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LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

ZOOM VIDEO TELECONFERENCE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021

10:00 A.M.

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3 June 30, 2025

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(CPA)

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

3 Well, good morning everyone. This is
4 Chairman Johns. Thank y'all for participating in
5 this meeting this morning. I would like to
6 announce, as we get started, that as chairman, I
7 will certify that the Louisiana Gaming Control
8 Board is meeting through a Zoom meeting because of
9 the governor's orders relating to the current
10 health crisis and the time-sensitivity of the
11 issue before the Board today. The contract for
12 the current third-party inspector expires at the
13 end of December, and we are in need of getting a
14 contract in place. Ms. Thurman, would you call
15 the roll, please?

16 MS. THURMAN:

17 Chairman Johns?

18 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

19 Here.

20 MS. THURMAN:

21 Mr. Avant?

22 (NO RESPONSE)

23 MS. THURMAN:

24 I know he's there.

25 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

1 Mr. Avant?

2 (NO RESPONSE)

3 MS. THURMAN:

4 Ms. Berry?

5 MS. BERRY:

6 (Indicating)

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

8 Ms. Berry is here.

9 MS. THURMAN:

10 Mr. Jackson?

11 MR. JACKSON:

12 Here.

13 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

14 Mr. Jackson is here.

15 MS. THURMAN:

16 Ms. Lewis?

17 MS. LEWIS:

18 Here.

19 MS. THURMAN:

20 Mr. Poole?

21 MR. POOLE:

22 Here.

23 MS. THURMAN:

24 Ms. Hamilton-Acker?

25 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

1 Here.

2 MS. THURMAN:

3 Mr. Sholes?

4 MR. SHOLES:

5 Here.

6 MS. THURMAN:

7 Ms. Traylor?

8 MS. TRAYLOR:

9 Here.

10 MS. THURMAN:

11 Colonel Davis?

12 MAJOR McNEAL:

13 Major McNeal for Colonel Davis.

14 MS. THURMAN:

15 Secretary Lewis?

16 SECRETARY LEWIS:

17 Here.

18 MS. THURMAN:

19 We have a quorum.

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 We have a quorum. Thank you very

22 much for that.

23 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

24 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

25 At this time, I would like to ask for

1 any public comments. Is there anyone who would
2 like to make a public comment before the
3 Board before we get into our agenda?

4 (NO RESPONSE)

5 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

6 Okay. Hearing none, we will move
7 into the agenda.

8 III. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

9 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

10 This morning, we will have a
11 presentation by the third-party marine services
12 inspection services of Lay, Pitman & Associates,
13 naval architects, for consideration to provide
14 riverboat inspections for the Louisiana casino
15 gaming vessels. At this time, I believe -- is
16 Mr. Kanick Lewis on with us this morning on
17 this --

18 MR. LEWIS:

19 Yes, I'm here.

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 Good morning, Mr. Kanick. How are
22 you, sir?

23 MR. LEWIS:

24 Good morning, Chairman Johns.

25 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

1 Great. I think you have a brief
2 opening for us?

3 MR. LEWIS:

4 Yes. Again, good morning,
5 Chairman Johns, Board Members. As previously
6 stated, I'm Assistant Attorney General
7 Kanick Lewis, Jr. Also on the call is
8 Mr. Matthew Pitman of American Vessel Services,
9 LLC, which is a subsidiary of Lay, Pitman &
10 Associates. We're here for the consideration of a
11 new third-party inspector for the riverboat gaming
12 vessels.

13 The law requires riverboat gaming
14 vessels to be inspected annually in accordance
15 with Louisiana Revised Statute 27:44.1(C) by
16 either the Coast Guard or a third-party inspector
17 approved by the Board. The Coast Guard no longer
18 inspects the riverboat gaming vessels, and this
19 Board approved ABSG to be the third-party
20 inspector in 1996.

21 Now ABSG has decided as a company
22 decision to cease inspecting riverboat gaming
23 vessels throughout the country. Their contract
24 with the licensees ends December 31, 2021, as
25 previously stated by the chairman; therefore, it

1 is necessary for you, the Board, to consider and
2 approve another company to be the Board's approved
3 third-party inspector.

4 American Vessel Services, LLC, is the
5 candidate that has been identified who would take
6 over the contracts. They are here today to
7 present to the board. Should you approve them,
8 they would be the approved third-party inspector.
9 They will continue to use the inspection guide the
10 Board approved in March 1996 in its updated form.
11 Should you approve American Vessel Services, LLC,
12 a resolution has been prepared.

13 Now Mr. Pitman will now give his
14 presentation to the board.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 Thank you, Mr. Kanick. I appreciate
17 you being with us this morning.

18 MR. LEWIS:

19 Yes, sir.

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 Mr. Pitman, welcome to the Louisiana
22 Gaming Control Board.

23 MR. PITMAN:

24 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you,
25 Mr. Lewis.

1 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

2 Members, this is Mr. Matt Pitman, who
3 is the Principal of American Vessel Services, LLC.
4 They're out of Neptune, Florida, I believe, and --

5 MR. PITMAN:

6 Neptune Beach. Neptune Beach, sir.

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

8 Neptune Beach, Florida. Excuse me.
9 And, you know, I understand Florida stole one of
10 our Louisiana coaches this week so . . .

11 MR. PITMAN:

12 I -- I did see that.

13 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

14 Okay. Mr. Pitman, why don't you
15 proceed and tell us a little bit about -- about
16 your company and what you can provide for us.

17 MR. PITMAN:

18 Okay. The parent company -- and
19 thank you, Mr. Chairman.

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 Sure.

22 MR. PITMAN:

23 The parent company, Lay, Pitman &
24 Associates, I am the managing partner and
25 President. That company, it was -- it was started

1 in 1958. I've been working with the company for
2 37 years. I purchased the company 13 years ago
3 from my predecessor, and we specialize in the
4 design and service -- naval architectural services
5 for passenger vessels, which in -- which kind of
6 creates my, you know, interest and desire to be
7 your third-party inspector due to our experience
8 with this type of vessel. We have a -- kind of an
9 assess -- a damage condition inspection/assessment
10 company, which is a subsidiary of my company,
11 which I am also the managing partner of, which is
12 American Vessel Services, LLC, which we would be
13 providing the services under.

14 We have agreements in place with
15 several of the current inspectors that were
16 contract inspectors for American -- for ABSG.
17 They have -- we have those agreements in place
18 already; so the transition from ABSG to, we'll
19 call it, AVS should be a very smooth and painless
20 transition. We have worked very closely with the
21 American Bureau of Shipping Consulting Group for,
22 you know, even before the riverboat gaming vessels
23 but certainly for the Louisiana vessels since the
24 first vessel, and we have a very good relationship
25 with them, which I believe will allow this

1 transition of current inspection status of the
2 existing vessels to our involvement to be a very
3 seamless transition which would, you know, in
4 itself provide for, hopefully, less heartaches for
5 your Board.

6 So we're excited to be considered.
7 We're interested in providing these services for
8 you guys. I have a very professional team that
9 work under me. I wish that Leif, my Vice --
10 Senior Vice-President -- he's actually going to
11 your wonderful state today to be at the WorkBoat
12 Show in New Orleans, which is one of our largest
13 trade shows that we participate in, which is a
14 fascinating show. But I had to send him and a
15 couple of other guys; so they're not on the call
16 today. So I apologize for that.

17 But I have a very professional staff.
18 I have a very experienced team of inspectors, not
19 only that we're involved with the current ABSG
20 involvement but also my in-house inspectors that
21 will be providing backup services when needed for,
22 you know, the State and the Gaming Control Board,
23 if we are selected.

24 So I think we're prepared. I think
25 we're a good choice. It's not totally what we do

1 every day. I mean, we do these damage assessments
2 and inspections for insurance companies on a daily
3 basis, but, you know, providing these services for
4 the State -- you know, AVS has kind of had that
5 monopoly for all the states. So this is a little
6 bit different for us to work directly with the
7 Gaming Control Board, but there's no lack of
8 excitement or opportunity for us -- or challenge
9 or opportunity for us to tackle it.

10 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

11 Well, thank you, Mr. Pitman. And, if
12 I'm not mistaken, you -- your company has some
13 experience in Louisiana with some design work --
14 some of the riverboat projects?

15 MR. PITMAN:

16 Absolutely. Personally -- now, my
17 company, of course, but, personally, I've probably
18 managed seven to eight of the current vessels
19 operating in Louisiana, the design -- I was the
20 design manager, and so I have extreme experience
21 with quite a few of the properties, some of the
22 more spectacular ones, in my opinion.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

24 Well, thank you very much. So we --
25 we appreciate that. Members of the Board, just

1 for your information, while we would be approving
2 this -- this contract, Mr. Pitman's work is
3 actually paid for by the licensees that he
4 inspects. So that's basically how it's worked. I
5 will tell you ABSC has been with us since 1996.
6 They've done a fantastic job. We're familiar with
7 Mr. John Francic, who appears before the Board
8 every month or whenever there's an inspection due.
9 We greatly appreciate John's work over the years.
10 And I will -- I will say that the research that we
11 have done here in our office, this company,
12 Lay, Pitman & Associates, comes very highly
13 recommended to us. So that -- that's it.

14 Mr. Pitman, you -- you feel like you
15 have the capability to start at the beginning of
16 the year?

17 MR. PITMAN:

18 Absolutely, Mr. Chairman.

19 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

20 Okay. Great. And any -- any issues
21 or problems with qualified personnel because of
22 COVID going -- you know, the COVID issue or
23 whatever? I don't know how that's affected your
24 personnel, but any issues there?

25 MR. PITMAN:

1 No, sir.

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

3 Okay. Members of the Board, any
4 questions for -- for Mr. Pitman this morning?

5 MR. SHOLES:

6 I have a question. I'm not sure it's
7 for Mr. Pitman.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Okay, Judge. Good morning.

10 MR. SHOLES:

11 Good morning, Mr. Chairman. My
12 question first is, what's the comparison of the
13 cost, and are there -- were there other companies
14 under consideration and this is -- is this the
15 best company for us at this time?

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17 Okay. I -- maybe I can ask
18 Mr. Pitman to discuss cost with you. I will tell
19 you, we -- we did -- first of all, there are very,
20 very few companies that do this kind of work
21 nationwide. We did some research here in our
22 office. We consulted with ABSC, who has done our
23 work since 1996, and asked for their
24 recommendations. And while they gave us some
25 recommendation -- they gave us some information on

1 other companies, but as our research came through,
2 Judge Sholes, this was far -- this company was far
3 beyond anybody else around the country in terms of
4 experience and their -- and their reputation of
5 work. I particularly was very interested in this
6 company because they've done a lot of the design
7 work in some of the more elaborate casinos that
8 we've got here in Louisiana.

9 Mr. Pitman, was it L'Auberge or
10 Golden Nugget that y'all did?

11 MR. PITMAN:

12 We did -- we did -- Mr. Chairman, we
13 did both the L'Auberge properties, the one in
14 Lake Charles, which is a steel vessel,
15 free-floating, and then we also did the L'Auberge
16 in Baton Rouge, which is steel as well but
17 restrained with zero movement.

18 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

19 What's amazing to me is you walk in
20 both of those properties, and you can look around
21 for six months and never find the boat so . . .

22 MR. PITMAN:

23 That -- that was our plan.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

25 That was the plan, and it's worked

1 extremely well. Could you discuss for -- for
2 Judge Sholes the pricing for me?

3 MR. PITMAN:

4 Yes. Absolutely, Mr. Chairman. I
5 believe our inspection rates were very competitive
6 with ABSG, or ABS Consulting. You know, our rates
7 are approximately \$175 an hour for the inspector,
8 and then our engineering rates for engineering
9 review are around \$235. And I believe those
10 are -- I'm going to say within a percent or two of
11 what ABS consulting rates were.

12 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

13 Okay.

14 MR. PITMAN:

15 There has been -- there has been a
16 little bit of an inflation increase, and that
17 might be the one or two percent when we were
18 comparing with ABS.

19 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

20 Okay. Thank you. Judge, any other
21 questions or comments?

22 MS. BERRY:

23 I have --

24 MR. SHOLES:

25 None for me. Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

2 Thank you very much.

3 MS. BERRY:

4 Pardon me.

5 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

6 Ms. Berry, good morning.

7 MS. BERRY:

8 Good morning. Good morning,
9 Mr. Pitman. I just have a really quick question.
10 I know Mr. Francic always was able to attend our
11 meetings and explain to the Board and the people
12 in the audience how the inspections were going and
13 how they were corrected. Would you or someone in
14 your company be able to attend our meetings as
15 needed when the inspections come up before us?

16 MR. PITMAN:

17 I believe that would be one of our --
18 one of our services that we would -- I think I
19 have to do that, whether that would be, you know,
20 through the Zooms or whether it would be in
21 person. And I -- I mean, obviously, I've got a
22 few questions, you know, that I was hoping to kind
23 of iron out with -- with Ms. Hood regarding how I
24 bill those -- those meetings. You know, if I'm
25 talking about a particular project, you know, does

1 that -- or if I'm talking about three or four
2 different projects at that meeting, do I divide my
3 expenses and my time up between the four
4 properties? You know, there -- I think I have a
5 few business questions that I -- I need to work
6 out with the State and the Gaming Control Board,
7 but we would be present when asked, absolutely.

8 MS. BERRY:

9 It was just basically in case we had
10 a question regarding an inspection, or, like, for
11 instance, this particular year we had an issue
12 where some parts for a pump took a very, very long
13 time to come in, and -- and Mr. Francic was able
14 to explain to us the situation, the difficulties,
15 and the technical problems getting the parts. And
16 so that would just help us and make us feel better
17 that, you know, the boats are safe and everything
18 is inspected correctly. So I'm sure you can work
19 that out with them. It was just kind of a basic
20 question. I appreciate your answer.

21 MR. PITMAN:

22 Yes, ma'am. Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

24 Excellent point, Ms. Berry. I
25 appreciate that. And, Matt, we -- we would

1 expect, you know, someone with authority from your
2 company to appear before the board. And, of
3 course, we will work out the details this -- later
4 this week with -- with Ms. Hood and -- and
5 other -- other staff members. We'll work -- we'll
6 work through that. Any other questions from the
7 board members? If you -- if you have any other
8 questions, please unmute yourself and chime in.

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

11 Okay. I hear --

12 SECRETARY LEWIS:

13 Mr. Chairman, I have a question.

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

15 Okay. Good morning, Secretary Lewis.

16 SECRETARY LEWIS:

17 Good morning. Matt, can you tell
18 me (inaudible) I assume (inaudible)
19 Incorporated (inaudible).

20 MR. PITMAN:

21 I'm sorry, Ms. Lewis. I --

22 MS. BERRY:

23 Kind of breaking up.

24 MR. PITMAN:

25 Am I the only one who can't

1 understand?

2 SECRETARY LEWIS:

3 I'm sorry. Can you hear me?

4 MR. PITMAN:

5 I think that was a little better.

6 SECRETARY LEWIS:

7 I was asking (inaudible) the company
8 was incorporated in Florida, if you're preparing
9 (inaudible) business in Louisiana.

10 MR. PITMAN:

11 I apologize. Mr. Chairman, I'm -- I
12 can't make out the question. Can someone
13 interpret -- relay that?

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

15 We're having a difficult time hearing
16 you.

17 MS. THURMAN:

18 Could she put it in the chat? Could
19 she put it in the chat for him?

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 Can you put it maybe in the chat for
22 us?

23 SECRETARY LEWIS:

24 Yes, I can do that.

25 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

1 It says that your bandwidth is --
2 your network bandwidth is low.

3 SECRETARY LEWIS:

4 Can you hear me now?

5 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

6 Now I can hear you.

7 SECRETARY LEWIS:

8 Yes. You know that's the beauty of
9 working remotely. The question is whether -- I'm
10 assuming that Lay Pitman was incorporated in
11 Florida, and the -- are you registering to
12 (inaudible) this contract?

13 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

14 You'll be registering your
15 corporation in Louisiana. Is that correct?

16 MR. PITMAN:

17 If that's a nec -- if that's a
18 necessity, yes, we will.

19 SECRETARY LEWIS:

20 And I guess I have a question as to
21 why we have two different contracts, the agreement
22 from the Board and then there would be a separate
23 contract for the company.

24 MS. THURMAN:

25 She's -- no. She's asking, the

1 contract that they're going to have with the
2 properties for them to be paid, and then we have
3 our contract giving them authority to do these
4 inspections.

5 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

6 Okay.

7 SECRETARY LEWIS:

8 So the other contract that has the
9 client agreements is actually the contract that
10 Lay Pitman would have with the vessel?

11 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

12 It's my understanding,
13 Secretary Lewis, that there is a separate contract
14 that they will be signing directly with the
15 properties. What -- what we are authorizing today
16 is for them to -- to be approved as our inspector
17 and -- and move forward with those contracts. Is
18 that correct, Mr. Pitman?

19 MR. PITMAN:

20 That's how I understand it,
21 Mr. Chairman.

22 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

23 Okay.

24 MS. HIMEL:

25 Mr. Chairman, Dawn Himel here. Just

1 to answer your question, yes, there are certain
2 services that they have to provide to the Gaming
3 Control Board and certain guarantees that they
4 will make, like coming to present to the Gaming
5 Control Board and issuing certificates and doing
6 inspections. Because the Gaming Control Board and
7 the State do not pay the actual third-party
8 inspector and the payment is through the casino,
9 they have to contract with each licensee
10 separately to make sure that they have those
11 contractual terms regarding inspection,
12 availability, use of the vessel, access, those
13 sort of identifiers and clauses with the casinos,
14 and then they have the terms that they have to
15 agree to with regard to the Board.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17 And, Ms. Himel, do y'all actually
18 review those contracts -- those separate
19 contracts?

20 MS. HIMEL:

21 I never have personally. That might
22 be done by someone in the office. Mr. Lewis is
23 over the inspections. I believe that he has
24 looked at the contract that ABS had and the one
25 that was presented with regard to the contract.

1 But either contract between the casinos and a
2 third-party, they can contract as they -- as they
3 desire. We do have legal terms that must be put
4 in there, though.

5 SECRETARY LEWIS:

6 Okay. I guess I understand those two
7 differences in the contracts. I'm sorry,
8 Mr. Lewis. You were going to weigh in?

9 MR. LEWIS:

10 Yes. I was just going to add to what
11 Dawn -- to what Ms. Himel said. Yes, I have
12 looked at the contract, not the contracts between
13 the riverboats and Lay, Pitman or to -- between
14 American Vessel Services, but the contract between
15 the Board and American Vessel Services, yes, I
16 have reviewed that. And like Ms. Himel said, that
17 contract between the vessels and the third-party
18 inspector is between them, but there are certain
19 agreements that must be included, and I have
20 reviewed those, and they are included.

21 SECRETARY LEWIS:

22 Okay.

23 MR. LEWIS:

24 Those stipulations and certain
25 agreements are included in those contracts.

1 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

2 Thank you, Mr. Lewis.

3 Secretary Lewis, any further comments or questions
4 or . . .

5 SECRETARY LEWIS:

6 No, just (inaudible) make sure I -- I
7 know where to find Mr. Pitman.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Okay. Sounds good. Thank you for
10 your -- thank you for your comments and your
11 questions, and we -- any other questions from
12 members of the board? Ms. Lewis? I mean
13 Ms. Berry. Excuse me.

14 MS. BERRY:

15 I'm sorry. I just have one more
16 question. This is probably --

17 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

18 Sure.

19 MS. BERRY:

20 -- a generic question. But are the
21 rates -- you said that the -- y'all are paid by
22 the specific licensees. And I assume the rates
23 are the same for all licensees that's going to be
24 in this contract?

25 MR. PITMAN:

1 Ma'am, if you're asking me, yes, I --
2 I would not, you know, offer negotiation for any
3 particular -- any owner over another owner. I
4 would hope -- I would hope that the Gaming Board
5 would support me on that.

6 MS. BERRY:

7 Oh, yeah. Absolutely. I -- I just
8 wanted to verify. And any additional work that
9 each vessel may or may not have to obtain due to
10 problems with the inspection would be on their
11 nickel?

12 MR. PITMAN:

13 Yes, ma'am.

14 MS. BERRY:

15 Okay. Got it.

16 MR. PITMAN:

17 That would be correct, you know,
18 yeah. If we have to start reviewing the repairs
19 or remediation work, then, you know, that would be
20 the engineering rate versus the inspection rate,
21 which may be a -- may be something that comes
22 post-inspection to get that issue resolved.

23 MS. BERRY:

24 I guess I was just curious, because I
25 don't think, since I've been on the board, we've

1 ever discussed payment. And so I'm glad to know
2 that there -- y'all are being paid by each
3 particular licensee and how that works. That's
4 interesting. Thank you. I appreciate your
5 explanation.

6 MR. PITMAN:

7 Okay.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Okay. Thank you, Ms. Berry. Any
10 further questions from board members?

11 (NO RESPONSE)

12 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

13 Okay. Hearing none, I would ask for
14 a motion to adopt the resolution, and if you make
15 the motion, please state your name for the record,
16 please.

17 MR. SHOLES:

18 This is Ron Sholes moving for
19 adoption.

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 Okay. Judge Sholes --

22 MS. BERRY:

23 Ms. Berry. Second.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

25 -- moves for adoption. And Ms. Berry

1 has seconded that motion. I would like to ask
2 Ms. Thurman to read the resolution, please.

3 MS. THURMAN:

4 On the 30th day of November 2021, the
5 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a duly
6 noticed public meeting, consider that American
7 Vessel Services, LLC, be recognized as an
8 alternative inspector, and upon motion duly made
9 and seconded, the Board adopted this resolution.

10 Whereas, the Louisiana Legislature
11 enacted Louisiana Revised Statute 27:44.1
12 regarding alternative inspections of licensed
13 riverboats in the event of the United States Coast
14 Guard discontinues or declines issuance of
15 certificates of inspection required by Louisiana
16 Revised Statute 27:44.23.

17 Whereas, it is necessary that an
18 alternative inspector be approved by the Board.

19 Now, therefore, be it resolved, based
20 on the information received by the Division, the
21 Board hereby approves American Vessel Services,
22 LLC, as an alternative inspector in accordance
23 with Louisiana Revised Statute 27:44.1.

24 Be it further resolved that the
25 Division is hereby authorized to recommend other

1 consultants should American Vessel Services, LLC,
2 become unavailable or unacceptable to the Division
3 subject to the approval by this Board in
4 accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute
5 27:44.1(G).

6 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
7 Louisiana, this 30th day of November 2021.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Okay. Thank you, Ms. Thurman.
10 Ms. Thurman, would you call the roll? We do have
11 a motion to adopt this resolution by Judge Sholes,
12 seconded by Ms. Berry. Ms. Thurman, would you
13 call the roll, please?

14 MS. THURMAN:

15 Mr. Avant?

16 (NO RESPONSE)

17 MS. THURMAN:

18 Ms. Berry?

19 MS. BERRY:

20 Yes.

21 MS. THURMAN:

22 Mr. Jackson?

23 MR. JACKSON:

24 Yes.

25 MS. THURMAN:

1 Ms. Lewis?

2 MS. LEWIS:

3 Yes.

4 MS. THURMAN:

5 Mr. Poole?

6 (NO RESPONSE)

7 MS. THURMAN:

8 Ms. Hamilton-Acker?

9 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

10 Yes.

11 MS. THURMAN:

12 Mr. Sholes?

13 MR. SHOLES:

14 Yes.

15 MR. POOLE:

16 Mr. Poole, yes.

17 MS. THURMAN:

18 Thank you, Mr. Poole.

19 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

20 Thank you, Mr. Poole.

21 MS. THURMAN:

22 And Ms. Traylor?

23 MS. TRAYLOR:

24 Yes.

25 MS. THURMAN:

1 And Chairman Johns?

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

3 Yes.

4 MS. THURMAN:

5 It is unanimous.

6 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

7 By unanimous vote, this resolution
8 has been adopted. Thank you very much. Members,
9 I have nothing else to come before us this
10 morning. I look forward to seeing you on
11 December 16 for our regular board meeting.

12 Mr. Pitman, congratulations to you.
13 We look forward to working very closely with you
14 here in Louisiana.

15 IV. ADJOURNMENT

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17 And if there's no other business to
18 come before this board, I would entertain a motion
19 to adjourn. Is there a motion to adjourn?

20 MR. POOLE:

21 (Indicating)

22 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

23 Mr. Poole makes a motion that we
24 adjourn.

25 MS. TRAYLOR:

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Second.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Seconded by Ms. Traylor. Is there any opposition to this motion?

(NO RESPONSE)

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Hearing none, we are hereby adjourned. Thank you very much, Members. And thank you, everyone, for participating. Mr. Pitman, we look forward to seeing you personally.

MR. PITMAN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Board. I really appreciate it.

CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

Thank you very much.

(PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED AT 10:29 A.M.)

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