

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of April 17, 2023

The meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board convened on Monday, April 17, 2023, 10:00 a.m., at the LaSalle Building, LaBelle Hearing Room. Present at the meeting were Chairman Ronnie Johns, Julie Berry, Claude Jackson, Harry Avant, Ronald Sholes, Lamar Poole, Julie Lewis, Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, and Ashley Traylor. Major Chuck McNeal was present for Col. Lamar Davis and Heather Templet for Secretary Kevin Richard. Absent was board member Harry Avant, and ex-officio members Col. Lamar Davis and Secretary Kevin Richard.

Chairman Johns called the meeting to order. It was moved by Mr. Poole to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2023. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

Donna Jackson, Louisiana State Police (“LSP”) Gaming Audit Section, provided revenue reports for the riverboats, slots at the racetracks, and landbased casino. She also reported on the video poker statistics, sports wagering, mobile wagering, and fantasy sports revenue.

The Board considered the Hearing Officer Contract. Ms. Berry moved that Hearing Officer Suzan Ponder’s contract be approved. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson

A presentation was given on the new plans for DiamondJacks Casino and Resort. This presentation was on behalf of the Cordish Group and there plans for Live! Casino. Present was Jeff Barbin, attorney; Rob Norton, President of Cordish; Mark Steward General Counsel for Cordish; Joe Billheimer, COO Cordish.

The Board next considered request for approval of debt transaction for Churchill Downs Louisiana Horse Racing Company, LLC d/b/a Fair Grounds Race Course – No. T013602541. Donna Jackson, LSP Gaming Audit presented on behalf of the Division. It was moved by Mr. Sholes to approve the debt transaction. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Aker, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered Consideration of Petition for approval of change of trade name of Louisiana Casino Cruises, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino

Baton Rouge – No. R011700193. After presentation by Lisha Landry, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Mr. Poole to approve the name change from Hollywood Casino to the Queen. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the Consideration of temporary certificate of compliance for St. Charles Gaming Company, LLC d/b/a Horseshoe Casino Lake Charles – No. R011700174. Jeff Barbin was present for the Licensee. After presentation by Jeremy Gathe, it was moved by Ms. Hamilton-Aker to approve the temporary COC. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Plans and specifications for Catfish Queen, LLC d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge Casino – No. R011700009. After presentation by Jeff Barbin, Terry Downey, Bruce Woods, and Stacy Stagg it was moved by Mr. Poole to approve the extension of time. That motion was seconded by Ms. Traylor and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then Considered the Transfers of Interest in Red River Casino, LLC d/b/a Red River Casino - No. 0800517624. After presentation by Earl Pitre, Assistant Attorney General and Glenn Verett, LSP Criminal Investigator, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve the transfer. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis.

The Board next considered the settlement of Pat's Pub, LLC d/b/a Pat's Pub - No. 2600108891. After presentation by Andrea Nathan, Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Sholes moved to approve the settlement. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

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