

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of March 16, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board was convened on Thursday, March 16, 2017, 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, Claude Jackson, Robert Gaston, Julie Berry, Wanda Theriot and Richard Patrick. Absent were board member James Singleton and ex-officio members, Colonel Mike Edmonson and Secretary Kimberly Robinson.

The meeting was called to order. The Chairman announced that Mark Frissora, CEO and President of Caesars Entertainment, would be addressing the Task Force Committee at the March 21st meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Stipe to waive the reading and approve the minutes of both the January and February meetings. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

The Board considered contracts for fiscal year 2017-2018 with the Court Reporter and the Hearing Officer. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Bradford to approve both contracts. That motion was seconded by Mr. Gaston and unanimously approved by the Board.

Janet Miller, Executive Director of the Louisiana Association on Compulsive Gambling (LACG), addressed the Board. She stated that March is "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" and wanted to provide the Board with current figures concerning the services provided by their helpline operations. In fiscal year 2015-2016, the helpline answered 28,436 calls for problem gambling, 10,233 substance abuse calls and 337 calls concerning suicide prevention. Ms. Miller also stated that 360 calls were referred to Self-Exclusion procedures handled by State Police. Residential treatment for adults adversely affected by gambling is available at the CORE Center at no charge to Louisiana residents.

The Board considered a new video poker application from Representative Democracy, LLC d/b/a La Express 7 – No. 6100517481. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Patrick to approve the application and issue the license. That motion was seconded by Ms. Theriot and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the renewal application of PNK (Lake Charles, LLC) d/b/a L'Auberge Lake Charles – No. R011001707. Following discussion, it was moved by Ms. Berry to adopt the resolution approving the five-year renewal of the license. That motion was seconded by Mr. Gaston and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Proposed Settlements and Appeal in the following:

1. **In Re: ABC, LLC d/b/a The Lamplighter Lounge – No. 1001116892** – Motion by Mr. Jackson to approve the settlement of a \$750.00 penalty for failure to timely submit the annual fee and required documents. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **In Re: Five Star Food and Gas, LLC d/b/a Five Star Food and Gas Café – No. 5402217103** – Motion by Mr. Gaston to approve the settlement of a \$2,000.00 penalty for operating video gaming devices without a valid ATC permit. That motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick and unanimously approved by the Board.
3. **In Re: Johnette J. Staes – No. P040063243** – After consideration of Ms. Staes' appeal, there was a motion by Chairman Jones to affirm the decision of the Hearing Officer which revoked Ms. States non-key gaming employee permit. That motion was seconded by Mr. Gaston and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

The meeting was adjourned.