

# LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

## Minutes of November 17, 2022

The meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board convened on Thursday, November 17, 2022, 10:00 a.m., at the Louisiana State Capitol, House Committee Room 3. Present at the meeting were Chairman Ronnie Johns, Julie Berry, Claude Jackson, Lamar Poole, Julie Lewis, Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, Judge Ron Sholes, and Ashley Traylor. Chuck McNeal was present for Col. Lamar Davis and Heather Templet for Secretary Kevin Richard. Absent was board member Harry Avant, and ex-officio members Col. Lamar Davis and Secretary Kevin Richard.

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 October 20, 2022. That motion was seconded by Mr. Poole 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.

Alonna Murray-Brown, AAG presented the compliance reports for employment and procurement for the third quarter.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel **PNK (Baton Rouge) Partnership d/b/a L’Auberge Casino & Hotel Baton Rouge – No. R011000801**. After presentation by LeKeisha James, Assistant Attorney General (“AAG”), Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division, and Moriah Reed of American Vessel Services, LLC, it was moved by Ms. Berry to approve a Certificate of Compliance, which expires on August 31, 2023. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Aker and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel **Louisiana-I Gaming, A Louisiana Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Boomtown New Orleans – No. R012600196**. After presentation by Daniel Bosch, Assistant Attorney General (“AAG”), Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division, and Moriah Reed of American Vessel Services, LLC, it was moved by Mr. Sholes to approve a Certificate of Compliance, which expires on October 31, 2023. That motion was seconded by Ms. Traylor, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of **PNK (Bossier City) d/b/a Boomtown Bossier City – No. R016500701**. After presentation by Andrea Nathan, Assistant Attorney General (“AAG”), Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division, and Moriah Reed of American Vessel Services, LLC, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve a Certificate of Compliance, which expires on December 31, 2023. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel **Red River Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC d/b/a Sam's Town Hotel and Casino – No. R016500097**. After presentation by Elroy James, Assistant Attorney General (“AAG”), Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division, and Moriah Reed of American Vessel Services, LLC, it was moved by Ms. Berry to approve a Certificate of Compliance, which expires on December 31, 2023. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the **Petition for Extension of Time on the initial 90-day deadline to submit completed blueprints for Catfish Queen LLC d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge Casino – No. R011700009**. After presentation by Jeff Barbin, Attorney for the Licensee and General Manager Bruce Woods; it was moved by Mr. Jackson to grant the extension. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Aker and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the *Transfer of Interest in the following Transfers of Interest in the following Truck Stop:*

- **Northwest Corporation d/b/a Mr. D’s Travel Center & Casino – No. 5104505863**

After presentation by Alonna Murray-Brown, AAG, and Criminal Investigator William Landry, it was moved by Mr. Poole to approve the transfers of interest. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the appeal of **Bayou Beer Garden, LLC d/b/a Bayou Beer Garden – No. 3601116006**. After presentation by Alonna Murray-Brown, AAG, the fine for failure to notify was raised from \$250 to \$500. Mr. Shoes also made a motion to clarify that the second fine was for a transfer of interest and not a management change. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry.

The Board then considered the appeal of **Colten Belue – No. P040071997**. After presentation by Alonna Murray-Brown, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to remand the matter back for a hearing on new evidence and to re-instate the IES. That motion was seconded by Mr. Sholes. Ms. Berry voted No.

A motion was made by Ms. Berry to go into executive session. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Aker. A motion was made by Mr. Poole to come out of executive session and that motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Aker.

Once back in session, a motion was made that EXC 2214 be ordered to be seen by a certified addiction specialist or certified gambling specialist and remanded the case back to the hearing officer to make a determination once the specialist gave a recommendation. The motion was made by Ms. Berry and seconded by Mr. Jackson.

A motion was made that EXC 2215 be ordered to be seen by a certified addiction specialist or certified gambling specialist and remanded the case back to the hearing officer to make a

determination once the specialist gave a recommendation. The motion was made by Ms. Berry and seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Aker.

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.