

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of March 16, 2023

The meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board convened on Thursday, March 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m., at the Louisiana State Capitol, House Committee Room 3. Present at the meeting were Chairman Ronnie Johns, Julie Berry, Claude Jackson, Harry Avant, Ronald Sholes, Lamar Poole, Julie Lewis, Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, and Ashley Traylor. Major Chuck McNeal was present for Col. Lamar Davis. Absent was, and ex-officio members Col. Lamar Davis and Secretary Kevin Richard.

Chairman Johns called the meeting to order. It was moved by Judge Sholes to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2023. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Aker and unanimously approved by the Board.

Donna Jackson, 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.

The Board considered the *Plans and specifications for Catfish Queen, LLC d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge Casino – No. R011700009*. After presentation by Jeff Barbin and Terry Downey, it was moved by Ms. Berry to approve the extension of time. That motion was seconded by Mr. Poole and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered sports wagering license application by Premier Entertainment Shreveport, LLC, doing business as Bally's Shreveport Casino & Hotel W010903489 & R013600005. Paul Avery, Chip Bunyard, and Elizabeth Suever were present on behalf of Bally's. After presentation by LaKeisha James, Assistant Attorney General (“AAG”), Tammy Haupt, LSP Auditing Division, and Angela Hernandez, Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve the sports wagering license of Bally's Shreveport. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Aker, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the *Sports Wagering Platform Provider Permit Application by Bally's Interactive, LLC d/b/a Bally Bet - B016503497*. After presentation by LaKeisha James, Assistant Attorney General (“AAG”), Tammy Haupt, LSP Auditing Division, and Angela Hernandez, Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Mr. Avant to approve the sports wagering platform provider permit by Bally Bet. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the appeal of Brandi N. Bradbury – No. P040066150. LaKeisha James was present on behalf of the Attorney General's Office. The Appellant, Brandi Bradbury was present. Last month Ms. Hamilton-Aker made a motion for reconsideration of the appeal of Brandi Bradbury. Judge Sholes seconded that motion. Chris Hebert and Dawn Himel from the Attorney General's Office spoke on the motion for reconsideration. Ms. Hamilton Aker then moved to reopen the appeal of Brandi Bradbury on the March agenda. Judge Sholes seconded that

motion. Ms. Lewis objected to the motion. There was then a motion by Ms. Berry to table the motion until March. That motion was seconded by Ms. Traylor. The vote on the motion to reopen and reconsider Ms. Bradbury's appeal was tabled until March with no objection.

Ms. Traylor made a motion to remove it from the table. That motion was seconded by Mr. Poole. The vote was unanimous. Ms. Hamilton-Aker discussed her pending motion to reopen the appeal. Ms. Lewis withdrew objection. The motion to reconsider was granted with no objection. After argument by Ms. Bradbury and LaKeisha James, Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Hamilton-Aker made a motion to remand this case back to the hearing officer, that motion was seconded by Judge Sholes. Chairman Johns objected. A vote yes was to remand and a vote no was to affirm the hearing officer's decision. Avant – No; Berry – No; Jackson – Yes; Lewis – No; Poole – No; Hamilton-Aker – Yes; Sholes – Yes; Traylor – Yes; Johns – No. By a vote of five to four, the motion did not pass.

The Board next considered the settlement of *Gumbo to Geaux, LLC d/b/a Gumbo to Geaux* – No. 0801215872. After presentation by Venise Johnson of the Attorney General's Office, Mr. Jackson moved to approve the settlement. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the settlement of *Village One Stop d/b/a Village Café* – No. 3903213279. After presentation by Shanna Sizemore of the Attorney General's Office, Mr. Poole moved to approve the settlement. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the settlement of *Village One Stop d/b/a Village Café* – No. 3903612928. After presentation by Shanna Sizemore of the Attorney General's Office, Ms. Lewis moved to approve the settlement. That motion was seconded by Ms. Traylor and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the settlement of *FULCO-Hall Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Breakfast Club Café* – No. 2604212792. After presentation by Shanna Sizemore of the Attorney General's Office, Judge Sholes moved to approve the settlement. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the settlement of *NOLA 145 Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Cajun Daiquiri Café* – No. 2600118057. After presentation by Venise Johnson of the Attorney General's Office, Mr. Jackson moved to approve the settlement. That motion was seconded by Judge Sholes and unanimously approved by the Board.

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