

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD*Minutes of March 14, 2022*

The meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board convened on Monday, March 14, 2022, 10:00 a.m., at the LaSalle Building – LaBelle Room. Present at the meeting were Chairman Ronnie Johns, Harry Avant, Julie Berry, Claude Jackson, O. Lamar Poole, Jr., Julie Lewis, Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, Ronald Sholes, Ashley Traylor and ex-officio member Secretary Kevin Richard. Absent were and ex-officio member Col. Lamar Davis.

Chairman Johns called the meeting to order. It was moved by Ms. Berry to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the meeting of February 17, 2022. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously approved by the Board.

Donna Jackson, Louisiana State Police Gaming Audit Section, provided revenue reports for the riverboats, slots at the racetracks, and landbased casino. She also reported on the video poker statistics, sports wagering, mobile wagering, and fantasy sports revenue.

The Board considered the Contracts for the Hearing Officer and Court Reporter. It was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve the contract of Hearing Officer Suzan S. Ponder. That motion was seconded by Mr. Sholes and unanimously approved by the Board. Next, it was moved by Ms. Hamilton-Acker to approve the contract for U.S. Legal Support. That motion was seconded by Mr. Poole and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Renewal Application of PNK (Lake Charles), LLC d/b/a L’Auberge Lake Charles – No. R011001707. After presentation by Jeremy Gathe, Assistant Attorney General (“AAG”), Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division, Tammy Haupt, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit Section, and Master Trooper Michael Talley, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Ms. Berry to approve the Renewal Application. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the Petition for Transfer of Membership Interest in Madison Auto Truck Plaza & Lucky Dollar Casino, LLC – No. 3300514090. After presentation by Earl Pitre, Jr., AAG, Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division, and Master Trooper James Cannon, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement, it was moved by Ms. Lewis to approve the Transfer of Membership Interest. That motion was seconded by Ms. Traylor and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered Rulemaking for the following:

- A. Consideration of institution of rulemaking procedures for amendment of LAC 42:III.301 (Problem Gaming Programs)*
- B. Consideration of institution of rulemaking procedures for amendment of LAC 42:III.303 (Persons Required to be Excluded)*
- C. Consideration of institution of rulemaking procedures for amendment of LAC 42:III.304 (Self Exclusion)*

D. Consideration of institution of rulemaking procedures for amendment of LAC 42:VI.103 (Definitions)

E. Consideration of institution of rulemaking procedures for amendment of LAC 42:VI.501 (Sports Wagering Operator Requirements and Restrictions; Internal Controls; Comprehensive Rules)

F. Consideration of institution of rulemaking procedures for amendment of LAC 42:VI.503 (Sports Wagering Platforms; Identification of Licensee; Duties of Licensee and Operators)

G. Consideration of institution of rulemaking procedures for amendment of LAC 42:VI.505 (Prohibited Parish; Geolocation, Geofencing; Proxy Servers)

H. Consideration of institution of rulemaking procedures for amendment of LAC 42:VI.509 (Limitation of Active Accounts; Obligation to Players)

I. Consideration of institution of rulemaking procedures for amendment of LAC 42:VI.517 (Advertising, Mandatory Signage)

J. Consideration of institution of rulemaking procedures for amendment of LAC 42:VI.707 (Audits, Annual Review, and Periodic Reporting)

After presentation by Dawn Himel, Deputy Director, Louisiana Attorney General's Office, Gaming Division and Major Chuck McNeal, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Ms. Lewis to adopt the rulemaking procedures. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously approved by the Board.

The final items on the agenda were three settlements and one appeal. The Board considered the following:

1. In re: Village One Stop, LLC d/b/a Village Café – No. 3903213279
It was moved by Ms. Berry, seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the settlement wherein the licensee would pay a civil penalty of \$750.00, for failure to timely submit the required annual fee and documents.
2. In re: Village One Stop, LLC d/b/a Village Café – No. 3903612928
It was moved by Mr. Sholes, seconded by Ms. Berry, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the settlement wherein the licensee would pay a civil penalty of \$1,500.00, for failure to timely submit required annual fee and documents.
3. In re: Grobar, LLC d/b/a Banks St. Bar – No. 3601117692
It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Poole, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the settlement wherein the licensee would pay a civil penalty of \$750.00, for failure to timely submit the required annual fee and documents.

The Board then considered the appeal request of BRC, LLC d/b/a T's Country – No. 4600116124. After presentation by Mr. Tillis Herring, appellant, and Charlie Picou, AAG, Louisiana Attorney General's Gaming Division, it was moved by Ms. Berry to remand the matter to the Louisiana

Gaming Control Board Administrative Hearing Office for consideration of new evidence. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Hamilton-Acker to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Ms. Traylor and unanimously approved by the Board.