

Transcript of the Testimony of

**LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
MEETING**

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DECEMBER 19, 2024 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, at the Louisiana State Capitol, House Committee Room 1, 900 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 19th day of December 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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A P P E A R A N C E S

CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HEBERT

MS. FARIDA HERNANDEZ

MS. KATHRYN BECNEL

MR. CLAUDE JACKSON

MR. NICHOLAS LANGLEY

MS. JULIE LEWIS

MS. FRANCESCA HAMILTON-ACKER

MS. ASHLEY TRAYLOR

MAJOR ALBRIGHT

MR. JARROD CONIGLIO

MR. RONALD SHOLES

MS. LISHA LANDRY

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CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

Good morning everyone. I'd like to call to order the meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board for Thursday, December 19th, 2024.

Ms. Hernandez, would you call the roll?

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Chairman Hebert?

CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Ms. Becnel?

MS. BECNEL:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Mr. Jackson?

MR. JACKSON:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Mr. Langley?

MR. LANGLEY:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

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Mr. Poole?

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Ms. Lewis?

MS. LEWIS:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Ms. Hamilton-Acker?

MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Mr. Sholes?

MR. SHOLES:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Ms. Traylor?

MS. TRAYLOR:

Here.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Colonel Hodges?

MR. ALBRIGHT:

Major Albright for Colonel Hodges.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Secretary Nelson.

MR. CONIGLIO:

Jarrood Coniglio here for Secretary

1 Nelson.

2 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

3 We do have a quorum. And as
4 always, members, thank you for being
5 here this morning.

6 All right. A few housekeeping
7 matters. We'd ask that any witness,
8 please state your name for the record.
9 Speak into the microphone.

10 Additionally, we ask that all members
11 and those in the audience please
12 silence your cell phones. If you need
13 to receive a phone call, please step
14 out of the room. And finally, no
15 eating or drinking is allowed by
16 audience members in the room.

17 At this time, we will move on to
18 public comment. This is our public
19 comment period. And if anyone would
20 like to comment on any agenda item
21 before the Board today, now is the time
22 to come forward.

23 (No response.)

24 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

25 Seeing none, we will move on to

1 item three, approval of the minutes.

2 At this time, I will ask for a
3 motion to waive the reading and approve
4 the minutes of the November 21st --

5 MR. JACKSON:

6 So moved.

7 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

8 -- 2024 board meeting. It's been
9 moved by Mr. Jackson and seconded my
10 Ms. Becnel.

11 Is there any discussion?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

14 Any opposition?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

17 Hearing none, that motion carries.

18 Now, we'll move on to item four on
19 our agenda, our revenue reports.

20 Ms. Jackson, good morning.

21 MS. JACKSON:

22 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and
23 Board Members. My name is Donna
24 Jackson with Louisiana State Police,
25 Gaming Audit Section.

1 In November, the 14 operating
2 riverboats generated Adjusted Gross
3 Receipts of \$151,791,856. The state
4 collected fees totaling \$32,635,249.

5 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
6 year 24- 25 to date are 701 million
7 dollars, an increase of 5.7 million
8 dollars or one percent from fiscal year
9 23- 24.

10 As of November 30th, 2024, the
11 state collected 150.7 million dollars
12 in fees for fiscal year 24- 25.

13 Page two shows the riverboat
14 revenue broken down by regional market.
15 The overall increase from October was
16 approximately 17.6 million dollars or
17 13 percent. Compared to last November,
18 this month's revenues represent an
19 increase of 11 million dollars or eight
20 percent.

21 As information, this November's
22 calendar had one additional Friday and
23 Saturday than last month and November
24 2023.

25 Next is a summary of the November

1 2024 gaming activity for Caesars New
2 Orleans, found on Page three. Caesars
3 generated \$26,705,464 in gross gaming
4 revenue. These revenues represent an
5 increase from last month of 4.5 million
6 dollars or 20.4 percent and an increase
7 of 5.9 million dollars or 28.5 percent
8 from the same month last year. During
9 November, the state received \$5,342,466
10 in minimum daily payments.

11 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
12 year 24- 25 to date are approximately
13 101.6 million dollars, an increase of
14 five percent from fiscal year 23- 24.
15 As of November 30th, the state
16 collected 27.2 million dollars in fees
17 for fiscal year
18 24- 25.

19 Next, I will present the revenues
20 for Slots at the Racetracks. During
21 November, the four racetrack facilities
22 combined generated Adjusted Gross
23 Receipts of \$26,501,828, an increase of
24 2.3 million dollars or 9.5 percent from
25 the previous month, an increase of 2.7

1 million dollars or 11.4 percent when
2 compared to the same month last year.
3 During November, the state collected
4 four million dollars in state fees.

5 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
6 year 24- 25 to date are 126.4 million
7 dollars, a two percent increase from
8 fiscal year 23- 24. As of November
9 30th, the state has collected 19
10 million dollars in fees for fiscal year
11 24- 25.

12 I will now move to the Video
13 Gaming information.

14 There are 11,888 video gaming
15 devices activated at 1,388 locations.
16 Net Device Revenue for November 2024
17 was \$62,748,981, a slight decrease of
18 .7 percent when compared to October
19 2024, but an increase of 2.5 million
20 dollars or 4.2 percent when compared to
21 last November. Total Franchise Fees
22 for November totaled 19 million
23 dollars.

24 Fiscal year to date Net Device
25 Revenue is 305.5 million dollars, an

1 increase of 2.7 million dollars or .9
2 percent when compared to last fiscal
3 year.

4 As of November 30th, the state has
5 collected 92.7 million dollars in
6 franchise fees for fiscal year 24- 25.

7 Next, I will present the November
8 revenue for sportsbook. During
9 November, the retail sportsbooks
10 accepted approximately 32.6 million
11 dollars in sports wagers, resulting in
12 net proceeds of 4.2 million dollars and
13 \$356,000 in state taxes. The mobile
14 sportsbooks accepted 380.8 million
15 dollars in sports wagers, resulting in
16 net proceeds of 52 million dollars and
17 7.8 million dollars in taxes paid to
18 the state.

19 Finally, for Daily Fantasy Sports,
20 gross revenues for November were over
21 1.7 million dollars, with net revenue
22 of \$212,000 and taxes of \$17,000.

23 Are there any questions?

24 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

25 Board Members, are there -- Board

1 Members, are there any questions for
2 Ms. Jackson?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

5 I see none. Thank you, Ms.
6 Jackson.

7 Okay. Board Members, it's my
8 understanding that Mr. Bullard with AVS
9 is running a little behind getting here
10 and he is set for testimony on items A,
11 B and C under Casino Gaming Issues, so
12 we are going to take our matters a
13 little bit out of order this morning.
14 We're going to start with item D under
15 Casino Gaming Issues, which is a
16 Consideration of the Joint Petition for
17 Modification of Legal Description for
18 Bossier Casino Venture, LLC, doing
19 business as Margaritaville Bossier
20 City. With us this morning is Dan Ihm,
21 Vice-President and General Manager of
22 Margaritaville, and Attorney Patrick
23 Willis, who will present this request
24 on behalf of the Licensee.

25 Good morning, gentlemen. Please

1 identify yourselves for the record.

2 MR. IHM:

3 Yes. Good morning, Chairman. My
4 name is Dan Ihm.

5 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

6 I'm sorry, Mr. Ihm, just a
7 second.

8 MR. IHM:

9 Yeah. Got it?

10 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

11 Yes.

12 MR. IHM:

13 My name is Dan Ihm, Senior
14 Vice-President, General Manager for
15 Margaritaville.

16 MR. WILLIS:

17 Patrick Willis, Baker Donelson,
18 here on behalf of Margaritaville and
19 VICI.

20 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

21 Okay. The floor is yours.

22 MR. IHM:

23 Thank you. Thank you, Chairman.
24 So good morning, Board. Good morning,
25 Chairman. So we're here today to

1 request the Board's approval to modify
2 our legal description a Margaritaville
3 property description releasing a
4 portion of undeveloped land back to the
5 City of Bossier.

6 So the City of Bossier requested
7 that we release the land as really for
8 an economic development. It's to
9 facilitate a golf and an entertainment
10 destination, which is adjacent to
11 Margaritaville's parking lot, next to
12 the property. So Margaritaville has no
13 plans to develop that land at this
14 time, but we are very happy to be good
15 partners and help support Bossier City
16 bringing economic development to the
17 area, and we're very hopeful that
18 bringing some of that economic
19 development will really help build some
20 visitation to the property.

21 So with that, I also want to just
22 thank you Chairman and the Board for
23 your consideration and your collective
24 efforts in considering our petition.
25 And with that, I can just open up if

1 you have any questions for Patrick or
2 myself.

3 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

4 Any questions, Board Members for
5 Mr. Ihm or Mr. Willis?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

8 The Attorney General's Office, I
9 think, does have a --

10 MS. GITS:

11 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and
12 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney
13 General, Cathryn Gits.

14 We have reviewed the licensee's
15 petition requesting approval to amend
16 it's property description by removing
17 7.3 acres from the 29.3 acres it
18 currently leases. If the request is
19 approved, the lease agreement will
20 reflect the reduction by removing
21 tracts 1, 2A, 2B and 3 from the
22 property description. This is not a
23 legal question, as the law does not
24 require a licensee to lease a certain
25 amount of acreage to operate it's

1 gaming license. The licensee does not
2 currently use, nor have they ever used
3 the 7.3 acres for any purpose.

4 If it is the Board's pleasure to
5 approve the request, a resolution has
6 been prepared for adoption and the
7 Chairman's signature. The approval is
8 subject to and conditioned upon the
9 execution of the acknowledgment and
10 acceptance of the licensee statement of
11 conditions, which must be updated to
12 reflect the amendments.

13 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

14 Board Members, any questions for
15 the Attorney General's Office?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

18 If not, I'll entertain a Motion to
19 Adopt the Resolution. That motion has
20 made.

21 MR. JACKSON:

22 Second.

23 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

24 It's -- okay. And seconded by Mr.
25 Jackson.

1 At this point, Ms. Landry, would
2 you please read the resolution into the
3 record.

4 MS. LANDRY:

5 On the 19th day of December, 2024,
6 the Louisiana Gaming Control Board did,
7 in a duly noticed public meeting,
8 consider the Joint Petition for
9 Modification of Legal Description filed
10 by Bossier Casino Venture, LLC, doing
11 business as Margaritaville Bossier
12 City, PENN Entertainment, Inc.,
13 Margaritaville Propco, LLC, and VICI
14 Properties, Inc., and upon motion duly
15 made and seconded, the Board adopted
16 this Resolution:

17 Whereas, the Licensee's real
18 estate assets are owned by VICI through
19 a real estate investment trust and are
20 leased back to the Licensee through a
21 Master Lease agreement and a sublease
22 agreement; and

23 Whereas, PENN, the Licensee's
24 parent company, and VICI are subject to
25 certain REIT Conditions, which require

1 the parties to report any amendments to
2 the Master Lease or related agreements
3 to the Board within 30 days before the
4 amendment would become effective; and

5 Whereas, on November 7th, 2024,
6 the parties notified the Board of their
7 intent to execute a modification of the
8 Licensee's legal property description
9 contained in the Master Lease and
10 sublease to reflect a reduction of 7.3
11 acres from the total amount of the
12 Licensee's leased property; and

13 Whereas, any changes or
14 modifications to the legal description
15 of the Licensee's property in
16 accordance with Condition No. 5 of the
17 Licensee's Statement of Conditions to
18 its Riverboat Gaming License requires
19 prior Board approval.

20 Now, therefore, be it resolved
21 that the Licensee's request for
22 approval to modify its legal property
23 description contained in the Master
24 Lease and sublease, is hereby approved.

25 Be it further resolved that the

1 modification of the legal property
2 description contained in Attachment A
3 of the Licensee's Statement of
4 Conditions as presented to the Board on
5 the date of this Resolution is hereby
6 approved.

7 Be it further resolved that the
8 approvals granted in this Resolution
9 are subject to and conditioned upon the
10 execution of the Acknowledgment and
11 Acceptance of the Licensee's Statement
12 of Conditions, which have been updated
13 to reflect the amendments contained
14 herein.

15 Thus done and signed in Baton
16 Rouge, Louisiana on this 19th day of
17 December, 2024.

18 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

19 Let the record also reflect that
20 it was Mr. Langley that made the
21 motion.

22 Okay. All right. Ms. Hernandez,
23 would you please call the roll?

24 MS. HERNANDEZ:

25 Ms. Becnel?

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MS. BECNEL:
Yes.
MS. HERNANDEZ:
Mr. Jackson?
MR. JACKSON:
Yes.
MS. HERNANDEZ:
Mr. Langley?
MR. LANGLEY:
Yes.
MS. HERNANDEZ:
Ms. Lewis?
MS. LEWIS:
Yes.
MS. HERNANDEZ:
Ms. Hamilton-Acker?
MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:
Yes.
MS. HERNANDEZ:
Mr. Sholes.
MR. SHOLES:
Yes.
MS. HERNANDEZ:
Ms. Traylor?
MS. TRAYLOR:

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Yes.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

And Chairman Hebert.

CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

Yes. And that motion carries.

Thank you gentlemen.

MR. IHM:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

Happy holidays.

MR. IHM:

Yeah. You too.

CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

And at this time, we will move on to item E under Casino Gaming Issues, which is a Consideration of Petition and to Approve the Sale of the Vessel of Catfish Queen, LLC, doing business as the Belle of Baton Rouge.

MR. BARBIN:

Good morning, Chairman Hebert and Board Members.

CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

Good morning.

MR. BARBIN:

1 I'm Jeff Barbin, representing
2 Catfish Queen, the owner of the Belle
3 of Baton Rouge Casino.

4 You might recall, we've been back
5 in front of you several times in the
6 last six months or so. This is a
7 technical approval that we're seeking
8 today to be able to sell the Vessel
9 that's left.

10 You'll recall that at the Belle of
11 Baton Rouge, we're constructing a
12 permanent facility, casino facility.
13 In October, the Board approved the
14 temporary facility, so all the gaming
15 operations have ceased on the Vessel
16 and they're now happening at the
17 temporary facility.

18 We're seeking to sell the boat,
19 preferably by the end of the year, just
20 to get it moved away from the facility.
21 It's going to be sold to a scrap metal
22 dealer. And we just need a technical
23 approval to -- to be able to sell that
24 -- that boat.

25 And I apologize. I'm joined today

1 by Stacy Stagg, who is the VP of
2 operations of Queen Entertainment. And
3 we're happy to answer any questions you
4 all have.

5 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

6 Board Members, any questions from
7 -- or for the property?

8 MR. SHOLES:

9 Am I correct that that's where
10 Viking uses that boat to get access?

11 MS. STAGG:

12 We do that at the Queen dock,
13 yeah, currently.

14 MR. SHOLES:

15 Okay.

16 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

17 Okay. It's my understanding that
18 the AG's office has reviewed this
19 matter.

20 MR. LEWIS:

21 Good morning, Chairman, Board
22 Members. I'm Assistant Attorney
23 General Kanick Lewis, Jr., and yes, the
24 AG's office did have a chance to review
25 it and we found nothing to preclude the

1 Licensee from selling the vessel and
2 the Board's approval. However, we want
3 to make note that the Licensee is
4 required to have security personnel
5 remain on the premises surrounding the
6 vessel until it is removed. After the
7 removal, the Licensee will be relieved
8 of the roving security requirement.

9 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

10 Okay. Any questions, Board
11 Members, for the Attorney General's
12 Office?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

15 If not, I will entertain the
16 Motion to Adopt the Resolution. Motion
17 by Ms. Lewis. Seconded by Ms. Traylor.

18 At this time, Ms. Landry, would
19 you please read the Resolution into the
20 record.

21 MS. LANDRY:

22 On the 19th day of December 2024,
23 the Louisiana Gaming Control Board did,
24 in a duly noticed public meeting,
25 consider the Petition to Approve Sale

1 of Vessel filed by Catfish Queen, LLC,
2 doing business as Belle of Baton Rouge
3 Casino, and upon motion duly made and
4 seconded, the Board adopted this
5 Resolution:

6 Whereas, on September 15th, 2022,
7 the Board previously approved the
8 Licensee's request to relocate it's
9 gaming operations to a newly
10 constructed landside facility to be
11 included as a part of the Approved
12 Project; and

13 Whereas, on January 18th, 2024,
14 the Board previously approved the
15 Licensee's request to no longer operate
16 on it's vessel and to construct and
17 operate a temporary landside facility
18 casino during the pendency of
19 construction of the permanent landside
20 facility; and

21 Whereas, on October 19th, 2024,
22 the Board previously approved the
23 Licensee's request to commence gaming
24 operations in it's temporary landside
25 facility casino and cease all gaming

1 operations upon it's vessel; and
2 Whereas, on November 27th, 2024,
3 the Board approved the Licensee's
4 request to suspend all requirements for
5 it's vessels' Certificate of Compliance
6 issued on July 18th, 2024, including,
7 but not limited to, removing all
8 requirements for manning for its
9 shuttered vessel with marine personnel.

10 Now, therefore, be it resolved,
11 that the Licensee's request to sell
12 its vessel is hereby approved.

13 Be it further resolved that the
14 Licensee must continue to provide a
15 dedicated security guard for purposes
16 of securing the area surrounding the
17 vessel until the vessel is removed,
18 after-which, the Licensee will
19 automatically be relieved of the roving
20 vessel security guard requirement.

21 Thus done and signed in Baton
22 Rouge, Louisiana on this 19th day of
23 December 2024.

24 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

25 Ms. Hernandez, would you please

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call the roll?
MS. HERNANDEZ:
 Ms. Becnel?
MS. BECNEL:
 Yes.
MS. HERNANDEZ:
 Mr. Jackson?
MR. JACKSON:
 Yes.
MS. HERNANDEZ:
 Mr. Langley?
MR. LANGLEY:
 Yes.
MS. HERNANDEZ:
 Ms. Lewis?
MS. LEWIS:
 Yes.
MS. HERNANDEZ:
 Ms. Hamilton-Acker?
MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:
 Yes.
MS. HERNANDEZ:
 Mr. Sholes.
MR. SHOLES:
 Yes.

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MS. HERNANDEZ:

Ms. Traylor?

MS. TRAYLOR:

Yes.

MS. HERNANDEZ:

Chairman Hebert.

CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

Yes. And that motion carries.

Thank you. Happy holidays.

MR. BARBIN:

Thank you.

MS. STAGG:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

Okay. I see that Mr. Bullard has arrived, so we will turn to the beginning of our Casino Gaming Issues item A, which is a Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Gaming Inspection of the gaming vessel for Red River Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC, doing business as Sam's Town Hotel and Casino.

Good morning. Identify yourselves

1 for the record.

2 MR. BULLARD:

3 Good morning, Chairman. First of
4 all, sorry for being late.

5 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

6 Welcome to Louisiana traffic, Mr.
7 Bullard.

8 MR. LEWIS:

9 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and
10 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney
11 General Kanick Lewis, Jr. and with us
12 is Mr. Pete Bullard of AVS. We are
13 here to discuss the issuance of Sam
14 Town -- Sam's Town Casino Certificate
15 of Compliance.

16 On September 25th, the inspection
17 process began for the annual
18 certificate approval. Two deficiencies
19 were noted, prompting a followup
20 inspection in November. We request
21 that upon the Board accepting the
22 report submitted by AVS, you will move
23 for the issuance of Sam's Towns
24 Certificate of Compliance, which will
25 expire on December 31st of 2025.

1 Mr. Bullard will now provide
2 details on the inspection.

3 MR. BULLARD:

4 Good morning, Chairman Hebert --
5 Hebert and the Board Members. I'm Pete
6 Bullard with AVS. I'm here to report
7 on the annual certification for the
8 Sam's Town Casino in Shreveport,
9 Louisiana.

10 The AVS inspector, Billy Taylor
11 and I, did on September 25th, 2024,
12 attend the riverboat, Shreve Star, to
13 conduct the annual inspection in
14 accordance with the Louisiana alternate
15 inspection program. We reviewed fire
16 protection measures, egress routes,
17 observed emergency lighting, tested
18 emergency generator, inspected the
19 mooring system and conducted a fire
20 drill, as well as other required life
21 safety -- safety items. The
22 deficiencies, I noted on Page 6 of your
23 annual report, dated September 28th,
24 2024.

25 The property provided

1 documentation as well as AVS provided a
2 supplemental survey report, dated
3 November 8th, 2024 to verify the
4 deficiencies for the annual had been
5 completed.

6 A supplemental survey was provided
7 to the Board on November 9th, 2024,
8 indicating all deficiencies have been
9 satisfied and are now considered
10 closed. The satisfied deficiencies can
11 be found on Page 2 of the supplemental
12 survey, dated November 8th, 2024.

13 The 2024 annual survey as required
14 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board
15 is now complete and casino vessel,
16 Shreve Star, is considered fit to
17 continue it's intended service as a
18 dockside gaming vessel in the State of
19 Louisiana.

20 It is the recommendation of AVS
21 that the Sam's Town Casino be issued a
22 Certificate of Compliance for 2024.

23 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

24 Board Members, are there any
25 questions for Mr. Lewis or Mr. Bullard?

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(No response.)

CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

 If not, I will entertain a Motion to issue an annual Certificate of Compliance, which expires December 31st, 2025.

MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:

 So moved.

CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

 Moved by Ms. Hamilton-Acker.

 Can I get a second?

MR. JACKSON:

 Second.

CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

 Seconded by Mr. Jackson.

 Is there any discussion?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

 Any opposition?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

 Hearing none, that motion carries.

 Moving on to item B under Casino Gaming Issues, which is the Consideration of Certificate of

1 Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat
2 Gaming Inspection. The gaming vessel
3 for Premier Entertainment Shreveport,
4 LLC, doing business as Bally's
5 Shreveport Casino and Hotel.

6 MR. LEWIS:

7 Good morning again, Chairman
8 Hebert and Board Members. I'm
9 Assistant Attorney General Kanick
10 Lewis, Jr. With me is Mr. Pete Bullard
11 of AVS. We are here to discuss the
12 issuance of Bally's Certificate of
13 Compliance.

14 On November 6th, the inspection
15 process began for the annual
16 certificate approval. One deficiency
17 was noted prompting a followup in
18 December. We requested up on the Board
19 accepting the reports made by AVS, you
20 will move for the issuance of Bally's
21 Certificate of Compliance, which will
22 expire on December 31st, 2025.

23 Mr. Bullard will now provide
24 details on the inspection.

25 MR. BULLARD:

1 Good morning again, Chairman
2 Hebert -- Chairman Hebert and Board
3 Members. I'm Pete Bullard with
4 American Vessel Services and here to
5 report on the annual certification of
6 Bally's Casino Shreveport.

7 The inspector, Billy Taylor and I,
8 did on November 6th, 2024 attend the
9 riverboat, Hollywood Dreams, to conduct
10 the annual inspection in accordance
11 with the Louisiana alternate inspection
12 program. We reviewed fire protection
13 measures, egress routes, observed
14 emergency lighting, tested the
15 emergency generator, inspected the
16 mooring system and conducted a fire
17 drill, as well as other required life
18 safety systems. The deficiencies are
19 noted on Page 6 of the AVS -- of the
20 annual report, dated November 11th,
21 2024.

22 The property provided
23 documentation, as well as AVS provided
24 a supplemental survey, dated December
25 6th, 2024, to verify the deficiencies

1 of the annual survey had been
2 completed. A supplemental survey was
3 provided to the Board on December 6th,
4 2024, indicating all deficiencies had
5 been satisfied and are now considered
6 closed. The satisfied deficiencies can
7 be found on Page 2 of the supplemental
8 dated December 6th, 2024.

9 The 2024 annual survey as required
10 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board
11 is now complete and the casino vessel,
12 Hollywood Dreams, is considered fit to
13 continuing service as a dockside gaming
14 riverboat in the State of Louisiana.

15 It is the recommendation that AVS
16 that the vessel, Hollywood Dreams, at
17 the Bally's Shreveport Casino be issued
18 a Certificate of Compliance for 2024.

19 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

20 Okay. Any questions, Board
21 Members for Mr. Lewis or Mr. Bullard?

22 (No response.)

23 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

24 If not, I'll entertain a Motion to
25 issue an annual Certificate of

1 Compliance, which expires December
2 31st, 2025. That motion is made by Ms.
3 Becnel.

4 MR. JACKSON:

5 Second.

6 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

7 Seconded by Mr. Jackson.

8 Any discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

11 Any opposition?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

14 Hearing none, that motion carries.

15 And now, we'll move on to our
16 final item under Casino Gaming Issues,
17 which is a Consideration of a
18 Certificate of Compliance from the
19 Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the
20 gaming vessel of PNK Bossier City LLC,
21 doing business as Boomtown Bossier
22 City.

23 MR. LEWIS:

24 Chairman Hebert and Board Members,
25 I'm Assistant Attorney General, Kanick

1 Lewis, Jr. And with me is Mr. Pete
2 Bullard of AVS. We are here to discuss
3 the issuance of Boomtown Bossier City
4 Certificate of Compliance.

5 On September 11th, the inspection
6 process began for the annual
7 certificate approval. Two deficiencies
8 were noted, prompting a followup
9 inspection in December. We requested
10 upon the Board accepting the report
11 submitted by AVS, we would move for the
12 issuance of Boomtown Bossier City
13 Certificate of Compliance, which
14 expires on December 31st, 2025.

15 Mr. Bullard will now provide
16 details on the inspection.

17 MR. BULLARD:

18 Good morning again, Chairman
19 Hebert and the Board Members. I'm Pete
20 Bullard with American Vessel Services
21 and here to report on the annual
22 certification of the Mary's Prize
23 Casino, the vessel, at the Boomtown
24 Bossier Casino.

25 The inspector, Billy Taylor and I,

1 did on September 11th, 2024 attend the
2 riverboat, Mary's Prize, to conduct the
3 annual inspection in accordance with
4 the Louisiana alternative inspection
5 program. We reviewed fire protection
6 measures, egress routes, observed
7 emergency lighting, tested the
8 emergency generator, inspected the
9 mooring system and conducted a fire
10 drill, as well as other required safety
11 items. The deficiencies are noted on
12 Page 7 of the annual report, dated
13 September 13th, 2024.

14 The property provided
15 documentation as well as AVS provided a
16 supplement, dated December 6th, 2024 to
17 verify that the deficiencies of the
18 annual had been completed. A
19 supplemental survey was provided to the
20 Board on December 5th, 2024 that
21 indicates all deficiencies have been
22 satisfied and are now considered
23 closed. The satisfied deficiencies can
24 be found on Page 2 of the supplemental
25 survey, dated December 5th, 2024.

1 The 2024 annual survey as required
2 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board
3 is now complete and the casino vessel
4 Mary's Prize is considered fit to
5 continue it's intended service as a
6 dockside gaming riverboat in the State
7 of Louisiana.

8 It is the recommendation of AVS
9 that the Mary's Prize at the Boomtown
10 Casino of Bossier be issued the
11 Certificate of Compliance for 2024.

12 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

13 Okay. Any questions, Board
14 Members, for Mr. Lewis or Mr. Bullard
15 on this item?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

18 If not, I'll entertain a Motion to
19 issue an annual Certificate of
20 Compliance, which expires on December
21 31st, 2025.

22 Motion made by Ms. Becnel.

23 Seconded by Mr. Langley.

24 Is there any discussion?

25 (No response.)

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CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

Any opposition?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

Hearing none, that motion carries.

Thank you, Mr. Bullard. Safe travels to you and happy holidays.

MR. BULLARD:

Thank you. Thanks everybody.

CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

Ladies and Gentlemen, that concludes our agenda for the day. I would ask for a Motion to Adjourn.

MR. JACKSON:

So moved.

CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

Made by Mr. Jackson. Seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker.

All in favor?

(All indicated aye.)

CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

No opposition, I'm sure.

We are adjourned. Thank you everybody and I'd like to wish you, on behalf of the Board, a happy holiday

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THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 10:28 A.M.

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