

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of July 21, 2022

The meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board convened on Thursday, July 21, 2022, 10:00 a.m., at the Louisiana State Capitol, House Committee Room 1. Present at the meeting were Chairman Ronnie Johns, Claude Jackson, Julie Lewis, Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, Ronald Sholes, and Ashley Traylor. Chuck McNeal was present for Col. Lamar Davis and Heather Templet for Secretary Kevin Richard. Absent were board members Julie Berry, Harry Avant, and O. Lamar Poole and ex-officio members Col. Lamar Davis and Secretary Kevin Richard.

Chairman Johns called the meeting to order. It was moved by Ms. Hamilton-Aker to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the meeting of July 21, 2022. That motion was seconded by Mr. Sholes 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 Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel **Belle of Orleans, LLC d/b/a Amelia Belle Casino – No. R013600020**. After presentation by Elroy James, Assistant Attorney General (“AAG”), Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division, and Pete Bullard of American Vessel Services, LLC, it was moved by Mr. Sholes to approve Certificate of Compliance, which expires on May 31, 2023. That motion was seconded by Ms. Traylor and unanimously approved by the Board.

Next, the Board considered the approval of Amendments to the Compulsive Gaming Program for **PNK (BossierCity), LLC d/b/a Boomtown Bossier City – No. R016500701**. After presentation by Alonna Murray Brown, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve the amendments to the compulsive gaming program. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the approval of Amendments to the Compulsive Gaming Program for **Bossier Casino Venture, Inc. d/b/a Margaritaville Bossier City – No. R011000841**. After presentation by Alonna Murray Brown, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Ms. Lewis to approve the amendments to the compulsive gaming program. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the Construction Contracts for **Treasure Chest Casino, LLC d/b/a Treasure Chest Casino – No. R012600098**. After presentation by Matthew Meek, Assistant Attorney General, (“AAG”), Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division; it was moved by Mr. Sholes to approve the Construction Contracts for Treasure Chest Casino. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Aker and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the truck stop application of **Food Junction, LLC d/b/a Longwood Casino – No. 0900518123** (original application). After presentation by Charlie Picou,

AAG, and Criminal Investigator Glenn Verett, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve the truck stop application. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the truck stop application of **Eisah Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Gator Gold Casino – No. 4900518126** (original application). After presentation by Shanna Sizemore, AAG, and Master Trooper James Cannon, it was moved by Ms. Hamilton-Aker to approve the truck stop application. That motion was seconded by Mr. Sholes and unanimously approved by the Board.

Next the Board considered Approval of the Sports Wagering Platform Provider Permit Application of **BetMGM, LLC d/b/a Roar Digital – No. B016503463**. After presentation by Shanna Sizemore, AAG, Tammy Haupt, LSP Audit Division, and Trooper Michael Daniel. Present on behalf of BetMGM and Barry Diller were: David Kirk, attorney with Wachtell Lipton, Harry Jackson, attorney with Fox Rothschild, Ryan O’Beirne, attorney with Butler Snow, Kelly Duncan, attorney with Jones Walker, and Sara Bennar, Senior Director of Compliance. After discussion, it was moved by Chairman Johns to approve the permit application of BetMGM and was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the Petition for Approval as Institutional Investor for **BXG GP, LLC by GeoComply Solutions, Inc.** After presentation by Jeremy Gathe, AAG, Kelly Duncan was present on behalf of GeoComply it was moved by Mr. Sholes to approve the Petition for Approval as Institutional Investor for BXG GP, LLC by GeoComply Solutions, Inc. That motion was seconded by Ms. Traylor and unanimously approved by the Board.

Next, the Board considered **Rulemaking** for the following:

- A. Consideration of adoption of amendment LAC 42:III.103 (Hearings on Rule 102 Disputes)
- B. Consideration of adoption of amendment of LAC 42:III.108 (Board Hearings)
- C. Consideration of adoption of LAC 42:III.109 (Duties of Licensees, Permittees, and Applicants; Service)

After presentation by Earl Pitre, Louisiana Attorney General’s Office, Gaming Division, it was moved by Ms. Hamilton-Acker to adopt the rulemaking procedures. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the appeal of **Kerry Buffington – No. P040071960**. After presentation by Alonna Murray Brown, AAG, it was moved by Chairman Johns to affirm the hearing officer’s decision. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis. Ms. Buffington was not present.

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