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1	STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD MARSH 20, 2025 MEETING This Louisiana Gaming Control Board Meeting was taken in by Belinda K. Amerson, a Certified Court Reporter in and for the State of Louisiana, at the Louisiana State Capitol, House Committee Room 1, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on the 20th day of March, 2025.	2	1 APPEARANCES: 2 3 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HEBERT 4 MS. LANDRY 5 MS. HERNANDEZ 6 MR. JACKSON 7 MS. LEWIS 8 MS. TRAYLOR 9 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER 10 MS. BECNEL 11 MR. LANGLEY 12 JAROD CONIGLIO 13 MAJOR ALBRIGHT 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
3	1 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 2 I would like to call to order the 3 meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control 4 Board for Thursday, March 20, 2025. 5 Mr. Hernandez, would you please call 6 the roll? 7 MS. HERNANDEZ: 8 Chairman Hebert. 9 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 10 Here. 11 MS. HERNANDEZ: 12 Ms. Becnel. 13 MS. BECNEL: 14 Here. 15 MS. HERNANDEZ: 16 Mr. Jackson. 17 MR. JACKSON: 18 Here. 19 MS. HERNANDEZ: 20 Mr. Langley: 21 MR. LANGLEY: 22 Here. 23 MS. HERNANDEZ: 24 Ms. Lewis. 25 MS. LEWIS:	4	1 Here. 2 MS. HERNANDEZ: 3 Mr. Poole. 4 (No response). 5 MS. HERNANDEZ: 6 Ms. Hamilton-Acker. 7 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER: 8 Here. 9 MS. HERNANDEZ: 10 Mr. Sholes. 11 (No response). 12 MS. HERNANDEZ: 13 Ms. Traylor. 14 MS. TRAYLOR: 15 Here. 16 MS. HERNANDEZ: 17 Colonel Hodges. 18 MR. ALBRIGHT: 19 Major Albright for Colonel Hodges. 20 MS. HERNANDEZ: 21 Secretary Nelson. 22 MR. CONIGLIO: 23 Jarod Coniglio here for Secretary 24 Nelson. 25 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

5	<p>1 We do have a quorum, and thank you 2 Members for being here this morning. 3 Ladies and gentlemen, this is our 4 public comment period. Anyone who would 5 like to comment on an agenda item before 6 the Board today, now is the time to come 7 forward. 8 Seeing none, we'll now move on to 9 Item 3, the approval of the minutes. 10 Members, at this time I would ask for a 11 motion to waive the reading and approve 12 the minutes of the February 20th, 2025 13 board meeting. 14 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER: 15 So moved. 16 MS. BECNEL: 17 Second. 18 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 19 Moved by Ms. Hamilton-Acker; 20 seconded by Ms. Becnel. 21 Is there any discussion? Any 22 opposition? 23 Hearing none, that motion carries. 24 Moving on to Item 4 on our agenda, 25 our revenue reports.</p>	6	<p>1 Good morning, Ms. Jackson. 2 MS. JACKSON: 3 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and 4 Board Members. 5 My name is Donna Jackson with 6 Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit 7 Section. 8 In February, the 15 operating 9 riverboats generated adjusted gross 10 receipts of \$149,739,859. The state 11 collected fees totalling \$32,194,070. 12 Live! Casino in Bossier City held its 13 grand opening on February 13th, and 14 generated \$7.4 million in AGR in 16 days 15 of operation. 16 Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal 17 year '24-'25 to date are \$1.14 billion, an 18 increase of \$22.9 million or 2% from 19 fiscal year '23-'24. 20 As of February 28th, 2025, the state 21 has collected \$245 million in fees for 22 fiscal year '24-'25. 23 Page 2 shows the riverboat revenue 24 broken down by regional market. The 25 overall increase from January was \$11</p>
7	<p>1 million or 8%. Compared to last February, 2 this month's revenues represent an 3 increase of approximately \$6.7 million or 4 4.7%. As information, due to leap year, 5 last February had one additional gaming 6 day. 7 Next is the summary of the February 8 2025 gaming activity for Caesar's New 9 Orleans found on page 3. Caesar's 10 generated \$30,664,561 in gross gaming 11 revenue. These revenues represent an 12 increase from last month of \$12.5 million 13 or 68.5%, and an increase of \$6.85 million 14 or 28.8% from the same month last year. 15 During February, the state received 16 \$4,986,301 in minimum daily payments. 17 Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal 18 year '24-'25 to date are \$175.8 million, 19 an increase of \$12 million or 7% from 20 fiscal year '23-'24. 21 As of February 28th, 2025, the state 22 collected over \$43 million in fees for 23 fiscal year '24-'25. 24 Next I'll present the revenues for 25 slots at the Racetracks. During February,</p>	8	<p>1 the four racetrack facilities combined 2 generated adjusted gross receipts of 3 \$25,262,398, an increase of \$1.9 million 4 or 8% from the previous month, but a 5 decrease of \$2.4 million or 8.8% when 6 compared to the same month last year. 7 During February, the state collected \$3.8 8 million in state fees. 9 Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal 10 year '24-'25 to date are \$201.4 million, a 11 .2% decrease from fiscal year '23-'24. As 12 of February 28th, 2025, the state has 13 collected \$30.6 million in fees for fiscal 14 year '24-'25. 15 I will now go on to the Video Gaming 16 information. 17 There are 12,018 video gaming 18 devices activated at 1,387 locations. Net 19 device revenue for February 2025 was 20 \$63,063,471, an increase of \$5 million or 21 9.2% when compared to January 2025, but a 22 decrease of \$2 million or 3.3% when 23 compared to last February. Total 24 franchise fees for February were 25 approximately \$19 million.</p>

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1 Fiscal year to date net device
 2 revenue was \$490 million, a minimal
 3 increase of .2% when compared to last
 4 fiscal year.
 5 As of February 28th, 2025, the state
 6 has collected \$148.6 million in franchise
 7 fees for fiscal year '24-'25.
 8 Next, I'll present the February
 9 revenue for sportsbook. During February,
 10 the retail sportsbook accepted \$25.5
 11 million in sports wagers, resulting in net
 12 proceeds of \$2.5 million and \$276,000 in
 13 state taxes.
 14 The mobile sportsbooks accepted
 15 \$355.7 million in sports wagers, resulting
 16 in net proceeds of \$45 million and
 17 approximately \$6.8 million in taxes paid
 18 to the state.
 19 Finally, for Daily Fantasy Sports,
 20 gross revenues for February were over \$1
 21 million, with net revenue of \$126,700 and
 22 taxes of approximately \$10,000.
 23 Any questions?
 24 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 25 Board Members, are there any

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1 and conditions as the current contract,
 2 which expires on June 30th of this year.
 3 The total sum of the contract shall not
 4 exceed \$25,000.
 5 Paragraph two of the contract
 6 provides the breakdown on how payment
 7 under the contract will be made.
 8 Our legal counsel has reviewed the
 9 contract and advised that it meets all
 10 requirements.
 11 Board approval on the parameters of
 12 the contract is needed in order to begin
 13 the state contract review process.
 14 Are there any questions from the
 15 Board?
 16 If not, I will entertain a motion to
 17 adopt the resolution approving the hearing
 18 officer's contract.
 19 MR. JACKSON:
 20 Move to approve.
 21 MS. LEWIS:
 22 Second.
 23 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 24 Approved by -- moved by Mr. Jackson,
 25 and seconded by Ms. Lewis.

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1 questions for Ms. Jackson?
 2 February was certainly a healthy
 3 month for our state and, you know, due in
 4 large part to the Super Bowl as well as
 5 the opening of the Live! Casino in
 6 Bossier. We appreciate that.
 7 Thank you, Ms. Jackson.
 8 Next we will have the consideration
 9 of our hearing officer's contract. Board
 10 Members, this is the consideration of a
 11 proposed contract for professional legal
 12 services for the Board's administrative
 13 hearing officer for fiscal year 2025-2026.
 14 In your board packet, you have a
 15 copy of the proposed contract for the
 16 Louisiana Gaming Control Board hearing
 17 officer. This contract is for one year
 18 effective July 1st, 2025 to June 30th,
 19 2026.
 20 The current hearing officer retired
 21 Judge Suzan Ponder has agreed to continue
 22 providing services as hearing officer in
 23 accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute
 24 27:25 for another fiscal year.
 25 The contract has the same key terms

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1 Ms. Landry, will you please read the
 2 resolution into the record?
 3 MS. LANDRY:
 4 On the 20th day of March 2025,
 5 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a
 6 duly noticed public meeting, consider the
 7 contract for professional legal services
 8 by and between the Board and hearing
 9 officer Ms. Suzan Ponder and, upon motion
 10 duly made and seconded, the Board adopted
 11 the following resolution:
 12 Be it resolved that the contract for
 13 professional legal services for Ms. Suzan
 14 S. Ponder to furnish services as the
 15 Board's hearing officer in accordance with
 16 Louisiana Revised Statute 27:25, effective
 17 July 1st, 2025 to June 30th, 2026 is
 18 hereby approved.
 19 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
 20 Louisiana this 20th day of March 2025.
 21 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 22 Ms. Hernandez, will you please call
 23 the roll?
 24 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 25 Ms. Becnel.

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1 MS. BECNEL:
 2 Yes.
 3 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 4 Mr. Jackson.
 5 MR. JACKSON:
 6 Yes.
 7 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 8 Mr. Langley.
 9 MR. LANGLEY:
 10 Yes.
 11 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 12 Ms. Lewis.
 13 MS. LEWIS:
 14 Yes.
 15 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 16 Ms. Hamilton-Acker.
 17 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:
 18 Yes.
 19 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 20 Ms. Traylor.
 21 MS. TRAYLOR:
 22 Yes.
 23 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 24 Chairman Hebert.
 25 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

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1 Yes.
 2 The motion carries. The resolution
 3 is adopted and the contract is approved.
 4 We will now move on to Item 6,
 5 Casino Gaming Issues. The first up is the
 6 consideration of the renewal application
 7 for the riverboat gaming license of
 8 Treasure Chest Casino, LLC, doing business
 9 as Treasurer Chest Casino.
 10 Good morning. Please identify
 11 yourselves for the record.
 12 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LEWIS, JR.:
 13 Good morning, Chairman Hebert. I'm
 14 Assistant Attorney General Kanick Lewis,
 15 Junior.
 16 MS. HOTARD:
 17 I'm Lisa Hotard from the Louisiana
 18 State Police, Gaming Audit Section.
 19 MR. PERKINS:
 20 Criminal Investigator Rodney
 21 Perkins, Louisiana State Police, Gaming
 22 Enforcement Division.
 23 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 24 You may proceed.
 25 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LEWIS, JR.:

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1 Good morning, Chairman and Board
 2 Members. As I stated, I'm Assistant
 3 Attorney General Kanick Lewis, Junior,
 4 here today in the matter of the
 5 application for the riverboat -- or the
 6 renewal application for the riverboat
 7 gaming license held by Treasure Chest
 8 Casino, LLC, doing business as Treasure
 9 Chest Casino, which is located in Kenner,
 10 Louisiana.
 11 Appearing with me today is
 12 Investigator Rodney Hotard -- I'm sorry --
 13 Lisa Hotard from the Louisiana State
 14 Police, Gaming Division Audit Section, and
 15 Investigator Rodney Perkins of the
 16 Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement
 17 Division.
 18 Riverboat gaming licenses are issued
 19 for a five-year term. Pursuant to
 20 Louisiana Revised Statute 27:75A, the
 21 Board is required to act upon any renewal
 22 application no later than 30 days prior to
 23 the expiration of the current license.
 24 Treasure Chest Casino's license is
 25 set to expire on May 18th, 2025. The

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1 division has reviewed the financial
 2 circumstances of the licensee and
 3 completed suitability investigations of
 4 the licensee, its parent companies and
 5 principals.
 6 At this time Lisa Hotard and Rodney
 7 Perkins will provide their findings to the
 8 Board. Following their presentation, if
 9 it is the Board's pleasure to renew the
 10 riverboat gaming license of Treasure Chest
 11 Casino, LLC, doing business as Treasure
 12 Chest Casino, a proposed resolution has
 13 been prepared for the Board's adoption and
 14 the chairman's signature.
 15 MS. HOTARD:
 16 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and
 17 Board Members. My name is Lisa Hotard
 18 with the Louisiana State Police, Gaming
 19 Audit Section.
 20 Treasure Chest Casino, LLC, doing
 21 business as Treasure Chest Casino, seeks a
 22 five-year renewal of its riverboat gaming
 23 license. Boyd Gaming Corporation (Boyd)
 24 is the ultimate parent of Treasure Chest
 25 through its direct subsidiary, Boyd

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1 Louisiana Racing, LLC.
 2 Since commencing gaming operations
 3 in September 1994, Treasure Chest has
 4 generated approximately \$3.3 billion in
 5 gaming revenues and paid \$678 million in
 6 state gaming fees.
 7 In addition, for the years 2020
 8 through 2024, the licensee paid
 9 approximately \$10.1 million in fees to the
 10 City of Kenner and approximately \$3.5
 11 million to Kenner Police. During the past
 12 five fiscal years, Treasure Chest
 13 generated approximately \$431.5 million in
 14 adjusted gross revenue.
 15 For the years 2020 through 2024,
 16 Treasure Chest invested approximately
 17 \$128.6 million in enhancements to the
 18 property, including the construction of
 19 its new landside facility.
 20 Additionally, the licensee is
 21 committed to investing in further
 22 improvements to the property over the next
 23 five years, as shown on page 6 of the
 24 Audit's report.
 25 In conclusion, no financial issues

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1 Upon investigations consisting of
 2 inquiries to federal, state, local law
 3 enforcement agencies, civil jurisdictions,
 4 gaming regulatory agencies, the Louisiana
 5 Department of Revenue and the computerized
 6 criminal history database, based on this
 7 investigation, no information was found
 8 that would preclude the Board from
 9 approving the license renewal of Treasure
 10 Chest Casino, LLC, doing business as
 11 Treasure Chest Casino.
 12 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 13 Thank you, Mr. Perkins.
 14 Board Members, are there any
 15 questions of the Attorney General's Office
 16 or Louisiana State Police?
 17 Thank you.
 18 At this time we will hear from
 19 Attorney Janet Boles and general manager
 20 Kim Etland, who will give us an update on
 21 the property and answer any questions that
 22 you might have.
 23 Ladies, if you would please,
 24 identify yourselves for the record.
 25 MS. BOLES:

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1 came to our attention to preclude the
 2 Board from approving Treasure Chest's
 3 riverboat gaming license for a period of
 4 five years effective May 18, 2025.
 5 Licensing will now present their
 6 findings.
 7 MR. PERKINS:
 8 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and
 9 Members of the Board.
 10 I'm Criminal Investigator Rodney
 11 Perkins with the Louisiana State Police,
 12 Gaming Enforcement Division.
 13 On October 4th, 2024, Treasure Chest
 14 Casino, LLC, doing business as Treasure
 15 Chest Casino submitted its five-year
 16 renewal application to the Louisiana State
 17 Police, Gaming Enforcement Division.
 18 According with the rules and regulations
 19 of the gaming enforcement division, a
 20 background investigation was conducted on
 21 Treasure Chest Casino, its affiliated
 22 entities, officers, directors, key
 23 individuals, persons with 5% or more
 24 ownership or economic interest in the
 25 licensee.

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1 Janet Boles on behalf of Boyd
 2 Gaming.
 3 MS. ETLAND:
 4 Kim Etland general manager of
 5 Treasure Chest.
 6 MS. BOLES:
 7 Thank you. We're here today to get
 8 our third renewal for Boyd Gaming Treasure
 9 Chest. As y'all are aware, Treasure Chest
 10 just recently opened their landside
 11 facility. I'd like to before I forget to
 12 thank the Board, this Division and the
 13 Attorney General's office for all of their
 14 hard work in getting us ready for this
 15 renewal application today.
 16 With that, I'll turn it over to our
 17 general manager Kim and let her tell you a
 18 little bit about what's going on.
 19 MS. ETLAND:
 20 Good morning, Mr. Chairman and
 21 Members of the Board. As you know, and
 22 you just heard, Boyd Gaming spent upwards
 23 of a hundred million dollars to construct
 24 and open our land-based casino. We're
 25 excited about that project today as we

21	<p>1 were in June of last year when we opened 2 it. 3 Since opening, we have increased the 4 number of table games by one, so we now 5 have 33. We have also increased our slot 6 machines by 45. We now have a total of 7 947, so continuing to grow and assess the 8 needs of our property and our guests. 9 We've welcomed nearly 800,000 people since 10 we opened, which is a 94% increase since 11 last year the same period. 12 Though we have a larger footprint in 13 our fabulous sportsbook, they have been 14 seeing increased traffic and been very 15 successful. Our new restaurant's also 16 performing very well. Overall, the 17 building has exceeded our expectations and 18 we are very, very pleased with the 19 results. 20 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 21 Board Members, are there any 22 questions of either -- for the ladies that 23 are at the table? 24 That is exciting news in that I 25 think, you know, the landside casinos have</p>	22	<p>1 been a wonderful addition to the state, 2 and Treasure Chest is certainly a 3 testament to that. And so thank you and 4 please keep up the good work. 5 Board Members, at this time, I would 6 entertain a motion to adopt the 7 resolution. 8 MS. TRAYLOR: 9 So moved. 10 MS. LEWIS: 11 Second. 12 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 13 Moved by Ms. Traylor; seconded by 14 Ms. Lewis. 15 Ms. Landry, would you please read 16 the resolution. 17 MS. LANDRY: 18 On the 20th day of March 2025, the 19 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a 20 duly noticed public meeting, consider the 21 license renewal application of Treasure 22 Chest Casino, LLC, doing business as 23 Treasure Chest Casino, and upon motion 24 duly made and seconded, the Board adopted 25 the following resolution:</p>
23	<p>1 Be it resolved that the riverboat 2 gaming casino license issued of Treasure 3 Chest Casino, LLC, doing business as 4 Treasure Chest Casino be renewed for a 5 term of five years commencing on May 18th, 6 2025, subject to all conditions previously 7 placed upon the license. 8 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge, 9 Louisiana this 20th day of March 2025. 10 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 11 And, Ms. Hernandez, would you please 12 call the roll? 13 MS. HERNANDEZ: 14 Ms. Becnel. 15 MS. BECNEL: 16 Yes. 17 MS. HERNANDEZ: 18 Mr. Jackson. 19 MR. JACKSON: 20 Yes. 21 MS. HERNANDEZ: 22 Mr. Langley. 23 MR. LANGLEY: 24 Yes. 25 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p>	24	<p>1 Ms. Lewis. 2 MS. LEWIS: 3 Yes. 4 MS. HERNANDEZ: 5 Ms. Hamilton-Acker. 6 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER: 7 Yes. 8 MS. HERNANDEZ: 9 Ms. Traylor. 10 MS. TRAYLOR: 11 Yes. 12 MS. HERNANDEZ: 13 And Chairman Hebert. 14 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 15 Yes. 16 That motion carries, and the license 17 is renewed. Thank you. 18 MS. BOLES: 19 Thank you. 20 MS. ETLAND: 21 Thank you very much. 22 MS. BOLES: 23 And we won't be back next month. 24 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 25 We now move to Item B under Casino</p>

25	<p>1 Gaming Issues, and that is the 2 consideration of the renewal application 3 for the slot machine gaming license of 4 Churchill Downs Louisiana Horseracing 5 Company, LLC, doing business as Fair 6 Grounds Race Course & Slots. 7 Good morning. 8 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McINTYRE: 9 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and 10 Board Members. Talibah McIntyre with the 11 Attorney General's Office. 12 MS. HOTARD: 13 Lisa Hotard with Louisiana State 14 Police, Gaming Audit. 15 MASTER TROOPER CANNON: 16 Master Trooper James Cannon with 17 Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement 18 Division. 19 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 20 Please proceed. 21 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MCINTYRE: 22 Assistant Attorney General Talibah 23 McIntyre here in the matter of the renewal 24 of the license to conduct slot machine 25 gaming issued to Churchill Downs Louisiana</p>	26	<p>1 Horseracing Company, LLC, doing business 2 as Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots, which 3 is a licensed racetrack located in Orleans 4 Parish. 5 Here with me today is Lisa Hotard 6 from the Louisiana State Police, Gaming 7 Enforcement Division Audit Section and 8 Master Trooper James Cannon from the 9 Gaming Enforcement Division Licensing 10 Section. 11 Pursuant to Louisiana Revised 12 Statute 27:361(E)(1), slot machine gaming 13 licenses for eligible facilities are 14 issued and renewed for a five-year term. 15 The licensee's current slot machine gaming 16 license is set to expire on April 18th, 17 2025. 18 During the 2022 regular session, 19 Louisiana Legislature passed Acts 530 and 20 525, which requires that the Board receive 21 a certification from the Louisiana State 22 Racing Commission that the licensee is in 23 compliance with facility maintenance and 24 improvement fund requirements and racing 25 commission's minimum standards and</p>
27	<p>1 required infrastructure investments for 2 the race track facility in order for the 3 Board to issue or renew a license to 4 conduct slot machine gaming for a 5 five-year term. 6 On March 7, 2025, the Board received 7 the required certification that the 8 licensee is currently in compliance. The 9 Division has reviewed the financial 10 circumstances of the licensee and 11 completed suitability investigations of 12 the licensee, its parent companies and 13 principals. 14 At this time, Ms. Hotard, Master 15 Trooper James Cannon will provide their 16 findings to the Board. 17 Representatives for the licensee are 18 available for questions following the 19 Division's presentation. 20 Upon conclusion of the testimony, if 21 it is the Board's pleasure to renew the 22 slot machine gaming license of Fair 23 Grounds Race Course & Slots, a proposed 24 resolution has been prepared for the 25 Board's adoption and the Chairman's</p>	28	<p>1 signature. 2 Thank you. 3 MS. HOTARD: 4 Good morning, Chairman Hebert, Board 5 Members. My name is Lisa Hotard with 6 Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit. 7 Churchill Downs Horseracing Company, 8 LLC, doing business as Fair Grounds Race 9 Course & Slots seeks a five-year renewal 10 of its license to conduct slot machine 11 gaming at its facility in New Orleans. 12 Churchill Downs, Incorporated is the 13 ultimate parent of Fair Grounds through 14 several intermediate subsidiaries. In 15 addition to owning and operating its horse 16 racetrack and slots-at-the-track 17 facilities in New Orleans, LA, Fair 18 Grounds operates 15 off-track betting 19 parlors in Louisiana. 20 Since commencing slot gaming 21 operations in October of 2004, Fair 22 Grounds has generated over \$723.6 million 23 in gaming revenues and paid approximately 24 \$110 million in state gaming fees. 25 During the past five fiscal years,</p>

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1 Fair Grounds generated approximately
 2 \$184.7 million in adjusted gross revenue.
 3 For the years 2020 through 2024,
 4 Fair Grounds invested approximately \$7.3
 5 million in enhancements to the property
 6 and is committed to investing in
 7 additional improvements to the property
 8 over the next five years, as shown on page
 9 6 of the Audit's report.
 10 For the years 2020 through 2024,
 11 Fair Grounds paid approximately \$6.5
 12 million to the City of New Orleans for a
 13 4% tax based on taxable net slot machine
 14 proceeds.
 15 In conclusion, no financial issues
 16 came to our attention to preclude the
 17 Board from approving Fair Grounds' license
 18 for a period of five years effective April
 19 18th, 2025.
 20 Licensing will now present their
 21 findings.
 22 **MASTER TROOPER CANNON:**
 23 Good morning, Chairman and Members
 24 of the Board. I'm Master Trooper James
 25 Cannon with the Louisiana State Police,

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1 Gaming Enforcement Division.
 2 On October 4th, 2024, Churchill
 3 Downs Louisiana Horseracing Company, LLC,
 4 doing business as Fair Grounds Race Course
 5 & Slots submitted its five-year renewal
 6 application to Louisiana State Police,
 7 Gaming Enforcement Division.
 8 In accordance with the rules and
 9 regulations of the Gaming Enforcement
 10 Division, a background investigation was
 11 conducted on Churchill Downs Louisiana
 12 Horseracing Company, LLC, doing business
 13 as Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots, its
 14 affiliated entities, officers, directors,
 15 key individuals or persons with 5% or more
 16 ownership or economic interest in the
 17 license.
 18 The background investigation
 19 consisted of inquiries to federal, state
 20 and local law enforcement agencies, civil
 21 jurisdictions, gaming regulatory agencies,
 22 Louisiana Department of Revenue and the
 23 computerized criminal history database.
 24 After the investigation was complete
 25 and the report submitted, the licensee

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1 notified the division that one of its
 2 directors, Elisell Bridgewood, Junior,
 3 passed away on March 11, 2025.
 4 The company is not filling his
 5 position on the Board for now. This new
 6 information does not effect the Division's
 7 recommendation.
 8 Based on this investigation, no
 9 information was found that would preclude
 10 the Board from approving the license
 11 renewal of Churchill Down Louisiana
 12 Horseracing Company, LLC, doing business
 13 as Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots.
 14 **CHAIRMAN HEBERT:**
 15 Thank you.
 16 Board Members, are there any
 17 questions for the Attorney General's
 18 Office or Louisiana State Police?
 19 Thank you.
 20 At this time we will hear from Ms.
 21 Cathy Beeding general manager and Jennifer
 22 McGowan regular -- regulatory compliance
 23 officer for the property.
 24 **CHAIRMAN HEBERT:**
 25 Good morning. Please identify

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1 yourselves for the record.
 2 **MS. BEEDING:**
 3 Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Members
 4 of the Board. I'm Cathy Beeding and I'm
 5 vice president and general manager at Fair
 6 Grounds Race Course & Slots. I have with
 7 me Jennifer McGowan, our compliance
 8 officer.
 9 It's a pleasure to be here with you
 10 today. I've only been here for about five
 11 months, so I appreciate your patience with
 12 me this morning as this is my first
 13 license renewal with Fair Grounds,
 14 hopefully the first of many.
 15 I am a member of the bar in
 16 Neighboring Mississippi, and I've been
 17 through many renewals there, but this is
 18 my first hearing here in Louisiana.
 19 I'd like to thank the Attorney
 20 General's Office and the members of
 21 Louisiana State Police for all of their
 22 diligence in our application as well as
 23 recognizing Jennifer for all of her hard
 24 work in getting -- getting that done.
 25 We are very excited about what's

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1 next for our property. We're on the cusp
 2 of completing our 153rd season of
 3 thoroughbred racing at the Fair Grounds
 4 and we will be running the 112th Louisiana
 5 Derby this Saturday. It has a \$1 million
 6 purse. It's an important road to the
 7 derby points race, and this year it will
 8 be televised on NBC; and the race is
 9 scheduled for around 5:40 p.m.
 10 We are also looking forward to
 11 finishing our "casino refresh" project. It
 12 has an emphasis on guest facing areas.
 13 We're investing about a million dollars in
 14 completely renovating the public
 15 restrooms, new carpet, new paint, and
 16 we'll have that project done before the
 17 end of summer.
 18 I'm happy to answer any questions
 19 you may have, and thank you so much for
 20 the opportunity to come and tell you a
 21 little bit about the Fair Grounds.
 22 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 23 Board Members, are there any
 24 questions for Ms. Beeding? Okay.
 25 I had the wonderful experience of

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1 license renewal application of Churchill
 2 Downs Louisiana Horseracing Company, LLC,
 3 doing business as Fair Grounds Race Course
 4 & Slots.
 5 And upon motion duly made and
 6 seconded, the Board adopted the following
 7 resolution:
 8 Be it resolved that the license to
 9 conduct slot machine gaming issued to
 10 Churchill Downs Louisiana Horseracing
 11 Company, LLC, doing business as Fair
 12 Grounds Race Course & Slots be renewed for
 13 a term of five years commencing on April
 14 18th, 2025, subject to all conditions
 15 previously placed upon the license.
 16 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
 17 Louisiana this 20th day of March 2025.
 18 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 19 Ms. Hernandez, would you please call
 20 the roll?
 21 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 22 Ms. Becnel.
 23 MS. BECNEL:
 24 Yes.
 25 MS. HERNANDEZ:

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1 attending an event ancillary to the NCLGS
 2 Gaming Conference in December. And I was
 3 very impressed with what I saw on the
 4 property, and I look forward to great
 5 things. And welcome to Louisiana.
 6 MS. BEEDING:
 7 Thank you.
 8 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 9 All right. If there are no more
 10 questions from the Board, I'll entertain a
 11 motion to adopt the resolution.
 12 MR. LANGLEY:
 13 So moved.
 14 MS. LEWIS:
 15 Second.
 16 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 17 Moved by Mr. Langley, and seconded
 18 by -- is that Ms. Lewis? Okay. All
 19 right.
 20 Ms. Landry, would you please read
 21 the resolution into the record?
 22 MS. LANDRY:
 23 On the 20th day of March 2025, the
 24 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a
 25 duly noticed public meeting, consider the

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1 Mr. Jackson.
 2 MR. JACKSON:
 3 Yes.
 4 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 5 Mr. Langley.
 6 MR. LANGLEY:
 7 Yes.
 8 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 9 Ms. Lewis.
 10 MS. LEWIS:
 11 Yes.
 12 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 13 Ms. Hamilton-Acker.
 14 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:
 15 Yes.
 16 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 17 Ms. Traylor.
 18 MS. TRAYLOR:
 19 Yes.
 20 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 21 Chairman Hebert.
 22 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 23 Yes.
 24 That motion carries, and the license
 25 is renewed.

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1 Thank you.
 2 MS. BEEDING:
 3 Thank you.
 4 MS. MCGOWAN:
 5 Thank you.
 6 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 7 Moving on now to Item C, which is a
 8 consideration of a petition for approval
 9 to re-brand Belle of Baton Rouge Casino to
 10 Bally's Baton Rouge filed by Catfish
 11 Queen, LLC, doing business as the Belle of
 12 Baton Rouge.
 13 Good morning.
 14 MR. BARBIN:
 15 Good morning.
 16 MS. STAGG:
 17 Good morning.
 18 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 19 Please identify yourselves for the
 20 record.
 21 MR. BARBIN:
 22 Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Board
 23 Members. I'm Jeff Barbin here
 24 representing Catfish Queen, LLC, joining
 25 me to my left is Stacy Stagg, who's vice

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1 hotel timely. In fact, the official
 2 request to the Board came at essentially
 3 the same time as the announcement to
 4 re-brand the hotel was made in a press
 5 release, and the installation of the sign
 6 at the hotel. We deeply regret the error
 7 that we made.
 8 We have met with the Chairman, the
 9 AG's office and the Division to apologize
 10 for the timing and to ensure -- assure all
 11 that the failure will not occur again. We
 12 make the same pledge to the full Board
 13 today.
 14 We are formally requesting approval
 15 today to use the name Bally's Baton Rouge
 16 at the hotel now and at the casino upon
 17 its opening.
 18 We would also like to use the name
 19 to advertise the opening of the casino,
 20 but will only do so once approved by the
 21 State Police.
 22 I will now turn it over to Stacy for
 23 some additional remarks.
 24 MS. STAGG:
 25 Thank you, Jeff.

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1 president of operations for Bally's, and
 2 to my right is Richard Cannon, who is the
 3 general manager of the property.
 4 We're here today to request a change
 5 in the brand name of the Belle of Baton
 6 Rouge Hotel & Casino to Bally's Baton
 7 Rouge. As you know, the Belle of Baton
 8 Rouge was purchased by Queen Entertainment
 9 several years ago and is in the process of
 10 building a permanent casino facility on
 11 land at the former Catfish Town Atrium
 12 site.
 13 The hotel renovation associated with
 14 that project is expected to be completed
 15 at the end of this month, while the casino
 16 is not expected to open until later this
 17 year.
 18 You will also recall that the Queen
 19 Entertainment merged with Bally's
 20 Corporation early last month. The timing
 21 of the merger and the change of control of
 22 the property essentially at the same time
 23 as the opening of the hotel did not allow
 24 the necessary amount of time to present
 25 the request to this Board to re-brand the

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1 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and
 2 Board Members.
 3 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 4 Good morning.
 5 MS. STAGG:
 6 Please allow me first to take a
 7 moment to apologize for the recent failure
 8 to make this Board aware of our new hotel
 9 branding. We acknowledge that this
 10 internal miscommunication was not thorough
 11 enough, and as a result caused some
 12 misunderstanding and confusion that
 13 resulted in short notice to the Division
 14 and no notice to this Board.
 15 It was not our attention to deviate
 16 from any policies or fall short of your
 17 expectations; and as Jeff said, less than
 18 two months ago Queen Gaming merged with
 19 Bally's Corporation and through this
 20 process, there were many moving parts that
 21 contributed to this oversight.
 22 Even though the merger has been
 23 completed, there are still work streams
 24 that continue to identify the best
 25 practices in both the Queen Gaming and

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1 Bally's, and one of those work streams
 2 also produce some shifts in
 3 responsibilities for the new corporate
 4 structure, which included my new role.
 5 And in that, in my new role, I will
 6 work to ensure being over the Louisiana
 7 properties that I will do and we will do a
 8 better job with communications and
 9 transparency. So I thank you all for your
 10 consideration in the name change from both
 11 the hotel and for our casino.
 12 And I think, Richard, you have
 13 something?
 14 MR. CANNON:
 15 Yes.
 16 Good morning, Chairman. Good
 17 morning, Board.
 18 In addition to Stacy's comments, as
 19 the general manager I would just like to
 20 extend my apologies also to the Chairman
 21 and to the Board. And I personally am
 22 deeply committed to helping communication
 23 and transparency and I know that I will
 24 personally work to improve our
 25 relationships and those lines of

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1 communication. And I know that -- I know
 2 that we will be better at this, and I know
 3 that I will personally make sure that that
 4 does happen.
 5 We're excited about our new project
 6 and we would like to be before the Board
 7 in the next coming meetings and present to
 8 you our construction updates and progress
 9 and what's going on over there.
 10 And despite the challenges, we know
 11 that this is going to be a huge win for
 12 not only the City of Baton Rouge but also
 13 the State, so I thank you for the time
 14 this morning.
 15 We're happy to answer any additional
 16 questions you have.
 17 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 18 Board Members, are there any
 19 questions for the project? Okay.
 20 Ms. Stagg, again, congratulations on
 21 your new role.
 22 MS. STAGG:
 23 Thank you.
 24 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 25 You know, we've talked about it in

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1 our meetings, to strive for regulatory
 2 consistency. There are many hardworking
 3 men and women in the State Police and the
 4 AG's office who take this very seriously,
 5 as does the Board, and, you know, we're
 6 going to trust Ms. Stagg, with you in this
 7 new role, things will get there.
 8 MS. STAGG:
 9 Thank you so much.
 10 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 11 At this time I will entertain a
 12 motion to adopt the resolution.
 13 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:
 14 So moved.
 15 MS. TRAYLOR:
 16 Second.
 17 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 18 So moved by Ms. Hamilton-Acker;
 19 seconded by Ms. Traylor.
 20 At this time, Ms. Landry, would you
 21 please read that resolution in to the
 22 record?
 23 MS. LANDRY:
 24 On the 20th day of March 2025, the
 25 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a

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1 duly noticed public meeting, consider the
 2 position for approval to re-brand Belle of
 3 Baton Rouge Casino to Bally's Baton Rouge
 4 filed by Catfish Queen, LLC, doing
 5 business as Belle of Baton Rouge, and upon
 6 motion duly made and seconded, the Board
 7 adopted this resolution:
 8 Whereas, the Board previously
 9 approved the licensee's request to
 10 construct and relocate its gaming
 11 operations to a permanent riverboat gaming
 12 landside facility and operate a temporary
 13 casino landside facility during the
 14 construction of their approved project and
 15 permanent land-side facility.
 16 And whereas, the licensee has
 17 indicated the desire to change its trade
 18 name, brand name and d/b/a to Bally's
 19 Baton Rouge in order to rename its hotel,
 20 an approved project non-gaming amenity
 21 scheduled to open on March 31st, 2025, and
 22 to, later, re-brand the full approved
 23 project to a permanent landside facility.
 24 Now, therefore, it be resolved that
 25 the licensee's request to rename and

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1 operate its hotel as Bally's Baton Rouge
 2 is hereby approved.
 3 Be it further resolved that the
 4 licensee's request to re-brand its gaming
 5 facilities to Bally's Baton Rouge, to
 6 operate under the trade name Bally's Baton
 7 Rouge, to change its d/b/a from Belle of
 8 Baton Rouge to Bally's Baton Rouge, and to
 9 use the brand name Bally's Baton Rouge in
 10 various iterations, all effective upon the
 11 licensee's substantial completion of
 12 construction of the approved project,
 13 subject to any further approvals of the
 14 Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement
 15 Division is hereby approved.
 16 Be it further resolved that the
 17 purchasing of any necessary gaming
 18 equipment, supplies and signage and use of
 19 marketing materials under the name or
 20 various iterations of Bally's Baton Rouge
 21 to coincide with the opening of the
 22 licensee's permanent landside facility
 23 shall be subject to further approval by
 24 the Division.
 25 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,

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1 Louisiana this 20th day of March 2025.
 2 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 3 Ms. Hernandez, will you please call
 4 the roll?
 5 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 6 Ms. Becnel.
 7 MS. BECNEL:
 8 Yes.
 9 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 10 Mr. Jackson.
 11 MR. JACKSON:
 12 Yes.
 13 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 14 Mr. Langley.
 15 MR. LANGLEY:
 16 Yes.
 17 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 18 Ms. Lewis.
 19 MS. LEWIS:
 20 Yes.
 21 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 22 Ms. Hamilton-Acker.
 23 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:
 24 Yes.
 25 MS. HERNANDEZ:

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1 Ms. Traylor.
 2 MS. TRAYLOR:
 3 Yes.
 4 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 5 Chairman Hebert.
 6 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 7 Yes.
 8 That motion carries, and the
 9 re-brand is improved.
 10 MS. STAGG:
 11 Thank you.
 12 MR. BARBIN:
 13 Thank you.
 14 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 15 We will now move on to Item 7, Video
 16 Gaming Issues. And the first up is the
 17 consideration of the truck stop
 18 application for The Rose Casino 1, LLC,
 19 doing business as The Rose Casino 1.
 20 Good morning, gentlemen. Please
 21 identify yourselves for the record.
 22 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LEWIS, JR.:
 23 Good morning, Chairman. Assistant
 24 Attorney General Kanick Lewis, Junior.
 25 MR. VERRETT:

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1 Criminal Investigator Glenn Verrett
 2 with Louisiana State Police, Gaming
 3 Enforcement Division.
 4 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 5 You may proceed.
 6 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LEWIS, JR.:
 7 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and
 8 Board Members. As I stated, I'm Assistant
 9 Attorney General Kanick Lewis, Jr.,
 10 appearing today in the matter of the
 11 original application of The Rose Casino 1,
 12 LLC, doing business as The Rose Casino 1
 13 for a Type 5 video draw poker gaming
 14 license.
 15 The truck stop facility is located
 16 in St. Charles Parish. Pilot Corporation
 17 Tennessee, doing business as Pilot Travel
 18 Center No. 1164 previously operated the
 19 truck shop facility at this location.
 20 On December 22nd of 2024, the
 21 applicant leased the property, including
 22 the buildings, improvements, component
 23 parts and structures, the proposed truck
 24 stop facility is located on from TA
 25 Operating, LLC.

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1 On February 3rd of 2025, the
 2 applicant entered into a video draw poker
 3 device placement agreement with The Rose
 4 Casino, LLC.
 5 On February 11th, 2025, the
 6 applicant submitted an original
 7 application for a Type 5 video draw poker
 8 license to the Louisiana State Police,
 9 Gaming Enforcement Division for this
 10 location.
 11 Investigator Glenn Verrett inspected
 12 the truck stop facility and conducted
 13 updated suitability investigations on the
 14 associated persons. He is present this
 15 morning to report his findings to the
 16 Board.
 17 Following his presentation, the
 18 Board will need a motion and a vote to
 19 approve or deny the original application
 20 of The Rose Casino 1, LLC, doing business
 21 as The Rose Casino 1 for a Type 5 truck
 22 stop license.
 23 **MR. VERRETT:**
 24 Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Board
 25 Members. Investigator Glenn Verrett with

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1 therefore, it was not subject to the rule
 2 that it must be at least one mile distance
 3 from a school, church, playground,
 4 synagogue, public library, residence and
 5 buildings on the National Historic
 6 Registry.
 7 I found no information that would
 8 preclude the issuance of a Type 5 video
 9 draw poker gaming license to The Rose
 10 Casino 1, LLC, doing business as The Rose
 11 Casino 1.
 12 **CHAIRMAN HEBERT:**
 13 Thank you.
 14 Board Members, are there any
 15 questions of the Attorney General's Office
 16 or State Police?
 17 If not, I will entertain a motion to
 18 approve the truck stop application.
 19 **MS. BECNEL:**
 20 I move.
 21 **MR. LANGLEY:**
 22 Second.
 23 **CHAIRMAN HEBERT:**
 24 Moved by Ms. Becnel, and seconded by
 25 Mr. Langley.

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1 the Gaming Enforcement Division.
 2 I conducted updated suitability
 3 investigations on Glen Smith, Marilyn
 4 Smith, Gary L. Smith, Pamela Smith,
 5 Shirley Millet, Richard Millet, Dave
 6 Robichaux and Melissa Breaux. I did not
 7 find any information that would preclude
 8 them from continuing to participate in the
 9 video gaming industry.
 10 An on-site investigation was
 11 conducted, and it was determined that the
 12 establishment meets all criteria set forth
 13 in video gaming law as a qualified truck
 14 stop facility.
 15 All required licenses and permits
 16 were posted and valid at the time of
 17 inspection.
 18 The establishment consists of 5.99
 19 contiguous acres.
 20 The applicant submitted a video draw
 21 poker license application within 36 months
 22 of a change in ownership of the previous
 23 license truck stop that was operated by
 24 Pilot Corporation Tennessee, doing
 25 business as Pilot Travel Center No. 1164;

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1 Is there any discussion, Board
 2 Members?
 3 Any opposition?
 4 Seeing none, the application is
 5 approved.
 6 Thank you.
 7 Moving on to Item B, Breaux Bridge
 8 Truck Stop or the consideration of the
 9 transfers of the membership interests in
 10 Breaux Bridge Truck & Casino Plaza, LLC,
 11 doing business as Breaux Bridge Truck &
 12 Casino Plaza.
 13 Good morning.
 14 **ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MCCOY:**
 15 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and
 16 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney
 17 General Sharon McCoy appearing before you
 18 in the matter of the transfers of interest
 19 in Breaux Bridge Truck & Casino Plaza,
 20 LLC, doing business as Breaux Bridge Truck
 21 & Casino Plaza, which holds a Type 5 video
 22 draw poker gaming license.
 23 The truck stop is located in
 24 St. Martin Parish.
 25 Prior to the transfers, Kerry L.

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1 Denny held a 17% membership interest in
 2 the licensee, and on February 10th, 2025,
 3 David Nussbaumer transferred his 17%
 4 membership interest in the licensee to
 5 Kerry L. Denny.
 6 On February 11th, 2025, Randolph A.
 7 Brunson transferred 7% membership interest
 8 in the licensee to Kerry L. Denny. And as
 9 a result of the transfers, Mr. Denny now
 10 holds a 41% membership interest in the
 11 licensee.
 12 Investigator Glenn Verrett conducted
 13 an investigation of the transfers of
 14 membership interests. He is present this
 15 morning to present his findings to the
 16 Board.
 17 Following his presentation, the
 18 Board will need a motion and a vote to
 19 approve or deny the transfer of interest
 20 in this licensee.
 21 MR. VERRETT:
 22 Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Board
 23 Members. Investigator Glenn Verrett,
 24 Gaming Enforcement Division.
 25 I investigated the transfers that

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1 Hearing none, the transfer of
 2 interest is approved.
 3 Thank you.
 4 We will now move on to Item 8,
 5 consideration of proposed settlements.
 6 First up is the consideration of the
 7 proposed settlement in the matter of
 8 Pablo's Cantina, LLC, doing business as
 9 Pablo's Truck Stop Casino.
 10 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MCINTYRE:
 11 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and
 12 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney
 13 General Talibah McIntyre here in the
 14 matter of the settlement of Pablo's
 15 Cantina, LLC, doing business as Pablo's
 16 Truck Stop Casino, which holds a Type 6
 17 video draw poker gaming license.
 18 This settlement addresses the late
 19 submission of annual forms and fees that
 20 are required to be submitted to the
 21 Division no later than July 1st of each
 22 year.
 23 The licensee did not submit the
 24 annual forms and fees until December 11th,
 25 2024, which gave rise to a violation of

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1 occurred in the licensee, and I also
 2 conducted updated suitability
 3 investigations on the associated
 4 individuals and their spouses.
 5 I found no information to preclude
 6 the licensee or its members from
 7 continuing to participate in the Louisiana
 8 gaming industry.
 9 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 10 Thank you.
 11 Board Members, are there any
 12 questions for the Attorney General's
 13 Office or State Police?
 14 Okay. If not, I will entertain a
 15 motion to approve the transfers of
 16 membership interests in the licensee.
 17 MS. TRAYLOR:
 18 I move.
 19 MS. LEWIS:
 20 Second.
 21 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 22 Moved by Ms. Traylor, and seconded
 23 by Ms. Lewis.
 24 Is there any discussion? Any
 25 opposition?

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1 gaming law.
 2 The civil penalty contained in this
 3 settlement is \$1500, which is an amount
 4 that is well-established for a violation
 5 of this type.
 6 The settlement has been signed by
 7 the hearing officer and is now before the
 8 Board for final approval.
 9 I'd be happy to answer any questions
 10 which you all have.
 11 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 12 Board Members, are there any
 13 questions for Ms. McIntyre?
 14 If not, I will entertain a motion to
 15 approve the settlement.
 16 MS. BECNEL:
 17 I move.
 18 MR. LANGLEY:
 19 Second.
 20 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 21 It's moved by Ms. Becnel; seconded
 22 by Mr. Langley.
 23 Is there any discussion? Any
 24 opposition?
 25 Hearing none, that motion carries

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1 and the settlement is approved.
 2 Thank you.
 3 Item B under proposed settlement is
 4 the consideration of the proposed
 5 settlement in the matter of Pablo's
 6 Cantina, LLC, doing business as Pablo's
 7 Truck Stop Casino. Oh, I'm sorry.
 8 Aaron's Investments. I thought so.
 9 Aaron's Investments, Inc., doing business
 10 as Aaron's.
 11 Good morning, Ms. Pirtle.
 12 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL PIRTLE:
 13 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and
 14 Members of the Board. I'm Amy Pirtle,
 15 Assistant Attorney General here on behalf
 16 of the Division.
 17 This matter pertains a settlement
 18 involving Aaron's Investments, Inc., doing
 19 business as Aaron's, which holds a Type 2
 20 video draw poker license.
 21 This settlement addresses the
 22 licensee's failure to timely submit annual
 23 licensee's forms and fees and accompanying
 24 documents to the Division as required
 25 under gaming law.

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1 Pirtle?
 2 If not, I'll entertain a motion to
 3 approve the settlement.
 4 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:
 5 Move.
 6 MS. TRAYLOR:
 7 Second.
 8 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 9 Motion made by Ms. Hamilton-Acker,
 10 and seconded by Ms. Traylor.
 11 Is there any discussion? Any
 12 opposition?
 13 Hearing none, the motion carries and
 14 the settlement is approved.
 15 Thank you.
 16 Board Members, our final agenda item
 17 is the consideration of the rehearing
 18 request of Royal Palace Investments, LLC,
 19 doing business as Palace Truck Stop &
 20 Casino.
 21 Good morning, and please identify
 22 yourselves for the record.
 23 MS. ROVIRA:
 24 Good morning, Mr. Chairman. Allison
 25 Rovira on behalf of Royal Palace

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1 On or about March 13th, 2024, the
 2 Division electronically mailed the
 3 licensee a courtesy letter informing the
 4 licensee to submit its annual licensee
 5 form with the appropriate fees and all
 6 required documents no later than July 1st,
 7 2024.
 8 The Division received the licensee's
 9 annual licensee form, fees and required
 10 documents on January 29th, 2025; and
 11 therefore, the licensee failed to timely
 12 submit its annual licensee form, fees and
 13 required documents.
 14 The Division and the licensee agreed
 15 to settle this matter in lieu of
 16 administrative action. This civil penalty
 17 contained in the settlement fee is \$1500,
 18 which is a well-established amount for a
 19 violation of this type.
 20 The hearing officer signed the
 21 settlement and it is now before the Board
 22 for final approval. And I'm happy to
 23 answer any questions.
 24 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 25 Are there any questions for Ms.

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1 Investments.
 2 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL WESTRA:
 3 Good morning, Chairman Hebert,
 4 Members of the Board. I'm Assistant
 5 Attorney General Ben Westra here on behalf
 6 of the Division.
 7 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 8 Okay. Before you begin, Board
 9 Members, in this matter the licensee has
 10 filed a motion to rescind or reconsider
 11 requesting a rehearing and reconsideration
 12 of the Board's revocation of the
 13 licensee's Type 5 or truck stop video draw
 14 poker gaming license.
 15 The basis of this revocation was due
 16 to the licensee's failure to timely
 17 request an administrative hearing within
 18 ten calendar days of receiving a notice of
 19 recommendation of revocation for failure
 20 to timely submit its annual license form,
 21 appropriate fee, and other required
 22 documents as required by gaming law and
 23 regulations.
 24 And, Ms. Rovira, as this is your
 25 appeal, I would ask that you begin.

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1 MS. ROVIRA:
 2 Yes, sir.
 3 Rather than go through the entire
 4 matter, after reading the Division's
 5 opposition, they -- they indicated that
 6 they were not opposed to a rehearing, so
 7 at this time, I would just request that
 8 the Board rehear the -- or board a
 9 rehearing and forward the matter to the
 10 hearing officer for that rehearing.
 11 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 12 Mr. Westra, what say you?
 13 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL WESTRA:
 14 The Board's decision to revoke the
 15 licensee's Type 5 video draw poker license
 16 was consistent with gaming law as the
 17 licensee failed to request the hearing as
 18 specified in the notice; however, the
 19 Division does not oppose a rehearing in
 20 this matter and forwarding to the hearing
 21 officer if that's the Board's pleasure.
 22 This would allow the Division to
 23 make a determination on if the licensee is
 24 now in compliance and allow for further
 25 proceedings on this matter before the

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1 MR. JACKSON:
 2 Yes.
 3 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 4 Mr. Langley.
 5 MR. LANGLEY:
 6 Yes.
 7 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 8 Ms. Lewis.
 9 MS. LEWIS:
 10 Yes.
 11 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 12 Ms. Hamilton-Acker.
 13 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:
 14 Yes.
 15 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 16 Ms. Traylor.
 17 MS. TRAYLOR:
 18 Yes.
 19 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 20 And, Chairman Hebert.
 21 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 22 Yes.
 23 So that motion is granted, and this
 24 matter will be forwarded to the hearing
 25 officer to allow for an administrative

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1 hearing officer.
 2 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 3 Board Members, do you have any
 4 questions of Ms. Rovira or Mr. Westra?
 5 Okay.
 6 If not, I will entertain a motion
 7 requesting -- or to grant the motion
 8 requesting a rehearing for the final Board
 9 decision and reconsideration of the
 10 licensee's revocation of the its video
 11 draw poker gaming license.
 12 MR. JACKSON:
 13 So moved.
 14 MS. BECNEL:
 15 Second.
 16 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 17 So moved by Mr. Jackson; seconded by
 18 Ms. Becnel. I'd like to get roll call on
 19 this one, Ms. Hernandez.
 20 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 21 Ms. Becnel.
 22 MS. BECNEL:
 23 Yes.
 24 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 25 Mr. Jackson.

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1 hearing on the merits on the submission of
 2 the licensee's annual forms and fees.
 3 MS. ROVIRA:
 4 Thank you very much. I appreciate
 5 it.
 6 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 7 Before we adjourn, I'd like to
 8 remind Board Members and those in the
 9 audience that due to the beginning of the
 10 legislative session, our meeting next
 11 month will be held at the Labelle room at
 12 the Labelle building located on Third
 13 Street downtown. Okay.
 14 At this time, I will entertain a
 15 motion to adjourn.
 16 MR. JACKSON:
 17 So moved.
 18 MR. LANGLEY:
 19 Second.
 20 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 21 Moved by Mr. Jackson -- we're both a
 22 little off our games this morning, Mr.
 23 Jackson -- and seconded by Mr. Langley.
 24 Is there any opposition?
 25 Hearing none, we are adjourned and

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1 everyone have a great day.
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 4 I, BELINDA K. AMERSON, Certified Court
 5 Reporter, in and for the State of Louisiana, the
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 24 BELINDA K. AMERSON, CCR
 25 CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER

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 2 This certificate is valid only for a
 3 transcript accompanied by my original signature
 4 and original required seal on this page.
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 8 do hereby certify that this hearing was reported
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 12 and correct transcript to the best of my ability
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 16 compliance with transcript format guidelines
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 20 prohibition on contractual relationships, as
 21 defined by Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure
 22 Article 1434 and in rules and advisory opinions
 23 of the board;
 24 That I am not related to counsel or the
 25 parties herein, nor am I otherwise interested in
 the outcome of this matter.

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