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LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

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Minutes of December 9, 1997 Meeting

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board held a meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 1997, 10:00 a.m., in House Committee Room 6 of the Louisiana State Capitol. Present at this meeting were Hillary J. Crain, Chairman, Board Members James Boyer, Sherian Cadoria, Ralph Perlman, Ecotry Fuller, Robert Fleming, Marcia Morgan, Dudley Lastrapes, and ex-officio members Sec. John Kennedy and Col. W.R. "Rut" Whittington.

The meeting was called to order and the Chairman presented the minutes of the November 18, 1997 meeting to the Board members. Mr. Ralph Perlman moved to adopt the minutes of both the regular meeting and executive session and was seconded by General Cadoria. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of both the regular meeting and executive session.

Next on the agenda was the monthly riverboat revenue report. Ms. Lonna Willingham, an auditor with Louisiana State Police, presented this report to the Board.

The Chairman proceeded with the next item on the agenda, the land based casino. Senator Ken Hollis spoke to the Board about the importance of the land based casino to the State and asked that they adopt the operating contract. Mr. Cheney Joseph, the Governor's Executive Counsel, also spoke in favor of the casino.

John Campbell, David Messina, and Mike Duffio, attorneys representing the state on this matter, along with Ms. Anne Neeb, asst. Attorney General in the Gaming Division, addressed the Board concerning the Rolling Guarantee, Creditor Payments, Second Floor restrictions, Public Records Access, and Dockside exceptions.

The response from Harrah's was provided by Mr. Fred Burford, David Satz and Paul West. Various representatives from New Orleans area organizations also addressed the Board and asked board members to approve the operating contract. Some of these organizations included the New Orleans Tourism Council, the Chamber of Commerce, La. Hotel & Motel Association, and the City Council.

It was moved by Board member Dudley Lastrapes to have Mr. John Campbell certify that the contract that was discussed would be the correct version being adopted. General Cadoria seconded that motion and it was unanimously adopted by the Board.

Based on that motion, it was moved by Mr. James Boyer to adopt the Operating Contract. Ralph Perlman seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve the Operating Contract.

Next on the agenda, was a Request by Casino America for a Loan Approval for the Isle of

Capri Casino in Bossier City. The Chairman called on State Police Riverboat Auditors to present the results of their investigation on this matter. Ms. Maggie Malone, an auditor with the State Police Riverboat Gaming Division, addressed the Board concerning Casino America's request.

Following Ms. Malone's presentation, Janet Boles, the attorney representing Casino America, introduced Mr. Rex Yeisley, Chief Financial Officer of Casino America, who spoke briefly to the Board concerning this transaction. Also on hand to answer any questions concerning this loan was Mr. Chris Haskew with Hibernia National Bank.

It was moved by Judge Fleming, seconded by Mr. Fuller, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve Casino America's request.

Next on the agenda was an amendment of proposed rule 2325 (Vendor Solicitation). Mr. Frank Williams, President of the Casino Association of Louisiana, Mr. Bill Biossat, Regulatory Compliance Task Force, and Mr. Tim Hemphill, Executive Director of the Casino Association of Louisiana addressed the Board concerning rule 2325.

It was moved by Dudley Lastrapes to adopt the changes to the rule and conduct a public hearing on the matter at the January 20, 1998 Board Meeting. That motion was seconded by Mr. Boyer and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board reviewed recommendations/decisions from the Hearing Officers'. It was moved by Mr. Boyer to adopt the recommended opinions in the following cases: PHILIP J. RINELLA, number 1040002821; JANET B. VERRETTE, number P040016440; TREASURE CHEST CASINO, number RGS950696 and RGS062695; GUS's RESTAURANT, 5203208833; LOWELL J. HEBERT, P040012535; and WAYNE BERGIN, I010003243. The motion was seconded by General Cadoria and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Ralph Perlman moved to go into Executive Session. General Cadoria seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Following the Executive Session, the Board returned to the Regular Session.

Mr. Richard Easterling asked to Board if they were going to extend the deadline for the 15th license applications. It was moved by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Fuller, and unanimously approved by the Board to amend the agenda to discuss the 15th license.

Following this discussion, it was moved by Ms. Morgan to extend the deadline of the 15th license until the February 20, 1998 meeting. Judge Fleming seconded that motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Fuller to adjourn. General Cadoria seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed.

The meeting was then adjourned.