

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of January 17, 2013

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board conducted a meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2013, 10:00 a.m. in House Committee Room 1 of the Louisiana State Capitol. Present at the meeting were: Dale Hall, Chairman; Velma Rogers, Ayres Bradford, Robert Jones, Mark Stipe, Denise Noonan, Claude Jackson and Claude Mercer. Absent was James Singleton, and ex-officio members, Col. Mike Edmonson and Sec. Tim Barfield.

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order. It was moved by Ms. Noonan to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the December meeting. That motion was seconded by Ms. Rogers and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Donna Jackson, State Police Gaming Audit Division, presented revenue reports for the riverboats, landbased casino, slots at the tracks, and employment numbers for the landbased casino. Mr. Jim Bossier, also with the Gaming Audit Division, reported on the video poker statistics.

Representatives of Ameristar Lake Charles, L.L.C. provided an update on their casino project in Lake Charles. Pilings for high rise construction had been completed and low rise construction pilings were 80% complete. Inclement weather has caused a slight delay in construction.

Representatives from Bossier Casino Venture also provided an update on their casino project in Bossier City. They are on schedule and June 13, 2013 is the projected completion date of the casino with a tentative opening date of June 15, 2013.

Mr. Leonce Gautreaux, Deputy Director of the Attorney General's Gaming Division, addressed the Board concerning the proposed merger between Ameristar Casinos, Inc. and Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. He stated an agreement plan had been entered on December 20, 2012 and the potential closing date would be in the third quarter of this year. Pinnacle would acquire all of Ameristar's interest but the license would continue to be held by Ameristar Lake Charles, L.L.C.

The Board considered action on final adoption of amendment to LAC 42:XI.2415 (Truckstop Travel Lanes). Following discussion, it was moved by Major Mercer to approve the final adoption of amendment to LAC 42:XI.2415 (Truckstop Travel Lanes). That motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on an appeal from the Hearing Officer's decision in the following:

1. **In Re: Tianna Taylor – No. V000018041** – Motion by Ms. Noonan to affirm the Hearing Officer's denial of Ms. Taylor's application for a video poker employee permit. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no further comments, it was moved by Major Mercer to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned.