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1 Mr. Jackson.  
 2 MR. JACKSON:  
 3 Here.  
 4 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 5 Mr. Langley.  
 6 MR. LANGLEY:  
 7 Here.  
 8 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 9 Ms. Lewis.  
 10 MS. LEWIS:  
 11 Here.  
 12 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 13 Mr. Sholes.  
 14 MR. SHOLES:  
 15 Yes.  
 16 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 17 Ms. Traylor.  
 18 MS. TRAYLOR:  
 19 Here.  
 20 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 21 Colonel Hodges.  
 22 MAJOR ALBRIGHT:  
 23 Major Albright on behalf of  
 24 Colonel Hodges.  
 25 MS. HERNANDEZ:

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1 Second.  
 2 MR. HEBERT:  
 3 Moved by Ms. Hamilton-Acker,  
 4 seconded by Ms. Becnel.  
 5 Do we have any opposition?  
 6 (No response.)  
 7 MR. HEBERT:  
 8 Seeing none, that motion carries.  
 9 At this time, we will move on to  
 10 item four on our agenda, our revenue  
 11 reports.  
 12 Good morning, Ms. Jackson.  
 13 MS. JACKSON:  
 14 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and  
 15 Board Members. My name is Donna  
 16 Jackson with the Louisiana State  
 17 Police, Gaming Audit Section.  
 18 In March, the 15 operating  
 19 riverboats generated adjusted gross  
 20 receipts of \$172,962,140. The State  
 21 collected fees totaling \$37,186,430.  
 22 Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal  
 23 year 25/26 to date are approximately  
 24 1.4 billion dollars, an increase of 85  
 25 million dollars, or six percent from

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1 Secretary Coniglio.  
 2 MR. PETERS:  
 3 Brian Peters here for Secretary  
 4 Coniglio.  
 5 MR. HEBERT:  
 6 Okay. We do have a quorum.  
 7 Members, thank you for being here this  
 8 morning.  
 9 Ladies and gentlemen, at this  
 10 time, it's our public comment period.  
 11 If anyone would like to comment on an  
 12 agenda item that is before the Board  
 13 today, now is the time to come forward.  
 14 (No response.)  
 15 MR. HEBERT:  
 16 Okay. Seeing none, we will move  
 17 next to item three on our agenda, the  
 18 approval of the minutes.  
 19 Board Members, I would ask for a  
 20 motion to approve -- waive the reading,  
 21 excuse me, and approve the minutes of  
 22 our March 16th, 2026 Board meeting.  
 23 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:  
 24 So moved.  
 25 MS. BECNEL:

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1 fiscal year 24/ 25.  
 2 As of March 31st, 2026, the State  
 3 has collected 302.5 million dollars in  
 4 fees for fiscal year 25/26.  
 5 Page two shows the riverboat  
 6 revenue broken down by regional market.  
 7 The overall increase from February was  
 8 14 million dollars, or nine percent.  
 9 Compared to last March, this month's  
 10 revenues represent a decrease of almost  
 11 eight million dollars, or 4.4 percent.  
 12 As information, last March had one  
 13 additional Saturday than this March.  
 14 Next is a summary of the March of  
 15 2026 gaming activity for Caesar's New  
 16 Orleans, found on page three. Caesar's  
 17 generated \$29,014,063 in gross gaming  
 18 revenue. These revenues represent an  
 19 increase of 3.8 million dollars, or 15  
 20 percent from last month, but a decrease  
 21 of one million dollars, or 3.4 percent  
 22 from the same month last year. During  
 23 March, the State received \$5,520,548 in  
 24 minimum daily payments.  
 25 To date, adjusted gross receipts

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1 for fiscal year 25/'26 are 225.9  
 2 million dollars, an increase of 20  
 3 million dollars, or ten percent from  
 4 fiscal year 24/'25. As of March 31st,  
 5 2026, the State collected 48.8 million  
 6 dollars in fees for fiscal year  
 7 25/'26.  
 8 Next, I will present the revenues  
 9 for slots at the racetracks. During  
 10 March, the four racetrack facilities  
 11 combined generated adjusted gross  
 12 receipts of \$28,790,561, an increase of  
 13 approximately one million dollars, or  
 14 3.5 percent from the previous month,  
 15 but a decrease of 2.6 million dollars,  
 16 or 8.2 percent when compared to the  
 17 same month last year. During March,  
 18 the State collected approximately 4.4  
 19 million dollars in state fees.  
 20 To date, adjusted gross receipts  
 21 for fiscal year 25/'26 are 235.6  
 22 million dollars, an increase of 2.8  
 23 million dollars, or one percent, from  
 24 fiscal year 24/'25. As of March 31st,  
 25 2026, the State has collected 35.7

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1 approximately 20 million dollars in  
 2 sports wagers, generating net proceeds  
 3 of 2.4 million dollars and \$238,000 in  
 4 state taxes. The mobile sportsbooks  
 5 accepted 372.5 million dollars in  
 6 sports wagers, resulting in net  
 7 proceeds of over 42.8 million dollars  
 8 and over nine million dollars in taxes  
 9 paid to the State.  
 10 Finally, for Daily Fantasy Sports,  
 11 gross revenues for March were  
 12 approximately \$508,000, with net  
 13 revenues of \$62,000 and taxes of  
 14 \$5,000.  
 15 Any questions?  
 16 (No response.)  
 17 MR. HEBERT:  
 18 Thank you, Ms. Jackson.  
 19 Any questions, Board Members?  
 20 (No response.)  
 21 MR. HEBERT:  
 22 Okay. I was ready to open up a  
 23 full investigation about March revenue  
 24 until you told us about the extra week  
 25 last year. Thank you very much.

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1 million dollars in fees for fiscal year  
 2 25/'26.  
 3 I will now move to the video  
 4 gaming information.  
 5 There are 12,814 video gaming  
 6 devices activated at 1,371 locations.  
 7 Net device revenue for March 2026 was  
 8 \$75,236,727, an increase of 6.7 million  
 9 dollars, or 9.8 percent when compared  
 10 to February 2026, and an increase of  
 11 three million dollars, or 4.2 percent  
 12 when compared to last March. Total  
 13 franchise fees for March were 22.7  
 14 million dollars. Fiscal year to date,  
 15 net device revenue was 596 million  
 16 dollars, an increase of 34 million  
 17 dollars, or 6.1 percent when compared  
 18 to last fiscal year.  
 19 As of March 31st, 2026, the State  
 20 has collected approximately 180 million  
 21 dollars in franchise fees for fiscal  
 22 year 25/'26.  
 23 Next, I will present the March  
 24 revenue for Sportsbook. In March,  
 25 retail Sportsbooks accepted

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1 All right. What we will do now is  
 2 move onto item five, casino gaming  
 3 issues. And first up is the  
 4 consideration of the certificate of  
 5 compliance for the riverboat gaming  
 6 landside facility of St. Charles Gaming  
 7 Company, LLC doing business as  
 8 Horseshoe Lake Charles.  
 9 Good morning.  
 10 MR. LEWIS:  
 11 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and  
 12 Board Members. I am Assistant Attorney  
 13 General Kanick Lewis, Jr. and I am here  
 14 in the matter of the issuance of the  
 15 certificate of compliance for Horseshoe  
 16 Lake Charles.  
 17 On March 1st -- I'm sorry, March  
 18 31st, the Louisiana State Fire Marshal  
 19 began the inspection process for the  
 20 approval of Horseshoe's annual  
 21 certificate of compliance. The Board  
 22 has a copy of that report, and as you  
 23 can see, there were no deficiencies  
 24 noted.  
 25 I now present these findings to

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1 the Board and I request that upon the  
 2 Board accepting the report as submitted  
 3 by the State Fire Marshal, you move for  
 4 the issuance of Horseshoe Casino's Lake  
 5 Charles Certificate of Compliance,  
 6 which will expire on May 31st of 2027.  
 7 And I'll be happy to answer any  
 8 questions you may have.  
 9 MR. HEBERT:  
 10 Okay. Board Members, do we have  
 11 any questions for Mr. Lewis?  
 12 (No response.)  
 13 MR. HEBERT:  
 14 If not, I will entertain a motion  
 15 to issue an annual certificate of  
 16 compliance which expires on May 31st of  
 17 2027.  
 18 MS. HENNIGAN:  
 19 So moved.  
 20 MS. LEWIS:  
 21 Second.  
 22 MR. HEBERT:  
 23 So moved by Ms. Hennigan.  
 24 Seconded by Ms. Lewis.  
 25 Is there any discussion?

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1 Attorney General Talibah McIntyre.  
 2 MR. HEBERT:  
 3 Can you move the mic a little  
 4 closer.  
 5 MS. MCINTYRE:  
 6 Assistant Attorney General Talibah  
 7 McIntyre.  
 8 MR. JEFFERSON:  
 9 Master Trooper Brian Jefferson,  
 10 Louisiana State Police.  
 11 MR. HEBERT:  
 12 Okay. You may proceed.  
 13 MS. MCINTYRE:  
 14 Thank you. Chairman Hebert and  
 15 Board Members, before the Board today  
 16 is a petition requesting approval of  
 17 Candle Lake Limited to qualify as an  
 18 institutional investor, pursuant to  
 19 Louisiana Revised Statute 27:3(13)(I)  
 20 and Louisiana Revised Statute 27:27.  
 21 Representatives for the  
 22 petitioners are also present today.  
 23 Before they present their request, the  
 24 AG's Office and the Division are  
 25 required to provide additional

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1 (No response.)  
 2 MR. HEBERT:  
 3 Any opposition?  
 4 (No response.)  
 5 MR. HEBERT:  
 6 Hearing none, that motion carries  
 7 and the annual certificate of  
 8 compliance is issued.  
 9 MR. LEWIS:  
 10 Thank you.  
 11 MR. HEBERT:  
 12 We will now move onto to item six,  
 13 sports wagering and fantasy sports  
 14 issues.  
 15 Item A is consideration of the  
 16 petition filed by BetFair Interactive  
 17 US, LLC doing business as FanDuel  
 18 Sportsbook, number B016503481 and  
 19 FanDuel, Inc. doing business as  
 20 FanDuel, number F011703419 for approval  
 21 of Candle Lake Limited to qualify as an  
 22 institutional investor.  
 23 Good morning.  
 24 MS. MCINTYRE:  
 25 Good morning. I'm Assistant

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1 background information for you today.  
 2 This request is related to a  
 3 series of equity purchases by Candle  
 4 Lake that resulted in an increase in  
 5 its direct ownership interest in  
 6 Flutter Entertainment, PLC. Flutter  
 7 Entertainment is the ultimate parent  
 8 company of the sports wager and  
 9 platform provider permittee FanFare  
 10 Interactive US, LLC doing business as  
 11 FanDuel Sportsbook and the fantasy  
 12 sports operator licensee, FanDuel, Inc.  
 13 As a result, Candle Lake's indirect  
 14 ownership interest in both BetFair and  
 15 FanDuel also increased.  
 16 Per gaming law, all five percent  
 17 or more owners and interest holders  
 18 must submit to and meet suitability.  
 19 Candle Lake has an 18.64 percent direct  
 20 ownership interest in Flutter  
 21 Entertainment. Candle Lake is an  
 22 investment vehicle that acquired and  
 23 holds (inaudible) shares in Flutter  
 24 Entertainment for investment purposes  
 25 only. As such, Candle Lake is required

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1 to submit to suitability. However, the  
 2 petitioners assert that Candle Lake  
 3 qualifies as an institutional investor.  
 4 Louisiana Revised Statute  
 5 27:3(13)(I) provides an additional  
 6 qualification for institutional  
 7 investors or any other investor as the  
 8 Board may determine, in its sole  
 9 discretion, consistent with the  
 10 provisions of Title 27. Thus, the  
 11 Board, in its sole discretion has the  
 12 authority to approve entities outside  
 13 of those listed in Louisiana Revised  
 14 Statute 27:3(13)(A) through (H) as  
 15 institutional investors on a  
 16 case-by-base basis.  
 17 It is important to note that  
 18 considerations as to whether any entity  
 19 qualifies as an institutional investor  
 20 are very specific to the facts and  
 21 circumstances related to each petition,  
 22 including, but not limited to, the type  
 23 of license or permit at issue, the role  
 24 of the licensee or permittee in the  
 25 gaming industry and the regulation

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1 I also have reviewed the Petition  
 2 and supporting documents. After  
 3 review, Candle Lake operates as an  
 4 investment vehicle and acquired shares  
 5 of Flutter Entertainment in the  
 6 ordinary course of business for  
 7 investment purposes only. It does not  
 8 participate in the day-to-day matters  
 9 of Flutter Entertainment or its  
 10 subsidiaries. It does not have the  
 11 ability to appoint members to its board  
 12 of directors. It does not exercise any  
 13 influence over the operations of  
 14 Flutter Entertainment or its  
 15 subsidiaries.  
 16 After review of the documents  
 17 submitted by Candle Lake, the Division  
 18 finds no information to conclude the  
 19 Board from determining Candle Lake to  
 20 be qualified as an institutional  
 21 investor.  
 22 I will now turn the presentation  
 23 over to the representative for the  
 24 petitioners to address the Board,  
 25 substantiate any claims and answer any

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1 thereof, the ownership and control of  
 2 the licensee or permittee, the amount  
 3 of said ownership or control, all  
 4 relevant facts related to the applying  
 5 entity and the Division's comfort with  
 6 who has otherwise submitted to  
 7 suitability in relation to the  
 8 applicant, licensee or permittee.  
 9 If the Board determines that  
 10 Candle Lake does not qualify, it will  
 11 need to submit to suitability. If it  
 12 is the Board's pleasure to deem Candle  
 13 Lake an institutional investor, a  
 14 resolution has been prepared for your  
 15 consideration.  
 16 I will now turn it over to Master  
 17 Trooper Brian Jefferson who handled the  
 18 investigation into the entity  
 19 reporting, seeking to qualify as an  
 20 institutional investor.  
 21 MR. JEFFERSON:  
 22 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and  
 23 Board Members. I'm Master Trooper  
 24 Brian Jefferson, Louisiana State Police  
 25 Gaming Enforcement Division.

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1 questions that the Board Members may  
 2 have.  
 3 MR. HEBERT:  
 4 Good morning, gentleman. Please  
 5 state your name for the record.  
 6 MR. DUNCAN:  
 7 Good morning. Kelly Duncan from  
 8 Jones Walker Law Firm representing  
 9 Candle Lake and Flutter and FanDuel, an  
 10 investor as well. With me is Frank  
 11 Liesman, who is in-house counsel for  
 12 Candle Lake, to answer any questions  
 13 you have.  
 14 I think that the Master Trooper  
 15 has explained well what the  
 16 relationship is of Candle Lake to  
 17 Flutter. They exercise no influence,  
 18 they hold these shares in the ordinary  
 19 course of business. The only thing I  
 20 need to correct is that their ownership  
 21 interest is now 18.77 percent, as  
 22 opposed to 18.64 percent. But that's  
 23 -- that's the only thing I would just  
 24 want to point out.  
 25 And I would add that -- it's

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1 important, obviously, to the Board --  
 2 that Candle Lake does acknowledge and  
 3 is aware that if they were to acquire  
 4 20 percent or more of the shares, that  
 5 that would constitute a change in  
 6 control under the gaming law and would,  
 7 therefore, trigger the need to come  
 8 forward for suitability.  
 9 But Mr. Liesman is here to answer  
 10 any questions you might have.  
 11 MR. HEBERT:  
 12 Okay. Board Members, do we have  
 13 any questions for Mr. Liesman or for  
 14 State Police or the Attorney General's  
 15 Office in this matter?  
 16 (No response.)  
 17 MR. HEBERT:  
 18 Okay. Seeing none, I will  
 19 entertain a motion to adopt the  
 20 resolution.  
 21 MS. TRAYLOR:  
 22 So moved.  
 23 MS. BECNEL:  
 24 Second.  
 25 MR. HEBERT:

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1 ownership of publicly traded shares in  
 2 Flutter, and, thereby, an indirect  
 3 ownership in Betfair and FanDuel. In  
 4 connection with Candle Lake's equity  
 5 purchase, Flutter, Betfair and FanDuel  
 6 filed a joint petition for Candle Lake  
 7 Limited to qualify as an institutional  
 8 investor due to its passive ownership  
 9 interest in Betfair and FanDuel,  
 10 Now, therefore, be it resolved  
 11 that Candle Lake Limited is hereby  
 12 determined to be an "institutional  
 13 investor" in accordance with Louisiana  
 14 Revised Statute 27:3(13)(I), in  
 15 connection with its passive ownership  
 16 interest in, both, Betfair and FanDuel  
 17 and based on the specific facts and  
 18 circumstances presented to the Board.  
 19 Be it further resolved that the  
 20 presumption of suitability afforded to  
 21 Candle Lake Limited as an institutional  
 22 investor pursuant to Louisiana Revised  
 23 Statute 27:27 shall not preclude the  
 24 Board from investigating the  
 25 suitability and qualifications of

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1 So moved by Ms. Traylor. Seconded  
 2 by Ms. Becnel. I'm sorry.  
 3 Ms. Landry, would you please read  
 4 the resolution into the record.  
 5 MS. LANDRY:  
 6 On the 20th day of April 2026, the  
 7 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in  
 8 a duly noticed public meeting, consider  
 9 BetFair Interactive US, LLC doing  
 10 business as FanDuel Sportsbook,  
 11 FanDuel, Inc. doing business as  
 12 FanDuel, and Flutter Entertainment  
 13 plc's joint petition for approval of  
 14 Candle Lake Limited to qualify as an  
 15 institutional investor and, upon motion  
 16 duly made and seconded, the Board  
 17 adopted this Resolution:  
 18 Whereas, Betfair holds a sports  
 19 wagering platform provider permit and  
 20 is wholly owned by Flutter,  
 21 Whereas, FanDuel holds a fantasy  
 22 sports contest operator license and is  
 23 wholly owned by Flutter,  
 24 Whereas, Candle Lake Limited  
 25 acquired five percent or more direct

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1 Candle Lake Limited should the Board or  
 2 the Louisiana State Police, Gaming  
 3 Enforcement Division become aware of  
 4 facts, which may result in Candle Lake  
 5 Limited being found unsuitable or  
 6 disqualified from participating in  
 7 gaming or from a determination as an  
 8 institutional investor.  
 9 Thus done and signed in Baton  
 10 Rouge, Louisiana on this 20th day of  
 11 April, 2026.  
 12 MR. HEBERT:  
 13 Ms. Hernandez, would you please  
 14 call the roll.  
 15 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 16 Ms. Becnel.  
 17 MS. BECNEL:  
 18 Yes.  
 19 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 20 Ms. Hamilton-Acker.  
 21 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:  
 22 Yes.  
 23 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 24 Ms. Hennigan.  
 25 MS. HENNIGAN:

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1 Yes.  
 2 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 3 Mr. Jackson.  
 4 MR. JACKSON:  
 5 Yes.  
 6 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 7 Mr. Langley.  
 8 MR. LANGLEY:  
 9 Yes.  
 10 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 11 Ms. Lewis.  
 12 MS. LEWIS:  
 13 Yes.  
 14 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 15 Mr. Sholes.  
 16 MR. SHOLES:  
 17 Yes.  
 18 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 19 Ms. Traylor.  
 20 MS. TRAYLOR:  
 21 Yes.  
 22 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 23 Chairman Hebert.  
 24 MR. HEBERT:  
 25 Yes.

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1 Good morning Chairman Hebert and  
 2 Board Members. Assistant Attorney  
 3 General Ben Westra. I'm here today in  
 4 the matter of the consideration of the  
 5 transfer and ownership interest in  
 6 Whispering Pines Plaza & Casino, LLC  
 7 doing business as Whispering Pines  
 8 Casino, which holds a Type 5 video  
 9 draw poker gaming license and is  
 10 located in St. Helena Parish.  
 11 MR. HEBERT:  
 12 Mr. Westra, can you just pull the  
 13 mic closer.  
 14 MR. WESTRA:  
 15 I'm sorry. On October 3rd, 2019,  
 16 Joe F. Penn transferred his 100 percent  
 17 membership interest in the licensee to  
 18 the Joe F. Penn and Patricia S. Penn  
 19 revocable trust. Mr. Penn passed  
 20 away on April 16th, 2023, and his  
 21 surviving spouse Patricia S. Penn was  
 22 appointed as the trustee and  
 23 beneficiary of the trust.  
 24 The transfer of Mr. Penn's  
 25 membership interest in the licensee was

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1 That motion carries. The  
 2 resolution is adopted and Candle Lake  
 3 Limited is approved as an institutional  
 4 investor.  
 5 MR. DUNCAN:  
 6 We very much appreciate that, Mr.  
 7 Chairman. And I also want to thank the  
 8 Louisiana State Police and the Attorney  
 9 General's Gaming Division for their  
 10 courtesies and assistance in working  
 11 through this. Thanks very much.  
 12 MR. HEBERT:  
 13 Okay. Thank you, Mr. Duncan and  
 14 Mr. Liesman. Safe travels home.  
 15 We will now move onto item seven,  
 16 video gaming issues.  
 17 The first up is Item A.,  
 18 consideration of the transfer of  
 19 membership interest in Whispering Pines  
 20 Plaza & Casino, LLC doing business as  
 21 Whispering Pines Casino.  
 22 Good morning.  
 23 MR. VERRET:  
 24 Good morning, Mr. Chairman.  
 25 MR. WESTRA:

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1 not known to the Division until after  
 2 Mr. Penn's death on April 16th, 2023.  
 3 The licensee agreed to a settlement for  
 4 their late notice to the Division,  
 5 which was considered and approved by  
 6 this Board at the monthly meeting in  
 7 February of this year.  
 8 Louisiana State Police Gaming  
 9 Enforcement Division conducted an  
 10 investigation into this transfer and  
 11 Investigator Glenn Verret is present  
 12 this morning to present his findings to  
 13 the Board.  
 14 Following his presentation, the  
 15 Board will need a motion and vote to  
 16 approve or deny the transfer of  
 17 membership interests.  
 18 MR. VERRET:  
 19 Good morning Mr. Chairman and  
 20 Board Members. I'm Investigator Glenn  
 21 Verret from Louisiana State Police  
 22 Gaming Enforcement Division.  
 23 An investigation was done into the  
 24 transfer of membership interests within  
 25 the licensee. The Division found no

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1 information that would preclude the  
 2 licensee or its members from continuing  
 3 to participate in the Louisiana gaming  
 4 industry.  
 5 Thank you.  
 6 MR. HEBERT:  
 7 All right. Board Members, do you  
 8 have any questions for State Police or  
 9 the Attorney General's Office in this  
 10 matter?  
 11 (No response.)  
 12 MR. HEBERT:  
 13 If not, I'll entertain a motion to  
 14 approve the transfer of membership  
 15 interests in the licensee.  
 16 MR. JACKSON:  
 17 So moved.  
 18 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:  
 19 Second.  
 20 MR. HEBERT  
 21 So moved by Mr. Jackson. Seconded  
 22 by Ms. Hamilton-Acker.  
 23 Is there any discussion?  
 24 (No response.)  
 25 MR. HEBERT:

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1 This settlement addresses the  
 2 permittee's failure to timely notify  
 3 the Division of his arrest within 15  
 4 calendar days. The permittee did not  
 5 notify the Division until September  
 6 8th, 2025, giving rise to a violation  
 7 of the gaming laws.  
 8 Under the terms of this  
 9 settlement, the permittee has agreed to  
 10 pay a civil penalty in the amount of  
 11 \$500, which is an amount  
 12 well-established for violations of this  
 13 type. The settlement agreement was  
 14 signed by the hearing officer and is  
 15 now before the Board for final  
 16 approval, and I'm happy to answer any  
 17 questions you may have at this time.  
 18 MR. HEBERT:  
 19 Okay. Board Members, do we have  
 20 any questions for Ms. Jones?  
 21 (No response.)  
 22 MR. HEBERT:  
 23 Okay. If not, I'll entertain a  
 24 motion to approve the settlement.  
 25 MR. LANGLEY:

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1 All in favor, please say, "Aye".  
 2 (All respond "Aye".)  
 3 MR. HEBERT:  
 4 Is there any opposition?  
 5 (No response.)  
 6 MR. HEBERT:  
 7 Hearing none, that motion carries  
 8 and the transfer of membership  
 9 interests is approved.  
 10 Thank you, gentlemen.  
 11 Moving on to item eight on our  
 12 agenda, consideration of proposed  
 13 settlements.  
 14 Item A is consideration of the  
 15 proposed settlement for Wyatt S.  
 16 Winzeler.  
 17 Good morning.  
 18 MS. JONES:  
 19 Good morning Chairman Hebert and  
 20 Board Members. I am Assistant Attorney  
 21 General Bria Jones here, appearing  
 22 before you this morning in the matter  
 23 of the settlement for Wyatt S.  
 24 Winzeler, which hold a Non-Key Gaming  
 25 Employee permit.

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1 So moved.  
 2 MR. SHOLES:  
 3 Second.  
 4 MR. HEBERT:  
 5 Okay. Mr. Langley approves, and  
 6 Judge Sholes seconded.  
 7 All in favor say, "Aye".  
 8 (All responded, "Aye".)  
 9 MR. HEBERT:  
 10 Are there any opposed?  
 11 (No response.)  
 12 MR. HEBERT:  
 13 Hearing none, that motion carries  
 14 and the settlement is approved.  
 15 Okay. Item B under proposed  
 16 settlements is the consideration of the  
 17 proposed settlement for FJMBAR, LLC  
 18 doing business as The G.O.A.T. Sports  
 19 Bar.  
 20 Good morning, Mr. Westra.  
 21 MR. WESTRA:  
 22 Good morning again. Assistant  
 23 Attorney General Ben Westra here today  
 24 in the matter of the settlement  
 25 agreement involving FJMBAR, LLC doing

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1 business as the G.O.A.T. Sports Bar,  
 2 who currently holds a Type 1 video draw  
 3 poker gaming license.  
 4 The settlement agreement addresses  
 5 the licensee's failure to notify the  
 6 Division of a transfer of ownership  
 7 that occurred on November 26, 2024.  
 8 The licensee did not notify the  
 9 Division until June 25th, 2025, giving  
 10 rise to a violation of gaming law,  
 11 which requires licensees to notify the  
 12 Division of a transfer of ownership  
 13 interests within ten calendar days.  
 14 The civil penalty contained in  
 15 this agreement is \$500. The settlement  
 16 has been signed by the hearing officer  
 17 and is now before this Board for final  
 18 approval.  
 19 If there are any questions, I'd be  
 20 happy to answer them.  
 21 MR. HEBERT:  
 22 Board Members, do we have any  
 23 questions for Mr. Westra?  
 24 (No response.)  
 25 MR. HEBERT:

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1 General Ben Westra here today in the  
 2 matter of the settlement agreement  
 3 involving My Place, LLC doing business  
 4 as My Place, who currently holds a Type  
 5 1 video draw poker gaming license.  
 6 This settlement addresses the  
 7 licensee's failure to notify the  
 8 Division of a transfer of ownership  
 9 that occurred on November 30, 2024.  
 10 The licensee did not notify the  
 11 Division until June 25th, 2025, giving  
 12 rise to a violation of gaming law which  
 13 requires licensees to notify the  
 14 Division of a transfer of ownership  
 15 interests within ten calendar days.  
 16 The civil penalty contained in  
 17 this settlement is \$500 and it has been  
 18 signed by the hearing officer and is  
 19 now before the Board for final  
 20 approval.  
 21 If there are any questions, I'd be  
 22 happy to answer them.  
 23 MR. HEBERT:  
 24 Okay. Any questions, Board  
 25 Members?

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1 If not, I'll entertain a motion to  
 2 approve the settlement.  
 3 MS. BECNEL:  
 4 So moved.  
 5 MS. HENNIGAN:  
 6 Second.  
 7 MR. HEBERT:  
 8 So moved by Ms. Becnel and  
 9 seconded by Ms. Hennigan.  
 10 All in favor say, "Aye".  
 11 (All responded, "Aye".)  
 12 MR. HEBERT:  
 13 Any opposed?  
 14 (No response.)  
 15 MR. HEBERT:  
 16 Hearing none, that motion carries  
 17 and the settlement is approved. Thank  
 18 you.  
 19 Okay. Item C under proposed  
 20 settlements is the consideration of the  
 21 proposed settlement for My Place, LLC  
 22 doing business as My Place.  
 23 You may proceed, Mr. Westra.  
 24 MR. WESTRA:  
 25 Thank you. Assistant Attorney

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1 (No response.)  
 2 MR. HEBERT:  
 3 If not, I'll entertain a motion to  
 4 approve the settlement.  
 5 MS. LEWIS:  
 6 So moved.  
 7 MS. TRAYLOR:  
 8 Second.  
 9 MR. HEBERT:  
 10 So moved by Ms. Lewis. Seconded  
 11 by Ms. Traylor.  
 12 All in favor say, "Aye".  
 13 (All responded, "Aye".)  
 14 MR. HEBERT:  
 15 Any opposition?  
 16 (No response.)  
 17 MR. HEBERT:  
 18 Hearing none, that motion carries  
 19 and the settlement is approved.  
 20 And finally, under proposed  
 21 settlements is consideration of the  
 22 proposed settlement for Quynh Nguyen,  
 23 Inc. doing business as Natal's Deli.  
 24 Good morning.  
 25 MR. SUMBLER:

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1 Good morning. How are you doing?  
 2 Chairman Hebert, Members of the Board,  
 3 I am Assistant Attorney General Steven  
 4 Sumbler here on behalf of the Division  
 5 in this matter pertaining to a  
 6 settlement involving Quynh Nguyen, Inc.  
 7 doing business as Natal's Deli, which  
 8 holds a Type 2 video draw poker  
 9 license.  
 10 This settlement addresses the  
 11 licensee's failure to timely submit its  
 12 annual licensee forms, fees and  
 13 accompanying documents to the Division  
 14 as required under gaming law.  
 15 On or about April 1st, 2025, the  
 16 Division timely mailed the licensee a  
 17 courtesy letter informing they needed  
 18 to submit its annual licensee form and  
 19 the appropriate fee and all required  
 20 documents no later than July 1st, 2025.  
 21 The Division received the  
 22 licensee's annual licensee forms, fee  
 23 and required documents on January 23rd,  
 24 2026. The licensee's failure to timely  
 25 submit its annual licensee form, fees

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1 MR. HEBERT:  
 2 Ms. Becnel moves. Seconded -- I'm  
 3 sorry. Seconded by Ms. Traylor. I'm  
 4 all over the place today with seconds  
 5 and -- and motions.  
 6 All in favor say, "Aye".  
 7 (All responded, "Aye".)  
 8 MR. HEBERT:  
 9 Any opposition?  
 10 (No response.)  
 11 MR. HEBERT:  
 12 Okay. Hearing none, that motion  
 13 carries and that settlement is  
 14 approved.  
 15 MR. SUMBLER:  
 16 Thank you.  
 17 MR. HEBERT:  
 18 All right. We move onto our final  
 19 agenda item, item nine, consideration  
 20 of appeals.  
 21 And Item A is the consideration of  
 22 the appeal of U-M-I, LLC?  
 23 MS. GARDNER (Becker):  
 24 UMI.  
 25 MR. HEBERT:

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1 and required documents.  
 2 The video licensee agreed to  
 3 settle this matter in lieu of  
 4 administrative action. The civil  
 5 penalty contained in this settlement is  
 6 \$1,500, which is an amount well  
 7 established for violations of this  
 8 type. The hearing officer has  
 9 signed the settlement and it is now  
 10 before the Board for final approval.  
 11 I will be happy to answer any  
 12 questions regarding settlement you may  
 13 have at this time.  
 14 MR. HEBERT:  
 15 Thank you. Board Members, do we  
 16 have any questions for the Attorney  
 17 General's Office in this matter?  
 18 (No response.)  
 19 MR. HEBERT:  
 20 Okay. If not, I will entertain a  
 21 motion to approve the settlement.  
 22 MS. BECNEL:  
 23 So moved.  
 24 MS. TRAYLOR:  
 25 Second.

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1 Or UMI, LLC, okay, doing business  
 2 as UMI.  
 3 Okay. Please identify yourselves  
 4 for the record.  
 5 MS. GARDNER (Becker):  
 6 My name is Misty Gardner.  
 7 MR. HEBERT:  
 8 Okay. Ms. Gardner, and you are?  
 9 MS. GARDNER (Becker):  
 10 Manager of UMI.  
 11 MR. HEBERT:  
 12 Okay.  
 13 MS. EVANS:  
 14 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and  
 15 Board Members. My name is Virginia  
 16 Evans. I'm here representing the  
 17 Division in the appeal filed in this  
 18 matter.  
 19 MR. HEBERT:  
 20 Okay. This morning, I'd like to  
 21 remind the parties that this Board is  
 22 operating in its appellate capacity,  
 23 the Board's decision will be based on  
 24 the record of the administrative  
 25 hearing and arguments made today, but

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1 no new evidence can be considered at  
 2 today's Board meeting. Okay?  
 3 Because this is UMI's appeal, you  
 4 will present first.  
 5 MS. GARDNER (Becker):  
 6 Oh, I'm -- I'm going to appeal  
 7 because we turned in all the forms and  
 8 appropriate documents and fees and they  
 9 still revoked the license, so that's  
 10 why I'm appealing it.  
 11 MR. HEBERT:  
 12 Okay. You may proceed.  
 13 MS. EVANS:  
 14 Allegations have been made. This  
 15 new evidence, had it existed at the  
 16 time of the hearing, could have changed  
 17 the ruling of the hearing officer.  
 18 Therefore, under the circumstances of  
 19 this particular case, the Division has  
 20 no objection to the Board remanding  
 21 this matter to the hearing officer to  
 22 admit new evidence and the possible  
 23 conversion of the recommendation, so  
 24 long as the Board allows the Division  
 25 the right to pursue a penalty against

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1 Yes.  
 2 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 3 Mr. Jackson.  
 4 MR. JACKSON:  
 5 Yes.  
 6 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 7 Mr. Langley.  
 8 MR. LANGLEY:  
 9 Yes.  
 10 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 11 Ms. Lewis.  
 12 MS. LEWIS:  
 13 Yes.  
 14 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 15 Mr. Sholes.  
 16 MR. SHOLES:  
 17 Yes.  
 18 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 19 Ms. Traylor.  
 20 MS. TRAYLOR:  
 21 Yes.  
 22 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 23 Chairman Hebert.  
 24 MR. HEBERT:  
 25 Yes.

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1 the appellant for the late submission,  
 2 depending on the evidence.  
 3 MR. HEBERT:  
 4 Okay. Based on that, I'm going to  
 5 go ahead and make a motion that we  
 6 remand this matter back to the hearing  
 7 officer.  
 8 MR. JACKSON:  
 9 Second.  
 10 MR. HEBERT:  
 11 Seconded by -- seconded by Mr.  
 12 Jackson.  
 13 Ms. Hernandez, would you please  
 14 call the roll.  
 15 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 16 Ms. Becnel.  
 17 MS. BECNEL:  
 18 Yes.  
 19 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 20 Ms. Hamilton-Acker.  
 21 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:  
 22 Yes.  
 23 MS. HERNANDEZ:  
 24 Ms. Hennigan.  
 25 MS. HENNIGAN:

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1 That matter is remanded back to  
 2 the hearing officer.  
 3 MS. EVANS:  
 4 Thank you.  
 5 MR. HEBERT:  
 6 Okay. Before we adjourn, I would  
 7 like to announce that our May Board  
 8 meeting will take place on Monday, May  
 9 18th, 2026, here in the LaSalle  
 10 Building, at 10:00 a.m.  
 11 And at this point, I would ask for  
 12 a motion to adjourn.  
 13 (No response.)  
 14 MR. HEBERT:  
 15 At this point, I would ask for a  
 16 motion to adjourn.  
 17 MR. JACKSON:  
 18 Motion to adjourn.  
 19 MS. BECNEL:  
 20 Second.  
 21 MR. HEBERT:  
 22 So moved by Mr. Jackson. Seconded  
 23 by Ms. Becnel.  
 24 All in favor say, "Aye".  
 25 (All responded, "Aye".)

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1 MR. HEBERT:  
 2 No opposition, I'm assuming?  
 3 (No response.)  
 4 MR. HEBERT:  
 5 We are adjourned, Ladies and  
 6 Gentlemen. See you next month.  
 7 THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 10:29 A.M.  
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