

Transcript of the Testimony of
**2025 Louisiana Gaming Control Board
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1	STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD JANUARY 16, 2025 BOARD MEETING This Louisiana Gaming Control Board Meeting was taken by Anna Coates, a Certified Court Reporter in and for the State of Louisiana, at the Louisiana State Capitol, House Committee Room 6, 900 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 16th day of January, 2025.	2	1 APPEARANCES: 2 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HEBERT 3 MS. FARIDA HERNANDEZ 4 MS. KATHRYN BECNEL 5 MR. CLAUDE JACKSON 6 MR. NICHOLAS LANGLEY 7 MS. JULIE LEWIS 8 MR. LAMAR POOLE, JR. 9 MS. FRANCESCA HAMILTON-ACKER 10 Mr. RONALD SHOLES 11 MS. ASHLEY TRAYLOR 12 CAPTAIN JONAS MARTIN 13 MR. JARROD CONIGLIO 14 MS. HIMEL 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 REPORTED BY: ANNA COATES, CCR, RPR
3	1 PROCEEDINGS 2 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 3 Good morning and happy new year, 4 everyone. I'd like to call to order the 5 meeting of Louisiana Gaming Control Board for 6 Thursday, January 16th, 2025. 7 Ms. Hernandez, would you call roll. 8 MS. HERNANDEZ: 9 Chairman Hebert. 10 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 11 Here. 12 MS. HERNANDEZ: 13 Ms. Becnel. 14 MS. BECNEL: 15 Here. 16 MS. HERNANDEZ: 17 Mr. Jackson. 18 MR. JACKSON: 19 Here. 20 MS. HERNANDEZ: 21 Mr. Langley. 22 MR. LANGLEY: 23 Here. 24 MS. HERNANDEZ: 25 Ms. Lewis.	4	1 MS. LEWIS: 2 Here. 3 MS. HERNANDEZ: 4 Mr. Poole. 5 MR. POOLE: 6 Here. 7 MS. HERNANDEZ: 8 Ms. Hamilton-Acker. 9 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER: 10 Here. 11 MS. HERNANDEZ: 12 Mr. Sholes. 13 MR. SHOLES: 14 Here. 15 MS. HERNANDEZ: 16 Ms. Traylor. 17 MS. TRAYLOR: 18 Here. 19 MS. HERNANDEZ: 20 Colonel Hodges. 21 CAPTAIN MARTIN: 22 Captain Jonas Martin on behalf of 23 Colonel Hodges. 24 MS. HERNANDEZ: 25 And Secretary Nelson.

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1 MR. CONIGLIO:
 2 Jarrod Coniglio here for Secretary
 3 Nelson.
 4 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 5 Thank you, Ms. Hernandez. We do have a
 6 quorum. And, Members, thank you for being
 7 here this morning.
 8 Just a few housekeeping matters
 9 regarding any testimony today: We'd ask that
 10 any witness please state your name for the
 11 record and speak into the microphone;
 12 additionally, we'd ask that all members and
 13 those in the audience please silence your
 14 cellphones. And if you need to receive a
 15 phonecall, please step out of the room; then
 16 finally, no eating or drinking is allowed by
 17 audience members in the room.
 18 Ladies and gentlemen, at this time, we
 19 will have our public comment period. And if
 20 anyone would like to comment on any agenda
 21 item before the Board today, now is the time
 22 to come forward.
 23 Okay. Seeing none, we will now move on
 24 to Item III, which is the Approval Of Our
 25 Minutes. I would ask for a motion to waive

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1 December 31, 2024, the state collected
 2 \$183.3 million in fees for fiscal year
 3 '24-'25.
 4 Page 2 shows the riverboat revenue
 5 broken down by regional market. The overall
 6 decrease from November was .1 percent.
 7 Compared to last December, this month's
 8 revenues represent a decrease of
 9 \$6.4 million, or 4 percent.
 10 Next is a summary of the December 2024
 11 gaming activity for Caesars New Orleans,
 12 found on page 3: Caesars generated
 13 \$25,367,815 in gross gaming revenue. These
 14 revenues represent a decrease from last month
 15 of \$1.3 million, or 5 percent, but an
 16 increase of 2.6 percent from the same month
 17 last year. During December, the state
 18 received \$5,520,548 in minimum daily
 19 payments.
 20 Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal year
 21 '24-'25 to date are almost \$127 million, an
 22 increase of \$5.7 million, or 5 percent, from
 23 fiscal year '23-'24. As of December 31,
 24 2024, the state collected \$32.8 million in
 25 fees for fiscal year '24-'25.

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1 the reading and approval of the minutes for
 2 December 19, 2024.
 3 MS. BECNEL:
 4 Move.
 5 MR. POOLE:
 6 Seconded.
 7 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 8 It's been moved by Ms. Becnel and
 9 seconded by Mr. Poole.
 10 Is there any opposition?
 11 Seeing none, that motion carries.
 12 We will now move on to Item IV on our
 13 agenda, our Revenue Reports.
 14 Good morning, Ms. Jackson.
 15 MS. JACKSON:
 16 Good morning, Chairman Hebert, Board
 17 Members. My name is Donna Jackson with
 18 Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit Section.
 19 In December, the 14 operating riverboats
 20 generated adjusted gross receipts of
 21 \$151,712,228. The state collected fees
 22 totaling \$32,618,129. Adjusted gross
 23 receipts for fiscal year '24-'25 to date are
 24 \$852.7 million, a slight decrease of
 25 .1 percent from fiscal year '23-'24. As of

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1 Next I will present the revenues for
 2 slots at the racetracks: During December,
 3 the four racetrack facilities combined
 4 generated adjusted gross receipts of
 5 \$26,374,600, a slight decrease of .5 percent
 6 from the previous month, and a decrease of
 7 \$1.3 million, or 4.7 percent, when compared
 8 to the same month last year. During
 9 December, the state collected \$4 million in
 10 state fees.
 11 Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal year
 12 '24-'25 to date are \$152.8 million, a
 13 1 percent increase from fiscal year '23-'24.
 14 As of December 31, 2024, the state has
 15 collected \$23 million in fees for fiscal year
 16 '24-'25.
 17 I will now move to video gaming
 18 information: There are 11,887 video gaming
 19 devices activated at 1,394 locations. Net
 20 device revenue for December 2024 was
 21 \$63,719,703, an increase of \$971,000, or
 22 1.5 percent, when compared to November 2024,
 23 but a slight decrease of .1 percent when
 24 compared to last December. Total franchise
 25 fees for December totaled \$19.3 million.



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1 Fiscal year to date net device revenue
 2 is \$369 million, an increase of \$2.6 million,
 3 or .7 percent, when compared to last fiscal
 4 year. As of December 31, 2024, the state has
 5 collected \$112 million in franchise fees for
 6 fiscal year '24-'25.
 7 Next I will present the December revenue
 8 for sportsbook: During December, the retail
 9 sportsbooks accepted approximately
 10 \$28.4 million in sports wagers, resulting in
 11 a net loss of \$452,000, and \$53,000 in state
 12 taxes. The mobile sportsbooks accepted
 13 \$362 million in sports wagers, resulting in
 14 net proceeds of approximately \$35 million,
 15 and \$6.4 million in taxes paid to the state.
 16 Finally, for Daily Fantasy Sports, gross
 17 revenues for December were \$2.4 million, with
 18 net revenue of \$286,000, and taxes of almost
 19 \$23,000.
 20 Are there any questions?
 21 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 22 Board members, are there any questions
 23 for Ms. Jackson?
 24 Thank you.
 25 At this time, we will move on to Item V,

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1 Sam's Town Hotel & Casino's license is
 2 set to expire on March 8th of 2025. Now, the
 3 Division has reviewed the financials of the
 4 Licensee and completed suitability
 5 investigation of Licensee's current companies
 6 and its principals.
 7 At this time, Ms. Hotard and
 8 Investigator Perkins will provide the
 9 response to the Board. And then following
 10 their presentation, if it is the Board's
 11 pleasure to renew the riverboat license held
 12 by Red River Entertainment of Shreveport,
 13 LLC, doing business as Sam's Town Hotel &
 14 Casino, a resolution has been prepared for
 15 the Board's adoption of Sam's Casino.
 16 MS. HOTARD:
 17 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and Board
 18 Members. My name is Lisa Hotard with
 19 Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit Section.
 20 Red River Entertainment of Shreveport,
 21 LLC, doing business as Sam's Town Hotel &
 22 Casino, seeks a 5-year renewal of its
 23 riverboat gaming license. Boyd Gaming
 24 Corporation (Boyd) is the ultimate parent of
 25 Sam's Town through its direct subsidiary,

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1 Casino Gaming Issues. First up is the
 2 consideration of the renewal application for
 3 Red River Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC,
 4 doing business as Sam's Town Hotel & Casino.
 5 Good morning, and please identify
 6 yourself for the record.
 7 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JACKSON:
 8 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and Board
 9 Members. I'm Assistant Attorney General
 10 Quintele Jackson, appearing in the matter of
 11 the renewal application for the riverboat
 12 gaming license held by Red River
 13 Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC, doing
 14 business as Sam's Town Hotel & Casino,
 15 located in Shreveport, Louisiana. Appearing
 16 with me today is Ms. Lisa Hotard from
 17 Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit Section,
 18 Investigator Rodney Perkins of the Gaming
 19 Enforcement Division.
 20 As the Board is well aware, riverboat
 21 gaming licenses are issued for a 5-year term
 22 and pursuant to the Revised Statute 27:75A.
 23 The Board is required to act upon any renewal
 24 application no later than 30 days prior to
 25 the expiration of the current license.

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1 Boyd Louisiana Racing, LLC.
 2 Since commencing gaming operations on
 3 April 18, 1994, Sam's Town has generated
 4 approximately \$3.4 billion in gaming revenues
 5 and paid \$701.3 million in state gaming fees.
 6 In addition, for the years 2019 through 2023
 7 and the first 11 months of 2024, the casino
 8 paid approximately \$13.9 million to the City
 9 of Shreveport, which is allocated to various
 10 city and parish funds.
 11 The riverboat casino competes with the
 12 racino and the five other riverboats
 13 currently in operation in the
 14 Shreveport/Bossier City gaming market.
 15 During the past 5 years, Sam's Town generated
 16 approximately \$196.6 million in adjusted
 17 gross revenue.
 18 For the years 2019 to 2024, Sam's Town
 19 invested approximately \$16.7 million in
 20 enhancements to the property and is committed
 21 to investing in additional improvements to
 22 the property over the next 5 years, as shown
 23 on page 7 of Audit's report.
 24 In conclusion, no financial issues came
 25 to our attention to preclude the Board from

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1 approving Sam's Town's riverboat gaming
 2 license for a period of 5 years, effective
 3 March 8th, 2025.
 4 Licensing will now present their
 5 findings.
 6 INVESTIGATOR PERKINS:
 7 Good morning, Chairman Hebert, Members
 8 of the Board. I'm Criminal Investigator
 9 Rodney Perkins with Louisiana State Police,
 10 Gaming Enforcement Division.
 11 On September 26, 2024, Red River
 12 Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC, doing
 13 business as Sam's Town Hotel & Casino,
 14 submitted its 5-year renewal application to
 15 the Louisiana State Police, Gaming
 16 Enforcement Division.
 17 In accordance with the rules and
 18 regulations of the Gaming Enforcement
 19 Division, a background investigation was
 20 conducted on Red River Entertainment of
 21 Shreveport, LLC, affiliated entities,
 22 officers, directors, key individuals, and
 23 persons with 5 percent or more ownership or
 24 economic interest in the Licensee.
 25 Background investigation consisted of

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1 Boyd has continued to be a great
 2 corporate citizen for Louisiana, as they just
 3 talked about the investment they made. And,
 4 as you know, what we've done in New Orleans,
 5 we continue to do it at Amelia Belle and our
 6 racetracks, as well. And I want to thank the
 7 attorney general's office, the Division, and
 8 all of y'all for making this happen. Y'all
 9 have worked diligently, as you always do.
 10 But on our application, a special thanks.
 11 With me today is Vince Schwartz. He's
 12 the Senior Regional Vice President for Boyd
 13 Gaming. And he's here to answer any
 14 questions and give you a little update on the
 15 property in Shreveport.
 16 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 17 Good morning, Mr. Schwartz.
 18 MR. SCHWARTZ:
 19 Good morning, Chairman Hebert, Members
 20 of the Board. I'm Vincent Schwartz with Boyd
 21 Gaming. I handle the Louisiana region for
 22 Boyd. I'm pleased to be before you here
 23 today for the consideration of the renewal of
 24 Sam's Town's license. I'll likely see you
 25 next month. We have the Amelia Belle coming

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1 inquiries to federal, state, and local law
 2 enforcement agencies, civil jurisdictions,
 3 gaming regulatory agencies, Louisiana
 4 Department of Revenue, and computerized
 5 criminal history database.
 6 Based on this investigation, no
 7 information was found that would preclude the
 8 Board from approving the license renewal of
 9 Red River Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC,
 10 doing business as Sam's Town Hotel & Casino.
 11 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 12 Board Members, do we have any questions
 13 of the Attorney General's Office or State
 14 Police?
 15 Okay. At this time, we will hear from
 16 representatives of the Licensee. Thank you.
 17 Good morning. Please identify
 18 yourselves for the record.
 19 MS. BOLES:
 20 Good morning. I'm Janet Boles, and I'm
 21 the proud representative of Board of Gaming
 22 in the State of Louisiana. Boyd holds five
 23 licenses; three riverboats and two
 24 racetracks. We're here today for Sam's Town
 25 in Shreveport for a 5-year renewal.

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1 up, as well as the Treasure Chest in the
 2 following month.
 3 And we do appreciate the effort that
 4 goes into this exercise from the state
 5 police, the AG's office, and the audit
 6 section. It's a lengthy process and very
 7 involved. It takes a lot to finally get
 8 here. So we do appreciate that effort.
 9 And things are going pretty well at the
 10 property. As you heard, we've invested some
 11 capital over the last few years. It's often
 12 some of the stuff that's more maintenance
 13 related and not into some of the exciting
 14 stuff that we get to do periodically, but the
 15 property is doing well.
 16 We had a good year in 2024, performed
 17 very well, and we're pleased with that. And
 18 we have some plans for the future. Nothing
 19 really to announce just yet, but we're doing
 20 some homework on a couple of projects and
 21 hopefully have something to share in the
 22 future, but we're just preparing for the
 23 additional competition that's going to be in
 24 our market shortly, additional capacity, and
 25 getting the property ready to compete.



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1 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 2 Okay. Thank you, Mr. Schwartz.
 3 Board Members, do we have any questions
 4 for Mr. Schwartz or Ms. Boles?
 5 Okay, Mr. Sholes.
 6 MR. SHOLES:
 7 Are there any employees of this property
 8 who make less than \$15 an hour?
 9 MR. SCHWARTZ:
 10 There are some people in tip positions
 11 that start at less than \$15 an hour.
 12 MR. SHOLES:
 13 When those moneys are pooled, do they
 14 come up to 15?
 15 MR. SCHWARTZ:
 16 If you average the tipped employees
 17 there, they make upwards of \$18 an hour.
 18 MR. SHOLES:
 19 I'm going to have the same question next
 20 month.
 21 MR. SCHWARTZ:
 22 I understand. You've asked me that
 23 question before, too.
 24 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 25 Any other questions, Board Members?

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1 Okay. If not, I will entertain a motion
 2 to adopt the resolution.
 3 MR. JACKSON:
 4 Motion to approve.
 5 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 6 Been moved by Mr. Jackson.
 7 MS. LEWIS:
 8 Second.
 9 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 10 Seconded by Ms. Lewis.
 11 All right. Ms. Landry, will you please
 12 read the resolution into the record.
 13 MS. LANDRY:
 14 On the 16th day of January 2025, the
 15 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a duly
 16 noticed public meeting, consider the license
 17 renewal application of Red River
 18 Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC, doing
 19 business as Sam's Town Hotel & Casino. And
 20 upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board
 21 adopted the following resolution:
 22 Be it resolved that the riverboat casino
 23 license of Red River Entertainment of
 24 Shreveport, LLC, doing business as Sam's Town
 25 Hotel & Casino, be renewed for a term of 5

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1 years, commencing March 8th, 2025, subject to
 2 all conditions previously placed on the
 3 license.
 4 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
 5 Louisiana, this 16th day of January 2025.
 6 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 7 Ms. Hernandez, will you please call
 8 roll.
 9 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 10 Ms. Becnel.
 11 MS. BECNEL:
 12 Yes.
 13 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 14 Mr. Jackson.
 15 MR. JACKSON:
 16 Yes.
 17 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 18 Mr. Langley.
 19 MR. LANGLEY:
 20 Yes.
 21 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 22 Ms. Lewis.
 23 MS. LEWIS:
 24 Yes.
 25 MS. HERNANDEZ:

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1 Mr. Poole.
 2 MR. POOLE:
 3 Yes.
 4 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 5 Ms. Hamilton-Acker.
 6 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:
 7 Yes.
 8 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 9 Mr. Sholes.
 10 MR. SHOLES:
 11 Yes.
 12 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 13 Ms. Traylor.
 14 MS. TRAYLOR:
 15 Yes.
 16 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 17 And, Chairman Hebert.
 18 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 19 Yes.
 20 That motion carries, and the license is
 21 renewed. Thank you.
 22 MR. SCHWARTZ:
 23 Thank you very much. I do appreciate
 24 it.
 25 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:



21	<p>1 Okay. Our next item is Item B, The</p> <p>2 Consideration of Approval of the Responsible</p> <p>3 Gaming Program for Louisiana Riverboat Gaming</p> <p>4 Company, LLC, doing business as Live! Casino</p> <p>5 & Hotel Louisiana.</p> <p>6 Good morning. Please identify</p> <p>7 yourselves for the record.</p> <p>8 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McINTYRE:</p> <p>9 Good morning. I'm Assistant Attorney</p> <p>10 General Talibah McIntyre.</p> <p>11 In 2001, the Louisiana Legislature</p> <p>12 passed the Uniform Compulsive Gaming Act.</p> <p>13 Pursuant to that enactment, the Louisiana</p> <p>14 Gaming Control Board adopted Rules 301</p> <p>15 through 304 to aid in the development of a</p> <p>16 statewide uniform compulsive gaming program.</p> <p>17 The Louisiana Revised Statute 27:27.1A</p> <p>18 provides in part that it's imperative for the</p> <p>19 health and safety and welfare of the citizens</p> <p>20 of the State of Louisiana that all gaming</p> <p>21 licensees develop and implement</p> <p>22 comprehensive, compulsive, and problem</p> <p>23 gambling programs to be approved by the</p> <p>24 Board.</p> <p>25 Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Company, LLC,</p>	22	<p>1 doing business as Live! Casino & Hotel</p> <p>2 Louisiana has requested the Board's approval</p> <p>3 of their responsible gaming program. The</p> <p>4 proposed program was reviewed by our office,</p> <p>5 the Louisiana Office of State Police, Gaming</p> <p>6 Enforcement Division, and by Don Pledger, the</p> <p>7 executive director of the Louisiana</p> <p>8 Association on Compulsive Gambling. The</p> <p>9 Licensee made all the revisions recommended</p> <p>10 by these agencies, and the program complies</p> <p>11 with all applicable laws and requirements.</p> <p>12 If it is the Board's pleasure to approve</p> <p>13 the licensee's program, a resolution has been</p> <p>14 drafted for your consideration.</p> <p>15 MR. BARBIN:</p> <p>16 Good morning, Board Members. I'm Jeff</p> <p>17 Barbin, representing the Live! property,</p> <p>18 which, as you know, is slate to open next</p> <p>19 month and is the subject of the next item on</p> <p>20 the agenda. So this is our new responsible</p> <p>21 gaming program.</p> <p>22 As Mr. McIntyre said, we worked</p> <p>23 extensively with Don Pledger at the Louisiana</p> <p>24 Association of Compulsive Gambling and with</p> <p>25 the staff of the state police and the AG's</p>
23	<p>1 office to come up with a plan that we feel</p> <p>2 works for this property. So we're asking for</p> <p>3 your approval of that plan before the casino</p> <p>4 opens. Happy to answer any questions you</p> <p>5 have.</p> <p>6 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p> <p>7 Board Members, any questions for the</p> <p>8 AG's office or Mr. Barbin?</p> <p>9 If not, I will entertain a motion to</p> <p>10 adopt the resolution.</p> <p>11 MR. LANGLEY:</p> <p>12 Move.</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p> <p>14 Moved by Mr. Langley.</p> <p>15 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:</p> <p>16 Second.</p> <p>17 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p> <p>18 Seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker.</p> <p>19 At this time, Ms. Landry, would you</p> <p>20 please read the resolution into the record.</p> <p>21 MS. LANDRY:</p> <p>22 On the 16th day of January 2025, the</p> <p>23 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a duly</p> <p>24 noticed public meeting, consider the issue of</p> <p>25 Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Company, LLC,</p>	24	<p>1 doing business as Live! Casino & Hotel</p> <p>2 Louisiana's request for approval of its</p> <p>3 Responsible Gaming Program as required by</p> <p>4 Louisiana Revised Statute 27:27.1. And upon</p> <p>5 motion duly made and seconded, the Board</p> <p>6 adopted the following resolution:</p> <p>7 Be it resolved that Louisiana Riverboat</p> <p>8 Gaming Company, LLC, doing business as Live!</p> <p>9 Casino & Hotel Louisiana's Responsible Gaming</p> <p>10 Program be and is hereby approved.</p> <p>11 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,</p> <p>12 Louisiana this 16th day of January 2025.</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p> <p>14 Ms. Hernandez, will you please call</p> <p>15 roll.</p> <p>16 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>17 Ms. Becnel.</p> <p>18 MS. BECNEL:</p> <p>19 Yes.</p> <p>20 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>21 Mr. Jackson.</p> <p>22 MR. JACKSON:</p> <p>23 Yes.</p> <p>24 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>25 Mr. Langley.</p>

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

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1 Yes.
 2 The motion carries, and the Responsible
 3 Gaming Program is approved. Thank you.
 4 We will now move on to Item C, the
 5 Petition of Louisiana Riverboat Gaming
 6 Company, LLC for approval to open Live!
 7 Casino & Hotel Louisiana.
 8 Good morning.
 9 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HOUSTON:
 10 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and Board
 11 Members. I'm Assistant Attorney General
 12 Delancey Houston.
 13 LIEUTENANT SMITH:
 14 I'm Lieutenant Michael Smith with
 15 Louisiana State Police. I'm the field office
 16 lieutenant for Bossier City field office.
 17 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HOUSTON:
 18 And we are here today to present Live!
 19 Casino & Hotel Louisiana's request to open
 20 their riverboat gaming landside facility.
 21 The Licensee is owned by LRGC Gaming, and its
 22 licensed berth site is located in Bossier
 23 City, Louisiana.
 24 The Board previously approved the
 25 Licensee's request to construct and relocate

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1 its gaming operations to a 90,000 square foot
 2 landside facility, which includes
 3 approximately 45,000 square feet of gaming
 4 floor within 1,200 feet of its licensed
 5 berth. The Licensee desires to commence
 6 gaming operations in its landside facility on
 7 February 13, 2025.
 8 Before the Licensee can commence gaming
 9 operations at its landside facility, the
 10 Board must determine that the landside
 11 facility and approved project, including all
 12 non-gaming amenities, are substantially
 13 complete, issue the Licensee a riverboat
 14 gaming landside facility certificate of
 15 compliance to operate, and grant the Licensee
 16 approval to commence gaming operations on its
 17 requested date.
 18 The previously approved non-gaming
 19 amenities include: A hotel with a minimum of
 20 405 rooms; a sports wagering lounge; a
 21 ballroom or event center totaling a minimum
 22 of 25,000 square feet capable of hosting live
 23 entertainment and with meeting space; a
 24 minimum of three food and beverage outlets
 25 with a total minimum seating capacity of 450;

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1 a minimum of one retail outlet selling
 2 sundries and other retail items; and a
 3 fitness center and outdoor pool complex.
 4 All non-gaming amenities, except the
 5 pool, will be completed by February 13, 2025.
 6 The Licensee is seeking Board's approval
 7 to waive the completion of the outdoor pool
 8 complex prior to commencing gaming
 9 operations. The Licensee stated in their
 10 petition the outdoor pool complex will be
 11 complete on or before June 20, 2025; however,
 12 due to unforeseen circumstances, the outdoor
 13 pool complex will not be completed by then.
 14 A proposed resolution extends the completion
 15 date to the original construction completion
 16 date of December 15, 2025, for the outdoor
 17 pool complex.
 18 Representatives from the Licensee are
 19 present today to provide the Board with
 20 additional information surrounding the
 21 outdoor pool complex.
 22 Due to the fact that the pool will not
 23 be completed by the proposed opening date,
 24 the Board may either: Deny the waiver and
 25 deny a determination of substantial



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1 completion until the outdoor pool complex is
 2 completed and ready for use, which would
 3 postpone the commencement of gaming until
 4 December 15, 2025, or until the pool is
 5 complete; or approve the timeline for
 6 completion and amend the Licensee's
 7 conditions to allow the Chairman to determine
 8 substantial completion and for the Licensee
 9 to commence gaming operations prior to the
 10 completion of the outdoor pool complex.
 11 In order for the Board to determine
 12 substantial completion, in addition to the
 13 completion of construction and non-gaming
 14 amenities, the Board must receive the
 15 following:
 16 An inspection report from the Office of
 17 State Fire Marshal; a certificate of
 18 substantial completion from the approved
 19 project's architect; a certificate of
 20 occupancy from the City of Bossier; all other
 21 required local and state permits; and a
 22 written recommendation from the Division of
 23 substantial completion of the landside
 24 facility.
 25 It is anticipated that the certificates

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1 facility. Barring unforeseen circumstances,
 2 said recommendation will occur as early as
 3 February 12th, or as late as February 13,
 4 2025. If the unforeseen circumstances occur
 5 that prevent the Division from being able to
 6 recommend substantial completion, it will not
 7 be able to commence gaming operations as
 8 planned on the evening of February 13, 2025.
 9 Gaming law requires landside facilities
 10 to be inspected prior to commencement of
 11 gaming operations annually and as requested
 12 by the Board and requires a licensee to hold
 13 a Board-issued certificate of compliance.
 14 The State Fire Marshal is authorized to
 15 inspect the riverboat landside facilities
 16 seeking a license or a certificate of
 17 compliance from the Board.
 18 The Division has not received the Office
 19 of State Fire Marshal's inspection report for
 20 the Licensee's landside facility. The
 21 inspection report is required before the
 22 Board can issue a certificate of compliance
 23 to ensure that there are no apparent
 24 deficiencies or cautionary codes cited and
 25 that the COC may be issued.

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1 and recommendations will be granted before
 2 the February 13, 2025 opening date. As they
 3 are outstanding, the Board cannot determine
 4 substantial completion at this time, but may
 5 allow the Chairman to accept any outstanding
 6 documents on the Board's behalf in order to
 7 determine substantial completion for the
 8 Licensee's landside facility.
 9 As it relates to commencement of gaming
 10 operations under the administrative rules, a
 11 licensee cannot commence gaming operations at
 12 a landside facility, and the Division cannot
 13 recommend a determination of substantial
 14 completion until the Division determines that
 15 all necessary staffing, training, security
 16 and surveillance, technical, accounting, and
 17 internal controls are acceptable.
 18 The pre-operative inspection includes,
 19 but is not limited to:
 20 The review of all required permits and
 21 licenses; a review and approval of all
 22 security and surveillance plans; a mock
 23 opening at the facility; and other items.
 24 The Division has regular meetings with
 25 the Licensee and routinely inspects the

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1 Given that the Division's pre-operative
 2 inspection is ongoing and certain required
 3 documents remain outstanding, it is
 4 recommended that the certificate of
 5 compliance of the landside facility be issued
 6 at the time that the Division provides
 7 written confirmation of substantial
 8 completion of the landside facility for the
 9 opening date.
 10 In its petition, the Licensee requested
 11 the Board grant the Chairman the authority to
 12 issue approvals necessary for the Licensee to
 13 officially commence gaming operations. The
 14 Board may authorize the Chairman to determine
 15 substantial completion and approval to
 16 commence gaming operations subject to further
 17 inspection and approval by the Division.
 18 If necessary, the Division will notify
 19 the Chairman of any issues or deficiencies
 20 that occurred during the mock opening and/or
 21 the official opening date that would require
 22 the Licensee to cease gaming operations at
 23 its landside facility until such time as the
 24 issues or deficiencies have been corrected to
 25 the satisfaction of the Division.



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1 Please note that the Licensee's
 2 statement of conditions and indemnity and
 3 hold harmless agreement have been updated to
 4 reflect the operation of Riverboat Gaming's
 5 landside facility. The Licensee and LRG
 6 Gaming will have to execute these documents
 7 prior to commencement of gaming operations at
 8 its facility.

9 If it is the Board's pleasure to amend
 10 the Licensee's conditions and grant the
 11 Chairman all necessary authority related to
 12 commencement of gaming operations in the
 13 landside facility, a resolution has been
 14 prepared for the Board's consideration.

15 If there's no questions for me or
 16 Lieutenant Michael Smith, we will now turn it
 17 over to the representatives from the Licensee
 18 for presentation to the Board.

19 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 20 Thank you.

21 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HOUSTON:
 22 Thank you.

23 MR. BARBIN:
 24 Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Board
 25 Members. I'm Jeff Barbin, representing

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1 salary compensation. We're very active in
 2 the community. I'll review that, also, later
 3 on in the slides. We are definitely in
 4 excess of the 270 million plus investment in
 5 the community, 1,000 slot machines, 40 table
 6 games. We committed, and we delivered. We
 7 went through every single one and exceeded in
 8 some instances, with the exception of hotel.
 9 550 rooms was the proposal. With some of the
 10 reconfiguration of the suites, we ended up
 11 with 549 rooms.

12 I also have a brief video to show you.
 13 This is as of Monday at the casino:
 14 (VIDEO PLAYING)

15 So if I was to take that video today,
 16 which is only three days after we did this
 17 video, you'll see a substantially changed
 18 property, also. It doesn't change by the
 19 day; it changes by the hour there. It's an
 20 amazing transformation of the property.

21 As we go through -- can I get the
 22 presentation brought back up? There we go.

23 I just want to talk about where we're at
 24 employment-wise. As of this Monday, we have
 25 122 active team members actually working on

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1 Cordish Gaming Companies and Live! Louisiana.
 2 To my left is John Chaszar, who's the general
 3 manager of the facility. And to my right is
 4 Mark Stewart, who is the executive vice
 5 president and general counsel for Cordish
 6 Companies. And also in the audience is Joe
 7 Billheimer, who's the chief operating officer
 8 of Cordish Gaming. I'm going to turn it over
 9 to John for a presentation.

10 MR. CHASZAR:
 11 Good morning, Chairman, Board Members.

12 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 13 Good morning.

14 MR. CHASZAR:
 15 It's a pleasure to be here. Four weeks
 16 from today, we open. I have a short brief
 17 presentation if you don't mind. And I
 18 apologize, some of the formatting changed
 19 when we put it up on the computer.

20 A couple of years ago, I wasn't here,
 21 but the folks behind me were here making
 22 commitments to this Board. We committed to
 23 create over 400 new jobs. You'll see on one
 24 of our last slides, you'll see we're well in
 25 excess of 400 jobs, \$55,000 average annual

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1 the property right now. Those statistics
 2 are: 93 percent are Louisiana residents. In
 3 parenthesis is our statement conditions. So
 4 we're in excess of the 75 percent condition;
 5 we have 47 percent of those individuals are
 6 minority, and 24.3 is our statement;
 7 46 percent are female, which is also 24.3.

8 We have an additional 507 team members
 9 that have accepted positions and will onboard
 10 in the next two weeks. So we have our work
 11 cut out from a training standpoint. So it's
 12 pretty exciting. It's something that's near
 13 and dear to my heart, the team members. So
 14 it's an exciting process.

15 I just want to talk about Live! in the
 16 community. We're not open yet, but for the
 17 last six months, we've been very active in
 18 the community. We've held two huge job
 19 fairs. The first one had 1,400 applicants.
 20 We were doing job interviews on the spot.
 21 Then we had one just recently that had over
 22 600 applicants, that focused mostly on
 23 security and food and beverage employees. We
 24 offered 183 people positions on the spot. We
 25 have another job fair next week for the



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1 culinary area.
 2 We sponsored a local artist competition.
 3 We selected 12 pieces of local art that will
 4 be displayed permanently in our pre-function
 5 area. You saw a little clip of that in the
 6 presentation. We are sponsors of the
 7 Independence Bowl. So we've been very,
 8 very -- we're very active in The Food Pantry.
 9 We've been very, very active in the community
 10 up to this point, and that will only
 11 accelerate once we open.
 12 I want to thank you very much for
 13 considering us. It's getting exciting. Any
 14 questions?
 15 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 16 Board Members, do y'all have any
 17 questions of representatives from Live! or
 18 for state police or the AG's office?
 19 Okay, Judge Sholes.
 20 MR. SHOLES:
 21 On your food and beverage program, are
 22 y'all running that in-house, or are you
 23 contracting it out with others?
 24 MR. CHASZAR:
 25 100 percent in-house.

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1 excellence during this entire process.
 2 Finally, Major Albright, who couldn't be
 3 here with us this morning because he has a
 4 meeting in preparation for the Superbowl, to
 5 Lieutenant Michael Smith and the Shreveport
 6 field office, that entire team, and to the
 7 record e-mail, and everyone at the AG's
 8 office who's been involved from the
 9 regulatory side, on behalf of the Board, I'd
 10 like to give y'all my sincere thanks for all
 11 of the hard work that's gone in to getting to
 12 this point today.
 13 Board members, at this time, I will
 14 entertain a motion to adopt the resolution.
 15 MR. JACKSON:
 16 So moved.
 17 MS. LEWIS:
 18 Second.
 19 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 20 It's moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by
 21 Ms. Lewis.
 22 Ms. Landry, would you please read that
 23 resolution into the record.
 24 MS. LANDRY:
 25 On the 16th day of January 2025, the

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1 MR. SHOLES:
 2 Thank you.
 3 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 4 Any other questions from Board Members?
 5 Thank you, gentlemen.
 6 Board Members, I'd like to note for the
 7 record that State Representative Steven
 8 Jackson from District 2 sent to the Board
 9 office yesterday a letter in support of the
 10 approval of the petition this morning. I
 11 believe a copy has been distributed to all of
 12 you. The letter applauds the Cordish Company
 13 for the significant capital investment to the
 14 local community and genuine commitment to the
 15 local community. Representative Jackson
 16 asked to have this letter included into the
 17 official record. So we are going to do that.
 18 Additionally, as this project moves
 19 along, I've personally made trips to Bossier
 20 at several stages of this project, many times
 21 alongside members of the AG's office and
 22 state police, most recently with colleagues,
 23 Ms. Lewis and Mr. Jackson. I must first
 24 commend the Cordish Group for its spirit of
 25 cooperation, transparency, and commitment to

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1 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a duly
 2 noticed public meeting, consider the petition
 3 of Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Company, LLC
 4 for approval to open Live! Casino & Hotel
 5 Louisiana filed by Louisiana Riverboat Gaming
 6 Company, LLC, doing business as Live! Casino
 7 & Hotel Louisiana. And upon motion duly made
 8 and seconded, the Board adopted this
 9 resolution:
 10 Whereas, on December 15, 2022, the Board
 11 approved the Licensee's request to relocate
 12 its gaming operations to a newly constructed
 13 riverboat gaming landside facility to be
 14 included as part of the approved project;
 15 Whereas, the Licensee desires to
 16 commence gaming operations in its landside
 17 facility on February 13th, 2025;
 18 Whereas, the Louisiana State Police,
 19 Gaming Enforcement Division's preoperative
 20 inspection of the landside facility and
 21 approved project is ongoing;
 22 Whereas, certain documents and reports
 23 needed for the Board to determine substantial
 24 completion of the Licensee's landside
 25 facility and approval to commence gaming



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1 operations in the landside facility remain
 2 outstanding;

3 And, whereas, the Licensee seeks a
 4 temporary waiver of the completion of one of
 5 its non-gaming amenities, the outdoor pool
 6 complex, set forth in Condition Number 6 of
 7 the statement of conditions to the riverboat
 8 gaming license, as it relates to the approved
 9 project.

10 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the
 11 Chairman is hereby authorized to accept the
 12 certificate of substantial completion and
 13 readiness for occupancy and use submitted by
 14 the architect for the approved project; the
 15 certificate of occupancy; the inspection
 16 report issued by the Louisiana Office of
 17 State Fire Marshal; all other required state
 18 and local permits for the Licensee's landside
 19 facility, for which issuance shall be
 20 confirmed by the Division; and any other
 21 required documents related or incidental to
 22 the substantial completion and commencement
 23 of gaming at the landside facility.

24 Be it further resolved that the Chairman
 25 is hereby authorized to determine substantial

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1 completion of the approved project in
 2 accordance with the Licensee's statement of
 3 conditions, and to eliminate the requirement
 4 for work-in-progress reports on the
 5 construction for the approved project on
 6 behalf of the Board.

7 Be it further resolved that the Chairman
 8 is hereby authorized to issue a riverboat
 9 gaming landside facility certificate of
 10 compliance based on the recommendation of the
 11 Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal and
 12 written confirmation of substantial
 13 completion from the Division on behalf of the
 14 Board.

15 Be it further resolved that the Chairman
 16 is hereby authorized to approve the
 17 Licensee's request to commence gaming
 18 operations at its landside facility subject
 19 to the recommendation of the Division for
 20 such and the determination of substantial
 21 completion of the approved project on behalf
 22 of the Board.

23 Be it further resolved that upon
 24 recommendation of the Division, the Chairman
 25 is hereby authorized to order the Licensee to

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1 cease gaming operations in order to correct
 2 any issues or deficiencies that may arise
 3 After the opening of the landside facility
 4 until such time as said issues or
 5 deficiencies have been corrected and
 6 determine satisfactory by the Division, and
 7 to issue an order allowing the recommencement
 8 of gaming operations in accordance with the
 9 Division's determination and recommendation
 10 for such.

11 Be it further resolved that the
 12 Licensee's request to waive the completion of
 13 the non-gaming amenity outdoor pool complex,
 14 set forth in Condition Number 6 of the
 15 statement of conditions, until December 15,
 16 2025 is hereby approved.

17 Be it further resolved that Condition 6
 18 of the Licensee's statement of conditions is
 19 hereby modified and replaced with the
 20 following:

21 Number 6, to offer the kind, amount, and
 22 scope of non-gaming activities on the
 23 riverboat and support facilities, and all
 24 other amenities as approved by the Louisiana
 25 Gaming Control Board, which shall include:

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1 A hotel with a minimum of 405 rooms; a
 2 sports wagering lounge; a ballroom with
 3 meeting space totaling a minimum of 25,000
 4 square feet, capable of hosting live
 5 entertainment and with meeting space; a
 6 minimum of three food and beverage outlets
 7 with a total minimum seating capacity of 450;
 8 a minimum of one retail outlet selling
 9 sundries and other retail items; a fitness
 10 facility; and an outdoor pool complex to be
 11 completed on or by December 15, 2025,
 12 referred herein as the "Approved Project."

13 Failure to meet the above deadline or to
 14 receive an extension may result in forfeiture
 15 of all privileges of the Licensee.

16 Be it further resolved that the Chairman
 17 is hereby authorized to grant any other
 18 related and/or incidental approvals necessary
 19 for the Licensee's commencement of gaming
 20 operations at the landside facility.

21 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
 22 Louisiana this 16th day of January 2025.
 23 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 24 Ms. Hernandez, will you call roll.
 25 MS. HERNANDEZ:



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1 Ms. Becnel.
 2 MS. BECNEL:
 3 Yes.
 4 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 5 Mr. Jackson.
 6 MR. JACKSON:
 7 Yes.
 8 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 9 Mr. Langley.
 10 MR. LANGLEY:
 11 Yes.
 12 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 13 Ms. Lewis.
 14 MS. LEWIS:
 15 Yes.
 16 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 17 Mr. Poole.
 18 MR. POOLE:
 19 Yes.
 20 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 21 Ms. Hamilton-Acker.
 22 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:
 23 Yes.
 24 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 25 Mr. Sholes.

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1 MR. SHOLES:
 2 Yes.
 3 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 4 Ms. Traylor.
 5 MS. TRAYLOR:
 6 Yes.
 7 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 8 Chairman Hebert.
 9 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 10 Yes.
 11 And the petition to open Live! Casino &
 12 Hotel Louisiana is hereby approved.
 13 Congratulations, gentlemen. Look
 14 forward to seeing you next month.
 15 MR. BARBIN:
 16 Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. And
 17 let me just echo your comments and our
 18 sincere appreciation and gratitude to the
 19 attorney general's office and the state
 20 police for all of their tremendous work.
 21 Thank you.
 22 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 23 Thank you.
 24 Okay. Moving on to Item VI on our
 25 agenda, Rule Making. Today we have

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1 consideration of adoption of amendment to
 2 Louisiana Administrative Code 42:III.2905,
 3 Weapons in Designated Gaming Area.
 4 Good morning.
 5 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL GITS:
 6 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and Board
 7 Members. I'm Assistant Attorney General
 8 Cathryn Gits here in the matter of the rule
 9 of adoption for Item VI A.
 10 At the meeting on September 19, 2024,
 11 the Board voted to institute promulgation
 12 procedures for the rule listed in Item VI.A
 13 on today's agenda. Following this vote, the
 14 attorney general's office caused to be
 15 published in a Louisiana register a notice of
 16 intent for the proposed rule directing all
 17 individuals with questions or concerns to
 18 contact the attorney general's office. No
 19 comments were received during this time in
 20 the manner and method prescribed in Louisiana
 21 Revised Statute Title 49, Section 961A.
 22 As part of the promulgation process,
 23 reports were submitted to the Board's house
 24 and senate oversight committees. The first
 25 report detailed the substance of the proposed

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1 rule, and the second informed the committees
 2 of any questions or concerns voiced by the
 3 public. Following the delivery of the second
 4 report to the committees, they were given 30
 5 days in which to call hearing to satisfy any
 6 concerns they might have. As no hearings
 7 were called, the default action of the
 8 committees following the lapse of the 30-day
 9 period is to approve the proposed rule and
 10 form.
 11 If the Board has no questions, a motion
 12 to adopt the rule and form is needed.
 13 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 14 Any questions from the Board for AG's
 15 office?
 16 Okay. If not, I'll entertain a motion
 17 to adopt the amendment.
 18 MS. LEWIS:
 19 Moved.
 20 MR. POOLE:
 21 Second.
 22 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 23 Moved by Ms. Lewis, seconded by
 24 Mr. Poole.
 25 Is there any discussion?



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1 Any opposition?
 2 Hearing none, that motion carries, and
 3 the amendment is adopted. Thank you.
 4 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL GITS:
 5 Thank you.
 6 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 7 We will now move on to Item Number VII,
 8 Video Gaming Issues. First up is
 9 consideration of the truck stop application
 10 of Bonus Casino, LLC, doing business as Bonus
 11 Casino Number 6000518432.
 12 Good morning.
 13 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McINTYRE:
 14 Good morning, Chairman Hebert, Board
 15 Members. I'm Assistant Attorney General
 16 Talibah McIntyre, appearing in the matter of
 17 the original application of Bonus Casino,
 18 LLC, doing business as Bonus Casino, for a
 19 Type 5 video draw poker gaming license.
 20 The truck stop facility is located in
 21 Webster Parish. Webster P2, LLC, doing
 22 business as Two Jacks Casino, previously
 23 operated the truck stop facility at this
 24 location. On June 15th, 2024, the applicant
 25 leased the property the truck stop is located

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1 participate in the video gaming industry. An
 2 on-site inspection was conducted, and it was
 3 determined that the establishment meets all
 4 criteria set forth in video gaming law as a
 5 qualified truck stop facility.
 6 All required licenses and permits were
 7 posted and valid at the time of inspection.
 8 The establishment consists of 19.61
 9 contiguous acres. The applicant submitted a
 10 video draw poker license application within
 11 36 months of a change of ownership of the
 12 previously licensed truck stop facility that
 13 was held by Webster P2, LLC, doing business
 14 as Two Jacks Casino. Therefore, it is not
 15 subject to the rule that it must be at least
 16 1 mile distance from a school, church,
 17 playground, synagogue, public library,
 18 residence, and buildings on the National
 19 Historic Registry.
 20 I found no information that would
 21 preclude the issuance of a Type 5 video draw
 22 poker license to Bonus Casino, LLC, doing
 23 business as Bonus Casino.
 24 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 25 Okay. Board members, any questions for

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1 on from Minden Travel Plaza, LLC. On
 2 June 17th, 2024, the applicant submitted an
 3 original application for a Type 5 video draw
 4 poker license to the Division for this
 5 location. R&R Gaming, LLC owns the video
 6 draw poker gaming devices located at the
 7 proposed truck stop facility. Gulhamrasool
 8 Rupani is the sole member of R&R Gaming, LLC.
 9 Investigator James Cannon inspected the
 10 truck stop facility and conducted the updated
 11 suitability investigations of the associated
 12 person. He is present this morning to report
 13 his findings to the Board. Following his
 14 presentation, the Board will need a motion
 15 and vote to approve or deny that application
 16 of Bonus Casino, LLC, doing business as Bonus
 17 Casino, for a Type 5 truck stop license.
 18 MASTER TROOPER CANNON:
 19 Good morning, Chairman, and Members of
 20 the Board. I'm Master Trooper James Cannon
 21 with Louisiana State Police, Gaming
 22 Enforcement Division. I did an updated
 23 suitability investigation on Gulhamrasool
 24 Rupani. I did not find any information that
 25 would preclude him from continuing to

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1 state police or the attorney general's
 2 office?
 3 If not, I will entertain a motion to
 4 approve the truck stop application.
 5 MS. BECNEL:
 6 Moved.
 7 MR. SHOLES:
 8 Second.
 9 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 10 Moved by Ms. Becnel, seconded by Judge
 11 Sholes.
 12 Is there any discussion?
 13 Any opposition?
 14 Seeing none, that application is
 15 approved. Thank you.
 16 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McINTYRE:
 17 Thank you.
 18 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 19 Our final agenda item, Item B under
 20 Video Gaming Issues is consideration of a
 21 truck stop application of Superior Gaming,
 22 LLC, doing business as Pelican Cove Casino.
 23 Good morning.
 24 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JACKSON:
 25 Good morning. Once again, Chairman

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1 Hebert and Board Members, I'm Assistant
 2 Attorney General Quintele Jackson, appearing
 3 before the Board in the matter of the
 4 original application of Superior Gaming, LLC,
 5 doing business as Pelican Cove Casino, for a
 6 Type 5 video draw poker gaming license.
 7 The truck stop facility is located in
 8 St. Landry Parish. On September 15th, 2024,
 9 the following events took place: Pilot
 10 Corporation of Tennessee, doing business at
 11 Pilot Travel Center Number 1105 Casino, who
 12 previously operated the video gaming truck
 13 stop at this location, sold its business and
 14 business assets to the applicant. The
 15 applicant leased the immovable property the
 16 truck stop is located on from Pilot Travel
 17 Centers, LLC. Now the applicant currently
 18 holds a Type 6 device on the video draw poker
 19 gaming license and operates the devices at
 20 the truck stop.
 21 Investigator James Cannon inspected the
 22 truck stop facility and conducted updated
 23 suitability investigations of the associated
 24 persons. He is present this morning to
 25 report his findings to the Board.

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1 36 months of a change in ownership of the
 2 previously licensed truck stop that was held
 3 by Pelican Corporation Tennessee, doing
 4 business as Pelican -- I'm sorry, Pilot
 5 Travel Center Number 1105 Casino. Therefore,
 6 it is not subject to the rule that it must be
 7 at least 1 mile distance from a school,
 8 church, playground, synagogue, public
 9 library, residence, and a building on
 10 National Historic Registry.
 11 I found no information that would
 12 preclude the issuance of a Type 5 video draw
 13 poker gaming license to Superior Gaming, LLC,
 14 doing business as Pelican Cove Casino. Thank
 15 you.
 16 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 17 Board members, are there any questions
 18 for the attorney general's office or state
 19 police?
 20 If not, I'll entertain a motion to
 21 approve the truck stop application.
 22 MS. TRAYLOR:
 23 So moved.
 24 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 25 Been moved by Ms. Traylor.

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1 And following his presentation, the
 2 Board will need a motion to vote to approve
 3 or deny the application of Superior Gaming,
 4 LLC, doing business as Pelican Cove Casino,
 5 for the Type 5 video truck stop license.
 6 MASTER TROOPER CANNON:
 7 Again, Chairman, Members of the Board,
 8 I'm Master Trooper James Cannon with
 9 Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement
 10 Division.
 11 I conducted updated suitability
 12 investigations on Gunther Fred Kotzian, Gary
 13 R. Brewer, and Donna C. Brewer. I did not
 14 find any information that would preclude them
 15 from continuing to participate in the video
 16 gaming industry. An on-site inspection was
 17 conducted, and it was determined that the
 18 establishment meets all criteria set forth in
 19 video gaming law as a qualified truck stop
 20 facility.
 21 All required licenses and permits were
 22 posted and valid at the time of the
 23 inspection. The establishment consists of 7
 24 contiguous acres. The applicant submitted a
 25 video draw poker license application within

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1 Got a second?
 2 MS. BECNEL:
 3 Second.
 4 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 5 Seconded by Ms. Becnel.
 6 Is there any discussion?
 7 Any opposition?
 8 Hearing none, that application is
 9 approved.
 10 At this time, I will ask for a motion to
 11 adjourn.
 12 MR. JACKSON:
 13 Motion to adjourn.
 14 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 15 It is moved by Mr. Jackson.
 16 Can I get a second?
 17 MS. BECNEL:
 18 Second.
 19 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 20 Seconded Ms. Becnel.
 21 Is there any opposition?
 22 Hearing none, we are adjourned. Thank
 23 you, and everyone have a great day.
 24 (MEETING CONCLUDED AT 10:49 A.M.)
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