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8 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018

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10 House Committee Room 1

11 Louisiana State Capitol

12 900 North Third Street

13 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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17 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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1 APPEARANCES

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3 RONNIE JONES

Chairman (At Large)

4 June 30, 2019

5 FRANKLIN AYRES BRADFORD

(Economic Planner)

6 Fifth Congressional District

June 30, 2019

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8 MARK STIPE

(Attorney)

9 Seventh Congressional District

June 30, 2020

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11 JAMES SINGLETON

(Public/Business Administration)

12 Second Congressional District

June 30, 2020

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14 ELTON LAGASSE

(At large)

15 First Congressional District

June 30, 2021

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17 JULIE BERRY

(CPA)

18 Third congressional District

June 30, 2024

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20 HARRY AVANT

(At Large)

21 Fourth Congressional District

June 30, 2024

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3 MAJOR CHUCK MCNEIL

Louisiana State Police

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5 SECRETARY KIMBERLY ROBINSON

Louisiana Department of Revenue

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7 LANA TRAMONTE

Executive Assistant

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9 TRUDY SMITH

Confidential Assistant

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Baton Rouge Court Reporters

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Good morning, and
3 welcome to the regular October meeting
4 of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.

5 Miss Tramonte, would you call the
6 roll.

7 MS. TRAMONTE: Chairman Jones?

8 CHAIRMAN JONES: Here.

9 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Bradford?

10 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

11 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Stipe?

12 MR. STIPE: Here.

13 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Singleton?

14 MR. SINGLETON: Here.

15 MS. TRAMONTE: Miss Berry?

16 MS. BERRY: Here.

17 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Patrick? [No
18 response.

19 Mr. Lagasse?

20 MR. LAGASSE: Here.

21 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Avant?

22 MR. AVANT: Here.

23 MS. TRAMONTE: Colonel Reeves?

24 MAJOR MCNEIL: Major McNeil for
25 Colonel Reeves.

1 MS. TRAMONTE: Secretary Robinson?

2 MS. ROBINSON: Here.

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: Welcome. I had to
4 look up for that.

5 SECRETARY ROBINSON: Yeah, me too.

6 CHAIRMAN JONES: Wow.

7 MR. LEGENDRE: My voice changed.

8 CHAIRMAN JONES: We're glad to have
9 you here.

10 SECRETARY ROBINSON: Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN JONES: We have a quorum,
12 and we may conduct business. Please
13 silence your cell phones. If you have
14 one and you need to take a call, please
15 step outside.

16 II. PUBLIC COMMENT

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: At this time, we'll
18 open it up for any public comments for
19 any matter on the agenda before the
20 Board today. Anyone? [No response.]

21 I'll take the opportunity for a
22 second. You'll notice that we didn't
23 call Dr. Bobby Gaston's name today.
24 Bobby had a change in his full-time job.
25 He moved from a position from where he

1 had originally been appointed to another
2 position, and based on the requirements

3 and prohibitions of Gaming Control Board
4 members and the law, he had to make a
5 choice between his full-time job and
6 this job. So he hurt my feelings and
7 said that he had to resign.

8 So Bobby has resigned his position.
9 The Governor's Office has been notified.
10 They'll be in the process of filling
11 that vacancy.

12 And one other quick item, if you
13 recall, those of you who were here last
14 month or watched the -- watched the
15 proceedings on the internet know that we
16 had the Eldorado and Tropicana
17 transaction, and during the course of
18 that, in my effort to recognize Robert
19 Urland, who is the general manager of
20 that property in Shreveport and thank
21 him for the work that he's done with
22 minority procurement, I had his name
23 written in the margin as well as the
24 previous general manager, Mike
25 Whitemain. And I kept talking about

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1 Mike being the general manager, and
2 doing a good job, Mike, and thank you,
3 Mike.

4 Well, I was trying to acknowledge
5 Robert. I've since apologized to him

6 and to the Eldorado executives, who were
7 here, by email. So, Robert, I
8 appreciate it. I apologize.

9 III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: Do I have a motion
11 to waive reading and approve the
12 minutes?

13 MR. BRADFORD: So moved.

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: Who was it? You,
15 Mr. Bradford.

16 Second?

17 MR. SINGLETON: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Singleton.

19 Without objection, the minutes are
20 approved.

21 IV. REVENUE REPORTS

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll now call
23 Revenue Reports. Good morning.

24 MS. JACKSON: Good morning, Chairman
25 Jones and Board Members. My name is

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1 Donna Jackson with the Louisiana State
2 Police Gaming Enforcement Division.

3 The 15 operating riverboats
4 generated Adjusted Gross Receipts of
5 \$153,872,699 in September. This total
6 represents a decrease of \$6.3 million or
7 4 percent from last month, but an
8 increase of \$3.7 million or 2.5 percent

9 from last September.

10 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
11 year 2018-2019 to date are \$482 million,
12 an increase of 1 percent from fiscal
13 year 2017-2018.

14 During September, the State
15 collected fees totaling \$33,082,630. As
16 of September 30th, 2018, the State
17 collected \$103.7 million in fees for
18 fiscal year 2018-2019.

19 Next is a summary of the
20 September 2018 gaming activity for
21 Harrah's New Orleans found on page
22 three. During September, Harrah's
23 generated \$23,418,081 in gross gaming
24 revenue, an increase of 2.2 percent from
25 last month, but a decrease of

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1 \$1.4 million or 5.5. percent from last
2 September. Revenues for fiscal year
3 2018-2019 to date are approximately
4 \$70 million, a decrease of .3 percent
5 from fiscal year 2017-2018.

6 During September, the State received
7 \$4,931,507 in minimum daily payments.
8 As of September 30th, 2018, the State
9 collected \$15 million in fees for fiscal
10 year 2018-2019.

11 Next I will present the revenues for

12 Slots at the Racetracks. During
13 September, the four racetrack facilities
14 combined generated Adjusted Gross
15 Receipts of \$28,655,088, a decrease of
16 .8 percent from last month, but an
17 increase from September 2017 of
18 \$2.3 million or 8.6 percent.

19 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
20 year 2018-2019 to date are over
21 \$88 million, an increase of \$5.3 million
22 or 6 percent from fiscal year 2017-2018.

23 During September, the State
24 collected \$4.3 million in fees. As of
25 September 30th, 2018, the State has

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1 collected \$13.4 million in fees for
2 fiscal year 2018-2019.

3 Overall in September, Riverboats,
4 Landbased and Slots at the Racetracks
5 combined generated \$206 in AGR and
6 \$42 million in state fees. These
7 revenues represent an increase from
8 September 2017 of 2.3 percent.

9 Any questions?

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any
11 questions on the revenue? [No
12 response.] There are no questions.

13 Thank you.

14 MS. JACKSON: Harrah's New Orleans

15 is required to maintain at least 2,400
16 employees and a bi-weekly payroll of
17 \$1,750,835. This report covers pay
18 periods in September 2018.

19 For the first pay period, the
20 Division verified 2,594 employees with a
21 payroll of \$2,202,000. For the second
22 pay period, the Division verified 2,589
23 employees with a payroll of \$2,211,000.
24 Therefore, Harrah's met the employment
25 criteria during September.

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1 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions,
2 Board Members? [No response.]

3 There are no questions.

4 MS. JACKSON: Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll now take up
6 video poker. Good morning.

7 MR. BOSSIER: Good morning, Chairman
8 Jones and Board Members. My name is Jim
9 Bossier with the Louisiana State Police
10 Gaming Enforcement Division here to
11 report video gaming statistics for
12 September 2018 as shown on page one of
13 your handout.

14 Five new video gaming licenses were
15 issued during September: Four bars and
16 one restaurant.

17 Twelve new applications were

18 received by the Gaming Enforcement
19 Division during September and are
20 currently pending in the field: Seven
21 bars and five restaurants.

22 The Gaming Enforcement Division
23 assessed \$7,250 and collected \$19,950 in
24 fines during September, and there are
25 currently \$6,600 in outstanding fines.

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1 Please refer to page two of your
2 handout.

3 There are presently 12,930 video
4 gaming devices activated at 1,685
5 locations.

6 Net device revenue for
7 September 2018 was \$45.3 million, a \$4.5
8 million, or 9 percent, decrease when
9 compared to August 2018, and a \$500,000
10 decrease, or 1.1 percent, when compared
11 to September 2017.

12 Net device revenue so far for fiscal
13 year 2019 is \$142.8 million, a \$4.5
14 million, or 3.2 percent, increase when
15 compared to fiscal year 2018.

16 Page three of your handout shows a
17 comparison of net device revenue.

18 Total franchise fees collected for
19 September 2018 were \$13.5 million, a
20 \$1.4 million decrease when compared to

21 August 2018, and a \$200,000 decrease
22 when compared to September 2017.

23 Total franchise fees collected for
24 fiscal year 2019 are \$42.8 million
25 dollars, a \$1.4 million increase, or

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1 3.3 percent, when compared to fiscal
2 year 2018. Page four of your handout
3 shows a comparison of franchise fees.

4 Does anybody have any questions?

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any
6 questions? [No response.]

7 There are no questions.

8 MR. BOSSIER: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you, Jim.

10 V. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

11 A. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance
12 for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of
13 the gaming vessel of Louisiana-1 Gaming,
14 L.P. Boomtown New Orleans - No. R012600196

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll now move to
16 Casino Gaming Issues. First up is
17 Consideration of Certificate of
18 Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat
19 Inspection of the gaming vessel
20 Louisiana-1 Gaming, L.P. Boomtown New
21 Orleans, No. RO12600196.

22 Good morning.

23 MS. LANDRY: Good morning, Chairman

24 Jones and Board Members. I'm Assistant
25 Attorney General Lisha Landry. Here

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1 with me is Mr. John Francic of ABSC.
2 We're here in the matter of the issuance
3 of the Certificate of Compliance of
4 Louisiana-1 Gaming, L.P. doing business
5 as Boomtown Casino New Orleans.

6 On August 7th, 2018, ABSC began the
7 inspection process for the approval of
8 Boomtown Casino's Certificate of
9 Compliance. ABSC has also reviewed the
10 changes for Boomtown Casino's position
11 descriptions for its riverboat manning
12 staff.

13 For more on this, I now turn the
14 presentation over to Mr. Francic.

15 MR. FRANCIC: Good morning,
16 Chairman, Board Members, John Francic
17 with ABS Consulting --

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: Good morning.

19 MR. FRANCIC: -- here to report the
20 annual certification for Boomtown Casino
21 Harvey.

22 The inspectors, Doug Chapman and
23 Pete Bullard, did, on August 7th, attend
24 the riverboat Boomtown Belle to conduct
25 the annual inspection in accordance with

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1 the Alternative Inspection program for
2 the State of Louisiana.

3 The inspectors reviewed fire
4 protection equipment, egress routes,
5 mooring system, life safety items and
6 conducted a fire drill in the emergency
7 generator space. The deficiencies can
8 be found starting on page six of your
9 report. A follow-up to all deficient
10 items was conducted on September 7th,
11 and all items were corrected and found
12 satisfactory.

13 The 2018 annual survey as required
14 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board is
15 complete. In addition to the annual
16 inspection, some changes to the manning
17 variance section for the job description
18 was reviewed. It kept the marine
19 requirement intact but took away the
20 minimum years for the expired Coast
21 Guard license, and we reviewed that and
22 found it satisfactory. It just opened
23 the pool to more candidates for
24 Boomtown.

25 It is the recommendation of ABS

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1 Consulting that Boomtown Harvey be
2 issued the Certificate of Compliance and
3 approve the manning variance.

4 MS. LANDRY: We now present these
5 findings to the Board and request that
6 upon the Board accepting the report
7 submitted by ABSC and approving the
8 changes to Boomtown Casino's position
9 description for its riverboat manning
10 staff, you will move for the issuance of
11 Boomtown Casino New Orleans' Certificate
12 of Compliance.

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any
14 questions for the Attorney General or
15 ABSC? [No response.] The board is
16 clear.

17 I have a motion by Mr. Lagasse,
18 second by Ms. Berry.

19 Any objection? [No response.]

20 The motion to issue the Certificate
21 of Compliance carries. It's granted.

22 Thank you.

23 MR. FRANCIC: Thank you.

24 MS. LANDRY: Thank you.

25 VI. VIDEO GAMING ISSUES

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- 1 A. Consideration of transfer of interest for
- 2 the following truckstop application:
- 3 1. NDR Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a The Big Deal
- 4 Truckstop Casino - No. 5500516142 (transfer
- 5 of interest)

6 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll now move to

7 Video Gaming Issues. First up is the
8 consideration of the transfer of
9 interest in NDR Enterprises, LLC, doing
10 business as The Big Deal Truckstop
11 Casino, No. 5500516142. This is a
12 transfer of interest.

13 Good morning, gentlemen.

14 MR. PITRE: Good morning, Chairman,
15 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney
16 General Earl Pitre, Jr., appearing
17 before the Board in the matter of the
18 transfer of membership interest of NDR
19 Enterprises, LLC, doing business as The
20 Big Deal Truckstop Casino. The
21 establishment is located in Terrebonne
22 Parish.

23 On May 15th, 2018, Stephen Naquin
24 transferred by donation 12.5 percent, or
25 half, of his 25 percent membership

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1 interest in the licensee to his brother,
2 James Naquin. After the transfer, the
3 membership interest of the licensee is
4 as follows: Daniel Henry with
5 25 percent, and the remaining members
6 will have each 12.5 percent: Donny
7 Daigle, Alexis Daigle, Roland Henry,
8 Paulette Henry, Stephen Naquin and James
9 Naquin.

10 Criminal Investigator William Landry
11 conducted the suitability investigation
12 and the updated suitability checks of
13 the relevant persons associated with the
14 license. He also conducted an
15 investigation of the transfer of
16 membership interest. He is present, and
17 he will present Office of State Police's
18 findings to the Board.

19 TROOPER LANDRY: Good morning,
20 Chairman Jones and Members of the Board.

21 CHAIRMAN JONES: Good morning.

22 TROOPER LANDRY: My name is William
23 Landry, an investigator with the
24 Louisiana State Police Gaming
25 Enforcement Division.

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1 I conducted the suitability
2 investigation on James Naquin, and I
3 found no information that would preclude
4 him from participating in the gaming
5 industry. I also conducted updated
6 suitability checks on Donny Daigle,
7 Alexis Daigle, Roland Henry, Paulette
8 Henry, Daniel Henry, Stephen Naquin and
9 Lauren Henry. All of these have
10 previously met suitability under this
11 license. I found no information that
12 would preclude them from participating

13 in the gaming industry.

14 I conducted the investigation of the
15 transfer of membership and found no
16 information that would preclude the
17 continued licensing of the above
18 referenced license.

19 MR. PITRE: The Office of the
20 Attorney General has reviewed the file
21 compiled as a result of the
22 investigation conducted by the Office of
23 State Police. Our review indicates that
24 no information has been found that would
25 preclude approval of the transfer.

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1 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any
2 questions for the Attorney General or
3 State Police on this transfer? There
4 are no questions.

5 Do I have a motion to approve the
6 transfer of interest? Miss Berry, Mr.
7 Singleton.

8 Any objection? Without objection,
9 the motion carries. The interest is
10 transferred.

11 MR. PITRE: Thank you.
12 2. A.N. Collette Oil Company, Inc., d/b/a Grand
13 Bayou Casino - No. 2401508817 (transfer of
14 interest)

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: Next up on the

16 video poker agenda is A.N. Collette Oil
17 Company, Inc., doing business as Grand
18 Bayou Casino, No. 2401508817. This also
19 is a transfer of interest.

20 Good morning, gentlemen.

21 MR. GATHE: Good morning, Chairman
22 Jones, Board Members. I'm Assistant
23 Attorney General Jeremy Gathe, and here
24 with me today is Master Trooper Glenn
25 Verrett of Louisiana State Police.

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1 We're present before the Board in the
2 matter of two transfers of stock in A.N.
3 Collette Oil Company, Inc., doing
4 business as Grand Bayou Casino, which
5 holds a Type 5 video draw poker gaming
6 license. The licensed establishment is
7 located in Iberville Parish.

8 On June 24th, 2018, Anthony N.
9 Collette died. On July 17th, 2018,
10 pursuant to a provision of the Rosie
11 Collette Credit Shelter Trust, 17.5
12 shares in the licensee were distributed
13 and equally divided between Ronald A.
14 Collette and Carol L. Hotard. The Rosie
15 Collette Credit Shelter Trust terminated
16 immediately following the distribution
17 of shares.

18 On August 3rd, 2018, the licensee

19 notified the Division of Anthony N.
20 Collette's death. Prior to his death,
21 Anthony N. Collette held 3.5 percent
22 ownership interest in the licensee.

23 On September 12, 2018, pursuant to a
24 Judgment of Possession, this interest
25 was transferred to Ronald A. Collette in

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1 accordance with specific bequests of
2 Anthony N. Collette in his last will and
3 testament. After the stock transfers,
4 the ownerships of the licensee is as
5 follows: Ronald A. Collette at
6 55.25 percent and Carol L. Hotard at
7 44.75 percent.

8 Master Trooper Glenn Verrett
9 conducted an investigation of the
10 transfers and will now present his
11 findings to the Board.

12 MASTER TROOPER VERRETT: Good
13 morning, Mr. Chairman and Board Members.
14 I'm Investigator Glenn Verrett with the
15 Louisiana State Police Gaming
16 Enforcement Division.

17 Following the licensee's notification
18 to the Division regarding the transfers
19 of stock, I conducted the investigation
20 of the matter. Ronald A. Collette, his
21 spouse Brenda A. Collette, and Carol L.

22 Hotard have previously met suitability
23 under this license. An updated criminal
24 history was conducted on each person.
25 No information was found that would

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1 preclude these individuals or the
2 licensee from continuing to participate
3 in the video gaming industry.

4 MR. GATHE: The Office of the
5 Attorney General has reviewed the file
6 prepared by the Office of State Police
7 and found no information which would
8 preclude approval of the transfers.

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any
10 questions for the Attorney General's
11 Office or State Police? [No response.]

12 Do I have a motion to approve the
13 transfer?

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Avant and Mr.
15 Singleton.

16 Any objection? Without objection,
17 the transfer is approved. Thank you,
18 gentlemen.

19 MASTER TROOPER VERRETT: Thank you,
20 sir.

21 VII. RULEMAKING

22 A. Consideration of adoption of LAC
23 42:III.2801-2825; adoption of amendments
24 to LAC 42:III.2717; adoption of amendments

25 to LAC 42:III.2723; and repeal of LAC

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1 42:III.4205 Casino Computer Systems

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: We now move to
3 rulemaking, and this is consideration of
4 adoption of Louisiana Administrative
5 Code 42:III.2801-2825; adoption of
6 amendments to Louisiana Administrative
7 Code 42:III.2717; adoption of amendments
8 a Louisiana Administrative Code
9 42:III.2723, and repeal of Louisiana
10 Administrative Code 42:III.4205 Casino
11 Computer Systems.

12 Good morning.

13 MS. HIMEL: Good morning, Chairman
14 Jones, Members of the Board, Assistant
15 Attorney General Dawn Himel here in the
16 matter of rule adoption for the rules
17 that you just stated.

18 At its meeting on July 19th, 2018,
19 the Board voted to institute
20 promulgation procedures for these rules.
21 Following the votes, the Attorney
22 General's Office caused them to be
23 published and directed all individuals
24 with questions or concerns to contact
25 the Attorney General's Office. No

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1 comments were received.

2 As part of the promulgation process,
3 we also submitted reports to the Board's
4 House and Senate Oversight Committees.
5 The first reports detail the substance
6 of the proposed rules, and the second
7 reports inform the committees that no
8 questions or concerns were voiced by the
9 public.

10 Following the delivery of the second
11 reports to the committees, they were
12 given 30 days in which to call hearings
13 to satisfy any concerns that they might
14 have had. As no hearings were called,
15 the default action of the committees
16 following the lapse of the 30-day period
17 is to approve the proposed rules.

18 If the Board has no questions, a
19 motion to adopt the rule changes is
20 needed.

21 CHAIRMAN JONES: We previously
22 discussed this, Board Members, but do
23 you have any questions this morning of
24 Miss Himel?

25 MR. STIPE: The record retention

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1 period is unchanged in this? It's five
2 years?

3 MS. HIMEL: For most things -- yes,
4 for a lot of things five years, and for

5 anything new there are different
6 retention periods but otherwise, no.

7 MR. STIPE: Okay.

8 CHAIRMAN JONES: Anything else, Mr.
9 Stipe?

10 MR. STIPE: That's it.

11 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any other
12 questions? The Board appears to be
13 clear.

14 Do I have a motion for adoption of
15 the amendments and the repeal?
16 Miss Berry, Mr. Avant.

17 Any objection? [No response.]

18 Without objection, so ordered.

19 MS. HIMEL: Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you very
21 much.

22 If you get the sense that we're
23 hurdling towards adjournment, I'm not
24 intentionally going fast. It just
25 happened to be a short agenda today, and

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1 I'll apologize for that.

2 But before I ask for a motion to
3 adjourn, one last item of board
4 business. I received an email with an
5 attachment this morning with a letter
6 from my good member and from my good
7 friend and member of the board and

8 Vice-Chairman, Ayres Bradford, and Mr.
9 Bradford is apparently going to take
10 advantage of an opportunity that will be
11 presenting itself in the coming days and
12 weeks. And he's -- at the sake of
13 sounding like the commander of the
14 Titanic, he has offered his resignation
15 from the Board. At least he stayed and
16 we kept a quorum. Appreciate that.

17 Ayres was on the board. He's in his
18 second term, and his term would actually
19 be up, I think, in June. But he was
20 here when I got here, and I just have to
21 say that he's been an invaluable
22 resource for me and providing counsel
23 and helping me understand what this
24 position was all about. And I
25 appreciate your friendship. I

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1 appreciate you being a regular
2 participant in our proceedings here and
3 all the other things that I ask of the
4 Vice-Chair. And I see your light is
5 blinking. So you still have until noon
6 today. I'll let you speak.

7 MR. BRADFORD: I have a very brief
8 comment, and that's just to thank you
9 and tell everyone here what an honor and
10 privilege it has been for me for

11 11-and-a-half years to serve on this
12 board. I particularly want to thank the
13 staff, Lana and Trudy, for their amazing
14 work. It is -- they do more with less
15 than most people that I've known. And
16 you hear that in state government, but
17 it's really true with our staff.

18 I want to thank our board members,
19 current and past, those that have come
20 and gone. It's a service that I think
21 is so important to our state. I want to
22 thank the Attorney General's staff and
23 people and the Louisiana State Police
24 staff and people. You are very, very
25 good at what you do, and I have enjoyed

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1 working with each of you. Some of our
2 issues have been simple, some have been
3 redundant, some have been complex --
4 amazingly complex; and it has always
5 been done keeping in mind how important
6 our work is, whether it was something
7 very simple or for something very
8 complex.

9 Our Chairman has raised the bar, I
10 think, for our -- for our group and for
11 our industry. We expect excellence
12 here, and they expect excellence from
13 us. I have really enjoyed doing this.

14 It is such an important job. It is so
15 important to the reputation to our
16 state. It has become a huge industry in
17 Louisiana. The State has become
18 dependent upon gaming revenue. And so
19 the gaming industry has to be run
20 efficiently, professionally as we
21 regulate day in and day out.

22 I just -- particularly the A.G. and
23 the State Police, I have seen such --
24 the result of what I see, the power of
25 integrity is the result I see from your

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1 work. It is powerful, and it has given
2 a great -- it has helped our reputation
3 as a state as we regulate this industry.
4 I believe our goal was to regulate, and
5 I believe that our goal now is to not
6 only regulate, but to help these people
7 be successful. And I think that y'all
8 have led the way. And I just want to
9 say how much I appreciate that. I want
10 to say, well done and I salute you and
11 thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you, Ayres,
13 and we do appreciate your work. You
14 know, on behalf of the Governor's Office
15 and this Board and you know the citizens
16 that we serve, you've done a great job,

17 and we appreciate it.

18 MR. BRADFORD: Sad day, sad day.

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: I know it is.

20 MR. BRADFORD: Happy day tomorrow.

21 VIII. ADJOURNMENT

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: I'll permit you to
23 offer the final motion to adjourn.

24 MR. BRADFORD: Motion to adjourn.

25 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Stipe seconds.

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1 Without objection, we'll stand
2 adjourned.

3 And thank you for coming, Secretary.
4 We usually do a lot more business than
5 this. It was a quick day today. We
6 stand adjourned.

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