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5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

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10 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, 2017

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12 Louisiana State Capitol

13 House Committee Room 1

14 900 North Third Street

15 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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19 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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1 APPEARANCES

2 RONNIE JONES

Chairman (At Large)

3 June 30, 2019

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5 FRANKLIN AYRES BRADFORD

(Economic Planner)

6 Fifth Congressional District

June 30, 2019

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8 JAMES SINGLETON

(Public/Business Administration)

9 Second Congressional District

June 30, 2020

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11 CLAUDE D. JACKSON

(At large)

12 Fourth Congressional District

June 30, 2018

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14 ROBERT W. GASTON, III

(At Large)

15 Sixth Congressional District

June 30, 2021

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17 JULIE BERRY

(CPA)

18 Third Congressional District

June 30, 2018

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20 RICHARD PATRICK

(Law Enforcement)

21 Fifth Congressional District

July 30, 2018

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23 PAUL EDMONSON

Louisiana State Police

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4 MICHAEL LEGENDRE

Office of Charitable Gaming

5 Director

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7 LANA TRAMONTE

Executive Assistant

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9 TRUDY SMITH

Confidential Assistant

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11 REPORTED BY:

12 BRITTANY E. VIDRINE, CCR, RPR

Baton Rouge Court Reporters

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

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

5 Miss Tramonte, would you call the
6 roll.

7 THE CLERK: Chairman Jones?

8 CHAIRMAN JONES: Here.

9 THE CLERK: Mr. Bradford?

10 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

11 THE CLERK: Mr. Stipe? [No
12 response.] Mr. Singleton?

13 MR. SINGLETON: Here.

14 THE CLERK: Mr. Jackson?

15 MR. JACKSON: Here.

16 THE CLERK: Mr. Gaston?

17 MR. GASTON: Here.

18 THE CLERK: Miss Berry?

19 MS. BERRY: Here.

20 THE CLERK: Mr. Patrick?

21 MR. PATRICK: Here.

22 THE CLERK: Colonel Reeves?

23 MR. EDMONSON: Paul Edmonson for
24 Colonel Reeves.

25 THE CLERK: Secretary Robinson?

1 MR. LEGENDRE: Michael Legendre here
2 for Secretary Robinson.

3 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you. We have
5 a quorum. We may conduct business. Is
6 there anyone here today who wishes to
7 make a comment about anything on our
8 agenda at this time? [No response.]

9 III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: Do I have a motion
11 to waive reading and approve the minutes
12 from the October meeting? By
13 Dr. Gaston --

14 MS. BERRY: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: -- and Miss Berry.

16 Any objection? [No response.]

17 Without objection, the minutes are
18 approved.

19 IV. REVENUE REPORTS

20 CHAIRMAN JONES: We now call for
21 Revenue Reports. Good morning.

22 MS. JACKSON: Chairman Jones, Board
23 Members, my name is Donna Jackson with
24 the Louisiana State Police Gaming
25 Enforcement Division.

1 The 15 operating riverboats
2 generated Adjusted Gross Receipts of

3 \$145,928,090 in October. This total
4 represents a decrease from last month of
5 \$4.2 million or 3 percent, and a decrease
6 of almost \$8 million or over 5 percent
7 from last October.

8 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
9 year 2017-2018 to date are over \$623
10 million, a decrease of \$17 million or 3
11 percent from fiscal year 2016-2017.

12 During October, the State collected
13 fees totaling \$31,374,539. As of October
14 31st, 2017, the State collected \$134
15 million in fees for fiscal year
16 2017-2018.

17 Next is a summary of the October
18 2017 gaming activity for Harrah's
19 New Orleans found on page three. During
20 October, Harrah's generated \$24,676,876
21 in gross gaming revenue, a slight
22 decrease of .4 percent from last month,
23 but an increase of \$3.8 million or 18
24 percent from last October. Revenues for
25 fiscal year 2017-2018 to date are almost

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1 \$95 million, an increase of \$8.6 million
2 or 10 percent from fiscal year 2016-2017.

3 During October, the State received
4 \$5,095,890 in minimum daily payments. As
5 of October 31st, 2017, the State

6 collected \$20 million in fees for fiscal
7 year 2017-2018.

8 Next I'll report the revenues for
9 Slots at the Racetracks. During October,
10 the four racetrack facilities combined
11 generated Adjusted Gross Receipts of
12 \$27,712,760, an increase of \$1.3 million
13 or 5 percent from last month, and an
14 increase of 2 percent from October 2016.

15 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
16 year 2017-2018 to date are almost \$111
17 million, essentially no change from
18 fiscal year 2016-2017.

19 During October, the State collected
20 \$4,204,026 in fees. As of October 31st,
21 2017, the State collected \$16.8 million
22 in fees for fiscal year 2017-2018.

23 Overall in October, Riverboats, Land
24 Based and Slots at the Racetracks
25 combined generated \$198 million in AGR

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1 and over \$40 million in state fees.

2 These revenues represent a decrease from
3 October 2016 of \$3.5 million or 2
4 percent.

5 Are there any questions before I
6 present the Harrah's employee
7 information?

8 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any

9 questions? There are no questions.

10 MS. JACKSON: Harrah's New Orleans
11 is required to maintain at least 2,400
12 employees and a bi-weekly payroll of
13 \$1,750,835. This report covers pay
14 period in October 2017.

15 For the first pay period, the
16 Division verified 2,599 employees with a
17 payroll of \$2,163,000. For the second
18 pay period, the Division verified 2,607
19 employees with a payroll of \$2,153,000.
20 Therefore, Harrah's met the employment
21 criteria during October.

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions?
23 There are no questions. Thank you.

24 MR. BOSSIER: Good morning, Chairman
25 Jones and Board Members. My name is Jim

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1 Bossier with the Louisiana State Police
2 Gaming Enforcement Division here to
3 report video gaming statistics for
4 October 2017 as shown on page one of your
5 handout.

6 Thirteen new video gaming licenses
7 were issued during October: Eight bars,
8 four restaurants and one truckstop.

9 Seven new applications were received
10 by the Gaming Enforcement Division during
11 October and are currently pending in the

12 field: One bar, four restaurants, one
13 truckstop and one device owner's.

14 The Gaming Enforcement Division
15 assessed \$7,802 and collected \$4,250 in
16 fines during October, and there are
17 currently 7,652 in outstanding fines.

18 Please refer to page two of your handout.

19 There are presently 12,953 video
20 gaming devices activated at 1,734
21 locations.

22 Net device revenue for October 2017
23 was \$45.7 million, a \$113,000, or
24 two-tenths of 1 percent, decrease when
25 compared to September 2017, and a \$1.5

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1 million decrease, or 3.1 percent, when
2 compared to October 2016.

3 Net device revenue so far for fiscal
4 year 2018 is \$184 million, a \$322,000
5 decrease, or two-tenths of 1 percent,
6 when compared to fiscal year 2010 [sic].

7 Page three of your handout shows a
8 comparison of net device revenue.

9 Total franchise fees collected
10 during October 2017 were \$13.7 million,
11 no change when compared to September
12 2017, and a \$460,000 decrease when
13 compared to October 2016.

14 Total franchise fees collected for

15 fiscal year 2018 are \$55.1 million, a
16 \$146,500 decrease, or three-tenths of 1
17 percent, when compared to fiscal year
18 2017. Page four of your handout shows a
19 comparison of franchise fees.

20 Does anybody have any questions?

21 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions on
22 video poker? There are no questions.

23 MR. BOSSIER: Thank you.

24 V. COMPLIANCE REPORTS

25 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you. Before

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1 proceeding to the -- I'll take that up
2 after the compliance reports. I was
3 going to bring everybody up to date on
4 the task force. I'll mention it after we
5 hear from you.

6 Good morning.

7 MS. BROWN: Good morning. Chairman
8 Jones, Board Members, I'm Mesa Brown,
9 Assistant Attorney General. Today I'll
10 present the staff reports on riverboat
11 and racetrack casino licensees'
12 compliance with employment and
13 procurement conditions for the third
14 quarter of 2017.

15 I'll begin with the riverboats. The
16 third quarter reports are taken from
17 figures reported by the 15 operating

18 riverboats to the Louisiana Gaming
19 Control Board. In the third quarter of
20 2017, approximately 14,031 people were
21 employed by the riverboat industry. Of
22 that number, 13,763 were Louisiana
23 residents, 8,615 were minorities and
24 7,964 were women.

25 Four licensees achieved total
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1 compliance this quarter, and they are:
2 Golden Nugget, L'Auberge Casino and Hotel
3 Baton Rouge, Belle of Baton Rouge Casino
4 and Isle of Capri Casino St. Charles.

5 Next I'll address employment. Five
6 licensees did not meet their total
7 employment goals, and they are:
8 DiamondJacks Casino & Resort, who
9 achieved 405 out of a goal of 650;
10 Hollywood achieved 411 out of a goal of
11 450; Amelia Belle achieved 310 out of
12 325; Boomtown Casino Bossier achieved 486
13 out of 650, and Eldorado Resort
14 Shreveport achieved 1,066 out of 1,200.

15 All licensees either met or exceeded
16 their goals in all of the subcategories
17 under the main category of employment
18 with the exception of Treasure Chest who
19 failed to meet its female employment
20 goal. It achieved 50.6 out of a goal of

21 51.86.

22 Next I'll address procurement. The
23 licensees are grouped according to three
24 subcategories which appear in your
25 report. They are Louisiana, minority and

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1 female procurement. Under Louisiana
2 procurement, four licensees did not
3 achieve compliance with their voluntary
4 conditions, and those licensees are:
5 Treasure Chest, who achieved 73.1 out of
6 75 percent; Amelia Belle, 71.6 out of 80;
7 Margaritaville Resort Casino achieved
8 80.3 out of a goal of 90 percent, and
9 L'Auberge Lake Charles achieved 71.4 out
10 of 80 percent.

11 Minority procurement, seven
12 licensees did not achieve compliance with
13 their voluntarily conditions, and they
14 are Sam's Town, who achieved 9.5 out of
15 25; Horseshoe achieved 25.1 out of 35;
16 Boomtown New Orleans achieved 13.5 out of
17 15; Treasure Chest, 11.6 out of 15;
18 Amelia Belle, 23.5 out of 30;
19 Margaritaville, 8.4 out of 10, and
20 Eldorado, 19.1 out of 25.

21 Female procurement, one licensee did
22 not meet its female procurement goal this
23 quarter, and that is Boomtown

24 New Orleans. It achieved 13.2 out of a
25 goal of 15.

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1 Are there any questions regarding
2 the riverboats?

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions,
4 Board Members? I'd just like to make a
5 comment. I understand quarter to quarter
6 variations up and down and, you know,
7 missing a goal, then coming back and
8 making the goal, but what I tend to focus
9 on as Chairman are patterns where quarter
10 after quarter there's a failure to meet,
11 for example, minority procurement goals.

12 The three that you provide in this
13 report are all Bossier City, Shreveport
14 properties. We've had Horseshoe in, and
15 Horseshoe has shown marked improvement.
16 Eldorado hasn't achieved their goal, but
17 they're fairly consistent. They haven't
18 dropped; but I'm concerned about Sam's
19 Town, and they have fallen off each
20 quarter. And I don't know why that is,
21 so what we will likely do is spend a
22 meeting, perhaps February or March in the
23 quarter, we will identify properties
24 around the state who have consistently
25 failed to meet their procurement goals,

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1 and we will have them in as our guest.
2 And we'll talk to them, and we'll try and
3 figure out what is going on.

4 This is something that came up in
5 our task force meeting this week, and if
6 riverboat gaming is about economic
7 opportunity and that opportunity is not
8 being offered, we need to know why; and
9 it's not always the fault of the
10 property.

11 So I appreciate you providing this,
12 and may ask you for some additional
13 information in deciding who to have come
14 join us in the first quarter of next
15 year.

16 MS. BROWN: Absolutely.

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: Please proceed.

18 MS. BROWN: In the third quarter of
19 2017, approximately 1,455 people were
20 employed by the racetrack casino
21 industry. Of that number, 1,208 were
22 Louisiana residents; 755 were minorities,
23 and 838 were woman. Two racetrack
24 casinos achieved total compliance this
25 quarter, and they are Evangeline Downs

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1 and Fairgrounds. Delta Downs did not
2 achieve its Louisiana employment
3 condition. It achieved 60.1 out of the

4 80 percent condition. And Louisiana
5 Downs did not achieve its female
6 employment condition. It achieved 54.8
7 out of 60.

8 Are there any questions regarding
9 the racetracks?

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: I congratulate the
11 tracks on both their employment and their
12 procurement, and every time I meet with
13 the general manager at Delta Downs, we
14 have a discussion about the Louisiana
15 employment figures. His is the first
16 exit when you come into Louisiana, so
17 he's always going to struggle with having
18 a booming Lake Charles employment market,
19 and he's almost on the state line.

20 So I thank the tracks for their
21 diligence in this area. Thank you, Mesa.

22 MS. BROWN: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: Before we proceed
24 to the first business -- casino gaming
25 business item, I just want to bring

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1 everybody up to speed very quickly. We
2 had our November meeting of the task
3 force this past Tuesday. We had the last
4 property who wanted to make a
5 presentation before the task force, and
6 Margaritaville was there. Paul came and

7 presented on behalf of Margaritaville and
8 made his recommendations, which were
9 somewhat consistent but a little bit
10 different take on most of the
11 recommendations that have been made to
12 the task force; and we heard from
13 Mr. Francic, our maritime consultants,
14 and gave great background to the task
15 force, helped them understand, you know,
16 the problems associated with operating
17 businesses that are on boats in the
18 water, and the differences in the 15
19 properties that we have around the state
20 in terms of generations of boats.

21 So we appreciate you coming and
22 sharing that with them. All this is part
23 of the public record. The documents are
24 archived on our website, and the video is
25 available on the Senate website. The

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1 meeting in December will be the Chamber
2 of Commerce from Bossier City/Shreveport,
3 Lake Charles, and I need to extend an
4 invitation to Baton Rouge, as well.
5 They'll talk about the importance of
6 these properties in their respective
7 areas, and in January we anticipate
8 promulgating our final recommendations
9 that we will make to the governor and to

10 the legislature.
11 So that's sort of our timetable.
12 After the January meeting, at least the
13 formal -- the formal business of the task
14 force will have been concluded, and then
15 it will be up to the legislature to move
16 forward if they so see fit. So I invite
17 all of you to check out the documents, if
18 you haven't seen them or the
19 presentations, and we'll be wrapping that
20 up very soon, certainly right after the
21 holidays.

22 VI. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

23 A. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance
24 for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of
25 the gaming vessel of Horseshoe Entertainment

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1 L.P., d/b/a Horseshoe Bossier City Casino &
2 Hotel - No. R010800198

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: And now our next
4 item of business, Casino Gaming Issues.
5 First up is Consideration of Certificate
6 of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat
7 Inspection of the gaming vessel Horseshoe
8 Entertainment, L.P., doing business as
9 Horseshoe Bossier City Casino & Hotel,
10 No. R010800198.

11 Good morning, gentlemen.

12 MR. LEWIS: Good morning. Chairman

13 Jones, Board Members, I'm Assistant
14 Attorney General Kanick Lewis, Jr., and
15 with me is Mr. John Francic of ABSC.
16 We're here in the matter of the issuance
17 of the Certificate of Compliance to
18 Horseshoe Entertainment, L.P., doing
19 business as Horseshoe Bossier City.

20 On October 16th, 2017, ABSC began
21 the inspection process for the approval
22 of Horseshoe Bossier City's Certificate
23 of Compliance. For more on this, I now
24 turn the presentation over to
25 Mr. Francic.

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1 MR. FRANCIC: Good morning,
2 Chairman, Board Members, John Francic
3 with ABS Consulting here to report the
4 annual certification for Horseshoe
5 Casino.

6 The inspectors, Doug Chapman and
7 Pete Bullard, did, on October 16th,
8 attend the riverboat King of Red to
9 conduct the annual inspection in
10 accordance with the alternate inspection
11 of riverboat gaming vessels in the State
12 of Louisiana. The vessels [sic] reviewed
13 fire protection measures, egress routes,
14 mooring systems, machinery spaces and
15 conducted a fire drill. The deficiencies

16 found during the inspection can be found
17 on page seven of your report.

18 A follow-up inspection was completed
19 on October 25th and all deficiencies were
20 satisfactory and found in good order.

21 In addition to the annual
22 examination, the five-year hull exam was
23 completed this year along the internal
24 structural exam. There are no areas of
25 concern, and the overall condition of the

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1 hull and internal structures were found
2 in good condition. It was also noted
3 during this examination that two ramps
4 and mooring gear were overhauled to new
5 conditions. I would like to applaud
6 Horseshoe Casino for taking a proactive
7 action to recondition the ramps and
8 mooring gear that would ensure safe
9 access to and from the vessel.

10 The 2017 annual survey as required
11 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board is
12 complete and presents no safety concerns
13 to the patrons or employees on the
14 riverboat. It is the recommendation of
15 ABS Consulting that Horseshoe be issued a
16 Certificate of Compliance.

17 MR. LEWIS: We now present these
18 findings to the Board and request that

19 upon your accepting the report as
20 submitted by ABSC, you will move for the
21 approval of Horseshoe Entertainment,
22 L.P., d/b/a Horseshoe Bossier City's,
23 Certificate of Compliance.

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: Are there any
25 questions, Board Members? [No response.]

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1 If there aren't any comments from State
2 Police or the licensee, we'll ask for a
3 motion.

4 MR. JACKSON: Motion to approve.

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Jackson,
6 Mr. Singleton.

7 Any objection? Without objection,
8 the motion to issue the Certificate of
9 Compliance was approved.

10 B. Consideration of Compliance for the Alternate
11 Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Red
12 River Entertainment of Shreveport Partnership in
13 Commendam d/b/a Sam's Town Hotel and Casino -
14 No. R016500097

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: Now we move to
16 Consideration of Certificate of
17 Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat
18 Inspection of the gaming vessel of Red
19 River Entertainment of Shreveport
20 Partnership in Commendam doing business
21 as Sam's Town Hotel and Casino, No.

22 R016500097.

23 MR. LEWIS: Good morning again, Mr.
24 Chairman, Board Members. I'm Assistant
25 Attorney General Kanick Lewis, Jr., with

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1 me is Mr. John Francic of ABSC. We are
2 here in the matter of the issuance of the
3 Certificate of Compliance to Red River
4 Entertainment, LLC, doing business as
5 Sam's Town Hotel and Casino.

6 On October 25th, 2017, ABSC began
7 the inspection process for the approval
8 of Sam's Town's Certificate of
9 Compliance. For more on this, I now turn
10 the presentation over to Mr. Francic.

11 MR. FRANCIC: Chairman, Board
12 Members, John Francic with ABS Consulting
13 here to report the annual certification
14 for Sam's Town Casino.

15 The inspectors, Doug Chapman and
16 Pete Bullard, did, on October 25th,
17 attend the riverboat Shreve Star to
18 conduct the annual inspection in
19 accordance with the alternate inspection
20 of riverboat gaming vessels in the State
21 of Louisiana. The inspectors reviewed
22 fire protection measures, egress routes,
23 mooring systems, machinery spaces and
24 conducted a fire drill. There are a few

25 items that were noted during the

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1 inspection and immediately corrected by
2 the crew before the completion of the
3 examination.

4 In all, Sam's Town Casino did an
5 excellent job being prepared for the
6 examination and completing the items so
7 no deficiencies were noted.

8 The 2017 annual survey as required
9 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board is
10 complete and presents no safety concerns
11 to its patrons or its employees onboard
12 the riverboat. It is the recommendation
13 of ABS Consulting that Sam's Town Casino
14 be issued the Certificate of Compliance.

15 MR. LEWIS: We now present these
16 findings to the Board and request that
17 upon your accepting the report as
18 submitted by ABSC you will move for the
19 issuance of Red River Entertainment, LLC,
20 doing business as Sam's Town Hotel and
21 Casino's, Certificate of Compliance.

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board members, any
23 questions? [No response.]

24 Do I have a motion to issue the
25 Certificate of Compliance?

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1 MS. BERRY: I'll move.

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Miss Berry,
3 Dr. Gaston.

4 Any objection? [No response.]

5 Without objection, the motion to
6 issue the Certificate of Compliance
7 carries. Thank you, gentlemen.

8 MR. KANICK: Thank you.

9 VII. VIDEO POKER ISSUES

10 A. Consideration of the following truckstop
11 applications:

12 1. Spoonbill Ventures, LLC, d/b/a The Big Easy
13 Casino - No. 5000517560

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: Next up is the
15 Video Poker Issues, and the first of
16 those is Spoonbill Ventures, LLC, doing
17 business as The Big Easy Casino, No.
18 5000517560. This is a new application.

19 MS. LANDRY: Good morning, Chairman
20 Jones and Members of the Board. I am
21 Assistant Attorney General Lisha Landry
22 present before the Board in the matter of
23 the original application of Spoonbill
24 Ventures, LLC, doing business as The Big
25 Easy Casino, applying for their approval

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1 of a Type 5 video draw poker gaming
2 license.

3 The licensed establishment is
4 located in St. Martin Parish, and on

5 March 20th, 2017, Spoonbill Ventures,
6 LLC, purchased the business of
7 Food-N-Fun, Inc., doing business as The
8 Big Easy Casino, a previously licensed
9 qualified truckstop facility. At that
10 time, Spoonbill Ventures was assigned all
11 of Food-N-Fun's rights to all leases and
12 agreements. Then on March 31st, 2017,
13 the land was sold, and the applicant
14 leased the immovable property from the
15 new landowner and also entered into a new
16 video draw device placement agreement.

17 The Retif family owns a hundred
18 percent of the applicant, some
19 individually and some through trust.

20 Master Trooper James Cannon
21 inspected the truckstop facility and
22 conducted a suitability investigation on
23 all associated persons, and he is present
24 this morning to report his findings to
25 the Board.

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1 MASTER TROOPER CANNON: Good
2 morning, I am Master Trooper James Cannon
3 from the Office of State Police.

4 As part of the application process
5 for Spoonbill Ventures, LLC, doing
6 business as The Big Easy Casino, I
7 conducted suitability investigations and

8 updated background checks on all relevant
9 persons associated with the application.

10 Kenneth J. Retif, Lesley B. Retif,
11 Ryan J. Retif, Brandon J. Retif, Cole S.
12 Retif, Jordan B. Retif, and trustee
13 Allison A. Bouy Dennis previously
14 submitted to suitability investigation in
15 connection with other video poker
16 licenses. Kenneth J. Retif is married to
17 Lesley B. Retif. Ryan J. Retif, Brandon
18 J. Retif, Jordan B. Retif, Cole S. Retif
19 and Ridge A. Retif are all unmarried.

20 Updated background checks were
21 performed on these individuals which
22 yielded no information that would
23 prohibit them from participating in
24 Louisiana's gaming industry. Ridge Retif
25 is a 16 year old minor and is not

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1 required to submit to suitability at this
2 time.

3 An on-site inspection and a
4 follow-up inspection were conducted, and
5 it is was determined that the
6 establishment meets all criteria set
7 forth in video gaming laws as a qualified
8 truckstop facility.

9 All required licenses and permits
10 were posted and valid at the time of

11 inspection.

12 The establishment consists of at
13 least five contiguous acres, specifically
14 5.96 acres. The applicant produced --
15 I'm sorry. The applicant purchased a
16 licensed establishment from Food-N-Fun,
17 Incorporated, and is not subject to the
18 rule that the establishment must be one
19 mile from a protected property.

20 I found no information to preclude
21 the issuance of a Type 5 video draw poker
22 gaming license to Spoonbill Ventures,
23 LLC, doing business as The Big Easy
24 Casino or to preclude Kenneth J. Retif,
25 Lesley B. Retif, Ryan J. Retif, Brandon

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1 J. Retif, Jordan B. Retif, Cole S. Retif,
2 Ridge A. Retif or Allison A. Bouy Dennis
3 from continuing to participate in the
4 gaming industry.

5 MS. LANDRY: Our office has reviewed
6 the file prepared by the Office of State
7 Police. Our review indicates that no
8 information has been found which would
9 preclude the issuance of a Type 5 video
10 draw poker gaming license to Spoonbill
11 Ventures, LLC, doing business as The Big
12 Easy Casino.

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you. Board

14 Members, any questions? The board
15 appears to be clear.

16 Do I have a motion to approve the
17 application and issue a license? By
18 Mr. Bradford.

19 MR. JACKSON: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Jackson.

21 Any objection? [No response.]

22 Without objection, the application
23 is approved and the license shall be
24 issued. Thank you.

25 MS. LANDRY: Thank you, Board

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2 2. Red River Casino, LLC, d/b/a Red River Casino -
3 No. 0800517624 (new application)

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: Next up is Red
5 River Casino, LLC, doing business as Red
6 River Casino, No. 0800517624. This also
7 is new application.

8 Good morning.

9 MR. MEEK: Good morning, Chairman
10 Jones, Members of the Board, I'm Matthew
11 Meek, Assistant Attorney General, present
12 before the Board in the matter of the
13 original application of Red River Casino,
14 LLC, doing business as Red River Casino,
15 applying for approval of a Type 5 video
16 draw poker license.

17 The truckstop facility is located in
18 Bossier Parish. On August 18th, 2017,
19 the following transactions occurred. Red
20 River Plaza, LLC, purchased the immovable
21 property the truckstop facility is
22 located on from Red River South
23 Enterprises, LLC. The applicant leased
24 the immovable property owned by Red River
25 Plaza, LLC. The applicant purchased the

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1 business and all of the assets of Red
2 River South Travel Center, LLC, who
3 previously held a video gaming license
4 for the truckstop facility.

5 The applicant leased the restaurant
6 business located on the truckstop
7 facility to SB Food, LLC, and the
8 applicant leased the convenience store
9 and fuel facility located on the
10 truckstop facility to Countryside Exxon,
11 LLC.

12 On September 20th, 2017, the
13 applicant entered into a Video Draw Poker
14 Device Placement Agreement with S & I
15 Investment, LLC. Gulhamrasool Rupani and
16 Bilal-Ahmed Rupani each have a 50 percent
17 membership interest in the applicant.

18 Master Trooper James Cannon
19 inspected the truckstop facility and

20 conducted suitability investigations of
21 the associated persons. He is present
22 this morning to report his findings to
23 the Board.

24 MASTER TROOPER CANNON: I conducted
25 suitability investigations and updated

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1 background checks on all the relevant
2 persons associated with the application.
3 An on-site inspection was conducted, and
4 it was determined that the establishment
5 meets all criteria set forth in video
6 gaming law as a qualified truckstop
7 facility.

8 All required licenses and permits
9 were posted and valid at the time of
10 inspection. The establishment consists
11 of at least five contiguous acres,
12 specifically 7.485 acres.

13 As the applicant purchased the
14 licensed establishment of Red River
15 Travel Center, LLC, they are not subject
16 to the rule that they must be one mile
17 from a church, school, playground,
18 synagogue, public library, residences and
19 buildings on the National Historic
20 Registry.

21 I found no information that will
22 preclude the issuance of a Type 5 video

23 draw poker license to Red River Casino,
24 LLC, or to preclude Gulhamrasool Rupani
25 and Bilal-Ahmed Rupani from participating

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1 in the gaming industry.

2 MR. MEEK: The Office of the
3 Attorney General has reviewed the file
4 prepared by the Office of State Police,
5 and the information contained therein
6 would not preclude the instance of a Type
7 5 license.

8 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any
9 questions with respect to this
10 application? There are no questions.

11 Do I have a motion to approve the
12 application and issue the license?

13 Mr. Patrick, Miss Berry.

14 Any objection? [No response.]

15 Without objection, the motion carries.

16 The application is approved, and a
17 license shall be issued. Thank you.

18 One final note before I ask for a
19 motion to adjourn, and I will try to talk
20 slow to keep you guys here. We will be
21 meeting on Thursday, December 21st, and I
22 realize that is close to the holidays;
23 but the calendar was such that we need to
24 meet on that Thursday. So we will be
25 back here again in a month on the 21st.

1 VIII. ADJOURNMENT

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: And without any
3 other business on the agenda, do I have a
4 motion?

5 MR. GASTON: I move we adjourn,
6 Mr. Chairman.

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: Dr. Gaston and a
8 second by Miss Berry.

9 Any objection? [No response.]

10 Without objection, we'll stand
11 adjourned. Thank you.

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