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<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD JULY 17, 2025 BOARD MEETING</p> <p>This Louisiana Gaming Control Board Meeting was taken by Anna Coates, a Certified Court Reporter in and for the State of Louisiana, at the Louisiana State Capitol, House Committee Room 1, 900 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 17th day of July 2025.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>1 APPEARANCES: 2 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HEBERT 3 MS. FARIDA HERNANDEZ 4 MS. KATHRYN BECNEL 5 MR. CLAUDE JACKSON 6 MR. NICHOLAS LANGLEY 7 MS. JULIE LEWIS 8 MR. LAMAR POOLE, JR. 9 MS. FRANCESCA HAMILTON-ACKER 10 MS. ASHLEY TRAYLOR 11 MAJOR ADAM ALBRIGHT 12 MR. JARROD CONIGLIO 13 MS. DAWN HIMEL 14 MS. LISHA LANDRY 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 REPORTED BY: ANNA COATES, CCR, RPR 25</p>
<p>1 PROCEEDINGS 2 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 3 Okay. Good morning, everyone. If 4 everyone would take their seats, I'd like to 5 call to order the meeting of the Louisiana 6 Gaming Control Board for Thursday, July 17th, 7 2025. 8 Ms. Hernandez, would you please call 9 roll. 10 MS. HERNANDEZ: 11 Chairman Hebert. 12 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 13 Here. 14 MS. HERNANDEZ: 15 Ms. Becnel. 16 MS. BECNEL: 17 Here. 18 MS. HERNANDEZ: 19 Mr. Jackson. 20 MR. JACKSON: 21 Here. 22 MS. HERNANDEZ: 23 Mr. Langley. 24 MR. LANGLEY: 25 Here.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>1 MS. HERNANDEZ: 2 Ms. Lewis. 3 MS. LEWIS: 4 Here. 5 MS. HERNANDEZ: 6 Mr. Poole. 7 MR. POOLE: 8 Here. 9 MS. HERNANDEZ: 10 Ms. Hamilton-Acker. 11 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER: 12 Here. 13 MS. HERNANDEZ: 14 Mr. Sholes. 15 (Hearing no response). 16 Ms. Traylor. 17 MS. TRAYLOR: 18 Here. 19 MS. HERNANDEZ: 20 Colonel Hodges. 21 MAJOR ALBRIGHT: 22 Major Albright for Colonel Hodges. 23 MS. HERNANDEZ: 24 Secretary Nelson. 25 MR. CONIGLIO:</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>1 Jarrod Coniglio here for Secretary 2 Nelson. 3 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 4 Okay, we have a quorum. 5 Members, thank you for traversing this 6 bad weather to be here this morning. 7 Ladies and gentlemen, this is our public 8 comment period. If anyone would like to 9 comment on any agenda item before the Board 10 this morning, now is the time to come 11 forward. 12 Seeing none, we will now move on to Item 13 III, the approval of the minutes. I would 14 ask for a motion to waive reading and approve 15 the minutes of the June 16th, 2025 board 16 meeting. 17 MR. JACKSON: 18 So moved. 19 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 20 So moved by Mr. Jackson. 21 MR. POOLE: 22 Second. 23 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 24 And seconded by Mr. Poole. 25 Is there any discussion?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>1 Any opposition? 2 Hearing none, that motion carries. 3 Moving on to Item IV on our agenda, our 4 revenue reports. 5 Good morning, Ms. Jackson. 6 MS. JACKSON: 7 Good morning, Chairman Hebert, Board 8 Members. My name is Donna Jackson with 9 Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit Section. 10 In June, the 15 operating riverboats 11 generated adjusted gross receipts of 12 \$161,454,632. The state collected fees 13 totaling \$34,712,746. Adjusted gross 14 receipts for fiscal year '24-'25 are 15 \$1.81 billion, an increase of approximately 16 \$80 million, or 5 percent, from fiscal year 17 '23-'24. As of June 30th, 2025, the state 18 collected over \$389 million in fees for 19 fiscal year '24-'25. 20 Page 2 shows the riverboat revenue 21 broken down by regional market. The overall 22 decrease from May was \$14.4 million, or 23 8.2 percent. Compared to last June, when 24 there was one less riverboat in operation, 25 this month's revenues represent an increase</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>1 of \$7.6 million, or 5 percent. 2 Next is a summary of the June 2025 3 gaming activity for Caesars New Orleans, 4 found on page 3. Caesars generated 5 \$20,405,626 in gross gaming revenue. These 6 revenues represent a decrease from last month 7 of 4.2 percent, but an increase of 8 \$5 million, or 34 percent, from the same 9 month last year. During June, the state 10 received \$5,342,466 in minimum daily 11 payments. Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal 12 year '24-'25 are \$270 million, an increase of 13 \$29.6 million, or 12 percent, from fiscal 14 year '23-'24. As of June 30th, 2025, the 15 state collected \$65 million in fees for 16 fiscal year '24-'25. 17 Next I will present the revenues for 18 slots at the racetracks. During June, the 19 four racetrack facilities combined generated 20 adjusted gross receipts of \$26,991,607, a 21 decrease of \$3.8 million, or 12.3 percent, 22 from the previous month and a decrease of 23 \$1.4 million, or 5 percent, when compared to 24 the same month last year. During June, the 25 state collected \$4.1 million in state fees.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>1 Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal year 2 '24-'25 are \$317.5 million, a minimal 3 decrease of .2 percent from fiscal year 4 '23-'24. As of June 30, 2025, the state 5 collected \$48 million in fees for fiscal year 6 '24-'25. 7 I will now move to the video gaming 8 information. There are 12,199 video gaming 9 devices activated at 1,386 locations. Net 10 device revenue for June 2025 was \$62,011,273, 11 a decrease of \$6.1 million, or 8.9 percent, 12 when compared to May, but an increase of 13 \$1.8 million, or 2.9 percent, when compared 14 to last June. Total franchise fees for June 15 were \$18.7 million. Fiscal year to date net 16 device revenue is \$757.7 million, an increase 17 of \$8 million, or 1.1 percent, when compared 18 to last fiscal year. As of June 30, 2025, 19 the state collected \$229.6 million in 20 franchise fees for fiscal year '24-'25. 21 Next I will present the June revenue for 22 sportsbook. During June, the retail 23 sportsbooks accepted approximately 24 \$13.8 million in sports wagers, resulting in 25 net proceeds of \$1.3 million and \$137,000 in</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>1 state taxes. The mobile sportsbooks accepted  2 \$231.5 million in sports wagers, resulting in  3 net proceeds of \$30.7 million and  4 \$4.6 million in taxes paid to the state. For  5 fiscal year '24-'25, the results of retail  6 and mobile combined and compared to last  7 fiscal year are as follows:  8 Wagers accepted were over \$4 billion, up  9 24 percent; net proceeds were \$467.6 million,  10 up 22 percent; and state taxes were  11 \$70.4 million, up 29 percent.  12 Finally, for Daily Fantasy Sports, gross  13 revenues for June were approximately  14 \$496,000, with net revenue of \$58,000 and  15 taxes of \$4,700. For fiscal year '24-'25,  16 gross Fantasy Sports contest revenues were  17 \$12.6 million, with net revenue of  18 approximately \$1.5 million, and \$118,800 in  19 state taxes, which is an increase of  20 8.5 percent from last fiscal year.  21 Just as a note, I did put a different  22 chart in the back of your chart folder that  23 is a comparison of the last several fiscal  24 years of revenue and state taxes.  25 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>1 Okay. Ms. Jackson, any idea why wagers  2 were up so much, net proceeds for sports  3 wagering?  4 MS. JACKSON:  5 I don't have the specific information on  6 it, but I can find out.  7 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:  8 It's a good thing for the state. I'm  9 wondering if maybe LSU making it to the  10 College World Series had anything to do with  11 that, but I'm not sure.  12 Okay. Any questions, Board Members, for  13 Ms. Jackson?  14 All right. Thank you, Ms. Jackson. We  15 appreciate it.  16 We will now move on to Item V, casino  17 gaming issues. First up is a consideration  18 of a certificate of compliance for the  19 alternate riverboat inspection of the gaming  20 vessel of Belle of Orleans, LLC, doing  21 business as Amelia Belle Casino.  22 Good morning, gentlemen. Please  23 identify yourselves for the record.  24 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JACKSON:  25 Good morning once again, Chairman Hebert</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>1 and Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney  2 General Quintele Jackson. With me is John  3 Francic of AVS. We're here regarding the  4 issuance of a certificate of compliance for  5 Amelia Belle Casino, located in Amelia,  6 Louisiana.  7 On May 22nd of this year, the inspection  8 process began for the annual certificate of  9 approval. The inspectors noted multiple  10 deficiencies, which prompted a follow-up  11 inspection on July 9th of this year.  12 Mr. Francic will provide the Board with  13 further details of both inspections.  14 We request that upon the Board accepting  15 the report submitted by AVS, you will move  16 for the issuance of Belle of Orleans, LLC,  17 doing business as Amelia Belle Casino's  18 certificate of compliance, which will expire  19 on July 31st of next year.  20 Mr. Francic will now provide details of  21 his inspection to the Board.  22 MR. FRANCIC:  23 Good morning, Chairman, Board Members.  24 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:  25 Good morning.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>1 MR. FRANCIC:  2 It's good to be back here.  3 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:  4 Good to have you back, Mr. Francic.  5 MR. FRANCIC:  6 Thank you. My name is John Francic. I  7 serve as the director of operations for  8 American Vessel Services. And I'm here today  9 to present the results of the 2025 annual  10 hull and life safety exam for Amelia Belle  11 Casino.  12 On June 9th, 2025, Inspectors Pete  13 Bullard and Billy Taylor conducted the  14 required annual inspection of Amelia Belle  15 Casino in accordance with the Louisiana  16 Gaming Alternate Inspection Program. The  17 inspection included a comprehensive review of  18 key safety systems and vessel integrity. The  19 team evaluated fire protection measures,  20 vessel egress routes, observed operation of  21 emergency lighting, and tested the emergency  22 generator, and examined the mooring system,  23 and oversaw a fire drill.  24 The initial deficiencies identified in  25 inspections were documented in the</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>1 preliminary report dated May 23rd, 2025. A  2 follow-up examination was conducted on  3 June 9th to confirm the corrective actions.  4 The captain of Amelia Belle submitted  5 additional supporting documentation,  6 including elevator and escalator compliance  7 reports from Boca Group and photographic  8 evidence of the ongoing deck repairs. These  9 updates were formally recorded in the  10 July 3rd report.  11 Based on the findings of this thorough  12 evaluation, the 2025 annual survey required  13 by Louisiana Gaming Control Board is now  14 considered complete. And it is the  15 recommendation of American Vessel Services  16 that the vessel be issued a certificate of  17 compliance for 2025. Thank you for your  18 attention. If you have any questions, I'll  19 entertain them.  20 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:  21 Board Members, do we have any questions  22 for Mr. Jackson or Mr. Francic?  23 Okay. We do have representatives from  24 the licensee available to answer questions if  25 there are any. Seeing no questions from the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>1 Board Members, I will entertain a motion to  2 issue an annual certificate of compliance,  3 which expires July 31st of 2026.  4 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:  5 Moved.  6 MS. BECNEL:  7 Second.  8 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:  9 It's been moved by Ms. Hamilton-Acker,  10 seconded by Ms. Becnel. Is there any  11 discussion?  12 Any opposition?  13 Hearing none, that motion carries.  14 Thank you, gentlemen.  15 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JACKSON:  16 Thank you.  17 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:  18 Our next item is Item B, the  19 consideration of a petition to extend the  20 deadline for completion of a project and  21 approve changes of approved plans and  22 specifications and construction contract  23 change orders filed by Catfish Queen, LLC,  24 doing business as Belle of Baton Rouge.  25 MR. BARBIN:</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>1 Good morning. I'm Jeff Barbin here  2 today representing Catfish Queen, LLC. And  3 to my right is Stacy Stagg. Stacy is the  4 senior vice president and regional general  5 manager for Bally's. To her right is Richard  6 Cannon, the general manager of the Belle of  7 Baton Rouge.  8 We're here to today to request an  9 extension. You will remember that on several  10 occasions you've granted this licensee the  11 ability to move its gaming operations from  12 the riverboat to the landside and also to  13 open a temporary casino at the facility. In  14 January of last year, we came before you to  15 ask for a request to increase the scope of  16 the project. And at that time, you granted  17 the licensee an extension to complete the  18 construction through July 31st of this year.  19 We're here today to give you an update on the  20 project and to request an additional  21 extension through the end of the year.  22 I'll turn the presentation over to  23 Stacy, and we can answer any questions you  24 have after.  25 MS. STAGG:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>1 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and the  2 Board.  3 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:  4 Good morning.  5 MS. STAGG:  6 As Jeff said, we're here to ask to  7 petition to extend the completion of our  8 project. We did run into some shortfalls  9 during the construction, but I'd really  10 quickly like to just recap. As Jeff said, we  11 asked on January 18th, 2024, to extend our  12 project. And we were so excited to do so,  13 because we expanded on not only the amenities  14 and the things that we would have; meaning,  15 we did more than 90 hotel rooms. We did 242  16 hotel rooms, which we opened on March 31st of  17 this year. So we did complete that. We were  18 really excited to put an investment here into  19 Baton Rouge to the total of \$164 million,  20 which we are going to end up spending that at  21 the completion of the project.  22 When we realized that we were not going  23 to meet this deadline, we had a meeting,  24 Chairman, with you. You came over to the  25 property with Dawn and Lieutenant Albright</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>1 and a few others. We toured the property.  2 We had our project manager there. He went  3 through seven items that had caused the  4 delays. And I just wanted to run real  5 quickly with you through those. And we've  6 got a presentation, because we do have some  7 pictures.  8 So the first one they had a problem with  9 was early release of mechanical equipment  10 delays. The second one was structural  11 repair.  12 You can stay on that page for just a  13 second.  14 Structural -- once we -- real quick,  15 once we extended the project, we came into  16 buildings that we hadn't surveyed prior to  17 that. So they did come into some hiccups  18 when they started the construction going  19 south through the atrium. The structural  20 repairs on the south depot, there was a lot  21 of deterioration there. We all know that  22 that area was a dirt road at one time. It  23 has had many renovations over the years. So  24 there was a lot of things. The existing  25 service tunnel that was discovered underneath</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>1 the atrium was a surprise. There was even  2 some alligators down there when they got into  3 that. It was 10 feet by 15 feet wide, and it  4 was underneath the buffet area that was  5 there.  6 The interior building grade changes,  7 that was one that caught us offguard. There  8 was a 9-inch degradation in the middle of the  9 casino area, which would be one of our pits,  10 one of our table games areas. So they had to  11 level that out. The leak repairs to the  12 existing atrium were tremendous.  13 Oh, you can skip now. We've got some  14 pictures of some of this stuff. Go to the  15 next one.  16 This is pretty cool to see the guy on  17 the top of the atrium right there. There's a  18 ladder. This is in front of the pilot  19 building facing the capitol. You can see a  20 guy dangling down there at the bottom. But  21 we had to go panel by -- not myself, but the  22 construction had to go panel by panel and  23 re-caulk every single panel in that atrium.  24 So it's raining today, there's no leaks so  25 far. So that took some time.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>1 MR. CANNON:  2 I was just going to add, there was no  3 tie-offs for the guys to get up there. So  4 they had to, like, create the tie-offs for  5 them to then hang on the safety ropes. So  6 that took a while.  7 MS. STAGG:  8 But going forward, that will help us  9 too, right.  10 Then right in the center of our dining  11 depot, they had to do some very extensive  12 structural foundation poles, and then also on  13 our porte cochère. If you've been on France  14 Street, France Street is closed right now,  15 and that is what it looks like. They tore  16 down all the existing stuff, and they're  17 waiting for the river to go down for that to  18 be able to continue, to dive into that. That  19 is the one area that we will most likely not  20 have for the opening, but we have alternative  21 entrances, as we discussed in our meeting,  22 Chairman, that we can get into the casino.  23 That won't be a problem. We also have the  24 temporary hotel entrance.  25 The last thing was the mechanical yard,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>1 which is on the riverside by the train  2 tracks. Once they got in there, so many  3 things were deteriorated after either neglect  4 or whatever. The cooling units were the  5 biggest part of it. But six of the seven of  6 those issues have been resolved. They are  7 actively catching up to get those done. So  8 that's why we're coming to the Board.  9 I have one final slide.  10 One more. Yes.  11 Here's some of the newer construction  12 that we toured with you-all. The top right  13 is looking down through the atrium. All of  14 the ceiling access points that they have and  15 some of the structural things in the center,  16 that is our Maritime Coffee that we will open  17 prior to the casino opening up. That should  18 be done in August. And that's with the brick  19 breezing. Like I stated to you, we're very  20 proud that we're maintaining a lot of the  21 original brick on those buildings. That's a  22 brick look to match that.  23 The top right is the bowling lanes.  24 Chairman, you have a special interest in  25 that, I think, to make sure that we utilize</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>1 those. And we definitely will.</p> <p>2 Then down at the bottom, that is the</p> <p>3 kitchen. The kitchens were gutted. That</p> <p>4 will be our non-gaming kitchen, in-room</p> <p>5 dining, the terrace, and the coffee area.</p> <p>6 Gutted, all new equipment, everything. Just</p> <p>7 had total renovation.</p> <p>8 Then the center is, as you walk up into</p> <p>9 the casino entrance, and you look over, that</p> <p>10 will be our dining depot entrance where we</p> <p>11 have restaurants and a bar in there. It's</p> <p>12 beautiful. The bowling lanes are in the back</p> <p>13 of that.</p> <p>14 Then that's the back of the house. As</p> <p>15 you can see, it's all getting finished with</p> <p>16 the down -- if you look straight down, that's</p> <p>17 a hallway with some offices. Then that's the</p> <p>18 card destruction room, that door that we're</p> <p>19 looking at right there. So we just wanted to</p> <p>20 show everyone some of the progress if you</p> <p>21 weren't on the tour with us recently.</p> <p>22 Then one last page. Just wanted to show</p> <p>23 off the hotel. The top and the bottom on the</p> <p>24 right hand are our courtyard. Beautiful</p> <p>25 views of the hotel looking up at night. The</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>1 center at the top is our temporary valet</p> <p>2 entrance into the property. There's one of</p> <p>3 our signature suites on the top, a two-bay</p> <p>4 signature suite. In the center is the newly</p> <p>5 installed chandelier. That picture does not</p> <p>6 do justice of how gorgeous it is. And the</p> <p>7 lobby, I think you-all saw that last week.</p> <p>8 Then there's one of our king rooms, missing</p> <p>9 the pillow that we're still waiting for. But</p> <p>10 gorgeous rooms, gorgeous product. Just</p> <p>11 wanted to show off the Bally's Hotel.</p> <p>12 So that's why we're here asking the</p> <p>13 Board for the extension. Thank you for your</p> <p>14 consideration.</p> <p>15 MR. CANNON:</p> <p>16 We're happy to answer any additional</p> <p>17 questions or go into some of the seven areas</p> <p>18 that have caused the delay if anyone would</p> <p>19 like a little bit more explanation on that.</p> <p>20 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p> <p>21 Board Members, do we have any questions</p> <p>22 for the representatives from Bally's?</p> <p>23 Okay. I understand that Deputy Director</p> <p>24 Matthew Meek is here to answer any questions</p> <p>25 that you may have for the attorney general's</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>1 office, as well.</p> <p>2 Board Members, let me say that we did</p> <p>3 walk the property, myself along with</p> <p>4 representatives from the attorney general's</p> <p>5 office and state police, did walk the</p> <p>6 property last week. And having been to the</p> <p>7 property several times, I can see some great</p> <p>8 progress being made there. We did meet last</p> <p>9 week with representatives from the licensee,</p> <p>10 as well, to have some questions answered for</p> <p>11 the Board and to set expectations going</p> <p>12 forward. I think it was a really productive</p> <p>13 meeting.</p> <p>14 So at this time, if there are no</p> <p>15 questions, I'll entertain a motion to adopt</p> <p>16 the Resolution.</p> <p>17 MR. LANGLEY:</p> <p>18 Moved.</p> <p>19 MR. POOLE:</p> <p>20 Second.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p> <p>22 Moved by Mr. Langley, seconded by</p> <p>23 Mr. Poole.</p> <p>24 At this time, Ms. Landry, would you</p> <p>25 please read the Resolution into the record.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>1 MS. LANDRY:</p> <p>2 On the 17th day of July 2025, the</p> <p>3 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a duly</p> <p>4 noticed public meeting, consider the petition</p> <p>5 to extend deadline for completion of project</p> <p>6 and approve changes of approved plans and</p> <p>7 specifications and construction contract</p> <p>8 change orders filed by Catfish Queen, LLC,</p> <p>9 doing business as Belle of Baton Rouge and,</p> <p>10 upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board</p> <p>11 adopted this Resolution:</p> <p>12 Whereas, on September 15, 2022, the</p> <p>13 Board adopted a Resolution, as amended on</p> <p>14 November 17, 2022, February 16, 2023,</p> <p>15 October 19, 2023, and January 18, 2024, which</p> <p>16 imposes certain standards, requirements, and</p> <p>17 deadlines upon the licensee regarding</p> <p>18 construction of the approved project,</p> <p>19 including, but not limited to, the following</p> <p>20 provision regarding the licensee's permanent</p> <p>21 riverboat gaming landside facility:</p> <p>22 2.c. To complete construction of the</p> <p>23 approved project and commence gaming</p> <p>24 operations in the facility within 24 months</p> <p>25 of this resolution date. Failure to meet</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>1 this deadline or to receive an extension may 2 result in forfeiture of all privileges of the 3 license. The original completion date was 4 September 15, 2024, but was extended on 5 January 18th, 2024 until July 31, 2025. 6 Whereas, the Board previously accepted 7 the licensee's original architectural 8 blueprints and detailed plan of design and 9 construction for the approved project on 10 July 20, 2023, construction contracts for the 11 approved project on November 16, 2023, and 12 plans and specifications for the additional 13 scope of the approved project on January 18, 14 2024; 15 And, whereas, the licensee is requesting 16 Board approval to extend the deadline for 17 completion of the approved project from 18 July 31, 2025 to December 31, 2025, modify 19 the approved plans and specifications for the 20 approved project, and revise the construction 21 contracts through various change orders. 22 Now, therefore, be it resolved that 23 Provision 2.c of the September 15, 2022 Board 24 Resolution, as amended and extended by the 25 January 18, 2024 Board Resolution to July 31,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>1 2025, is hereby amended to extend the 2 licensee's deadline to complete construction 3 of the approved project and commence gaming 4 operations in the permanent riverboat gaming 5 landside facility from July 31, 2025 to 6 December 31, 2025. 7 Be it further resolved that the 8 licensee's plans and specifications of the 9 approved project submitted as of the date of 10 this Resolution are hereby accepted. 11 Be it further resolved that the 12 licensee's construction contracts change 13 orders Numbers 1 through 21 are hereby 14 accepted. 15 Be it further resolved that the licensee 16 shall continue to have regularly scheduled 17 meetings with the Louisiana State Police, 18 Gaming Enforcement Division, to be scheduled 19 at the order and discretion of the Division 20 until completion of the approved project. 21 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge, 22 Louisiana, this 17th day of July 2025. 23 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 24 Ms. Hernandez, will you please call 25 roll.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>1 MS. HERNANDEZ: 2 Ms. Becnel. 3 MS. BECNEL: 4 Yes. 5 MS. HERNANDEZ: 6 Mr. Jackson. 7 MR. JACKSON: 8 Yes. 9 MS. HERNANDEZ: 10 Mr. Langley. 11 MR. LANGLEY: 12 Yes. 13 MS. HERNANDEZ: 14 Ms. Lewis. 15 MS. LEWIS: 16 Yes. 17 MS. HERNANDEZ: 18 Mr. Poole. 19 MR. POOLE: 20 Yes. 21 MS. HERNANDEZ: 22 Ms. Hamilton-Acker. 23 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER: 24 Yes. 25 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>1 Ms. Traylor. 2 MS. TRAYLOR: 3 Yes. 4 MS. HERNANDEZ: 5 Chairman Hebert. 6 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 7 Yes. 8 Motion carries. The Resolution is 9 adopted, and the requests are approved. 10 MS. STAGG: 11 Thank you so much. 12 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 13 All right. Board Members, we will now 14 move on to Item Number VI, video gaming 15 issues. First up is Item A, the 16 consideration of the truck stop application 17 for The Rose Casino 2, LLC, doing business as 18 The Rose Casino 2. 19 Good morning. Please identify 20 yourselves for the record. 21 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL SIZEMORE: 22 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and Board 23 Members. I'm Assistant Attorney General 24 Shanna Sizemore, appearing in the matter of 25 the original application of The Rose Casino</p>



<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>1 2, LLC, doing business as The Rose Casino 2,  2 for a Type 5 video draw poker gaming license.  3 The truck stop facility is located in  4 St. John the Baptist Parish. Pilot  5 Corporation Tennessee, doing business as  6 Pilot Travel Center Number 82, previously  7 operated the truck stop facility at this  8 location. On December 22, 2024, the  9 applicant leased the property and structures  10 of the truck stop facility from TA Operating,  11 LLC. TA Operating, LLC leased the business  12 operations from the applicant. On June 4 of  13 2025, the applicant submitted an original  14 application for a Type 5 video draw poker  15 gaming license for this location. The Rose  16 Casino, LLC is the 100 percent member of the  17 applicant and is also a Type 6 video draw  18 poker gaming licensee. It will operate the  19 video draw poker gaming devices located at  20 the truck stop facility. The members of The  21 Rose Casino, LLC are Glen D. Smith, Gary L.  22 Smith, Sr., David Paul Robichaux, and Shirley  23 C. Millet.  24 Investigator Glenn Verrett inspected the  25 truck stop facility and conducted updated</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>1 suitability investigations on the associated  2 persons. He is present this morning to  3 report his findings to the Board. Following  4 his presentation, the Board will need a  5 motion and vote to approve or deny the  6 original application of The Rose Casino 2,  7 LLC, doing business as The Rose Casino 2, for  8 a Type 5 truck stop license.  9 INVESTIGATOR VERRETT:  10 Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Board  11 Members. I'm Investigator Glenn Verrett with  12 the State Police, Gaming Enforcement  13 Division.  14 I conducted updated suitability  15 investigations on Glen Smith, Marilyn Smith,  16 Gary L. Smith, Pamela Smith, Shirley Millet,  17 David Robichaux, and Melissa Breau. I did  18 not find any information that would preclude  19 them from continuing to participate in the  20 video gaming industry.  21 An on-site inspection was conducted, and  22 it was determined that the establishment  23 meets all criteria set forth in video gaming  24 law as a qualified truck stop facility. All  25 required licenses and permits were posted and</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>1 valid at the time of inspection. The  2 establishment consists of 9.226 contiguous  3 acres. The applicant submitted a video draw  4 poker license application within 36 months of  5 the previously licensed truck stop operated  6 by Pilot Corporation Tennessee, doing  7 business as Pilot Travel Center Number 82,  8 surrendering its license; and, therefore, it  9 is not subject to the rule that it must be at  10 least 1 mile distance from a school, church,  11 playground, synagogue, public library,  12 residence, and buildings on the National  13 Historic Registry.  14 I found no information that would  15 preclude the issuance of a Type 5 video draw  16 poker gaming license to The Rose Casino 2,  17 LLC, doing business as The Rose Casino 2.  18 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:  19 Okay. Thank you.  20 Board Members, are there any questions  21 for the attorney general's office or state  22 police?  23 If not, I will entertain a motion to  24 approve the truck stop application.  25 MS. LEWIS:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">32</p> <p>1 Moved.  2 MS. TRAYLOR:  3 Second.  4 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:  5 It's been moved by Ms. Lewis, seconded  6 by Ms. Traylor.  7 Is there any discussion?  8 Any opposition?  9 Hearing none, that application is  10 approved. Thank you.  11 INVESTIGATOR VERRETT:  12 Thank you, sir.  13 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:  14 Item B under video gaming issues is a  15 consideration of the transfer of membership  16 interest in Jester's Junction Casino &amp; Truck  17 Stop, LLC, doing business as Jester's  18 Junction Casino &amp; Truck Stop.  19 Good morning. Please identify yourself  20 for the record.  21 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL GITS:  22 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and Board  23 Members. I'm Assistant Attorney General  24 Cathryn Gits, appearing before you this  25 morning in the matter of a transfer of</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">33</p> <p>1 interest in Jester's Junction Casino &amp; Truck 2 Stop, LLC, doing business as Jester's 3 Junction Casino &amp; Truck Stop, which holds a 4 Type 5 video draw poker gaming license. The 5 truck stop is located in St. James Parish. 6 97 Rentals, LLC held a 50 percent 7 membership interest in the licensee. Kent 8 Bonvillain and Jennifer Wiemann Bonvillain 9 were the two members of 97 Rentals, LLC. On 10 June 1, 2023, 97 Rentals transferred its 11 50 percent membership interest in the 12 licensee to Meraki Holdings, LLC. Kent 13 Bonvillain is the sole member of Meraki 14 Holdings, LLC. As a result of the transfer, 15 the membership interest in the licensee are 16 as follows: 17 Meraki Holdings, LLC, 50 percent; G3 18 Rentals, LLC, 25 percent; and Del Group, LLC, 19 25 percent. 20 Investigator Glenn Verrett conducted an 21 investigation of the transfer of membership 22 interest. He is present this morning to 23 present his findings to the Board. Following 24 his presentation, the Board will need a 25 motion and vote to approve or deny the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">34</p> <p>1 transfer of interest in the licensee. 2 INVESTIGATOR VERRETT: 3 Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Board 4 Members. Investigator Glenn Verrett, State 5 Police, Gaming Enforcement Division. 6 I investigated the transfer that 7 occurred on the licensee and conducted an 8 updated suitability check. I found no 9 information to preclude the licensee or its 10 members from continuing to participate in the 11 Louisiana Gaming Industry. 12 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 13 Okay. Board members, any questions for 14 the attorney general's office or state 15 police? 16 If not, I will entertain a motion to 17 approve the transfer of membership interest 18 in the licensee. 19 MS. BECNEL: 20 Move. 21 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 22 So moved by Ms. Becnel. 23 MS. TRAYLOR: 24 Second. 25 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">35</p> <p>1 Seconded by Ms. Traylor. 2 Is there any discussion? 3 Any opposition? 4 Hearing none, the transfer of interest 5 is approved. 6 Thank you, both. 7 INVESTIGATOR VERRETT: 8 Thank you, sir. 9 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 10 Members, we will now move on to Item 11 VII, sports wagering issues. And first up is 12 Item A, the consideration of the sports 13 wagering license application for Louisiana 14 Riverboat Gaming Company, LLC, doing business 15 as Live! Casino &amp; Hotel Louisiana. 16 Good morning. 17 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL WESTRA: 18 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and Board 19 Members. Assistant Attorney General Ben 20 Westra, appearing with Louisiana State 21 Police, Gaming Enforcement Division. A 22 representative of the applicant is also here 23 today and will be providing a presentation to 24 the Board. 25 We are here today for the consideration</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">36</p> <p>1 of the sports wagering license application of 2 Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Company, LLC, 3 doing business as Live! Casino &amp; Hotel 4 Louisiana. Pursuant to the Louisiana Sports 5 Wagering Act, the Board is charged with 6 issuing or denying applications for sports 7 wagering licensees. The applicant is 8 eligible to apply for a sports wagering 9 license due to its licensure as a riverboat 10 gaming licensee. 11 This Board issued a temporary 12 certificate of authority to the applicant to 13 conduct business as a sports wagering 14 licensee with an effective date of 15 February 13, 2025, and which is effective for 16 a period of six months. 17 Louisiana State Police's Gaming Division 18 has reviewed and investigated the application 19 and will report its findings to the Board. 20 If it is the Board's pleasure to approve 21 the applicant's sports wagering application, 22 a Resolution has been prepared for the 23 Board's adoption and signature. 24 MS. HAUPT: 25 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and Board</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">37</p> <p>1 Members. My name is Tammy Haupt with 2 Louisiana State Police's Gaming Audit 3 Section. The Audit Section has reviewed the 4 financial information submitted by the sports 5 wagering operator license applicant, 6 Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Company, LLC, 7 doing business as Live! Casino &amp; Hotel 8 Louisiana, and its ultimate parent company, 9 Pratt Street Management, LLC, both privately 10 owned limited liability companies and 11 affiliates of the Cordish companies. 12 On December 5, 2024, Live! entered into 13 a retail sportsbook services agreement with 14 DK Crown Holdings, Inc., doing business as 15 DraftKings Sportsbook, a Delaware corporation 16 and wholly-owned subsidiary of DraftKings, 17 Inc. This agreement allows DraftKings to 18 provide the licensee with a turnkey retail 19 sports wagering operation on the casino's 20 premises using the DraftKings brand. Live! 21 held the grand opening of its landside casino 22 and retail DraftKings Sportsbook on 23 February 13, 2025. 24 It is our assessment, based on the 25 five-year projections provided by Live! for</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">38</p> <p>1 its retail sportsbook operations, found on 2 pages 7 and 8 of audit's report, Live!'s 3 sportsbook operation possesses the financial 4 ability to maintain its retail sports 5 wagering operations. No financial issues 6 came to the Audit Section's attention that 7 were of such nature as to preclude the 8 Louisiana Gaming Control Board from approving 9 the issuance of a sports wagering license to 10 Live!. 11 Criminal Investigator Rodney Perkins, 12 with licensing, will now present their 13 findings. 14 INVESTIGATOR PERKINS: 15 Good Morning, Chairman Hebert, Members 16 of the Board. I'm Criminal Investigator 17 Rodney Perkins with Louisiana State Police, 18 Gaming Enforcement Division. 19 Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Company, LLC, 20 doing business as Live! Casino &amp; Hotel 21 Louisiana, currently holds a temporary 22 certificate of authority effective 23 February 13, 2025, a sports wagering 24 licensee. In accordance with the rules and 25 regulations of the Gaming Enforcement</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">39</p> <p>1 Division, the background investigation was 2 conducted on Louisiana Riverboat Gaming 3 Company, LLC, its affiliate entities, 4 officers, directors, key individuals, and 5 persons with 5 percent or more ownership or 6 economic interest in the licensee. The 7 background investigation consisted of 8 inquiries to federal, state, and local law 9 enforcement agencies, civil jurisdictions, 10 gaming regulatory agencies, Louisiana 11 Department of Revenue, and the computerized 12 criminal history database. 13 Based on this investigation, no 14 information was found that would preclude the 15 Board from approving the sports wagering 16 license of the Louisiana Riverboat Gaming 17 Company, LLC, doing business as Live! Casino 18 &amp; Hotel Louisiana. 19 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 20 Okay. Board members, we do have 21 representatives from the licensee here this 22 morning to present to us, but I just wanted 23 to make sure that you had no questions for 24 the attorney general's office or state police 25 before calling them forward.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">40</p> <p>1 Okay. Seeing no questions, thank y'all. 2 Good morning, Mr. Chaszar. Please 3 identify yourself for the record. 4 MR. CHASZAR: 5 Sure. Good morning, Mr. Chairman and 6 esteemed Board Members. My name is John 7 Chaszar. I am serving as the general manager 8 of Live! Casino &amp; Hotel in Bossier City. 9 As you may recall, we officially opened 10 our doors to the public on February 13th of 11 this year. Since then, we've been fortunate 12 to exceed expectations in many areas. Thanks 13 to the vision, courage, and commitment of the 14 Cordish family and their partners, nearly 15 \$300 million was invested to revitalize this 16 property that had remained closed for almost 17 five years. 18 Today we are proud to say that Live! 19 Casino &amp; Hotel stands as a premier 20 destination in our regional gaming market. 21 We're especially proud to support over 800 22 direct and indirect jobs and to reinstate a 23 valuable tax source of revenue to both 24 Bossier City and the great State of 25 Louisiana.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">41</p> <p>1 As a part of our launch, we entered into 2 a partnership with DraftKings to bring a 3 fully compliant and professionally-operated 4 sportsbook to our facility. The sportsbook 5 has performed exceptionally well and has 6 added a unique and exciting element into our 7 overall guest experience. It is a privilege 8 to lead the dedicated team at Live!. And on 9 their behalf, I respectfully request your 10 approval of our sportsbook licensing. 11 Thank you for your time and 12 consideration. I can answer any questions. 13 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 14 Any questions for Mr. Chaszar, Board 15 Members? 16 I certainly want to, on behalf of the 17 Board, thank you for your investment in the 18 Shreveport/Bossier area. You've certainly 19 raised the bar. It's a beautiful property, 20 and I suspect that some others in the area 21 may follow suit. 22 If there are no more questions, Board 23 Members, I will entertain a motion to adopt 24 the Resolution. 25 MR. JACKSON:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">42</p> <p>1 Motion to approve. 2 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 3 Approved by Mr. Jackson. 4 MR. POOLE: 5 Second. 6 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 7 Seconded by Mr. Poole. 8 Ms. Landry, would you please read the 9 Resolution into the record. 10 MS. LANDRY: 11 On the 17th day of July 2025, the 12 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a duly 13 noticed public meeting, consider the sports 14 wagering license application of Louisiana 15 Riverboat Gaming Company, LLC, doing business 16 as Live! Casino &amp; Hotel Louisiana, and upon 17 motion duly made and seconded, the Board 18 adopted the following Resolution: 19 Be it resolved that Louisiana Riverboat 20 Gaming Company, LLC, doing business as Live! 21 Casino &amp; Hotel Louisiana, be approved for a 22 sports wagering license for a term of five 23 years commencing on February 13, 2025. 24 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge, 25 Louisiana this 17th day of July 2025.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">43</p> <p>1 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 2 Ms. Hernandez, would you please call 3 roll. 4 MS. HERNANDEZ: 5 Ms. Becnel. 6 MS. BECNEL: 7 Yes. 8 MS. HERNANDEZ: 9 Mr. Jackson. 10 MR. JACKSON: 11 Yes. 12 MS. HERNANDEZ: 13 Mr. Langley. 14 MR. LANGLEY: 15 Yes. 16 MS. HERNANDEZ: 17 Ms. Lewis. 18 MS. LEWIS: 19 Yes. 20 MS. HERNANDEZ: 21 Mr. Poole. 22 MR. POOLE: 23 Yes. 24 MS. HERNANDEZ: 25 Ms. Hamilton-Acker.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">44</p> <p>1 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER: 2 Yes. 3 MS. HERNANDEZ: 4 Ms. Traylor. 5 MS. TRAYLOR: 6 Yes. 7 MS. HERNANDEZ: 8 Chairman Hebert. 9 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 10 Yes. 11 The motion carries. The Resolution is 12 adopted, and sports wagering license is 13 approved. 14 MR. CHASZAR: 15 Thank you very much. 16 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 17 Be safe going home. 18 Okay. Board Members, we have come to 19 the end of our agenda. At this time, I would 20 ask for a motion to adjourn. 21 MR. JACKSON: 22 Motion to adjourn. 23 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 24 So moved by Mr. Jackson. 25 Good to have you back, Mr. Jackson.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">45</p> <p>1 MS. LEWIS: 2 Seconded. 3 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 4 And seconded by Ms. Lewis. 5 Any opposition? 6 Hearing none, we are adjourned. 7 Everyone please be safe going home. 8 (MEETING ADJOURNED) 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">46</p> <p>1 REPORTER'S PAGE 2 I, ANNA COATES, Certified Court Reporter, 3 in and for the State of Louisiana, the 4 officer, as defined in Rule 28 of the Federal 5 Rules of Civil Procedure and/or Article 1434(B) 6 of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure, before 7 whom this sworn testimony was taken, do hereby 8 state on the record; 9 That due to the interaction in the 10 spontaneous discourse of this proceeding, dashes 11 (--) have been used to indicate pauses, changes 12 in thought, and/or talkovers; that same is the 13 proper method for the court reporter's 14 transcription of a proceeding, and that dashes 15 (--) do not indicate that words or phrases have 16 been left out of this transcript; also, that any 17 words and/or names which could not be verified 18 through reference material have been denoted with 19 the phrase "(spelled phonetically)." 20 21 22 23 24 ANNA COATES, CCR, RPR 25 LOUISIANA CCR NO. 97018</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">47</p> <p>1 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE 2 This certification is valid only for a 3 transcript accompanied by my original signature 4 and original seal on this page. 5 I, ANNA C. COATES, CCR, RPR, as the officer 6 before whom this testimony was taken, do hereby 7 certify that this Louisiana Gaming Control Board 8 Meeting was reported by me in the stenotype 9 reporting method, was prepared and transcribed by 10 me, and is a true and correct transcript to the 11 best of my ability and understanding; 12 That the transcript has been prepared in 13 compliance with transcript format guidelines 14 required by rules of the board; 15 That I have acted in compliance with the 16 prohibition on contractual relationships, as 17 defined by Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure 18 Article 1434 and in rules and advisory opinions of 19 the board; 20 That I am not related to counsel or the 21 parties hereto, nor am I otherwise interested in 22 the outcome of this matter. 23 24 ANNA C. COATES, RPR, CCR 25 LOUISIANA CCR NO. 97018</p>	

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