

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of December 15, 2022

The meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board convened on Thursday, December 15, 2022, 10:00 a.m., at the Louisiana State Capitol, House Committee Room 3. Present at the meeting were Chairman Ronnie Johns, Julie Berry, Claude Jackson, Harry Avant, Lamar Poole, Julie Lewis, Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, and Ashley Traylor. Chuck McNeal was present for Col. Lamar Davis and Heather Templet for Secretary Kevin Richard. Absent was board member Ronald Sholes, and ex-officio members Col. Lamar Davis and Secretary Kevin Richard.

Chairman Johns called the meeting to order. It was moved by Ms. Traylor to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the meeting of December 15, 2022. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

A motion was made to add Golden Nugget to the procurement agenda item. That motion was made by Ms. Berry and seconded by Mr. Avant. There were no objections.

Donna Jackson, Louisiana State Police (“LSP”) 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 Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Golden Nugget Lake Charles, LLC d/b/a Golden Nugget – No. R016502995. After presentation by Andrea Nathan, Assistant Attorney General (“AAG”), Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division, and Moriah Reed of American Vessel Services, LLC, it was moved by Ms. Hamilton-Aker to approve a Certificate of Compliance, which expires on December 31, 2023. That motion was seconded by Mr. Poole and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Horseshoe Entertainment, L.P. d/b/a Horseshoe Bossier City Casino & Hotel – R010800198. After presentation by Venise Johnson, Assistant Attorney General (“AAG”), Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division, and Moriah Reed of American Vessel Services, LLC, it was moved by Mr. Avant to approve a Certificate of Compliance, which expires on December 31, 2023. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Premier Entertainment Shreveport, LLC d/b/a Bally’s Shreveport Casino & Hotel – No. R013600005. After presentation by Daniel Bosch, Assistant Attorney General (“AAG”), Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division, and Moriah Reed of American Vessel Services, LLC, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve a Certificate of Compliance, which expires on December 31, 2023. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the of Joint Petition of Approval of Transfer of Membership Interest and Relocation of Gaming Operations of Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership d/b/a DiamondJacks Casino & Resort (No. R010800195) and Foundation Gaming. After presentation by Lisha Landry, Assistant Attorney General, (“AAG”), Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division, Evie Ficklin, Louisiana State Police, and Michael Daniel, Louisiana State Police. A presentation was provided by Janet Boles, Greg Goeta, Les McMakin, and Don Mitchel. After all presentations, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve the transfer of membership interest and relocation. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered Petitions to Amend Voluntary Procurement Goals filed by the following and a Presentation by the Louisiana Casino Association in relation to the Petitions:

1. PNK (Baton Rouge) Partnership d/b/a L’Auberge Casino & Hotel Baton Rouge – No. R011000801
2. PNK (Lake Charles), LLC d/b/a L’Auberge Lake Charles – No. R011001707
3. Bossier Casino Venture, LLC d/b/a Margaritaville Resort Casino – No. R011000841
4. PNK (Bossier City) d/b/a Boomtown Bossier City – No. R016500701
5. Louisiana-I Gaming, A Louisiana Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Boomtown New Orleans – No. R012600196
6. Belle of Orleans, LLC d/b/a Amelia Belle Casino – No. R013600020
7. Treasure Chest Casino, LLC d/b/a Treasure Chest Casino – No. R012600098
8. Premier Entertainment Shreveport, LLC d/b/a Bally’s Shreveport Casino & Hotel [f/k/a Eldorado Shreveport] – No. R013600005
9. Red River Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC d/b/a Sam’s Town Hotel and Casino – No. R016500097
10. Horseshoe Entertainment, L.P. d/b/a Horseshoe Bossier City – No. R010800198
11. Catfish Queen, LLC d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge – No. R011700009
12. Louisiana Casino Cruises, Inc. d/b/a Hollywood Casino Baton Rouge – No. R011700193

Wade Duty from the Louisiana Casino Association gave a presentation. It was moved by Ms. Berry that the procurement goals be amended. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the Transfer of Interest in the Little Capitol of Louisiana, Inc. d/b/a Little Capitol Exxon – No. 5000503933. After presentation by Earl Pitre, AAG, and Criminal Investigator Glenn Verett, it was moved by Ms. Traylor to approve the transfer of interest. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the adoption of amendment to LAC 42:XI.2411 (Regulatory, Communication, and Reporting Responsibilities) and the consideration of adoption of amendment to LAC 42:XI.2413 (Devices). After presentation by Charlie Picou, AAG, it was moved by Ms. Hamilton-Aker to adopt these amendments and seconded by Mr. Poole.

The Board then considered the settlement of Apple Gaming, LLC d/b/a Apple Gaming – No. 2600616692. After presentation by Daniel Bosch, AAG, it was moved by Mr. Avant to approve the settlement. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis.

The Board next considered the appeal of Flanagan’s Pub, Inc., d/b/a Voodoo Lounge – No. 3601114917. Venice Johnson, AAG, presented on behalf of the Attorney General’s Office and Mr. Andrew Allen was present on behalf of Voodoo Lounge. After presentations, Ms. Lewis made a motion to affirm the hearing officer’s decision. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry.

A motion was made by Ms. Hamilton-Aker to go into executive session. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson. A motion was made by Ms. Hamilton-Aker to come out of executive session and that motion was seconded by Ms. Berry.

Once back in session, a motion was made that EXC 2217 be ordered to be seen by a certified addiction specialist or certified gambling specialist and remanded the case back to the hearing officer to make a determination once the specialist gave a recommendation. The motion was made by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Ms. Lewis.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Lewis. That motion was unanimously approved by the Board.