

# LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

## Minutes of November 19, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board was convened on Thursday, November 19, 2020, 10:00 a.m., at the Louisiana State Capitol, House Committee Room 1. Present at the meeting were: Mike Noel, Chairman, Harry Avant, Julie Berry, Claude Jackson, Elton Lagasse, Julie Lewis, Franchesca Hamilton-Acker and Paul T. West. Absent were: O. Lamar Poole, Jr. and ex-officio members Col. Kevin Reeves and Secretary Kimberly Robinson.

The meeting was called to order. It was moved by Ms. Berry to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the October 19, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously approved by the Board.

Donna Jackson, Louisiana State Police Gaming Audit Section, provided revenue reports for the riverboats, slots at the racetracks and landbased casino. She also reported on the video poker statistics.

Alonna Murray, Assistant Attorney General (“AAG”) in the Gaming Division, reported on the Compliance Reports for the Third Quarter of 2020.

Wade Duty, Executive Director of the Louisiana Casino Association, presented the Board with a brief casino gaming procurement overview as it relates to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. Mr. Duty highlighted three items for the Board’s consideration: 1.) Procurement goals are voluntary and have remained static since the 1993 and 1996 licensing phases and may need to be revisited to become current. 2.) Hurricanes have profoundly affected suppliers in the state, particularly minority enterprises. 3.) COVID-19 has greatly affected the areas from where minority procurement is drawn. In providing a snapshot of the current status of minority procurement, Mr. Duty obtained the following information: Food consumption is down 44%. Beverage is down 35%. Equipment and entertainment expenses in some locations are down 98%. Goals that may have been met through these venues cannot be met now due to the healthcare restrictions. Restaurant supplies and equipment are down 68%. Printing player’s cards, logos and uniforms are down 54%. Linen usage is down 52%, due to reduced occupancy in the hotels. Dry cleaning and wardrobe are down 60%. Mr. Duty stated that they are working through all of this and are having to shift distributors and suppliers, particularly those that were in the hurricane devastated Lake Charles area.

The Board considered the following Transfers of Interest in globo:

1. Gaubert Food Marts d/b/a Diamond Jim’s Casino – No. 0400517313.
2. Gaubert Food Marts, Inc. d/b/a Go-Bears #28 and Lafitte’s Treasure Casino – No. 490751327.
3. Gaubert Food Marts, Inc. d/b/a Pelican Truck Plaza and Lafitte’s Treasure Casino – No. 2900516590.
4. Ortego Oil & Supply Company, LLC d/b/a Lafitte’s Treasure Casino – No. 4907517864.

After presentation by Earl Pitre, Jr., AAG in the Gaming Division and Louisiana State Police Investigator William Landry, it was moved by Ms. Lewis to approve the transfers of interest. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the Transfer of Interest in Lucky Travel Star Center d/b/a Lucky Star Casino – No. 2901513975. After presentation by Earl Pitre, Jr., AAG in the Gaming Division and Louisiana State Police Investigator William Landry, it was moved by Ms. Berry to approve the transfer of interest. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker and unanimously approved by the Board.

Next, the Board considered the Transfer of Interest in WY Properties, LLC d/b/a Logansport Truck Stop & Casino – No. 1601517239. After presentation by Charlie Picou, AAG in the Gaming Division and Louisiana State Police Investigator Glenn Verrett, it was moved by Mr. Lagasse to approve the transfer of interest. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Louisiana-I Gaming, L.P. d/b/a Boomtown New Orleans – No. R012600196. After presentation by Lisha Landry, AAG in the Gaming Division, and John Francic of ABS Group, it was moved by Mr. Lagasse to issue the Certificate of Compliance which expires on October 31, 2021. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry 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), Inc. d/b/a Boomtown Casino Bossier City – No. R016500701. After presentation by Lisha Landry, AAG in the Gaming Division, and John Francic of ABS Group, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to issue the Certificate of Compliance which expires on December 31, 2021. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Eldorado Casino Joint Venture d/b/a Eldorado Resort Casino Shreveport – No. R013600005. After presentation by Lisha Landry, AAG in the Gaming Division, and John Francic of ABS Group, it was moved by Ms. Berry to issue the Certificate of Compliance which expires on December 31, 2021. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Horseshoe Entertainment, L.P. d/b/a Horseshoe Bossier City Casino & Hotel – No. R010800198. After presentation by Lisha Landry, AAG in the Gaming Division, and John Francic of ABS Group, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to issue the Certificate of Compliance which expires on December 31, 2021. 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 of Red River Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC d/b/a Sam's Town Hotel and

Casino – No. R016500097. After presentation by Lisha Landry, AAG in the Gaming Division, and John Francic of ABS Group, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to issue the Certificate of Compliance which expires on December 31, 2021. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the final adoption for amendments to LAC 42:III.2117 (Certification Required, Riverboat Only). After presentation by Dawn Himel, Deputy Director, Office of the Attorney General – Gaming Division, it was moved by Ms. Berry to approve the final adoption for amendments to LAC 42:III.2117. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

The meeting was adjourned.