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4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

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9 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2016

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11 House Committee Room 1

12 Louisiana State Capitol

13 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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17 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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1 APPEARANCES

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RONNIE JONES

3 Chairman (At Large)

Third Congressional District

4 June 30, 2019

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6 FRANKLIN AYRES BRADFORD

(Economic Planner)

7 Fifth Congressional District

June 30, 2019

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9 JAMES SINGLETON

(Public/Business Administration)

10 Second Congressional District

June 30, 2020

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12 CLAUDE D. JACKSON

(At large)

13 Fourth Congressional District

June 30, 2018

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15 ROBERT W. GASTON, III

(At Large)

16 Sixth Congressional District

June 30, 2021

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18 JULIE BERRY

(CPA)

19 Third Congressional District

June 30, 2018

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21 WANDA THERIOT

(At large)

22 First Congressional District

June 30, 2021

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24 MAJOR MARK NOEL

Ex-Officio Board Member

25 Louisiana State Police

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1 APPEARANCES CONTINUED

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3 MIKE LEGENDRE

Department of Revenue

4 Director of Charitable Gaming

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6 LANA TRAMONTE

Executive Assistant

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8 TRUDY SMITH

Confidential Assistant

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10 REPORTED BY:

11 SHELLEY G. PAROLA, CSR, RPR

Baton Rouge Court Reporters

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Good morning and  
3 welcome to the November meeting of the  
4 Louisiana Gaming Control Board. I ask  
5 that you put your mobile devices on  
6 silent alert if you have them, please.

7 Miss Tramonte, would you call the  
8 roll.

9 THE CLERK: Chairman Jones?

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: Here.

11 THE CLERK: Mr. Bradford?

12 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

13 THE CLERK: Mr. Stipe? [No  
14 response.]

15 Mr. Singleton?

16 MR. SINGLETON: Here.

17 THE CLERK: Mr. Jackson?

18 MR. JACKSON: Here.

19 THE CLERK: Mr. Gaston?

20 MR. GASTON: Here.

21 THE CLERK: Miss Berry?

22 MS. BERRY: Here.

23 THE CLERK: Miss Theriot?

24 MS. THERIOT: Here.

25 THE CLERK: Colonel Edmonson?

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1 MAJOR NOEL: Major Noel for Colonel

2 Edmonson.

3 THE CLERK: Secretary Robinson?

4 MR. LEGENDRE: Mike Legendre here

5 for Secretary Robinson.

6 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you. We have

7 a quorum. We may conduct business.

8 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: Is there anyone in

10 the audience who wishes to make any

11 public comment on any matter before the

12 Board this morning? [No response.]

13 Thank you.

14 III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: Do I have a motion

16 to waive reading and approve the

17 minutes?

18 MR. GASTON: Move.

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: Do we need to amend

20 it first? All right. I understand

21 there's an amendment.

22 THE CLERK: I neglected

23 Mr. Jackson's name on last month's.

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: All right. So do I

25 have a motion to amend the -- amend to

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1 show that proper attendance at the last

2 meeting?

3 MR. BRADFORD: So moved.

4 MR. GASTON: I move the corrected  
5 minutes.

6 CHAIRMAN JONES: And we have a  
7 motion and a second. Without objection,  
8 the motion carries.

9 Now, may we waive the reading of  
10 those minutes and approve the minutes?  
11 By Mr. Bradford, seconded by  
12 Mr. Singleton. Without objection, the  
13 amended minutes are adopted. Thank you.

#### 14 IV. REVENUE REPORTS

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: Now for Revenue  
16 Reports. Good morning.

17 MS. JACKSON: Chairman Jones, Board  
18 Members, my name is Donna Jackson,  
19 Louisiana State Police Gaming  
20 Enforcement Division.

21 The 15 operating riverboats  
22 generated Adjusted Gross Receipts of  
23 \$153,859,526 in October. This total  
24 represents a decrease of \$4.6 million or  
25 3 percent from last month and a decrease

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1 of \$7.7 million or 4.8 percent from last  
2 October.

3 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal  
4 year 2016-2017 to date are almost \$641



5 million, a decrease of \$16.4 million or  
6 3 percent from fiscal year 2015-2016.

7 During October, the State collected  
8 fees totaling \$33,079,798. As of  
9 October 31st, 2016, the State collected  
10 \$137.8 million in fees for fiscal year  
11 2016-2017, a decrease of \$3.5 million  
12 from last fiscal year.

13 Next is a summary of October 2016  
14 gaming activity for Harrah's New Orleans  
15 found on page three. During October,  
16 Harrah's generated \$20,834,228 in gross  
17 gaming revenue, down \$2.8 million or  
18 12 percent from last month, and down  
19 \$5.7 million or 21.4 percent from last  
20 October.

21 Fiscal year-to-date gaming revenues  
22 for 2016-2017 are \$86,122,368, down  
23 \$23.5 million or 21 percent from fiscal  
24 year 2015-2016. During October, the  
25 State received \$5,095,890 in minimum

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1 daily payments. As of October 31st,  
2 2016, the State has collected  
3 \$20 million in fees for fiscal year  
4 2016-2017.

5 Next I will present the revenues for  
6 the Slots at the Racetracks. During  
7 October, the four racetrack facilities

8 combined generated Adjusted Gross  
9 Receipts of \$27,175,416, a minimal  
10 decrease of \$58,000 or .2 percent from  
11 September and a decrease from  
12 October 2015 of \$443,000 or 1.6 percent.

13 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal  
14 year 2016-2017 to date are  
15 \$110.7 million, a decrease of \$6.7  
16 million or 6 percent from fiscal year  
17 2015-2016.

18 During October, the State collected  
19 \$4,122,511 in fees. As of October 31st,  
20 2016, the State has collected almost  
21 \$17 million in fees for fiscal year  
22 2016-2017.

23 Overall in October, Riverboats,  
24 Landbased and Slots at the Racetracks  
25 combined generated almost \$202 million

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1 in AGR and \$42 million in state fees.  
2 These revenues represent a decrease from  
3 October 2015 of about 6 percent.

4 Any questions?

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board, any  
6 questions?

7 MR. GASTON: I guess a lot of the  
8 people must have been betting on the  
9 presidential race.

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: There are no

11 questions. Please proceed.

12 MS. JACKSON: Michelle Danner-Bull  
13 will now present the Harrah's employee  
14 information.

15 MS. BULL: Good morning, Chairman  
16 Jones and Board Members. I'm Michelle  
17 Bull with the Gaming Enforcement  
18 Division in New Orleans. I'm going to  
19 be presenting the Harrah's numbers this  
20 month because there was a change in what  
21 is going to be included in their  
22 employee numbers.

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: For the benefit of  
24 the Board, could you just kind of --

25 MS. BULL: Yeah, I am.

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1 So effective August 1st, 2016, is  
2 Revised Statute 27:248. This law went  
3 into effect basically to promote the  
4 non-gaming economic development of the  
5 landbased casino, and as a result, the  
6 definition of Harrah's operating force  
7 has changed to include not only JCC  
8 employees, but also up to 400 employees  
9 of their third party, noneconomic  
10 vendors that are in business because  
11 they're in business, as well as  
12 corporate employees that are assigned to  
13 the New Orleans casino.

14           So if you look at your spreadsheet  
15           that's been included, I've broken down  
16           how, you know, their numbers are now  
17           made up, and you're going to see a  
18           significant increase because these  
19           numbers are now being included.

20           So for the month of October, which  
21           this is going to cover, we verified  
22           2,804 employees with a payroll of  
23           \$2.187 million. As well as the  
24           employees, there's also a pro rata per  
25           employee for those 400 that can be added

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1           to the salary requirement for those  
2           employment figures, as well, which is  
3           why there's such a significant increase  
4           there, as well.

5           For the second pay period, you will  
6           see it decreased a little bit to 2,749  
7           with a payroll of \$2.178 million. We  
8           have been informed that there will be no  
9           major layoffs, you know, in regards to  
10          this statute, that any reduction in  
11          force will be through attrition.

12          So I have -- I'm available for any  
13          questions, and Harrah's representatives  
14          are here to answer any questions if you  
15          have any, as well.

16          CHAIRMAN JONES: Board, are there

17 any questions on the employment figures?

18 I think we're good.

19 MS. BULL: Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Singleton.

21 MR. SINGLETON: Was this something  
22 done by the legislature?

23 MS. BULL: Yes. It was Senate Bill  
24 295.

25 CHAIRMAN JONES: Senator Peterson.

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1 MS. BULL: Yes.

2 MR. SINGLETON: Now, how did that  
3 affect going back to the City? And  
4 Harrah's has an agreement going way  
5 back. Did this override that?

6 MS. BOYLE: Yes.

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: And the City was in  
8 agreement, Mr. Singleton. Senator  
9 Peterson worked with the mayor's staff  
10 in sort of crafting this legislation in  
11 what they would count because,  
12 obviously, there was concern that they  
13 wouldn't be able to fulfill the  
14 obligation of employment in the  
15 community. Senator Peterson came up  
16 with this as a compromise so I think  
17 everybody was onboard with it. We're  
18 good.

19 MR. SINGLETON: Okay.

20 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you.

21 MS. BULL: Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Jim, we'll have  
23 video poker.

24 MR. BOSSIER: Good morning, Chairman  
25 Jones and Board Members. My name is Jim

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1 Bossier with the Louisiana State Police  
2 Gaming Enforcement Division here to  
3 report video gaming statistics for  
4 October 2016 as shown on page one of  
5 your handout.

6 Twelve new video gaming licenses  
7 were issued during October: Six bars,  
8 five restaurants and one truckstop.  
9 Sixteen new applications were received  
10 by the Gaming Enforcement Division  
11 during October and are currently pending  
12 the field: Six bars, nine restaurants  
13 and one device owner's.

14 The Gaming Enforcement Division  
15 assessed \$1,850 and collected \$23,500 in  
16 fines during October, and there are  
17 currently \$4,850 in outstanding fines.  
18 Please refer to page two of your  
19 handout.

20 There are presently 13,006 video  
21 gaming devices activated at 1,768  
22 locations.

23 Net device revenue for October 2016  
24 was \$47.1 million, a \$400,000 increase,  
25 or 1 percent, when compared to

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1 September 2016, and a \$1.2 million  
2 decrease, or 1.2 percent, when compared  
3 to October 2015.

4 Net device revenue so far for fiscal  
5 year 2016 is \$184.3 million, a  
6 \$5 million decrease, or 2.6 percent,  
7 when compared to fiscal year 2015. Page  
8 three of your handout shows a compare of  
9 net device revenue.

10 Total franchise fees collected  
11 during October 2016 were \$14.1 million,  
12 a \$100,000 decrease when compared to  
13 September 2016, and a \$400,000 decrease  
14 when compared to October 2015. Total  
15 franchise fees collected for fiscal year  
16 2016 are \$55.2 million, \$1.4 million  
17 decrease, or 2.5 percent, when compared  
18 to fiscal year 2015. Page four of your  
19 handout shows a comparison of franchise  
20 fees.

21 Does anybody have any questions?

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Bradford?

23 MR. BRADFORD: Thank you, Jim. Just  
24 a quick question about the total number  
25 of devices in the State of Louisiana.

1 It seems like we're dropping. Three or  
2 four years ago I think this number was  
3 around 14,000. Now, we're around  
4 13,000; is that correct?

5 MR. BOSSIER: I can get that answer  
6 for you, sir, and get back with you.

7 MR. BRADFORD: That's all right. I  
8 just seem to recall we were around  
9 14,000, and the revenues are holding up  
10 so, you know, I just was curious.

11 MR. BOSSIER: It may have something  
12 to do with the way the central system  
13 works, but if you need an answer to  
14 that, I could contact technical staff.

15 MR. BRADFORD: I was just curious.  
16 Thank you, though.

17 MR. BOSSIER: You're welcome.

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any other  
19 questions? No other questions.

20 Thank, you, Jim.

21 Mr. Singleton, did you have --

22 MAJOR NOEL: I was going to answer.

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: Oh, the Major. I'm  
24 sorry.

25 MAJOR NOEL: I was going to answer.

1 CHAIRMAN JONES: Please do.

2 MAJOR NOEL: Last year we -- or,



3 actually, two years ago we were in the  
4 process of conversion of our central  
5 system doing a software update and  
6 required the replacement of a number  
7 of -- probably 40 to 50 percent of the  
8 machines out there in industry are on  
9 upgrade, and so what resulted is a  
10 number of locations who were probably  
11 marginal in their profit were -- they  
12 didn't replace the machines. So it's  
13 actually crept up from where that  
14 transition kind of hit bottom about a  
15 year ago, and so they're slowly adding.

16 But you're right, the revenues  
17 stayed consistent.

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you, Major.  
19 Thank you, Jim. Just as a note for  
20 everyone in the audience, you know, the  
21 revenues are cyclical, and they were  
22 probably more down this year than in  
23 some of the months than we would have  
24 liked. I was just in Shreveport/Bossier  
25 visiting general managers, and that area

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1 of the state used to be one of the top  
2 areas and has been impacted a lot by the  
3 travel casinos in Oklahoma, and the  
4 travel casinos have become much more  
5 aggressive in the marketing of their

6 gaming. Two of the general managers  
7 told me that each one of them received  
8 an offer in the mail addressed to  
9 "Resident" at that address with  
10 something, like, a hundred dollar  
11 voucher, free play, a free hotel room,  
12 and they're not even targeting  
13 individuals. They're just sending them  
14 out in mass to addresses in the  
15 Shreveport/Bossier City area, and those  
16 are the kinds of competitive forces that  
17 are in play up there.

18 And fortunately, southwest Louisiana  
19 still is going well, and the other areas  
20 it just depends on the month. But  
21 there's an awful lot of competition for  
22 the gaming dollar out there, and I think  
23 that's going to increase. I'm hopeful  
24 that the Riverboat Gaming Task Force, at  
25 least on the casino side, is going to

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1 offer the legislature some  
2 recommendations on how to grow this  
3 market and grow the economic  
4 development. We had a meeting Tuesday,  
5 won't have a meeting in December, but  
6 we'll start again in January. I  
7 encourage you to go online, look at  
8 those presentations and kind of keep up

9 with what we're doing.

10 V. COMPLIANCE REPORTS

11 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll go now to  
12 Compliance Reports. Good morning.

13 MS. BROWN: Good morning. Chairman  
14 Jones, Board Members, I'm Mesa Brown,  
15 Assistant Attorney General. Today I'll  
16 present the staff reports on riverboat  
17 and racetrack casino licensees'  
18 compliance with employment and  
19 procurement conditions for the third  
20 quarter of 2016.

21 I'll begin with riverboats. The  
22 third quarter reports are taken from  
23 figures reported by the 15 operating  
24 riverboats to the Louisiana Gaming  
25 Control Board. In the third quarter of

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1 2016, approximately 14,272 people were  
2 employed by the riverboat industry. Of  
3 that number, 13,963 were Louisiana  
4 residents, 9,579 were minorities and  
5 8,218 were women.

6 Five licensees achieved total  
7 compliance this quarter, and they are:  
8 Golden Nugget, L'Auberge Casino & Hotel  
9 Baton Rouge, Belle of Baton Rouge  
10 Casino, Boomtown New Orleans and Isle of  
11 Capri Casino St. Charles.

12           Next I'll address employment. Four  
13           licensees did not meet their total  
14           employment goals. They are DiamondJacks  
15           Casino & Resort who achieved 493 out of  
16           a goal of 650; Hollywood achieved 418  
17           out of a goal of 450; Boomtown Casino  
18           Bossier achieved 561 out of 650, and  
19           Eldorado Resort Shreveport achieved  
20           1,152 out of 1,200. All licensees  
21           either met or exceeded their goals in  
22           all the subcategories under the main  
23           category of employment.

24           Next I'll address procurement. The  
25           licensees are grouped according to three

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1           subcategories which appear in your  
2           report. They are Louisiana, minority  
3           and female procurement. Under Louisiana  
4           procurement, three licensees did not  
5           achieve compliance with its voluntary  
6           conditions, and they are: Hollywood  
7           Casino, who achieved 75.4 out of  
8           80 percent; Margaritaville Resort  
9           Casino, who achieved 84.7 out of a goal  
10           of 90 percent, and L'Auberge Lake  
11           Charles, who achieved 78.9 out of a goal  
12           of 80 percent.

13           Minority procurement, five licensees  
14           did not achieve compliance with their

15 voluntary conditions, and they are:  
16 Sam's Town, who achieved 10.6 out of  
17 25 percent; Horseshoe achieved 18 out of  
18 35 percent; Treasure Chest achieved 5.9  
19 out of 15 percent; Amelia Belle achieved  
20 27.2 out of 30 percent, and Eldorado  
21 achieved 19.2 out of 25 percent. Under  
22 female procurement, all licensees either  
23 met or exceeded their female procurement  
24 goals this quarter.

25 Any questions regarding the

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1 riverboats?

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Are there any  
3 questions with respect to either  
4 employment or procurement figures?  
5 There are no questions.

6 MS. BROWN: Thank you. Now, I'll  
7 begin with racetrack. In the third  
8 quarter of 2016, approximately 1,564  
9 people were employed by the racetrack  
10 casino industry. Of that number, 1,312  
11 were Louisiana residents, 821 were  
12 minorities and 888 were women. Two  
13 racetrack casinos achieved total  
14 compliance this quarter, and they are  
15 Evangeline Downs and Fairgrounds. Delta  
16 Downs did not achieve its Louisiana  
17 employment condition. It achieved 62.4

18 out of the 80 percent condition, and  
19 Louisiana Downs did not achieve its  
20 female employment condition. It  
21 achieved 53.3 out of 60 percent.

22 Any questions regarding the  
23 racetrack casinos?

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: Racetrack casino  
25 questions, Board? There are no

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1 questions.

2 MS. BROWN: Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you very  
4 much.

## 5 VI. VIDEO GAMING ISSUES

6 A. Consideration of the following Transfers of  
7 Interest:

8 1. LaPlace Travel Center, LLC, d/b/a Poker  
9 Palace Casino - No. 4800511681

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll now move to  
11 Video Gaming Issues. First up is:  
12 Consideration of transfer of the  
13 licensee -- transfers as to LaPlace  
14 Travel Center, LLC, doing business as  
15 Poker Palace Casino, No. 4800511681.

16 Good morning.

17 MR. PITRE: Good morning, Chairman  
18 and Board Members. I'm Assistant  
19 Attorney General Earl Pitre, Jr., here  
20 before the Board in the matter of the

21 transfer of 21.574 percent membership  
22 interest of LaPlace Travel Center, LLC,  
23 doing business as Poker Palace Casino.

24 On January 14th, 2016, Charles G.  
25 Jones, Jr., died. At the time of his

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1 death, he held a 21.574 percent  
2 membership interest in the licensee.  
3 According to his will, his membership  
4 interest in the licensee was to be  
5 divided equally between the children  
6 with a usufruct to his wife.

7 In accordance with an operating  
8 agreement, the licensee exercised its  
9 right of first refusal to purchase  
10 Mr. Jones's membership interest by  
11 executing a bill of sale with the  
12 executrix of the succession, who was  
13 also the surviving spouse. The existing  
14 members membership interest in the  
15 licensee was then calculated by the  
16 remaining balance of 78.426 percent as  
17 shown in the outline given to y'all.

18 Criminal Investigator Glenn Verrett  
19 conducted the investigation of the  
20 transfer of membership interest and  
21 conducted an updated cursory check of  
22 the members and their spouses. He is  
23 here this morning to present his

24 findings to the Board.

25 TROOPER VERRETT: Good morning,

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1 Mr. Chairman and Board Members. I'm  
2 Investigator Glenn Verrett, State  
3 Police.

4 I investigated the transfer of the  
5 21.574 percent of the membership  
6 interest in the licensee. Updated  
7 cursory checks were performed that  
8 revealed no criminal arrests. I found  
9 no information that would preclude the  
10 continuing licensing of LaPlace Travel  
11 Center doing business as Poker Palace  
12 Casino.

13 MR. PITRE: The Office of the  
14 Attorney General has reviewed the file  
15 and found no information to preclude  
16 approval of the transfer.

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board, are there  
18 any questions of the Attorney General's  
19 Office or State Police?

20 MR. GASTON: Move.

21 CHAIRMAN JONES: There are no  
22 questions. We have a motion from  
23 Dr. Gaston, seconded by Miss Berry.

24 Any objection? Without objection,  
25 the transfer of interest is approved.

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1 2. Fifth Wheel Plaza, Inc., d/b/a Royal Palace -  
2 No. 1002507479

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: Next up is:  
4 Consideration of transfer of interest in  
5 Fifth Wheel Plaza, Inc., doing business  
6 as Royal Palace. That's No. 1002507479.

7 Morning, gentlemen.

8 MR. MEEK: Morning. Chairman Jones,  
9 Members of the Board, I'm Matthew Meek,  
10 Assistant Attorney General, present  
11 before the Board in the matter of the  
12 transfer of 94 percent stock in Fifth  
13 Wheel Plaza, Incorporated, doing  
14 business as Royal Palace, which holds a  
15 Type 5 license.

16 The truckstop facility is located at  
17 504 North Beglis Parkway, Sulphur,  
18 Louisiana, in Calcasieu Parish.

19 On August 22nd, 2016, the following  
20 transactions occurred: Calvin D.  
21 Broussard transferred his shares of  
22 stock in the licensee to his ex-wife,  
23 Patricia A. Broussard, through a  
24 community property settlement agreement.  
25 Patricia Broussard was elected president

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1 of the licensee, and Margo R. Broussard  
2 was elected secretary and treasurer.

3 Also, the licensee negotiated a new

4 lease with the landowner.

5 Currently, Patricia Broussard owns  
6 shares representing 94 percent of the  
7 issued and outstanding common stock of  
8 licensee, and Margo Broussard owns the  
9 remaining 6 percent.

10 Senior Trooper James Cannon  
11 conducted an investigation of the  
12 transfers. He is present this morning  
13 to report his findings to the Board.

14 SENIOR TROOPER CANNON: Good  
15 morning, Chairman and Members of the  
16 Board. I'm Trooper James Cannon with  
17 Louisiana State Police.

18 I investigated the transfers that  
19 occurred in the licensee and found no  
20 information that would preclude  
21 continued licensing of Fifth Wheel  
22 Plaza, Incorporated, doing business as a  
23 Royal Palace, or that would preclude  
24 Patricia A. Broussard or Margaret R.  
25 Broussard from continuing to participate

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1 in Louisiana's gaming industry.

2 MR. MEEK: The Office of the  
3 Attorney General has reviewed the file  
4 prepared by the Office of State Police,  
5 and the information contained therein  
6 would not preclude approval.

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board, do we have  
8 any questions for the Attorney General's  
9 Office or State Police? [No response.]

10 Do I have a motion to approve the  
11 transfer of interest? By Miss Theriot.  
12 Second?

13 MR. JACKSON: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Mr. Bradford.

15 Any objection? Without objection,  
16 the transfer is approved.

17 Thank you, gentlemen.

18 MR. MEEK: Thank you.

19 VII. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

20 A. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance  
21 for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of  
22 the gaming vessel of St. Charles Gaming  
23 Company, L.L.C., d/b/a Isle of Capri Lake  
24 Charles, No. R011700174

25 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll move now to

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1 Casino Gaming Issues. First up is:  
2 Consideration of the Certificate of  
3 Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat  
4 Inspection of gaming vessel St. Charles  
5 Gaming Company, L.L.C., doing business  
6 as Isle of Capri Lake Charles, No.  
7 R011700174.

8 Morning, gentlemen.

9 MR. LEWIS: Good morning.

10 Good morning, Chairman Jones, Ladies  
11 and Gentlemen of the Board. I'm  
12 Assistant Attorney General Kanick Lewis,  
13 Jr., and with me is Mr. John Francic of  
14 ABSC. We're here in the matter of the  
15 issuance of the renewal of the  
16 Certificate of Compliance to St. Charles  
17 Gaming Company, L.L.C., doing business  
18 as Isle of Capri Lake Charles.

19 On October 18th, 2016, ABSC began  
20 the inspection process for the renewal  
21 of Isle of Capri's Certificate of  
22 Compliance. Now for more on this, I  
23 turn it over to Mr. John Francic.

24 MR. FRANCIC: Good morning,  
25 Chairman, Board Members, I'm John

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1 Francic with ABS Consulting here to  
2 report the annual certification for the  
3 Isle of Capri Casino.

4 The inspectors, Doug Chapman and  
5 Pete Bullard, did, on October 18th,  
6 attend the riverboat Grand Palais to  
7 conduct the annual certification for the  
8 vessel Grand Palais. The inspectors  
9 reviewed fire protection measures,  
10 equipment, egress routes, mooring  
11 system, machinery space, and they  
12 conducted a fire drill. The

13 deficiencies found during the inspection  
14 are found on page six of your report.

15 Now, a comment was made last month  
16 about, you know, comparing last year's  
17 inspection with this year's, and there  
18 was no repeated, you know, deficiencies  
19 from the previous year. In fact, there  
20 was a great reduction in the amount of  
21 deficiencies that were on the boat, so I  
22 applaud Grand Palais, the Isle of Capri,  
23 for really keeping up with a vessel  
24 that's over 20 years old and keeping up  
25 with maintenance because it is a lot of

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1 maintenance.

2 So the deficiencies were corrected,  
3 and the annual 2016 annual survey  
4 required by Louisiana Gaming Control  
5 Board is complete and presents no safety  
6 concerns to its patrons or employees  
7 onboard the riverboat. The  
8 recommendation of ABS Consulting is to  
9 issue the Certificate of Compliance.

10 MR. LEWIS: We now present these  
11 findings to the Board and request that  
12 upon your approval of -- your accepting  
13 of the report submitted by ABSC, that  
14 the Board will move for the renewal of  
15 the Isle of Capri Casino's Certificate

16 of Compliance.

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board, are there  
18 any questions of ABSC or the Attorney  
19 General? There appear to be no  
20 questions.

21 Do I have a motion to issue the  
22 Certificate of Compliance?

23 MR. SINGLETON: I'll move.

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Mr. Singleton.

25 MS. BERRY: I'll second.

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1 CHAIRMAN JONES: Miss Berry.

2 Any objection? Without objection,  
3 the certificate is issued, and I thank  
4 the Isle for their diligence in  
5 maintaining the vessel and doing the  
6 work. Thank you for that job.

7 B. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for  
8 the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the  
9 gaming vessel of PNK (Bossier City), LLC, d/b/a  
10 Boomtown Casino Bossier City - No. R016500701

11 CHAIRMAN JONES: Next up is:  
12 Consideration of Certificate of  
13 Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat  
14 Inspection of the gaming vessel PNK  
15 (Bossier City), LLC, doing business as  
16 Boomtown Casino Bossier City, No.  
17 R016500701.

18 MR. LEWIS: Good morning, again,

19 Chairman Jones, Board Members. I'm  
20 Assistant Attorney General Kanick Lewis,  
21 Jr., and with me is Mr. John Francic of  
22 ABSC. We're here in the matter of the  
23 issuance of the renewal Certificate of  
24 Compliance to PNK (Bossier City), LLC,  
25 doing business as Boomtown Casino

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1 Bossier City.

2 On October 24th, 2016, ABSC began  
3 the inspection process for the renewal  
4 of Boomtown Bossier's Certificate of  
5 Compliance. For more on that, I now  
6 turn the presentation over to  
7 Mr. Francic.

8 MR. FRANCIC: Chairman, Board  
9 Members, John Francic of ABS Consulting  
10 here to report the annual certification  
11 of Boomtown Casino Bossier City.

12 The inspectors, Doug Chapman and  
13 Pete Bullard, did, on October 24th,  
14 attend the riverboat Mary Prize to  
15 conduct the annual inspection in  
16 accordance with the alternate inspection  
17 riverboat gaming program in the State of  
18 Louisiana.

19 The inspectors reviewed fire  
20 protection measures, egress routes,  
21 mooring systems, machinery spaces and

22 conducted a fire drill. The  
23 deficiencies found are on page six of  
24 your report, and, again, in comparison  
25 to last year's inspection, there was

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1 none that was repeated, so everything  
2 was good and in good order this year.  
3 The deficiencies were followed up that  
4 same week on October 27th and found  
5 everything was complete.

6 The 2016 annual certification  
7 required by the Louisiana Gaming Control  
8 Board is complete and presents no safety  
9 concerns to its patrons or employees  
10 onboard the riverboat. It is the  
11 recommendation of ABS Consulting that  
12 Boomtown Casino be issued a Certificate  
13 of Compliance.

14 MR. LEWIS: We now present these  
15 findings to the Board and request that  
16 upon the Board accepting the report  
17 submitted by ABSC, you will move for the  
18 renewal of Boomtown Bossier's  
19 Certificate of Compliance.

20 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board, any  
21 questions for Mr. Kanick or Mr. Francic?

22 MR. JACKSON: Motion to approve.

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: We have a motion to  
24 approve the certificate, a second by



25 Dr. Gaston.

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1 Any objections? Without objection,  
2 the Certificate of Compliance is  
3 approved.

4 Thank you very much, gentlemen.

5 MR. LEWIS: Thank you.

6 VIII. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT IN THE  
7 FOLLOWING:

8 1. In Re: Allison G. Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a

9 Bayou Belle Truck Stop & Casino -

10 No. 5000513561A

11 CHAIRMAN JONES: We now move to the  
12 only matter on the settlement and appeal  
13 docket, and that is a settlement in  
14 regard to Allison G. Enterprises, LLC,  
15 doing business as Bayou Belle Truck Stop  
16 & Casino, No. 5000513561A.

17 Good morning, again.

18 MS. BROWN: Good morning. Chairman  
19 Jones, Board Members, I'm Mesa Brown,  
20 Assistant Attorney General, appearing on  
21 behalf of the Division in the matter of,  
22 In Re: Allison G. Enterprises, LLC,  
23 d/b/a Bayou Belle Truck Stop & Casino.

24 Here the licensee failed to maintain  
25 its parking lot as required to do so by

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1 law. As of June 9th, 2016, the licensee

2 had made all necessary repairs to its  
3 parking lot for it to be in compliance  
4 with gaming law. Both parties have  
5 agreed to settle this matter for a  
6 penalty of \$10,000. The settlement has  
7 been approved by the hearing officer and  
8 is now before you for final approval.

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: Major, was this  
10 part of just a regular inspection  
11 finding?

12 MAJOR NOEL: Yes, sir.

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: Okay. Any  
14 questions of Mesa?

15 MR. SINGLETON: Just a curiosity  
16 question.

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes, sir.

18 MR. SINGLETON: This \$10,000 fine,  
19 do we have a structured schedule of how  
20 we deal with these or is each  
21 individual?

22 MAJOR NOEL: It all depends. Some  
23 of the penalties on the schedule are  
24 outlined for certain violations, others  
25 are not. This one is not on the penalty

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1 schedule so we look to also prior  
2 settlements in prior cases where we've  
3 had similar violations to kind of guide  
4 us in the amount.

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: Okay. Any other  
6 questions? [No response.]

7 Do I have a motion to approve the  
8 settlement? By Miss Berry.

9 MR. JACKSON: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Mr. Jackson.

11 Any objection to approval of the  
12 settlement? Without objection, the  
13 settlement's approved.

14 Thank you, Mesa.

15 MS. BROWN: Thank you.

16 IX. ADJOURNMENT

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: I know you're all  
18 gravely disappointed, but there being no  
19 other business before the Board this  
20 morning, I'll ask for a motion to  
21 adjourn.

22 By Mr. Singleton, who is ready to  
23 get out of here, and Mr. Jackson.

24 Any objections to adjourning?  
25 Without objection, we stand adjourned.

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1 Have at a good Thanksgiving.

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