

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of June 20, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board was convened on Thursday, June 20, 2019, 10:00 a.m., in House Committee Room 1 at the Louisiana State Capitol. Present at the meeting were: Ronnie Jones, Chairman, James Singleton, Julie Berry, Elton Lagasse, Harry Avant, Claude Jackson and Lamar Poole. Absent was board members Richard Patrick and Mark Stipe, and ex-officio members Secretary Kimberly Robinson and Colonel Kevin Reeves.

The meeting was called to order. It was moved by Ms. Berry to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the May meeting. That motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and unanimously approved by the Board.

Donna Jackson, State Police Gaming Audit Section, provided revenue reports for the riverboats, slots at the track, landbased casino, and employee numbers for the landbased casino. Jim Bossier, Gaming Audit Section, reported on the video poker statistics.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership d/b/a DiamondJacks Casino & Resort – No. R010800195. After presentation by Lisha Landry, Assistant Attorney General, Gaming Division, and Jeff Boyle, ABSG, and upon recommendation by ABSG, it was moved by Mr. Lagasse, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and unanimously approved by the Board to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Belle of Orleans, LLC d/b/a Amelia Belle Casino – No. R013600020. After presentation by Lisha Landry, Assistant Attorney General, Gaming Division, and Jeff Boyle, ABSG, and upon recommendation by ABSG, it was moved by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Mr. Avant, and unanimously approved by the Board to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

The next item on the agenda was consideration of the petition for “Approval of Transfer of Interests Among Affiliated Entities” by Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership d/b/a DiamondJacks Casino & Resort – No. R010800195. Charmaine Moore, Assistant Attorney General, Gaming Division; Evie Ficklin, State Police Gaming Audit Section; and Michele Aucoin, State Police Gaming Enforcement Division, provided their reports to the board. Brent Stevens, sole managing member of PGPI, parent company of DiamondJacks, and Paul West, local counsel, addressed the board. It was moved by Ms. Berry, seconded by Mr. Poole, and unanimously approved by the Board to adopt the resolution concerning this matter. The resolution is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein.

The Board then considered the following:

1. In Re: Silvy, LLC d/b/a Comet Inn – No. 2600115770

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Lagasse, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the settlement wherein Comet Inn would pay a \$3,000 civil penalty for failure to notify the Division of an expired ATC permit and failure to maintain its ATC permit.

2. In Re: Tork Choun – No. P040054465

It was moved by Mr. Lagasse, seconded by Ms. Berry, and unanimously approved by the Board to grant the Division's rehearing request. On the merits of the Division's appeal, it was moved by Mr. Lagasse and seconded by Ms. Berry to reverse the Hearing Officer's decision and revoke Mr. Choun's gaming permit. The motion was approved by a vote of 6 in favor and 1 opposed.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Mr. Lagasse, and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn.