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CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Okay. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. We are about a minute late this morning, but good morning. Welcome to the August 21st, 2023 meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.

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

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Chairman Johns.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Mr. Avant.

MR. AVANT:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Ms. Berry.

MS. BERRY:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Mr. Jackson.

MR. JACKSON:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

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Ms. Lewis.
MS. LEWIS:
Here.
MS. HERNANDEZ:
Mr. Poole.
MR. POOLE:
Here.
MS. HERNANDEZ:
Ms. Hamilton-Acker.
MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:
Here.
MS. HERNANDEZ:
Mr. Sholes.
(No response.)
MS. HERNANDEZ:
Ms. Traylor.
MS. TRAYLOR:
Here.
MS. HERNANDEZ:
Coral Davis.
(No response.)
MS. HERNANDEZ:
And Secretary Richard.
MR. RICHARD:
Here.

1 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

2 Okay. We have a quorum. Thank you
3 members for -- thank you ladies and
4 gentlemen. Thank you members for being
5 here not on our regular day. It's really
6 worked out well as you will see on the
7 agenda here as later on.

8 Members, we now move into public
9 comments. Is there anyone in the audience
10 today that would like to make a public
11 comment? This is the time for you to come
12 forward.

13 Okay. Seeing none, we'll now move
14 into the approval of the minutes. I would
15 entertain a motion to waive the reading
16 and approve the minutes of the July 20th,
17 2023 meeting.

18 Ms. Berry has made that motion and
19 Mr. Poole has seconded that motion. Is
20 there any opposition to that motion?

21 Hearing none, that motion carries.

22 Okay. Members, before I get into
23 the -- the agenda this morning, I just
24 want to share some -- I think some very
25 special news for our -- our state and what

1 we do here with the gaming industry in
2 Louisiana.

3 As you know, Ms. Janet Miller is the
4 executive director of the Louisiana
5 Association of Compulsive Gambling. She's
6 been in that position since 2014. And
7 recently at a national meeting in
8 Washington, D.C., at the National Council
9 on Compulsive Gambling, Ms. Miller was
10 recognized with a very, very special
11 award. She was recognized for her work
12 with an award called the Joanna Franklin
13 Annual Service Award.

14 And doing some reading on it, I
15 understand it's a very prestigious award,
16 and it's an acknowledgment of her lifetime
17 service to compulsive gambling issues here
18 in the State of Louisiana.

19 I know that Ms. Miller normally
20 watches these meetings online. I hope
21 you're with us again today, Janet, and we
22 want you to know that we're just so proud
23 of you. We thank you for your
24 professionalism, your leadership, your
25 passion for helping those that are in need

1 of compulsive gambling services.

2 And last, a couple of weeks ago, Ms.
3 Hood and myself actually toured her two
4 facilities up in the Shreveport/Bossier
5 area, and I cannot tell you how impressed
6 we were, what an eye-opening experience to
7 the incredible work that -- that they do
8 up there.

9 So, Ms. Miller, we want you to know
10 that the State of Louisiana is very, very
11 proud of your program and the work that
12 you do and your leadership.

13 So if you have a chance to reach out
14 to Janet, please do so.

15 Okay. Members, we're going to move
16 into the revenue reports.

17 Ms. Jackson could not be with us
18 today. I think Ms. Wear, is that correct?
19 Thank you -- thank you for being here.

20 MS. WEAR:

21 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
22 board members. My name is Tranessa Wear
23 with the Louisiana State Police Gaming
24 Audit Section.

25 During July, the 14 operating

1 riverboats generated adjusted gross
2 receipts of \$146,631,626. The state
3 collected fees totalling \$31,525,800.

4 Page 2 shows the riverboat revenue
5 broke down by regional market. This
6 month's revenues represent a decrease from
7 June of 2.3 million or 1.5 percent and a
8 decrease from last July of 5.6 million or
9 3.7 percent. As information, this July
10 had one last Friday than July of 2022.

11 Next is the sum of the July 2023
12 gaming activity for Harrah's New Orleans
13 found on page 3. Harrah's generated
14 \$17,475,647 in gross gaming revenue.
15 These revenues represent a decrease from
16 last month of approximately 2.4 million or
17 12 percent and a decrease of 5 million or
18 22.8 percent from the same month last
19 year.

20 During July the state received
21 \$5,505,465 in minimum daily payments.

22 Next I will present the revenues for
23 slots at the racetracks. During July the
24 four racetrack facilities combined
25 generated adjusted gross receipts of

1 \$27,560,068 and a slight increase of 1.3
2 percent from June but a decrease of 1.8
3 million or 6 percent when compared to last
4 July. During July the state collected
5 approximately 4.2 million in fees.

6 I will now move to video gaming
7 information. There are currently 11,919
8 video game devices activated at 1,394
9 locations. Net device revenue for July
10 2023 was \$61,512,557, a decrease of
11 327,515 or 0.5 percent when compared to
12 June of 2023 and a decrease of 5.2 million
13 or 7.8 percent when compared to last July.

14 Total franchise fees for July 2023
15 total 18.6 million. As of July 31st,
16 2023, the state has collected 18.6 million
17 in franchise fees for fiscal year 2023.

18 Next I represent the sportsbook
19 revenue. During July the 18 retail
20 sportsbooks accepted 12.2 million in
21 sports wagers resulting in net proceeds of
22 approximately 1.9 million and 174,000 in
23 state taxes.

24 The eight mobile sportsbooks
25 operators accepted 122.5 million in sports

1 wagers resulting in net proceeds of 15.7
2 million and approximately 2 million in
3 taxes paid to the state.

4 Finally, for daily fantasy sports
5 gross revenues for July were 512,000 with
6 net revenue of approximately 53,000 and
7 taxes of \$4,222.

8 Are there any questions?

9 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

10 Okay. Members, any questions for
11 Ms. Wear? Any questions? Okay.

12 Ms. Wear, I see no questions. Thank
13 you for your great work and we appreciate
14 you being here with us today.

15 Okay. Members, we now move into
16 compliance reports. This will be for the
17 second quarter of 2023.

18 Good morning.

19 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JEREMY GATHE:

20 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
21 board members. I'm Assistant Attorney
22 General Jeremy Gathe. Today, I'll present
23 the staff reports on riverboat and
24 racetrack casino licensees compliance with
25 employment and procurement conditions for

1 the second quarter of 2023.

2 I'll begin with the riverboats. The
3 second quarter reports are taken from
4 figures reported by the 15 operating
5 riverboats of the Louisiana Gaming Control
6 Board. In the second quarter of 2023,
7 approximately 8,934 people were employed
8 by the riverboat industry. Of that number
9 8,756 were Louisiana residents, 5,253 were
10 minorities, and 4,811 were women.

11 One licensee achieved total
12 compliance this quarter, and that licensee
13 is Margaritaville Resort Casino.

14 Next I'll address employment. 12
15 licensees did not meet their total
16 employment goals and they are Diamond
17 Jacks Casino & Resort, which achieved 11
18 out of a goal of 650; Sam's Town Hotel &
19 Casino, which achieved 382 out of a goal
20 of 700; L'Auberge Baton Rouge, which
21 achieved 794 out of a goal of 800;
22 Horseshoe Bossier City, which achieved 558
23 out of a goal of 1,000; Boomtown New
24 Orleans, which achieved 458 out of a goal
25 of 555; Belle of Baton Rouge Casino, which

1 achieved 147 out of a goal of 450;
2 Treasurer Chest Casino, which achieved 333
3 out of a goal of 500; Hollywood Casino
4 which achieved 281 out of a goal of 450;
5 Amelia Belle Casino, which achieved 169
6 out of a goal of 325; Horseshoe Lake
7 Charles, which achieved 547 out of a goal
8 of 650; Boomtown Casino Bossier which
9 achieved 286 out of a goal of 650; and
10 Bally's Shreveport, which achieved 635 out
11 of a goal of 950.

12 All licensees either met or exceeded
13 their goals in all of the subcategories
14 under the main category of employment with
15 the exception of Treasurer Chest Casino
16 and L'Auberge Lake Charles Casino under
17 the subcategory of female employment.

18 Under this category Treasurer Chest
19 Casino achieved 44.1 percent out of a goal
20 of 51.86 percent, and L'Auberge Lake
21 Charles achieved 50.5 percent out of a
22 goal of 51.86 percent.

23 Next I'll address procurement. The
24 licensees are grouped according to three
25 subcategories, which appear on your

1 report. And those subcategories are:
2 Louisiana, minority and female
3 procurement. Also, the voluntary
4 conditions under these subcategories now
5 reflect the amended voluntary procurement
6 goals, which were approved by the board at
7 its December 15th, 2022 board meeting.

8 Under Louisiana procurement, all
9 licensees either met or exceeded their
10 goals. Under the subcategory of minority
11 procurement, three licensees did not
12 achieve compliance with their voluntary
13 conditions, and those licensees are
14 Diamond Jacks Casino which achieved 2.6
15 percent out of a goal of 10 percent;
16 Golden Nugget Lake Charles which achieved
17 10.2 percent out of a goal of 11 percent;
18 and Boomtown New Orleans which achieved
19 11.9 percent out of a goal of 13 percent.

20 For female procurement one licensee
21 did not achieve compliance with its
22 voluntary conditions, and that licensee is
23 Golden Nugget Lake Charles which achieved
24 12.7 percent out of a goal of 15 percent.

25 Are there any questions regarding

1 the riverboats?

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

3 I have one question. In terms of
4 employment, when you have a property that
5 out sources some of their services, for
6 example, their hospitality services in the
7 hotel, they may have for cleaning the
8 rooms, etc., etc., so they outsource,
9 they're not actually employees of a
10 certain casino but they're actually
11 employed there. Are those numbers counted
12 towards employment?

13 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL GATHE:

14 That is something that I would have
15 to look back and review.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17 Okay. I see Mr. Duty come to the
18 table.

19 Good morning, Mr. Duty.

20 MR. DUTY:

21 Good morning, Chairman and board
22 members. My name is Blake Duty. I'm the
23 executive director of the Louisiana Casino
24 Association. The short answer is no.
25 When those services are outsourced, we

1 only report direct for those as W-2 style
2 employees, so --

3 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

4 Okay.

5 MR. DUTY:

6 So that is responsible for probably
7 a little about 40 percent of the shift
8 that you see where you see these
9 shortfalls are occurring.

10 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

11 Okay. So there -- the jobs are
12 still there, the people are there working
13 on that property because of that license,
14 they're just not counted in these numbers?

15 MR. DUTY:

16 Correct.

17 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

18 All right. And I've also -- if I'm
19 not mistaken, some of the operations their
20 -- maybe their sportsbook operation may be
21 a completely separate entity from the
22 original licensee and maybe some of those
23 employees are not. I've had one property
24 share that with me.

25 MR. DUTY:

1 Correct.

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

3 The way that they're structured,
4 legally structured their employees and
5 their sportsbook operation is not part of
6 their actual number of employees, so.

7 MR. DUTY:

8 Correct. Unless they're a statutory
9 employee, we -- we should not be reporting
10 that data. So that's -- again, that's
11 responsible. The job is still there. The
12 payroll is still there. The taxes are
13 still there. It's just how that's
14 assigned.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 Okay. So the numbers really a
17 little bit skewed --

18 MR. DUTY:

19 Yes, sir.

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 -- in some sense?

22 MR. DUTY:

23 Yes, sir. We will be coming up with
24 a proposal to make amendments to that.

25 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

1 Okay. Great. All right. Thank
2 you.

3 MR. DUTY:

4 Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

6 Don't go too far. We may have some
7 more questions.

8 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL GATHE:

9 I'll now move on to the racetracks.
10 In the second quarter of 2023
11 approximately 1,353 people were employed
12 by the racetrack casino industry. Of that
13 number, 1,085 were Louisiana residents,
14 699 were minorities and 743 were women.
15 Two racetrack casinos achieved total
16 compliance this quarter, and they're
17 Evangeline Downs and Fair Grounds. Delta
18 Downs did not achieve its Louisiana
19 employment condition. It achieved 60.2
20 out of the 80 percent condition. And
21 Louisiana Downs did not achieve its female
22 employment condition. It achieved 46.6
23 percent out of a 60 percent condition.

24 Under procurement, all licensees
25 either met or exceeded their goals in all

1 of the subcategories.

2 Are there any questions regarding
3 the racetracks?

4 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

5 Any questions, members?

6 No questions.

7 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL GATHE:

8 Thanks.

9 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

10 Okay. All right. Members, this was
11 the first reporting quarter of our new
12 guidelines, so we're going to watch these
13 numbers very closely. We've -- I have
14 continued as chairman to have
15 conversations with the licensees about
16 these goals; and while they're voluntary,
17 we surely expect them to make a concerted
18 effort at meeting those -- these goals.
19 Okay.

20 Thank you very much for those
21 numbers.

22 Okay. We're going to move into
23 casino gaming issues. First on our agenda
24 today is the consideration of a 10-foot of
25 compliance for the alternate riverboat

1 inspection of the Belle of Orleans, LLC
2 doing business as Amelia Belle Casino.

3 Good morning.

4 MR. FOLAMI:

5 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
6 board members.

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

8 Could you pull that microphone down
9 a little bit?

10 MR. FOLAMI:

11 Okay.

12 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

13 There you go.

14 MR. FOLAMI:

15 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
16 board members. I'm Attorney General Hafiz
17 Folami, with me here is Ms. Mora Read.

18 Last month Amelia Belle Casino was
19 issued a temporary set of compliance.
20 We're here today in the matter of the
21 issuance of compliance for Amelia Belle
22 Casino.

23 On August 10th, 2023, AVS began the
24 inspection process for the approval of
25 Amelia Belle Casino's annual sets of

1 compliance. Ms. Read will now provide the
2 details of AVS's inspection.

3 MS. READ:

4 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
5 board members. I'm Mora Read with
6 American Vessel Services, and I'm here to
7 report the annual certification for the CV
8 Belle of Orleans at the Amelia Belle
9 Casino in Amelia, Louisiana.

10 The inspector Pete Bullard did on
11 May 24th of 2023 attend the riverboat
12 Belle of Orleans to conduct the annual
13 inspection in accordance with the
14 Louisiana alternative inspection program.

15 The inspector reviewed fire
16 protection measures, egress routes,
17 observed emergency lighting, tested the
18 emergency generator and inspected the
19 mooring system and conducted a fire drill
20 as well as other required life safety
21 items.

22 This annual report was provided to
23 the board on May 26th 2023. The
24 deficiencies were noted on page 6 of your
25 report.

1 A follow-up inspection was done on
2 June 29th and all but two deficiencies
3 were satisfied. This supplemental report
4 dated July 7th of 2023 was provided to the
5 board, and the deficiencies were noted on
6 page 2 of that report.

7 The property then requested an
8 extension to allow more time to satisfy
9 the deficiencies. This extension was
10 accepted by the board at the July 20th,
11 meeting. The property has since resolved
12 the deficiencies, and a second
13 supplemental survey report was issued on
14 August 10th of 2023 confirming all
15 deficiencies are completely satisfied.

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

22 It is the recommendation of American
23 Vessel Services to issue the Amelia Belle
24 Casino a certificate of compliance for the
25 Belle of Orleans.

1 MR. FOLAMI:

2 We now present these findings to the
3 board and request that upon the board
4 accepting the report submitted by AVS, you
5 will move for issuance of Amelia Belle
6 Casino's second set of compliance which
7 expires on July 31st, 2024.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Okay. Thank y'all for your report.
10 So everything is in compliance and we're
11 good to go --

12 MS. READ:

13 Yes, sir.

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

15 -- for another year or so? Okay.
16 Members, any questions? Any questions?
17 If not, I would entertain a motion that we
18 issue a certificate of compliance for the
19 Amelia Belle Casino which will expire on
20 July the 31st of 2024.

21 Ms. Hamilton-Acker has made that
22 motion. Mr. Avant has seconded that
23 motion.

24 Is there any discussion on the
25 motion?

1 Is there any opposition to the
2 motion?

3 Hearing none, that motion carries.

4 So, thank you very much for your
5 work and thanks for being with us today.

6 All right. Members, we now move
7 into the consideration of petition to
8 commence gaming operations for Louisiana
9 Casino Cruises doing business as the Queen
10 of Baton Rouge.

11 MS. LANDRY:

12 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
13 board members. I'm Assistant Attorney
14 General Lisha Landry here today to present
15 Louisiana Casino Cruises, LLC's request to
16 commence gaming operations at its land
17 side riverboat gaming facility.

18 The licensee is owned by The Queen
19 Casino & Entertainment, Inc., formally
20 known as CQ Holding Company, Inc., and the
21 licensee's real property assets are owned
22 by Gaming and Leisure Properties, Inc.

23 The licensed riverboat is located in
24 East Baton Rouge Parish along the
25 Mississippi River. The board previously

1 approved the licensee's request to
2 construct and relocate its gaming
3 operations to a land side facility within
4 1200 feet of its licensed berth.

5 As a reminder, the board also
6 approved new non-gaming amenities for the
7 approved project listed in the licensee's
8 statement of conditions which include: A
9 sports bar restaurant and entertainment
10 center with a minimum of 250 seats, a
11 restaurant with bar with a minimum of 90
12 seats, a sports wagering lounge and
13 viewing area with a minimum of 115 person
14 total capacity and a minimum of 46 seats,
15 a conference area with a pre-function and
16 banquet area with a seating of at least
17 200 and two meeting rooms.

18 The licensee is requesting board
19 approval to open and commence gaming
20 operations at its newly-constructed land
21 side facility for a soft opening currently
22 scheduled for tomorrow, August 22nd, 2023,
23 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and a grand
24 opening currently scheduled for Thursday,
25 August 24th, 2023, at 9:00 p.m. These

1 requests are up for board consideration
2 today.

3 Before the licensee can commence
4 gaming operations at its land side
5 facility, the board must determine that
6 the land side facility and approved
7 project, including all non-gaming
8 amenities, are substantially complete.
9 The board must issue the licensee a
10 riverboat gaming land side facility
11 certificate of compliance to operate, and
12 the board must grant the licensee approval
13 to commence gaming operations.

14 The board may alternatively grant
15 the chairman the authority to determine
16 and issue those approvals on the boards
17 behalf. In order for the board to
18 determine substantial completion, the
19 board must receive an inspection report
20 from the Office of State Fire Marshal, a
21 certificate of substantial completion and
22 readiness for occupancy and use from the
23 approved project's architect, a
24 certificate of occupancy and written
25 confirmation from the Louisiana State

1 Police Gaming Enforcement Division of
2 substantial completion.

3 The board has received all of these
4 requirements except for written
5 confirmation of substantial completion
6 from the division. It has also received
7 all state and local permits required for
8 the licensee's facility opening.

9 As it relates to the riverboat
10 gaming land side facility certificate of
11 compliance, Act 126 from the 2023 regular
12 session requires land side facilities to
13 be inspected prior to commencing of gaming
14 operations annually and as requested by
15 the board.

16 The Office of State Fire Marshal is
17 authorized to inspect riverboat land side
18 facilities seeking a license or
19 certificate of compliance from the board.
20 A board issued certificate of compliance
21 is needed to allow a licensee to commence
22 gaming operations at its land side
23 facility.

24 On August 17th, 2023, the Office of
25 State Fire Marshal issued its inspection

1 report for the licensee's land side
2 facility. The inspection report indicated
3 that the facility is in compliance with
4 all codes and requirements and that the
5 land side facility can be issued a
6 certificate of compliance to commence
7 gaming operations by the board.
8 Therefore, the board is within its
9 authority to issue the licensee a
10 riverboat land side facility certificate
11 of compliance with an expiration date of
12 August 31st, 2024.

13 As it relates to the commencement of
14 gaming operations, under the
15 administrative rules, a licensee cannot
16 commence gaming operations at a land side
17 facility until the division determines
18 that all necessary staffing, training,
19 security and surveillance, technical
20 accounting and internal controls are
21 acceptable.

22 The division determines and confirms
23 substantial completion through a
24 successful completion of a preoperative
25 inspection of the land side facility. The

1 licensee has ceased gaming operations on
2 its vessel and has transported all gaming
3 devices to the new land side facility.

4 As of today, the division has
5 successfully completed portions of its
6 preoperative inspection of the licensee's
7 riverboat gaming land side facility,
8 including approval of all internal
9 controls, table play, credit/markers,
10 casino bank, rotation of dealers/pit/floor
11 personnel, security and surveillance
12 systems, related plans and staffing and
13 testing and verification of some of the
14 gaming devices.

15 However, the division has not
16 completed the preoperative inspection of
17 all the gaming devices that the licensee
18 intends to operate at the facility.

19 The division has certified the
20 software and all gaming devices and
21 verified that the games comply with the
22 requirements of gaming laws and
23 regulations but has not completed
24 communication testing on all devices to
25 confirm that they will adequately and

1 accurately report all activity at the
2 device to the licensee's slot machine
3 monitoring system.

4 The division only allows licensees
5 to place those games with confirmed
6 communications to the slot machine
7 monitoring system up for patron play.
8 Therefore, the division's preoperative
9 inspection as it relates to the gaming
10 devices is ongoing.

11 As the division continues to test
12 and approve games, more gaming devices
13 will be available for patron use and play
14 at the soft opening. The continued
15 testing and approval should not prohibit
16 the opening of the landside facility for a
17 soft opening on August 22nd, but please
18 note that only those games that have been
19 approved and verified by the division will
20 be permitted for patron use and play at
21 the soft opening.

22 In its petition the licensee
23 requested the board to grant the chairman
24 the authority to issue any approvals
25 necessary for the licensee to conduct the

1 soft opening currently scheduled for
2 tomorrow, August 22nd, from 4:00 to 8:00
3 p.m., and the grand opening currently
4 scheduled for Thursday, August 24th at
5 9:00 p.m.

6 Given that the division has not
7 completed it's preoperative inspection and
8 the soft opening is scheduled to occur
9 tomorrow at 4:00 p.m., the board may
10 authorize the chairman to determine
11 substantial completion and approval to
12 commence gaming operations at the soft
13 opening tomorrow and the recommencement of
14 gaming operations for the grand opening on
15 Thursday, all subject to further
16 inspection and approval of the division.

17 The division will send written
18 notification of the number of machines
19 allowed to operate for the soft opening.
20 Whether the division considers the
21 licensee for the riverboat gaming land
22 side facility substantially complete for
23 the soft opening and whether any issues or
24 deficiencies occur during or after the
25 soft opening.

1 Following the soft opening, an audit
2 and reconciliation of the play, the
3 division will send the chairman another
4 letter informing him of its findings and
5 anything that would delay or prevent the
6 recommencing of gaming operations at the
7 land side facility for the grand opening
8 scheduled for Thursday, August 24th at
9 9:00 p.m.

10 Based on the current status, a
11 resolution has been prepared for the
12 board's consideration granting the
13 licensee's land side facility a
14 certificate of compliance and granting the
15 chairman the authority to act on behalf of
16 the board for any other necessary
17 approvals.

18 The statement of conditions,
19 indemnity agreement and related documents
20 have been updated to reflect the mere
21 change in the name of the licensee's
22 parent company and the change in the
23 licensee's DBA from Hollywood Casino Baton
24 Rouge to The Queen Baton Rouge, which was
25 previously approved by the board back in

1 April.

2 The change in DBA and brand name
3 will take effect when the licenses
4 commences gaming operations at the
5 facility. And we have representatives
6 from the licensee who are here who will be
7 providing a presentation for the board.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Okay. Thank you, Ms. Landry. A lot
10 of work, huh?

11 MS. LANDRY:

12 Yeah.

13 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

14 A lot of work. Thank y'all for your
15 incredible work on this. I know it's been
16 a -- it's been a challenge, but thank you
17 so much and we greatly appreciate it.

18 Any questions for the presentation
19 that Ms. Landry has --

20 Ms. Berry?

21 MS. BERRY:

22 This may be bringing the cart before
23 the horse, but will the gaming operations
24 be allowed to start on Thursday if there
25 are some of the gaming instruments that

1 are not approved yet?

2 MS. LANDRY:

3 Only the gaming devices that the
4 division approves will be allowed for
5 patron play on Thursday as well.

6 MS. BERRY:

7 And how do they block them off or
8 rope them off or ribbon them off or
9 something?

10 MS. LANDRY:

11 I think I'm going to have to defer
12 that question to state police.

13 MS. BERRY:

14 Okay.

15 MS. LANDRY:

16 We have a representative from state
17 police.

18 MS. BERRY:

19 Which it's basically just a
20 question, but you can open on Thursday
21 night grand opening if not all of the
22 machines are approved yet, that was
23 basically my question?

24 MS. LANDRY:

25 Yes.

1 MS. BERRY:

2 Okay.

3 MS. LANDRY:

4 Once state police determines
5 substantial completion for the soft
6 opening and once the soft opening occurs
7 and there's no issues with that, then
8 they'll be able to open up for the grand
9 opening.

10 MS. BERRY:

11 I guess my question was substantial
12 completion. Maybe the police can answer
13 that.

14 SECRETARY LITTLE:

15 Secretary Little with the State
16 Police Gaming Division. If the machines
17 aren't finally tested and approved for
18 opening, they can -- we actually watch
19 them go in and disable them so the screen
20 will say disabled.

21 MS. BERRY:

22 Oh, okay.

23 MR. LITTLE:

24 So they won't be -- the patrons
25 won't be able to do anything on them.

1 MS. BERRY:

2 Okay. That answers my question
3 then. So -- and it's the chairman's
4 responsibility, as you said, to determine
5 substantial completion?

6 MS. LANDRY:

7 Yes. But that will be subject to a
8 further inspection by the and the division
9 will notify the chairman and then he'll
10 make that --

11 MS. BERRY:

12 Just want to make sure I've got it
13 all straight. Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

15 Correct. So, Ms. Berry, we
16 anticipate by noon tomorrow that
17 approximately 75 percent of their machines
18 will be operational, tested, in compliance
19 and then that will be for the soft opening
20 tomorrow night.

21 And then we have that period of time
22 between then and Thursday to, hopefully,
23 test some more and get them into
24 compliance. But I think it's going to be
25 a substantial number, so --

1 MS. BERRY:

2 That answers my question. Thank
3 you.

4 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

5 Right.

6 So am I correct --

7 MS. LANDRY:

8 Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

10 -- in what I just said?

11 MR. TRAYLOR:

12 Yes, sir.

13 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

14 Thank you, Mr. Traylor.

15 Okay. So Mr. Barbin, good morning.

16 MR. BARBIN:

17 Good morning, Chairman Johns.

18 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

19 It's a great day.

20 MR. BARBIN:

21 Absolutely.

22 I'm Jeff Barbin representing The
23 Queen Baton Rouge and we have a short
24 presentation. I'm going to be joined by
25 both Terry Downey. Terry is the CEO of

1 The Queen of Baton Rouge, and Matt
2 Shehadi, who's the general manager.

3 And before Terry starts, I just
4 wanted to echo my thanks to the AG's
5 office and to your staff and to the state
6 police as well for all of the hard work
7 that's been going on.

8 Terry, you want to pick up on that?
9 MR. DOWNEY:

10 Good morning, gentlemen. Good
11 morning, Chairman Johns and members. I
12 just -- before Matt walks through the
13 presentation, I just want to take a quick
14 moment to tell you how proud and excited
15 we are to be bringing The Queen on land
16 side in Baton Rouge. It's been through
17 just a tremendous effort by all of the
18 team members, the old ones, all of the new
19 ones. It's -- it starts early in the
20 morning and it's been going late into the
21 early morning hours to get it ready. But
22 with all of that being said, none of this
23 would have been possible without the
24 support of the Baton Rouge community, the
25 Louisiana State Police, the attorney

1 general's office and the Louisiana Gaming
2 Control Board; and we have really
3 appreciated your leadership in this whole
4 thing, so thank you very much.

5 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

6 Thank you. Thank you.

7 Mr. Shehadi, good morning.

8 MR. SHEHADI:

9 Good morning, Chairman Johns. Good
10 morning board members. My name is Matthew
11 Shehadi. I'm the general manager at The
12 Queen Baton Rouge.

13 Kind of the same thing as what Terry
14 said, I have been working hand in hand
15 with the attorney general on a daily,
16 weekly basis, as well as LSP audit and
17 enforcement and nothing but positive and
18 great things to say about the process. So
19 far, it's been open, the communication has
20 been there, and I just want to send a big
21 thanks to everyone involved in this
22 operation. So thank you again.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

24 All right.

25 MR. SHEHADI:

1 So we kind of start with the
2 presentation here. I'm really excited
3 about what The Queen's going to bring to
4 downtown Baton Rouge and the community. I
5 just want to hit some of the major
6 highlights.

7 We are going to be at over 100,000
8 square feet of gaming, dining,
9 entertainment for downtown Baton Rouge.
10 Six thousand square feet meeting space.
11 You really just have got to come see it.
12 It's hard to even put pictures to it. The
13 views of the Mississippi River are just
14 stunning out of the floor-to-ceiling glass
15 windows and in most of the space up there.

16 Out of the 100,000 plus square feet,
17 30,000 square feet of that is gaming --
18 gaming space with a gaming patio, which is
19 the Lit casino. It's -- it's just high
20 design. You can't even really tell. It's
21 designed as we -- we designed that as a --
22 another casino, so it's like Lit casino
23 and bar. We designed it as a separate --
24 as almost like as a separate entity in the
25 property.

1 So about 100 games in there, full
2 bar. You're going to have table games in
3 there as well. So we're going to have 18
4 total table games throughout the property,
5 12 in nonsmoking and then six in the
6 smoking pit. Roughly 730 games currently
7 on the floor.

8 A big influx of capital went into
9 roughly over 200 new products, latest and
10 greatest products in the industry are on
11 the floor currently. We have four dining
12 designations, 1717 full service
13 restaurant. It has a loft as well
14 overlooking the Mississippi River. Two,
15 32-foot projector TVs that you can view
16 anywhere in the establishment. It's --
17 it's very, very -- I've never seen a
18 projector so clean in my life, so it's
19 beautiful.

20 Over 40 TVs, so it's a place to come
21 watch a game. We definitely -- we have a
22 stage, entertainment area in there that
23 we're going to be able to program live
24 entertainment with a state of the art
25 technology TV behind the stage as well.

1 We'll be able to do Super Bowl parties,
2 March Madness, LSU national championship
3 games, stuff of that nature.

4 We also have three -- three quick
5 service restaurants, Shaq's Big Chicken,
6 that's his first foray into the Baton
7 Rouge area with his brand. They're
8 growing quickly and expanding. It seems
9 like they're opening a new place around
10 the United States on a weekly basis.
11 They're really -- really growing quickly.
12 Three Woks Noodle Bar and then Capitol
13 Coffee will both be on the casino floor.

14 State of the art DraftKing
15 Sportsbook. We have 20 betting kiosks all
16 around -- all around that sportsbook.
17 28-foot TV wall, which is all of the
18 brand-new tech out there, so it's clean.
19 You can see -- you can see the sportsbook
20 throughout the property, which kind of
21 glance at the energy that we're
22 anticipating on the -- the casino floor.

23 But one of the big things when I
24 came to this property was the security and
25 making people feel safe when they come out

1 to the Hollywood, now The Queen. We redid
2 -- the parking lot is completely redone,
3 so new stripes, wider spaces. A lot of
4 complaints on people getting their cars
5 beat up so we widened the spaces.
6 Upgraded lights throughout the property so
7 it's bright. It's almost like you're
8 pulling up to a stadium. We've added
9 plenty of security, roving bike teams.

10 So we just want people to come, have
11 a great time, be safe and really enjoy
12 themselves when they come downtown.

13 So we'll kind of get into what the
14 property looked like pre-construction. So
15 that was the old Hollywood and as we start
16 to kind of thumb through this presentation
17 you kind of see the progress of how
18 massive of an increase this was for the
19 footprint of The Queen.

20 This is Capitol Coffee. This is
21 located directly on the gaming floor so
22 you can be able to get smoothies,
23 sandwiches, coffee, extended hours so, you
24 know, if you're there late or early you'll
25 be able to divulge into anything coffee

1 related.

2 This is the entryway to the left,
3 the Big Chicken. And then the main dining
4 area to the right, quick serve, order at
5 the counter, pick your food up. It's been
6 -- we've been testing it the last couple
7 of days. It's good stuff, so I look
8 forward to seeing you guys come out and
9 definitely try it.

10 This is Lit. This is the entryway
11 to Lit. So you're going -- you go in
12 there and you make a left and then there's
13 doors that kind of separate the smoking
14 from the nonsmoking. We've -- we've
15 tested smoke machines, basically inundated
16 that room with smoke and the air handlers
17 and the increase of technology in that
18 room to remove the smoke is, I mean, 45
19 seconds that room was clear. So it's
20 definitely going to be a great experience.
21 You're not going to smell like an ashtray
22 when you leave there.

23 This is the view looking at the --
24 at the front door with the design of the
25 table games pit. So when you walk in,

1 you'll have 12 table games right when you
2 walk in. So we have craps, roulette, pai
3 gaw, black jack and some carnival games,
4 Cajun stuff.

5 This quick little view of the
6 DraftKings sign. So I'm just real excited
7 to be able to offer sportsbook experience
8 and the amount of amenities that we're
9 going to provide at The Queen of Baton
10 Rouge compared to the boat is just going
11 to be fantastic for the community.

12 This is the entrance to our 1717
13 restaurant that I mentioned, full-service
14 restaurant, rustic American. You can kind
15 of get a little bit of everything. If you
16 want a steak, if you want some fish,
17 Philly cheese steak, nachos, whatever
18 you've got a hankering for, 1717 is --
19 definitely has an eclectic menu to kind of
20 all areas. And then the loft is just --
21 the views, sunset views across the river
22 are stunning.

23 This is the interior space. I had
24 mentioned those 32-foot projectors, that's
25 them at the top left. And then that's the

1 loft upstairs for an elevated dining
2 experience as well.

3 Event space that we mentioned
4 earlier, able to do a multitude of
5 different events in the events space with
6 utilizing the pre-function space as well,
7 so it's definitely going to be a -- I
8 think a very, very positive addition to
9 the downtown area, especially when the
10 legislation is in town to be able to throw
11 some pretty outstanding parties and events
12 with us at The Queen.

13 A quick little look at what we can
14 do in that space. Those are the
15 floor-to-ceiling windows I had mentioned.
16 And there is the daylight exterior view of
17 -- of -- if you -- just the increase of
18 square footage that the property added.
19 And then here is a quick little look at
20 what the front entrance with the main port
21 cochere entry. There is -- you can't
22 really see on the top left corner, there's
23 a couple of lights above the port cochere
24 that we can control colors for
25 Christmastime, LSU, Southern games. We

1 have the ability to change -- change
2 colors and kind of theme those. So a cool
3 little thing for the outside of the
4 property. There's another view of the
5 exterior.

6 So that kind of wraps up kind of an
7 overview of what The Queen is going to
8 bring to downtown Baton Rouge, and I just
9 can't be excited enough to get these doors
10 open and -- and show what we're going to
11 bring to the downtown Baton Rouge
12 community.

13 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

14 Gentlemen, thank you very much.

15 Any questions from the board?

16 Mr. Poole.

17 MR. POOLE:

18 Yesterday I happened to drive by and
19 it looked like the boat was still at the
20 dock there, and I was just wondering what
21 the time frame was to move or dispose of
22 the facility.

23 MR. SHEHADI:

24 Good question. So currently, we are
25 in the process of filling offers for the

1 boat, so we're going to let that play out
2 and, hopefully, as soon as possible I can
3 get that boat off the dock and sold into
4 someone else's hands.

5 MR. POOLE:

6 Mr. Chairman, what is -- how far
7 does our oversight stay on that boat even
8 though it's not being used as a gaming
9 facility? What's our oversight on that
10 boat?

11 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

12 That's a good question. I may need
13 legal counsel to help me with that.

14 Ms. Landry, would you come back up
15 to the table?

16 MS. LANDRY:

17 So -- so to answer your question,
18 Mr. Poole. Ms. Landry hi. So last year
19 the board granted the licensee the
20 approval to sell or dispose of the vessel
21 upon substantial completion of the land
22 side facility. If the vessel remains on
23 the property, all of the gaming devices
24 have to be removed off of the vessel.
25 They have to maintain security and fire

1 watch. And they have to maintain
2 insurance on that vessel it has been
3 removed from the property.

4 But once gaming devices are removed,
5 it's minimum oversight for the board.

6 MR. POOLE:

7 Okay. Does that still have to be
8 manned, that boat?

9 MS. LANDRY:

10 They would have to request approval
11 to reduce their manning staff; and once
12 that's approved by the board or the
13 chairman, then they would be able to
14 reduce their manning staff on the vessel.
15 But all gaming devices have to be removed.
16 It has to be secured. No unnecessary
17 personnel on the vessel or any of that.

18 MR. POOLE:

19 Okay. I appreciate that. I know
20 we're going to run into that as all of the
21 facilities move on land.

22 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

23 Right.

24 MR. POOLE:

25 And I don't think anybody had ever

1 asked the question of when our oversight
2 actually ended on that, so --

3 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

4 So I know your plans are to enter
5 into an agreement on a riverboat company
6 docking at your facility; is that correct?
7 Or you may already have that in place.

8 MR. SHEHADI:

9 Correct. Currently that's already
10 in place with Viking Cruise Lines, so they
11 have been docking next to our vessel for
12 roughly eight months now.

13 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

14 Okay.

15 MR. SHEHADI:

16 They're not scheduled to come back
17 until the end of September.

18 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

19 Okay. But it's in your best
20 interest to get that boat out of there --

21 MR. SHEHADI:

22 Yes, sir.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

24 -- and get those -- I don't know how
25 many people on these riverboats. How many

1 people are normally on a boat on the
2 Mississippi River, for example?

3 MR. SHEHADI:

4 On my two boats that I employ?

5 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

6 No. No. No. One of the
7 riverboats, the Viking boats.

8 MR. SHEHADI:

9 Viking at full capacity is 600
10 guests.

11 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

12 Right.

13 MR. SHEHADI:

14 Yeah.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 So you want those 600 guest
17 disembarking, walking right into your
18 property?

19 MR. SHEHADI:

20 Yes. That's the plan. So we're
21 working -- I'm working on it very
22 diligently to get the old boat off.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

24 I think I would pay somebody to take
25 that thing out of there.

1 Okay. Ms. Landry, you had something
2 else that you wanted to add?

3 MS. LANDRY:

4 Just that the vessel's current
5 certificate of compliance expires, I
6 believe, on September 30th. I believe
7 that the vessel has been inspected
8 recently.

9 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

10 Okay.

11 MS. LANDRY:

12 But, you know, once all of the
13 gaming devices are removed, it will no
14 longer need a certificate of compliance
15 for the vessel. Everything will move to
16 the land side.

17 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

18 Okay. All right.

19 Mr. Poole, anything further?

20 MR. POOLE:

21 No. I'm good.

22 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

23 Okay. Thank you.

24 MR. AVANT:

25 What's the cost of doing all of the

1 land base, bringing it in and roughly --
2 MR. SHEHADI:

3 We probably won't know for years,
4 no. Right now the numbers that we're
5 reporting and running with are roughly 85
6 million. And I think it was first
7 approved around 26 million.

8 MR. AVANT:

9 We appreciate that.

10 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

11 So one time Mr. Avant had an
12 interview with a reporter I mentioned a
13 figure a hundred million and Mr. Downey
14 called me and he was in a panic. So where
15 did you get that number, Mr. Chairman?
16 But seriously, I thank you for your -- for
17 your investment in that.

18 Anything further, Mr. Avant?

19 Okay. Members, anything further?
20 Okay. I -- pardon me? Oh, the secretary.
21 I'm sorry.

22 SECRETARY LITTLE:

23 Just a quick question. I know we've
24 -- you've achieved substantial completion
25 or that's going to be determined today.

1 When do you expect all of the gaming
2 devices to be operational at 100 percent?

3 MR. SHEHADI:

4 So, as the Chairman mentioned, we're
5 anticipating 75 percent for Tuesday, as
6 close to 100 percent as possible by
7 Thursday. Once you take some of these
8 older units and you power them down and
9 you power them back up, sometimes they
10 don't come back to life, so it's just
11 really from a technical perspective
12 troubleshooting those games, making sure
13 we have the parts.

14 So on my experience having a floor
15 at 100 percent usually is not really --
16 never really achievable. You always have
17 some games down. So but our goal is to
18 get as close to 100 percent as possible on
19 a continuous basis.

20 SECRETARY LITTLE:

21 All right. Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

23 Any further questions? Okay. Thank
24 you very much.

25 So I took this position in July of

1 2021, and I think in August, if I'm not
2 mistaken, of 2021, I think one of my first
3 duties was to attend your grand opening.
4 And to see where you were today and --
5 where you were then and where you are
6 today is just absolutely phenomenal.
7 We've always contended that this is the
8 future of gaming in Louisiana, land based
9 properties. And -- and y'all know my
10 involvement in that from a legislative
11 standpoint years ago, and I think it's
12 come to fruition that we were -- the
13 legislature was correct in what it did.

14 I can't thank you enough for your
15 cooperation. Y'all have been incredible
16 to work with, to deal with. Any time
17 we've had an issue or a problem, you fixed
18 it. And that is greatly, greatly
19 appreciated.

20 To state police, thank you for --
21 Mayor, thank you and your staff for a lot
22 of hard work and it's not over. I know
23 between now and next week, I mean this
24 coming Thursday, you've got a lot of work
25 left to do, but thank all of y'all for

1 that.

2 To the attorney general's office,
3 Chris, and all your staff, y'all have done
4 a phenomenal job on getting this ready for
5 an opening.

6 So, gentlemen, we thank you for your
7 commitment. I know you've got another
8 commitment coming right down the street
9 over at The Belle.

10 And while you're at the table, could
11 I just ask you a quick question on that?
12 I know it's not on the agenda, but I just
13 want to ask you, is that proceeding as
14 anticipated.

15 UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

16 Yes, we're -- we're still right on
17 schedule at the time when we expect to be
18 in the ground in October. We've done a
19 tremendous amount of pre-construction
20 work. We've toured it a couple of times.
21 We basically had to skeletonize the hotel
22 and kind of start over from the bones, but
23 we're really happy where we are.

24 I think we're -- the design
25 document's 100 percent done. I know we're

1 over 75 percent, probably a lot more than
2 that on CDs, the construction documents,
3 so we're -- we're in really good shape.

4 We're -- we're -- gosh, we're
5 further down the road before we even start
6 construction than we probably were a year
7 ago on the old Hollywood, so we're pretty
8 enthused with where we're at.

9 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

10 Well, thank you very much for that,
11 and I'm going to use your figures on that.
12 I think it's going to be close to a
13 hundred million; is that correct?

14 UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

15 I actually -- I actually didn't give
16 them that number. That was your number --

17 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

18 Okay. Members -- so, Members, we're
19 going to entertain a resolution here in a
20 moment but as explained, we'll give me as
21 chairman the authority to finalize this
22 opening this coming Thursday, in which
23 I'll be very excited to do.

24 So, Members, we -- we do have a
25 resolution that will be read, and so Mr.

1 Poole, I presume, would like to make that
2 motion to adopt this resolution. And do I
3 have a second?

4 Ms. Berry has seconded that motion
5 and the Chairman will third that motion,
6 if you don't mind.

7 So Ms. Hernandez, would you read the
8 resolution, please.

9 MS. HERNANDEZ:

10 In the matter of Louisiana Casino
11 Cruises, LLC, doing business as The Queen
12 Baton Rouge petition to commence gaming
13 operations on the 21st day of August 2023.
14 The Louisiana Gaming Control Board did in
15 a duly noticed public meeting consider the
16 petition to commence gaming operations
17 filed by Louisiana Casino Cruises. And
18 upon motion duly made and seconded, the
19 board adopted the resolution.

20 Whereas on August 20th, 2020, the
21 board previously approved the licensee's
22 request to relocate its gaming operations
23 to a newly-constructed land-side facility
24 to be included as a part of the approved
25 project.

1 Whereas the Louisiana State Police
2 Gaming Enforcement Division preoperative
3 inspection of the land-side facility and
4 approved project is ongoing, and whereas
5 the board is in receipt of the certificate
6 of substantial completion, the readiness
7 for occupancy and use submitted by the
8 architect for the approval project, the
9 certificate of occupancy and the
10 inspection report issued by Louisiana
11 Office of State Fire Marshal and all other
12 required state and local permits for the
13 licensee's land-side facility.

14 Now therefore, be it resolved that
15 the licensee be issued a riverboat gaming
16 land-side certificate of compliance with
17 an expiration date of August 31st, 2024.

18 Be it further resolved that the
19 chairman is hereby authorized to determine
20 substantial completion of the approved
21 project in accordance with the licensee's
22 statement of the conditions to the
23 riverboat gaming license on behalf of the
24 board.

25 Be it further resolved that the

1 chairman is hereby authorized to approve
2 the licensee's request to commence gaming
3 operation at its facility on August 22nd,
4 2023 at 4:00 p.m. only for a soft opening
5 subject to the recommendation of the
6 divisions for such and the chairman's
7 determination of substantial completion of
8 the approved project on behalf of the
9 board.

10 Be it further resolved that the
11 chairman is hereby authorized on behalf of
12 the board to approve the licensee's
13 request to recommence gaming operation at
14 its facility currently scheduled for
15 August 24th, 2023, subject to further
16 inspection and approval of the division.

17 This done and signed in Baton Rouge,
18 Louisiana, this the 21st day of August
19 2023.

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 Thank you, Ms. Hernandez.

22 So, Members, we have a resolution
23 that has been offered by Mr. Poole,
24 seconded by Ms. Berry.

25 Ms. Hernandez, would you call the

1 roll, please?

2 MS. HERNANDEZ:

3 Mr. Avant.

4 MR. AVANT:

5 Yes.

6 MS. HERNANDEZ:

7 Ms. Berry.

8 MS> BERRY:

9 Yes.

10 MS. HERNANDEZ:

11 Mr. Jackson.

12 MR. JACKSON:

13 Yes.

14 MS. HERNANDEZ:

15 Ms. Lewis.

16 MS. LEWIS:

17 Yes.

18 MS. HERNANDEZ:

19 Mr. Poole.

20 MR. POOLE:

21 Yes.

22 MS. HERNANDEZ:

23 Ms. Hamilton-Acker.

24 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

25 Yes.

1 MS. HERNANDEZ:

2 Ms. Traylor.

3 MS. TRAYLOR:

4 Yes.

5 MS. HERNANDEZ:

6 And Chairman Johns.

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

8 Yes.

9 So by unanimous vote that motion
10 carries.

11 Gentlemen, congratulations to you.
12 Thank you. I look forward to being out
13 there with you this week, and the very
14 best of luck to you. Thank you very much.
15 I appreciate it.

16 Members, I thanked everybody in the
17 world a few minutes ago, I forgot to thank
18 my staff at my port office for their hard
19 work in this. It's been a lot of work
20 behind the scenes at the board office on
21 this venture. So thank all of you at the
22 board office for your work.

23 Okay. Is there any other business
24 to come before this board? If not, Mr.
25 Jackson moves that we adjourn.

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Is there a second?

Ms. Hamilton-Acker I know will
second that motion.

And is there any opposition to that
motion?

Hearing none, that motion carries.
We are hereby adjourned.

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