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MARCH 18, 2024 BOARD MEETING

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APPEARANCES :

CHAIRMAN RONNIE S. JOHNS

MS. HOOD

MS. HERNANDEZ

JULIE G. BERRY

MAJOR CHUCK MCNEAL

FRANCESCA L. HAMILTON-ACKER

LAMAR O. POOLE, JR.

RONALD J. SHOLES

ASHLEY ANDERSON TRAYLOR

JARROD J. CONIGLIO

MR. AVANT

MR. JACKSON

MS. LEWIS

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CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Okay. Good morning, everyone.
Welcome to the Louisiana Gaming Control
Board meeting. Today is Monday, March the
18th, 2024.

And, Ms. Hernandez, would you call
the roll, please.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Chairman Johns.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Mr. Avant.

MR. AVANT:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Ms. Berry.

MS. BERRY:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Mr. Jackson.

MR. JACKSON:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Ms. Lewis.

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MS. LEWIS:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Mr. Poole.

MR. POOLE:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Ms. Hamilton-Acker:

MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Mr. Sholes.

MR. SHOLES:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Ms. Traylor.

MS. TRAYLOR:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Colonel Hodges.

MAJOR MCNEAL:

Major Chuck McNeal for Colonel
Hodges.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Secretary Nelson.

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MR. CONIGLIO:

Jarrold Coniglio here on behalf of Secretary Nelson.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Thank you, Ms. Hernandez.

We do have a quorum.

Members, your micro phone is on. It's going to stay on the entire meeting, so don't say anything you shouldn't be saying like I've done over in the legislature many times, but just raise your hand if you need to be called on, so --

Okay. Members and members of the public, we're going to now move into public comments. Is there anyone here today that would like to make a public comment on any of the agenda items? This is your time to come to the table for any public comments from the public.

Okay. Seeing none, we will move into the approval of the minutes.

MR. JACKSON:

Motion to waive and approve.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

1 Thank you, Mr. Jackson. We have the
2 minutes from February 15th of 2024 and Mr.
3 Jackson has made a motion that we waive
4 the reading and approve the minutes of
5 February the 15th, 2024. Ms. Berry has
6 seconded that.

7 Is there any discussion? Is there
8 objection to that motion?

9 Hearing none, that motion carries.
10 Okay. Now our revenue reports.

11 Good morning, Ms. Jackson.

12 MS. JACKSON:

13 Good morning.

14 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
15 Board Members. My name is Donna Jackson
16 with Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit
17 Section.

18 In February, the 14 operating
19 riverboats generated adjusted gross
20 receipts of \$143,044,621. The state
21 collected fees totalling \$30,754,594.

22 Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal
23 year '23-'24 to date are \$1.1 billion, a
24 decrease of \$30.6 million or 3% from
25 fiscal year '22-'23.

1 As of February 29th, 2024, the state
2 collected \$240.4 million in fees for
3 fiscal year '23-'24.

4 Page 2 shows the riverboat revenue
5 broken down by regional market. The
6 overall increase from January was \$21.4
7 million or 17.6%. Compared to last
8 February, this month's revenues represent
9 a decrease of \$1.2 million or 1%.

10 Next is the summary of the February
11 2024 gaming activity for Harrah's New
12 Orleans, found on page 3. Harrah's
13 generated \$23,813,069 in gross gaming
14 revenue. These revenues represent an
15 increase from last month of \$5 million or
16 27%, and an increase of \$2 million or 10%
17 from the same month last year.

18 During February, the state received
19 \$5,150,273 in minimum daily payments.

20 Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal
21 year '23-'24 to date are approximately
22 \$163.8 million, a decrease of \$9 million
23 or 5% from fiscal year '22-'23. As of
24 February 29th, 2024, the state collected
25 \$43.3 million in fees for fiscal year

1 '23-'24.

2 Next I'll present the revenues for
3 slots at the racetracks. During February,
4 the four racetrack facilities combined
5 generated adjusted gross receipts of
6 \$27,710,596, an increase of almost \$5
7 million or 22% from the previous month,
8 and a slight increase of 1.5% when
9 compared to the same month last year.
10 During February, the state collected \$4.2
11 million in fees.

12 Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal
13 year '23-'24 to date are almost \$202
14 million, a decrease of \$5.9 million or 3%
15 from fiscal year '22-'23. As of February
16 29th, 2024, the state has collected
17 approximately \$30.6 million in fees for
18 fiscal year '23-'24.

19 We will now move into video gaming
20 information. There are 12,033 video
21 gaming devices activated at 1,397
22 locations.

23 Net device revenue for February 2024
24 was \$65,193,853, an increase of \$7.8
25 million or 13.5% when compared to January,

1 and a decrease of \$1 million or 1.6% when
2 compared to last February. Total
3 franchise fees for February 2024 totaled
4 \$19.8 million.

5 Fiscal year to date net device
6 revenue is \$489 million, a decrease of \$24
7 million or 4.6% when compared to last
8 fiscal year.

9 As of February 29th, 2024, the state
10 has collected \$148 million in franchise
11 fees for fiscal year '23-'24.

12 Next, I will present the February
13 revenue for sportsbook. During February,
14 the retail sportsbooks accepted \$21.7
15 million in sports wagers, resulting in net
16 proceeds of \$780,000 and \$128,000 in state
17 taxes. The mobile sportsbooks accepted
18 \$253 million in sports wagers, resulting
19 in net proceeds of \$24.3 million and \$3.6
20 million in taxes paid to the state.

21 Finally, for daily fantasy sports,
22 gross revenues for February were
23 approximately \$731,000, with net revenue
24 of \$92,000 and taxes of \$7,400.

25 Are there any questions?

1 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

2 Okay. Any questions from the board
3 for Ms. Jackson? Any questions?

4 I see no questions, Ms. Jackson.

5 Members, I will say this, sports
6 wagering continues to grow significantly.
7 And at this time of the year we always get
8 asked how much was actually bet on the
9 Super Bowl. Everybody's curious what's
10 going on with the Super Bowl. I do have
11 some numbers. For the 2024 Super Bowl
12 approximately 24.5 million was wagered
13 compared to about 17.7 million from the
14 2023, but nowhere close to the 2022 Super
15 Bowl, which was 42 million.

16 And I think a lot had to do with the
17 newness of sportsbook back in 2022 and the
18 fact that the Joe Burrow and Ja'marr Chase
19 factor, the LSU factor in the Super Bowl
20 had a lot to do with that. So but it was
21 a significant increase from the 2023 Super
22 Bowl.

23 So we have no questions, Ms.
24 Jackson. Thank you very much for your
25 work. We greatly, greatly appreciate it.

1 Okay. Item No. 5 will be the
2 consideration of our hearing officer
3 contract. Members, in your packet you
4 have a copy of the proposed contract for
5 our hearing officer. This is a one-year
6 contract. We've been very fortunate to
7 have retired Judge Susan Ponder as our
8 hearing officer, and she has agreed to
9 stay on with us for another year.

10 The contract is the same contract
11 that we've had with her in the past. It
12 shall not exceed \$25,000, and there's a
13 breakdown in your -- in your packet as to
14 how that's -- how that's paid out.

15 But our legal counsel has reviewed
16 the contract, and everything is in order.
17 So at this time I would -- is there any
18 questions on the contract? Any questions?
19 If not, I would entertain a motion that we
20 approve the contract for the gaming
21 control board hearing officer.

22 MR. SHOLES:

23 Make a motion.

24 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

25 Second.

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CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Judge Sholes has made that motion and Ms. Hamilton-Acker has seconded that motion.

Is there any discussion on that motion? Is there any objection to that motion?

Hearing none, that motion carries.

And second contract we have up today is for our professional services for our court reporter. Again, our legal counsel has reviewed the contract. It is definitely in order. It's a maximum contract of \$70,000 annually with a breakdown of payment as you see in the contract. But we feel like everything is in order, and we're very pleased with the court reporter services that we're now getting.

Any questions on this contract?

MS. BERRY:

Make a motion.

MR. AVANT:

Second.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

1 Ms. Berry has made a motion that we
2 approve this contract for the court
3 reporter, and Mr. Avant has seconded that
4 motion. Is there any objection to that
5 motion?

6 Hearing none, that motion carries.
7 That contract is hereby approved.

8 Okay. Item No. 6, we will move into
9 the consideration -- oh, excuse me, item
10 No. 7, we will move into the casino gaming
11 issues. Our first on our agenda today
12 will be the consideration of an amended
13 and restated casino management agreement
14 between Boyd Gaming Corporation and Belle
15 of Orleans, LLC, doing business as Amelia
16 Belle Casino and the Old Evangeline Downs,
17 LLC.

18 Good morning, Ms. Landry.

19 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LANDRY:

20 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
21 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney
22 General Lisha Landry here to present the
23 amended and restated casino management
24 agreement where Louisiana licensees, Belle
25 of Orleans, LLC, doing business as Amelia

1 Belle Casino and the Old Evangeline Downs,
2 LLC, doing business as Evangeline Downs
3 Racetrack & Casino and Boyd Gaming
4 Corporation.

5 Amelia Belle and Evangeline Downs
6 are currently managed by Boyd Acquisition,
7 LLC pursuant to an intercompany casino
8 management agreement, which was previously
9 presented to the board in October of 2012
10 during the board's approval of the
11 transfer of 100% of the ownership interest
12 of Peninsula Gaming, LLC to Boyd
13 Acquisition II, LLC.

14 In February of 2024, the parties
15 gave notice of their intent to enter into
16 an amended and restated casino management
17 agreement to give management authority of
18 Amelia Belle and Evangeline Downs to Boyd
19 Gaming Corporation, which is the licensee
20 ultimate parent company.

21 Under the amended management
22 agreement, Boyd Gaming Corporation will
23 now assist in establishing and maintaining
24 internal controls and administrative
25 accounting procedures for the licensees.

1 Boyd Gaming Corporation will also
2 supervise and direct the management and
3 operation of the licensee's facilities and
4 online gaming services for sports wagering
5 offered or conducted through the Internet
6 or mobile application.

7 Management or consulting agreements
8 and any other contract where an individual
9 or entity has control of or the power to
10 direct the management, affairs and
11 policies of a licensee requires prior
12 Board approval. Also, any significant or
13 substantive changes or amendments to a
14 previously approved management agreement
15 requires Board approval.

16 The Louisiana Attorney General's
17 Office and Louisiana State Police, Audit
18 Section have reviewed the amended
19 management agreement and found no current
20 issues that would preclude the Board's
21 approval of the amended agreement. A
22 resolution approving the amended
23 management agreement has been prepared for
24 your consideration.

25 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

1 Thank you, Ms. Landry.

2 Any questions for Ms. Landry from
3 the Board?

4 So we have an agreement that the --
5 we're in agreement that everything is in
6 order in the proposed resolution?

7 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LANDRY:

8 Yeah. Basically this is all of it.

9 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

10 Members, I will need a motion to
11 adopt a resolution that will be read
12 shortly.

13 MR. POOLE:

14 Motion.

15 MS. LEWIS:

16 Second.

17 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

18 Mr. Poole has made the motion that
19 we adopt the resolution, and Ms. Lewis has
20 seconded that motion.

21 And, Ms. Hernandez, would you read
22 the resolution, please?

23 MS. HERNANDEZ:

24 In the matter of Belle of Orleans,
25 LLC, doing business as Amelia Belle Casino

1 and The Old Evangeline Downs, LLC, doing
2 business as Evangeline Downs Racetrack &
3 Casino Amended and Restated Casino
4 Management Agreement.

5 On the 18th day of March of 2024,
6 the Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in
7 a duly noticed public meeting, consider
8 the issue of the amended and restated
9 casino management agreement submitted by
10 Belle of Orleans, doing business as Amelia
11 Belle Casino and The Old Evangeline Downs,
12 LLC, doing business as the Evangeline
13 Downs Racetrack & Casino and upon a motion
14 duly made and seconded, the Board adopted
15 this resolution.

16 Be it resolved that the management
17 of the licensees by Boyd Gaming
18 Corporation as more particularly described
19 in the amended and restated casino
20 management agreement is hereby approved.

21 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
22 Louisiana, the 18th day of March 2024.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

24 Okay. Thank you, Ms. Hernandez.
25 Members, we have a motion by Mr.

1 Poole, seconded by Ms. Lewis that we adopt
2 this resolution.

3 Ms. Hernandez, would you call the
4 roll, please?

5 MS. HERNANDEZ:

6 Mr. Avant.

7 MR. AVANT:

8 Yes.

9 MS. HERNANDEZ:

10 Ms. Berry.

11 MS. BERRY:

12 Yes.

13 MS. HERNANDEZ:

14 Mr. Jackson.

15 MR. JACKSON:

16 Yes.

17 MS. HERNANDEZ:

18 Ms. Lewis.

19 MS. LEWIS:

20 Yes.

21 MS. HERNANDEZ:

22 Mr. Poole.

23 MR. POOLE:

24 Yes.

25 MS. HERNANDEZ:

1 Ms. Hamilton-Acker.

2 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

3 Yes.

4 MS. HERNANDEZ:

5 Mr. Sholes.

6 MR. SHOLES:

7 Yes.

8 MS. HERNANDEZ:

9 Ms. Traylor.

10 MS. TRAYLOR:

11 Yes.

12 MS. HERNANDEZ:

13 Chairman Johns.

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

15 Yes.

16 And by unanimous vote, that motion
17 carries and that resolution is hereby
18 adopted.

19 Next will be the consideration of a
20 petition for approval to re-brand
21 DiamondJacks Casino & Resort to Live!
22 Casino & Hotel Louisiana.

23 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LANDRY:

24 Assistant Attorney General Lisha
25 Landry. We're now here to present

1 Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Company, LLC's
2 request for approval to re-brand. The
3 Board has previously approved the
4 licensee's request to relocate its gaming
5 operations to and construct a new
6 riverboat gaming landside facility. The
7 licensee anticipates that construction of
8 the approved project will be complete and
9 gaming operations will commence in the
10 facility in the second half of 2025.

11 In connection with the opening of
12 the landside facility, the licensee filed
13 a petition requesting the Board's approval
14 to change its trade name, brand name and
15 d/b/a from DiamondJacks Casino & Resort to
16 Live! Casino & Hotel Louisiana.

17 This request is strictly a trade
18 name change of the licensee. The licensed
19 entity will remain Louisiana Riverboat
20 Gaming Company, LLC, and ownership and
21 management of the property will also
22 remain the same.

23 The licensee's statement of
24 conditions will be updated to reflect the
25 licensed entity as Louisiana Riverboat

1 Gaming Company, LLC, doing business as
2 Live! Louisiana Casino & Hotel as well.

3 The licensee will need further
4 approvals from the division for the
5 destruction of or modification to the
6 licensee's current chips, tokens, dice,
7 and cards related to the change in trade
8 name, brand and d/b/a of the licensee.

9 If the Board approves the licensee's
10 request, a resolution has been prepared
11 for the Board's adoption and the
12 chairman's signature.

13 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

14 Okay. Thank you, Ms. Landry.

15 Is anyone from Cordish here?

16 Mr. Barbin, do you have anything you
17 would like to add today?

18 MR. BARBIN:

19 No.

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 Okay. You're going to waive?

22 MR. BARBIN:

23 I can answer any questions you have.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

25 Okay. Good morning, Mr. Barbin.

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MR. BARBIN:

Jeff Barbin representing Cordish.
We're happy to answer any questions you
may have.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Any -- any status on an update or an
update on where we are in construction?

MR. BARBIN:

No. I don't have anything this
morning, but I can get it for you and
bring it for next month.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

I know I had a conversation with
Cordish last week, Members, and the old
riverboat is now gone. There were some
complications to getting that thing out of
there. It could not be floated out. It
had to be literally dismantled piece by
piece to get it out of there, but that was
a big -- a big deal to begin the
construction of the new casino floor.

So we'll get -- we'll get some
representation from Cordish here in the
next few months for an update.

MR. BARBIN:

1 Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

3 Thank you for being here.

4 MR. BARBIN:

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

7 Members, before you, you have a
8 resolution to re-brand DiamondJacks Casino
9 & Resort to Live! Casino & Hotel
10 Louisiana.

11 MS. BERRY:

12 I make a motion.

13 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

14 Ms. Berry has made that motion.

15 MR. JACKSON:

16 Second.

17 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

18 Mr. Jackson has seconded that
19 motion.

20 Ms. Hernandez, would you read the
21 resolution, please?

22 MS. HERNANDEZ:

23 In the matter of the Louisiana
24 Riverboat Gaming Company, LLC, doing
25 business as DiamondJacks Casino & Resort,

1 on the 18th day of March 2024, the
2 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a
3 duly noticed public meeting, consider the
4 petition for approval to re-brand
5 DiamondJacks Casino & Resort to Live!
6 Casino & Hotel Louisiana filed by
7 Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Company, LLC,
8 and upon motion duly made and seconded,
9 the Board adopted this resolution:

10 Whereas, the Board previously approved the
11 licensee's request to relocate its gaming
12 operations to and construct a new
13 riverboat gaming landside facility to be
14 included as part of the approved project;
15 and whereas, the licensee is seeking Board
16 approval to re-brand and change its trade
17 name to Live! Casino & Hotel Louisiana to
18 coincide with the opening of its landside
19 facility.

20 Now therefore, be it resolved that
21 the licensee's request to operate under
22 the trade name Live! Casino & Hotel
23 Louisiana, to change its d/b/a from
24 DiamondJacks Casino & Resort to Live!
25 Casino & Hotel Louisiana, and to use the

1 brand of Live! Casino & Hotel Louisiana
2 in various iterations are hereby approved,
3 subject to any further approvals of the
4 Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement
5 Division.

6 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
7 Louisiana, this 18th day of March 2024.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Okay. Members, we do have a motion
10 by Ms. Berry, seconded by Mr. Jackson that
11 we adopt this resolution.

12 Ms. Hernandez, would you call the
13 roll, please?

14 MS. HERNANDEZ:

15 Mr. Avant.

16 MR. AVANT:

17 Yes.

18 MS. HERNANDEZ:

19 Ms. Berry.

20 MS. BERRY:

21 Yes.

22 MS. HERNANDEZ:

23 Mr. Jackson.

24 MR. JACKSON:

25 Yes.

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

1 is hereby adopted.

2 Thank you, Mr. Barbin, for being
3 here.

4 MR. BARBIN:

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

7 Okay. I appreciate it.

8 Thank you, Ms. Landry.

9 We now move into the video gaming
10 issues. First, we have the consideration
11 of the following truck stop application:
12 Highway 90 Casino, LLC, doing business as
13 Highway 90 Casino.

14 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MEEK:

15 Good morning, Chairman Johns,
16 Members of the Board. I'm Assistant
17 Attorney General Matthew Meek, here
18 present today in the matter of the
19 original application of Highway 90 Casino,
20 doing business as Highway 90 Casino
21 applying for a Type 5 video gaming draw
22 poker license.

23 The truck stop facility is located
24 in St. Mary Parish.

25 On May 25th, 2023, the following

1 transactions occurred:

2 Orion Properties, LLC, who
3 previously held the truck stop license for
4 this location, sold its business and
5 business assets to the applicant. Also on
6 this date, the applicant leased the
7 immovable property where the truck stop
8 facility is located from Franklin Travel
9 Plaza, LLC.

10 The video draw poker device
11 placement agreement is with Franklin
12 Travel Plaza, LLC. The sole member of the
13 applicant is Gulhamrasool Rupani.

14 The Louisiana State Police, Gaming
15 Enforcement Division conducted a
16 suitability investigation into the
17 application, and the investigator William
18 Landry is here today to submit those
19 findings to the Board.

20 MR. LANDRY:

21 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
22 Members. Investigator William Landry,
23 Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement
24 Division.

25 I conducted an updated suitability

1 investigation on Gulhamrasool Rupani in
2 connection with the application. I didn't
3 find any information that would preclude
4 him from continuing to participate in the
5 video gaming industry.

6 I conducted an on-site inspection,
7 and it was determined that the
8 establishment met all of the criteria set
9 forth in the video gaming laws as a
10 qualified truck stop facility. All
11 required licenses and permits were posted
12 and valid at the time of inspection. The
13 establishment consists of 6,954 contiguous
14 acres.

15 Highway 90 Casino, LLC, doing
16 business as Highway 90 Casino submitted a
17 video draw poker license application
18 within 36 months of a change in ownership
19 of the previous licensed truck stop that
20 was held by Orion Properties, LLC, doing
21 business as Jubilee Casino Burns PT.
22 Therefore, it is not subject to the rule
23 that it must be at least one-mile distance
24 from a school, church, playground,
25 synagogue, public library, residence or a

1 building of a national historical
2 registry.

3 I found no information that would
4 preclude the issuance of a Type 5 video
5 draw poker gaming device license to
6 Highway 90 Casino, doing business as
7 Highway 90 Casino.

8 MR. MEEK:

9 The office of the attorney general
10 has reviewed the file prepared by the
11 Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement
12 Division. Our review of that file
13 indicates that there is nothing to
14 preclude the Board's approval.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 Okay. Gentlemen, thank you.
17 Congratulations on pronouncing the
18 gentleman's name correctly. That was
19 tough.

20 MR. MEEK:

21 Fingers crossed.

22 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

23 Any questions, Members? Any
24 questions for the state police or the
25 attorney general's office?

1 If not, I would entertain a motion
2 that we approve the application of Highway
3 90 Casino, LLC, doing business as Highway
4 90 Casino.

5 Do I have a motion?

6 MR. SHOLES:

7 Motion.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Mr. Sholes has made that motion.

10 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

11 Second.

12 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

13 Ms. Hamilton-Acker has seconded that
14 motion.

15 Is there any discussion? Is there
16 any objection to that motion?

17 Hearing, none that motion carries.

18 Next on the agenda will be the
19 consideration of transfer of membership
20 interest:

21 Ventre, Guillory & Willis, LLC,
22 doing business as The Quarters Casino &
23 Restaurant.

24 Good morning.

25 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHNSON:

1 Good morning, Chairman Johns, Board
2 Members. I'm Assistant Attorney General
3 Venise Johnson present today in the matter
4 of the approval of the transfer of
5 interest in Ventre, Guillory & Willis,
6 LLC, doing business as The Quarters Casino
7 & Restaurant, a Type 5 licensee.

8 On June 1st, 2023, Patterson F.
9 Willis, Jr. donated 5% interest in the
10 licensee to Tracy O. Foster.

11 Investigator William Landry
12 conducted an investigation of the transfer
13 of membership interest. He is present to
14 give his findings.

15 MR. LANDRY:

16 Good morning, Chairman and Board
17 Members. I did investigate the transfer
18 that occurred in the licensee background
19 investigation, but it was not required to
20 do it because the individual did not
21 acquire more than a 5% interest in the
22 licensee that would have triggered a
23 suitability investigation.

24 I found no information that would
25 preclude the licensee and its members from

1 continuing to participate in the gaming
2 industry.

3 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHNSON:

4 The office of the attorney general
5 has reviewed the file prepared by the
6 office of state police and no information
7 contained therein will preclude the
8 approval of a transfer.

9 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

10 Okay. Is there any questions for
11 the attorney general or state police? Any
12 discussion? Okay.

13 I will entertain a motion to approve
14 the transfer of membership interest from
15 Ventre, Guillory & Willis, LLC, do
16 business as The Quarters Casino &
17 Restaurant.

18 MS. BERRY:

19 Motion.

20 MR. POOLE:

21 Second.

22 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

23 Ms. Berry has made that motion, and
24 Mr. Poole has seconded that motion.

25 Is there any further discussion? Is

1 there any opposition?

2 Seeing no opposition, that motion
3 carries.

4 Thank you very much.

5 Now moving into sports wagering
6 issues. First, we will have the
7 consideration of petition for the approval
8 of Earl Fiduciary AG as an institutional
9 investor by Digital Gaming Corporation
10 USA, doing business as Betway and Betway
11 Limited.

12 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL GATHE:

13 Good morning, Chairman Johns, Board
14 Members. I'm Assistant Attorney General
15 Jeremy Gathe, and here with me today is
16 Master Trooper Brian Jefferson of the
17 Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement
18 Division, and legal counsel for Digital
19 Gaming Corporation USA and Betway Limited,
20 Mr. Kelly Duncan.

21 We're here in the matter of Digital
22 Gaming Corporation USA and Betway
23 Limited's joint petition to the Board,
24 requesting approval of Earl Fiduciary AG
25 to qualify as an institutional investor

1 pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute
2 27:3(13)(i) and Louisiana Revised Statute
3 27:27 on both permits.

4 Currently Digital Gaming Corporation
5 USA holds a temporary certificate of
6 authority to conduct business as a sports
7 wagering platform provider. Betway
8 Limited holds a temporary certificate of
9 authority to conduct business as a sports
10 wagering service provider. Both entities
11 respective sports wagering permit
12 applications are pending review by the
13 division and subsequent approval of this
14 Board.

15 As this is DGC and Betway's
16 petition, they will need to address the
17 Board and answer any questions that the
18 Board may have. However, our office and
19 the division will give background
20 information to the Board.

21 The Board, in its sole discretion,
22 may qualify a non-regulated investor as an
23 institutional investor on a case-by-case
24 basis and consistent with the provisions
25 of Title 27. Previously, the Board was

1 limited to only considering regulated
2 investors.

3 It is also important to know that
4 considerations as to whether an entity
5 qualifies as an institutional investor are
6 very specific as to the facts and
7 circumstances related to each petition,
8 including, but not limited to: The type
9 of license or permit at issue; the role of
10 the licensee or permittee in the gaming
11 industry and regulation thereof; the
12 ownership and control of the licensee or
13 permittee, the amount of said ownership or
14 control; all relevant facts related to the
15 applying entity; and the division's
16 comfort with who has otherwise submitted
17 to suitability in relation to the
18 applicant, licensee, or permittee.

19 Additionally, if the Board
20 determines an entity qualifies as an
21 institutional investor in connection to
22 one licensee or permittee, said approval
23 or qualification may not extend to the
24 same investor under all circumstances.

25 DGC and Betway are wholly owned

1 subsidiaries of Super Group, SGHC Limited,
2 which is a public company with its common
3 stock traded on the New York Stock
4 Exchange and regulated by the U.S.
5 Securities & Exchange Commission.

6 Earl Fiduciary AG is a professional
7 trust company that serves as trustee over
8 ten trusts, which collectively hold a 5%
9 or greater interest in Super Group. Due
10 to the amount of interests held indirectly
11 in the Applicants and pending suitability
12 requests from the division, DGC and Betway
13 have petitioned the Board, requesting that
14 Earl Fiduciary AG be qualified as an
15 institutional investor, thereby providing
16 it with the presumption of suitability and
17 negating the requirement to submit to a
18 suitability investigation.

19 If it is the Board's pleasure to
20 deem Earl Fiduciary AG as an institutional
21 investor, a resolution has been prepared
22 for your consideration.

23 I'll now turn it over to Master
24 Trooper Brian Jefferson of the Louisiana
25 State Police to present his findings to

1 the Board.

2 MASTER TROOPER JEFFERSON:

3 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
4 Board Members. I am Master Trooper Brian
5 Jefferson with the Louisiana State Police,
6 Gaming Enforcement Division. As part of
7 our investigation of the sports wagering
8 permit applications for Digital Gaming
9 Corporation USA and Betway Limited, it was
10 determined that Earl Fiduciary AG's role
11 as a trustee of multiple trusts, which
12 collectively hold 18.66% ownership
13 interests in the Applicant's parent
14 company, Super Group, and indirectly
15 resulting in said interests being held in
16 the Applicants, require it to submit to
17 suitability.

18 As a result, the Division requested
19 that a suitability application be
20 submitted on behalf of the Earl Fiduciary
21 AG in accordance with the Louisiana
22 Revised Statute 27:28(H) and Louisiana
23 Administrative Code, Title 42, Part 3,
24 Section 2101.

25 In response to the Division's

1 request, DGC and Betway petitioned the
2 Board requesting that Earl Fiduciary AG be
3 qualified as an institutional investor.

4 In support of its contention that
5 Earl Fiduciary AG should qualify as an
6 institutional investor, DGC and Betway
7 have submitted that Earl Fiduciary AG is:
8 No. 1, regulated in Switzerland by the
9 Financial Markets Supervisory Authority,
10 which is the equivalent of the SEC in the
11 United States, and which is the regulator
12 responsible for the regulation and
13 oversight of all banks, asset managers and
14 other financial institutions in
15 Switzerland.

16 Number 2, Earl Fiduciary AG is
17 supervised by the Oversight Organization
18 for Asset Managers and Trustees.

19 And No. 3, Earl Fiduciary AG is
20 subject to the Swiss Federal Act o
21 Combating Money Laundering and Terrorism
22 Financing, the Ordinance of the Swiss
23 Financial Market Supervisory Authority on
24 Combating Money Laundering and Terrorism
25 Financing and an annual regulatory audit

1 to ensure compliance with all regulatory
2 obligations.

3 Additionally, Earl Fiduciary AG
4 contends that it is strictly adheres to
5 Swiss legislation, regulations and
6 guidelines relating to the anti-money
7 laundering and countering the financing of
8 terrorism and has implemented internal
9 procedures to ensure that its trust
10 clients and sources of funds are properly
11 identified and are subject to thorough
12 background checks.

13 After a review of the documents
14 submitted by Earl Fiduciary AG, the
15 Division finds no information to preclude
16 the Board from approving it as an
17 institutional investor.

18 The attorney for the Petitioners is
19 here to present their request and answer
20 any questions.

21 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

22 Thank you, gentlemen.

23 Mr. Duncan, good morning.

24 MR. DUNCAN:

25 Good morning, Mr. Chairman and

1 Members of the Board. I have to say,
2 these two gentlemen have faithfully
3 articulated what the petition says, but
4 I'm certainly here to answer any
5 questions.

6 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

7 Excuse me, Mr. Duncan. If you
8 would, identify yourself for the record.

9 MR. DUNCAN:

10 I apologize.

11 Kelly -- Kelly Duncan from the Jones
12 Walker Law Firm, attorneys for Digital
13 Gaming Corporation USA, doing business as,
14 Betway, as well as the main counsel to
15 Betway Limited.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17 Thank you.

18 MR. DUNCAN:

19 But as I said, these gentlemen have,
20 I think, faithfully articulated what is in
21 the petition. It's an unusual situation,
22 quite frankly, the -- Louisiana is the
23 only state that required or had suggested
24 that this trustee was required to come
25 forward given that the trusts all had less

1 than 5% interest. But -- and I might add
2 that the trustee has various allocations
3 under Swiss law where it cannot act
4 collectively with respect to the -- the
5 trust and so forth and so on.

6 So this was the best solution. Earl
7 Fiduciary does not exercise influence. It
8 does not have any board members. It does
9 not intend to exercise any influence. And
10 as Master Trooper Jefferson well said,
11 they are subject to numerous agencies and
12 laws very similar to what we have in the
13 United States.

14 So I would ask that the Board
15 consider favorably the petition.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17 There are a lot of things that
18 Louisiana is the only state that
19 requires --

20 MR. DUNCAN:

21 I understand.

22 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

23 -- something. But I don't know if
24 it's good or bad, Mr. Duncan; but it is
25 what it is, right?

1 MR. DUNCAN:

2 Yes, sir.

3 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

4 Thank you for being here. I know
5 it's a complicated issue. But thank you,
6 state police and assistant attorney
7 general for your work.

8 Any questions for the gentlemen at
9 the table? Any questions? Any other
10 questions?

11 MS. BERRY:

12 This is very complicated. But I
13 just want to make sure that after if we
14 pass this resolution, will there be any
15 further investigation of this group to
16 make sure that there's no criminal
17 conduct, money laundering or terrorist
18 activities? Terrorist activities kind of
19 scares me. Is it something that will be
20 monitored in the future?

21 MASTER TROOPER JEFFERSON:

22 Yes, ma'am. Suitability is a
23 continuing process, so we would -- State
24 Police Gaming Enforcement Division will
25 continually be monitoring the

1 shareholders.

2 MS. BERRY:

3 So they do have to continue to
4 report to you?

5 MASTER TROOPER JEFFERSON:

6 Yes, ma'am.

7 MS. BERRY:

8 Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

10 Thank you, Ms. Berry.

11 Any further questions?

12 Members, before you is a prepared
13 resolution to approve the consideration of
14 a petition for approval of Earl Fiduciary
15 AG as an institutional investor by Digital
16 Gaming Corporation USA, doing business as
17 Betway and Betway Limited.

18 Do I have a motion to adopt that
19 resolution?

20 MS. TRAYLOR:

21 Motion.

22 MS. LEWIS:

23 Second.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

25 Ms. Traylor has made that motion and

1 Ms. Lewis has seconded that motion.

2 And, Ms. Hernandez, would you call
3 the roll, please. (Sic)

4 MS. HERNANDEZ:

5 In the matter of Digital Gaming
6 Corporation USA, doing business as Betway
7 and Betway Limited Petition for Approval
8 of Earl Fiduciary AG to Qualify as an
9 Institutional Investor, on the 18th day of
10 March 2024, the Louisiana Gaming Control
11 Board did, in a duly noticed public
12 meeting, consider Digital Gaming
13 Corporation USA, doing business as Betway
14 and Betway Limited's petition for approval
15 of Earl Fiduciary AG to qualify as an
16 institutional investor and upon motion
17 duly made and seconded, the Board adopted
18 this resolution.

19 Be it resolved that Earl Fiduciary
20 AG is hereby determined to be an
21 institutional investor in accordance to
22 Louisiana Revised Statute 27:3(13)(i),
23 solely in connection with DGC's sports
24 wagering platform provider permit
25 application and Betway Limited's sports

1 wagering service provider permit
2 application, based on the specific facts
3 and the circumstances presented to the
4 Board.

5 Be it further resolved that the
6 presumption of suitability afforded to
7 Earl Fiduciary AG as an institutional
8 investor pursuant to Louisiana Revised
9 Statute 27:27 shall not preclude the Board
10 from investigating the suitability and
11 qualifications of Earl Fiduciary AG should
12 the Board or the Gaming Enforcement
13 Division of Louisiana State Police become
14 aware of the facts, which may result in
15 Earl Fiduciary AG being found unsuitable
16 or disqualified from participating in
17 gaming or from a determination as an
18 institutional investor.

19 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
20 Louisiana, this 18th day of March 2024.

21 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

22 Okay. So, Members, we have a motion
23 by Ms. Traylor, seconded by Ms. Lewis to
24 adopt this resolution as read.

25 Ms. Hernandez, would you call the

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roll, please?

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Mr. Avant.

MR. AVANT:

Yes.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Ms. Berry.

MS. BERRY:

Yes.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Mr. Jackson.

MR. JACKSON:

Yes.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Ms. Lewis.

MS. LEWIS:

Yes.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Mr. Poole.

MR. POOLE:

Yes.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Ms. Hamilton-Acker.

MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

Yes.

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MS. HERNANDEZ:

Mr. Sholes.

MR. SHOLES:

Yes.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Ms. Traylor.

MS. TRAYLOR:

Yes.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Chairman Johns.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Yes.

By unanimous vote, that resolution is hereby adopted.

Thank you very much, Ms. Hernandez.

Thank you, Mr. Duncan.

MR. DUNCAN:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

And we have the companion resolution will be before you is the consideration of a sports wagering platform provider permit for Digital Gaming Corporation USA, doing business as Betway.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY GATHE:

1 Chairman Johns, Board Members,
2 Assistant Attorney General Jeremy Gathe,
3 Appearing with me is Ms. Evie Ficklin with
4 the Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit
5 Division and Master Trooper Brian
6 Jefferson with the Gaming Enforcement
7 Division. And then we also have Kelly
8 Duncan, who is counsel for Digital Gaming
9 Corporation here today who is also
10 present.

11 We're here in the matter of the
12 consideration of sports wagering platform
13 provider permit application of Digital
14 Gaming Corporation USA doing business as
15 Betway.

16 Pursuant to the Louisiana Gaming
17 Law, the Board is charged with issuing and
18 denying applications for sports wager
19 platform provider permits. The Board
20 issued a Temporary Certificate of
21 Authority to the applicant to conduct
22 business as a sports wagering platform
23 provider with an effective date of June
24 6th, 2023. The TCOA expires on April 5th,
25 2024.

1 If after hearing from all parties,
2 it is the Board's pleasure to approve the
3 sports wagering platform provider permit
4 application of Digital Gaming Corporation
5 USA, doing business as Betway, a
6 resolution has been prepared for the
7 Board's adoption and the chairman's
8 signature.

9 And I'm now turning the presentation
10 over to the Division to report its
11 findings to the Board.

12 MS. FICKLIN:

13 Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Board
14 Members. My name is --

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 Pull the mic a little closer to you.

17 MS. FICKLIN:

18 Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Board
19 Members. My name is Evie Ficklin and I'm
20 an auditor with the Louisiana State
21 Police.

22 DGC, USA was formed in Nevada in
23 January 2013 by Mr. Charles Burnett. He
24 subsequently formed its parent Digital
25 Gaming Corporation, Limited, DGC, UK in

1 the UK in November of 2013.

2 DGC, USA operates as Betway pursuant
3 to a license agreement in 2019 with
4 Betlock, Limited, a subsidiary of Super
5 Group SGHC, Limited, SGHC which allows had
6 DGC, USA exclusive use of Betway license
7 trademark in the United States.

8 In January 2022, DGC, USA gained
9 access to the Louisiana gaming market when
10 it entered into an online market with Old
11 Evangeline Downs, LLC, a subsidiary of
12 Boyd Gaming Corporation.

13 DGC, USA has conducted mobile sports
14 wagering on behalf of Olgee since its
15 go-live date on August 1st, 2023. The
16 ultimate parent of DGC, USA, SGHC is a
17 holding company organized in March of 2021
18 under the laws of the Isle of Guernsey.
19 It was formed in contemplation of entering
20 into a business combination agreement with
21 publicly traded Sports Entertainment
22 Acquisition Corporation, a specialty
23 purpose acquisition company.

24 SEAC sponsors Sports Entertainment
25 Acquisition Holdings, LLC had earlier

1 selected SGHC as the status target company
2 it wanted to acquire using the 450 million
3 in proceeds from SEAC October 2020, IPO.

4 The business combination agreement
5 between SGHC and SEAC was consummated in
6 January 2022. Thereafter, SGHC succeeded
7 SEAC as a publicly traded corporation from
8 the New York Stock Exchange.

9 On January 3rd, 2023, SGHC having
10 sought to further increase its global
11 footprint acquired DGC, UK from Mr.
12 Burnett. DGC, UK and its subsidiaries now
13 operate as SGHC subsidiaries with DGC, USA
14 holding various licenses, conduct sports
15 wagering in the US in seven jurisdictions.

16 A current schedule of DGC, USA's
17 license and permits is shown on page 17 of
18 our report.

19 DGC, UK and SGHC have no outstanding
20 long-term debt after each company
21 eliminated their respective debts through
22 a series of novations in March 2021 and
23 June 2021 respectively. SGHC funded its
24 operations using its working capital and
25 funded DGC, UK's operations by capital

1 injections by SGHC Limited, SGHC's
2 operating company.

3 No financial issues came to our
4 attention that were such in nature so as
5 to preclude the Board's approval of a
6 sports wagering platform permit for DGC,
7 USA.

8 Licensing will now report on their
9 findings.

10 MASTER TROOPER JEFFERSON:

11 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
12 Members of the Board. I'm Master Trooper
13 Brian Jefferson with the Louisiana State
14 Police, Gaming Board Division.

15 On May 5th, 2022, Digital Gaming
16 Corporation USA, doing business as Betway
17 submitted a sports waging platform
18 provider application. DG -- Digital
19 Gaming Corporation USA, doing business as
20 Betway is applying for a permit to provide
21 online, mobile market access, sports
22 wagering operations on behalf of Old
23 Evangeline Downs, LLC, a Louisiana limited
24 liability company, Boyd which operates,
25 owns, controls and manages the casino

1 commonly referred to as Evangeline Downs.

2 During the investigation of Digital
3 Gaming Corporation USA, doing business as
4 Betway and their business affiliates, a
5 background investigation was conducted on
6 each of the company's officers, directors,
7 managers and persons with a 5% or more
8 ownership or economic interest in these
9 companies.

10 The background investigations
11 consisted of inquiries made to federal,
12 state and local law enforcement agencies.
13 Inquiries were also made to civil courts
14 and gaming regulatory agencies.

15 Based on this investigation, no
16 information was found to preclude the
17 Board from approving Digital Gaming
18 Corporation USA, doing business as Betway
19 a sports wagering platform provider
20 permit.

21 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

22 Okay. Any questions? Any
23 questions?

24 Members, in our initial report,
25 there was some information about some

1 fines and investigations by the UK
2 Gambling Commission and the Virginia
3 Lottery.

4 But it's come -- I think there was a
5 clarification of that that was sent to --
6 (Whereupon an interruption occurred due to
7 a fire drill at this time.)

8 Members, we will temporarily
9 adjourn.

10 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

11 Okay. The meeting of the gaming
12 control board will now come back to order.
13 Gentlemen and members, as I was saying, in
14 the initial report there was a line item
15 about certain fines or investigations, and
16 it came to our attention that this was
17 actually an affiliate and it was not the
18 applicant. Is that correct?

19 MASTER TROOPER JEFFERSON:

20 That's correct.

21 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

22 There are no history of fines, no
23 history of investigations on the applicant
24 itself today.

25 All right. Any further -- any

1 questions? Any questions?

2 Members, we do have a resolution
3 before you. I will need a motion to adopt
4 a resolution to consider the sports wagering
5 platform provider permit for Digital
6 Gaming Corporation USA, doing business as
7 Betway.

8 Do I have a motion?

9 Ms. Lewis has seconded that motion.
10 Mr. Jackson has made that motion. Mr.
11 Jackson has seconded that motion.

12 And, Ms. Hernandez, would you read
13 the resolution, please?

14 MS. HERNANDEZ:

15 The Approval of the Sports Wagering
16 Platform Provider Permit for Digital
17 Gaming Corporation USA, doing business as
18 Betway.

19 On the 18th day of March 2024, the
20 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a
21 duly noticed public meeting, consider the
22 sports wagering platform provider permit
23 application and the comprehensive
24 compulsive and problem gambling program of
25 Digital Gaming Corporation USA doing

1 business as Betway, and upon motion duly
2 made and seconded, the Board adopted this
3 resolution.

4 Be it resolved that Digital Gaming
5 Corporation USA, doing business as Betway
6 be approved for a sports wagering platform
7 provider permit for a term of five years
8 commencing July 6th, 2023.

9 Be it resolved that the
10 comprehensive compulsive and problem
11 gambling program submitted by Digital
12 Gaming Corporation USA, doing business as
13 Betway is hereby approved.

14 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
15 Louisiana this 18th day of March 2024.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17 Thank you, ma'am.

18 So we have a motion by Ms. Lewis,
19 seconded by Mr. Jackson to adopt this
20 resolution.

21 Mr. Hernandez, would you call the
22 roll, please?

23 MS. HERNANDEZ:

24 Mr. Avant.

25 MR. AVANT:

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Yes.
MS. HERNANDEZ:
Ms. Berry.
MS. BERRY:
Yes.
MS. HERNANDEZ:
Mr. Jackson.
MR. JACKSON:
Yes.
MS. HERNANDEZ:
Ms. Lewis.
MS. LEWIS:
Yes.
MS. HERNANDEZ:
Mr. Poole.
MR. POOLE:
Yes.
MS. HERNANDEZ:
Ms. Hamilton-Acker.
MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:
Yes.
MS. HERNANDEZ:
Mr. Sholes.
MR. SHOLES:
Yes.

1 MS. HERNANDEZ:

2 Ms. Traylor.

3 MS. TRAYLOR:

4 Yes.

5 MS. HERNANDEZ:

6 Chairman Johns.

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

8 Yes.

9 By unanimous vote, this resolution
10 is hereby adopted.

11 Thank you very much.

12 Okay. Members, we now move into the
13 consideration of proposed settlements --

14 MR. DUNCAN:

15 Mr. Chairman, may I just say one
16 thing real quickly?

17 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

18 Oh, sure, Mr. Duncan. I'm sorry.

19 MR. DUNCAN:

20 No. No problem.

21 Kelly Duncan on behalf of Digital
22 Gaming Corporation USA, doing business as
23 Betway. I want to first thank the Board,
24 but I want to make sure to thank the state
25 police and the attorney general's office

1 for what has been a very complicated
2 investigation involving a complicated
3 structure, and I appreciate their
4 incredible hard work. I was only worried
5 that a little while ago it might not all
6 come to bear, so I really appreciate it.
7 Thank you all very much.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Thank you, Mr. Duncan. I appreciate
10 those kind words. We do appreciate the
11 state police and the attorney general's
12 office. It is complicated.

13 We now move into the consideration
14 of proposed settlements and appeals.
15 First on the agenda today will be the
16 Golden Nugget of Lake Charles, LLC, doing
17 business as Golden Nugget Lake Charles.

18 We have a proposed settlement here.
19 Good morning.

20 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HOUSTON:

21 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
22 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney
23 General Delancey Houston here in the
24 matter of the settlement of Golden Nugget
25 Lake Charles, LLC, doing business as

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Golden Nugget Lake Charles.

Here with me today is a representative for the licensee.

MR. HENNAGIN:

Greg Hennagin. I'm the general manager of the Golden Nugget in Lake Charles.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Good morning, Mr. Hennagin.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HOUSTON:

This settlement addresses the licensee's violations which include inadequate surveillance camera footage in the cage area, un-authorized employees accessing the surveillance review room, cage employees wearing improper clothing, retail, food and beverage cashiering not being properly tracked, and the licensee failing to retain gaming paperwork for the requisite five-year period.

Considering the circumstances and the litigations of this specific case, the licensee and the Division have agreed to a civil penalty in the amount of \$30,000.

Additionally, the licensee has

1 implemented remedial measures to prevent
2 violations of this nature from occurring
3 again.

4 The settlement has been signed by
5 the hearing officer, and it is now before
6 the Board for final approval.

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

8 Mr. Hennagin, welcome to our Board
9 meeting. These are never pleasant times
10 when we are asking for a settlement of a
11 fine, but I do want to thank you for your
12 corporation, you and your staff's
13 corporation with the state police on these
14 violations.

15 Any comments from the Golden Nugget?

16 MR. HENNAGIN:

17 We continue to work to be a good
18 partnership within the state and we have
19 as she -- as she mentioned, we have placed
20 measures to try to mitigate any risk of
21 theft going forwards.

22 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

23 Okay. We appreciate that. And
24 Major McNeal, I want to thank you and your
25 staff for your corporation; and I know

1 this thing has actually been going on for
2 quite sometime and we greatly appreciate
3 your staff's work.

4 Okay. Members, any questions for
5 state police or for Mr. Hennagin from the
6 Golden Nugget? Any questions?

7 Okay. If not, the Chairman would
8 make a motion that we accept this
9 settlement. And Ms. Berry has seconded
10 that motion.

11 Is there any discussion on that
12 motion? Any discussion? Any opposition
13 to the motion?

14 Hearing none, that motion carries
15 and the settlement is hereby approved.

16 So thank you, Mr. Hennagin for being
17 here.

18 MR. HENNAGIN:

19 Thank you. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 Next, the settlement before us today
22 is the Food Junction, LLC, doing business
23 as Food Junction Gamerom.

24 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHNSON:

25 Good morning, Chairman Johns and

1 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney
2 General Venise Johnson here in the matter
3 of the settlement of Food Junction, LLC,
4 doing business as Food Junction Gameroom
5 which holds a Type 5 video draw poker
6 gaming license.

7 This settlement addressed the late
8 submission of annual forms and fees that
9 are required to be presented to the
10 Division no later than July 1st of each
11 year.

12 The licensee did not submit the
13 annual form and fees until October 11th,
14 2023, which gave rise to a violation of
15 gaming laws. The civil penalty contained
16 in this settlement is \$1,500, which is an
17 amount that is well established for
18 violations of this type.

19 The settlement has been signed by
20 the hearing officer and is now before the
21 Board for final approval. I would be
22 happy to answer any questions that you may
23 have at this time.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

25 Okay. Late fees. Any questions for

1 Ms. Johnson? If not, I would entertain a
2 motion to accept the settlement for Food
3 Junction, LLC, doing business as Food
4 Junction Gameroom.

5 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

6 Motion.

7 MS. TRAYLOR:

8 Second.

9 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

10 Ms. Hamilton-Acker has made that
11 motion, and Ms. Traylor has seconded that
12 motion.

13 Is there any discussion? Is there
14 any opposition to that motion?

15 Hearing no opposition, that motion
16 carries.

17 MS. JOHNSON:

18 Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

20 Okay. Next on the agenda will be a
21 settlement proposal for Buzzd, LLC, doing
22 business as Who Daqs.

23 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HOUSTON:

24 Chairman Johns and Board Members,
25 Delancey Houston here in the matter of the

1 settlement of Buzzd, LLC, doing business
2 as Who Daqs, which currently holds a Type
3 1 video draw poker gaming license. This
4 settlement addresses the late submission
5 of annual forms and fees that are required
6 to be submitted to the Division no later
7 than July 1st of each year.

8 Licensee did not present the annual
9 forms and fees until September 12, 2023,
10 which gave rise to a violation of gaming
11 law. The civil penalty contained in this
12 settlement is \$750, which is an amount
13 that is well established for violations of
14 this type.

15 The settlement has been signed by
16 the hearing officer. It is now before the
17 Board for final approval.

18 I would be happy to answer any
19 questions that you all may have at this
20 time.

21 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

22 Does this happen to be in New
23 Orleans?

24 MS. HOUSTON:

25 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

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CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Okay. Any questions for Ms. Houston?

Okay. At this time I would entertain a motion to accept the settlement agreement for Buzzd, LLC, doing business as Who Daqs.

MR. SHOLES:

Motion.

MS. BERRY:

Second.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

And Judge Sholes will make that motion. Ms. Berry will second that motion.

Is there any discussion on the motion? Is there any opposition to the motion?

Hearing none, that motion carries.

Next will be Fitzgerald Contractors, LLC settlement agreement.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HOUSTON:

Chairman Johns, Board Members, I'm Assistant Attorney General Delancey Houston here in the matter of the

1 settlement of Fitzgerald Contractors, LLC,
2 which holds a non-gaming supplier permit.
3 This settlement addresses the permittee's
4 five instances of failure to notify the
5 Division of the permittee's management and
6 structure changes that took place from
7 2018 to 2020. These changes were not
8 discovered until the permittee submitted
9 their renewal application and the Division
10 reviewed the application. The permittee
11 did not notify the Division of these
12 company changes within 15 days of the
13 event or occurrence, which gave rise to a
14 violation of gaming law.

15 The civil penalty contained in this
16 settlement \$2500, a \$500 penalty for each
17 of the five violations, which is an amount
18 that is well established for violations of
19 this type.

20 The settlement has been signed by
21 the hearing officer and is now before the
22 Board for final approval.

23 And again, I would be happy to
24 answer any questions you all have at this
25 time.

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CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Okay. Any questions for Ms. Houston?

If not, I would entertain a motion that we accept the settlement before you for Fitzgerald Contractors, LLC.

MR. AVANT:

Motion.

MR. JACKSON:

Second.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Mr. Avant has made that motion. Mr. Jackson has seconded that motion.

Is there any discussion? Is there any opposition to that motion?

Hearing none, that motion carries.

And I think our last settlement agreement before us today will be Hamm Mechanical, LLC.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HOUSTON:

Chairman Johns, Board Members, I'm Assistant Attorney General Delancey Houston here in the matter of the settlement of Hamm Mechanical, LLC, which holds a non-gaming supplier permit. This

1 settlement addresses the permittee's
2 failure to submit their renewal
3 application to the Division at least eight
4 days prior to the expiration of their
5 permit.

6 Further, the settlement addresses
7 the permittee's five instances of failure
8 to notify the Division of the permittee's
9 management and membership changes that
10 took place in 2019 to 2021. These changes
11 were not discovered until the permittee
12 submitted a renewal application and the
13 Division reviewed the application.

14 The permittee did not notify the
15 Division of these company changes within
16 15 days of the event or occurrence, which
17 gave raise to a violation of gaming laws.

18 The civil penalty contained in this
19 settlement is \$2,562.50, which address the
20 penalty for all six of the violations I
21 had mentioned. This is an amount that is
22 well established for violations of this
23 type.

24 The settlement has been signed by
25 the hearing officer. It is now before the

1 Board for final approval.

2 I would be happy to answer any
3 questions that you all may have.

4 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

5 Okay. Any questions for Ms.
6 Houston? If not, I entertain a motion to
7 accept the settlement agreement for Hamm
8 Mechanical, LLC.

9 MR. JACKSON:

10 Motion.

11 MS. TRAYLOR:

12 Second.

13 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

14 Mr. Jackson has made that motion.
15 Ms. Traylor has seconded that motion.

16 Is there any discussion? Is there
17 any opposition to the motion?

18 Hearing no opposition, that motion
19 carries.

20 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HOUSTON:

21 Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

23 Thank you, Ms. Houston. I
24 appreciate it.

25 Members, last thing on our agenda

1 today we have an appeal that was filed
2 with the Board for April L. Phenix.

3 Is Ms. Phenix here today? Ms.
4 Phenix in the room or any representation
5 for Ms. Phenix?

6 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MR. LEWIS, JR.:

7 Chairman Johns, I do want to
8 acknowledge that Ms. Phenix was here prior
9 to the fire drill or the fire alarm. I
10 just checked the hallway, and she's not --
11 I did not see her. That is not to say
12 she's somewhere else, but I did not see
13 her.

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

15 Okay.

16 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MR. LEWIS, JR.:

17 She's not here. We have no evidence
18 that she's here.

19 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

20 Would you proceed?

21 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MR. LEWIS, JR.:

22 Yes. Assistant Attorney General
23 Kanick Lewis, Jr. here in the matter of
24 the appeal of Ms. April Phenix. This is
25 Ms. Phenix's appeal. Unfortunately she's

1 not here, but today I come before you to
2 argue for the affirmation of the
3 revocation of Ms. April Phenix's non-key
4 gaming employee permit.

5 The Division contends that the
6 decision made by hearing officer should be
7 upheld. Firstly, a permittee has a duty
8 to maintain their suitability throughout
9 the pendency of their permit. They must
10 demonstrate that they're a person of good
11 character, honesty and integrity.

12 Ms. Phenix has failed to demonstrate
13 that by clear and convincing evidence her
14 suitability to hold a gaming permit.
15 According to the Louisiana Gaming Law, the
16 burden of proof lies with the permittee to
17 establish suitability which Ms. Phenix has
18 filed to do.

19 Even though she's no longer employed
20 at the casino where she formerly worked as
21 a dual rate dealer, Ms. Phenix had a duty
22 as a permitted party to report any
23 violations of gaming law to the Division,
24 the Board, or the appropriate party. She
25 did none of these. Instead she actively

1 participated in a scheme to fraudulently
2 collect winnings from the casino.

3 The evidence presented at the
4 administrative hearing revealed concerns
5 regarding her character, honesty and
6 integrity stemming from criminal
7 activities which leading to her arret.
8 Ms. Phenix was involved directly with a
9 scheme to steal from the casino, her
10 former place of employment. Bear in mind
11 this is one of the more egregious acts a
12 permitted person can do. Despite the
13 pending nature of her charges, her
14 involvement in illegal practices raises
15 doubts about her suitability.

16 Ms. Phenix was notified, but was not
17 present at the revocation hearing and
18 offered no evidence to contradict the
19 evidence presented by the Division or to
20 support a finding that she is suitable.

21 Secondly, the evidence presented
22 during the administrative hearing
23 overwhelmingly supports the hearing
24 officer's decision to revoke Ms. Phenix's
25 permit.

1 Testimony from witnesses including
2 the casino's security supervisor and the
3 lead investigating trooper highlighted Ms.
4 Phenix's involvement in fraudulent
5 activities such as theft and manipulation
6 of gaming procedures. These actions not
7 only violate gaming regulations, but also
8 undermine the public trust and confidence
9 in the industry.

10 Holding a gaming permit is a
11 privilege not a right. As such gaming
12 permits in Louisiana are subject to strict
13 regulations. Permittees are individuals
14 that are required to possess good
15 character, honesty and integrity. Ms.
16 Phenix's actions -- Ms. Phenix's actions
17 as evidenced by her arrest and involvement
18 in criminal activities indicates that this
19 is a privilege she did not value and
20 raises serious concerns about her
21 suitability to hold such a permit.

22 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

23 Ms. Phenix --

24 MS. PHENIX:

25 Hi. I'm April --

1 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

2 -- would you identify yourself for
3 the record, please?

4 MS. PHENIX:

5 Yes. I'm April Phenix.

6 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

7 Okay. Ms. Phenix, you're here today
8 on an appeal from the decision by the
9 hearing officer. The process that we have
10 here today does not allow you to enter any
11 new evidence whatsoever. And it's also
12 the understanding as the report that was
13 just given by the attorney general's
14 office that you did not attend the hearing
15 -- the hearing with the hearing officer.
16 Is that correct? You were not there?

17 MS. PHENIX:

18 That's correct. They rescheduled
19 it, and I never knew anything about it
20 until after the results came. No one ever
21 got back to me when I --

22 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MR. LEWIS, JR.:

23 She was notified through the hearing
24 office of the hearing date. She requested
25 a continuance, and she was notified of a

1 new hearing date.

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

3 Ms. Phenix, we do have documentation
4 before us here today that you were
5 notified of the -- by mail of the hearing,
6 which is required by law. You were
7 notified in a timely manner by the
8 attorney general's office.

9 So you're welcome to make a
10 statement if you would like.

11 MR. SHOLES:

12 Mr. Chairman, if I may?

13 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

14 Yes, please.

15 MR. SHOLES:

16 I see that the look on Ms. Phenix's
17 face. I suggest that she had no notice of
18 that hearing. Do we have documentation?
19 Is this by registered mail or something to
20 suggest that she did?

21 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MR. LEWIS, JR.:

22 That is sent from the administrative
23 hearing office and it should be, if I'm
24 not mistaken, by registered mail. But she
25 is notified of that. As I stated

1 previously, Ms. Phenix, she had a
2 different address it was sent to
3 initially. When the hearing office
4 discovered that, they -- we rescheduled
5 the hearing, sent out a new hearing date
6 for Ms. Phenix and for the attorney
7 general's office and everyone was present,
8 Ms. Phenix was not.

9 That notice was not returned or
10 anything. It was sent to the new address
11 she had given us.

12 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

13 Anything further, Judge Sholes?
14 Anything further?

15 MR. SHOLES:

16 No.

17 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

18 Ms. Phenix, would you like to make a
19 statement? You cannot enter any evidence
20 into this hearing today, but I will allow
21 you to make a statement if you would like.
22 It's -- I know the charges are still
23 pending, but it's not a matter of whether
24 this -- the gaming law in Louisiana goes a
25 lot further than whether you're actually

1 convicted or not convicted or if it's
2 pending or if it's already gone through
3 the court system. It's about suitability.
4 And so that's what's really at the core of
5 what we're doing here today in accordance
6 with our state laws.

7 So if you would like to make a
8 statement, we would gladly enter that into
9 the record.

10 MS. PHENIX:

11 Well, I just want to say that I've
12 been in the gaming industry since 2007,
13 and I quickly became a dual rate
14 supervisor because of my skill and my
15 knowledge of the games and everything.
16 I've never cheated or did anything
17 illegal.

18 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MR. LEWIS, JR.:

19 I have to object. This is new
20 information. She had the opportunity to
21 do that at the revocation hearing to
22 consider that information. This is
23 considered new information.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

25 Okay. May I ask the question? Your

1 charges are still -- your criminal charges
2 are pending; is that correct?

3 MS. PHENIX:

4 Yeah. It just says arrest. It
5 doesn't say anything and no one has
6 contacted me since.

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

8 The criminal charges are pending
9 with the district attorney's office?

10 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MR. LEWIS, JR.:

11 Yes, sir, that is correct. At the
12 time of the hearing they were pending,
13 yes.

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

15 Okay. All right. Any questions by
16 the Board? Any questions?

17 I hate to cut you off on that, but
18 you cannot enter any evidence and the fact
19 that you tended to stipulate that you had
20 not had prior convictions or anything that
21 would be considered evidence, so --

22 MS. PHENIX:

23 Oh. Well, I'm sorry. I didn't know
24 that my record --

25 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

1 No, no. We appreciate you being
2 here. Gaming law is a very, very strict
3 standard of suitability. It's you -- it's
4 sometimes not a matter of being guilty or
5 not guilty. It's a matter of being
6 suitable to work in the gaming industry,
7 so that's what -- that's the core of what
8 we're here today to discuss and determine.

9 So Ms. Lewis -- Ms. Berry, excuse
10 me. I apologize.

11 MS. BERRY:

12 Oh, no. That's all right.

13 I think you've asked this question
14 before, Judge, I think you'll relate with
15 me. If Ms. Phenix is found not guilty,
16 can she reapply?

17 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MR. LEWIS, JR.:

18 Short answer is yes, if it was only
19 for pending criminal charges. However,
20 she was deemed unsuitable; and as she is
21 deemed unsuitable, she cannot reapply for
22 five years.

23 MS. BERRY:

24 Oh. They have to wait five years?

25 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MR. LEWIS, JR.:

1 Yes, not only the pending charges,
2 but the suitability as well.

3 MS. BERRY:

4 Suitability.

5 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MR. LEWIS, JR.:

6 Yes.

7 MS. BERRY:

8 Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

10 Any further questions?

11 MR. PHENIX:

12 I have a question.

13 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

14 Any further comments?

15 Ms. Phenix?

16 MS. PHENIX:

17 I was just really hoping that the
18 revocation could be removed because I mean
19 I didn't actually -- I didn't do anything
20 wrong. No one has told me what I actually
21 did wrong.

22 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MR. LEWIS, JR.:

23 This is new information. This is
24 information she had an opportunity to
25 present at the hearing.

1 MS. PHENIX:

2 My question is what did I do wrong?

3 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

4 That's why there are pending
5 criminal charges and that is why you had
6 the opportunity to attend a hearing of the
7 -- with a hearing officer which is like,
8 it's a judge in essence. It's a hearing.
9 I'm not a judge. We're not a court here.
10 But that -- that's why we do have
11 hearings; and, unfortunately, you did not
12 attend that hearing.

13 We do show documentation that you --
14 a notice was mailed to you of that
15 hearing.

16 MS. PHENIX:

17 But if I didn't receive it, that
18 doesn't matter? It doesn't give me an
19 opportunity to have a hearing where my
20 voice can be heard, my perspective of
21 things?

22 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

23 Well, that's up to this Board to
24 decide.

25 So is there any further comments

1 from the Board?

2 MS. PHENIX:

3 Also, one more question.

4 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

5 One more. Okay.

6 MS. PHENIX:

7 Somewhere in this I think state
8 police won't allow me to visit the casinos
9 here I guess in Baton Rouge or in
10 Louisiana. I'm not sure. It's not in
11 writing, so I'm not sure. And that's what
12 I do with my mom. That's our thing. And
13 I haven't been able to do it almost two
14 years. And I was just hoping that that
15 can be lifted because it said it comes
16 from state police, not the actual casino
17 to stop me from coming in.

18 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

19 Major?

20 MAJOR MCNEAL:

21 Major Chuck McNeal with the
22 Louisiana State Police, ma'am. You -- we
23 did not -- I know we don't tell you, you
24 can't go to the casinos. Now whether that
25 casino that you currently -- that you were

1 working at has now said you're no longer
2 allowed on their property, that is the
3 decision that casino made. I'm not saying
4 whatever casino that was may have told you
5 that. Okay. But that doesn't necessarily
6 apply to all of the other casinos, but it
7 may apply to that company. When I say
8 that is I'm going to use there are several
9 corporations in this state, Boyd and
10 Caesars and so forth, they may exclude one
11 of the employees at their properties so
12 you may be able to go to the other
13 properties, but you may not be able to go
14 back to that property. That's probably
15 what you were told. But you're not
16 excluded from the other properties by the
17 state police.

18 State police does not do that.

19 MS. PHENIX:

20 That's what they said at the one
21 that they're accusing me of the wrongdoing
22 at Hollywood Casino, well, The Queen.

23 MAJOR MCNEAL:

24 Yes, ma'am. Well --

25 MS. PHENIX:

1 I wasn't working there.

2 MAJOR MCNEAL:

3 We do not exclude -- the only way is
4 the self exclusion. Whoever told you that
5 is not factually correct. But you may be
6 excluded from that property that you
7 worked at because of the allegations that
8 were made against you by -- I guess us
9 since we arrested you, I'll use that, and
10 that property itself, you may be excluded
11 from that property. You may not ever be
12 able to come back there again or its
13 sister property. But that is a decision
14 that company made, and that's their right
15 to do, the right of refusal.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17 Any further discussions from the
18 Board Members?

19 Okay. Do I have a motion from the
20 Board?

21 MS. LEWIS:

22 I'll make a motion to uphold the
23 hearing officer's decision.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

25 I have a motion by Ms. Lewis that we

1 uphold the hearing officer's decision.

2 MS. BERRY:

3 Second.

4 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

5 Ms. Berry has seconded that motion.

6 Do I have any discussion on the motion?

7 We have a motion by Ms. Lewis,
8 seconded by Ms. Berry to uphold the
9 hearing officer's decision.

10 Is there any objection to that
11 motion?

12 Judge, you want to object?

13 MR. SHOLES:

14 I'm trying to bite my tongue. No.
15 No objection.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17 Okay. All right. The judge does
18 not object. I have no objection to that
19 motion and that motion hereby carries.

20 Ms. Phenix, thank you very much for
21 being here today and best of luck to you.

22 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MR. LEWIS, JR.:

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

25 Members, any further business to

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come before the Board today? I have none.
Just a reminder that we will be back in
this room again in the month of April on
the third Monday of the month.

So, Mr. Jackson, you have a motion?

MR. JACKSON:

Motion to adjourn.

MR. POOLE:

Second.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Mr. Jackson has made a motion to
adjourn and Mr. Poole has seconded that
motion.

Any objection?

Hearing none, we are hereby
adjourned.

Thank you very much.

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