

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of October 24, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board was convened on Thursday, October 24, 2019, 10:00 a.m., in House Committee Room 6 at the Louisiana State Capitol. Present at the meeting were: Ronnie Jones, Chairman, Harry Avant, Claude Jackson, Elton Lagasse, Julie Lewis, James Singleton, and Mark Stipe. Absent were board members Julie Berry and Lamar Poole and ex-officio members Secretary Kimberly Robinson and Colonel Kevin Reeves.

The meeting was called to order. It was moved by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Mr. Lagasse, and unanimously approved by the Board to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the September 19th Board meeting.

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

The Board then considered the requests for amendment to the Responsible and Problem Gaming Programs of three licensees: Catfish Queen Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge, No. R001700009; PNK (Lake Charles), LLC d/b/a L'Auberge Lake Charles, No. R011001707; and Eldorado Casino Shreveport Joint Venture d/b/a Eldorado Resort Casino Shreveport, No. R013600005. Suzanne Bourgeois, AAG, gave an overview of the requests. Representatives of the licensees explained their changes and were available to answer questions. Ms. Lewis moved to approve the request of Belle of Baton Rouge. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved. Mr. Avant moved to approve the request of L'Auberge Lake Charles. That motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and unanimously approved. Mr. Jackson moved to approve the request of Eldorado Casino. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously approved.

The next item on the agenda was the renewal application for the riverboat gaming license of Horseshoe Entertainment, L.P. d/b/a Horseshoe Bossier City Casino & Hotel, No. R010800198. Lisha Landry, AAG, Trnessia Ware, State Police Gaming Audit Section, and State Police Investigator Riley Blackwelder addressed the Board. It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Stipe, and unanimously approved by the Board to adopt the resolution to renew the license for 5 years commencing on November 22, 2019.

The Board then considered the renewal application for the riverboat gaming license of PNK (Bossier City), LLC d/b/a Boomtown Bossier City, No. R016500701. Lisha Landry, AAG, Patricia Bell, State Police Gaming Audit Section, and Trooper 1st Class Joseph Hall addressed the Board. It was moved by Mr. Avant, seconded by Mr. Singleton, and unanimously approved by the Board to adopt the resolution to renew the license for 5 years commencing on November 22, 2019.

The Board then considered the renewal application for the riverboat gaming license of Louisiana riverboat Gaming Partnership d/b/a DiamondJacks Casino & Resort, No. R010800195. Jeremy Gathe, AAG, Trnessia Ware, State Police Gaming Audit Section, and State Police Investigative Specialist Michelle Aucoin addressed the Board. It was moved by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and unanimously approved by the Board to adopt the resolution to renew the license for 5 years commencing on November 28, 2019.

The next items on the agenda were four settlements and an appeal. The Board considered the following:

1. Antoine E. Lehmann – No. P040042139
It was moved by Mr. Stipe, seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the settlement wherein the permittee would pay a civil penalty of \$250 for failure to timely notify the Division of an arrest.
2. Leslie M. Rosato – No. P040047819
It was moved by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Mr. Lagasse, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the settlement wherein the permittee would pay a civil penalty of \$250 for failure to timely notify the Division of an arrest.
3. Luizza's Restaurant & Bar, Inc. d/b/a Luizza's Restaurant & Bar – No. 3601205280
It was moved by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Mr. Lagasse, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the settlement wherein the licensee would pay a civil penalty of \$500 for failure to timely notify the Division of a change of ownership.
4. A & S Ventures, Inc. d/b/a Rendezvous – No. 3601113866
It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Lewis, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the settlement where the licensee would pay a civil penalty of \$5,000 for failure to timely notify of an arrest and plea, failure to timely notify of change in officers, and of allowing an unsuitable person to receive gaming proceeds.
5. Lashonda R. Taylor – No. P040033135
It was moved by Chairman Jones, seconded by Mr. Singleton, and unanimously approved by the Board to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision revoking the permittee's non-key gaming employee permit.

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