

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of September 20, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board was convened on Thursday, September 20, 2018, 10:00 a.m., in House Committee Room 1 of the Louisiana State Capitol. Present at the meeting were: Ronnie Jones, Chairman, Ayres Bradford, Mark Stipe, Robert Gaston, Julie Berry, Elton Lagasse, Harry Avant and ex-officio member, Secretary Kimberly Robinson. Absent were board members James Singleton, Richard Patrick and ex-officio member, Colonel Kevin Reeves.

The meeting was called to order. Chairman Jones thanked Claude Jackson for his service to the board during his tenure. He introduced and welcomed our newest member of the board, Harry Avant. Mr. Avant is from Shreveport and represents the Fourth Congressional District. Chairman Jones also welcomed Major Chuck McNeal back to Gaming Division of State Police.

There were public comments from Mr. Davis Rhorer, Executive Director of the Downtown Development District of Baton Rouge, and Mr. Paul Arrigo, President and CEO of Visit Baton Rouge. Both men addressed the board in support of the Tropicana/ Eldorado merger.

It was moved by Ms. Berry to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the August meeting. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

The Board considered the transfers of interest in the following truckstop casinos:

1. Port Au Prince, LLC d/b/a Gold Rush Casino – No. 4900515526
2. 190 Truck Stop, LLC d/b/a Grand Point Grand Casino – No. 4700513410

The above stated truckstops were handled in globo. It was moved by Mr. Gaston to approve the transfers of interest. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered approval of the Joint Petition of Merger by and among Tropicana Entertainment, Inc., Eldorado Resorts, Inc., and Gaming Leisure Properties, Inc. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Gaston to adopt the resolution approving the merger. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lagasse and unanimously approved by the Board.

Austin Miller, Senior Vice-President of Gaming Operations for Churchill Downs, and Doug Shipley, General Manager and President of the Fairgrounds Race Course, updated the Board on the ribbon cutting for the opening of their thirteenth and fourteenth off-track betting facilities.

The Board acted on the following appeal:

1. **In Re: Shane M. Delaney – No. P040000938** – Motion by Chairman Jones to remand this matter to the Hearing Officer for the introduction of new evidence. That motion was seconded by Mr. Gaston and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

The meeting was adjourned.