

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of March 20, 2025

The meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board (the “Board”) convened on Thursday, March 20, 2025, 10:00 a.m., at the Louisiana State Capitol – House Committee Room 1. Present at the meeting were Chairman Christopher Hebert, Kathryn Becnel, Franchesca Hamilton-Acker Claude Jackson, Nicholas Langley, Julie Lewis, and Ashley Traylor. Major Adam Albright was present for Col. Robert Hodges and Jarrod Coniglio was present for Sec. Richard Nelson. Absent were Vice-Chairman Lamar Poole, Ronald Sholes, and ex officio members Col. Hodges and Sec. Nelson.

Chairman Hebert called the meeting to order. There were no public comments. It was moved by Ms. Hamilton-Acker to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the February 20, 2025 regular Board meeting. That motion was seconded by Ms. Becnel and unanimously approved by the Board.

Donna Jackson, with the Louisiana State Police (“LSP”) 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 proposed contract for professional legal services for the Board’s Hearing Officer for fiscal year 2026. Chairman Hebert discussed that the current hearing officer, retired Judge Suzan S. Ponder, has agreed to continue providing services as Hearing Officer in accordance with La. R.S. 27:25 for another fiscal year. Chairman Hebert further discussed that the proposed contract is for one year effective July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, and has the same key terms and conditions as the current contract which expires on June 30, 2025. The total sum of the contract shall not exceed \$25,000. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to adopt the resolution approving the parameters of the Board’s Hearing Officer Contract for fiscal year 2026. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Renewal Application for the Riverboat Gaming License of Treasure Chest Casino, LLC d/b/a Treasure Chest Casino – No. R012600098. Present on behalf of the licensee were Attorney Janet Boles and General Manager Kim Etland. Presentations were made by Kanick Lewis, Assistant Attorney General; Lisa Hotard, LSP Gaming Audit Section; Criminal Investigator

Rodney Perkins, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division; and representatives from the licensee. After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Traylor 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 Renewal Application for the Slot Machine Gaming License of Churchill Downs Louisiana Horseracing Company, LLC d/b/a Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots – No. T013602541. Present on behalf of the licensee were Vice-President and General Manager Cathy Beeding and Regulatory Compliance Officer Jennifer McGowan. Presentations were made by Talibah McIntyre, Assistant Attorney General; Lisa Hotard, LSP Gaming Audit Section; Master Trooper James Cannon, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division; and representatives from the licensee. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Langley to approve the five-year renewal of the slot machine gaming license. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Petition for Approval to Rebrand Belle of Baton Rouge Casino to Bally's Baton Rouge filed by Catfish Queen, LLC d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge – No. R011700009. A presentation was given by Attorney Jeff Barbin, General Manager Richard Cannon, and Stacy Stagg, Vice-President of Operations for Bally's Corporation. After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Hamilton-Acker to adopt the resolution. That motion was seconded by Ms. Traylor and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the original truck stop application for The Rose Casino 1, LLC d/b/a The Rose Casino 1 – No. 4500518490. After presentation by Kanick Lewis, Assistant Attorney General, and Investigator Glenn Verrett, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Ms. Becnel to approve the truck stop application. That motion was seconded by Mr. Langely and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the transfer of membership interest in Breaux Bridge Truck & Casino Plaza, LLC d/b/a Breaux Bridge Truck & Casino – No. 5000516581. After presentation by Sharon McCoy, Assistant Attorney General, and Investigator Glenn Verrett, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Ms. Traylor to approve the transfers of membership interest. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the proposed settlement agreement of Pablo's Cantina, LLC d/b/a Pablo's Truck Stop Casino – No. 3902613896. After presentation by

Talibah McIntyre, Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Becnel moved to approve the settlement agreement. That motion was seconded by Mr. Langley and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the proposed settlement agreement of Aaron's Investments, Inc. d/b/a Aaron's – No. 4400213587. After presentation by Amy Pirtle, Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Hamilton-Acker moved to approve the settlement agreement. That motion was seconded by Ms. Traylor and unanimously approved by the Board.

Lastly, the Board considered the rehearing request of Royal Palace Investments, LLC d/b/a Palace Truck Stop & Casino – No. 3601518053. After presentation by Attorney Allison Rovira and Benjamin Westra, Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Jackson moved to grant the request for a rehearing and reconsideration of the Licensee's revocation of its video draw poker gaming license. That motion was seconded by Ms. Becnel and unanimously approved by the Board. The matter was forwarded to the Hearing Officer to allow for an administrative hearing on the merits on the submission of the licensee's annual forms and fees.

Chairman Hebert then announced that due to the start of the upcoming Legislative Session, the April Board meeting will take place in the LaBelle Room at the LaSalle Building.

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