**LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**

**Minutes of January 16, 2025**

The meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board (the “Board”) convened on Thursday, January 16, 2025, 10:00 a.m., at the Louisiana State Capitol – House Committee Room 1. Present at the meeting were Chairman Christopher Hebert, Vice-Chairman Lamar Poole, Kathryn Becnel, Claude Jackson, Nicholas Langley, Julie Lewis, Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, Ronald Sholes, and Ashley Traylor. Captain Jonas Martin was present for Col. Robert Hodges and Jarrod Coniglio was present for Sec. Richard Nelson. Absent were ex officio members Col. Hodges and Sec. Nelson.

Chairman Hebert called the meeting to order. It was moved by Ms. Becnel to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the December 19, 2024 Board meeting. That motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Poole and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

The Board considered the Renewal Application for the Riverboat Gaming License of Red River Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC d/b/a Sam’s Town Hotel and Casino – No. R016500097. Present on behalf of the Licensee were Attorney Janet Boles and Senior Regional Vice-President Vincent Schwartz with Boyd Gaming. After presentation by Quintele Jackson, Assistant Attorney General; Lisa Hotard, LSP Gaming Audit Section; and Criminal Investigator Rodney Perkins, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve the five-year renewal of the riverboat gaming license. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Approval of the Responsible Gaming Program for Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Company, LLC d/b/a Live! Casino & Hotel Louisiana – No. R010800195. Attorney Jeff Barbin was present on behalf of the Licensee. After presentation by Talibah McIntyre, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Mr. Langley to adopt the resolution. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker and unanimously approved by the Board.

 The Board next considered the Petition for Approval to Open filed by Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Company, LLC d/b/a Live! Casino & Hotel Louisiana – No. R010800195. Present on behalf of the Licensee were Attorney Jeff Barbin; John Chaszer, General Manager; Mark Stewart, Executive Vice-President and General Counsel for Cordish Companies; and Joe Billhimer, Chief Operating Officer of Cordish Gaming. Lt. Michael Smith was present on behalf of LSP, Gaming Enforcement Division. After presentation by Delancey Houston, Assistant Attorney General, and representatives of the Licensee, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve the resolution. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

 The Board next considered the adoption of the amendment to LAC 42:III.2905 (Weapons in Designated Gaming Area). After presentation by Cathryn Gits, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Ms. Lewis to adopt the amendment to LAC 42:III.2905. That motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Poole and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the original truck stop application for Bonus Casino, LLC d/b/a Bonus Casino – No. 6000518432. After presentation by Talibah McIntyre, Assistant Attorney General, and Master Trooper James Cannon, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Ms. Becnel to approve the new truck stop application. That motion was seconded by Mr. Sholes and unanimously approved by the Board.

Lastly, the Board also considered the original truck stop application for Superior Gaming, LLC d/b/a Pelican Cove Casino – No. 4900518445. After presentation by Quintele Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, and Master Trooper James Cannon, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Ms. Traylor to approve the new truck stop application. That motion was seconded by Ms. Becnel and unanimously approved by the Board.

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