

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**Minutes of May 17, 2021**

The monthly meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board was convened on Monday, May 17, 10:00 a.m., at the LaSalle State Building, LaBelle Room. Present at the meeting were: Mike Noel, Chairman, Julie Berry, Vice Chair, Claude Jackson, Julie Lewis, Harry Avant, and Franchesca Hamilton-Acker. Absent were Elton Lagasse, O. Lamar Poole, Jr., Paul T. West, and ex-officio members Col. Lamar Davis and Secretary Kimberly Robinson.

The meeting was called to order. It was moved by Mr. Avant to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the April 18, 2021, meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker 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.

Charlie Picou, Assistant Attorney General (“AAG”), Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division, presented the Compliance Reports for the First Quarter of 2021.

The Board considered the Contract with the Court Reporter. Shelley Parola, a court reporter associated with the contractor, requested that the Board re-open the Public Comments section of the meeting so that she could address the Board regarding this matter. After presentation, it was moved by Ms. Berry that this matter be postponed until June 17, 2021. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Transfer of Interest in A. N. Collette Oil Company, Inc. d/b/a Grand Bayou Casino – No. 2401508817. After presentation by Earl Pitre, Jr., AAG, Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division, and Investigator Glenn Verrett, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Mr. Avant to approve the transfer of interest. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

Next the Board received an update regarding Eldorado Casino Shreveport Joint Venture d/b/a Eldorado Resort Casino Shreveport – No. R013600005. Addressing the Board were Larry Orlansky, General Counsel; Paul Avery, General Manager; and Todd Raziano, Vice President and Regional General Manager with Bally’s Corporation. After introductions by Mr. Orlansky, Mr. Avery presented the Board with the four pillars of Bally’s: Cleanliness, Safety, Friendliness & Fun. The front entrance of the property has been redone and the exterior has been pressure washed. Touchless room service has been implemented. Lighting in the hotel and parking garage have been improved with LED lighting. Team members have maintained morale although labor has not yet returned. Marketing has increased by expanding offers and increasing investments in signage, mailers, etc. Twenty-four-hour table games are on-going along with two new restaurants replacing the buffet. \$2M has been spent on computer conversions and upgrades, including rebranding of gaming operations with the new branding of chips and machines. Master planning of the property with an architect is also a part of the improvements and they are currently in talks with nationally

name brand restaurants to establish locations at the property. They have reopened their poker tables and relocated them to the third floor for tournament play. While gaming play has increased in the last four months, finding staff remains the biggest problem. Mr. Raziano echoed Mr. Avery's comments and concluded that they are focused on generating value with the Bally's name with state-of-the-art interactions and that their corporate leaders are very excited about the property.

The Board considered Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Catfish Queen Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge – No. R011700009. After presentation by Lisha Landry, AAG, Louisiana Attorney General's Gaming Division; John Reinhart, ABS Group; Nathalie Guillory, Director of Compliance with Belle of Baton Rouge; and riverboat captain, Danny Jones, it was moved by Ms. Berry to approve the temporary Certificate of Compliance which expires on June 30, 2021. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of PNK (Lake Charles), LLC d/b/a L'Auberge Lake Charles – No. R011001707. After presentation by Lisha Landry, AAG, Louisiana Attorney General's Gaming Division, and John Reinhart of ABS Group, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve the temporary Certificate of Compliance which expires on June 30, 2021. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Hamilton-Acker to adjourn. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned.