

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of May 18, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board was convened on Monday, May 18, 2020, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom video teleconference. Present at the meeting were: Ronnie Jones, Chairman, James Singleton, Elton Lagasse, Claude Jackson, Lamar Poole and Julie Lewis. After the roll was called, Harry Avant, Julie Berry and Mark Stipe were noted to be in attendance. Absent were ex-officio members, Secretary Kimberly Robinson and Colonel Kevin Reeves.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order. It was moved by Mr. Poole to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the April meeting. That motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and unanimously approved by the Board. It was moved by Mr. Stipe to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the February 20, 2020, meeting. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

Donna Jackson, State Police Gaming Audit Section, provided revenue reports for riverboats, slots at the track, landbased casino, video poker and employee numbers for the landbased casino. The reports were for only sixteen days of the month of March due to the COVID-19 healthcare pandemic.

The Board considered its contracts with the Administrative Hearing Officer and Court Reporter. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Singleton to approve the contracts for the Hearing Officer and Court Reporter for the FY 2020-2021. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

The next item on the agenda was the transfer of interest in LTSKC, Inc. d/b/a Fat Tuesday's Casino, No. 2400513932. After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Lewis to approve the transfer of interest. That motion was seconded by Mr. Poole and, hearing no objection, the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the transfer of interest in Grand's Palace Casino, LLC d/b/a Kenner Airport Casino, No. 2605515782. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Lagasse to approve the transfer of interest. That motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and, hearing no objection, the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the transfer of interest in Fifth Wheel Plaza, Inc. d/b/a Royal Palace, No. 1002507479. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Lagasse to approve the transfer of interest. That motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and, hearing no objection, the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of Penn National Gaming, Inc.'s Online Responsible and Problem Gaming Program for the following Louisiana properties:

1. *Bossier Casino Venture, LLC d/b/a Margaritaville Resort Casino – No. R011000841*
2. *Louisiana I Gaming, L.P. d/b/a Boomtown New Orleans – No. R012600196*
3. *PNK (Bossier City), LLC d/b/a Boomtown Bossier City – No. R016500701*

4. *PNK (Baton Rouge) Partnership d/b/a L'Auberge Casino & Hotel Baton Rouge – No. R011000801*
5. *PNK (Lake Charles), LLC d/b/a L'Auberge Lake Charles – No. R011001707*

After presentation by Suzanne Bourgeois, Assistant Attorney General, Gaming Division, it was moved by Mr. Stipe to approve the Online Responsible and Problem Gaming Programs. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lagasse and, hearing no objection, the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of PNK (Lake Charles), LLC d/b/a L'Auberge Lake Charles, No. R011001707. After presentation by Jeremy Gathe, Assistant Attorney General, Gaming Division, and John Francic, ABSG, and upon recommendation by ABSG, it was moved by Mr. Poole, to approve the Certificate of Compliance. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lagasse and, hearing no objection, unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Catfish Queen Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge, No. R011700009. After presentation by Alonna Murray, Assistant Attorney General, Gaming Division, and John Francic, ABSG, and upon recommendation by ABSG, it was moved by Mr. Lagasse, to approve the Certificate of Compliance. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and, hearing no objection, unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Treasure Chest Casino, LLC d/b/a Treasure Chest Casino, No. R012600098. After presentation by Charlie Picou, Assistant Attorney General, Gaming Division, and John Francic, ABSG, and upon recommendation by ABSG, it was moved by Mr. Singleton, to approve the Certificate of Compliance. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lagasse and, hearing no objection, unanimously approved by the Board.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of debt transaction of Landry's Finance Acquisition Company, affiliate of Golden Nugget Lake Charles, LLC, No. R01652995. After presentations by Charmaine Moore, Assistant Attorney General, Gaming Division, and Jeff Traylor, Director of the Louisiana State Police ("LSP"), Gaming Audit Section, it was moved by Mr. Stipe to approve the debt transaction. That motion was seconded by Mr. Poole and, hearing no objection, unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the renewal application for the riverboat gaming license of Catfish Queen Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge, No. R011700009. Presentations were given by Alonna Murray, Assistant Attorney General, Gaming Division, Patricia Bell, LSP, Gaming Audit and Sgt. Vincent Lenguyen of LSP, Gaming Enforcement Division. Barron Fuller, Senior Vice-President of Operations for the Southern Region, addressed the Board regarding future enhancements and renovations that will be made to the property. After discussion, it was then moved by Mr. Poole to adopt the resolution approving the five-year renewal of the license. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the renewal application for the riverboat gaming license of Louisiana Casino Cruises, Inc. d/b/a Hollywood Casino Baton Rouge, No. R011700193. After presentations

by Jeremy Gathe, Assistant Attorney General, Gaming Division, Trnessa Ware, Gaming Audit and Sgt. Vincent Lenguyen of LSP, Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Mr. Lagasse to adopt the resolution approving the five-year renewal of the license. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the following settlements:

1. **In Re: Empress of China, Inc. d/b/a Empress of China – No. 2601216452** – Motion by Mr. Jackson to approve the \$750.00 penalty for licensee’s failure to timely submit the required annual renewal forms and fee. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **In Re: A.N. Collette Oil Co., Inc. d/b/a Grand Bayou Casino – No. 2401508817** - Motion by Mr. Jackson to approve the \$5,000.00 penalty for licensee’s failure to timely notify the Division of operating its game room for approximately eighteen (18) hours without an operational restaurant, convenience store, and fuel facility. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

The meeting was adjourned.