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3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

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8 MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017

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10 LaSalle Building

11 LaBelle Hearing Room

12 617 North Third Street

13 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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17 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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3 (Economic Planner)

Fifth Congressional District

4 June 30, 2019

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6 MARK STIPE

(Attorney)

7 Seventh Congressional District

June 30, 2020

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10 Second Congressional District

June 30, 2020

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13 Fourth Congressional District

June 30, 2018

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16 Sixth Congressional District

June 30, 2021

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19 Third Congressional District

June 30, 2018

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21 WANDA L. THERIOT

(At Large)

22 First Congressional District

June 30, 2021

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24 RICHARD PATRICK

(Law Enforcement)

25 Fifth Congressional District

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Ex-Officio Board Member

4 Louisiana State Police

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6 MICHAEL LEGENDRE

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

2 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Good  
3 morning. Welcome to the June meeting of  
4 the Gaming Control Board.

5 I call the meeting to order and ask  
6 Miss Tramonte to call the roll, please.

7 THE CLERK: Mr. Bradford?

8 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Here.

9 THE CLERK: Mr. Stipe?

10 MR. STIPE: Here.

11 THE CLERK: Mr. Singleton?

12 MR. SINGLETON: Here.

13 THE CLERK: Mr. Jackson?

14 MS. JACKSON: Here.

15 THE CLERK: Mr. Gaston?

16 MR. GASTON: Here.

17 THE CLERK: Miss Berry?

18 MS. BERRY: Here.

19 THE CLERK: Miss Theriot?

20 MS. THERIOT: Here.

21 THE CLERK: Mr. Patrick?

22 MR. PATRICK: Here.

23 THE CLERK: Colonel Reeves?

24 LIEUTENANT COLOEL NOEL: Lieutenant  
25 Colonel Noel for Colonel Reeves.

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1 THE CLERK: Secretary Robinson?

2 MR. LEGENDRE: Mike Legendre here

3 for Secretary Robinson.

4 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: And we have

6 a quorum. As is our practice, we have a

7 moment here for public comments if

8 anyone wants to make a public comment on

9 any matter that's coming before the

10 Board today. Anyone? Hearing none,

11 thank you.

12 III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

13 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Next is

14 Approval of the Minutes. Do I hear a

15 motion for approval -- waive the reading

16 and approve the minutes from the May

17 board meeting? Mr. Singleton and

18 Richard.

19 All in favor? [Collective "aye."]

20 The motion carries.

21 IV. REVENUE REPORTS

22 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Next is

23 Revenue Reports.

24 MS. JACKSON: Good morning, Vice

25 Chairman Bradford, Board Members. My

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1 name is Donna Jackson with Louisiana

2 State Police Gaming Enforcement

3 Division.

4 The 15 operating riverboats  
5 generated Adjusted Gross Receipts of  
6 \$164,376,574 in May. This total  
7 represents a decrease of \$1.4 million or  
8 .8 percent from last month, but an  
9 increase of \$10.6 million or 7 percent  
10 from last May.

11 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal  
12 year 2016-2017 to date are almost  
13 \$1,777,000,000, an increase of  
14 \$5.3 million or .3 percent from fiscal  
15 year 2015-2016.

16 During May, the State collected fees  
17 totaling \$35,340,963. As of May 31st,  
18 2017, the State collected \$382 million  
19 in fees for fiscal year  
20 202016-2017-2017, an increase of  
21 \$1 million from last fiscal year.

22 Next is a summary of the May 2017  
23 gaming activity for Harrah's New Orleans  
24 found on page three. During May,  
25 Harrah's generated \$25,219,590 in gross

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1 gaming revenue, a decrease of  
2 \$9.9 million or 28 percent from last  
3 month, but an increase of \$2 million for  
4 8.4 percent from last May. Fiscal  
5 year-to-date gaming revenues for  
6 2016-2017 are \$259 million, down almost

7 \$15 million or 5 percent from fiscal  
8 year 2015-2016. During May, the State  
9 received \$5,095,890 in minimum daily  
10 payments. As of May 31st, 2017, the  
11 State has collected \$55 million in fees  
12 for fiscal year 2016-2017.

13 Next I'll present the revenue for  
14 Slots at the Racetracks found on page  
15 four. During May, the four racetrack  
16 facilities combined generated Adjusted  
17 Gross Receipts of \$29,955,435, an  
18 increase of \$1 million or 3.7 percent  
19 from last month, but a slight decrease  
20 from May 2016 of 1 percent.

21 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal  
22 year 2016-2017 to date are almost  
23 \$316 million, a decrease of  
24 \$10.7 million or 3 percent from fiscal  
25 year 2015-2016.

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1 During May, the State collected,  
2 \$4,554,239 [sic] in fees. As of  
3 May 31st, 2017, the State has collected  
4 almost \$48 million in fees for fiscal  
5 year 2016-2017.

6 Overall in May, Riverboats,  
7 Landbased and Slots at the Racetracks  
8 combined generated almost \$220 million  
9 of AGR and \$45 million in state fees.

10 These revenues represent an increase  
11 from May 2016 of 6 percent.

12 Are there any questions?

13 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Board  
14 Members, any questions? [No response.]

15 And you're also going to do video poker?

16 MS. JACKSON: Yes, sir.

17 And just as a note, the May employee  
18 information for Harrah's New Orleans  
19 will be presented next month with the  
20 June numbers.

21 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Thank you.

22 MS. JACKSON: Reference your video  
23 poker handout. Eleven new video gaming  
24 licenses were issued during May: Five  
25 bars, four restaurants, one truckstop

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1 and one device owner.

2 Seventeen new applications were  
3 received by the Gaming Enforcement  
4 Division during May and are currently  
5 pending in the field: Twelve bars, four  
6 restaurants and one truckstop.

7 The Gaming Enforcement Division  
8 assessed \$2,250 and collected \$1,450 in  
9 fines during May. There are currently  
10 \$500 in outstanding fines. Please refer  
11 to page two of your handout.

12 There are presently 13,115 video

13 gaming devices activated at 1,783  
14 locations. Net device revenue for  
15 May 2017 was \$49.1 million, no change  
16 when compared to April 2017, and a \$1.5  
17 million increase, or 3 percent, when  
18 compared to May 2016. Net device  
19 revenue for fiscal year 2017 to date is  
20 \$529.9 million, a \$4.9 million decrease,  
21 or .9 percent, when compared to fiscal  
22 year 2016. Page three of your handout  
23 shows a comparison net device revenue.

24 Total franchise fees collected  
25 during May 2017 were \$14.7 million, no

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1 change when compared to April 2017, and  
2 a \$500,000 increase when compared to  
3 May 2016. Total franchise fees  
4 collected for fiscal year 2017 are  
5 \$158.9 million, a \$1.1 million decrease,  
6 or .7 percent, when compared to fiscal  
7 year 2016. Page four of your handout  
8 shows a comparison of franchise fees.

9 Any questions?

10 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Board  
11 Members, any questions? [No response.]

12 Thank you very much.

13 MS. JACKSON: Thank you.

14 V. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

15 A. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance

16 for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of  
17 the gaming vessel of Catfish Queen  
18 Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Belle of  
19 Baton Rouge - No. RO11700009

20 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Next we'll  
21 move to Consideration of Casino Gaming  
22 Issues. The first one: Consideration  
23 of Certificate of Compliance for the  
24 Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the  
25 gaming vessel Catfish Queen Partnership

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1 in Commendam d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge,  
2 No. RO11700009.

3 We have representatives from ABS?

4 MR. REINERT: Yes.

5 MR. LEWIS: Mr. Bradford, Board  
6 Members, I'm Assistant Attorney General  
7 Kanick Lewis, Jr., and with me is  
8 Mr. John Reinert with ABSC. We're here  
9 in the matter of the issuance of the  
10 Certificate of Compliance for Catfish  
11 Queen Partnership in Commendam doing  
12 business as Belle of Baton Rouge Casino,  
13 and on June 2nd, 2017, ABSC began the  
14 inspection process for the approval of  
15 Belle of Baton Rouge Casino's  
16 Certificate of Compliance.

17 For more on this, I now turn the  
18 presentation over to Mr. Ryner.

19 MR. REINERT: Good morning, Chairman  
20 and Board Members. I'm John Reinert  
21 from ABS Consulting here to report the  
22 follow-up inspection for the Belle of  
23 Baton Rouge Casino. The inspector, Pete  
24 Bullard, did, on May 30th, attend the  
25 riverboat Argosy III to inspect the

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1 deficient items that were issued on  
2 March 7th, 2017.

3 The fire dampers, fire control panel  
4 and the fire rated double doors on the  
5 third deck were all repaired.

6 The 2017 annual survey as required  
7 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board is  
8 now complete and presents no safety  
9 concerns to its patrons or employees on  
10 the riverboat. It is the recommendation  
11 of ABSC that the Belle of Baton Rouge be  
12 issued the Certificate of Compliance.

13 MR. LEWIS: We now present these  
14 findings to the Board and request that  
15 upon your approval of your accepting of  
16 the report as submitted to by ABSC, you  
17 will move for the approval of the  
18 Certificate of Compliance.

19 MR. GASTON: I move, Mr. Chairman.

20 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Thank you.  
21 Any questions? Miss Berry, any

22 questions?

23 MS. BERRY: I'll second.

24 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: In regard

25 to issuing a Certificate of Compliance,

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1 we have a motion and a second.

2 Any opposition? Hearing none, it is

3 approved.

4 B. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for

5 the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the

6 gaming vessel of Belle of Orleans, LLC, d/b/a

7 Amelia Belle Casino - No. R013600020

8 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Next we'll

9 hear Consideration of Certificate of

10 Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat

11 Inspection of gaming vessel Belle of

12 Orleans, LLC, doing business as Amelia

13 Belle Casino, No. R013600020.

14 MR. LEWIS: Mr. Bradford, Board

15 Members, I'm Assistant Attorney General

16 Kanick Lewis, Jr., and with me is

17 Mr. John Reinert of ABSC. We're here in

18 the matter of the issuance of the

19 Certificate of Compliance to Belle of

20 Orleans, LLC, doing business as Amelia

21 Belle Casino, and on May 2nd, 2017, ABSC

22 began the inspection process for the

23 approval of Belle of Orleans or Amelia

24 Belle Casino's Certificate of

25 Compliance.

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1 For more on this, I now turn the  
2 presentation over to Mr. Ryner.

3 MR. REINERT: Good morning, Chairman  
4 and Board Members. I'm John Reinert  
5 from ABSG [sic] Consulting here to  
6 report the annual certification for  
7 Amelia Belle Casino.

8 The inspectors, Doug Chapman and  
9 Pete Bullard, did, on May 2nd, attend  
10 the riverboat Belle of Orleans to  
11 conduct the annual inspection in  
12 accordance with the alternate inspection  
13 program in the State of Louisiana. The  
14 inspectors reviewed fire protection  
15 equipment, life-saving equipment, egress  
16 routes, mooring system and conducted a  
17 fire drill. A few items were noted  
18 during the inspection but all were  
19 cleared before the surveyors departed  
20 the gaming facility.

21 The 2017 annual survey as required  
22 by the State of Louisiana Gaming Control  
23 Board is complete and presents no safety  
24 concerns to its patrons or employees on  
25 the riverboat. It is the recommendation

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1 of ABSG [sic] that Amelia Belle be

2 issued the Certificate of Compliance.

3 MR. LEWIS: We now present these  
4 findings to the Board and request that  
5 upon your accepting the report as  
6 submitted by ABSC, you will move for the  
7 approval of Amelia Belle's Certificate  
8 of Compliance.

9 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Board  
10 Members, any questions in regard to  
11 issuing a Certificate of Compliance?

12 MR. SINGLETON: I move.

13 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: We have a  
14 motion from Mr. Singleton.

15 MR. JACKSON: Second.

16 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: A second by  
17 Mr. Jackson.

18 Any opposition? Hearing none, it's  
19 approved. Thank you.

20 C. Consideration of Request for Manning Variance  
21 by Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership d/b/a  
22 DiamondJacks Casino & Resort - No. R010800195

23 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Next we  
24 have: Consideration of Request for a  
25 Manning Variance by Louisiana Riverboat

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1 Gaming Partnership doing business as  
2 DiamondJacks Casino & Resort, No.  
3 RO10800195.

4 MR. LEWIS: Mr. Bradford, Board

5 Members, Assistant Attorney General  
6 Kanick Lewis, Jr. With me is Mr. John  
7 Reinert of ABSC. We are here in the  
8 matter of the approval of the manning  
9 variance for Louisiana Riverboat Gaming  
10 Partnership doing business as  
11 DiamondJacks Casino.

12 ABSC completed the review and  
13 inspection for the approval of the  
14 DiamondJacks manning variance. For more  
15 on this, I now turn the presentation  
16 over to Mr. Ryner.

17 MR. REINERT: Good morning, Chairman  
18 and Board Members. I am John Reinert  
19 from ABS Consulting here to report my  
20 review of the manning variance plan for  
21 DiamondJacks Casino. This manning  
22 variance plan is consistent with the  
23 other gaming vessels in the Shreveport,  
24 Bossier City area.

25 The permanently moored riverboat is

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1 located in a moat adjacent to the Red  
2 River. The design of the mooring  
3 system, the location of the riverboat in  
4 the moat provides more than adequate  
5 protection from the riverboat breaking  
6 away during high water events.

7 In Attachment A, the latent

8 conditions that would be in effect, the  
9 routine emergency operations of the  
10 gaming vessel, and Attachment B is worst  
11 case scenarios. The pilot house will  
12 remain continuously manned because that  
13 is where the fire monitoring system  
14 readouts and the automatic emergency  
15 voice alarm and direction systems are.  
16 Controls are remotely close all water --  
17 remotely close all water tight doors,  
18 all fire screen doors and all fire  
19 dampers, and control to remotely start  
20 both fire pumps are in the pilot house.

21 Bossier City Fire Department Fire  
22 Station No. 6 is less than a half mile  
23 from the property and has full-time fire  
24 and EMT responders. Bossier City --  
25 Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department

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1 Marine Unit is located three miles down  
2 river. Its boats can reach the  
3 riverboat in ten minutes of being in a  
4 fire.

5 Attachment C is the emergency  
6 response plan and the station bill for  
7 the crew members. The review was an  
8 intense process in which a few  
9 refinements were made to the already  
10 well structured plan. The station bills

11 are lined with changes made in the  
12 emergency response plan.

13 Attachment D is position  
14 descriptions and qualification program  
15 for each of the positions noted in the  
16 station bill. The positions are  
17 consistent with the other Legacy gaming  
18 vessels in the State of Louisiana, such  
19 as the captain in charge and engineering  
20 in charge which may have had previous  
21 USCG licenses. Position descriptions  
22 for watch personnel other than security  
23 officers are also in Attachment D.

24 Proposed job positions of these  
25 watch personnel indicates that all must

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1 have a high school diploma or equivalent  
2 and have gone through in-house training  
3 qualification pipeline to ensure their  
4 competency in performing routine and  
5 emergency duties. How well the  
6 qualification program is implemented and  
7 executed will determine the management's  
8 ability to sustain riverboat system  
9 reliability and safety aboard.

10 Third party assessment of emergency  
11 squad and individual performance and  
12 third party review of training records  
13 can provide useful data about the

14 strength of the casino's program and its  
15 decision to qualify an individual. So  
16 ABS Consulting plans to have its  
17 inspectors include these checks in its  
18 annual Certificate of Compliance  
19 inspections.

20 It is recommended the manning  
21 variance plan be approved.

22 MR. LEWIS: We now present this  
23 report to the Board and request that  
24 upon your accepting the report as  
25 submitted by ABSC, you will move for the

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1 approval of the manning variance for  
2 DiamondJacks Casino.

3 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Board, any  
4 questions? [No response.]

5 In regard to accepting ABSC's  
6 recommendation for riverboat staffing  
7 for DiamondJacks Casino & Resort  
8 riverboat gaming vessel, which will be  
9 incorporated into the Certificate of  
10 Compliance, is there a motion?

11 MR. GASTON: I move.

12 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Mr. Gaston  
13 moves. Richard seconds -- Mr. Patrick,  
14 sorry.

15 Any opposition? [No response.]

16 The motion carries. Thank you.

17 D. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for  
18 the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the  
19 gaming vessel of Louisiana Riverboat Gaming  
20 Partnership d/b/a DiamondJacks Casino &  
21 Resort, No. R010800195

22 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Next we  
23 have: Consideration of Certificate of  
24 Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat  
25 Inspection of the gaming vessel

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1 Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership  
2 d/b/a DiamondJacks Casino & Resort, No.  
3 R010800195.

4 MR. LEWIS: Good morning,  
5 Mr. Bradford, Board Members. I'm  
6 Assistant Attorney General, Kanick  
7 Lewis, Jr., and with me is Mr. John  
8 Reinert of ABSC. We are here in the  
9 matter of the issuance of the  
10 Certificate of Compliance to Louisiana  
11 Riverboat Gaming Partnership doing  
12 business as DiamondJacks Casino, and on  
13 April 19th, 2017, ABSC began the  
14 inspection process for the approval of  
15 DiamondJacks' Certificate of Compliance.

16 For more on this, I now turn the  
17 presentation over to Mr. Ryner.

18 MR. REINERT: Good morning, Chairman  
19 and and Board Members. I'm John Reinert

20 from ABS Consulting here to report the  
21 annual certification for DiamondJacks  
22 Casino.

23 The inspectors, Doug Chapman and  
24 Pete Bullard, did, on April 11th, attend  
25 the riverboat the Margaret Mary to

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1 conduct the annual inspection in  
2 accordance to the alternate inspection  
3 program in the State of Louisiana.

4 The inspectors reviewed fire  
5 protection equipment, life-saving  
6 equipment, egress routes, mooring system  
7 and conducted a fire drill. The  
8 deficiencies noted are on page 8, 9 and  
9 10 of your report. The amount of  
10 deficiencies noted are consistent with  
11 past -- in the past couple of years.

12 Items like fire screen doors, exit  
13 lights or light covers have been  
14 repeated items. A follow-up inspection  
15 was completed on May 16th, and all items  
16 were cleared by Pete Bullard.

17 The 2017 annual survey as required  
18 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board is  
19 now complete and presents no safety  
20 concerns to its patrons or employees on  
21 the riverboat. It is the recommendation  
22 of ABSG [sic] that DiamondJacks be

23 issued the Certificate of Compliance.

24 In addition to the safety inspection  
25 of the gaming vessel, a request by

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1 DiamondJacks Casino, in a letter dated  
2 April 23rd, 2017, to ABSG [sic]  
3 Consulting, asked to remove certain  
4 equipment from inspection. A review of  
5 that equipment was done during the  
6 annual survey by the inspectors. In the  
7 request was to remove rescue boat and  
8 winches, life rings and life jackets,  
9 navigation equipment, propulsion and  
10 firefighting equipment.

11 We recommend approval to remove from  
12 inspection all of the above with the  
13 exception of the winches, life rings and  
14 VHF radios. The gaming vessel's  
15 permanently moored status does not  
16 require the use of bow thrusters, Z  
17 drives, rudders or navigation equipment  
18 but the winches can be helped to  
19 maintain the mooring system and VHF  
20 radio with the marine traffic on the  
21 river.

22 With the manning variance now in  
23 place, fire and rescue efforts will be  
24 conducted by the Bossier City Fire  
25 Department which is in very close

1 proximity to the gaming vessel. The  
2 removal of the fire hoses, fire axes and  
3 applicators, life jackets and rescue  
4 boat would not be needed as the fire  
5 department would bring their own  
6 equipment to the scene. Immediately --  
7 immediate response to fires onboard  
8 would be the use of the fires  
9 extinguishers and fixed systems aboard  
10 such as the sprinkler system.

11 It is the recommendation of ABS  
12 Consulting to approve the removal from  
13 inspection the above mentioned equipment  
14 as it does not represent -- it does not  
15 present a safety concern to the patrons  
16 or employees aboard the riverboat.

17 MR. LEWIS: We now present these  
18 findings to the Board and request that  
19 upon your accepting the report as  
20 submitted by ABSC, you will move for the  
21 issuance of DiamondJacks' Certificate of  
22 Compliance.

23 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Any  
24 questions in regard to issuing a  
25 Certificate of Compliance? [No

1 response.]

2 And approving only those equipment

3 that were requested and recommended for  
4 approval by ABS Consulting, is there a  
5 motion?

6 MS. THERIOT: I move.

7 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Miss  
8 Theriot, and a second?

9 MR. JACKSON: Second.

10 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Mr. Jackson.

11 Any opposition? Hearing none, the  
12 motion carries. Thank you, sir.

13 MR. LEWIS: Thank you.

14 E. Consideration of petition for Approval of  
15 Transfer of Interest by Incredible  
16 Technologies, Inc. - No. PO56503015

17 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Next is:  
18 Consideration of petition for Approval  
19 of Transfer of Interest by Incredible  
20 Technologies, Inc., No. PO56503015.

21 Good morning.

22 MS. BOURGEOIS: Good morning, Board  
23 Members, I am Suzanne Bourgeois,  
24 Assistant Attorney General. Here with  
25 me is Trooper Kevin Lamotte of Louisiana

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1 State Police. We are here in the matter  
2 of the proposed transfer of ownership  
3 interest in Incredible Technologies,  
4 Inc.

5 The permittee requested approval of

6 the transfer of 49 percent of the stock  
7 of Incredible Technologies from the  
8 Richard A. Ditton Special Trust to  
9 Richard Ditton individually.

10 Trooper Kevin Lamotte conducted the  
11 investigation of the transfer and the  
12 suitability of the relevant persons and  
13 will now present his findings to the  
14 Board.

15 MASTER TROOPER LAMOTTE: Good  
16 morning, Chairman and other Member of  
17 the Board. My name is Master Trooper  
18 Kevin Lamotte with State Police Gaming  
19 Division here in Baton Rouge.

20 Following my original investigation,  
21 Mr. Ditton was found suitable by the  
22 Gaming Control Board on August 17, 2011.  
23 I recently updated that investigation  
24 and found no negative information.  
25 Based on that fact, I found no

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1 information to preclude the Board from  
2 transferring the interest from Richard  
3 Ditton 2014 Special Fund [sic] to  
4 Mr. Ditton himself.

5 Any questions?

6 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Board, any  
7 questions? [No response.]

8 Is there a motion to adopt the

9 Resolution?

10 MR. GASTON: Mr. Chairman, I move we  
11 institute the transfer of ownership for  
12 Incredible Technologies.

13 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: This is a  
14 great name.

15 Is there a second?

16 MR. JACKSON: Second.

17 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Mr.  
18 Jackson.

19 Any opposition? [No response.]

20 The motion carries. Miss Tramonte,  
21 would you please read the Resolution.

22 THE CLERK: On the 19th day of May,  
23 2017, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board  
24 did, in a duly noticed public meeting,  
25 consider the petition of Incredible

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1 Technologies, Incorporated, No.  
2 PO56503015, for approval of the transfer  
3 of 49 percent of the stock of the  
4 permittee, Incredible Technologies,  
5 Incorporated, held in the Richard A.  
6 Ditton 2014 Special Trust to Richard  
7 Ditton individually, and upon motion  
8 duly made and second, the Board adopted  
9 this Resolution:

10 Be it resolved that the transfer is  
11 hereby approved.

12 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,  
13 Louisiana, this 19th day of June 2017.

14 Mr. Stipe?

15 MR. STIPE: Yes.

16 THE CLERK: Mr. Singleton?

17 MR. SINGLETON: Yes.

18 THE CLERK: Mr. Jackson?

19 MR. JACKSON: Yes.

20 THE CLERK: Mr. Gaston?

21 MR. GASTON: Yes.

22 THE CLERK: Miss Berry?

23 MS. BERRY: Yes.

24 THE CLERK: Miss Theriot?

25 MS. THERIOT: Yes.

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1 THE CLERK: Mr. Patrick?

2 MR. PATRICK: Yes.

3 THE CLERK: Vice-Chairman Bradford?

4 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Yes.

5 The motion carries. Thank you very  
6 much.

7 MS. BOURGEOIS: Thank you.

8 F. Consideration of the Debt Transaction by

9 Caesars Entertainment Corporation

10 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Up next is:

11 Consideration of Debt Transaction by

12 Caesars Entertainment Corporation.

13 MS. MOORE: Good morning,

14 Vice-Chairman Bradford, Members of the

15 Board. I am Charmaine Moore Assistant  
16 Attorney General.

17 Caesars Growth Properties Holdings,  
18 LLC, a parent company of Jazz Casino  
19 Company, LLC, doing business as Harrah's  
20 New Orleans, has petitioned the Board  
21 for approval of the addition of a  
22 standalone debt relative to a  
23 non-Louisiana gaming property to a  
24 current credit facility and has Credit  
25 Suisse.

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1 The credit facility in the original  
2 principal amount of \$1.325 billion was  
3 previously approved by the Board. The  
4 standalone debt known as the Cromwell  
5 debt was not previously approved by the  
6 Board. Caesars would like to add the  
7 Cromwell Debt to the Credit Suisse  
8 facility which requires your approval.  
9 There is no increase in the amount of  
10 the credit facility previously approved  
11 by you because the term loan under the  
12 facility has been paid down in an amount  
13 sufficient to add the Cromwell debt to  
14 it without increasing the total amount  
15 of the facility. The Cromwell debt is  
16 being added to the facility in  
17 connection with the repricing of both

18 the term loan and the Cromwell debt at  
19 lower interest rates.

20 After notifying the Board of the  
21 proposed repricing and consolidation,  
22 the Audit Section of State Police and  
23 the A.G.'s Office determined that the  
24 repricing of the term loan did not need  
25 prior Board approval, but that the

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1 addition of the Cromwell debt to the  
2 facility did. Because of the necessity  
3 of closing the repricing quickly in  
4 order to take advantage of the lower  
5 interest rate on both loans, the  
6 Chairman considered -- consented to the  
7 closing on the condition that the  
8 portion of the proceeds attributable to  
9 the consolidation of the Cromwell debt  
10 be placed in escrow pending Board  
11 approval.

12 The loan repricing closed on  
13 April 27th, 2017. Caesars is now  
14 requesting your approval of the addition  
15 of the Cromwell debt to the Credit  
16 Suisse facility and a release of the  
17 proceeds attributable to that debt from  
18 escrow.

19 Caesars is also requesting your  
20 approval of a certain amendment to the

21 credit agreement. In the agreement,  
22 Credit Suisse and other participating  
23 lenders consent to the sale/leaseback of  
24 Harrah's real property or the lease hold  
25 therein pursuant to a call option that

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1 Caesars intends to grant to the owners  
2 of the REIT entity proposed as part of  
3 the bankruptcy exit plan. Those owners  
4 will consist of other creditors of  
5 Caesars. The consent of the Credit  
6 Suisse lenders is conditioned upon the  
7 use of the proceeds of any  
8 sale/leaseback being used to repay all  
9 or a portion of the outstanding debt  
10 owed to them. Although Caesars believes  
11 the sale/leaseback was already allowed  
12 under the terms of the credit agreement,  
13 it wanted to make any consent to such  
14 transaction explicit.

15 Please note that you are not  
16 approving the proposed call option  
17 today. That will be presented to you  
18 for approval at the time you are asked  
19 to approve the reorganization of  
20 Caesars. You are only agreeing that the  
21 Credit Suisse lenders can give their  
22 pre-approval of the proposed granting of  
23 the call option.

24 If the Board chooses to approve  
25 Caesars' request, a Resolution has been

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1 prepared for the Chairman's signature.

2 MS. FICKLIN: Good morning,  
3 Mr. Vice-Chairman and Board Members.

4 I'm Evie Ficklin. I'm an auditor with  
5 Louisiana State Police.

6 In its April 2017 presentation to  
7 lenders, CGPH provided the following as  
8 its reasons for repricing its credit  
9 agreement and refinancing the standalone  
10 loan of one of its subsidiaries referred  
11 to in our report as the Cromwell loan.

12 Doing so would reduce its annual  
13 interest expense, simplify its capital  
14 structure and enhance asset and cash  
15 flow diversity by bringing the Cromwell  
16 and the Cromwell subsidiaries into  
17 CGPH's restricted group of subsidiaries.

18 CGPH also sought to amend certain  
19 provisions in its credit agreement  
20 related to the sale/leaseback terms so  
21 as to be compatible with certain call  
22 option provisions and a plan of  
23 reorganization of Caesars operating  
24 unit, Caesars Entertainment Operating  
25 Company, or CEOC. CEOC which has been

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1 operating under Chapter 11 since filing  
2 for reorganization January 15th, 2015,  
3 is anticipated to emerge from bankruptcy  
4 later this year. CEOC's plan of  
5 reorganization was confirmed by the  
6 bankruptcy court January 17th, 2017.

7 As a result of its consummation of  
8 an incremental assumption agreement in  
9 Amendment No. 1 to CGPH's credit  
10 agreement on April 27th, 2017, CGPH  
11 repriced its existing term loan and  
12 revolver facilities, increased its  
13 existing term loan facility by  
14 \$175 million to refinance the Cromwell's  
15 \$175 million standalone Cromwell loan,  
16 and modified its original May 8th, 2014,  
17 credit agreement sale/leaseback terms to  
18 specifically include Harrah's New  
19 Orleans casino which will be subject to  
20 a call option under CEOC's plan of  
21 reorganization. The repricing of CGPH's  
22 term loan and its revolver reduced the  
23 interest rate margins on both its term  
24 in revolver facilities and provides for  
25 further reductions if CGPH's senior

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1 secured leverage ratio is equal to or  
2 less than 2.84 to 1.

3 Subsequent to using the \$175 million

4 in proceeds to refinance the Cromwell  
5 loan, CGPH will be free to incorporate  
6 the Cromwell Hotel & Casino and the  
7 Cromwell subsidiaries as restricted  
8 subsidiaries under CGPH's credit  
9 agreement, and the Cromwell assets will  
10 be pledged as collateral for both CGPH's  
11 \$1.175 billion term loan and its \$675  
12 million 9.375 percent senior -- second  
13 priority senior secured loans due 2022.  
14 The \$175 million in proceeds has  
15 remained in escrow since the April 27th,  
16 2017, closing pending the Board's  
17 approval.

18 No financial issues came to our  
19 attention to preclude the Board's  
20 approval of the release from escrow of  
21 the \$175 million to refinance the  
22 Cromwell loan or the modification of the  
23 sale/leaseback terms in CGPH's credit  
24 agreement.

25 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Thank you.

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1 Any questions?

2 MR. STIPE: The Cromwell loan is  
3 owed by Caesars Growth Property Holdings  
4 to a company within the Caesars group  
5 but not covered by their credit facility  
6 currently.

7 MS. FICKLIN: It's a standalone loan  
8 which I think is on the same --

9 MR. STIPE: Right. So they're  
10 taking out that loan.

11 MS. FICKLIN: Right.

12 MR. STIPE: That entity is now going  
13 to be covered by their creditor -- their  
14 over arching credit facility.

15 MS. FICKLIN: Right. It will be a  
16 restricted subsidiary now.

17 MR. STIPE: Right. And the terms of  
18 the sale/leaseback and the parties that  
19 benefit from the sale/leaseback are now  
20 in the credit facility; is that right?  
21 I know we're not dealing with that  
22 today.

23 MS. FICKLIN: Right, right. Well, I  
24 think it was just important from my  
25 understanding for Caesars to include

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1 Harrah's New Orleans to simply remove  
2 any doubt that Harrah's New Orleans  
3 would qualify as one of the  
4 sale/leaseback properties down the road  
5 when those transactions take place, the  
6 call option or the preparation for the  
7 reorganization -- plan of  
8 reorganization.

9 MR. STIPE: And we're not dealing

10 with that today --

11 MS. FICKLIN: No.

12 MR. STIPE: -- but if I look at the  
13 credit facility, I will find the terms  
14 of the sale/leaseback for Harrah's and  
15 for all these other facilities that will  
16 be covered by their plan, I presume; is  
17 that right?

18 MS. FICKLIN: If you look in the  
19 incremental assumption agreement in  
20 Amendment No. 1, I think it was  
21 specifically referred to as Harrah's New  
22 Orleans, which is the document that's --  
23 the AK and the amendment that was  
24 published on April 27th -- filed on  
25 April 27th with the SEC. I think you'll

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1 see that that one has already been --  
2 that it was incorporated into the actual  
3 verbiage so that it specifically  
4 includes that.

5 MR. STIPE: Okay. All right. Thank  
6 you.

7 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Miss  
8 Theriot?

9 MS. THERIOT: I just wanted to  
10 verify this, that the changes in the  
11 call option that you're asking us to  
12 approve today match those that are in

13 the reorganization that have already  
14 been approved by a bankruptcy judge.

15 MS. FICKLIN: The plan of  
16 reorganization has already been  
17 confirmed by the bankruptcy on  
18 January 17th. These terms in this  
19 particular CGPH agreement make it  
20 compatible with the terms in the plan of  
21 reorganization.

22 MS. THERIOT: Thank you.

23 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Any other  
24 questions? [No response.]

25 Having heard from State Police and

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1 the Attorney General, is there a motion  
2 to adopt the Resolution?

3 MS. BERRY: I move that we approve  
4 the Resolution.

5 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Miss Berry,  
6 and a second by Mark Stipe.

7 Miss Tramonte, would you please read  
8 the Resolution.

9 THE CLERK: Whereas, Caesars Growth  
10 Properties Holdings, LLC, and Caesars  
11 Growth Properties Parent, LLC, both  
12 subsidiaries of Caesars Growth Partners,  
13 LLC, which is owned jointly by Caesars  
14 Entertainment Corporation and Caesars  
15 Acquisition Corporation, parent company

16 of Jazz Casino Corporation -- excuse me,  
17 Jazz Casino Company, LLC, doing business  
18 as Harrah's New Orleans, and Credit  
19 Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, did,  
20 on the 27th day of April, 2017, enter  
21 into a certain Incremental Assumption  
22 Agreement and Amended No.1 to the First  
23 Lien Credit Agreement dated May 8th,  
24 2014; and whereas, Caesars Growth  
25 Properties Holdings, LLC, has petitioned

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1 the Board to approve the repricing and  
2 consolidation of certain debt of Caesars  
3 Growth Properties Holdings, LLC.

4 Now, therefore, on the 19th day of  
5 June 2017, the Louisiana Gaming Control  
6 Board did, in a duly noticed public  
7 meeting, consider the issue of Caesars  
8 Growth Properties Holdings, LLC's,  
9 request for approval of the repricing of  
10 certain of its indebtedness to Credit  
11 Suisse and the consolidation of the  
12 \$175 million standalone indebtedness of  
13 its subsidiary, Corner Investment  
14 Propco, LLC, such indebtedness being  
15 known as "the Cromwell Debt," into the  
16 Credit Suisse credit facility as  
17 follows:

18 One, the addition of a \$175 million

19 loan to the credit facility under the  
20 First Lien Credit Agreement described  
21 herein above.

22 Two, the release from escrow of the  
23 proceeds of the \$175 million loan to  
24 repay the Cromwell Debt, and three, the  
25 consent and agreement of Credit Suisse

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1 to the sale/leaseback of the real  
2 property utilized by Harrah's New  
3 Orleans, subject to certain conditions,  
4 and upon motion duly made and second,  
5 the Board adopted this Resolution:

6 Be it resolved that Caesars Growth  
7 Property Holdings, LLC's, request for  
8 approval of the addition of the  
9 \$175 million loan facility, as more  
10 particularly set forth hereinabove, to  
11 its First Lien Credit Agreement with  
12 Credit Suisse and the release from  
13 escrow of the proceeds of that loan and  
14 of the sale/leaseback of the real  
15 property utilized by Harrah's New  
16 Orleans subject to certain conditions,  
17 and the transactions contemplated  
18 thereby are hereby approved.

19 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,  
20 Louisiana, this 19th day of June 2017.

21 Mr. Stipe?

22 MR. STIPE: Yes.  
23 THE CLERK: Mr. Singleton?  
24 MR. SINGLETON: Yes.  
25 THE CLERK: Mr. Jackson?

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1 MR. JACKSON: Yes.  
2 THE CLERK: Mr. Gaston?  
3 MR. GASTON: Yes.  
4 THE CLERK: Miss Berry?  
5 MS. BERRY: Yes.  
6 THE CLERK: Miss Theriot?  
7 MS. THERIOT: Yes.  
8 THE CLERK: Mr. Patrick?  
9 MR. PATRICK: Yes.  
10 THE CLERK: Vice-Chairman Bradford?  
11 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Yes.  
12 Thank you very much. The motion  
13 carries.

#### 14 VI. VIDEO GAMING ISSUES

15 A. Consideration of the transfer of interest  
16 in the following truckstop application:  
17 1. Presto Fuel Center, LLC, d/b/a Presto Fuel  
18 Center - No. 2900511631

19 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Next we  
20 will move to Video Gaming Issues. First  
21 up is Consideration of the transfer of  
22 interest in the following truckstop  
23 application, Presto Fuel Center, LLC,  
24 doing business as Presto Fuel Center,

25 No. 2900511631.

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1 Good morning.

2 MR. PICOU: Good morning, Vice

3 Chairman Bradford, Board Members, I'm

4 Assistant Attorney General Charlie

5 Picou. Here with me is criminal

6 investigator Glenn Verrett of Louisiana

7 State Police. We're present before the

8 Board today in the matter of the

9 transfer of 50 percent of the membership

10 interest in Presto Fuel Center, LLC,

11 doing business as Presto Fuel Center,

12 which holds a Type 5 video draw poker

13 gaming license.

14 The licensed establishment is

15 located at 1556 Highway 90 East in

16 Raceland, Louisiana in Lafourche Parish.

17 On December 28th, 2016, Presto Fuel

18 Center, LLC, doing business as Presto

19 Fuel Center, redeemed Laurie Hohensee's

20 50 percent interest in the licensee. As

21 a result of the redemption, Miss

22 Hohensee's 50 membership interest was

23 redistributed to the licensee's only

24 remaining member, Mr. Paul Lefort, Jr.,

25 who now owns 100 percent of the

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1 membership interest in the licensee.

2 Criminal investigator Glenn Verrett  
3 will now present his findings to the  
4 Board.

5 TROOPER VERRETT: Good morning, Vice  
6 Chairman Bradford and Board Members.  
7 I'm Investigator Glenn Verrett with  
8 Louisiana State Police.

9 Following the licensee's  
10 notification to the Division regarding  
11 this redemption of membership interest,  
12 I conducted an investigation in the  
13 matter. Paul Lefort, Jr., the sole  
14 member of Presto Fuel Center, LLC, and  
15 spouse, Dana Lefort, previously  
16 submitted to suitability investigations  
17 in connection with this license.

18 I found no information that would  
19 preclude the licensee or the Leforts  
20 from continuing to participate in the  
21 video gaming industry.

22 TROOPER VERRETT: The Office of the  
23 Attorney General has reviewed the file  
24 prepared by the Office of State Police  
25 and concluded that no information

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1 contained therein would preclude  
2 approval.

3 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Thank you  
4 very much.

5 Board, any questions? [No  
6 response.]

7 In regard to approving the  
8 settlement, is there a motion?

9 MR. GASTON: I move.

10 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: By  
11 Mr. Gaston, Miss Berry seconds.

12 Any opposition? [No response.]

13 The motion carries. Thank you very  
14 much.

#### 15 VII. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS

16 1. In Re: Presto Fuel Center, LLC, d/b/a Presto  
17 Fuel Center - No. 2900511631

18 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Next up is  
19 Proposed Settlements. First up is  
20 proposed settlements for Presto Fuel  
21 Center, LLC, doing business as Presto  
22 Fuel Center, No. 2900511631.

23 MR. PICOU: Good morning, Vice  
24 Chairman Bradford, Board Members. I'm  
25 Assistant Attorney General Charlie Picou

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1 here in the matter of Presto Fuel  
2 Center, LLC -- the settlement of Presto  
3 Fuel Center, LLC, doing business as  
4 Presto Fuel Center.

5 The settlement addresses the late  
6 notification of a change of membership  
7 that's required to be made no later than

8 ten days after such change occurs. On  
9 December 28th, 2016, Presto Fuel Center,  
10 LLC, doing business as Presto Fuel  
11 Center, redeemed Laurie Hohensee's 50  
12 membership interest there in the  
13 licensee. The Miss Hohensee's  
14 50 percent membership interest was  
15 redistributed to a brother, Paul Lefort,  
16 Jr., who already held 50 percent  
17 interest; thereby making Mr. Lefort  
18 owner of 100 percent of the membership  
19 interest in this Type 5 licensee.

20 The Division was not notified of the  
21 transfer until January 30th, 2017, which  
22 gave rise to a violation of gaming law.  
23 The civil penalty contained in the  
24 settlement is \$500, which is an amount  
25 consistent with the resolution of other

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1 violations of this type. The settlement  
2 has been signed by the hearing officer  
3 and is now before the Board by final  
4 approval.

5 I'll be happy to answer any  
6 questions at this time.

7 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Board  
8 Members, any questions? [No response.]

9 MR. JACKSON: Motion to approve.

10 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Motion to

11 approve the settlement.

12 MR. SINGLETON: Second.

13 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Mr. Jackson,  
14 second by Mr. Singleton.

15 Any opposed? Hearing none, the  
16 motion is approved.

17 2. In Re: H/H Strategic Investments, LLC, d/b/a

18 H/H Strategic Investments - No.

19 2600616764

20 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Next up is  
21 H/H Strategic Investments, LLC, doing  
22 business as H/H Strategic Investment,  
23 No. 2600616764.

24 MS. BROWN: Good morning, Vice  
25 Chairman Bradford, Board Members. I'm

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1 Mesa Brown Assistant Attorney General  
2 appearing on behalf of the Division in  
3 the matter of H/H Strategic Investments,  
4 LLC, d/b/a H/H Strategic Investments.  
5 Here the licensee failed to timely  
6 submit required documents and fees to  
7 the Division timely. The documents and  
8 fees were due to the Division by  
9 June the 30th, 2016. The licensee did  
10 not submit its documents and fees until  
11 October 6th of 2016.

12 Both parties have agreed to settle  
13 this matter for a civil penalty of \$750.

14 The hearing officer has approved the  
15 settlement, and it is now before you for  
16 final approval.

17 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Board  
18 Members, any questions? [No response.]

19 Is there a motion to approve the  
20 settlement?

21 MR. SINGLETON: So move.

22 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Mr.  
23 Singleton, and Mr. Jackson seconds.

24 Any opposition? Hearing none, the  
25 motion carries.

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1 MS. BROWN: Thank you.

2 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Thank you.

### 3 VIII. ADJOURNMENT

4 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRADFORD: Seeing no  
5 more business before the Board, is there  
6 a motion to adjourn?

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: Miss Berry and  
8 Mr. Gaston. We are adjourned.

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