

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes November 21, 2024

The meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board (the “Board”) convened on Thursday, November 21, 2024, 10:00 a.m., at the Louisiana State Capitol – House Committee Room 1. Present at the meeting were Chairman Christopher Hebert, Kathryn Becnel, Claude Jackson, Nicholas Langley, Julie Lewis, Lamar Poole, Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, Ronald Sholes, and Ashley Traylor. Captain Justin Berry was present for Col. Robert Hodges and Jarrod Coniglio was present for Sec. Richard Nelson. Absent were ex officio members Col. Hodges and Sec. Nelson.

Chairman Hebert called the meeting to order and called for the election of a Vice-Chairperson of the Board. Mr. Jackson nominated Mr. Poole for the position of Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Sholes. After unanimous approval, Mr. Poole accepted the nomination and is the new Vice-Chair of the Board.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Poole to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the October 17, 2024 meeting. That motion was seconded by Ms. Becnel and unanimously approved by the Board.

Donna Jackson, Louisiana State Police (“LSP”) Gaming Audit Section, provided revenue reports for the riverboats, slots at the racetracks, and land-based casino. She also reported on video poker, retail and mobile sports wagering, and daily fantasy sports contest revenue.

Kanick Lewis, Assistant Attorney General, presented procurement and employment compliance reports for riverboats and slots at the racetracks for the 3rd Quarter of 2024.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel for Golden Nugget Lake Charles, LLC d/b/a Golden Nugget Lake Charles – No. R016502995. After presentation by Kanick Lewis, Assistant Attorney General, and Pete Bullard on behalf of American Vessel Services, LLC (“AVS”), it was moved by Mr. Langley to approve the issuance of an annual certificate of compliance. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel for Horseshoe Entertainment, L.P. d/b/a Horseshoe Bossier City – No. R010800198. After presentation by Kanick Lewis, Assistant Attorney General, and Pete Bullard on behalf of AVS, it was moved by Ms. Traylor to approve the issuance of an annual certificate of compliance. That motion was seconded by Ms. Becnel and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the Application of PENN Entertainment, Inc. for Shelf Approval of Debt Transactions. After presentation by Delancey Houston, Assistant Attorney General, and Lisa Hotard, LSP Gaming Audit Section, it was moved by Vice-Chair Poole to approve the resolution. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Joint Petition to Approve Sale/Leaseback Transaction and to Amend Statement of Conditions for Premier Entertainment Shreveport, LLC d/b/a Bally's Shreveport Casino and Hotel – No. R013600005. Present on behalf of the licensee were Attorney Jeff Barbin and Tony Rhorer, VP and GM of Bally's Shreveport. After presentation by Delancey Houston, Assistant Attorney General; Evie Ficklin, LSP Gaming Audit Section; and Master Trooper Brian Jefferson, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve the resolution. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Petition for Approval of Reduction in Gaming Positions and Closure of a Portion of Designated Gaming Area for PNK (Bossier City), LLC d/b/a Boomtown Bossier City – No. R016500701. After presentation by Michael Gallagher, Assistant General Manager of Boomtown Bossier City and Margaritaville, and Delancey Houston, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Mr. Langley to approve the resolution. That motion was seconded by Mr. Sholes and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Petition of Bluberi Gaming USA, Inc. for approval of Salvia Investment Pte. Ltd. to qualify as an Institutional Investor – No. P056503564 and No. P076503564. Glenn Wichinsky, counsel for Bluberi Gaming; Casey Whalen, Chief Commercial Officer for Bluberi Gaming; and Robert Muncaster, counsel for Catalyst, were present on behalf of the petitioners. After presentation by Jeremy Gathe, Assistant Attorney General, and Investigator Rodney Perkins, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Mr. Langley to approve the resolution. That motion was seconded by Ms. Becnel and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the original truck stop application for Toucan Gaming, LLC d/b/a Toucan Gaming – No. 0906518395. After presentation by Kanick Lewis, Assistant Attorney General, and Master Trooper James Cannon, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve the new truck stop application. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the transfers of membership interest in Big D Truckstop, LLC d/b/a Wagin Cajun Casino of Duson – No. 0109514164. After presentation by Cathryn Gits, Assistant Attorney General, and Master Trooper James Cannon, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Ms. Becnel to approve the transfers of membership interest in the licensee. That motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Poole and was unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the transfers of membership interest in the following truck stops in globo:

1. Breaux Bridge Ventures, LLC d/b/a Silver's Travel Plaza & Casino – Breaux Bridge – No. 5002515960
2. Schriever Investments, LLC d/b/a Silver's Travel Plaza & Casino – Schriever – No. 5500517178
3. Port Allen Ventures, LLC d/b/a Silver's Travel Plaza & Casino – Port Allen – No. 6100517807
4. Lobdell Ventures, LLC d/b/a Silver's Travel Plaza & Casino – Henderson – No. 5000512562
5. Rayne Ventures, LLC d/b/a Silver's Travel Plaza & Casino – Frog City – No. 0106514927

After presentation by Cathryn Gits, Assistant Attorney General, and Investigator William Landry, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Ms. Traylor to approve the transfers of interest in the five licensees. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the Petition of Radar Labs, Inc. for approval of Expa Capital II, LLC to qualify as an Institutional Investor – No. P016503583. Liz Federowicz, General Counsel for Expa Capital, was present on behalf of the investor. After presentation by Quintele Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, and Master Trooper Brian Jefferson, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Ms. Hamilton-Acker to approve the resolution. That motion was seconded by Mr. Langley and unanimously approved by the Board.

Lastly, the Board considered the settlement of Terrytown Café, Inc. d/b/a Terrytown Café – No. 2600207442. After presentation by Quintele Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, and Lynne Songy, owner of the licensee, Mr. Jackson moved to approve the settlement. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Ms. Becnel and unanimously approved by the Board.