

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 1996 MEETING

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board held a meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 1996, 10:00 a.m., at the Louisiana State Capitol, Committee Room No. 6, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In attendance were Board members Hillary J. Crain, Chairman; General Sherian Cadoria, Mr. Robert Fleming, Mr. Ecotry Fuller, Mr. Ralph Perlman, ex-officio members John N. Kennedy, Secretary of the Department of Revenue and Taxation and Col. W. R. "Rut" Whittington, Deputy Secretary, Department of Public Safety & Corrections.

Chairman Crain called the meeting to order and began by discussing the petition for modification of the Queen of New Orleans at the Hilton, a joint venture. Jim Smith, counsel for Queen of New Orleans at the Hilton, came before the Board to request permission to relocate the Flamingo vessel from its New Orleans berth site on the Mississippi River to a berth site on Red River at Shreveport adjacent to Harrah's present vessel. Hilton made their presentation in favor of the petition for modification to the Board members.

Bo Williams, Mayor of Shreveport, spoke to the Board in favor of the project. Mr. Eugene Green, director of the Division of Economic Development of the City of New Orleans, came before the Board representing the Mayor of the City of New Orleans in opposition to the project.

Mr. Kennedy inquired about the economic impact the project will have. Mr. Ritvo of Urban Systems responded that it would generate an increased impact in taxes of approximately \$6 million.

The Board adjourned for lunch and returned to discuss Horseshoe's request to build a riverboat at the Horseshoe berth in Bossier City and substitute the new riverboat for the current riverboat. Paul Alanis, President of Horseshoe Gaming, made the formal presentation in favor of the project.

Mr. Fuller moved to suspend the rules and take a vote. Mr. Fleming seconded this motion. There was a unanimous vote to suspend the rules.

Mr. Fuller moved to approve the project. General Cadoria seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote to approve the project.

The Board went on to hear the presentations for the 15th riverboat, accepting public comments after each applicant's presentation.