

Transcript of the Testimony of

**LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
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1	STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD JUNE 25, 2026 BOARD MEETING This Louisiana Gaming Control Board Meeting was taken by Lori B. Overland, a Certified Court Reporter in and for the State of Louisiana, via Zoom, on the 25th day of June 2026, beginning at 10:01 a.m.	2	1 APPEARANCES 2 3 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HEBERT 4 MS. KATHRYN BECNEL 5 MR. CLAUDE JACKSON 6 MR. NICHOLAS LANGLEY 7 MS. JULIE LEWIS 8 MS. FRANCESCA HAMILTON-ACKER 9 MS. ASHLEY TRAYLOR 10 MAJOR ALBRIGHT 11 MR. BRIAN PETERS 12 MR. RONALD SHOLES 13 MS. HENNIGAN 14 MS. LISHA LANDRY 15 16 ***** 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
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1 that causes the meeting to no longer be
 2 visible and/or audible to the public,
 3 the meeting will be recessed until the
 4 problem is resolved.
 5 Ms. Landry, would you please call
 6 the roll?
 7 MS. LANDRY:
 8 Chairman Hebert.
 9 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 10 Here.
 11 MS. LANDRY:
 12 Ms. Becnel.
 13 MS. BECNEL:
 14 Here.
 15 MS. LANDRY:
 16 Ms. Hamilton-Acker.
 17 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:
 18 Here.
 19 MS. LANDRY:
 20 Ms. Hennigan.
 21 MS. HENNIGAN:
 22 Here.
 23 MS. LANDRY:
 24 Mr. Jackson.
 25 MR. JACKSON:

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1 MS. LANDRY:
 2 You have a quorum.
 3 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 4 Okay. We do have a quorum. Thank
 5 you, members, for being here this
 6 morning.
 7 Board Members, before we move
 8 forward, I want to make sure that you
 9 are aware that, out of an abundance of
 10 caution, every motion should have a
 11 roll call vote for this meeting, even
 12 the motion for approval of the minutes
 13 and for adjournment. Okay?
 14 So, ladies and gentlemen, at this
 15 time, we will have our public comment
 16 period. If anyone would like to
 17 comment on any agenda item before this
 18 Board today, now is the time to do so,
 19 either verbally, by virtual -- by
 20 virtually, excuse me, raising your hand
 21 so that we can unmute you to speak on
 22 this virtual meeting, or by any written
 23 comments submitted to the Board's email
 24 address at Louisiana -- I'm sorry,
 25 lgcb@la.gov. Again, that is

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1 Here.
 2 MS. LANDRY:
 3 Mr. Langley.
 4 MR. LANGLEY:
 5 Here.
 6 MS. LANDRY:
 7 Ms. Lewis.
 8 (No response.)
 9 MS. LANDRY:
 10 Mr. Sholes.
 11 MR. SHOLES:
 12 Here.
 13 MS. LANDRY:
 14 Ms. Traylor.
 15 MS. TRAYLOR:
 16 Here.
 17 MS. LANDRY:
 18 Colonel Hodges?
 19 MAJOR ALBRIGHT:
 20 Major Albright for Colonel Hodges.
 21 MS. LANDRY:
 22 Secretary Coniglio?
 23 MR. PETERS:
 24 Bryan Peters for Secretary
 25 Coniglio.

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1 lgcb@la.gov.
 2 We will pause the meeting for one
 3 minute to check the Board email address
 4 for comment on agenda items.
 5 (A brief recess followed.)
 6 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 7 Okay. Let the record reflect that
 8 the Board did not receive any comments
 9 via the email address and there were
 10 no virtually raised hands.
 11 Okay. We will now move on to the
 12 next agenda item, which is item three,
 13 the approval of the minutes.
 14 I would ask for a motion to waive
 15 the reading and approve the minutes of
 16 the May 18th, 2026 Board meeting.
 17 MR. SHOLES:
 18 So moved.
 19 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 20 So moved.
 21 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:
 22 Second.
 23 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 24 Okay. So moved by Judge Sholes
 25 and seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker.

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1 Board Members, please ensure that
 2 your mics are unmuted for a roll call
 3 vote.
 4 Ms. Landry, please call the roll.
 5 MS. LANDRY:
 6 Ms. Becnel.
 7 MS. BECNEL:
 8 Yes.
 9 MS. LANDRY:
 10 Ms. Hamilton-Acker.
 11 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:
 12 Yes.
 13 MS. LANDRY:
 14 Ms. Hennigan.
 15 MS. HENNIGAN:
 16 Yes.
 17 MS. LANDRY:
 18 Mr. Jackson. Mr. Jackson?
 19 (No response.)
 20 MS. LANDRY:
 21 Mr. Langley.
 22 MR. LANGLEY:
 23 Yes.
 24 MS. LANDRY:
 25 Mr. Sholes.

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1 MR. SHOLES:
 2 Yes.
 3 MS. LANDRY:
 4 Ms. Traylor.
 5 MS. TRAYLOR:
 6 Yes.
 7 MS. LANDRY:
 8 Chairman Hebert.
 9 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 10 Yes.
 11 The minutes of the May 18th, 2026
 12 Board meeting are approved.
 13 Moving on to item four on our
 14 agenda, our revenue reports.
 15 Good morning, Ms. Jackson.
 16 MS. JACKSON:
 17 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and
 18 Board Members. I am Donna Jackson with
 19 the Louisiana State Police, Gaming
 20 Audit Section.
 21 In May, the 15 operating
 22 riverboats generated Adjusted Gross
 23 Receipts of \$187,191,558. The state
 24 collected fees totaling \$40,246,185.
 25 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal

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1 year 25-26 to date are approximately
 2 \$1.76 billion, an increase of \$113
 3 million or 7 percent from fiscal year
 4 24-25.
 5 As of May 31st, 2026, the state
 6 has collected approximately \$379
 7 million in fees for fiscal year 25-26.
 8 Page 2 shows the riverboat revenue
 9 broken down by regional market. The
 10 overall increase from April was \$18.5
 11 million or 11 percent. Compared to
 12 last May, this month's revenues
 13 represent an increase of \$11.3 million
 14 or 6.4 percent.
 15 Next is a summary of the May 2026
 16 gaming activity for Caesars New
 17 Orleans, found on page 3. Caesars
 18 generated \$27,484,884 in gross gaming
 19 revenue. These revenues are
 20 level with last month's revenues, and
 21 are up \$6 million, or 29 percent, from
 22 the same month last year. During May,
 23 the state received \$5,520,548 in
 24 minimum daily payments.
 25 To date, Adjusted Gross Receipts

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1 for fiscal year 25-26 are \$280.8
 2 million, an increase of \$31 million or
 3 12 percent from fiscal year 24-25. As
 4 of May 31st, 2026, the state collected
 5 almost \$60 million in fees for fiscal
 6 year 25-26.
 7 Next, I will present the revenues
 8 for Slots at the Racetracks. During
 9 May, the four racetrack facilities
 10 combined generated Adjusted Gross
 11 Receipts of \$31,528,002, an increase of
 12 approximately \$3.8 million or 13.7
 13 percent from the previous month, and a
 14 slight increase of 2.4 percent when
 15 compared to the same month last year.
 16 During May, the state collected
 17 approximately \$4.8 million in state
 18 fees.
 19 To date, Adjusted Gross Receipts
 20 for fiscal year 25-26 are \$294.9
 21 million, an increase of \$4.4 million or
 22 2 percent from fiscal year 24-25. As
 23 of May 31st, 2026, the state has
 24 collected \$44.7 million in fees for
 25 fiscal year 25-26.

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1 I will now move to Video Gaming
 2 information.
 3 There are 12,828 video gaming
 4 devices activated at 1,360 locations.
 5 Net Device Revenue for May 2026 was
 6 \$70,960,053, an increase of \$769,000 or
 7 1.1 percent when compared to April, and
 8 an increase of \$2.9 million or 4.2
 9 percent when compared to last May.
 10 Total Franchise Fees for May were \$21.4
 11 million. Fiscal year to date Net
 12 Device Revenue is \$737.4 million, an
 13 increase of \$42 million or 6 percent
 14 when compared to last fiscal year.
 15 As of May 31st, 2026, the state
 16 has collected \$222.2 million in
 17 franchise fees for fiscal year 25-26.
 18 Next, I will present the May
 19 revenue for Sportsbook. In May, retail
 20 sportsbooks accepted approximately
 21 \$13.8 million in sports wagers,
 22 generating net proceeds of \$1.3 million
 23 and \$136,000 in state taxes. The
 24 mobile sportsbooks accepted \$304.2
 25 million in sports wagers, resulting in

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1 MR. LEWIS:
 2 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and
 3 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney
 4 General Kanick Lewis, Jr.
 5 In 2001, the Louisiana legislature
 6 passed a Uniform Compulsive Gaming Act.
 7 Pursuant to that enactment, the
 8 Louisiana Gaming Control Board adopted
 9 Rules 301 through 304 to aid in the
 10 development of a statewide uniform
 11 compulsive gaming program.
 12 Louisiana Revised Statute
 13 27:27.1(a) provides in part that it is
 14 imperative for the health, safety and
 15 welfare of the citizens of the State of
 16 Louisiana that all gaming licensees
 17 develop and implement comprehensive
 18 compulsive and problem gaming programs
 19 to be approved by the Board.
 20 Amendments to the previously approved
 21 programs must be submitted to the Board
 22 for prior -- for approval prior to
 23 implementation. Louisiana Riverboat
 24 Gaming Company, LLC, doing business as
 25 Live! Casino & Hotel Louisiana, who

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1 net proceeds of \$43.4 million and \$9.3
 2 million in taxes paid to the state.
 3 Finally, for Daily Fantasy Sports,
 4 gross revenues for May were
 5 approximately \$558,000, with net
 6 revenue of \$67,000 and taxes of \$5,300.
 7 This concludes my presentation.
 8 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 9 Okay. Looks like we had a very
 10 healthy May when it comes to revenue
 11 coming into the state.
 12 Board Members, do we have any
 13 questions for Ms. Jackson?
 14 (No response.)
 15 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 16 Okay. Thank you, Ms. Jackson.
 17 We will now move on to item five,
 18 casino gaming issues. Item A is the
 19 consideration of the request for
 20 approval of updates to the Problem
 21 Gambling Program for Louisiana River
 22 Boat Gaming Company, LLC, doing
 23 business as Live! Casino & Hotel
 24 Louisiana.
 25 Good morning.

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1 holds a riverboat gaming license and a
 2 sport wagering license, has requested
 3 the Board's approval to make updates to
 4 their program. The licensee's proposed
 5 updates include adding reference to the
 6 Board's self-exclusion program,
 7 updating the National Council on
 8 Problem Gambling help line number from
 9 1-800 gambler to 1-800 mind reset,
 10 adding Louisiana Association on
 11 Compulsive Gambling help line number
 12 and website information, updating their
 13 internal responsible gaming program
 14 assignments, duties and operational
 15 flow, adding personnel required to
 16 receive specified Louisiana Alcohol
 17 Compliance Trainers training and adding
 18 a responsible gaming program committee
 19 member, Director of Player Services.
 20 Our office, the Louisiana State
 21 Police Gaming Enforcement Division, and
 22 the Louisiana Association on Compulsive
 23 Gambling have reviewed the proposed
 24 updates and suggested minor changes.
 25 The licensee incorporated the suggested

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1 changes and proposed updates to the
 2 licensee program, complied with all
 3 applicable gaming laws and rules. If
 4 it is the Board's pleasure to approve
 5 these changes, a resolution has been
 6 prepared for the Board's adoption and
 7 the Chairman's signature.
 8 This concludes my presentation.
 9 And Mr. Sean Sullivan, Mr. Kevin Butler
 10 and Mr. Brian Freeman are on the call
 11 on behalf of Live! to answer any
 12 questions the Board may have.
 13 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 14 Okay. Board Members, do we have
 15 any questions for Mr. Lewis or the
 16 representatives from the licensee?
 17 (No response.)
 18 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 19 Okay. I personally would like to
 20 thank the Office of State Police, the
 21 AGs office, as well as the Louisiana
 22 Association on Compulsive Gambling for
 23 the review of this -- of this plan, the
 24 updated plan. It's very important
 25 work.

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1 motion duly made and seconded, the
 2 Board adopted the following resolution:
 3 Be it resolved that Louisiana
 4 Riverboat Gaming Company, LLC, doing
 5 business as Live! Casino & Hotel
 6 Louisiana's problem gambling program be
 7 and is hereby approved.
 8 Thus done and signed in Baton
 9 Rouge, Louisiana this 25th day of June,
 10 2026.
 11 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 12 Thank you. Ms. Landry, would you
 13 please call the roll for a vote.
 14 MS. LANDRY:
 15 Ms. Becnel.
 16 MS. BECNEL:
 17 Yes.
 18 MS. LANDRY:
 19 Ms. Hamilton-Acker.
 20 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:
 21 Yes.
 22 MS. LANDRY:
 23 Ms. Hennigan.
 24 MS. HENNIGAN:
 25 Yes.

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1 At this time, I would entertain a
 2 motion to adopt the resolution,
 3 approving the updated problem gambling
 4 program.
 5 MS. HENNIGAN
 6 I motion.
 7 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 8 Okay. So moved by Ms. Hennigan.
 9 MS. TRAYLOR:
 10 Second.
 11 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 12 And I'm sorry, seconded by Ms.
 13 Traylor.
 14 Ms. Landry, would you please read
 15 the resolution into the record.
 16 MS. LANDRY:
 17 On the 25th day of June 2026, the
 18 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in
 19 a duly noticed public meeting, consider
 20 the issue of Louisiana Riverboat Gaming
 21 Company, LLC, doing business as Live!
 22 Casino & Hotel Louisiana's request for
 23 approval of updates to its problem
 24 gambling program pursuant to Louisiana
 25 Revised Statute 27:27.1 and, upon

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1 MS. LANDRY:
 2 Mr. Jackson.
 3 MR. JACKSON:
 4 Yes.
 5 MS. LANDRY:
 6 Mr. Langley.
 7 MR. LANGLEY:
 8 Yes.
 9 MS. LANDRY:
 10 Mr. Sholes.
 11 MR. SHOLES:
 12 Yes.
 13 MS. LANDRY:
 14 Ms. Traylor.
 15 MS. TRAYLOR:
 16 Yes.
 17 MS. LANDRY:
 18 Chairman Hebert.
 19 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 20 Yes.
 21 That motion carries. The
 22 resolution is adopted. And the problem
 23 gambling program is approved.
 24 We will now move on to item six,
 25 video gaming issues. Item A is the

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1 consideration of the transfers of
 2 membership interest in Emerald Palace
 3 Truck & Casino Plaza, LLC, doing
 4 business as Emerald Palace Truck &
 5 Casino Plaza.
 6 Good morning.
 7 MR. WESTRA:
 8 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and
 9 Board Members. I am Assistant Attorney
 10 General Ben Westra, appearing before
 11 you in the matter of the consideration
 12 of the transfers of membership interest
 13 in Emerald Palace Truck & Casino Plaza
 14 LLC, doing business as Emerald Palace
 15 Truck & Casino Plaza.
 16 They currently hold a Type 5 video
 17 draw poker gaming license, and they're
 18 located in West Baton Rouge Parish.
 19 On February 1st, 2026, each member
 20 of the licensee transferred their
 21 respective membership interest to Super
 22 Lucky Louie's Casino, LLC, doing
 23 business as Super Lucky Louie's Casino.
 24 As a result of the transfer, Super
 25 Lucky Louie's Casino now holds 100

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1 The investigation was done into
 2 the transfers in the licensee, and the
 3 Division found no information that
 4 would preclude the licensee or its
 5 members from continuing to participate
 6 in the Louisiana gaming industry.
 7 Thank you. And this concludes my
 8 presentation.
 9 CHAIRMAN:
 10 Okay. Thank you, Mr. Westra and
 11 Ms. Hilliard.
 12 Board Members, do we have any
 13 questions for the Attorney General's
 14 Office or State Police?
 15 (No response.)
 16 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 17 Hearing none, I will entertain a
 18 motion to approve the transfers of
 19 membership interest in the licensee.
 20 MR. LANGLEY:
 21 I'll make that motion.
 22 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 23 So moved by Mr. Langley. Can I
 24 get a second?
 25 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

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1 percent of the membership interest in
 2 the licensee. Super Lucky Louie's
 3 Casino currently holds another Type 5
 4 video draw poker gaming license, and
 5 their ownership structure is comprised
 6 of six trusts.
 7 Louisiana State Police Gaming
 8 Enforcement Division conducted an
 9 investigation into the transfers, and
 10 Investigator Desiree Hilliard is
 11 present this morning to present their
 12 findings to the Board. After her
 13 presentation, the Board will need a
 14 motion and vote to either approve or
 15 deny the transfer of membership
 16 interest.
 17 Thank you.
 18 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 19 Good morning, Miss Hilliard.
 20 MS. HILLIARD:
 21 Good morning, Mr. Chairman and
 22 Members of the Board. I am
 23 Investigator Desiree Hilliard with
 24 Louisiana State Police Gaming
 25 Enforcement Division.

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1 I second the motion.
 2 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 3 Seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker.
 4 Ms. Landry, would you please call
 5 the roll.
 6 MS. LANDRY:
 7 Ms. Becnel.
 8 MS. BECNEL:
 9 Yes.
 10 MS. LANDRY:
 11 Ms. Hamilton-Acker.
 12 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:
 13 Yes.
 14 MS. LANDRY:
 15 Ms. Hennigan.
 16 MS. HENNIGAN:
 17 Yes.
 18 MS. LANDRY:
 19 Mr. Jackson.
 20 MR. JACKSON:
 21 Yes.
 22 MS. LANDRY:
 23 Mr. Langley.
 24 MR. LANGLEY:
 25 Yes.



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1 MS. LANDRY:
 2 Mr. Sholes.
 3 MR. SHOLES:
 4 Yes.
 5 MS. LANDRY:
 6 Ms. Traylor.
 7 MS. TRAYLOR:
 8 Yes.
 9 MS. LANDRY:
 10 Chairman Hebert.
 11 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 12 Yes.
 13 That motion carries, and the
 14 transfers of membership interest are
 15 approved.
 16 And with that, I would ask for a
 17 motion that we adjourn.
 18 MR. SHOLES:
 19 So moved.
 20 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 21 So moved by Judge Sholes.
 22 MS. TRAYLOR:
 23 Second.
 24 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 25 Seconded by Ms. Traylor.

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1 Ms. Landry, would you please call
 2 the roll.
 3 MS. LANDRY:
 4 Ms. Becnel.
 5 MS. BECNEL:
 6 Yes.
 7 MS. LANDRY:
 8 Ms. Hamilton-Acker.
 9 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:
 10 Yes.
 11 MS. LANDRY:
 12 Ms. Hennigan.
 13 MS. HENNIGAN:
 14 Yes.
 15 MS. LANDRY:
 16 Mr. Jackson.
 17 (No response.)
 18 MS. LANDRY:
 19 Mr. Langley.
 20 MR. LANGLEY:
 21 Yes.
 22 MS. LANDRY:
 23 Mr. Sholes.
 24 MR. SHOLES:
 25 Yes.

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1 MS. LANDRY:
 2 Ms. Traylor.
 3 MS. TRAYLOR:
 4 Yes.
 5 MS. LANDRY:
 6 Chairman Hebert.
 7 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 8 Yes.
 9 The meeting is adjourned. Thank
 10 you everyone for attending and taking
 11 time out of your busy schedules. And
 12 we will see everyone next month. Have
 13 a good day.
 14 THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 10:20 A.M.
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