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3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

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8 MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019

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10 LaSalle Building - LaBelle Hearing Room

11 617 North Third Street

12 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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16 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Good morning and
3 welcome to the April regularly scheduled
4 meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control
5 Board.

6 Miss Tramonte, would you call the
7 roll.

8 MS. TRAMONTE: Chairman Jones?

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: Here.

10 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Stipe?

11 MR. STIPE: Here.

12 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Singleton?

13 MR. SINGLETON: Here.

14 MS. TRAMONTE: Miss Berry?

15 MS. BERRY: Here.

16 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Patrick? [No
17 response.]

18 Mr. Lagasse?

19 MR. LAGASSE: Here.

20 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Avant?

21 MR. AVANT: Here.

22 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Jackson?

23 MR. JACKSON: Here.

24 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Poole?

25 MR. POOLE: Here.

1 MS. TRAMONTE: Colonel Reeves?

2 MR. MCNEIL: Major McNeil for

3 Colonel Reeves.

4 MS. TRAMONTE: Secretary Robinson?

5 MR. LEGENDRE: Michael Legendre here
6 for Secretary Robinson.

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: We have a quorum.
8 We may conduct business. We want to
9 welcome Lamar -- Lamar Poole from Baton
10 Rouge who was appointed by the Governor
11 a couple weeks ago from the
12 judicial district -- judicial district,
13 from the congressional district.

14 Welcome to the Board. You were
15 previously on the Lottery Board some
16 time ago, and so you bring a wealth of
17 business knowledge to the Board. We
18 welcome you. We're glad you're here
19 with us.

20 MR. POOLE: Thank you very much.

21 CHAIRMAN JONES: I will remind the
22 Board Members if you have any comments
23 or questions during this course, pull
24 your microphone down so we can get you
25 on the record. We're not live streaming

1 today, but we need to get you on the

2 record.

3 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: This is the
5 opportunity for any public comment for
6 anyone who wants to speak before the
7 Board.

8 Good morning.

9 MS. O'NEIL: Good morning.

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: Introduce yourself.

11 MS. O'NEIL: Good morning, Chairman
12 Jones and Members of the Board. My name
13 is Kate O'Neil, and I'm a research
14 director with Unite Here Local 23. We
15 represent over 2,000 hospitality workers
16 here in Louisiana, including workers at
17 Harrah's New Orleans. We're here today
18 to express our concern about recent
19 changes in the ownership and the board
20 at Caesars Entertainment, which as you
21 know operates several casinos in
22 Louisiana.

23 In March of this year, Carl Icahn
24 won three board seats at Caesars and
25 effectively gained the right to select

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1 the next CEO. At the time, he owned
2 less than 10 percent of the company's
3 stock. He now owns at least 18 percent.

4 So-called activist investors,
5 whether they're hedge funds or private

6 equity, are generally interested in
7 benefiting themselves and other
8 shareholders in the short-term often
9 without regard to the long-term health
10 of the company. But workers care about
11 the company's long-term success.

12 The current situation is not
13 entirely new. Workers have lived the
14 consequences of mismanagement of the
15 casino industry by Wall Street firms for
16 more than a decade, and at no company is
17 this more apparent than at Caesars under
18 the control of Apollo and TPG since
19 2008. Under Apollo and TPG, workers
20 witnessed years of cutting jobs and
21 cutting maintenance spending, and after
22 years of neglect, Caesars has been in
23 dire need of reinvestment. Only
24 recently has the company begun to meet
25 those needs.

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1 We enthusiastically support the
2 expansion plans being proposed at
3 Harrah's New Orleans. We don't want
4 that reinvestment in Louisiana
5 jeopardized by Wall Street investors
6 trying to make a quick buck. As
7 regulators, we know you're going to have
8 many important decisions to make in the

9 months ahead. Holding a gaming license
10 is a privilege. As such, gaming
11 licenses can be denied or revoked, and
12 when approved, licenses can have
13 conditions placed upon license holders.
14 But we are also concerned that the
15 existing regulatory framework may not
16 have anticipated shareholders holding
17 small minority stakes pushing for
18 strategic changes and seats on the
19 board.

20 We believe that workers, regulators,
21 politicians and other community
22 stakeholders need to work together to
23 defend the health and integrity of the
24 casino industry. We sincerely hope you
25 will work with us.

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1 We have a letter to give you from
2 Marlene Patrick Cooper, the president of
3 our local union. The letter spells out
4 our concerns in more detail, and I thank
5 you for the opportunity to speak.

6 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you for being
7 here. If you follow the Board business
8 at all, you know that Caesars is our
9 BFFL. You know, we entered into
10 bankruptcy, and then after a long period
11 of time, we came out of bankruptcy. So

12 we're very familiar with Caesars. And,
13 of course, we're going to be very
14 sensitive to whatever local impact in
15 the state is brought about by any
16 changes of the board, CEO,
17 reorganization, selling of assets. So
18 we're sensitive to that, and we
19 appreciate your comments.

20 MS. O'NEIL: May I submit the
21 document?

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Absolutely.

23 MS. O'NEIL: There are ten copies
24 here.

25 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you.

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1 Anyone else? [No response.]

2 III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: There being no
4 other public comment, I'll ask to waive
5 reading and approve the minutes.
6 Somebody -- Miss Berry?

7 Do I have a second? Mr. Poole.

8 MR. POOLE: I'll second.

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: Without opposition,
10 the minutes -- the reading of the
11 minutes is waived and approved.

12 IV. REVENUE REPORTS

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll now move to
14 Revenue Reports. Good morning.

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

19 The 15 operating riverboats
20 generated Adjusted Gross Receipts of
21 \$181,281,173 in March. This total
22 represents an overall increase from last
23 month of \$31.5 million or 21 percent,
24 but a decrease of \$8.8 million or
25 4.7 percent from last March.

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1 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
2 year 2018-2019 to date are
3 \$1,405,000,000, a decrease of almost
4 \$31 million or 2 percent for fiscal year
5 2017-2018. During March, the State
6 collected fees totaling \$38,975,452. As
7 of March 31st, 2019, the State has
8 collected \$302 million in fees for
9 fiscal year 2018-2019.

10 Next is a summary of the March 2019
11 gaming activity for Harrah's New Orleans
12 found on page three. During March,
13 Harrah's generated \$28,984,153 in gross
14 gaming revenue, an increase of
15 \$6.5 million or 29 percent from last
16 month and an increase of \$2 million or
17 8 percent from last March.

18 Revenues for fiscal year 2018-2019
19 to date are \$219 million, an increase of
20 \$5.4 million or 3 percent from fiscal
21 year 2017-2018. During March, state
22 fees due were \$8,285,826. This includes
23 a true-up payment of \$3,189,935 for the
24 April 2018 through March 2019 fiscal
25 year, since 21-and-a-half percent of

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1 Harrah's revenues exceeded the minimum
2 payment of \$60 million. As of
3 March 31st, 2019, the State has
4 collected \$48 million in fees for fiscal
5 year 2018-2019.

6 Next I'll present the revenues for
7 Slots at the Racetracks. During March,
8 the four racetrack facilities combined
9 generated Adjusted Gross Receipts of
10 \$30,065,509, an increase of \$6.6 million
11 or 22 percent from last month and a
12 slight increase of 1.3 percent from
13 March 2018.

14 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
15 year 2018-2019 to date are \$265 million,
16 an increase of almost \$5 million or
17 2 percent from fiscal year 2017-2018.

18 During March, the State collected
19 \$5,471,138 in fees. As of March 31st,
20 2019, the State has collected over

21 \$40 million in fees for fiscal year
22 2018-2019.

23 Overall in March, Riverboats,
24 Landbased and Slots at the Racetracks
25 combined generated \$246 million in AGR

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1 and almost \$53 million in state fees.

2 These revenues represent a decrease
3 March 2018 of \$6 million or 2.5 percent.

4 Any questions before I present the
5 Harrah's employee information?

6 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any
7 questions on the financial data? There
8 are no questions.

9 MS. JACKSON: I've included a
10 spreadsheet for the employee numbers in
11 your chart folders.

12 Harrah's New Orleans is required to
13 maintain at least 2,400 employees and a
14 bi-weekly payroll of \$1,750,835. This
15 report covers pay periods in March 2019.

16 For the first pay period, the
17 Division verified 2,541 employees with a
18 payroll of \$2,246,000. For the second
19 pay period, the Division verified 2,521
20 employees with a payroll of \$2,183,000.

21 Therefore, Harrah's met the employment
22 criteria during March.

23 Questions?

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions?

25 There are no questions.

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1 MS. JACKSON: Today I will also be
2 reporting the video gaming statistics
3 for March 2019 as shown on page one of
4 your video handout.

5 Nine new video gaming licenses were
6 issued during March: Three bars, four
7 restaurants and two truckstops.
8 Fourteen new applications were received
9 by the Gaming Enforcement Division
10 during March and are currently pending
11 in the field: Five bars, six
12 restaurants, two truckstops and one
13 device owner.

14 The Gaming Enforcement Division
15 assessed \$12,284 and collected \$13,261
16 in fines during March. Currently there
17 are \$3,274 in outstanding fines. There
18 are presently 12,952 video gaming
19 devices activated at 1,672 locations.

20 Net device revenue for March 2019
21 was \$60.8 million, an increase of
22 \$9 million, or 17.8 percent, when
23 compared to February 2019 and a
24 \$2.2 million, or 3.8 percent, increase
25 when compared to March 2018.

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1 Net device revenue for fiscal year
2 2018-2019 to date is \$453.5 million, a
3 \$20.8 million, or 4.8 percent, increase
4 when compared to last fiscal year. A
5 comparison of net device revenue is
6 shown on page three of your handout.

7 Total franchise fees collected
8 during March 2019 were \$18 million, a
9 \$2.8 million increase when compared to
10 February 2019, and a \$660,000 increase
11 when compared to March 2018. Total
12 franchise fees collected for fiscal year
13 2018-2019 are \$136 million, a \$6
14 million, or 4.8 percent, increase when
15 compared to fiscal year 2017-2018. A
16 comparison of the franchise fees is
17 shown on page four of your handout.

18 Any questions?

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any
20 questions? There are no questions.
21 Thank you for your dual role.

22 A couple of quick notes from the
23 Chair before we get into the rest of our
24 business. Most of you probably realize
25 that Spectrum Gaming issued a report

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1 last week. It became public last week.
2 It was a market analysis of gaming in
3 Louisiana. And it wasn't just about

4 casinos or video poker. It was across
5 charitable gaming, the Lottery,
6 parimutuel, racetracks, all of that.
7 That report came about as Governor
8 Edwards had requested economic
9 development have someone conduct that
10 study. Spectrum spent the time from
11 about late December until last week
12 completing the study. It's fairly
13 comprehensive. I've shared it with all
14 the Board Members. It's available on
15 our website if you have not seen it.

16 There weren't a lot of surprises for
17 me and most of the Board. We know that
18 revenues -- it's pretty flat in the
19 state. It has been for the last few
20 years. But it made some solid
21 recommendations on it with respect to
22 location of casino properties in the
23 state, things like taxing comps or free
24 play, the tax rates. It addressed those
25 things that would make Louisiana more

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1 competitive; but those are policy
2 decisions that are decided down the road
3 here, but it does provide some
4 validation to what we have been saying
5 for the past couple of years.

6 With respect to legislation,

7 probably the two biggest things that
8 have any impact on this board are
9 fantasy sports and sports betting. The
10 fantasy sports proposal was approved, I
11 think, in 47 or 49 parishes last year.
12 Representative Talbot has come back now
13 with the fees, the taxes, the money part
14 of it. Our staff has been working with
15 the Attorney General and State Police in
16 putting together some of the initial
17 rules. That rulemaking process will
18 begin if, and when, the bill becomes
19 final, and that rulemaking process takes
20 about five months. So that's what we're
21 looking at in terms of time.

22 With respect to sports betting,
23 Senator Martini had reached out to us,
24 and we've given him advice and counsel
25 in drafting the bill. We borrowed a lot

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1 from New Jersey and Mississippi. We
2 think we've got as good a bill as we can
3 have on his behalf. It is scheduled to
4 be heard next Wednesday in Judiciary B.
5 That will be the first real swipe at
6 that. It would require a parish by
7 parish referendum, and in its current
8 form, if you haven't seen it, it would
9 restrict sports betting to the 20

10 licensed casinos in the state -- the
11 brick and mortar facilities.

12 So that's kind of where things are
13 right now. Just kind of keep your eye
14 on it. A lot will change. Between this
15 meeting and our next meeting, we'll have
16 a better idea of what's -- what's going
17 to happen.

18 V. CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT WITH HEARING OFFICER

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll now move to
20 consideration of the contract for the
21 gaming board hearing officer. We
22 provided a copy of that contract to all
23 the board members, and they will note
24 that there was no name in the contract.
25 When we sent it last week, we had not

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1 received confirmation on who that
2 potential new hearing officer was going
3 to be. We've since confirmed that as
4 part of the contract. Our current
5 hearing officer has tendered his
6 resignation, and I think he is going to
7 serve until the end of the fiscal year
8 to fulfill his contractual obligation.

9 This is -- for those of you who are
10 new to the board, we have two -- the
11 board carries two contracts, one for our
12 court reporter which is required by law

13 and a second for a hearing officer,
14 which is also required by law. It's
15 capped at \$25,000. They're paid -- the
16 hearing officer is paid \$400 a day to
17 conduct hearings on our behalf, and it's
18 fairly a ministerial action. I would
19 simply ask that I get a motion -- first
20 of all, are there any questions about
21 the contract? I'm getting ahead of
22 myself.

23 Do I have a motion to approve the
24 contract?

25 MR. SINGLETON: So moved.

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1 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Singleton.

2 MR. JACKSON: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Jackson.

4 Any objection? [No response.]

5 Without objection, the motion
6 carries, and the contract is approved.

7 Thank you.

8 VI. VIDEO GAMING ISSUES

9 A. Consideration of Transfer of Interest in
10 1239 Loop Properties, LLC, d/b/a Eagles
11 Truck Stop - No. 1600511610

12 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll now move to
13 Video Gaming Issues. First up is
14 Consideration of the Transfer of
15 Interest in 1239 Loop Properties, LLC,

16 doing business as Eagles Truck Stop.

17 That's No. 1600511610.

18 Morning, gentlemen.

19 MR. PICOU: Good morning, Chairman

20 Jones, Board Members. I'm Assistant

21 Attorney General Charlie Picou. Here

22 with me today is Criminal Investigator

23 Glenn Verrett with Louisiana State

24 Police. We're present before the Board

25 in the matter of the transfer of

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1 100 percent of membership interest in

2 Club 1239 Loop Properties, LLC, doing

3 business at Eagles Truckstop, which

4 holds a Type 5 video draw poker gaming

5 license.

6 The licensed establishment is

7 located in DeSoto Parish.

8 On June 26th, 2018, Solomon Belay

9 sold his 80 percent membership interest

10 and Alem Kebede sold her 20 percent

11 membership interest to Manjit S. Warar.

12 As a result of the sales, Manjit S.

13 Warar now holds 100 percent of the

14 membership interest in the licensee.

15 Also on June 15th, 2018, the licensee

16 sold the immovable property of the

17 licensed establishment that it was

18 located on to Food Junction, LLC.

19 Manjit S. Warar is the sole member of
20 Food Junction, LLC.

21 Also on July 5th, 2018, Food
22 Junction, LLC, leased the immovable
23 property to the licensee.

24 The Office of State Police has
25 conducted an investigation of the

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1 transfers. Criminal Investigator Glenn
2 Verrett will now present the Division's
3 findings to the Board.

4 TROOPER VERRETT: Good morning, Mr.
5 Chairman and Board Members. I'm
6 Investigator Glenn Verrett with the
7 Louisiana State Police Gaming
8 Enforcement Division. I'm standing in
9 for Master Trooper James Cannon.

10 The Office of State Police reviewed
11 the transfers that occurred with the
12 licensee and found no information that
13 would preclude the continuing licensing
14 of 1239 Loop Properties, LLC, doing
15 business as Eagles Truck Stop.

16 The Office of State Police conducted
17 a suitability investigations on Manjit
18 S. Warar and Seema B. Warar, his wife,
19 and found no information that would
20 preclude them from participating in the
21 gaming industry.

22 MR. PICOU: The Office of the
23 Attorney General has reviewed the file
24 prepared by the Office of State Police
25 and has found no information to preclude
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1 approval.

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, are
3 there any questions for the Attorney
4 General's Office or State Police with
5 respect to this application? [No
6 response.]

7 Do I have a motion to approve the
8 transfer of interest? Miss Berry.

9 MR. LAGASSE: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: Second by
11 Mr. Lagasse.

12 Any objection? [No response.]

13 Without objection, the motion
14 carries. The transfer of interest is
15 approved.

16 Thank you, gentlemen.

17 MR. PICOU: Thank you.

18 VII. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

19 A. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance
20 for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of
21 the gaming vessel of Treasure Chest
22 Casino, LLC, d/b/a Treasure Chest Casino -
23 No. R012600098

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: We now move to

25 Casino Gaming Issues. First up is

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1 Consideration of Certificate of
2 Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat
3 Inspection of the gaming vessel Treasure
4 Chest Casino, LLC, doing business as
5 Treasure Chest Casino, No. RO12600098.

6 Good morning.

7 MS. LANDRY: Good morning, Chairman
8 Jones and Board Members. I'm Assistant
9 Attorney General Lisha Landry. With me
10 is Mr. John Francic with ABSC. We're
11 here in the matter of the issuance of
12 the Certificate of Compliance for
13 Treasure Chest Casino, LLC, doing
14 business as Treasure Chest Casino.

15 On March 7th, 2019, ABSC began the
16 inspection process for the approval of
17 Treasure Chest Casino's Certificate of
18 Compliance. For more details on this
19 inspection, I now turn the presentation
20 over to Mr. Francic.

21 MR. FRANCIK: Morning, Chairman,
22 Board Members. John Francic with ABS
23 Consulting here to report the annual
24 certification for Treasure Chest Casino.

25 The inspectors, Doug Chapman and

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1 Pete Bullard, did, on March 7th, attend

2 the Treasure Chest Casino to conduct the
3 annual inspection in accordance with the
4 Alternate Riverboat Inspection program.
5 The inspectors reviewed fire protection
6 equipment, life-saving equipment, egress
7 routes, mooring system and conducted a
8 fire drill. There were resulting
9 deficiencies found during the inspection
10 but were corrected on the scene.

11 The 2019 annual survey as required
12 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board is
13 complete and presents no safety concerns
14 to its patrons or employees onboard the
15 riverboat. It is the recommendation of
16 ABS Consulting that Treasure Chest be
17 issued the Certificate of Compliance.

18 MS. LANDRY: We now present these
19 findings to the Board and request that
20 upon the Board's accepting the report
21 submitted by ABSC, you will move for the
22 issuance of the Certificate of
23 Compliance for Treasure Chest Casino.

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any
25 questions of the attorney general?

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1 MR. SINGLETON: Move.

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: You move?

3 Can I ask one quick question?

4 Do they still have a paddle wheel?

5 MR. FRANCIC: Some of them still
6 have paddle wheels, yes. They all --
7 the only one riverboat removed it was
8 Golden Nugget.

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: Okay. We got the
10 law passed. I'm just waiting. We need
11 those paddle wheels.

12 We have a motion by Mr. Singleton
13 and a second by Mr. Avant.

14 Any objection? [No response.]

15 Without objection, we shall -- the
16 motion carries and issue the Certificate
17 of Compliance. Thank you.

18 B. Consideration of Petition of Transfer of
19 Interests by Gaming Partners International USA,
20 Inc. - Nos. PO66500388 & PO76500003

21 CHAIRMAN JONES: Next up is
22 Consideration of Petition of Transfer of
23 Interests by Gaming Partners
24 International USA, Inc., Nos. PO66500388
25 and PO76500003.

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1 Good morning.

2 MR. GATHE: Good morning, Chairman
3 Jones, Board Members. I'm Assistant
4 Attorney General Jeremy Gathe, and here
5 with me today is Investigative
6 Specialist Michelle O'Quinn the
7 Louisiana State Police. We're here in

8 the matter of the proposed transfer of
9 ownership interest in the permittee,
10 Gaming Partners International, USA, Inc.
11 The permittee is wholly owned by Gaming
12 Partners International Corporation.
13 Angel Holdings Godo Kaisha, a
14 company organized under the laws of
15 Japan, is the parent company of AGL
16 Nevada Corporation and is wholly owned
17 by Yasushi Shigeta. According to the
18 agreement and plan of merger dated
19 November 27th, 2018, AGL Nevada
20 Corporation is seeking to merge with and
21 into Gaming Partners International
22 Corporation with Gaming Partners
23 International Corporation being the
24 surviving company. Once the merger is
25 effectuated, AGL Nevada Corporation will

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1 cease to exist and Angel Holdings will
2 wholly own Gaming Partners International
3 Corporation.

4 As a result of the merger, the
5 permittee shall become a subsidiary of
6 Angel Holdings Godo Kaisha, and Yasushi
7 Shigeta will be the president and CEO
8 and sole director of both Gaming
9 Partners International Corporation and
10 the permittee. Because this transaction

11 involves a transfer of interest of
12 5 percent of more in the permittee, it
13 requires Board approval.

14 Investigative Specialist Michelle
15 O'Quinn conducted the investigation of
16 the transfer and will now report her
17 findings to the Board.

18 TROOPER O'QUINN: Good morning,
19 Chairman Jones and Members of the Board.
20 I'm Investigative Specialist Michelle
21 O'Quinn with the Louisiana State Police
22 Gaming Enforcement Division.

23 On February 13th, 2019, the Division
24 received a petition requesting the
25 approval of the transfer of interest of

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1 Gaming Partners International USA, Inc.
2 The Division has conducted an
3 investigation of the transfer, performed
4 background checks on the company as well
5 as the individuals as required by
6 statute and has found no information
7 which would preclude the Board from
8 approving the transfer.

9 MR. GATHE: A review of the file has
10 revealed -- I'm sorry. A review of the
11 file revealed no information to preclude
12 the approval of the transfer of
13 ownership interest in the permittee to

14 Angel Holdings Godo Kaisha.

15 We can answer any questions at this
16 time.

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any
18 questions with respect to this request?

19 There are no questions.

20 Is there a motion for -- excuse me,
21 a motion to adopt the Resolution?

22 MR. LAGASSE: So moved.

23 MS. BERRY: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: Motion and a
25 second. No objection.

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1 Miss Tramonte.

2 MS. TRAMONTE: On the 15th day of
3 April 2019, the Louisiana State Police
4 Gaming Control Board did, in a duly
5 noticed public meeting, consider the
6 issue of Gaming Partners International
7 USA, Incorporated's, request for
8 approval of the merger of AGL Nevada
9 Corporation with and into Gaming
10 Partners International Corporation, and
11 upon motion duly made and second, the
12 Board adopted this Resolution:

13 Be it resolved that Gaming Partners
14 International USA, Incorporated's,
15 request for approval of the merger of
16 AGL Nevada Corporation with and into

17 Gaming Partners International
18 Corporation with Gaming Partners
19 International Corporation surviving and
20 the resulting transfer of ownership of
21 100 percent of Gaming Partners
22 International USA, Incorporated, to
23 Angel Holdings Godo Kaisha, is hereby
24 approved.

25 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,

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1 Louisiana, this 15th day of April 2019.

2 Mr. Singleton?

3 MR. SINGLETON: Yes.

4 MS. TRAMONTE: Miss Berry?

5 MS. BERRY: Yes.

6 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Lagasse?

7 MR. LAGASSE: Yes.

8 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Avant?

9 MR. AVANT: Here -- yes.

10 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Jackson?

11 MR. JACKSON: Yes.

12 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Poole?

13 MR. POOLE: Yes.

14 MS. TRAMONTE: Chairman Jones?

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes.

16 The motion carries. Thank you.

17 VIII. RULEMAKING

18 A. Consideration of final adoption for the

19 following:

20 1. Amendments to LAC 42.III.2108
21 (Non-Gaming Suppliers)
22 2. Amendments to LAC 42:III.2401
23 (Relocation of Gaming Operations to a
24 Facility, Procedures)
25 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll now move to
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1 the final real item of business,
2 Rulemaking. We're going to take them
3 both together in globo, Consideration of
4 final adoption as enumerated in Roman
5 numeral eight A, on the agenda.

6 Good morning.

7 MS. HIMEL: Good morning, how are
8 you?

9 Assistant Attorney General Dawn
10 Himel here in the matter of rule
11 adoption for item number 8A and B.

12 At its meeting on December 20th,
13 2018, the Board voted to institute
14 promulgation procedures for these rules.
15 Notices of intent were then filed in the
16 Louisiana Register directing all
17 individuals with any questions or
18 concerns to contact A.A.G. Earl Pitre,
19 Jr. During the public comment period,
20 no public comments were made.

21 As part of the promulgation process,
22 reports were then sent to the Board's

23 house and senate oversight committees.

24 The first reports detail the substance
25 of the proposed rules, and the second

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1 report directed them that no public
2 comments were made.

3 As no hearings were called during
4 the 30-day window after the oversight
5 committees received those, the default
6 action of the committee is to approve
7 the rule changes.

8 If the Board has no questions, a
9 motion to adopt the rules is needed.

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any
11 questions? There are no questions.

12 Motion by Miss Berry, Mr. Jackson
13 second.

14 Any objection? [No response.]

15 Without objection, the motion
16 carries.

17 MS. HIMEL: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you.

19 IX. ADJOURNMENT

20 CHAIRMAN JONES: And I wasn't trying
21 to go fast. It just kind of happened.

22 We can hang around for a while and order
23 lunch. I will -- I have to go defend
24 our budget at the legislature.

25 I'll entertain a motion for

1 adjournment.

2 MR. SINGLETON: Move we adjourn.

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Singleton and a
4 second by Mr. Avant.

5 Without objection, we stand
6 adjourned until next month.

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18 Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 29th day of
19 May, 2019.

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