificate of
16 Compliance, which will expire May 31, 2023.

17 MR. AVANT:

18 (Indicating)

19 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

20 And Mr. Avant has seconded that
21 motion. Is there any discussion on the motion?

22 (NO RESPONSE)

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

24 Is there any objection to that

25 motion?

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1 (NO RESPONSE)

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

3 Hearing none, the motion carries.

4 Thank you. Okay.

5 MR. JAMES:

6 Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

8 Okay. Moving on, the next item will

9 be the consideration of compliance for

10 Margaritaville Resort Casino.

11 MR. JAMES:

12 Again, good morning, Chairman Johns

13 and Board Members. I am Assistant Attorney

14 General Elroy James. With me is

15 Mr. Matthew Pitman of AVS. We're here in the

16 matter of the issuance of a Certificate of

17 Compliance for Bossier Casino Venture, LLC d/b/a

18 Margaritaville Resort Casino.

19 On May 5, 2022, AVS began the

20 inspection process for the approval of

21 Margaritaville Resort Casino's Certificate of

22 Compliance. Mr. Pitman will now provide details

23 of AVS's inspection.

24 MR. PITMAN:

25 Thank you, sir. Good morning

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1 Chairman Johns and Board Members. I am

2 Matthew Pitman with American Vessel Services and
3 here to report the annual certification for
4 Margaritaville Casino.

5 The inspectors Pete Bullard and
6 Jeff Boyle did, on April 5 and 6, attend the
7 Riverboat Margaritaville to conduct the annual
8 inspection in accordance with the Louisiana
9 Alternative Inspection Program. The inspectors
10 reviewed fire protection measures, egress routes,
11 observed emergency lighting, tested the emergency
12 generator, inspected the mooring system, and
13 conducted a fire drill, as well as other required
14 life safety items. The deficiencies are noted on
15 page 16 of your report. A follow-up inspection
16 was done on May 5, and all outstanding items are
17 considered satisfactory, as outlined in the
18 supplemental inspection.

19 The 2022 annual survey, as required
20 by Louisiana Gaming Control Board, is now complete
21 and is considered fit to continue its intended
22 service as a dockside gaming riverboat in the
23 state of Louisiana. It is the recommendation of
24 AVS that Margarita -- excuse me -- Margaritaville
25 Casino be issued the Certificate of Compliance for

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1 2022.

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

3 Okay. Any questions for Mr. Pitman?

4 (NO RESPONSE)

5 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

6 There are none, so . . .

7 MR. JAMES:

8 Mr. Chairman, we now present these
9 findings to the board and request that, upon the
10 board accepting the report submitted by AVS, you
11 will move for the -- you will move for the
12 issuance of Margaritaville Resort Casino's
13 Certificate of Compliance, which expires on
14 May 30, 2023.

15 MR. JACKSON:

16 (Indicating)

17 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

18 Okay. Mr. Jackson has moved that we
19 issue a Certificate of Compliance for
20 Margaritaville of Bossier City, which will expire
21 on March 31, 2023. Is there any discussion on
22 that motion?

23 (NO RESPONSE)

24 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

25 Any objection to that motion?

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1 (NO RESPONSE)

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

3 Hearing none, that motion carries.
4 Okay. And last on compliance will be the
5 Certificate of Compliance for Treasure Chest
6 Casino.

7 MS. SIZEMORE:

8 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
9 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney General
10 Shanna Sizemore. With me is Mr. Matt Pitman of
11 American Vessel Services, LLC. We're here in the
12 matter of the issuance of the Certificate of
13 Compliance for Treasure Chest Casino.

14 On March 31, 2022, AVS began the
15 inspection process for the approval of
16 Treasure Chest Casino's Certificate of Compliance.
17 Mr. Pitman will now provide the details on AVS's
18 inspection.

19 MR. PITMAN:

20 Thank you. Good morning,
21 Chairman Johns and Board Members. I am Matthew
22 Pitman with American Vessel Services and here to
23 report the annual certification for Treasure Chest
24 Casino.

25 The inspectors Pete Bullard and

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1 Moriah Reed did, on March 31, attend the Riverboat
2 Treasure Chest Casino to conduct the annual
3 inspection in accordance with the Louisiana
4 Alternative Inspection Program. The inspectors
5 reviewed fire protection measures, egress routes,
6 observed emergency lighting, tested the emergency
7 generator, inspected the mooring system, and
8 conducted a fire drill, as well as other required
9 life safety items. The deficiencies are noted on
10 page 7 of your report. A follow-up inspection was

11 done on April 29, and all outstanding items are
12 considered satisfactory, as outlined in the
13 supplemental inspection.

14 The 2022 annual survey, as required
15 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, is now
16 complete and is considered fit to continue its
17 intended service as a dockside gaming riverboat in
18 the state of the Louisiana. It is the
19 recommendation of AVS that Treasure Chest Casino
20 be issued a Certificate of Compliance for 2022.

21 MS. SIZEMORE:

22 We now present these findings to the
23 board and request that, upon the board accepting
24 the report submitted by AVS, you will move for the
25 issuance of Treasure Chest Casino's Certificate of

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1 Compliance, which expires on May 31, 2023.

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

3 Okay. Any -- any questions, Members?

4 Any discussion?

5 (NO RESPONSE)

6 MS. TRAYLOR:

7 (Indicating)

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Ms. Traylor has moved that we issue a
10 Certificate of Compliance for Treasure Chest
11 Casino, which will expire May 31, 2023.

12 MS. LEWIS:

13 (Indicating)

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:
15 Seconded by Ms. Lewis. Is there any
16 discussion on the motion?
17 (NO RESPONSE)
18 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:
19 Any objection to that motion?
20 (NO RESPONSE)
21 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:
22 Hearing none, that motion carries.
23 Thank you very much. And, Mr. Pitman, thank you
24 for being with us today.
25 MR. PITMAN:
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1 Thank you.
2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:
3 And your reports are very
4 comprehensive, greatly appreciate it, and we look
5 forward to a long relationship with you.
6 MR. PITMAN:
7 Thank you, Chairman Johns.
8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:
9 Okay. Thank you.
10 MR. PITMAN:
11 Thank you, Board Members.
12 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:
13 Okay. Item E will be the
14 consideration of the application of Bally's
15 Corporation for shelf approval. Ms. Jackson, good
16 morning again.

17 MS. JACKSON:
18 Good morning, Chairman Johns, Board
19 members. My name is Donna Jackson with Louisiana
20 State Police, Gaming Audit Section. Bally's
21 Corporation is requesting the board's approval of
22 its application for a \$5 billion shelf for a
23 three-year period, commencing upon the board's
24 approval.

25 Bally's meets the requirements under
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1 LAC 42:III, Section 2525, in that they are a
2 publicly traded company whose shares trade on the
3 New York -- New York Stock Exchange, and they have
4 filed periodic documents, reports, and
5 information, as required by the SEC.

6 Bally's anticipates using the
7 proceeds of any future indebtedness for general
8 corporate purposes, working capital, capital
9 expenditures, and investments and potential
10 acquisitions. Bally's long-term debt schedule is
11 shown on page 10 of the report. At December 31,
12 2021, Bally's long-term debt approximated
13 \$3.4 billion. Board approval will allow Bally's
14 to issue debt financing up to a maximum of
15 \$5 billion, inclusive of its existing debt.
16 Bally's projects sufficient cash flows from
17 operations to maintain its debt.

18 In conclusion, no financial issues
19 came to our attention to preclude the board's

20 approval of Bally's shelf application. The
21 Attorney General's Office has prepared a
22 resolution for the transaction should the board
23 move to approve.

24 Mr. Dan Boudreaux with Bally's
25 Corporate and Mr. Larry Orlansky, local counsel,
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1 are in attendance today and are available for any
2 questions you may have for the company.

3 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

4 Okay. Any questions for Ms. Jackson,
5 members?

6 (NO RESPONSE)

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

8 Ms. Jackson, has any of this debt
9 attributed to any capital improvements here in
10 Louisiana that you know of?

11 MS. JACKSON:

12 I would have to defer to
13 Mr. Boudreaux on that one.

14 MR. BOUDREAUX:

15 So, actually, part of the --

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17 Come forward, please, if you would,
18 and just identify yourself for the record.

19 MR. BOUDREAUX:

20 Yeah. I'm Dan Boudreaux. I'm the
21 Senior Vice-President and Chief Accounting Officer
22 for Bally's Corporation. Yeah. This debt in

23 general, there are -- there are some capital
24 expenditure improvements for the -- the Bally's
25 Shreveport property, as well as others. Given

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1 that we -- we currently have about 3.4 billion in
2 debt, this just allows us the flexibility, if
3 there's any other acquisitions in play, to
4 basically take out the appropriate debt to make --
5 make those things happen.

6 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

7 And my recent visit up there
8 indicated they were looking at a number of capital
9 improvement projects there in Shreveport, --

10 MR. BOUDREAUX:

11 Yes, sir.

12 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

13 -- which is good.

14 MR. BOUDREAUX:

15 Yeah. We're looking -- we're looking
16 at a couple of things, especially with the smoking
17 ban and how that's kind of impacted --

18 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

19 Right.

20 MR. BOUDREAUX:

21 -- that side of the river. We're
22 trying to combat that.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

24 That's going to be a challenge.

25 MR. BOUDREAUX:

1 Yeah.

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

3 Okay. Any questions, Board Members?

4 Mr. Avant?

5 MR. JACKSON:

6 Motion to approve.

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

8 Yeah. We have a resolution that we

9 will read in a moment, but we need to ask for a

10 motion. Mr. Jackson has moved that we adopt the

11 resolution.

12 MS. BERRY:

13 (Indicating)

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

15 And Ms. Berry has seconded that

16 motion. Ms. Thurman, would you read the

17 resolution, please?

18 MS. THURMAN:

19 On the 16th day of May 2022, the

20 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a duly

21 noticed public meeting, consider the Application

22 of Shelf Approval of Debt Transactions under

23 LAC 42:III.2525 filed by Bally's Corporation, and

24 upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

25 adopted the following resolution:

1 Be it resolved that Bally's

2 Corporation's Application for Shelf Approval of

3 Debt Transactions be and is hereby approved,
4 subject to the following terms and conditions:

5 No. 1, for a period of three years,
6 beginning May 16, 2022, Bally's Corporation is
7 granted approval pursuant to LAC 42:III.2525 to
8 enter into debt transactions, as defined in
9 LAC 42:III.2522, not to exceed a cumulative total
10 of \$5 billion. For purposes of this Shelf
11 Approval, the cumulative total of \$5 billion shall
12 include debt currently existing or approved in
13 earlier debt transactions.

14 No. 2, within ten days of
15 consummation of a debt transaction, including
16 amendments and modifications of existing debt
17 transactions, Bally's Corporation shall provide a
18 term sheet, or executive summary, of the debt
19 transaction and -- and an executed copy of the
20 documents evidencing the debt transaction to
21 Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement
22 Division, Audit Section, Corporate Securities
23 Unit.

24 No. 3, this Shelf Approval may be
25 rescinded by the Chairman of the Board upon

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1 issuance of a written Notice of Rescission setting
2 forth the reasons therefore. The Rescission shall
3 remain in effect until lifted by the Board, upon
4 such terms as are satisfactory to the Board.

5 No. 4, this Shelf Approval shall

6 expire on -- on May 16, 2025.

7 It is hereby further resolved that
8 the Chairman of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board
9 be delegated the authority to issue a written
10 rescission of the Shelf Approval in accordance
11 with LAC 42:III.2525(E) and as provided herein
12 above.

13 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
14 Louisiana, this 16th day of May 2022.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 Well, thank you, Ms. Thurman. We
17 have a motion by Mr. Jackson that we adopt this
18 resolution, seconded by Ms. Berry. And,
19 Ms. Thurman, would you call the roll, please?

20 MS. THURMAN:

21 Mr. Avant?

22 MR. AVANT:

23 Yes.

24 MS. THURMAN:

25 Ms. Berry?

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1 MS. BERRY:

2 Yes.

3 MS. THURMAN:

4 Mr. Jackson?

5 MR. JACKSON:

6 Yes.

7 MS. THURMAN:

8 Ms. Lewis?

9 MS. LEWIS:

10 Yes.

11 MS. THURMAN:

12 Mr. Poole?

13 MR. POOLE:

14 Yes.

15 MS. THURMAN:

16 Ms. Hamilton-Acker?

17 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

18 Yes.

19 MS. THURMAN:

20 Ms. Traylor?

21 MS. TRAYLOR:

22 Yes.

23 MS. THURMAN:

24 Chairman Johns?

25 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

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1 Yes.

2 MS. THURMAN:

3 Unanimous.

4 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

5 By unanimous vote, that resolution is

6 hereby adopted. Okay.

7 MR. BOUDREAUX:

8 Thank you very much.

9 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

10 Thank you very much for being with

11 us, Mr. Boudreaux.

12 MR. BOUDREAUX:

13 Yeah.

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

15 Thank you, Ms. Jackson.

16 VII. VIDEO GAMING ISSUES

17 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

18 Okay. Item No. VII on the agenda,
19 Ladies and Gentlemen, will be a Petition for the
20 Transfer of Membership Interest in Waring Oil
21 Company doing business as Interstate Food Stop.

22 MR. PICOU:

23 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
24 Board Members.

25 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

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1 Mr. Picou.

2 MR. PICOU:

3 I'm Assistant Attorney General
4 Charlie Picou, here in the matter of the Transfers
5 of Membership Interest in Waring Oil Company, LLC,
6 doing business as Interstate Food Stop #7, which
7 holds a Type 5 video draw poker gaming license.
8 Daniel P. Waring, III, held a 45 percent
9 membership interest in the licensee.

10 On December 28, 2020, Mr. Waring
11 transferred a 15 percent membership interest in
12 the licensee to the Daniel P. Waring, III, family
13 trust and a 30 percent membership interest in the
14 licensee to his wife, Janice G. Waring. And

15 Mrs. Waring then as a -- is a beneficiary of the
16 Daniel P. Waring, III, family trust, and
17 Robert Bailess is named as the trustee.

18 Upon receipt of the interest,
19 Mrs. Waring transferred her 30 percent membership
20 interest in the licensee in equal parts to three
21 trusts established for her children. Ten percent
22 of the membership interest in the licensee was
23 transferred to the Jana Waring Kane 2020 trust,
24 ten percent to the Ryan Waring Cook 2020 trust,
25 ten percent to the Jill Waring Upchurch 2020

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1 trust. Robert Bailess is also the trustee to each
2 of these trusts.

3 The Office of State Police conducted
4 criminal checks on all relevant persons associated
5 with the licensee and conducted investigative --
6 an investigation of the transfers of the
7 membership interests. Investigator Rodney Perkins
8 will now present the Division's findings to the
9 board.

10 MR. PERKINS:

11 Good morning, Chairman Johns, Board
12 Members. The Division investigated the transfers
13 that occurred in the licensee and found no
14 information that would preclude the continuing
15 licensing of Waring Oil Company, LLC, doing
16 business as Interstate Food Stop #7.

17 The Division conducted a suitability

18 investigation of Robert Bailess, Jana Waring Kane,
19 Rebecca Ryan Waring Cook, and Jill Waring
20 Upchurch. The Division also conducted updated
21 criminal inquiries on Janice G. Waring, also,
22 previously submitted under this license. No
23 information was found that would preclude any of
24 the parties from participating in the video gaming
25 industry.

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1 MR. PICOU:

2 The Office of the Attorney General
3 has reviewed the file prepared by the Office of
4 State Police and has found no information that
5 would preclude approval of these transfers.

6 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

7 Okay. So all suitabilities in order,
8 so . . .

9 MR. PERKINS:

10 Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

12 Okay. Thank you. Members, any
13 questions?

14 (NO RESPONSE)

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 Do I have a motion that we --

17 MR. POOLE:

18 (Indicating)

19 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

20 Mr. Poole has moved that we approve

21 the transfer of membership interest in Waring Oil
22 Company, LLC, doing business as Interstate Food
23 Stop.

24 MR. AVANT:

25 (Indicating)

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

2 Mr. Avant has seconded that motion.

3 Is there any discussion on that motion?

4 (NO RESPONSE)

5 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

6 Is there any objection to that

7 motion?

8 (NO RESPONSE)

9 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

10 Hearing none, that motion is hereby

11 adopted. Thank you very much. Mr. Picou,

12 congratulations on your recent promotion.

13 MR. PICOU:

14 Thank you. I appreciate that.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 Well-deserved.

17 VIII. SPORTS WAGERING ISSUES

18 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

19 Okay. Moving on into some sports

20 wagering agendas here. The first one will be the

21 consideration for the approval of Boyd Racing

22 doing business as Delta Downs Racetrack Casino &

23 Hotel. Good morning.

24 MS. JAMES:

25 Good morning, Chairman and Board

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1 Members. Assistant Attorney General
2 Lekiesha James here with Ms. Tammy Haupt of the
3 Louisiana Gaming -- Louisiana State Police, Gaming
4 Audit Division, and Master Trooper Michael Daniel
5 of the Gaming Enforcement Division. A
6 representative of the applicant is also present
7 and will provide a brief presentation. We are
8 here in the matter of the consideration of the
9 sports wagering license application of
10 Boyd Racing, LLC, doing business as Delta Downs
11 Racetrack Casino & Hotel.

12 Pursuant to the Louisiana Sports
13 Wagering Act, the board is -- is charged with
14 issuing or denying applications for sports
15 wagering licenses. The applicant is eligible to
16 apply for a sports wagering license due to its
17 licensure as a slots at the track gaming licensee.
18 The board issued a Temporary Certificate of
19 Authority to the applicant to conduct business as
20 a sports wagering licensee with an effective date
21 of December 3, 2021. The TCOA expires on June 3,
22 2022.

23 State Police's Gaming Division has
24 reviewed and investigated the application and will
25 now report its findings to the board.

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1 MS. HAUPT:

2 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
3 Board Members. My name is Tammy Haupt with
4 Louisiana State Police's Gaming Audit Section.
5 The Audit Section has reviewed the financial
6 information submitted by the sports wagering
7 license applicant, Boyd Racing, LLC, doing
8 business as Delta Downs Racetrack Hotel & Casino
9 and its ultimate parent, Boyd Gaming Corporation.

10 Boyd currently operates 28
11 wholly-owned gaming entertainment properties
12 across ten states and Stardust-branded iGaming
13 casinos in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Through
14 its -- through its strategic partnership and as a
15 five percent equity owner of FanDuel Group, Inc.,
16 Boyd is pursuing sports betting and -- sports
17 betting and online gaming opportunities across the
18 US.

19 In September of 2021, Delta Downs
20 entered into a Retail Sports Service Agreement
21 with Betfair Interactive US, LLC, doing business
22 as FanDuel Sportsbook, a sports wagering platform
23 provider and wholly-owned subsidiary of the
24 FanDuel Group. The agreement allows FanDuel to
25 provide the licensee with a turnkey retail sports

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1 wagering operation on the casino's premises.
2 Delta Downs has launched its FanDuel-branded
3 retail sportsbook under its Temporary Certificate

4 of Authority issued by the Louisiana Gaming
5 Control Board.

6 FanDuel is party to similar
7 agreements to operate its FanDuel-branded retail
8 sportsbook on the premises of Boyd's remaining
9 four Louisiana gaming properties and eight
10 additional properties across five states, for a
11 total of thirteen retail sportsbooks.

12 Delta Downs has not publicly
13 announced who its third-party online sportsbook
14 platform provider partner will be at this time.
15 Although the licensee is not partnered with
16 FanDuel, Delta Downs' customers are invited to
17 register to become a FanDuel sportsbook player in
18 the interim.

19 For the fiscal year ending
20 December 31, 2021, Boyd reported revenues of
21 3.4 billion compared to 2.2 billion in 2021, an
22 increase of 1.19 billion, or 54.7 percent. This
23 increase was primarily due to the easing of the
24 COVID restrictions and increased revenues from its
25 online gaming initiatives. In 2021, Boyd

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1 delivered a strong year-to-year result with
2 improvements in net income, net income margin, and
3 adjusted EBITDA margin.

4 It is our assessment, based on the
5 information reviewed, that Delta Downs possesses
6 the financial ability to develop, construct,

7 operate, and maintain its sports wagering
8 operations. No financial issues came to the Audit
9 Section's attention that were of such nature as to
10 preclude the board from approving the issuance of
11 a sports wagering license to Delta Downs.

12 Licensing will now present their
13 findings.

14 MASTER TROOPER MICHAEL DANIEL:

15 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
16 Members of the Board. I'm Master Trooper
17 Michael Daniel with the Louisiana State Police,
18 Gaming Enforcement Division.

19 On September 16, 2021, the Louisiana
20 State Police Gaming Enforcement Division received
21 a sports wagering license application submitted on
22 behalf of Boyd Racing, LLC, doing business as
23 Delta Downs Racetrack Casino & Hotel. Under the
24 rules and regulations of the Gaming Enforcement
25 Division, a background investigation was conducted

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1 on Boyd Gaming Corporation, its shareholders,
2 subsidiaries, officers, directors, and persons
3 with five percent or more ownership or economic
4 interest in the licensee.

5 The Louisiana State Police Gaming
6 Division investigated whether any information
7 would deem Boyd Gaming Corporation, its
8 shareholders, or its subsidiaries unsuitable. The
9 background investigation consisted of inquiries to

10 federal, state, and local law enforcement
11 agencies, civil jurisdictions, gaming regulatory
12 agencies, and the Louisiana Department of Revenue.
13 Inquiries were also made through Computerized
14 Criminal Data -- Criminal History Databases.

15 Based on the investigation, no
16 information was found to preclude the board from
17 approving Boyd Racing, LLC, doing business as
18 Delta Downs Racetrack Casino & Hotel's sports
19 wagering license.

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 Thank you very much, Ladies and
22 Gentlemen. We appreciate your work on this. It
23 looks this is Boyd Gaming day with the Gaming
24 Control Board, I see. Anyone from Boyd would like
25 to make any comments this morning or . . .

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1 MS. BOLES:

2 Good morning. Janet Boles.

3 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

4 I'm not going to call you up for
5 every one of these; so maybe we can just have some
6 general discussion of what your -- what your plans
7 are for your sportsbooks.

8 MS. BOLES:

9 Wonderful. Janet Boles on behalf of
10 Boyd Gaming and their five licensees. With me is
11 Vince Schwartz, who is the Regional Vice-President
12 for Boyd.

13 MR. SCHWARTZ:

14 Good morning, Chairman, Board

15 Members.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17 Good morning.

18 MR. SCHWARTZ:

19 Yeah. Actually, sports betting, very
20 exciting. It finally came to Louisiana. And I
21 would like to start off by thanking certainly the
22 commission and the board staff, the AG's Office,
23 the State Police. It was lots of activity, lots
24 of cell phones being burned up in those early --
25 early weeks of December trying to get everything

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1 open and operating and working closely with the
2 Casino Association as a group to kind of put this
3 thing together.

4 So we were -- we have five properties
5 in Louisiana. We were able to open three of our
6 retail locations in early December, shortly after
7 the approvals, and got the other two remaining
8 operations open in January. It's been good for
9 us. It creates more traffic on the casino floor.

10 We have -- within the three books, we
11 have three of them located on the casino floor,
12 two of them are off the floor in the pavilion area
13 near the entrance to the casino. It's created
14 about 60 plus direct jobs just inside of the
15 sportsbook with cashiers and that sort of position

16 and additionally -- and some food and beverage
17 outlets creates some additional jobs, some
18 security jobs and some -- some just ancillary jobs
19 that are associated with that. So it's been good
20 for us.

21 We put together a little, brief
22 presentation. I think, when we met last, the only
23 information we had was renderings. It was early
24 in the process. So we put some pictures together
25 of some grand openings, with some ribbon cuttings

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1 and some celebrity sports -- local sports folks
2 making the initial bet. But, yeah, we're very
3 happy to be operating our sportsbooks in
4 Louisiana.

5 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

6 Okay. I -- I thank you very much for
7 that. We are going to have to take each one
8 separately.

9 MR. SCHWARTZ:

10 Sure.

11 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

12 I've been advised by legal counsel
13 here, so . . .

14 MR. SCHWARTZ:

15 Sure.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17 Well, anyway -- but thank you very
18 much. I'm very familiar with Delta Downs. It's

19 in my backyard, and I always appreciated what Boyd
20 has done for that -- for that track. So we look
21 forward to that. But y'all are convinced you are
22 bringing in new -- new customers?

23 MR. SCHWARTZ:

24 Yes, sir. And lots of activity at
25 Delta Downs. Specifically, there is a new

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1 Gastropub under construction. I'm not sure when
2 you were there last. Converted the buffet space
3 into another restaurant. And so there's lots of
4 activity, taking down that glass wall, putting up
5 a little more of a decorative wall like some of
6 the competitors have in the neighborhood. So lots
7 of construction going on at Delta Downs, in -- in
8 addition to all of the hurricane repair that
9 were -- was pretty substantial.

10 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

11 Okay. Sounds good. Why don't y'all
12 just stay up there for a little while today.
13 Okay?

14 Okay. Members, any further questions
15 for our presenters here this morning?

16 (NO RESPONSE)

17 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

18 Okay. The chairman will make a
19 motion that we adopt the resolution that
20 Ms. Thurman will read. Ms. Berry has seconded
21 that motion.

22 Ms. Thurman, would you read the
23 resolution, please, for Delta Downs Racetrack
24 Casino & Hotel?

25 MS. THURMAN:

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1 On the 16th day of May 2022, the
2 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a duly
3 noticed public meeting, consider the sports
4 wagering license application of Boyd Racing, LLC,
5 d/b/a Delta Downs Racetrack Casino & Hotel,
6 License No. W011003479, and upon motion duly made
7 and seconded, the Board adopted the following
8 resolution:

9 Be it resolved that Boyd Racing, LLC,
10 d/b/a Delta Downs Racetrack Casino & Hotel be
11 approved for a sports wagering license for a term
12 of five years, commencing December 3, 2021.

13 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge
14 Louisiana this 16th day of May 2022.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 Okay, Members. We have a motion by
17 Chairman Johns, seconded by Vice-Chairman Berry,
18 that we adopt this resolution. Is there any
19 discussion?

20 (NO RESPONSE)

21 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

22 Ms. Thurman, would you call the role,
23 please?

24 MS. THURMAN:

25 Mr. Avant?

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1 MR. AVANT:

2 Yes.

3 MS. THURMAN:

4 Ms. Berry?

5 MS. BERRY:

6 Yes.

7 MS. THURMAN:

8 Mr. Jackson?

9 MR. JACKSON:

10 Yes.

11 MS. THURMAN:

12 Ms. Lewis?

13 MS. LEWIS:

14 Yes.

15 MS. THURMAN:

16 Mr. Poole?

17 MR. POOLE:

18 Yes.

19 MS. THURMAN:

20 Ms. Hamilton-Acker?

21 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

22 Yes.

23 MS. THURMAN:

24 Ms. Traylor?

25 MS. TRAYLOR:

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1 Yes.

2 MS. THURMAN:

3 Chairman Johns?

4 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

5 Yes.

6 MS. THURMAN:

7 It's unanimous.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 By unanimous vote, that motion is
10 hereby adopted, so . . .

11 MS. BOLES:

12 Thank you.

13 MR. SCHWARTZ:

14 Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 Thank you very much. Okay. We're
17 going to move on to the next item, which will be
18 Sam's Town Hotel & Casino in Shreveport.

19 MS. JAMES:

20 Assistant Attorney General . . .

21 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

22 Oh, my apologies. I forgot about
23 Evangeline Downs. Okay. Getting ahead of myself
24 here this morning.

25 MS. JAMES:

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1 It's okay.

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

3 Okay. Let's -- let's consider the
4 petition on Evangeline Downs doing -- Evangeline

5 Downs, LLC, doing business as Evangeline Downs
6 Racetrack & Casino.

7 MS. JAMES:

8 Assistant Attorney General

9 Lekiesha James, appearing with Tammy Haupt of the
10 Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit Division, and
11 Master Trooper Michael Daniel of the Gaming
12 Enforcement Division. Representatives of the
13 applicant are also present today to provide a
14 brief presentation. We're here in the matter of
15 the consideration of the sports wagering license
16 application of the Old Evangeline Downs, LLC,
17 doing business as Evangeline Downs Racetrack &
18 Casino.

19 Pursuant to Louisiana Sports Wagering
20 Act, the board is charged with issuing or denying
21 applications for sports wagering licensees. This
22 applicant is eligible to apply for a sports
23 wagering license due to its licensure as a slots
24 at the track gaming licensee. This board issued a
25 Temporary Certificate of Authority to the

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1 applicant to conduct business as a sports wagering
2 licensee, with an effective date of December 3,
3 2021. The TCOA expires on June 3, 2022.

4 State Police's Gaming Division has
5 reviewed and investigated the application and will
6 now report its findings to the board.

7 MS. HAUPT:

8 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
9 Board Members. My name is Tammy Haupt with
10 Louisiana State Police's Gaming Enforcement
11 Division, Audit Section. The Audit Section has
12 reviewed the financial information submitted by
13 the sports wagering license applicant, the Old
14 Evangeline Downs, LLC, doing business as
15 Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino and its --
16 Casino and its ultimate parent, Boyd Gaming
17 Corporation.

18 Boyd's company profile regarding its
19 gaming operations and financial performance was
20 previously stated in the Delta Downs presentation
21 and is also applicable to Evangeline Downs.

22 In September 2021, Evangeline Downs
23 entered into a Retail Sports Service Agreement
24 with Betfair Interactive US, LLC, doing business
25 as FanDuel Sportsbook, a sports wagering platform

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1 provider. The agreement allows FanDuel to provide
2 the licensee with a turnkey retail sports wagering
3 operation on the casino's premises. Evangeline
4 Downs has launched its FanDuel-branded retail
5 sportsbook under a Temporary Certificate of
6 Authority issued by the Louisiana Gaming Control
7 Board.

8 Evangeline Downs has not publicly
9 announced who its third-party sports wagering
10 platform provider will be at this time. Although

11 the licensee has not partnered with FanDuel,
12 Evangeline Downs' customers are invited to
13 register to become a FanDuel Sportsbook player in
14 the interim.

15 It is our assessment, based on the
16 information reviewed, that Evangeline Downs
17 possesses the financial ability to develop,
18 construct, operate, and maintain its sports
19 wagering operations. No financial issues came to
20 the Audit Section's attention that were of such
21 nature as to preclude the board from approving the
22 issuance of the sports wagering license to
23 Evangeline Downs.

24 Licensing will now present their
25 findings.

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1 MASTER TROOPER DANIEL:

2 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
3 Members of the Board. I'm Master Trooper
4 Michael Daniel with Louisiana State Police, Gaming
5 Enforcement Division.

6 On September 16, 2021, Louisiana
7 State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division,
8 received a sports wagering license application
9 submitted on behalf of the Old Evangeline Downs,
10 LLC, doing business as Evangeline Downs Racetrack
11 & Casino. Under the rules and regulations of the
12 Gaming Enforcement Division, a background
13 investigation was conducted on Boyd Gaming

14 Corporation, its shareholders, subsidiaries,
15 officers, directors, and persons with five percent
16 or more ownership or economic interest in the
17 licensee.

18 The Louisiana State Police, Gaming
19 Enforcement Division, investigated whether any
20 information would deem Boyd Gaming Corporation,
21 its shareholders, or its subsidiaries unsuitable.
22 The background investigation consisted of
23 inquiries to federal, state, and local law
24 enforcement agencies, civil jurisdictions, gaming
25 regulatory agencies, and the Louisiana Department

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1 of Revenue. Inquiries were also made through the
2 Computerized Criminal History Database. Based on
3 the investigation, no information was found to
4 preclude the board from approving the
5 Old Evangeline Downs, LLC, doing business as
6 Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino's sport
7 wagering license.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Thank you very much. Any questions
10 for the Attorney General or State Police?

11 (NO RESPONSE)

12 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

13 If not, to Boyd, I actually did visit
14 Evangeline Downs, and I think there's some
15 incredible opportunities there for -- for the
16 sportsbook. And is there going to be more of a

17 permanent build-out from what's there right now?

18 MR. SCHWARTZ:

19 Actually, that is the permanent
20 build-out. It was a lounge that we converted to
21 that. It's about 3,000 square feet. It's pretty
22 large.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

24 Okay.

25 MR. SCHWARTZ:

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1 And it's actually one -- one of
2 the -- pretty busy in that area. I think there is
3 enough population and not a lot of choices; so
4 it's been good.

5 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

6 Okay. I remember seeing where it
7 potentially was going to go, but that was -- I was
8 there before the build-out, so . . . Okay. Well,
9 great.

10 Okay. Any -- any questions for Boyd
11 Gaming?

12 (NO RESPONSE)

13 MS. BERRY:

14 (Indicating)

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 Hearing none, Ms. Berry has moved
17 that we adopt the resolution.

18 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

19 (Indicating)

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 And Ms. Hamilton-Acker has seconded
22 that -- that motion. Ms. Thurman, would you read
23 the resolution?

24 MS. THURMAN:

25 On the 16th day of May 2022, the

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1 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a duly
2 noticed public meeting, consider the Sports
3 Wagering License Application of the Old Evangeline
4 Downs, LLC, d/b/a Evangeline Downs Racetrack &
5 Casino, License No. W014903478, and upon motion
6 duly made and seconded, the Board adopted the
7 following resolution:

8 Be it resolved that the Old
9 Evangeline Downs, LLC, d/b/a Evangeline Downs
10 Racetrack & Casino be approved for a Sport
11 Wagering License for term of five years commencing
12 December 3, 2021.

13 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
14 Louisiana, this 16th day of May 2022.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 Thank you, Ms. Thurman. We have a
17 motion by Vice-Chairman Berry, seconded by
18 Ms. Hamilton-Acker, that we adopt this resolution.
19 And, Ms. Thurman, would you call the roll, please?

20 MS. THURMAN:

21 Mr. Avant?

22 MR. AVANT:

23 Yes.
24 MS. THURMAN:
25 Ms. Berry?
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1 MS. BERRY:
2 Yes.
3 MS. THURMAN:
4 Mr. Jackson?
5 MR. JACKSON:
6 Yes.
7 MS. THURMAN:
8 Ms. Lewis?
9 MS. LEWIS:
10 Yes.
11 MS. THURMAN:
12 Mr. Poole?
13 MR. POOLE:
14 Yes.
15 MS. THURMAN:
16 Ms. Hamilton-Acker?
17 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:
18 Yes.
19 MS. THURMAN:
20 Ms. Traylor?
21 MS. TRAYLOR:
22 Yes.
23 MS. THURMAN:
24 Chairman Johns?
25 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

1 Yes.

2 MS. THURMAN:

3 It's unanimous.

4 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

5 By unanimous vote, that adoption
6 is here -- that resolution is hereby adopted.

7 MS. BOLES:

8 Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

10 Okay. Now we can move on to Sam's
11 Town.

12 MS. JAMES:

13 Attorney General Lekiesha James,
14 appearing with Tammy Haupt of Louisiana State
15 Police, Gaming Audit Division, and Master Trooper
16 Michael Daniel of the Gaming Enforcement Division.
17 Representatives of the applicant are present today
18 to provide a brief presentation. We are here in
19 this -- in the matter of the consideration of the
20 Sports Wagering License Application of Red River
21 Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC, doing business
22 as Sam's Town Hotel & Casino.

23 Pursuant to the Louisiana Sports
24 Wagering Act, the board is charged with issuing or
25 denying applications for sports wagering

1 licensees. This applicant is eligible to apply
2 for a sports wagering license due to its licensure

3 as a riverboat gaming licensee. The board issued
4 a Temporary Certificate of Authority to the
5 applicant to conduct business as a sports wagering
6 licensee, with an effective date of December 3,
7 2021. The TCOA expires on June 3, 2022.

8 State Police's Gaming Division has
9 reviewed and investigated the application and will
10 now report its findings to the board.

11 MS. HAUPT:

12 Good morning, my name is Tammy Haupt
13 with Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement,
14 Audit Section. The Audit Section has reviewed the
15 financial information submitted by the sports
16 wagering license applicant, Red River
17 Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC, doing business
18 as Sam's Town Hotel & Casino and its ultimate
19 parent, Boyd Gaming Corporation.

20 Boyd's company profile regarding its
21 gaming operations and financial performance was
22 previously stated in the Delta Downs presentation
23 and is also applicable to Sam's Town.

24 In September of 2021, Sam's Town
25 entered into a Retail Sports Service Agreement

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1 with Betfair Interactive US, LLC, doing business
2 as FanDuel Sportsbook, a sports wagering platform
3 provider. The agreement allows FanDuel to provide
4 its sport wagering platform to the licensee for a
5 turnkey -- a turnkey retail sportsbook operation

6 on the casino's premises. Sam's Town launched its
7 FanDuel-branded retail sportsbook under its
8 Temporary Certificate of Authority issued by the
9 Louisiana Gaming Control Board.

10 Additionally, BETMGM, LLC, formally
11 known as Roar Digital, LLC, a sports wagering
12 platform provider that is jointly owned by Entain,
13 PLC, a public limited company, and MGM Resorts
14 International entered into an online access
15 agreement with Sam's Town, its Louisiana gaming
16 partner, to provide online sports wagering
17 platform and services. BET -- BETMGM launched its
18 BETMGM-branded online sportsbook under its
19 Temporary Certificate of Authority issued by the
20 Louisiana Gaming Control Board. The Audit Section
21 will present BETMGM's Sports Wagering Platform
22 Provider Permit application to the Board for
23 consideration at a later date.

24 It is our assessment, based on the
25 information reviewed, that Sam's Town possesses

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1 the financial ability to develop, construct,
2 operate, and maintain its sports wagering
3 operations. No financial issues came to the Audit
4 Section's attention that were of such nature as to
5 preclude the board from approving the issuance of
6 a sports wagering license to Sam's Town.

7 Licensing will now present their findings.

8 MASTER TROOPER DANIEL:

9 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
10 Members of the Board. I'm Master Trooper
11 Michael Daniel with Louisiana State Police, Gaming
12 Enforcement Division.

13 On September 16, 2021, the Louisiana
14 State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division,
15 received a sports wagering license application
16 submitted on behalf of Red River Entertainment of
17 Shreveport, LLC, doing business as Sam Town's --
18 Sam's Town Hotel & Casino. Under the rules and
19 regulations of the Gaming Enforcement Division, a
20 background investigation was conducted on Boyd
21 Gaming Corporations, its shareholders,
22 subsidiaries, officers, directors, and persons
23 with five percent or more ownership or economic
24 interest in the licensee.

25 The Louisiana State Police, Gaming

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1 Enforcement Division, investigated whether any
2 information would deem Boyd Gaming Corporations,
3 its shareholders, or its subsidiaries unsuitable.
4 The background investigation consisted of
5 inquiries to federal, state, and local law
6 enforcement agencies, civil jurisdictions, gaming
7 regulatory agencies, and the Louisiana Department
8 of Revenue. Inquiries were also made through
9 Computerized Criminal History Data Bases. Based
10 on the investigation, no information was found to
11 preclude the Board from approving Red River

12 Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC, doing business
13 as Sam's Town Hotel & Casino's sports wagering
14 license.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 Thank you very much. And any
17 questions for the Attorney General or State
18 Police?

19 (NO RESPONSE)

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 Members, I failed to mention that at
22 your seat, there is a booklet from Boyd Gaming
23 outlining each of the properties, a very nice
24 description of what they're building on their
25 properties, so -- sorry I didn't mention that

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1 earlier.

2 Thank you very much for this. This
3 is very -- very nice, very helpful. I did visit
4 Sam's Town. Quite impressed with the
5 opportunities there with their meeting space in
6 that facilities. Really incredible.

7 MR. SCHWARTZ:

8 Yeah, they have a great pavilion and
9 lots of banquet space, and one of the bigger
10 banquet spaces in the area. Right. So . . .

11 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

12 And the sportsbook is first class.
13 It's very, very nice.

14 MR. SCHWARTZ:

15 It -- it's very nice. Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17 Okay.

18 MR. JACKSON:

19 Motion to approve.

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 Mr. Jackson has moved that we adopt
22 the resolution.

23 MR. AVANT:

24 (Indicating)

25 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

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1 And Mr. Avant has seconded that
2 motion. Ms. Thurman, would you read the
3 resolution, please?

4 MS. THURMAN:

5 On the 16th day of May 2022, the
6 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a duly
7 noticed public meeting, consider the Sports
8 Wagering License Application of Red River
9 Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC, d/b/a Sam's Town
10 Hotel & Casino, License No. W010903480, and upon
11 motion duly made and seconded, the Board adopted
12 the following resolution:

13 Be it resolved that Red River
14 Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC, d/b/a Sam's Town
15 Hotel & Casino be approved for a Sports Wagering
16 License for a term of five years, commencing
17 December 3, 2021.

18 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
19 Louisiana, this 16th day of May 2022.

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 Okay, Members. Mr. Jackson has moved
22 that we adopt this resolution, and there's been a
23 second by Mr. Avant. Ms. Thurman, would you read
24 the resolution, please? Oh, you did. I'm sorry.

25 MS. THURMAN:

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1 Uh-huh.

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

3 Getting ahead of myself here. Would
4 you call the roll, please?

5 MS. THURMAN:

6 Mr. Avant?

7 MR. AVANT:

8 Yes.

9 MS. THURMAN:

10 Ms. Berry?

11 MS. BERRY:

12 Yes.

13 MS. THURMAN:

14 Mr. Jackson?

15 MR. JACKSON:

16 Yes.

17 MS. THURMAN:

18 Ms. Lewis?

19 MS. LEWIS:

20 Yes.

21 MS. THURMAN:

22 Mr. Poole?

23 MR. POOLE:

24 Yes.

25 MS. THURMAN:

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1 Ms. Hamilton-Acker?

2 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

3 Yes.

4 MS. THURMAN:

5 Ms. Traylor?

6 MS. TRAYLOR:

7 Yes.

8 MS. THURMAN:

9 Chairman Johns?

10 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

11 Yes.

12 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

13 By unanimous vote, that resolution is
14 hereby adopted. Okay. Moving on to the Amelia
15 Belle Casino.

16 MS. MURRAY BROWN:

17 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
18 Board Members. Assistant Attorney General
19 Alonna Murray Brown, appearing with
20 Ms. Tammy Haupt of the Louisiana State Police,
21 Gaming Audit Division, and Master Trooper
22 Michael Talley with the Gaming Enforcement
23 Division. A representative of the applicant is

24 also here today and will provide a presentation on
25 the applicant's behalf. We are here in the matter

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1 of the consideration of the sports wagering
2 license application of Belle of Orleans, LLC,
3 doing business as Amelia Belle Casino.

4 Pursuant to the Louisiana Sports
5 Wagering Act, the Board is charged with issuing or
6 denying applications for sports wagering licenses.
7 The applicant is eligible to apply for a sports
8 wagering license due to its licensure as a
9 riverboat gaming licensee. The board issued a
10 Temporary Certificate of Authority to the
11 applicant to conduct business as a sports wagering
12 licensee, with an effective date of December 3,
13 2021, and the TCOA will expire on June 3, 2022.

14 State Police's Gaming Division has
15 reviewed and investigated the application and will
16 now report its findings to the board.

17 MS. HAUPT:

18 Good morning, Chairman and Board
19 Members. My name is Tammy Haupt with Louisiana
20 State Police's Gaming Audit Section. The Audit
21 Section has reviewed the financial information
22 submitted by the sports wagering license
23 applicant, Belle of Orleans, LLC, doing business
24 as Amelia Belle Casino, and its ultimate parent,
25 Boyd Gaming Corporation.

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1 Boyd's company profile regarding its
2 gaming operations and financial performance was
3 previously stated in the Delta Downs presentation
4 and is also applicable to Amelia Belle.

5 In September of 2021, Amelia Belle
6 entered into a Retail Sports Service Agreement
7 with Betfair Interactive US, LLC, doing business
8 as FanDuel Sportsbook, a sports wagering platform
9 provider. The agreement allows FanDuel to provide
10 the licensee with a turnkey retail sports wagering
11 operation on the casino premises. Amelia Belle
12 launched its FanDuel-branded retail sportsbook
13 under its Temporary Certificate of Authority
14 issued by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.

15 Amelia Belle has not publicly
16 announced who its third-party online sportsbook
17 platform provider partner will be at this time.
18 Although the licensee is not partnered with
19 FanDuel, Amelia Belle's customers are invited to
20 register and become a FanDuel Sportsbook player in
21 the interim.

22 It is our assessment based on the
23 information reviewed that Amelia Belle possesses
24 the financial ability to develop, construct,
25 operate, and maintain its sports wagering

1 operations. No financial issues came to the Audit
2 Section's attention that were of such nature as to
3 preclude the board from approving the issuance of

4 a sports wagering license to Amelia Belle.

5 Licensing will now present their
6 findings.

7 MASTER TROOPER TALLEY:

8 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
9 Members of the Board. My name is Michael --
10 Master Trooper Michael Talley with the Louisiana
11 State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division.

12 On September 16, 2021, the Louisiana
13 State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division,
14 received a sports wagering license application
15 submitted on behalf of Belle of Orleans, LLC,
16 doing business as Amelia Belle Casino. In
17 accordance with the rules and regulations of the
18 Gaming Enforcement Division, a background
19 investigation was conducted on Boyd Gaming
20 Corporation, its shareholders, subsidiaries,
21 officers, directors, and persons with five percent
22 or more ownership or economic interest in the
23 licensee.

24 The Louisiana State Police, Gaming
25 Enforcement Division, was assigned to conduct an

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1 investigation and determine if any information
2 would deem Boyd Gaming Corporation, its
3 shareholders, or its subsidiaries unsuitable. The
4 background investigation consisted of inquiries of
5 federal, state, local law enforcement agencies,
6 and civil jurisdictions, gaming regulatory

7 agencies, and the Louisiana Department of Revenue.
8 Inquiries were also made through the Computerized
9 Criminal History Database.

10 Based on this investigation, there is
11 no information that was found which would preclude
12 the board from approving Belle of Orleans, LLC,
13 doing business as Amelia Belle Casino a sports
14 wagering license.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 Thank you very much for your
17 presentation. Any questions for the Attorney
18 General or State Police?

19 (NO RESPONSE)

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 Boyd Gaming, any comments?

22 MR. SCHWARTZ:

23 No, sir, not really there. The
24 facility is really only a riverboat, not a
25 landside facility. So -- so we were able to tuck

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1 it in on the second floor there, and it actually
2 came out pretty nice in the end.

3 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

4 Yeah. It looked like your square
5 footage is very, very close to Sam's Town; so
6 that's -- that's not bad for an old legacy boat.

7 MR. SCHWARTZ:

8 Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

10 Okay. We have a resolution before
11 us. I need a motion to adopt this resolution.

12 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

13 (Indicating)

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

15 Ms. Hamilton-Acker has moved that we
16 adopt the resolution.

17 MS. BERRY:

18 (Indicating)

19 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

20 And Ms. Berry has seconded that
21 motion. And, Ms. Thurman, would you . . .

22 MS. THURMAN:

23 On the 16th day of May 2022, the
24 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a duly
25 noticed public meeting, consider the Sports

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1 Wagering License Application of Belle of Orleans,
2 LLC, d/b/a Amelia Belle Casino, and upon motion
3 duly made and seconded, the board adopted the
4 following resolution:

5 Be it resolved that Belle of Orleans,
6 LLC, d/b/a Amelia Belle Casino be approved for a
7 sport wagering license for a term of five years,
8 commencing December 3, 2021.

9 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
10 Louisiana, this 16th day of May 2022.

11 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

12 Okay, Members. We have a resolution

13 before you, with a motion by Ms. Hamilton-Acker,
14 seconded by Vice-Chairman Berry. And,
15 Ms. Thurman, would you call the roll, please?

16 MS. THURMAN:

17 Mr. Avant?

18 MR. AVANT:

19 Yes.

20 MS. THURMAN:

21 Ms. Berry?

22 MS. BERRY:

23 Yes.

24 MS. THURMAN:

25 Mr. Jackson?

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1 MR. JACKSON:

2 Yes.

3 MS. THURMAN:

4 Ms. Lewis?

5 MS. LEWIS:

6 Yes.

7 MS. THURMAN:

8 Mr. Poole?

9 MR. POOLE:

10 Yes.

11 MS. THURMAN:

12 Ms. Hamilton-Acker?

13 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

14 Yes.

15 MS. THURMAN:

16 Ms. Traylor?

17 MS. TRAYLOR:

18 Yes.

19 MS. THURMAN:

20 Chairman Johns?

21 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

22 Yes.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

24 By unanimous vote, this resolution is

25 hereby adopted.

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1 MR. SCHWARTZ:

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

4 And next will be Treasure Chest --

5 MS. MURRAY BROWN:

6 All right. Good morning.

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

8 -- Casino, LLC, doing business as the

9 Treasure Chest Casino.

10 MS. MURRAY BROWN:

11 Chairman Johns and Members of the
12 Board. Assistant Attorney General Alonna Murray
13 Brown, appearing with Ms. Tammy Haupt with
14 Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit Division, and
15 Master Trooper Michael Talley with the Gaming
16 Enforcement Division. A representative of the
17 applicant is also here today and will provide a
18 presentation. We are here in the matter of the

19 consideration of a sports wagering license
20 application of Treasure Chest Casino, LLC, doing
21 business as Treasure Chest Casino.

22 Pursuant to the Louisiana Sports
23 Wagering Act, all board -- the board is charged
24 with issuing or denying applications for sports
25 wagering licenses. The applicant is eligible to

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1 apply for a sports wagering license due to its
2 licensure as a riverboat gaming licensee. The
3 board issued a Temporary Certificate of Authority
4 to the applicant to conduct business as a sports
5 wagering licensee, with an effective date of
6 December 3, 2021, and the TCOA will expire on
7 June 3, 2022.

8 State Police's Gaming Division has
9 reviewed and investigated the application and will
10 now report its findings to the board.

11 MS. HAUPT:

12 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
13 Board Members. My name is Tammy Haupt with
14 Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit Section. The
15 Audit Section has reviewed the financial
16 information submitted by the sports wagering
17 license applicant -- applicant, Treasure Chest
18 Casino, LL -- LLC, doing business as Treasure
19 Chest Casino, and its ultimate parent, Boyd Gaming
20 Corporation.

21 Boyd's company profile regarding its

22 gaming operations and financial performance was
23 previously stated in the Delta Downs presentation
24 and is also applicable to Treasure Chest.

25 In September 2021, Treasure Chest

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1 entered into a Retail Sports Service Online Market
2 Access Agreement and -- I'm sorry, a Retail Sports
3 Services and an Online Market Access Agreement
4 with Betfair Interactive US, LLC, doing business
5 as FanDuel Sportsbook, a sports wagering platform
6 provider. The agreements allow FanDuel to provide
7 the licensees with turnkey -- turnkey retail and
8 online sports wagering operations. Treasure Chest
9 and FanDuel have launched FanDuel-branded retail
10 and online sportsbooks under the Temporary
11 Certificate of Authorities issued by the Louisiana
12 Gaming Control Board.

13 It is our assessment based on the
14 information reviewed that Treasure Chest
15 possess -- possesses the financial ability to
16 develop, construct, and operate and maintain its
17 sports wagering operations. No financial issues
18 came to the Audit Section's attention that were of
19 such a nature as to preclude the board from
20 approving the issuance of a sports wagering
21 license to Treasure Chest.

22 Licensing will now present their
23 findings.

24 MASTER TROOPER TALLEY:

25 Good morning, Chairman Johns and

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1 Members of the Board. I am Master Trooper
2 Michael Talley with the Louisiana State Police,
3 Gaming Enforcement Division.

4 On September 16, 2021, the Louisiana
5 State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division,
6 received a sports wagering license application
7 submitted on behalf of Treasure Chest Casino, LLC,
8 doing business as Treasure Chest Casino. In
9 accordance with the rules and regulations of the
10 Gaming Enforcement Division, a background
11 investigation was conducted on Boyd Gaming
12 Corporation, its shareholders, subsidiaries,
13 officers, directors, and persons with a
14 five percent or more ownership or economic
15 interest in the license.

16 The Louisiana State Police, Gaming
17 Enforcement Division, was assigned to conduct an
18 investigation and determine if any information
19 would deem Boyd Gaming Corporation, its
20 shareholders, or its subsidiaries unsuitable. The
21 background investigation consisted of inquiries to
22 federal, state, and local law enforcement
23 agencies, civil jurisdictions, gaming regulatory
24 agencies, and the Louisiana Department of Revenue.
25 Inquiries were also made through the Computerized

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1 Criminal History Database.

2 So based on this investigation, there
3 are no information that was found which would
4 preclude the board from approving Treasure Chest
5 Casino, LLC, doing business as Treasure Chest
6 Casino a sports wagering license.

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

8 Thank you very much. Any questions
9 for the Attorney General or State Police?

10 (NO RESPONSE)

11 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

12 Hearing none. And, lastly, to
13 Boyd . . .

14 MR. SCHWARTZ:

15 Actually, that's -- that's a space
16 that we converted. Have you visited this property
17 since the sports betting opened?

18 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

19 No, I have not, so . . .

20 MR. SCHWARTZ:

21 Yeah. So this is our permanent
22 facility at this property, but hopefully --

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

24 Right.

25 MR. SCHWARTZ:

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1 -- we'll -- we'll be on land in the
2 coming months and we'll have a bigger and prettier
3 one.

4 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

5 So we -- we're really looking forward
6 to your land-based property and excited about
7 that -- that opportunity.

8 MR. SCHWARTZ:

9 Yeah. I believe we've submitted the
10 plans. I assume it will be on your agenda
11 shortly. And I know the contracts are being
12 reviewed currently; so I think we're fairly close
13 to moving the ball.

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

15 Okay. I just want to publicly thank
16 Boyd for your commitment to our state with the
17 number of licenses that you have. You've got a
18 lot of employees, a lot of capital invested here,
19 and we -- we appreciate your cooperation and --
20 and your vision for the future. So --

21 MR. SCHWARTZ:

22 Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

24 -- thank you very much. Okay. The
25 chair will entertain a motion to adopt the

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1 resolution.

2 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

3 (Indicating)

4 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

5 Ms. Hamilton-Acker has moved that we
6 adopt the resolution. Mr. Avant has seconded that
7 motion. So, Ms. Thurman, would you read the

8 resolution, please?

9 MS. THURMAN:

10 On the 16th day of May 2022, the
11 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a duly
12 noticed public meeting, consider the Sports
13 Wagering License Application of Treasure Chest
14 Casino, LLC, d/b/a Treasure Chest Casino, and upon
15 motion duly made and seconded, the Board adopted
16 the following resolution:

17 Be it resolved that Treasure Chest
18 Casino, LLC, d/b/a Treasure Chest Casino be
19 approved for a sports wagering license for a term
20 of five years, commencing December 3, 2021.

21 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
22 Louisiana, this 16th day of May 2022.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

24 Thank you, Ms. Thurman. We have a
25 motion by Ms. Hamilton-Acker, seconded by

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1 Mr. Avant, that we adopt this resolution.

2 Ms. Thurman, would you call the roll, please?

3 MS. THURMAN:

4 Mr. Avant?

5 MR. AVANT:

6 Yes.

7 MS. THURMAN:

8 Ms. Berry?

9 MS. BERRY:

10 Yes.

11 MS. THURMAN:

12 Mr. Jackson?

13 MR. JACKSON:

14 Yes.

15 MS. THURMAN:

16 Ms. Lewis?

17 MS. LEWIS:

18 Yes.

19 MS. THURMAN:

20 Mr. Poole?

21 MR. POOLE:

22 Yes.

23 MS. THURMAN:

24 Ms. Hamilton-Acker?

25 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

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1 Yes.

2 MS. THURMAN:

3 Ms. Traylor?

4 MS. TRAYLOR:

5 Yes.

6 MS. THURMAN:

7 Chairman Johns?

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

11 By unanimous vote, this resolution is

12 hereby adopted. Thank you very much to everyone

13 who has made these presentations. And to Boyd,

14 thank you very much.

15 MS. BOLES:

16 Thank you all.

17 MR. SCHWARTZ:

18 Thank you very much.

19 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

20 Okay. Moving along for the
21 consideration of approval of Sports Wagering
22 Platform Provider Permit Application for Betfair
23 Interactive doing business as FanDuel Sportsbook.

24 MS. MURRAY BROWN:

25 All right. Good morning again,

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1 Chairman Johns and Members of the Board.
2 Assistant Attorney General Alonna Murray Brown,
3 appearing with Ms. Tammy Haupt with Louisiana
4 State Police, Gaming Audit Division, and
5 Investigator Rodney Perkins with the Gaming
6 Enforcement Division. We are here in the matter
7 of the consideration of the sportsbook -- Sports
8 Wagering Platform Provider Permit application of
9 Betfair Interactive US, LLC, doing business as
10 FanDuel Sportsbook.
11 Pursuant to Louisiana Sports Wagering
12 Act, the board is charged with issuing or denying
13 applications for Sports Wagering Platform Provider
14 Permits. The board issued a Temporary Certificate
15 of Authority to the applicant to conduct business
16 as a sports wagering platform provider, with an

17 effective date of December 3, 2021, and the TCOA
18 will expire on June 3, 2022.

19 State Police's Gaming Division has
20 reviewed and investigated the application and will
21 now report its findings to the Board.

22 MS. HAUPT:

23 Good morning, Chairman and Board
24 members. My name is Tammy Haupt with Louisiana
25 State Police's Gaming Audit Section. The Audit

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1 Section has reviewed the financial information
2 submitted in conjunction with the Sports Wagering
3 Platform Provider Permit applicant Betfair
4 Interactive US, LLC, doing business as FanDuel
5 Sportsbook, which will be referred to as FanDuel.

6 FanDuel Group Parent, LLC, is the
7 indirect controlled subsidiary of Flutter
8 Entertainment, PLC, a public -- a public limited
9 company. FanDuel Parent operates its online
10 sports and gaming platforms in the US through its
11 wholly-owned subsidiary, FanDuel, the permit
12 applicant. FanDuel is currently licensed in
13 Louisiana as a Daily Fantasy Sports operator.

14 In September of 2021, FanDuel, a
15 retail and online sports wagering platform and
16 service provider, entered into Retail Sports
17 Services Agreements with all five of Boyd's
18 Louisiana gaming properties to provide the
19 licensees with turnkey retail operations on each

20 of the casinos' premises using the FanDuel brand.

21 Additionally, FanDuel entered into an
22 Online Market Access Agreement with Treasure
23 Chest, its Louisiana gaming partner, to provide
24 its online sports wagering platform and services.

25 In 2021, FanDuel Parent reported

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1 1.8 billion in revenue, up 1.25 -- 125.3 percent
2 from 800 million in 2020. Although the revenue
3 grew over a million -- a billion dollars, the
4 applicant has a history of operating losses and
5 working capital deficits which they expect to
6 continue over the next two years while they
7 continue to further expand their US operations.

8 For the years ending December 31,
9 2021 and 2020, FanDuel Group incurred an operating
10 loss of 719.2 million and 256.5 million, a working
11 capital deficit of 282.8 million and 173.7 million
12 and maintained cash on hand of 100.4 million and
13 118.8 million respectively.

14 Operating losses and working capital
15 deficits are not uncommon with merging sports
16 platform -- sports wagering platform providers, as
17 significant investments are required for entry
18 into new regulated jurisdictions, as well as
19 increased costs relating to online and retail
20 penetration.

21 According to FanDuel Group's 2021
22 audited financials, the company plans to utilize

23 its federal and state operating loss carryforwards
24 to offset future taxable income, as well as use
25 its cash and cash equivalents to fund operating

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1 and development expenditures. In the event that
2 it becomes necessary to draw down additional debt
3 funding, its directors have a reasonable
4 expectation that this could be achieved within the
5 confines of its existing debt facilities and
6 financial covenant requirements.

7 Flutter's 2021 annual report states
8 they remain confident that its US segment will be
9 EBITDA profitable in 2023 based on current
10 expectations related to the timing of new state
11 regulation in 2022 and 2023; however, they also
12 stated that the timing of regulatory developments
13 and new state launches can be difficult to predict
14 and any variance to its expectations across the
15 next two years could affect the timing of the
16 profitability being -- being reached.

17 Since FanDuel's investment in
18 brick-and-mortar facilities is minimal in the
19 state, we feel that there is minimal risk to
20 Louisiana if FanDuel does not achieve the
21 profitability that they are projecting.

22 It is our assessment, based on the
23 information reviewed, that FanDuel possesses the
24 financial ability to support its sports wagering
25 operations. No financial issues, other than the

1 negative financial results previously mentioned,
2 came to the Audit Section's attention that were of
3 such a nature to preclude the board from approving
4 the issuance of a Sports Wagering Platform
5 Provider Permit to FanDuel.

6 Licensing will now present their
7 findings.

8 MR. PERKINS:

9 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
10 Members of the Board. I am Criminal Investigator
11 Rodney Perkins with Louisiana State Police, Gaming
12 Enforcement Division.

13 On September 22, 2021, Louisiana
14 State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division,
15 received a Sport Wagering Platform Provider
16 Application, submitted on behalf of Betfair
17 Interactive, US, LLC, doing business as FanDuel
18 Sportsbook. In accordance with the rules and
19 regulations of the Gaming Enforcement Division, a
20 background investigation was conducted on Betfair
21 Interactive, US, LLC, its shareholders,
22 subsidiaries, officers, directors, and persons
23 with five percent or more ownership or economic
24 interest in the permit.

25 Louisiana State Police, Gaming

1 Enforcement Division, was assigned to conduct the
2 investigation and determine if any information

3 would deem Betfair Interactive, US, LLC, its
4 shareholders, or its subsidiaries unsuitable.
5 Background investigations consisted of inquiries
6 to federal, state, and local law enforcement
7 agencies, civil jurisdictions, gaming regulatory
8 agencies, and Louisiana Department of Revenue.
9 Inquiries were also made through the Computerized
10 Criminal History Database.

11 Based on this information, there was
12 no information that was found which would preclude
13 the board from approving Betfair Interactive US,
14 LLC, doing business as FanDuel Sportsbook a Sports
15 Wagering Platform Provider Permit.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17 Okay. Any questions? Ms. Berry.

18 MS. BERRY:

19 I have a question. I'm putting on my
20 other hat again here for financial. There's no
21 going concern comments on their audit due to the
22 negative equity for the year before's audit?

23 MS. HAUPT:

24 Yes. And I address that in here
25 where they --

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1 MS. BERRY:

2 Oh, there was one?

3 MS. HAUPT:

4 They -- they did -- they --

5 MS. BERRY:

6 I missed that somehow.

7 MS. HAUPT:

8 Yeah. They addressed it in the -- in
9 the audited financials about how they would use
10 the federal and state operating loss
11 carryforwards. They would use their cash and also
12 their credit facility, which the -- they said --
13 and the Flutter annual report actually stated
14 that -- that --

15 MS. BERRY:

16 I heard you say they had enough
17 credit available, they thought, to be able to --

18 MS. HAUPT:

19 Yeah. That the directors -- that was
20 actually a FanDuel Group. So they had reasonable
21 expectation that this could be achieved within the
22 confines of their existing debt facilities.

23 MS. BERRY:

24 Okay. So they wouldn't have to go --
25 okay. And then I noticed in the past they had

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1 negative equity and came back up really strong.

2 So I assume that y'all have taken all that into
3 consideration, and you're still good with it?

4 MS. HAUPT:

5 Yes, ma'am.

6 MS. BERRY:

7 Okay. Thank you very much.

8 Appreciate your work.

9 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

10 Okay. Any further questions?

11 (NO RESPONSE)

12 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

13 It appears that this was anticipated,
14 actually, by -- by FanDuel in, I guess -- I don't
15 know if you would call it their business model,
16 but I think it was anticipated that these numbers
17 would do it, but by 2023, they feel confident that
18 their -- their numbers are going to be
19 significantly better than this, so . . .

20 Okay. I have no further questions.

21 Do I have a motion that we adopt the resolution?

22 MS. BERRY:

23 (Indicating)

24 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

25 Ms. Berry has moved that we adopt the

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1 resolution.

2 MR. POOLE:

3 (Indicating)

4 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

5 And Mr. Poole has seconded that
6 motion. Ms. Thurman, would you read the
7 resolution, please?

8 MS. THURMAN:

9 On the 16th day of May 2022, the
10 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a duly
11 noticed public meeting, consider the Sports

12 Wagering Plat -- Platform Provider Permit
13 Application and the Comprehensive Compulsive and
14 Problem Gambling Program of Betfair Interactive
15 US, LLC, d/b/a FanDuel Sportsbook, and upon motion
16 duly made and seconded, the Board adopted this
17 resolution:

18 Be it resolved that Betfair
19 Interactive US, LLC, d/b/a FanDuel Sportsbook, be
20 approved for a Sports Wagering Platform Provider
21 Permit for a term of five years, commencing
22 December 3, 2021.

23 Be it resolved that the Comprehensive
24 Compulsive and Problem Gambling Program submitted
25 by Betfair Interactive, US, LLC, d/b/a FanDuel

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1 Sportsbook, is hereby approved.

2 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
3 Louisiana, this 16th day of May 2022.

4 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

5 Okay, Members. We have a motion by
6 Vice-Chairman Berry, seconded by Mr. Poole, that
7 we adopt the resolution. Ms. Thurman, would you
8 call the roll, please?

9 MS. THURMAN:

10 Mr. Avant?

11 MR. AVANT:

12 Yes.

13 MS. THURMAN:

14 Ms. Berry?

15 MS. BERRY:
16 Yes.
17 MS. THURMAN:
18 Mr. Jackson?
19 MR. JACKSON:
20 Yes.
21 MS. THURMAN:
22 Ms. Lewis?
23 MS. LEWIS:
24 Yes.
25 MS. THURMAN:
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1 Mr. Poole?
2 MR. POOLE:
3 Yes.
4 MS. THURMAN:
5 Ms. Hamilton-Acker?
6 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:
7 Yes.
8 MS. THURMAN:
9 Ms. Traylor?
10 MS. TRAYLOR:
11 Yes.
12 MS. THURMAN:
13 Chairman Johns?
14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:
15 Yes.
16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:
17 So by unanimous vote, this resolution

18 is hereby adopted. Thank y'all very much.

19 Okay. Moving on to consideration of
20 proposed settlements and appeal. First on the
21 agenda today will be BRC, LLC, doing business as
22 T's Country. Mr. Picou, again.

23 MR. PICOU:

24 Good morning again, Chairman Johns
25 and Members of the Board. I'm Assistant Attorney

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1 General Charlie Picou, here in the matter of the
2 settlement of BRC, LLC, doing business as
3 T's Country. This settlement addresses the late
4 submission of annual forms and fees that are
5 required to be submitted no later than July 1 of
6 each year. This Type 1 licensee did not submit
7 the annual forms and fees until March 3, 2022,
8 which gave rise to violations of gaming law. The
9 civil penalty contained in this settlement is
10 \$750, which is an amount that is well-established
11 for violations of this type. The settlement has
12 been signed by the hearing officer and sent before
13 the Board for final approval. I would be happy to
14 answer any questions you might have.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 Settlement of \$750. Is that correct?

17 MR. PICOU:

18 Yes, Chairman.

19 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

20 Are there any questions for Mr.

21 Picou?

22 (NO RESPONSE)

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

24 Do I have a motion that we approve

25 the settlement?

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1 MS. LEWIS:

2 (Indicating)

3 MR. JACKSON:

4 Motion to approve.

5 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

6 Ms. Lewis has moved that we approve

7 the settlement, and Mr. Jackson has seconded that

8 motion. Is there any discussion on that motion?

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

11 Any objection to that motion?

12 (NO RESPONSE)

13 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

14 Hearing none, that settlement is

15 hereby approved.

16 MR. PICOU:

17 Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

19 Okay. Moving on to S&I Investment,

20 LLC, doing business as Tiger Deli, I think, and

21 S&I Investment, doing business as Diamond Jubilee.

22 MR. PICOU:

23 Good morning again, Chairman Johns

24 and Members of the Board. Still Attorney --
25 Assistant Attorney General Charlie Picou. I'm

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1 here in the matter of the settlement of
2 S&I Investment, LLC, doing business as Diamond
3 Jubilee, which holds a Type 5 video draw poker
4 gaming license; Arnaudville Petroleum, LLC, doing
5 business as Tiger Deli, which holds a Type 2 video
6 draw poker gaming license; and S&I Investment,
7 LLC, doing business as S&I Investment, LLC, which
8 holds a Type 6 video draw poker gaming license.

9 These matters have been consolidated
10 since they arose out of the same transactions and
11 occurrences. This settlement addresses multiple
12 violations of gaming law by these licensees which
13 occurred over a period of several years. The
14 civil penalty contained in this settlement is
15 \$40,000. This amount was agreed upon due to the
16 number of violations and the -- the amount of time
17 in which the licensees remained noncompliant.

18 The settlement also requires the
19 licensees to employ a compliance officer to
20 oversee the licensees for a period of two years.
21 The compliance officer must inspect the operations
22 of the licensees and submit quarterly reports to
23 the Division showing that the licensees have, in
24 fact, remained in compliance.

25 The settlement has been signed by the

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1 hearing officer and is now before the Board for
2 final approval. I would be happy to answer any
3 questions you might have.

4 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

5 Okay, Mr. Picou. This is the largest
6 settlement that I've entertained since I've been
7 chairman. And I understand it's over a long
8 period of time and --

9 MR. PICOU:

10 Yes, sir. I'm --

11 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

12 And all parties have agreed?

13 MR. PICOU:

14 Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 Any questions from -- from the board?
17 I know there is representation from the other
18 party if there are any questions. If not, I'll
19 entertain a motion that we approve this
20 settlement.

21 MR. JACKSON:

22 Motion to approve.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

24 Mr. Jackson has moved that we approve
25 the settlement before us.

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1 MS. LEWIS:

2 (Indicating)

3 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

4 Seconded by Ms. Lewis. And is there
5 any discussion on that motion?

6 (NO RESPONSE)

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

8 Any objection to that motion?

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

11 That settlement is hereby approved.

12 Thank you, Mr. Picou.

13 MR. PICOU:

14 Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 Okay. Members, last on our agenda
17 today is an appeal -- is the consideration of
18 appeal for Mr. Mark Allen Freelund. That's on the
19 denial of a renewal of a permit for pending
20 criminal charges. Good morning.

21 MS. JOHNSON:

22 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
23 Board Members. I am Assistant Attorney General
24 Venise Johnson present in this matter. This
25 appeal comes before you due to Mr. Freelund's

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1 appeal to the hearing officer's decision denying
2 his non-key gaming employee permit renewal
3 application.

4 As outlined in the Division's
5 memorandum, Mr. Freelund had two opportunities to
6 testify and present witnesses and evidence on his

7 behalf to show why his renewal application should
8 have been approved.

9 On the date of the first hearing, he
10 called to say that he was experiencing car
11 trouble; so a new hearing date was docketed, at
12 which he, nor a representative on his behalf,
13 appeared. Said hearing was held on
14 February 23, 2022. At that hearing, the Division
15 provided evidence and testimony of Mr. Freelund's
16 arrest on July 10, 2021, for Domestic Abuse Child
17 Endangerment, which is a statutory disqualifier,
18 as it is punishable by a term greater than one
19 year of imprisonment.

20 On March 23, 2022, Hearing
21 Officer Ponder denied Mr. Freelund's application
22 for renewal, and the basis for this denial was
23 that Mr. Freelund has a pending charge for
24 Domestic Abuse Child Endangerment. This charge is
25 a statutory disqualifier, and he is barred from

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1 holding a non-key gaming employee permit. Even
2 within his appeal request itself, Mr. Freelund
3 admitted to having a pending criminal charge.

4 On the date of the hearing and still
5 today, the charge remains pending against
6 Mr. Freelund. Additionally, to the nature of
7 the -- due to the nature of the crime, he has
8 proven he is not suitable for holding a gaming
9 permit.

10 For these reasons, the Division
11 respectfully requests for this honorable board to
12 affirm Hearing Officer Ponder's decision and order
13 denying Mr. Freelund's non-key gaming employee
14 permit renewal application.

15 I'll gladly take any questions as
16 well.

17 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

18 So it's my understanding, at his
19 initial hearing, he did not show up but did call
20 in and ask for a continuance. The continuance was
21 granted for a few days, and then the date of the
22 actual hearing, he did not make an appearance.

23 MS. JOHNSON:

24 Yes, sir.

25 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

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1 Is that correct?

2 MS. JOHNSON:

3 That's correct.

4 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

5 Okay. And should, in the future,
6 that -- these charges be dismissed or he is proven
7 not guilty, charges are dropped, whatever, he
8 would be able to reapply for a license at that
9 point?

10 MS. JOHNSON:

11 Yes.

12 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

13 Okay.

14 MS. JOHNSON:

15 Due to the event or -- the Division
16 would still seek a denial of the non-key gaming
17 employee due to the egregious nature of the crime,
18 but if, in the future, the charges are dropped, he
19 has the option of reapplying for his permit.

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 Okay. Is Mr. Freelund here this
22 morning?

23 (NO RESPONSE)

24 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

25 Okay. No-show. Okay. Thank you

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1 very much for your presentation. Any discussion
2 on this agenda item?

3 (NO RESPONSE)

4 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

5 Okay. The chairman will make a
6 motion that this appeal be denied. Do I have a
7 second?

8 MR. JACKSON:

9 Second.

10 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

11 Mr. Jackson has seconded that motion.
12 And, Ms. Thurman, I'm going to ask you to call the
13 roll on this. The motion is to deny the appeal.

14 MS. THURMAN:

15 Mr. Avant?

16 MR. AVANT:

17 Yes.

18 MS. THURMAN:

19 Ms. Berry?

20 MS. BERRY:

21 Yes.

22 MS. THURMAN:

23 Mr. Jackson?

24 MR. JACKSON:

25 Yes.

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1 MS. THURMAN:

2 Ms. Lewis?

3 MS. LEWIS:

4 Yes.

5 MS. THURMAN:

6 Mr. Poole?

7 MR. POOLE:

8 Yes.

9 MS. THURMAN:

10 Ms. Hamilton-Acker?

11 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

12 Yes.

13 MS. THURMAN:

14 Ms. Traylor?

15 MS. TRAYLOR:

16 Yes.

17 MS. THURMAN:

18 Chairman Johns?

19 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

20 Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

22 And by unanimous vote, that appeal is
23 hereby denied. So a couple of agenda items,
24 Members, next month, the June meeting, we will be
25 back at the State Capitol, and we -- we thank the

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1 people over here at the LaSalle Building for
2 accommodating us.

3 I also want to announce that the
4 August meeting will be moved from its traditional
5 date of Thursday, the 18th until Monday,
6 August 22. So we will meet in August in the State
7 Capitol on August 22.

8 Is there any other --

9 MS. JOHNSON:

10 Yeah. Excuse me, Chairman Johns.

11 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

12 Oh, excuse me.

13 MS. JOHNSON:

14 I need you to affirm the hearing
15 officer's decision denying the appeal.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17 Okay. We need a motion? Okay. We
18 have a motion --

19 MS. JOHNSON:

20 Oh, denying the application. I'm
21 sorry, sir.

22 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

23 Pardon me?

24 MS. JOHNSON:

25 It's -- I need you to affirm the

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1 hearing officer's decision denying the

2 application.

3 MS. BERRY:

4 (Indicating)

5 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

6 Okay. So we have a motion by

7 Ms. Berry to -- to deny the application. Okay.

8 And I, the chairman, will second that.

9 MS. JOHNSON:

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

12 Is there any discussion on that

13 motion?

14 (NO RESPONSE)

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 Any objection to that motion?

17 (NO RESPONSE)

18 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

19 Hearing none, that motion is hereby

20 adopted. Thank you very much. Thank you, Legal

21 Counsel. Okay. Any other items coming from the

22 board?

23 (NO RESPONSE)

24 X. ADJOURNMENT

25 MS. TRAYLOR:

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1 (Indicating)

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

3 If not, Ms. Traylor has moved that we

4 adjourn.

5 MS. BERRY:

6 (Indicating)

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

8 And Ms. Berry has seconded that.

9 Without objection, we are hereby adjourned. Thank

10 you, everyone.

11 (PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED AT 11:39 A.M.)

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