

Transcript of the Testimony of

**LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD  
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DECEMBER 18, 2023 BOARD MEETING

This Louisiana Gaming Control Board Meeting was taken by Belinda K. Amerson, a Certified Court Reporter in and for the State of Louisiana, at the Louisiana State Capitol, House Committee Room 5, 900 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on the 18th day of December, 2023.



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APPEARANCES :

CHAIRMAN RONNIE S. JOHNS

MS. HOOD

MS. HERNANDEZ

JULIE G. BERRY

MAJOR MCNEILL

FRANCESCA L. HAMILTON-ACKER

CLAUDE D. JACKSON

JULIE A. LEWIS

LAMAR O. POOLE, JR.

KATRINA EMERY

RONALD J. SHOLES

ASHLEY ANDERSON TRAYLOR

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CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

I'd like to call to order the Louisiana Gaming Control Board meeting of December the 18th of 2023.

Ms. Hernandez, would you call the roll, please?

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Chairman Johns.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Mr. Avant.

MR. AVANT:

(No response.)

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Ms. Berry.

MS. BERRY:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Mr. Jackson.

MR. JACKSON:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Ms. Lewis.

MS. LEWIS:

1                   Here.  
2           MS. HERNANDEZ:  
3                   Mr. Poole.  
4           MR. POOLE:  
5                   Here.  
6           MS. HERNANDEZ:  
7                   Ms. Hamilton-Acker.  
8           MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:  
9                   Here.  
10          MS. HERNANDEZ:  
11                  Mr. Sholes.  
12          MR. SHOLES:  
13                  Here.  
14          MS. HERNANDEZ:  
15                  Ms. Traylor.  
16          MS. TRAYLOR:  
17                  Here.  
18          MS. HERNANDEZ:  
19                  Colonel Davis.  
20          MAJOR MCNEILL:  
21                  Major McNeill for Corneal Davis.  
22          MS. HERNANDEZ:  
23                  And Secretary Richard.  
24          MS. EMERY:  
25                  Katrina Emery for Secretary Richard.

1 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

2 Thank you, Ms. Hernandez.

3 We do have a quorum. So ladies and  
4 gentlemen, this is the time of the gaming  
5 control board meeting for anyone who would  
6 like to make a public comment for anything  
7 on our agenda today.

8 If anyone has a public comment,  
9 please come forward.

10 Okay. Seeing none, we have no  
11 public comments.

12 Members, before you, you have the  
13 minutes from the November 16th, 2023  
14 meeting. I would entertain a motion to  
15 waive that reading and approve those  
16 minutes.

17 Ms. Berry has made that motion. Mr.  
18 Poole has seconded that motion. Is there  
19 any objection to that motion?

20 Hearing none, that motion carries.

21 Okay. Moving into our revenue  
22 reports, Ms. Jackson. Good morning. The  
23 real Santa Claus, bringing us all of these  
24 good numbers. Good morning.

25 MS. JACKSON:

1 Good morning, Chairman Johns, Board  
2 Members. My name is Donna Jackson with  
3 the Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit  
4 Section.

5 In November, the 14 operating  
6 riverboats generated adjusted gross  
7 receipts of \$140,545,518. The state  
8 collected fees totaling \$30,217,286.  
9 Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal year  
10 '23-'24 to date are \$695 million, a slight  
11 increase or \$1.3 million or .2% from  
12 fiscal year '22-'23.

13 As of November 30th, 2023, the state  
14 collected \$149.5 million in fees for  
15 fiscal year '23-'24. Page 2 shows the  
16 riverboat revenue broken down by regional  
17 market.

18 The overall increase from October  
19 was \$8 million or 6%. Compared to last  
20 November, this month's revenues represent  
21 an increase of \$5 million or 3.8%.

22 Next is a summary of the November  
23 2023 gaming activity for Harrah's New  
24 Orleans found on page 3. Harrah's  
25 generated \$20,783,578 in gross gaming

1 revenue.

2 These revenues represent an increase  
3 from last month of \$1 million or 5.8%, but  
4 a decrease of \$2.5 million or 11% from the  
5 same month last year.

6 During November, the state received  
7 \$5,327,869 in minimum daily payments.

8 The adjusted gross receipts for  
9 fiscal year '23-'24 to date are \$96.5  
10 million, a decrease of \$14 million or 13%  
11 from fiscal year '22-'23.

12 As of November 30th, 2023, the state  
13 collected \$27 million in fees for fiscal  
14 year '23-'24.

15 Next I'll present the revenues for  
16 slots at the Racetracks. During November,  
17 the four racetrack facilities combined  
18 generated adjusted gross receipts of  
19 \$23,794,229, an increase of \$1.4 million  
20 or 6.4% from last month, with a slight  
21 increase of 1.5% when compared to the same  
22 month last year.

23 During November, the state collected  
24 \$3.6 million in fees. Adjusted gross  
25 receipts for fiscal year '23-'24 to date



1 are \$123.8 million, a decrease \$5.5  
2 million or 4% for fiscal year '22-'23.

3 As of November 30th, 2023, the state  
4 has collected approximately \$18.8 million  
5 in fees for fiscal year '23-'24.

6 I will now move on to the video  
7 gaming information.

8 There are 11,885 video gaming  
9 devices activated at 1,392 locations. Net  
10 device revenue for November 2023 was  
11 \$60,224,153, an increase of \$863,986 or  
12 1.5% when compared to October 2023 with a  
13 decrease of \$1.4 million or 2.3% when  
14 compared to last November. Total  
15 franchise fees for November 2023 totalled  
16 \$18.3 million.

17 Fiscal year to date net device  
18 revenue is \$302.8 million, a decrease of  
19 \$15.2 million or 4.8% when compared to  
20 last fiscal ear.

21 As of November 30th, 2023, the state  
22 has collected \$91.8 million in franchise  
23 fees for fiscal year 2024.

24 Next, I'll present the November  
25 revenue for Sportsbook.

1                   During November, the 18 retail  
2 sportbooks accepted \$33.5 million in  
3 sports wagers, resulting in net proceeds  
4 of \$1.3 million, and \$158,879 in state  
5 taxes.

6                   One new mobile sportsbook operator,  
7 Bet365, commenced operation in Louisiana  
8 during November. Total mobile sports  
9 wagers written during November were \$322.9  
10 million, which resulted in net proceeds of  
11 \$18 million and \$3 million in taxes paid  
12 to the state.

13                   Finally, for Daily Fantasy Sports,  
14 gross revenues for November were \$1.4  
15 million, with net revenue of approximately  
16 \$156,000 and taxes of \$12,500.

17                   Are there any questions?

18 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

19                   Okay. Members, any questions for  
20 Ms. Jackson? Any questions?

21                   So, Ms. Jackson, it looks like once  
22 again sportsbook has exceeded our  
23 expectations and have a new record month,  
24 I think; am I correct?

25 MS. JACKSON:

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For the wagers.  
CHAIRMAN JOHNS:  
For the wagers. For the wagers.  
MS. JACKSON:  
Right. Correct.  
CHAIRMAN JOHNS:  
But the win -- the actual win ratio was -- was down significantly from the month before, which creates less tax dollars for the state.  
MS. JACKSON:  
Yes.  
CHAIRMAN JOHNS:  
But the wagering numbers were up significantly.  
Okay. Ms. Jackson, thank you very much for all of your work this past year. 2023 was a great year. We appreciate your professionalism and thank you so much.  
MS. JACKSON:  
Thank you.  
CHAIRMAN JOHNS:  
Okay. Members, we're going to move into our casino gaming issues. First on the agenda today is the consideration of a

1 certificate of compliance for the  
2 alternate riverboat inspection of Premier  
3 Entertainment Shreveport, LLC, doing  
4 business as Bally's Shreveport Casino &  
5 Hotel.

6 Good morning.

7 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL NATHAN:

8 Good morning, Chairman Johns and  
9 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney  
10 General Andrea Nathan, and with me is  
11 Moriah Reed of AVS.

12 We are here in the matter of the  
13 issuance of the certificate of compliance  
14 for Premier Entertainment Shreveport, LLC,  
15 doing business as Bally's Shreveport  
16 Casino & Hotel.

17 On October 18th, 2023, AVS began the  
18 inspection process for the approval of  
19 Bally's Shreveport Casino & Hotel's  
20 certificate of compliance.

21 The inspection process was completed  
22 on November 21st, 2023, and Ms. Reed will  
23 provide the details of AVS's inspection.

24 MS. REED:

25 Good morning, Chairman Johns and

1 Board Members. I'm Moriah Reed with  
2 American Vessel Services. And here is the  
3 report on the annual certification for  
4 Bally's Casino in Shreveport.

5 The inspector's people and I did on  
6 October 18th of 2023 attend the riverboat  
7 Hollywood Dreams to conduct the annual  
8 inspection in accordance with the  
9 Louisiana Alternative Inspection Program.

10 We have reviewed fire protection  
11 measures, egress routes, observed  
12 emergency lighting, tested the emergency  
13 generator, inspected the mooring system  
14 and conducted a fire drill as well as  
15 other required life safety items.

16 There were two deficiencies as noted  
17 on page 7 of the annual survey report.  
18 And a follow-up supplemental report was  
19 prepared on November 21st of 2023, and all  
20 outstanding items are now considered  
21 satisfactory as outlined in that  
22 supplemental survey.

23 The 2023 annual survey is required  
24 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board is  
25 now complete and the casino vessel

1 Hollywood Dreams is considered fit to  
2 continue its intended service and dockside  
3 gaming in the state of Louisiana.

4 It is the recommendation of AVS that  
5 the vessel, the Hollywood Dreams at the  
6 Bally's Shreveport Casino be issued the  
7 certificate of compliance for 2023.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Okay. Any questions for the ladies  
10 at the table?

11 So Bally's is good to go?

12 MS. REED:

13 Yes, sir.

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

15 All right. Okay. Members, I would  
16 entertain a motion to issue a certificate  
17 of compliance, which will expire December  
18 the 31st of 2024.

19 Ms. Hamilton-Acker has made a  
20 motion. Ms. Traylor has seconded that  
21 motion. Is there any opposition to that  
22 motion?

23 Hearing none, that motion carries.

24 So thank you Bally's for your  
25 cooperation. We greatly appreciate that.

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL NATHAN:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

We now move into item B,  
consideration of a certificate of  
compliance for the riverboat inspection of  
a gaming vessel -- gaming vessel of PNK  
Bossier City, doing business as Boomtown  
Bossier City.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHNSON:

Good morning, Chairman Johns and  
Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney  
General Venise Johnson, with me is Ms.  
Moriah Reed of AVS. We are here in the  
matter of the issuance of a certificate of  
compliance from Boomtown Bossier City. On  
October 25th, 2023, AVS began the  
inspection process for the approval of the  
Boomtown Bossier City certificate of  
compliance. Ms. Moriah Reed will now  
provide the details of the AVS inspection.

MS. REED:

Good morning, Chairman Johns and  
Board Members. I'm Moriah Reed with  
American Vessel Services. I'm here to

1 report on the annual certification for the  
2 Mary Surprise Casino at the Boomtown  
3 Bossier Casino.

4 The inspectors people who then came  
5 and did on October 25th, 2023 attend Mary  
6 Surprise to conduct an annual inspection  
7 in accordance with the Louisiana  
8 Alternative Inspection Program.

9 They reviewed fire protection  
10 measures, egress routes, tested the  
11 emergency lighting, tested the emergency  
12 generator, inspected the mooring system  
13 and conducted a fire drill as well as  
14 other required life safety items.

15 The deficiencies are noted on pages  
16 6 and 7 of your report. The property  
17 provided documentation to AVS to verify  
18 that the deficiencies of the annual survey  
19 have been corrected. A supplemental  
20 survey was then provided to the board on  
21 December 6 that indicates all deficiencies  
22 have been satisfied and are now considered  
23 closed. The satisfied deficiencies can be  
24 found on page 2 of the supplemental  
25 survey.



1           The 2023 annual survey as required  
2           by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board is  
3           now complete and the casino vessel Mary  
4           Surprise is considered fit to continue its  
5           intended service as a dockside gaming  
6           riverboat in the state of Louisiana.

7           It is the recommendation of AVS that  
8           the Mary Surprise at the Boomtown Casino  
9           Bossier be issued the certificate of  
10          compliance for 2023.

11         ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHNSON:

12                 We now present these findings to the  
13                 board and request that upon the Board  
14                 accepting a report submitted by AVS we  
15                 would move with the issuance of compliance  
16                 to Boomtown Bossier City, which expires on  
17                 December 31st, 2024.

18         CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

19                 Okay. Any questions from the board?  
20                 Hearing none, I would entertain a motion  
21                 to issue a certificate of compliance for  
22                 Boomtown Bossier City, which will expire  
23                 December the 31st of 2024.

24                 And Mr. Jackson has made that  
25                 motion. Ms. Lewis has seconded that

1 motion.

2 Is there any opposition to that  
3 motion?

4 Hearing none, that motion carries.  
5 And thank you, Ms. Johnson.

6 Item C will be the consideration of  
7 a certificate of compliance for the  
8 riverboat inspection of the gaming vessel  
9 Louisiana I Gaming, a partnership doing  
10 business as Boomtown New Orleans.

11 Good morning.

12 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HOUSTON:

13 Good morning, Chairman Johns and  
14 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney  
15 General Delancey Houston, and with me  
16 today is Moriah Reed from AVS.

17 We are here in the matter of the  
18 issuance of a certificate of compliance to  
19 Boomtown Casino, which is located in  
20 Harvey, Louisiana.

21 On August 16th, 2023, AVS began the  
22 inspection process for the approval of  
23 Boomtown Casino's annual certificate of  
24 compliance. A temporary certificate of  
25 compliance was issued to Boomtown Casino

1 due to their request for additional time  
2 to repair -- due to repairs taking longer  
3 than anticipated.

4 Ms. Moriah Reed will now provide the  
5 details on AVS's inspection.

6 MS. REED:

7 Good morning, Chairman and Board  
8 Members. I'm Moriah Reed with American  
9 Vessel Services, and I'm here to report on  
10 the annual certification for CV Boomtown  
11 Belle II at the Boomtown Casino New  
12 Orleans property in Harvey, Louisiana.

13 The inspectors people and I did on  
14 August 16th of 2023 attend the riverboat  
15 Boomtown Belle II to conduct an annual  
16 inspection in accordance with Louisiana  
17 Alternative Inspection Program.

18 Follow-up inspections were conducted  
19 in October and November and as a result  
20 the property requested extensions, which  
21 the board approved.

22 On December 7th another follow-up  
23 survey was done and three deficiencies  
24 remained. These deficiencies are noted on  
25 page 2 of the supplemental survey dated

1 December 11 in your package.

2 However, as of yesterday, all of  
3 these deficiencies are cleared and  
4 considered satisfactory.

5 On Friday, December 15th, I received  
6 a letter from Priority Systems confirming  
7 that the work on the fire alarm control  
8 panel is complete and it's functioning  
9 properly.

10 In addition, the sprinkler system is  
11 reported clear. This cleared up  
12 deficiencies No. 19 and 20.

13 In regards to deficiency No. 21, I  
14 have inspected the required repair and  
15 proper repairs have been made.

16 A report documenting these items as  
17 satisfactory will be returned to the board  
18 as soon as possible.

19 With these deficiencies cleared, the  
20 2023 annual survey as required by the  
21 Louisiana Gaming Control Board is now  
22 complete and the Boomtown Belle II is  
23 considered fit to continue its intended  
24 service as a dockside gaming riverboat in  
25 the state of Louisiana.

1           It is the recommendation of the AVS  
2           that the Boomtown Belle Casino be issued  
3           the certificate of compliance for 2023.

4           ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HOUSTON:

5           We now present these findings to the  
6           board and request that upon the board  
7           accepting the report submitted by AVS, you  
8           will move for the issuance of a  
9           certificate of compliance to Boomtown  
10          Casino, which will expire on December  
11          31st, 2024.

12          CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

13                 Okay. Thank you very much, ladies.

14                 So, Members, in your packet, your  
15                 original package you received there was an  
16                 ask for a temporary certificate, which  
17                 would have been January 31st, 2024, but  
18                 Boomtown has made some special efforts,  
19                 and thank you Boomtown New Orleans for  
20                 making those efforts to get that  
21                 completed.

22                 So is there any questions for the  
23                 ladies at the table?

24                 Hearing none, I would then ask for a  
25                 motion to issue a certificate of

1 compliance, which will expire on January  
2 the 31st of 2024 for Boomtown New Orleans.

3 So Judge Sholes has made that  
4 motion. Ms. Hamilton-Acker has seconded  
5 that motion.

6 Is there any opposition to that  
7 motion?

8 Hearing none, the motion carries.

9 Okay. Again, Boomtown, thank you  
10 again for that special effort to make that  
11 happen. I appreciate it.

12 Okay. Members, moving along, we  
13 have the consideration of a certificate of  
14 compliance for the riverboat inspection of  
15 the gaming vessel of Golden Nugget Lake  
16 Charles, LLC, doing business as Golden  
17 Nugget.

18 Good morning.

19 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JACKSON:

20 Good morning, Chairman Johns and  
21 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney  
22 General Quintele Jackson here on behalf of  
23 the Division, with me is Ms. Reed of AVS.  
24 And we're here today in the matter of the  
25 issuance of the certificate of compliance

1 of Golden Nugget Lake Charles, LLC.

2 On October 10th and 11th of this  
3 year, AVS conducted an inspection of the  
4 dockside vessel, and on November 2nd of  
5 this year, AVS conducted a follow-up  
6 inspection.

7 Ms. Reed will now provide the  
8 details of those inspections.

9 MS. REED:

10 Good morning, Chairman Johns and  
11 Board Members. I'm Moriah Reed with  
12 American Vessel Services. I'm here to  
13 report on the annual certification for the  
14 Golden Nugget Casino in Lake Charles.

15 The inspectors people and Jeff Boil  
16 did on October 10th and 11th of 2023  
17 attend the permanent casino platform of  
18 the Golden Nugget to conduct the annual  
19 inspection in accordance with the  
20 Louisiana Alternative Inspection Program.

21 The inspectors reviewed fire  
22 protection measures, egress routes,  
23 observed emergency lighting, tested the  
24 emergency generator, inspected the mooring  
25 system and conducted a fire drill as well

1 as other required life safety items.

2 There were two deficiencies as noted  
3 on pages 8 and 9 of the annual survey  
4 report.

5 The follow-up supplemental report  
6 was prepared on November 15th of 2023, and  
7 all outstanding items are now considered  
8 satisfactory.

9 The 2023 annual survey as required  
10 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board is  
11 now complete and Golden Nugget is  
12 considered fit to continue it's intended  
13 service as a dockside gaming riverboat in  
14 the state of Louisiana.

15 It is the recommendation of AVS that  
16 the permanently moored casino platform the  
17 Golden Nugget be issued a certificate of  
18 compliance for 2023.

19 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JACKSON:

20 We now present these items to the  
21 board and request that upon the board's  
22 acceptance of this report submitted by  
23 AVS, the Board will move for the issuance  
24 of Golden Nugget Lake Charles, LLC's  
25 certificate of compliance, which will



1 expire December the 31st of 2024.

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

3 Okay. Any questions? Any  
4 questions? Okay.

5 Golden Nugget, thank you for your  
6 efforts. I see you're sitting there in  
7 the back of the room, and welcome. And  
8 thank y'all for your compliance. We  
9 greatly appreciate it.

10 Ms. Berry has made a motion that we  
11 issue a certificate of compliance, which  
12 will expire December 31st of 2024 for the  
13 Golden Nugget, and Mr. Poole has seconded  
14 that motion.

15 Is there any opposition?

16 Hearing none, that motion carries.

17 Thank you very much.

18 Thank you, Golden Nugget.

19 Okay. The consideration of a  
20 certificate of compliance for the  
21 riverboat inspection of the gaming vessel  
22 of Red River Entertainment of Shreveport,  
23 LLC, doing business as Sam's Town Hotel &  
24 Casino.

25 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MCINTYRE:

1 Good morning, Chairman Johns and  
2 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney  
3 General Talibah McIntyre, with me is Ms.  
4 Moriah Reed of AVS, and we're here in the  
5 matter of the issuance of a certificate  
6 for compliance for Sam's Town Hotel &  
7 Casino in Shreveport.

8 On October 26th, 2023, AVS began the  
9 inspection process for the approval of  
10 Sam's Town Casino's annual certificate of  
11 compliance. Ms. Reed will now provide the  
12 details on the AVS inspection.

13 MS. REED:

14 Good morning, Chairman Johns and  
15 Board Members. I'm Moriah Reed with  
16 American Vessel Services, and I'm here to  
17 report on the annual certification for the  
18 Sam's Town Casino in Shreveport,  
19 Louisiana.

20 The AVS inspectors people and Ben  
21 Teeman did on October 26th of 2023 attend  
22 the riverboat Shreve Star to conduct the  
23 annual inspection in accordance with the  
24 Louisiana Alternative Inspection Program.

25 They reviewed fire protection

1 measures, egress routes, observed  
2 emergency lighting, tested the emergency  
3 generator, inspected the mooring system  
4 and conducted a fire drill as well as  
5 other required life safety items.

6 In the original annual inspection  
7 report of October 26 of 2023, there were  
8 seven deficiencies as noted on page 6 of  
9 that survey report. Documentation from  
10 the property was then provided to AVS as a  
11 follow-up to the original inspection; and  
12 as such a supplemental survey report was  
13 provided to the board dated November 7th  
14 of 2023. And all deficiencies are now  
15 considered satisfactory.

16 The 2023 annual survey as required  
17 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board is  
18 now complete and the casino vessel Shreve  
19 Star is considered fit to continue its  
20 intended service as a dockside gaming  
21 riverboat in the state of Louisiana.

22 It is the recommendation of AVS that  
23 the Sam's Town Casino be issued the  
24 certificate of compliance for 2023.

25 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MCINTYRE:

1 We now present these findings to the  
2 Board and request that upon the Board  
3 accepting the report submitted by AVS, you  
4 will move for the issuance of Sam's Town  
5 Casino a certificate of compliance, which  
6 expires on December 31st, 2024.

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

8 Okay. Thank you very much.

9 Any questions? Any questions?

10 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

11 Mr. Jackson has moved and seconded  
12 by Ms. Lewis that we issue a certificate  
13 of compliance for Sam's Town Hotel &  
14 Casino, which will expire on December 31st  
15 of 2024.

16 Is there any opposition to that  
17 motion?

18 Hearing none, that motion carries.

19 Sam's Town, I see you in the back of  
20 the room. Thank you very much for your  
21 compliance and work, and we appreciate it  
22 greatly. Thank you. Thank you for being  
23 with us today. Long trip, you get the  
24 travel award today.

25 Members, I think that takes care of

1 all of our gaming vessel certificates, so  
2 we're going to now move into the  
3 submission of the architectural blueprints  
4 and detailed plan of design and  
5 construction for Louisiana Riverboat  
6 Gaming Company, LLC.

7 And I am excited that y'all are  
8 here. So good morning.

9 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LANDRY:

10 Good morning, Chairman Johns and  
11 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney  
12 General Lisha Landry.

13 And I'm Jeff Barbin, and with me  
14 today is Keith Hudolin from the Cordish  
15 Companies, the general counsel.

16 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LANDRY:

17 We're here today in the matter of  
18 the Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Company,  
19 LLC's submission of its architectural  
20 blueprint and detailed plan of design and  
21 construction for its land-side facility.

22 On December 15th, 2022, this Board  
23 considered and approved the licensee's  
24 request to relocate its gaming operation  
25 to a land-side facility within 1200 feet

1 of its licensed berth.

2 Due to the sale of the membership  
3 interest and the licensee to LRGC Gaming  
4 investors, the Board later adopted a  
5 resolution that required the licensee to  
6 submit the full architectural blueprint  
7 and detailed plan of design and  
8 construction for the approved project for  
9 board review and acceptance by December  
10 15th, 2023.

11 The licensee timely submitted its  
12 plans and specs to the board, which is up  
13 for board consideration today.

14 The licensee is subject to a certain  
15 non-gaming amenities contained in  
16 condition No. 6 of the Statement of  
17 Conditions.

18 To be compliant with the Statement  
19 of Conditions, at a minimum the licensee's  
20 approved project must include a hotel with  
21 a minimum of 405 rooms, a sport wagering  
22 lounge, a ballroom or event space totaling  
23 a minimum of 25,000 square feet, capable  
24 of hosting live entertainment and with  
25 meeting space, a minimum of three food and

1 beverage outlets with a total minimum  
2 seating capacity 450, a minimum of one  
3 retail outlet, a fitness center, and an  
4 outdoor pool complex.

5 The Division and Attorney General's  
6 office have reviewed the plans and specs  
7 and confirm that all required elements of  
8 the approved project are present in the  
9 plans and specs.

10 However, on December 14th, 2023, the  
11 licensee filed a petition explaining that  
12 the submitted full plans and specs  
13 included the required non-gaming amenities  
14 contained in the licensee's Statement of  
15 the Conditions which is considered the  
16 base scope, as well as several potential  
17 increased scope projects that exceed what  
18 is required for the approved project under  
19 the Statement of Conditions.

20 The licensee is seeking Board  
21 acceptance for the plans and specs for the  
22 base scope and approval to add one or more  
23 of the increased scope projects as  
24 determined by the licensee throughout the  
25 length of the project.

1           The petition also requests that the  
2           Board grant the Chairman the authority to  
3           accept any change orders for interim  
4           construction, as well as throughout  
5           construction of the land-side facility.

6           According to the licensee, this is  
7           to continue renovations and expedite  
8           completion of the project.

9           The current deadline to submit the  
10          full construction contract for the  
11          approved project for board review and  
12          acceptance is March 15th, 2024.

13          The construction contract for the  
14          approved project must be consistent with  
15          the full plans and specs accepted by the  
16          board.

17          The current deadline for the  
18          licensee to complete construction and  
19          commence gaming operations at the  
20          land-side facility is December 15th, 2025.

21          A resolution has been prepared  
22          accepting the architectural blueprint and  
23          detailed plan of design and construction  
24          presented to the board in the form of the  
25          base scope plans and any potential



1 increased scope project, and also granting  
2 the Chairman the authority to accept the  
3 revised plans and specifications,  
4 supplements and any related change orders  
5 for the approved project on the Board's  
6 behalf until the full construction  
7 contract is submitted to the board for  
8 review and acceptance.

9 The Board is within its authority to  
10 grant the licensee's request placing  
11 whatever limitations on the licensee as  
12 the Board deems fit.

13 Now I'll turn it over to Mr. Barbin  
14 and Mr. Hudolin to explain the licensee's  
15 request in more detail and answer any  
16 questions that the board members may have.  
17 MR. BARBIN:

18 Thank you, Ms. Landry.

19 I'll point out that you have some  
20 colored plans in front of you that  
21 highlight the additional projects. The  
22 base scope is the rest of the -- the  
23 layout that you'll see on the four pages  
24 and the additional projects are  
25 highlighted in yellow. And with that,

1 I'll turn it over to Keith.

2 MR. HUDOLIN:

3 Thank you, Chairman Johns and to the  
4 Board Members. We are very excited to  
5 present these plans and we appreciate the  
6 Board's consideration of the increased  
7 scope of projects.

8 As we are racing to get this project  
9 opened as quickly as possible and to get  
10 the full construction contract before the  
11 Board for consideration. We determined  
12 that there are some things that we really  
13 would like to do as part of this project  
14 that we are just not quite yet in a  
15 position to commit to as we're still  
16 finalizing the design and pricing out the  
17 project.

18 But in the interest of speed and  
19 making sure that, you know, once we're  
20 ready to move forward, we submitted both  
21 the base scope project as well as the  
22 additional projects now for the Board's  
23 review and approval with the hope that we  
24 will be able to move forward with  
25 everything that has been presented.

1 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

2 Okay. Well, Board Members, this  
3 past week Ms. Hood and Mr. Jackson from  
4 the board and myself attended the official  
5 groundbreaking ceremony at the Diamond  
6 Jacks property. I will tell you it was a  
7 first-class event. A lot of excitement in  
8 the city of Bossier. A lot of press  
9 coverage. And we greatly appreciate the  
10 hospitality, but the fact that you're  
11 wanting to move forward very quickly.

12 I know your -- your agreement with  
13 us is to be finished by the end of 2025,  
14 but as some of your higher-ups have told  
15 me, y'all would really like to open a lot  
16 quicker than that, so.

17 MR. HUDOLIN:

18 Absolutely.

19 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

20 And I know when you've got dollars  
21 going out and none coming in, it just  
22 doesn't work too well, does it, for your  
23 bankers.

24 So, Members, do you have any  
25 questions? Any questions?

1 MR. JACKSON:

2 Motion to approve.

3 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

4 We have a resolution, Members, that  
5 Mrs. Hernandez will have to -- to read,  
6 but Mr. Jackson has made a motion to adopt  
7 the following resolution and Ms. Lewis has  
8 seconded that motion.

9 And, Ms. Hernandez, if you'd read  
10 the resolution, please.

11 MS. HERNANDEZ:

12 On the 18th day of December of 2023,  
13 the Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in  
14 a duly noticed public meeting, consider  
15 the petition for approval of plans and  
16 request to grant Chairman authority to  
17 approve additional interim construction  
18 filed by Louisiana Riverboat Gaming  
19 Company and the issue of the licensee's  
20 submission of its architectural blueprints  
21 and detailed plan of design and  
22 construction of the approved project, and  
23 upon motion duly made and seconded, the  
24 Board adopted this resolution.

25 Whereas, on April 4th, 2023, the

1 Board adopted a resolution which required  
2 the licensee to submit full architectural  
3 blueprints and a detailed plan of design  
4 and construction of the approved project  
5 to the Board by December 15th, 2023 and  
6 all necessary contracts for the  
7 construction by March 15th, 2024.

8 Whereas, in accordance with the  
9 April 4th, 2023 resolution, the Board  
10 accepted the licensee's contractor  
11 agreement and general conditions, GMP  
12 Amendment No. 1, and subsequent change  
13 order with Andercorp, LLC for interim  
14 construction on the approved project.

15 Whereas, on December 1st, 2023, the  
16 licensee submitted its full plans and  
17 specs for the approved project for Board  
18 to review and acceptance.

19 Whereas, on December 14th, 2023, the  
20 licensee filed the petition explaining  
21 that the submitted full plans and specs  
22 include the required minimum non-gaming  
23 amenities contained in the licensee's  
24 current Statement of Conditions to the  
25 Riverboat Gaming License, as well as

1 several potential additional non-gaming  
2 amenities. The plans and specs when  
3 limited to the non-gaming amenities  
4 contained in the licensee's current  
5 conditions shall be referred to herein as  
6 the base scope plans.

7 Whereas, in order to continue  
8 renovations and expedite completion of the  
9 approved project, the licensee has  
10 requested the Board grant the Chairman  
11 additional authority to approve change  
12 orders related to interim tasks and  
13 throughout the construction of the  
14 approved project, if and when presented,  
15 including without limitation, change  
16 orders related to the increased scope  
17 projects.

18 Now, therefore, be it resolved that  
19 the architectural blueprints and detailed  
20 plan of design and construction, presented  
21 to the Board in the form of base scope  
22 plans and when including any or all  
23 increased scope projects, submitted for  
24 the approved project as the date of this  
25 resolution be deemed submitted and

1           accepted.

2                   Be it further resolved that the  
3           Chairman is hereby authorized to accept  
4           revised plans and specifications,  
5           supplements, and any change and any  
6           related change orders for the approved  
7           project on the Board's behalf until the  
8           full construction contract is submitted to  
9           the Board for review and acceptance for  
10          which the submission deadline is March  
11          15th, 2024.

12                   All architectural plans and its  
13          specifications and will -- I'm sorry. All  
14          architectural plans and specifications and  
15          related change orders submitted shall  
16          comply with the licensee's Statements of  
17          Conditions to the Riverboat Gaming  
18          License, and all applicable laws and  
19          regulations, including, but not limited  
20          to, environmental, fire and safety codes.

21                   Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,  
22          Louisiana on the 18th day of December  
23          2023.

24          CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

25                   Okay. Thank you, Ms. Hernandez.

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Members, any questions on the resolution? Okay.

Hearing none, we have a motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Lewis to adopt this resolution.

And, Mrs. Hernandez, will you call the roll, please.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Ms. Berry.

MS. BERRY:

Yes.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Mr. Jackson.

MR. JACKSON:

Yes.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Ms. Lewis.

MS. LEWIS:

Yes.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Mr. Poole.

MR. POOLE:

Yes.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Ms. Hamilton-Acker.



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MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

Yes.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Mr. Sholes.

MR. SHOLES:

Yes.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Ms. Traylor.

MS. TRAYLOR:

Yes.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Chairman Johns.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Yes.

So by unanimous vote, this resolution is hereby adopted.

Thank you, Ms. Landry, Mr. Barbin. And, Cordish, thank you very much. Please give our thanks to the Cordish family and to Rob Norton and the entire team for moving forward on this so quickly. And anytime you want to add to the project, we'll surely entertain that motion. Okay.

MR. BARBIN:

Thank you very much.

1 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

2 Have a safe trip home. Thank you  
3 very much for being with us.

4 Okay. We now move into rulemaking.  
5 The consideration of institution of  
6 rulemaking procedures for amendment of LAC  
7 42:III.2714.

8 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHNSON:

9 Good morning again. I'm Assistant  
10 Attorney General Venise Johnson here in  
11 the matter of the rulemaking procedures  
12 for item No. 6A, which is amending the  
13 Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 42,  
14 part 3 2714, the Internal Controls  
15 Procedure.

16 The propositioned rule change allows  
17 licensees and the casino operators to  
18 modernize their processes either automated  
19 or computerized while still complying with  
20 the requirements of the gaming regulations  
21 for approval and its internal controls.

22 The automated or computerized  
23 processes to replace or satisfy the  
24 requirements of chapter 27, which is the  
25 accounting regulations, may be approved or

1 rejected at the discretion of the  
2 Division.

3 Further, the Division shall explain  
4 any rejections and provide the licensee or  
5 casino operator with the opportunity to  
6 amend the processes and resubmit for  
7 approval in accordance with the internal  
8 control review process.

9 Additionally, the subsections below  
10 subsection C will also be layered.

11 If the Board has no questions, a  
12 motion to institute the rulemaking  
13 procedure is needed.

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

15 That's for A and B?

16 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHNSON:

17 That's just for A.

18 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

19 A. Okay.

20 Okay. I think we can do both of  
21 them under one -- under one motion.

22 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHNSON:

23 Okay.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

25 So why don't we present part B also.

1 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHNSON:

2 Okay. Item 16 created Louisiana  
3 Administrative Code, Title 42, part 3,  
4 chapter 5, Open Meetings Accessibility for  
5 the ADA and its sections Louisiana  
6 Administrative Code, Title 42, part 3 501,  
7 LAC 42, part 3 503, LAC 42, part 3 505,  
8 and LAC 42, part 3 507.

9 The proposed rule is being  
10 promulgated to comply with Acts 393 of the  
11 2023 regular legislative session to allow  
12 for the attendance of board meetings via  
13 electronic means and the accommodation and  
14 participation of person of disabilities to  
15 attend the board meetings.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17 Okay. Members, any questions?

18 As I understand, this is basically  
19 in compliance with part B as what the  
20 legislature --

21 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHNSON:

22 Yes, sir. With Act 393.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

24 -- mandates that we do.

25 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHNSON:

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Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Members, I would entertain a motion to adopt the rulemaking procedures of section 6A and B.

MR. JACKSON:

So moved.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Mr. Jackson has made that motion, and Ms. Berry has seconded that motion. Are there any questions?

Is there any opposition to that motion?

Hearing none, that motion carries. Thank you very much.

Okay. We now move into the consideration of proposed settlements, and we do have one appeal on our agenda today. So No. 1 on our agenda will be Tall and Blonde Nightlife, LLC, doing business as Library Riot. It's a settlement.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOLAMI:

Good morning, Chairman Johns, Board Members.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

1 Good morning.

2 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOLAMI:

3 I'm Assistant Attorney General Hafiz  
4 Folami here on the matter of the  
5 settlement of Tall and Blonde Nightlife,  
6 LLC, doing business as Library Riot, which  
7 holds a Type I video draw poker gaming  
8 license.

9 This settlement addresses the late  
10 submission of annual forms and fees that  
11 are required to be submitted to the  
12 Division no less than July 1st of this  
13 year.

14 The licensee did not submit the  
15 annual forms and fees until October 12,  
16 2023, which gave rise to a violation of  
17 gaming law. The civil penalty contained  
18 in this settlement is \$750, which is an  
19 amount that is well established for a  
20 violation of this type.

21 This settlement has been signed by  
22 the hearing officer and is now before the  
23 Board for final approval.

24 I'll be happy to answer any  
25 questions you may have at this time.

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CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Any questions, Members?

Hearing none, I would entertain a motion to accept the settlement for Tall and Blonde Nightlife, LLC, doing business as Library Riot.

Do I have a motion?

Ms. Hamilton-Acker has made a motion. Mr. Sholes has seconded that motion.

Is there any opposition?

Hearing none, that settlement is hereby approved.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOLAMI:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Thank you.

Number 2, Alyco, LLC, doing business as Love's Casino, No. 237.

Good morning.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HOUSTON:

Good morning.

Chairman Johns and Board Members, I'm Assistant Attorney General Delancey Houston here in the matter of a settlement

1 for Alyco, LLC, doing business as: Love's  
2 Casino, No. 237, which holds a Type 5  
3 video draw poker gaming license.

4 This settlement addresses the late  
5 submission of annual forms and fees that  
6 are required to be submitted to the  
7 Division no later than July 1st of each  
8 year.

9 The licensee did not submit their  
10 annual forms and fees until October 6,  
11 2023, which gave rise to a violation of  
12 gaming law.

13 The civil penalty contained in this  
14 settlement is \$1500, which is an amount  
15 that is well established for violations of  
16 this type.

17 The settlement has been approved by  
18 the Division, signed by the licensee, and  
19 the hearing officer and is now before the  
20 Board for final consideration.

21 I would be happy to answer any  
22 questions that you may have at this time.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

24 Any questions, Members?

25 If not, I would entertain a motion



1 to accept the settlement of Alyco, LLC,  
2 doing business as Love's Casino No. 237.

3 Ms. Berry has made that motion. Mr.  
4 Poole has seconded that motion.

5 Is there any objection to that  
6 motion?

7 Hearing none, that motion carries.

8 Thank you.

9 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HOUSTON:

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

12 Number 3, Love's of Louisiana, LLC,  
13 doing business as Love's Casino No. 240.

14 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HOUSTON:

15 Assistant Attorney General Delancey  
16 Houston here in the matter of a settlement  
17 for Love's of LA, LLC, doing business as  
18 Love's Casino No. 240, which holds a Type  
19 5 video draw poker gaming license.

20 This settlement addresses the late  
21 submission of annual forms and fees that  
22 are required to be submitted to the  
23 Division no later than July 1st of each  
24 year.

25 The licensee did not submit the

1 annual forms and fees until October 6th,  
2 2023, which gave rise to a violation of  
3 gaming law.

4 The civil penalty contained in this  
5 settlement is \$1500, which is an amount  
6 that is well established for violations of  
7 this type.

8 The settlement has been approved by  
9 the Division, signed by the licensee and  
10 the hearing officer and is now before the  
11 Board for final consideration.

12 Again, I'd be happy to answer any  
13 questions you may have at this time.

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

15 Okay. Are there any questions,  
16 members?

17 If not, I would entertain a motion  
18 to accept the settlement of Love's of  
19 Louisiana, LLC, doing business as Love's  
20 Casino No. 240.

21 And I need a motion.

22 Ms. Traylor has made that motion.  
23 Ms Lewis has seconded that motion.

24 Is there any opposition to that  
25 motion?

1                   Hearing none, that motion carries.

2                   Okay. Number 4 would be Love's  
3                   Louisiana, LLC, doing business as Love's  
4                   Casino No. 243.

5                   ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HOUSTON:

6                   Assistant Attorney General Delancey  
7                   Houston here in the matter of a settlement  
8                   for Love's of Louisiana, LLC, doing  
9                   business as Love's Casino No. 243, which  
10                  holds a Type 5 video draw poker gaming  
11                  license.

12                  This settlement addresses the late  
13                  submission of annual forms and fees that  
14                  are required to be submitted to the  
15                  Division no later than July 1st of each  
16                  year.

17                  The licensee did not submit their  
18                  annual forms and fees until October 6th of  
19                  2023, which gave rise to a violation of  
20                  gaming law.

21                  The civil penalty contained in this  
22                  settlement is \$1500, which is an amount  
23                  that is well established for violations of  
24                  this type.

25                  The settlement has been approved by

1 the Division, signed by the licensee and  
2 the hearing officer, and is now before the  
3 Board for final consideration.

4 I would be happy to answer any  
5 questions you may have at this time.

6 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

7 Okay. Any questions, Members?

8 If not, I would entertain a motion  
9 to accept the settlement of Love's of  
10 Louisiana, LLC, doing business as Love's  
11 Casino No. 243.

12 Ms. Hamilton-Acker has made that  
13 motion. Mr. Poole has seconded the  
14 motion.

15 Is there any opposition to that  
16 motion?

17 Hearing none, that motion carries.

18 Number 5, Alyco, LLC, doing business  
19 as Love's Travel Stop No. 209.

20 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HOUSTON:

21 Assistant Attorney General Delancey  
22 Houston here in the matter of a settlement  
23 for Alyco, LLC, doing business as Love's  
24 Travel Stop No. 209, which holds a Type 5  
25 video draw poker gaming license.

1           This settlement addresses the late  
2           submission of annual forms and fees that  
3           are required to be submitted to the  
4           Division no later than July 1st of each  
5           year.

6           The licensee did not submit the  
7           annual forms and fees until October 6th,  
8           2023, which gave rise to a violation of  
9           gaming law.

10          The civil penalty contained in this  
11          settlement is \$1500, which is an amount  
12          that is well established for a violation  
13          of this type.

14          This settlement has been approved by  
15          the Division, signed by the licensee and  
16          the hearing officer and is now before the  
17          Board for final consideration.

18          Again, I would be happy to answer  
19          any questions you may have at this time.

20          CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21                 Okay. Any questions, Members?

22                 If not, I would --

23          MR. JACKSON:

24                 Motion to approve.

25          CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

1           -- entertain a motion to approve the  
2 settlement of Alyco, LLC, doing business  
3 as Love's Travel Stop No. 209.

4           Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by  
5 Ms. Lewis.

6           Is there any opposition to that  
7 motion?

8           Hearing none, that motion carries.

9           And our last one will be Alyco, LLC,  
10 doing business as Love's Travel Stop No.  
11 289.

12 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HOUSTON:

13           Assistant Attorney General Delancey  
14 Houston here in the matter of a settlement  
15 for Alyco, LLC, doing business as Love's  
16 Travel Stop No. 289, which currently holds  
17 a Type 5 video draw poker gaming license.

18           This settlement addresses the late  
19 submission of annual forms and fees that  
20 are required to be submitted to the  
21 Division no later than July 1st of each  
22 year.

23           The licensee did not submit the  
24 annual forms and fees until October 6th,  
25 2023, which gave rise to a violation of

1 gaming law.

2 The penalty contained in this  
3 settlement is \$1500, which is an amount  
4 that is well established for violations of  
5 this type.

6 This settlement has been approved by  
7 the Division, signed by the licensee and  
8 the hearing officer and is now before the  
9 Board for final consideration.

10 Again, I'd be happy to answer any  
11 questions you may have at this time.

12 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

13 Okay. Members, is there any  
14 questions?

15 Hearing none, I would entertain a  
16 motion to approve the settlement Alyco,  
17 LLC, doing business as Love's Travel Stop  
18 No. 289.

19 Ms. Berry has made that motion. And  
20 Mr. Jackson has seconded that motion.

21 Is there any opposition to that  
22 motion?

23 Hearing none, that motion carries.

24 So, Ms. Houston, thank you very  
25 much. You earned your pay today. Thank

1           you very much.

2           Okay. Members, the last item on the  
3 agenda is an appeal that was filed with  
4 our Board for the consideration of the  
5 appeal of Jordan L. Gillis.

6           Is Ms. Gillis -- is Jordan L.  
7 Gillis in the room or anyone representing  
8 Jordan L. Gillis in the room?

9           Okay. Hearing none, we'll hear a  
10 presentation from the attorney general's  
11 office.

12 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOLAMI:

13           Good morning, Chairman Johns and  
14 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney  
15 General Hafiz Folami. We're here in the  
16 matter of an appeal filed by the permittee  
17 Ms. Gillis.

18           The Division recommended that  
19 non-key gaming employee permit held by Ms.  
20 Gillis be revoked due to her arrest and  
21 pending charges for possession of  
22 marijuana, possession of drug  
23 paraphernalia and possession of  
24 methamphetamine.

25           On July 13th, 2023, the Louisiana



1 Gaming Control Board issued a notice of  
2 recommendation of revocation of the  
3 permittee's permit.

4 Based on the allegation of that on  
5 June 24th, 2023, the Calcasieu Parish  
6 deputy responded to a medical emergency  
7 call to assist Ms. Gillis, who was  
8 unresponsive.

9 Upon arrival, the officers made  
10 contact with Ms. Gillis and they said they  
11 detected a strong odor of marijuana coming  
12 from the vehicle. The odor of marijuana  
13 prompted the deputies to search her  
14 vehicle.

15 The search revealed several  
16 paraphernalia, marijuana, methamphetamine  
17 and \$550 in United States currency.

18 When Ms. Gillis was asked about the  
19 contraband located in her vehicle, she  
20 admitted to ownership, and she was  
21 arrested.

22 On August 22nd, 2023, the Calcasieu  
23 Parish District Attorney's Office filed a  
24 bill of information against Ms. Gillis  
25 charging her with possession of marijuana,

1 possession of drug paraphernalia and  
2 possession of methamphetamine, which is a  
3 felony and carries a term of imprisonment  
4 that is greater than one year.

5 During the revocation hearing, the  
6 Division was able to prove that Ms. Gillis  
7 was arrested for the offenses and that the  
8 offenses were pending at the time of the  
9 hearing.

10 The hearing office found Ms. Gillis  
11 to be unsuitable and in accordance that  
12 her permits be revoked. On October 25,  
13 2023, Ms. Gillis requested an appeal.

14 Gaming law states that a person must  
15 prove their suitability by clear and  
16 convincing evidence. To be suitable means  
17 to have good character, integrity, honesty  
18 and not to pose a threat to the public  
19 interest of this state.

20 The permittee shall never engage in  
21 any criminal activities. The Board shall  
22 not grant a permit to any person who has  
23 been arrested for an offense that carries  
24 a term of imprisonment that is greater  
25 than one year. Having a permit is a

1 privilege and a right.

2 The Division contends that the  
3 hearing office's order revoking Ms.  
4 Gillis's permit and finding that her  
5 unsuitability was correct and should be  
6 affirmed. Ms. Gillis has a duty to prove  
7 her suitability by plain and convincing  
8 evidence.

9 She appeared at the administrative  
10 hearing and she had the opportunity to  
11 provide evidence and testimony on her  
12 behalf, but she declined to do so. She  
13 did not refute the fact that she was  
14 arrested for these offenses or the fact  
15 that the offenses were pending at the time  
16 of the hearing.

17 Ms. Gillis failed to maintain  
18 suitability and was statutorily  
19 disqualified from possessing a permit due  
20 to her pending charges, her activities and  
21 her actions pursuant to the Louisiana  
22 gaming law.

23 At the hearing, the Division proved  
24 that the permittee had, in fact, been  
25 arrested and was under prosecution for

1           these offenses, one of which is a felony  
2           and is punishable by a term of  
3           imprisonment that is greater than one  
4           year.

5                       Based on these reasons, the Division  
6           respectfully requests that this honorable  
7           Board affirm the hearing officer's  
8           decision to revoke Ms. Gillis's permit and  
9           the finding of unsuitability.

10                      Thank you.

11           CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

12                      Okay. Any questions for the  
13           attorney general's office?

14                      So in reading the transcript, Ms.  
15           Gillis did not present any type of  
16           evidence contrary to the charges; is that  
17           correct?

18           ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOLAMI:

19                      That's correct.

20           CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21                      And let the record reflect that  
22           Jordan L. Gillis is not in attendance at  
23           the appeal today.

24                      Any questions?

25                      Members, the recommendation of the

1 Attorney General's Office and our staff is  
2 to uphold the hearing officer's decision,  
3 but it is the pleasure of the committee --  
4 of the Board.

5 Do I have a motion?

6 MS. LEWIS:

7 I so move.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Ms. Lewis has made a motion to  
10 uphold -- to uphold the hearing officer's  
11 decision. Mr. Jackson has seconded that  
12 motion.

13 Is there any discussion?

14 Is there any opposition to that  
15 motion?

16 Hearing none, that motion carries.

17 Thank you very, very much.

18 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOLAMI:

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 Okay. Members, that concludes our  
22 agenda. As we close out 2023, I do want  
23 to take just a few moments to reflect on  
24 this past year and thank a number of  
25 people for just a great year.

1                   Our staff back at the board office,  
2                   we've had some new additions to our staff.  
3                   I can tell you our staff is as good as  
4                   it's ever been, and I'm very proud of the  
5                   work that the ladies at the board office  
6                   do.

7                   Ms. Hood here is just an incredible  
8                   attorney, and I thank her and Ms.  
9                   Hernandez and Ms. Browning and Ms. Dunklin  
10                  at the board office for their -- for their  
11                  hard work.

12                  State police, Major McNeill, y'all  
13                  do just a fabulous job.

14                  MAJOR MCNEILL:

15                  Thank you.

16                  CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17                  And thank very much for a lot, a lot  
18                  of hard work particularly making some of  
19                  these projects become a reality.

20                  And Mr. Hebert and Ms. Hymel and all  
21                  of your staff, all of you all out there, I  
22                  see a lot of you here. The AG's office,  
23                  thank y'all. Y'all are a great group of  
24                  people. And we're fortunate in the State  
25                  of Louisiana to have y'all.

1           We had a good year legislatively.  
2           We had a good year. We accomplished some  
3           things. We're, hopefully, rolling out  
4           early 2024, the human trafficking program,  
5           training program for the industry, and I  
6           thank the industry publicly today for  
7           working with us on that issue and how  
8           important it really is and we do  
9           appreciate that.

10           To our outgoing Governor John Bel  
11           Edwards, we thank you for your eight years  
12           of public service to our great state. You  
13           have been very supportive of our efforts  
14           here at the Board and we thank you very  
15           much for your work and your dedication and  
16           what you and the First Lady done.

17           And to our incoming governor,  
18           Governor Elect Jeff Landry, we wish you  
19           the absolute very best for the next four  
20           years, and maybe beyond that. And we look  
21           forward to working with you and your new  
22           administration.

23           So very Merry Christmas to everyone  
24           and let's hope that 2024 is just a very  
25           good, solid year for you and your family

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and for this Board.

And last, to our Board Members,  
thank you for being here every month.  
Some of you come a long way, and I thank  
you very much. You're a very special  
group of people.

So, Mr. Jackson, do you have a  
motion?

MR. JACKSON:

Yes, sir. I would like to make  
motion to adjourn.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Mr. Jackson has made the motion to  
adjourn. Ms. Berry has seconded.

Is there any opposition to that  
motion?

If not, that motion carries.

Thank you very much, Ladies and  
Gentlemen, and Merry Christmas to you.



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