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1:1 LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD MEETING

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6 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021

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9 VIA ZOOM VIDEO TELECONFERENCE

10 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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14 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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1 APPEARANCES

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3 CHAIRMAN MIKE NOEL

Chairman

4 Second Congressional District

June 30, 2025

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6 JULIE BERRY

(CPA)

7 Third Congressional District

June 30, 2024

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9 ELTON LAGASSE

(At-Large)

10 First Congressional District

June 30, 2021

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12 HARRY AVANT (Not Present During Roll Call)

(At-Large)

13 Fourth Congressional District

June 30, 2024

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15 CLAUDE D. JACKSON

(At Large)

16 Fourth Congressional District

June 30, 2021

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18 O. LAMAR POOLE, JR.

(Economic/Community Planner)

19 Sixth Congressional District

June 30, 2025

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21 JULIE A. LEWIS

(Investigative and Law Enforcement)

22 Fifth Congressional District

June 30, 2024

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1 APPEARANCES CONTINUED

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3 FRANCESCA HAMILTON-ACKER (Not Present During Roll

Call)

4 (Attorney)

Third Congressional District

5 June 30, 2026

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7 PAUL T. WEST

(Public-Business Administration)

8 Second Congressional District

June 30, 2026

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10 NATALIE THURMAN

Principal Assistant

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12 TRUDY M. SMITH

Confidential Assistant

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14 MAJOR CHUCK MCNEAL

Louisiana State Police

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16 SECRETARY KIMBERLY ROBINSON

Louisiana Department of Revenue

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19 REPORTED BY:

20 SHELLEY G. PAROLA, CSR, RPR

Baton Rouge Court Reporters

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

2 CHAIRMAN NOEL: All right, good
3 morning everyone. We will go ahead and
4 get the meeting started and -- and call
5 the meeting to order. Before we call
6 the roll, I do want to read the
7 certification that we are conducting
8 this February board meeting in
9 accordance with the Executive
10 Proclamations issued by Governor
11 Edwards, and I want to certify that the
12 Louisiana Gaming Control Board's
13 inability to otherwise operate in
14 accordance with the Louisiana Open
15 Meetings Law as a result the COVID-19
16 public health emergency, pursuant to
17 Section 4 of JBE 2020-30 and relevant

18 proclamations issu.
19 Ed hereafter.
20 So having covered that, we'll go
21 ahead and, Miss Thurman, can you call
22 the roll.

23 MS. THURMAN: Chairman Noel?

24 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Here.

25 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Avant? [No

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1 response.]

2 Miss Berry?

3 MS. BERRY: Here.

4 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Jackson?

5 MR. JACKSON: Here.

6 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Lagasse?

7 MR. LAGASSE: Here.

8 MS. THURMAN: Miss Lewis?

9 MS. LEWIS: Here.

10 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Poole?

11 MR. POOLE: Here.

12 MS. THURMAN: Miss Hamilton-Acker?

13 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER: [No response.]

14 Mr. West? [No response.]

15 Colonel Davis?

16 MAJOR MCNEAL: Major McNeal for

17 Colonel Davis.

18 MS. THURMAN: And Secretary

19 Robinson?

20 SECRETARY ROBINSON: Here.

21 MS. THURMAN: We have a quorum.
22 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Thank you, and we'll
23 keep a lookout for other Board Members
24 joining us. I thought Mr. Avant was on,
25 but I don't see him.

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1 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

2 CHAIRMAN NOEL: So, all right, I'll
3 go ahead and ask if there's any Public
4 Comment on any matters before the Board
5 today. Do we have any public comment?
6 [No response.]

7 III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Okay. Hearing none
9 we'll -- we'll go ahead and move to the
10 next agenda item which is Approval of
11 Minutes, and I would ask for a motion to
12 waive reading and approve the minutes of
13 the January 2021 meeting.

14 MS. BERRY: So moved.

15 MR. LAGASSE: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Second by
17 Mr. Lagasse.

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

19 Any opposed? No opposition. The
20 motion carries.

21 And I do see Mr. Harry Avant on the
22 call. Thank you.

23 IV. REVENUE REPORTS

24 CHAIRMAN NOEL: All right, so let's
25 move on to our customary Revenue

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1 Reports. I believe, Ms. Jackson, is it
2 your turn today?

3 MS. JACKSON: Yes, sir. Good
4 morning, Chairman Noel and Board
5 Members. My name is Donna Jackson with
6 Louisiana State Police Gaming
7 Enforcement Division. Gaming licensees
8 continue to operate subject to COVID-19
9 restrictions.

10 During January, the 13 operating
11 riverboats generated Adjusted Gross
12 Receipts of \$132,566,676. This total
13 represents an increase of \$10.7 million
14 or 8.7 percent from December 2020, but
15 is a decrease of over \$11.4 million or
16 8 percent from last January.

17 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
18 year 2021 to date are \$829 million, a
19 decrease of 20 percent from fiscal year
20 2020.

21 During January, the State collected
22 fees totaling \$28.5 million in fees. As
23 of January 31st, 2021, the state
24 collected \$178 million in fees for
25 fiscal year to 2021.

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1 Next is a summary of the
2 January 2021 gaming activity for
3 Harrah's New Orleans. Harrah's
4 generated \$14,851,851 in gross gaming
5 revenue during January. These revenues
6 represent a decrease from December of
7 \$1.7 million or 10 percent, and a
8 decrease of \$9.6 million or 39 percent
9 from last January.

10 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
11 year 2021 to date are \$98.6 million, a
12 decrease of \$69 million or 41 percent
13 from fiscal year 2020.

14 During January, the State received
15 \$5,095,890 in minimal daily payments.
16 As of January 31st, 2020, the State
17 collected approximately \$35 million in
18 fees for fiscal year 2021.

19 Next I'll present the revenues for
20 Slots at the Racetracks. During
21 January, the four racetrack facilities
22 combined generated Adjusted Gross
23 Receipts of \$27,135,312, an increase of
24 \$3.7 million or 15.7 percent from last
25 month, but a decrease of 1.6 percent

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1 from last January.

2 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
3 year 2021 are approximately

4 \$165 million, a decrease of \$30.5
5 million or 16 percent from fiscal year
6 2020.

7 During January the State collected
8 \$4 million in fees. As of January 31st,
9 2021, the State has collected \$25
10 million in fees for fiscal year.

11 I'll now present the Video Gaming
12 information. There are currently 12,543
13 video gaming devices activated at 1,550
14 locations.

15 Net Device Revenue for January 2021
16 was \$61.3 million, an increase of \$6.8
17 million or 12 percent when compared to
18 December 2020, and an increase of \$9
19 million or 18 percent when compared to
20 January to 2020.

21 Net Device Revenue for fiscal year
22 2021 to date is \$394 million, an
23 increase of almost \$37 million or 10.3
24 percent when compared to fiscal year
25 2020, and a increase of \$3 million when

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1 compared to January 2020.

2 Total Franchise Fees collected
3 during January 2021 were \$18.6 million,
4 an increase of \$2 million compared to
5 December 2020, and an increase of
6 \$3 million when compared to

7 January 2020.
8 Total Franchise Fees collected for
9 fiscal year 2021 to date are \$120
10 million, an increase of \$13 million or
11 12 percent when compared to fiscal year.
12 2020.

13 Overall in January, all four types
14 of gaming combined generated
15 approximately \$236 million. Although
16 Riverboats, Landbased and Racetracks had
17 a combined decrease of \$21 million or
18 11 percent, Video Gaming had an increase
19 of 9 million for a net overall decrease
20 of \$12 million or 5 percent from last
21 January.

22 Questions?

23 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Okay, Miss Jackson.
24 Do we have any revenue questions from
25 the Board?

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1 MR. WEST: Mike.

2 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Yes, sir.

3 MR. WEST: [Inaudible] comparison
4 side chart for 2019 in the future in the
5 next months just to kind of -- you know
6 2020 was kind of a -- [inaudible].

7 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Yes, sir, we'll get
8 that together. In fact, I think some of
9 what we -- we have we'll make sure we

10 get it to you and -- and the rest of the
11 Board Members with some of those
12 comparisons in 2019.

13 MR. WEST: All right.

14 MS. JACKSON: Yes, sir.

15 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Thank you.

16 Before we move on to compliance, I
17 did want to -- while it doesn't affect,
18 obviously, January's numbers, it will
19 affect February numbers. I wanted State
20 Police -- I think Captain Bradley is
21 going to give us a -- a real quick
22 update on some of the closures we've had
23 over the past few days even including
24 today of some of the riverboat casinos
25 with this winter weather.

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1 So Captain Bradley.

2 CAPTAIN BRADLEY: Morning, Mr.
3 Chairman. My name is Captain Pat -- Pat
4 Bradley with State Police gaming.

5 Currently the L'Auberge Lake Charles
6 Casino and the Golden Nugget Casino in
7 Lake Charles are both closed, the
8 casinos and currently the hotels due
9 primarily because of the water pressure
10 in ruptured lines in -- in the area that
11 I think well -- well know of those
12 issues by now. Both casinos are

13 planning on moving in portable water
14 systems similar to the ones they used in
15 Hurricane Laura. The systems once in
16 place will support the fire suppression
17 systems, contain our floor operations,
18 restaurants, et cetera.

19 Both -- both casinos are hoping to
20 be open by later today or -- or by
21 latest by noon tomorrow, so they're both
22 looking to get back up, back up and
23 running by noon tomorrow on that.

24 The only other area of concern is
25 the Bossier -- Bossier/Shreveport field

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1 office area. Currently the Eldorado and
2 Sam's Town Casinos are closed due to
3 water pressure similar to the Lake
4 Charles situation; however, within the
5 last hour or so I've gotten word that
6 their -- their pressure is starting to
7 build up, and they're also hoping to be
8 back open by 1:00, 12 noon tomorrow as
9 well.

10 Boomtown in Bossier is closed as
11 well today but primarily just because of
12 the -- the weather conditions, and they
13 look to open up around 12:00 tomorrow as
14 well.

15 Our other field offices in New

16 Orleans, Breaux Bridge and Baton Rouge
17 are all operating at normal at this
18 time, sir.

19 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Thank you. And I do
20 believe some of the Baton Rouge
21 properties did close day before
22 yesterday because of the curfew in the
23 City of Baton Rouge, but that was just
24 for a limited number of hours.

25 CAPTAIN BRADLEY: Yes, sir, they

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1 did. They closed at 8:00 on Monday from
2 the local -- from -- from -- from the
3 curfew that was set locally, not because
4 of any issues they had or problems.

5 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Yes, sir. Thank
6 you.

7 Do we have think questions? [No
8 response.]

9 V. COMPLIANCE REPORTS

10 CHAIRMAN NOEL: All right, hearing
11 no questions we'll go ahead and move on
12 to our compliance reports, and I believe
13 we have someone from the Attorney
14 General's Office that will report the
15 information.

16 MS. MURRAY: Good morning, Chairman
17 Noel and Board Members. I'm Assistant
18 Attorney General Alonna Murray, and

19 today I'll present the staff reports on
20 riverboats and racetrack casino
21 licensees' compliance with employment
22 and procurement conditions in the fourth
23 quarter of 2020.

24 I'll begin with riverboats. These
25 reports are taken from figures taken

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1 from the 15 operating riverboats with
2 the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. In
3 the third quarter -- I'm sorry. In the
4 fourth quarter of 2020, approximately
5 7,985 people employed by the riverboat
6 industry. Of that number, 7,900 were
7 Louisiana residents, 4,737 were
8 minorities and 4,367 were women.

9 I'm sorry. I don't believe I have
10 the third quarters employment -- I'm
11 sorry, one second. Let me just pull up
12 the third quarters.

13 Okay. Next I'll address the
14 employment. Thirteen licensees did not
15 meet their total employment goals, and
16 they are DiamondJacks Casino &
17 Resort which achieved 50 out of a goal
18 of 650; Sam's Town Hotel & Casino, which
19 achieved 378 out of a goal of 700;
20 Golden Nugget Lake Charles, which
21 achieved 1,430 out of a goal of 1,500;

22 L'Auberge Baton Rouge, which achieved
23 629 out of a goal of 800; Horseshoe
24 Casino & Hotel which achieved 663 out of
25 a goal of 1,000; Boomtown New Orleans,

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1 which achieved 377 out of a goal of 555;
2 Belle of Baton Rouge Casino, which
3 achieved 168 out of a goal of 450;
4 Treasure Chest Casino, which achieved
5 318 out of a goal of 500; Hollywood
6 Casino, which achieved 297 out of a goal
7 of 450; Amelia Belle which achieved 160
8 out of a goal of 325; Isle of Capri
9 Casino & Hotel, which achieved 587 out
10 of a goal of 650; Boomtown Casino
11 Bossier, which achieved 260 out of a
12 goal of 650, and Eldorado Resort Casino,
13 which achieved 476 out of a goal of 950.

14 All of the licensees except for
15 Treasure Chest Casino and L'Auberge Lake
16 Charles either met or exceeded their
17 goals in all the subcategories under the
18 main category of employment.
19 Forty-five percent of Treasure Chest
20 Casino's employees were women, and they
21 have a goal of 51.86 percent. And
22 51.1 percent of L'Auberge Casino Lake
23 Charles' employment -- employees were
24 women, and they have a goal of 51.86

25 percent.

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1 Next I'll address procurement.

2 Licensees are grouped according to three

3 subcategories which appear in your

4 report. Those subcategories are

5 Louisiana, minority and female

6 procurement. Under Louisiana

7 procurement, five licensees did not

8 achieve compliance with its voluntary

9 conditions, and those licensees are

10 L'Auberge Baton Rouge, which achieved

11 75.4 percent out of a goal of

12 80 percent; Treasure Chest Casino, which

13 achieved 65.3 percent out of a goal of

14 75 percent, and Amelia Belle Casino,

15 which achieved 44.40 percent out of a

16 goal of 80 percent; Isle of Capri Casino

17 & Hotel, which achieved 38.7 out of a

18 goal of 60 percent, and Margaritaville

19 Resort Casino which achieved 86.3 out of

20 a goal of 90 percent.

21 Under the subcategory of minority

22 procurement, nine licensees did not

23 achieve its voluntary conditions, and

24 those licensees are DiamondJacks Casino,

25 which achieved zero percent out of a

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1 goal of 10 percent; Sam's Town Hotel &

2 Casino, which achieved 7.4 percent out
3 of a goal 25 percent; L'Auberge Baton
4 Rouge achieved 9.8 percent out of a goal
5 of 10 percent; Horseshoe Casino & Hotel,
6 which achieved 21 percent out of a goal
7 of 35 percent; Treasure Chest Casino,
8 which achieved 11.1 percent out of a
9 goal of 15 percent; Amelia Belle Casino,
10 which achieved 16.9 percent out of a
11 goal of 30 percent; Isle of Capri Casino
12 & Hotel, which achieved 4.7 percent out
13 of a goal 10 percent; Eldorado Resort
14 Casino, which achieved 18.3 percent out
15 of a goal of 25 percent, and L'Auberge
16 Lake Charles, which achieved 10.2
17 percent out of a goal of 12.5 percent.

18 Under the subcategory of female
19 procurement, two licensees did not
20 achieve its voluntary conditions, and
21 those licensees are Horseshoe Casino &
22 Hotel, which achieved 23.1 percent out
23 of a goal of 35 percent, and Isle of
24 Capri Casino & Hotel, which achieved 7.4
25 out of a goal of 10 percent.

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1 Are there any questions regarding
2 riverboats?

3 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Questions from the
4 Board? [No response.]

5 All right, thank you. Ms. Murray,
6 please move on.

7 MS. MURRAY: I'll now move on to the
8 racetracks. In the fourth quarter of
9 2020, approximately 992 people were
10 employed by the racetrack casino
11 industry. Of that number, 803 were
12 Louisiana residents, 476 were minorities
13 and 574 were women. One racetrack
14 casino achieved total compliance this
15 quarter, and that was Evangeline Downs.
16 Delta Downs did not achieve its
17 Louisiana employment condition. It
18 achieved 57.2 out of the 80 percent
19 condition. Louisiana Downs did not
20 achieve its female employment condition.
21 It achieved 59.3 out of 50 -- I'm sorry,
22 out of a 60 percent condition. And
23 Fairgrounds did not achieve its female
24 procurement condition. It achieved
25 3.5 out of a 5 percent condition.

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1 And are there any questions
2 regarding the racetracks?

3 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Questions from the
4 Board? [No response.]

5 Thank you, Miss Murray, appreciate
6 it.

7 VI. VIDEO GAMING ISSUES

8 A. Consideration of approval of the truckstop
9 application of Gaubert Food Marts, Inc.,
10 d/b/a Lafitte's Treasure Chest Casino #70
11 - No. 2900517998

12 CHAIRMAN NOEL: All right, so we'll
13 move on to Video Gaming Issues. First
14 one we have, Consideration of approval
15 of the truckstop application for Gaubert
16 Food Marts, Incorporated, doing business
17 as Lafitte's Treasure Chest Casino #70,
18 No. 2900517998.

19 MS. MURRAY: Good morning again,
20 Chairman Noel and Board Members. I'm
21 Assistant Attorney General Alonna Murray
22 present before the Board in the matter
23 of the original application of Gaubert
24 Food Marts, Inc., doing business as
25 Lafitte's Treasure Casino #70 applying

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1 for approval of a Type 5 video draw
2 poker gaming license. The truckstop
3 facility is located in Lafourche Parish,
4 and on July 30th, 2020, the following
5 transactions occurred.

6 The applicant purchased the business
7 and all of the assets from Presto Fuel
8 Center, LLC, and the applicant leased
9 the immovable property. The truckstop
10 facility is located on [sic] from

11 Gibbens & Lefort, Inc.

12 On August 17th of 2020, the
13 applicant entered into a Video Draw
14 Poker Draw Device Placement Agreement
15 with Reliable Amusement Company, Inc.

16 Gaubert Oil Company, Inc., is the
17 100 percent owner of the applicant, and
18 Grady K. Gaubert owns 90.531 percent of
19 Gaubert Oil Company, Inc., and Susan G.
20 Schwaner owns the remaining
21 9.469 percent.

22 Investigator Dale Landry inspected
23 the truckstop facility and conducted
24 suitability investigations on the
25 associated persons. He is here this

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1 morning to report his findings to the
2 Board.

3 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Hey, we can't hear
4 you. He's muted. We still can't hear
5 you. Yes, okay, very good.

6 TROOPER LANDRY: Good morning,
7 Chairman and Board Members, Investigator
8 William Landry with State Police Gaming
9 Enforcement, and I conducted the
10 suitability investigation and background
11 updates on all the relevant persons
12 involved with the application, conducted
13 an on-site inspection. And it was

14 determined that the establishment did
15 meet all the criteria set forth in the
16 video gaming laws as -- as a qualified
17 video gaming truckstop.

18 All licenses and permits were posted
19 and valid at the time of inspection.

20 The establishment consists of 5
21 contiguous acres, specifically 5.2979.

22 As the applicant purchased the business
23 from the previous licensee, Presto Fuel
24 Center, they are not subject to the rule
25 that it must be one mile from a school,

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1 church, playground, synagog, public
2 library, residence or building on the
3 National Historic Registry.

4 I must note that in the
5 presentation, the property itself was
6 leased because of the termination of --
7 a transfer from a C Corp to an S
8 Corporation, and that transfer won't
9 take place until September of 2022. So
10 when Ms. Murray made her report that the
11 property was leased, that was the reason
12 for the lease until the S Corp can come
13 into effect.

14 I found no information to preclude
15 the issuance of a Type 5 video draw
16 poker license to Guabert fuel -- Food

17 Marts doing business as Lafitte's
18 Treasure Casino #70 or to preclude Grady
19 Gaubert, Kathleen Gaubert, Susan Gaubert
20 Schwaner, Thomas J. Schwaner and
21 Patricia W. Gaubert from continued
22 participation in the gaming industry.

23 MS. MURRAY: The Office of the
24 Attorney General has reviewed the file
25 prepared by the Office of State Police,

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1 and the information contained therein
2 did not preclude the issuance of a Type
3 5 license.

4 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Thank you. Do we
5 have any questions from the Board
6 regarding this application? [No
7 response.]

8 All right, hearing no questions, do
9 we have a motion to approve and issue
10 the license?

11 MR. LAGASSE: So moved.

12 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Mr. Lagasse moves.
13 Second?

14 MR. WEST: I'll second.

15 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Mr. West, I'm sorry.
16 Thank you.

17 All in favor say "aye." [Collective
18 "aye."]

19 Opposed?

20 There is no opposition, the motion
21 carries. Thank you.
22 B. Consideration of Transfers of Interests in the
23 following truckstops:
24 1. Monicarlo Casino, LLC, d/b/a Monicarlo
25 Casino - No. 4800516569

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1 CHAIRMAN NOEL: So we'll move to our
2 next item which is, Consideration of
3 transfers of Interest in Monicarlo, LLC,
4 doing business as Monicarlo Casino, No.
5 4800516569.

6 MR. PITRE: Good morning, Board
7 Members. I'm Assistant Attorney General
8 Earl Pitre, Jr., appearing before the
9 Board in the matter of the transfer of
10 membership interest in Monicarlo Casino,
11 LLC, doing business as Monicarlo Casino.

12 On March 4th, 2020, the licensee
13 entered into an Act of Redemption of
14 Membership Interest with Carl V. Monica
15 and redeemed his 49 percent membership
16 interest.

17 As a result of the redemption, TMI
18 Enterprise, LLC, is the sole member of
19 the licensee. L & B Holdings, LLC, is
20 sole member of TMI Enterprise, LLC.
21 Rachael Reneau Vielee Inter Vivos Trust
22 #1, Wendy Jane Vielee Inter Vivos Trust

23 #1, Summer Vielee Shaw Inter Vivos Trust
24 #1 and Brandi Susann Vielee Inter Vivos
25 Trust #1 each hold a 25 percent

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1 membership interest in L & B Holdings,
2 LLC.

3 Criminal Investigator William Landry
4 conducted the updated suitability checks
5 on the relevant persons associated with
6 the licensee. He also conducted an
7 investigation of the transfer of
8 membership interest. He will present
9 the Office of State Police's findings to
10 the Board.

11 TROOPER LANDRY: Good morning,
12 Chairman, again, and Board Members.
13 Investigator William Landry.

14 I conducted an updated suitability
15 check on Louis Vielee, Susan G. Vielee,
16 Jody J. Guillory, Anne H. Guillory,
17 Rachel R. Kelly, Wendy J. Vielee, Summer
18 V. Shaw, and Brandi S. Vielee. All of
19 them have previously met suitability
20 under this license, and I found no
21 information that would preclude them
22 from continued participation in the
23 gaming industry.

24 I conducted the investigation of the
25 transfer of membership interest and

1 found no information that would preclude
2 the continued licensing of Monicarlo
3 Casino, LLC, doing business as
4 Monicarlo.

5 MR. PITRE: The Office of the
6 Attorney General has reviewed the file
7 compiled as a result of the
8 investigation conducted by the Office of
9 State Police. Our review indicates that
10 no information has been found which
11 would preclude approval of the transfer.

12 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Thank you, Earl.
13 Do we have questions from the Board?
14 [No response.]

15 All right, hearing no questions,
16 before we ask -- I ask for a motion, I
17 just wanted to note Ms. Hamilton-Acker
18 has joined the board meeting. And so do
19 we have -- do we have a motion to
20 approve this transfer of interest?

21 MS. BERRY: I'll move.

22 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Miss Berry moves.
23 And second?

24 MR. POOLE: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Second by Mr. Poole.

1 All in favor say "aye." [Collective
2 "aye."]

3 Any opposed? [No response.] No
4 opposition, the motion carries. Thank
5 you.

6 2. Shop Rite, Inc., d/b/a Black Gold Casino - No.
7 0100516343

8 3. Shop Rite, Inc., d/b/a Shop Rite #82 Jennings
9 Travel Center - No. 2703512949

10 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Next item will be
11 Shop Rite, Incorporated -- or, Earl, are
12 we going to do both of these?

13 MR. PITRE: Yes, sir.

14 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Okay, we'll do them
15 at the same time, both Shop Rites, which
16 one is Shop Rite, Incorporated, doing
17 business as Black Gold Casino, No.
18 010056343, and Shop Rite, Incorporated,
19 doing business as Shop Rite #82 Jennings
20 Travel Center, No. 2703512949.

21 MR. PITRE: I am Assistant Attorney
22 General Earl Pitre, Jr., appearing
23 before the Board in the matter of the
24 transfers of ownership interest of Shop
25 Rite, Incorporated, who holds two Type 5

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1 video gaming licenses.

2 On February 14th, 2018, John D.
3 Gielen died. At the time of his death,
4 he held a 61.62 percent ownership
5 interest, or 639.92 shares, in Shop

6 Rite, Incorporated. The ownership
7 interest was community property.
8 Peggy A. Gielen is the surviving
9 spouse of John D. Gielen. Peggy A.
10 Gielen retained her 30.81 percent
11 ownership interest, or 317.96 shares, in
12 Shop Rite, Incorporated, as her half of
13 the community property. John D. Gielen
14 left his 30.81 percent ownership
15 interest in Shop Rite, Incorporated, to
16 three of his children, Shawne G.
17 Gardiner, Tracey A. Gielen and Heidi
18 Viator and his grandson John C. Gielen
19 in equal percentages, 79.49 shares, or
20 7.7025 percent, subject to a usufruct in
21 favor of Peggy A. Gielen.

22 On February 21st, 2018, Peggy A.
23 Gielen deposited all of the shares that
24 she owned and had a usufruct over
25 totaling 635.92 shares into the Shop

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1 Rite, Incorporated, Building Trust.
2 John G. Gielen is the trustee of this
3 trust, and Peggy A. Gielen is the
4 depositing shareholder.

5 On April 17th, 2019, Shop Rite,
6 Incorporated, due to a stock redemption
7 with Shop Rite, Incorporated, entered
8 into a stock redemption with Shop Rite,

9 Inc., Voting Trust and redeemed the
10 79.49 shares or 7.7025 percent, that
11 were left to Shawne G. Gardiner and held
12 through naked ownership.

13 Criminal Investigator Glen Verrett
14 conducted the investigation of the
15 transfers of ownership interest. He
16 also conducted suitability
17 investigations and updated suitability
18 checks on the relevant persons
19 associated with Shop Rite, Incorporated.
20 He will present the Office of State
21 Police's findings to the Board.

22 TROOPER VERRETT: Good morning, Mr.
23 Chairman and Board Members. I'm
24 Investigator Glen Verrett with the
25 Gaming Enforcement Division.

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1 I investigated the transfers that
2 occurred at Shop Rite, Inc., due to the
3 death of John D. Gielen. Peggy A.
4 Gielen, Maryanne Stefanski, Stephen
5 Stefanski, John C. Gielen, Michael
6 Donahue, Stephen Lambousy and Louis Saab
7 previously met suitability on Shop Rite,
8 Inc.'s, licenses.

9 I conducted an updated suitability
10 check and found no information that
11 would preclude them from continuing to

12 participate in the video gaming
13 industry. I conducted suitability
14 investigations on Tracey A. Gielen,
15 Heidi G. Viator, Durwood G. Viator and
16 Nicole D. Gielen. I found no information
17 that would preclude them from
18 participating in the video gaming
19 industry. I found no information that
20 would preclude continuing licensing of
21 Shop Rite, Inc., doing business as Shop
22 Rite #82, Jennings Travel Center or Shop
23 Rite, Inc., doing business as Black Gold
24 Casino.

25 MR. PITRE: The Office of the

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1 Attorney General has reviewed the file
2 compiled as a result of the
3 investigation conducted by the Office of
4 State Police. Our review indicates that
5 no information has been found which
6 would preclude approval of the
7 transfers.

8 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Thank you.

9 Do we have any questions from Board
10 Members?

11 All right, hearing no questions, do
12 we have a motion to approve the transfer
13 of interest for both of the Shop Rite
14 licenses?

15 MR. JACKSON: Jackson, motion to
16 approve.

17 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Mr. Jackson,
18 seconded by Mr. West. Thank you.

19 All in favor say "aye." [Collective
20 "aye."]

21 Any opposed? [No response.] No
22 opposition, the motion carries.

23 VII. ADJOURNMENT

24 CHAIRMAN NOEL: So that wraps up the
25 agenda other than Adjournment, so I

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1 would ask for a motion to adjourn.

2 MR. LAGASSE: So moved.

3 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Mr. Lagasse, second
4 is Mr. Jackson. Thank you for the
5 second.

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

7 Any opposed? No opposition. Thank
8 you. We're adjourned.

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