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LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020

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TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Good morning.

3 MS. MOORE: Good morning.

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: Welcome to this new
5 venture for all of us, all of us
6 overcoming the technology challenges.

7 COURT REPORTER: Can I just stop you
8 right now. I'm sorry. Can everybody
9 mute their microphone, please, that way
10 I won't get your feedback, and I can
11 hear him better.

12 CHAIRMAN JONES: Is that better?

13 COURT REPORTER: That's better.

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: Okay. Ms. Thurman,
15 would you call the roll.

16 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Avant? You'll
17 need to take your -- turn your mike on.

18 MR. AVANT: Here.

19 MS. THURMAN: Okay. Ms. Berry?

20 MS. BERRY: Here.

21 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Jackson? [No
22 response.]

23 Mr. Lagasse?

24 MR. LAGASSE: Here.

25 MS. THURMAN: Ms. Lewis?

1 MS. LEWIS: Here.

2 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Poole?

3 MR. POOLE: Here.

4 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Singleton? [No
5 response.]

6 Mr. Stipe?

7 MR. STIPE: Here.

8 MS. THURMAN: Colonel Reeves? [No
9 response.]

10 Secretary Robinson?

11 MR. RICHARD: Kevin Richard
12 representing Secretary Robinson --
13 Deputy Secretary.

14 MS. THURMAN: Thank you. And,
15 Chairman Jones.

16 CHAIRMAN JONES: We have a quorum,
17 and we may conduct business.

18 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: Did -- did we
20 receive any public comments by email?
21 Did we receive any public comments?

22 MS. THURMAN: No, we did -- no, we
23 did not.

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: Very good.

25 MR. JACKSON: Excuse me, Mr.

1 Chairman?

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes.

3 MS. JACKSON: My name wasn't called.

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: It was -- it was
5 called. It looked like you dropped off
6 for a second so we -- we knew you were
7 around. We just couldn't see you.

8 MS. JACKSON: All right, thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes, sir, thank
10 you.

11 III. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

12 A. Consideration of the proposed First
13 Amendment to the Amended and Restated
14 Casino Operating Contract - Jazz Casino
15 Company, LLC, d/b/a Harrah's New Orleans
16 Casino - C01300001

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll move to
18 Casino Gaming Issues, and first up is
19 Consideration of the proposed First
20 Amendment to the Amended and Restated
21 Casino Operating Contract - Jazz Casino
22 Company, LLC, doing business as Harrah's
23 New Orleans Casino, No. C013600001.

24 I know we have representatives from
25 Harrah's New Orleans available this

1 morning and the A.G.'s Office. How do
2 you want to proceed in the presentation?

3 MS. MOORE: I thought Harrah's
4 would -- would speak first.

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: Very good.
6 Harrah's, are you there?

7 MR. REAL: Sure, good morning,
8 Chairman Jones. This is Dan Real.

9 Chairman Jones, Members of the
10 Board, I'm Dan Real. I'm General
11 Manager of Harrah's New Orleans. It's
12 great to speak with all you -- with
13 you-all again. Hope everybody is
14 staying safe and healthy.

15 I sincerely appreciate you taking up
16 this agenda item today. As you-all do
17 know, our New Orleans property closed on
18 March 17th by the order from Governor
19 Edwards and the Board following the
20 COVID-19 pandemic, and given this
21 closure as well as the fact that all the
22 Caesars Entertainment casinos are
23 closed, we are seeking to modify the
24 timing of payments due to the state and
25 city under the amended Casino Operating

1 Contract as follows:

2 State payments for our \$17.5 million
3 state supplement payments, and \$3.4
4 million annual supplemental payments for
5 a total of \$20.9 million, and what we
6 are looking to do was to pay 50 percent
7 of that, so \$10.45 million two business
8 days after the amendment of the
9 operating contract is signed, that would
10 be ready to go, and Harrah's would pay
11 the remaining 50 percent, \$10.45
12 million, 30 days following the
13 expiration of the casino closure order.

14 We also would look to ask for your
15 help and your support in adjusting our
16 minimum daily payments. We would
17 suspend the daily payments starting
18 April 1st, and all of the payments that
19 would be due forward would be paid the
20 day Harrah's reopened or when it
21 receives business interruption proceeds,
22 whichever is earlier.

23 And then finally, the six payments
24 due under the operating contract,
25 Harrah's is paying off the City support

1 payments now, which is \$4.5 million, and
2 we would pay the remaining 7.5 City
3 supplemental payment in accordance with
4 the agreement reached with the City; and
5 a copy of that agreement has been
6 provided.

7 So I know I rushed through that
8 pretty quickly. Hopefully you got a
9 chance to review it prior. If not I'm
10 absolutely here to answer any questions
11 you may have.

12 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you, Dan.
13 Let's -- let's let the Attorney
14 General's Office sort of explain things,
15 and then we'll -- we'll go to questions,
16 if that's okay with everyone.

17 MR. REAL: Great.

18 MS. MOORE: Good morning everyone.
19 For the record, I'm Assistant Attorney
20 General Charmaine Moore. Our office
21 reviewed Harrah's request to delay
22 certain payment obligations of the
23 casino operator under the terms of the
24 new casino operating contract. All of
25 the -- all of the payments that Harrah's

1 is asking to be temporarily suspended
2 are currently due. We determined after
3 review that the proper way to provide
4 for the temporary suspension of the
5 payments was an amendment to the
6 contract, which our office drafted and
7 the Board was provided a copy of.
8 Although the revised payments for the
9 payments owed to the City of New Orleans
10 are provided for in a separate written
11 agreement, we also determined that it
12 was necessary to amend the Casino
13 Operating Contract to
14 permit that [inaudible] to be valid
15 since those payments are also mentioned
16 in the Casino Operating Contract.

17 In short, Harrah's is requesting
18 that five types of payments be
19 suspended. Two of those are one-time
20 payments, and three are recurrent
21 payments. Three are owed to the State,
22 and two are owed to the City of New
23 Orleans. As Mr. Real said, those
24 include -- the payments owed to the
25 State include the daily payments which

1 Harrah's makes every day so that at the
2 end of the year they have paid in the
3 minimum annual payment owed to the
4 State, which is \$60 million. Those
5 payments will be suspended beginning
6 April 1st, which is the effective date
7 of the new Casino Operating Contract,
8 until the casino reopens or they receive
9 business insurance proceeds. And then
10 the annual and the supplemental payments
11 due to the State, the annual payment of
12 \$3.4 million is paid to the State for
13 cancer research, and that payment is
14 made annually on October 1st of each
15 year; and the State's supplemental
16 payment is a one-time payment of
17 \$17.5 million, and that is now due.
18 Both the Casino Operating Contract and
19 the amended lease with the City have
20 been finalized and executed.

21 Those two payments, the annual
22 supplemental and the State supplemental
23 will be made, as Mr. Real said, in two
24 payments. Half will be due two days
25 after you approve the amendment and then

1 sign, and the remaining half will be
2 paid when all closures issued by the
3 State have be lifted.

4 I want to make it be clear that
5 these payments are being temporarily
6 suspended. They are not being forgiven,
7 so they will be paid, and if the Board
8 chooses to approve the amendment, we
9 have prepared a Resolution. And I'll
10 answer any questions if the Board
11 Members have any questions.

12 CHAIRMAN JONES: Very good. Thank
13 you, Ms. Moore.

14 Board Members, if you have any
15 questions, even though you should pop up
16 on the screen when you talk, just
17 identify yourself for the purposes our
18 court reporter who is trying to keep up
19 with all this.

20 Any questions, Board Members?

21 MS. BERRY: I do, Julie Berry. I
22 have questions.

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes, ma'am.

24 MS. BERRY: Okay, just to be
25 perfectly clear, I want to make sure I

1 understand. I think I've talked with
2 Charmaine about this.

3 COURT REPORTER: Julie, are you
4 sitting in front of your computer
5 screen?

6 MS. BERRY: Is it correct that the
7 Harrah's in New Orleans has business
8 interruption insurance to cover this
9 loss in income for them?

10 MS. MOORE: I think Harrah's might
11 answer that better. I believe they do,
12 but I think they have different types of
13 insurance. But Mr. Real might be able
14 to -- better to answer that.

15 MS. BERRY: I was just assuming
16 being that they're in New Orleans, you
17 know, this -- they could have other
18 disasters besides this. I just have to
19 -- I guess, Mr. Real, if you could
20 answer that for me, please.

21 MS. HALL: I could help you with
22 that too, if you'd like.

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: Sure, go ahead,
24 Cara.

25 COURT REPORTER: Okay, wait, wait.

1 I'm sorry, guys. Who is -- I don't know
2 whose speaking right now.

3 MS. HALL: Sure, it's Cara Hall.
4 I'm in-house counsel for Harrah's in New
5 Orleans.

6 COURT REPORTER: Okay.

7 MS. HALL: And just responding to
8 that question, there is business
9 interruption as this maintains, and a
10 claim is -- a pre-claim, I understand,
11 has already been filed and a formal
12 claim will be filed. Now, I don't know
13 if the insurance company will contest
14 that, but there is business interruption
15 insurance in place.

16 MS. BERRY: Okay. That answers that
17 part. Thank you.

18 MS. HALL: Of course. Thank you.

19 MS. BERRY: Another question -- and
20 this may -- I don't know who is going to
21 answer this also, but just to -- was
22 there -- for clarity was there any
23 discussion -- and I hate to put salt in
24 the wound -- of interest on these
25 payments that may be later delayed?

1 MR. REAL: There was not. We had a
2 very good discussion with both the City
3 and the State, and as you know, most of
4 this is directly related to the
5 extension and the expansion of the
6 project. So that project hasn't even
7 started yet. We haven't started
8 construction, and so most of this is
9 related to that; and they were very
10 amenable to the discussion, and it went
11 very well.

12 MS. BERRY: Okay, thank you. I -- I
13 just thought I'd ask that question just
14 for clarity.

15 COURT REPORTER: And was that Mr.
16 Real that spoke? Because I have people
17 dialing in, and it blanked out my
18 screen.

19 MR. REAL: Yes, it was.

20 COURT REPORTER: Okay, thank you.

21 MS. BERRY: Okay, and I have -- I
22 have one more question. This is
23 Ms. Berry again. In looking at the
24 paperwork -- and this may have already
25 been corrected -- but in section --

1 let's see, the First Amendment to the
2 Amended and Restated Contract in Section
3 6.1Cii there appears to be a typo on
4 that \$7.5 million payment. I don't know
5 if that's been corrected or not.

6 MS. MOORE: I see it. I'm not sure.

7 MS. BERRY: Okay. Just to make
8 sure.

9 MS. MOORE: We'll -- we'll redraft
10 it.

11 MS. BERRY: Okay, great. Thank you.
12 That's it.

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you, Ms.
14 Berry.

15 MS. MOORE: Thank you for letting us
16 know.

17 MS. BERRY: You're welcome. I'm
18 kind of reading dollars.

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you, Ms.
20 Berry.

21 Board Members, do you have any
22 questions?

23 MR. STIPE: This is -- this is Mark
24 Stipe. I guess I'll direct this to
25 Harrah -- Harrah's counsel. Is the

1 business interruption in proceeds, are
2 they sufficient to cover the amounts
3 that are deferred under -- under this
4 amendment?

5 MS. HALL: As I understand it,
6 there's a big corporate policy kind of
7 under the Caesars Entertainment
8 umbrella. I'm -- I'm sure that that
9 policy would be sufficient to cover it.
10 I -- I can't -- I don't know the
11 particulars about how -- how that
12 allocates back, but I understand there's
13 a -- a sizeable corporate policy to some
14 effect that lists [inaudible] in our
15 insurance.

16 MR. STIPE: And -- and you have
17 other facilities in other states that
18 are subject to these orders -- closure
19 orders?

20 MS. HALL: Oh, yes. All of our
21 casinos, 40 plus, in the United States
22 are all under similar orders at this
23 time.

24 MR. REAL: Yeah, Mr. Stipe, that's
25 one of the main -- Mr. Stipe, this is

1 Dan Real. One of the main reasons we
2 came forward is unlike Katrina where it
3 was mainly focused on our southern
4 region, this is impacting all 40 of our
5 casinos throughout the country, and it's
6 obviously a big impact on cash flow; and
7 we -- we are coming forward because of
8 that reason.

9 MR. STIPE: Okay. And and is -- is
10 there -- in -- in the contract, is there
11 a force majeure provision that -- or --
12 or are we just doing this to specially
13 address this particular situation to
14 eliminate any argument? Or is -- is --
15 is there one in the contract?

16 MS. HALL: This is Cara Hall. I was
17 going to ask Charmaine if you would
18 prefer to answer that or for me to.

19 MS. MOORE: I believe there are --
20 there are several provisions in there,
21 but, you know, they are not operative
22 automatically; and that's why we believe
23 we have to amend the contract.

24 MR. STIPE: Okay. That's all I
25 have. Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you, Mr.
2 Stipe.

3 Anyone else on the Board, any
4 questions?

5 MS. BERRY: Chairman, I'll make a
6 motion.

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes.

8 MS. BERRY: I'll make a motion --
9 this is Ms. Berry -- to accept.

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: To adopt the
11 Resolution, Ms. Berry makes a motion.

12 MS. BERRY: Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: Do we have a
14 second?

15 MR. AVANT: Second, Harry Avant.

16 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Avant. Very
17 good. We have a motion to adopt the
18 Resolution and a second.

19 Ms. Thurman, would you read the
20 Resolution into the record.

21 MS. THURMAN: On the 9th day of
22 April 2020, the Louisiana Gaming Control
23 Board, in a duly noticed public meeting,
24 did consider the issue of Jazz Casino
25 Company, LLC's, request to amend the

1 Amended and Restated Casino Operating
2 Contract dated April 1st, 2020, by and
3 between State of Louisiana, acting
4 through the Louisiana Gaming Control
5 Board and Jazz Casino Company, LLC, and
6 upon motion duly made and seconded, the
7 Board adopted this Resolution:

8 Be it resolved that the proposed
9 first amendment to the Amended and
10 Restated Casino Operating Contract dated
11 April 1st, 2020, by and between the
12 State of Louisiana through the Louisiana
13 Gaming Control Board and Jazz Casino
14 Company, LLC, in the form attached
15 hereto as Exhibit A is hereby approved,
16 and Chairman Ronnie Jones is authorized
17 and empowered to execute the first
18 amendment and be it further resolved
19 that upon the signature of all parties
20 thereto, the first amendment shall be
21 made retroactive on April 1st, 2020.

22 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
23 Louisiana, this 9th day of April 2020.

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you,
25 Ms. Thurman. She will call each of the

1 members for their votes individually so
2 make sure you turn your microphone back
3 on when you vote.

4 Ms. Thurman, would you call the
5 roll.

6 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Avant?

7 MR. AVANT: Yes.

8 MS. THURMAN: Ms. Berry?

9 MS. BERRY: Yes.

10 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Jackson?

11 MR. JACKSON: Yes.

12 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Lagasse.

13 MR. LAGASSE: Yes.

14 MS. THURMAN: Ms. Lewis?

15 MS. LEWIS: Yes.

16 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Poole?

17 MR. POOLE: Yes.

18 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Stipe?

19 MR. STIPE: Yes.

20 MS. THURMAN: Chairman Jones?

21 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes. Thank you and
22 the Resolution is adopted.

23 B. Consideration of the Renewal Application for
24 the Slots at the Track Gaming License of
25 Churchill Downs Louisiana Horse Racing Company,

1 LLC, d/b/a Fair Grounds Race Course - No.
2 T013602541

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: We now move to Item
4 B on the agenda, Consideration of the
5 Renewal Application for the Slots at the
6 Track Gaming License of Churchill Downs
7 Louisiana Horse Racing Company, LLC,
8 doing business as Fair Grounds Race
9 Course, No. T013602541.

10 MS. LANDRY: Lisha -- Assistant
11 Attorney General Lisha Landry speaking.
12 Good morning, Chairman Jones and Board
13 Members. I'm here in the matter of the
14 five-year renewal for the Slots at the
15 Track gaming license of Churchill Downs
16 Louisiana Horse Racing Company, LLC,
17 doing business as Fair Grounds Race
18 Course and Slots which is located in
19 Orleans Parish. Its current license is
20 due to expire on April 18th, 2020.

21 The Louisiana Office of State Police
22 Gaming Enforcement Division has
23 conducted suitability investigations for
24 all relevant persons associated with the
25 licensee and found no issue that would

1 preclude the Board's approval of this
2 renewal. The Division also reviewed the
3 licensee's finances pre-COVID-19 and
4 found no issues or impediments that
5 would affect the Board's approval of
6 this renewal.

7 Representatives from the Audit
8 Division and Gaming Enforcement
9 Division, as well as the licensee, are
10 present and available to answer any
11 questions that you may have.

12 If it's the Board's pleasure to
13 approve the Slots at the Track Gaming
14 Renewal Application for Churchill Downs
15 Louisiana Horse Racing Company, LLC,
16 doing business as Fair Grounds Race
17 Course and Slots, a Resolution has been
18 prepared for your consideration. And
19 we'd be happy to answer any questions
20 that you may have at this time.

21 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, are
22 there any questions with respect to this
23 renewal?

24 MR. STIPE: This is Mark Stipe. I
25 do have one question for the Division.

1 I certainly understand the review ended
2 or -- or was conducted pre-COVID, but is
3 there any information that has come to
4 your attention regarding any loan
5 covenant issues or any other financial
6 information regarding this particular
7 entity that would affect this renewal --
8 that would affect your evaluation.

9 MS. LANDRY: Donna Jackson with the
10 Audit Division can answer that question
11 if she's on the line.

12 MS. JACKSON: Good morning, Donna
13 Jackson. We have been monitoring the
14 SEC public filings. Nothing at this
15 point other than they have drawn down
16 their availability on the credit
17 facility, I believe. But the trust
18 representatives may be -- have more
19 specific answers.

20 MR. MUDD: Hi, this is Bill Mudd,
21 President and Chief Operating Officer of
22 Churchill Downs, Incorporated. We do
23 have -- we have, as -- as indicated,
24 drawn down our revolver, took about \$675
25 million down from our revolver which

1 provides us ample liquidity for a very
2 extended period of time to continue
3 to -- to operate while our casinos
4 across eight states and racetracks have
5 been shuttered. The only operations we
6 currently continue to operate is our
7 online horserace wagering platform and
8 our online sports and -- and casino
9 platforms which is in -- in -- in only a
10 couple of states at this point.

11 But otherwise there hasn't been
12 any -- any covenant deficiencies yet,
13 and -- and those deficiencies, if we do
14 have any, will largely be predicated on
15 how long we are closed, but -- but as of
16 right now we are -- we are perfectly
17 good and have -- have plenty of cash in
18 the bank, I think nearly 700 million
19 right now.

20 So -- so hopefully that will help
21 clarify your question.

22 MR. STIPE: It does. Thank you, and
23 if -- if I'm looking at this correctly
24 here, the stock -- the stock is
25 currently trading within the 52-week

1 range anyway. Is that accurate? Am I
2 reading that correctly?

3 MR. MUDD: Well, I mean, I -- I --
4 you know, to be honest with you, I don't
5 know about a 52-week range, but it is
6 trading at -- at a hundred -- well, it
7 was \$98 a share yesterday, I believe.
8 Clearly everyone is trading down from
9 our all-time high of 167, but right now
10 we're actually at 103, so -- and that
11 caps around 4 billion. But I think we
12 are clearly down from where we were, and
13 obviously, I mean, most -- most will be
14 until we see how we come out of this and
15 how long it takes to come out of this.

16 MR. STIPE: All right. Thanks so
17 much. Appreciate it.

18 MR. MUDD: Thank you.

19 MR. STIPE: That's all I have, Mr.
20 Chairman.

21 CHAIRMAN JONES: Are there any other
22 questions from Board Members? [No
23 response.] There appear to be no
24 questions.

25 Do I have a motion to adopt the

1 Resolution?

2 MR. LAGASSE: Yes.

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Mr. Lagasse.

4 Do I have a second?

5 MS. LEWIS: Julie Lewis.

6 CHAIRMAN JONES: Ms. Lewis seconds.

7 Ms. Thurman, would you read the
8 Resolution into the record.

9 MS. THURMAN: On the 9th day of
10 April 2020, the Louisiana Gaming Control
11 Board did, in a duly noticed public
12 meeting, consider the license renewal
13 application of Churchill Downs Louisiana
14 Horse Racing Company, LLC, d/b/a Fair
15 Grounds Race Course and Casino, and upon
16 motion duly made and seconded, the Board
17 adopted this Resolution:

18 Be it resolved that the slot machine
19 gaming license of Churchill Downs
20 Louisiana Horse Racing Company, LLC,
21 d/b/a Fair Grounds Race Course and
22 Slots, T013602541, be renewed for a term
23 of five years commencing April 8th,
24 2020, subject to all conditions taking
25 place on this license.

1 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
2 Louisiana, this 9th day of April 2020.

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll now vote
4 individually. Ms. Thurman will call the
5 roll.

6 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Avant?

7 MR. AVANT: Yes.

8 MS. THURMAN: Ms. Berry?

9 MS. BERRY: Yes.

10 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Jackson?

11 MR. JACKSON: Yes.

12 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Lagasse? [No
13 response.]

14 Mr. -- I'm sorry, Ms. Lewis.

15 MS. LEWIS: Yes.

16 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Poole?

17 MR. POOLE: Yes.

18 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Stipe?

19 MR. STIPE: Yes.

20 MS. THURMAN: Chairman Jones?

21 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes. The
22 Resolution passes.

23 C. Consideration of the Renewal Application for
24 the Riverboat Gaming license of Treasure Chest
25 Casino, LLC, d/b/a/ Treasure Chest Casino - No.

1 R012600098

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Next up is
3 Consideration of the Renewal Application
4 for the riverboat gaming license of
5 Treasure Chest Casino, LLC, doing
6 business as Treasure Chest Casino, No.
7 R012600098.

8 MR. GATHE: Morning, Chairman Jones,
9 Members of the Board. I'm Assistant
10 Attorney General Jeremy Gathe here in
11 the matter of the renewal of the
12 riverboat license of Treasure Chest
13 Casino, LLC, doing business as Treasure
14 Chest Casino, which is located in
15 Kenner, Louisiana.

16 Riverboat licenses are issued for a
17 five-year term, and this license is now
18 due to expire on May 18th, 2020.
19 Pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute
20 27:75(A), the Board is required to act
21 on any renewal application no later than
22 30 days prior to the expiration of the
23 current license. With regard to
24 Treasure Chest's renewal, the Louisiana
25 State Police Gaming Enforcement Division

1 has conducted suitability -- suitability
2 investigations of all relevant persons
3 and has found no information which would
4 preclude the Board's approval.

5 Additionally, the Louisiana State
6 Police Audit Division received and
7 reviewed the licensee's financials
8 pre-COVID-19 and found no issues which
9 would preclude the Board's approval of
10 this renewal.

11 If it is the Board's pleasure to
12 approve the renewal application of
13 Treasure Chest Casino, LLC, doing
14 business as Treasure Chest Casino, a
15 Resolution has been prepared for your
16 consideration, and myself and members of
17 both Audit and Gaming Enforcement would
18 be happy to answer any questions that
19 you may have at this time.

20 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you. Board
21 Members, are there any questions with
22 respect to this renewal application?

23 Mr. Stipe.

24 MR. STIPE: Same question, same
25 question. Has any -- has any

1 information come to your attention
2 regarding loan covenant violations or
3 any other SEC filings or any security
4 filings with respect to this -- to the
5 parent company?

6 MR. GATHE: We do have Donna from
7 Audit, and we do have representatives of
8 the licensee that are available here at
9 the meeting.

10 MS. JACKSON: Sorry. It's kind of
11 the same answer that they have borrowed
12 to their available capacity under the
13 credit facility and the revolver, and it
14 was pretty standard verbiage for the
15 publicly traded companies to increase
16 their cash position and preserve
17 financial flexibility during this time.
18 If they're on the line, they may have
19 more specific information.

20 MS. BOLES: Can you hear me?

21 COURT REPORTER: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes.

23 MS. BOLES: Janet Boles.

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes, ma'am.

25 MS. BOLES: Okay, we have -- we have

1 nothing we filed with the SEC, or we
2 have not extended the -- our credit yet.
3 We're investigating those possibilities
4 at this time.

5 MR. STIPE: That's all I have, Mr.
6 Chairman.

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you, Mr.
8 Stipe.

9 Board Members, any other questions?
10 If there are no questions, I'll accept a
11 motion to adopt the Resolution.

12 MS. BERRY: I'll move, Ms. Berry.

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: Ms. Berry moves.
14 Do we have a second?

15 MR. AVANT: Harry Avant, second.

16 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Avant seconds
17 the motion.

18 Ms. Thurman, would you read the
19 Resolution into the record.

20 MS. THURMAN: On the 9th day of
21 April 2020, the Louisiana Gaming Control
22 Board did, in a duly noticed public
23 meeting, consider the license renewal
24 application of Treasure Chest Casino,
25 LLC, d/b/a Treasure Chest Casino, and

1 upon motion duly made and seconded, the
2 Board adopted the following Resolution:

3 Be it resolved that the riverboat
4 casino license of Treasure Chest Casino,
5 LLC, d/b/a Treasure Chest Casino,
6 RO12600098, be renewed for a term of
7 five years commencing May 18, 2020,
8 subject to all conditions previously
9 placed on the license.

10 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
11 Louisiana, this day -- this 9th day of
12 April 2020.

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you.
14 Ms. Thurman will now call the roll.
15 Each board member will vote
16 individually.

17 Ms. Thurman.

18 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Avant?

19 MR. AVANT: Yes.

20 MS. THURMAN: Ms. Berry?

21 MS. BERRY: Yes.

22 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Jackson?

23 MR. JACKSON: Yes.

24 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Lagasse?

25 MR. LAGASSE: Yes.

1 MS. THURMAN: Ms. Lewis?

2 MS. LEWIS: Yes.

3 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Poole?

4 MR. POOLE: Yes.

5 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Stipe?

6 MR. STIPE: Yes.

7 MS. THURMAN: Chairman Jones?

8 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes, and the

9 Resolution is adopted.

10 Ladies and gentlemen, I appreciate
11 your indulgence this morning as we sort
12 of work through the -- the technology.
13 We will likely have our regular monthly
14 meeting at the date that will be posted.
15 We will do it kind of teleconferencing
16 again, and hopefully we can work out a
17 couple little bugs we had this time. We
18 thank our court reporting service and
19 Shelley for her diligence in pulling the
20 meeting together, and I know you like
21 that, but we pulled it off. So thanks
22 to everyone.

23 I will continue to try and keep you
24 informed. As you know, we're staffing
25 the office with one person every day on

1 an alternating basis to keep us all from
2 co-mingling with each other, but I'm
3 always available for you. And -- and
4 most of you already know that Lana's
5 last day actually was last week. She
6 gets to come in one last day for
7 official purposes, but she's effectively
8 retired. And at the appropriate time
9 that we can have more than ten people
10 together in the same place, we will have
11 a reception for her here in Baton Rouge.

12 IV. ADJOURNMENT

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: So I -- I'm going
14 to ask for a motion to adjourn.

15 MR. LAGASSE: So moved, Lagasse.

16 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Lagasse.

17 MR. JACKSON: Claude Jackson,
18 second.

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: Without objection
20 we will stand adjourned until the end of
21 the month. Thank you very much, be
22 safe.

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