

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of September 21, 2023

The meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board convened on Thursday, September 21, 2023, 10:00 a.m., at the Louisiana State Capitol – House Committee Room 5. Present at the meeting were Chairman Ronnie Johns, Harry Avant, Julie Berry, Claude Jackson, Julie Lewis, Lamar Poole, Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, Ronald Sholes, Ashley Traylor, and ex-officio member Secretary Kevin Richard. Major Chuck McNeal was present for Col. Lamar Davis. Absent was ex-officio member Col. Lamar Davis

Chairman Johns called the meeting to order. It was moved by Mr. Jackson to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the meeting of September 21, 2023. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

The Board considered the request for manning variance and Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Louisiana Casino Cruises, LLC d/b/a The Queen Baton Rouge No. R011700193. Present was Jeff Barbin, attorney, and Matthew Shehadi, GM of the Queen. After presentation by Lisha Landry, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Mr. Poole to approve the request. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant.

The Board next Considered of Petition to Amend License Conditions filed by St. Charles Gaming Company, LLC d/b/a Horseshoe Casino Lake Charles No. R011700174. Present was Jeff Barbin, attorney, Robert Earling, Senior Vice President for Regional Operations of Caesars Entertainment, and Russell Deavor, GM of Horseshoe Casino Lake Charles. After presentation by Jeremy Gathe, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Ms. Berry to approve the petition. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the Petition for Amendment to Lease of Catfish Queen, LLC d/b/a The Belle of Baton Rouge (R011700009) and Louisiana Casino Cruises, LLC d/b/a The Queen Baton Rouge (R011700193).

Present was Jeff Barbin, attorney, and Ryan O'Bierne, attorney. After presentation by Lisha Landry, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Mr. Poole to approve the Petition. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton -Acker, and unanimously approved by the Board.

After presentation by Venise Johnson, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Ms. Berry and seconded by Mr. Sholes to adopt rulemaking procedure A. Procedure B was moved by Mr. Sholes and seconded by Mr. Jackson. Procedure C was moved by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Sholes, and unanimously all procedures (A-C) were approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson to go into executive session. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry. A motion was made by Ms. Berry to come out of executive session and that motion was seconded by Mr. Sholes.

Once back in session, a motion was made that EXC 2317 be ordered to reverse the Hearing Officer's decision and EXC 2317 should be removed from self-exclusion list. The motion was made to by Mr. Poole and seconded by Mr. Jackson.

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