

# **LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**

## **Minutes of August 21, 2023**

The meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board convened on Thursday, August 21, 2023, 10:00 a.m., at the Louisiana State Capitol – House Committee Room 1. Present at the meeting were Chairman Ronnie Johns, Harry Avant, Julie Berry, Claude Jackson, Julie Lewis, Lamar Poole, Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, Ashley Traylor, and ex-officio member Secretary Kevin Richard. Major Chuck McNeal was present for Col. Lamar Davis. Absent was board member Ronald Sholes, and ex-officio member Col. Lamar Davis

Chairman Johns called the meeting to order. It was moved by Ms. Berry to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the meeting of July 20, 2023. That motion was seconded by Mr. Poole and unanimously approved by the Board.

Trnessia Ware, 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.

Jeremy Gathe, Assistant Attorney General reported on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2023 compliance reports.

Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Belle of Orleans, LLC d/b/a Amelia Belle Casino No. R013600020. After presentation by Hafiz Folami, Assistant Attorney General and Moriah Reed of AVS, it was moved by Ms. Hamilton-Aker to approve the Certificate of Compliance. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the Petition to Commence Gaming Operations for Louisiana Casino Cruises d/b/a The Queen Baton Rouge – No. R011700193. Present was Jeff Barbin, attorney, Terry Downey, CEO, and Matthew Shehadi, GM of the Queen. Also present was Jeff Traylor, Louisiana State Police Gaming Audit Section, who was available for questions. After presentation by Lisha Landry, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Mr. Poole to approve the Petition. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant, 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. Hamilton-Acker. That motion was unanimously approved by the Board.