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1:1 LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

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3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

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7 THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015

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9 Louisiana State Capitol

10 House Committee Room 6

11 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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15 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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1 APPEARANCES

2 RONNIE JONES

- 3 Chairman (At Large)
- 4 Third Congressional District
- 5 June 30, 2019
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- 7 FRANKLIN AYRES BRADFORD
- 8 (Economic Planner)
- 9 Fifth Congressional District
- 10 June 30, 2019
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- 12 MAJOR CLAUDE MERCER
- 13 (Law Enforcement)
- 14 Fifth Congressional District
- 15 June 30, 2018
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- 17 CLAUDE D. JACKSON
- 18 (At Large)
- 19 Fourth Congressional District
- 20 June 30, 2018
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- 22 ROBERT W. GASTON, III
- 23 (At Large)
- 24 Sixth Congressional District
- 25 June 30, 2015

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- 1 LANA TRAMONTE
- 2 Principal Assistant
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- 4 CAPTAIN GLEN HALE
- 5 Ex-Officio Board Member

6 Louisiana State Police

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8 MICHAEL LEGENDRE

9 Deputy Secretary

10 Department of Revenue

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12 REPORTED BY:

13 LAURA QUINETTE, CSR RPR

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: My name is Ronnie
3 Jones, Chairman of the Gaming Control Board
4 in what is the January meeting of the
5 board. Ms. Tramonte, will you call the
6 roll?

7 MS. TRAMONTE: Chairman Jones?

8 CHAIRMAN JONES: Here.

9 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Bradford?

10 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

11 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Stipe?

12 MR. STIPE: [No response.]

13 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Singleton?

14 MR. SINGLETON: [No response.]

15 MS. TRAMONTE: Ms. Noonan?

16 MS. NOONAN: [No response.]

17 MS. TRAMONTE: Major Mercer?

18 MAJOR MERCER: Here.

19 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Jackson?

20 MR. JACKSON: Here.

21 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Gaston?

22 MR. GASTON: Here.

23 MS. TRAMONTE: Colonel Edmonson?

24 CAPTAIN HILL: Captain Hill for

25 Colonel Edmonson.

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1 MS. TRAMONTE: Secretary Barfield?

2 MR. LEGENDRE: Mike Legendre for

3 Secretary Barfield.

4 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: We have a quorum. We

6 may conduct business. At this time, is

7 there anyone who wishes to speak to the

8 board for any matters coming before the

9 board with business this morning? No one.

10 We shall move on.

11 III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

12 CHAIRMAN JONES: Could I have a motion

13 to waive reading and approve minutes?

14 MAJOR MERCER: So moved.

15 MR. JACKSON: Seconded.

16 CHAIRMAN JONES: Major Mercer and

17 seconded by Mr. Jackson. All in favor?

18 [Collective "aye."] Opposition? [No

19 response.] Motion carries.

20 IV. REVENUE REPORTS

21 CHAIRMAN JONES: At this point, I

22 would like to call for the revenue reports.

23 Please come to the table. Good morning.

24 MS. JACKSON: Good morning, Chairman

25 Jones and Board Members. My name is Donna

1 Jackson with the Louisiana State Police.
2 The riverboat revenue report for December
3 2014 is shown on Page 1 of your handout.
4 During December, the 15 operating
5 riverboats generated Adjusted Gross
6 Receipts of \$172,711,223, up almost \$35
7 million or 25% from last month and up
8 almost \$30 million or 21% from last
9 December.

10 Golden Nugget Lake Charles opened
11 December 6th, generating \$27,541,176 in
12 AGR, while entertaining 439,000 patrons.
13 The three riverboats in the Lake Charles
14 market generated \$72 million in revenue, up
15 59% from last December.

16 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
17 year 2014-2015 to date are \$885,000,000, an
18 increase of 4% or \$30 million from fiscal
19 year 2013-2014.

20 During December, the State collected
21 fees of \$37,132,913. As of December 31,
22 2014, the State has collected \$190 million
23 in fees for fiscal year 2014-2015.

24 Next, is a summary of the December
25 2014 gaming activity for Harrah's

1 New Orleans found on Page 3. During
2 December, Harrah's generated \$30,347,674 in

3 gross gaming revenue, up \$3.5 million or
4 13% from last month and up almost \$2
5 million or 6.5% from last December.

6 Fiscal year-to-date gaming revenues
7 for 2014-2015 are \$164 million, a slight
8 increase of 1% or \$1.7 million from fiscal
9 year 2013-2014.

10 During December, the State received
11 \$5,095,890 in minimum daily payments. As
12 of December 31, 2014, the State has
13 collected \$30 million in fees for fiscal
14 year 2014-2015.

15 Slots at the Racetracks revenues are
16 shown on Page 4. During December, the four
17 racetrack facilities combined generated
18 Adjusted Gross Receipts of \$31,773,961, an
19 increase of \$1.4 million or 5% from last
20 month, and an increase of \$1.2 million or
21 4% from last December.

22 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
23 year 2014-2015 to date are \$188 million
24 virtually even with fiscal year 2013-2014's
25 revenues.

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1 During December, the State collected
2 fees of \$4.8 million. As of December 31,
3 2014, the State has collected \$28.6 million
4 in fees for fiscal year 2014-2015.

5 Overall, in December, Riverboats,

6 Landbased and Slots at the Racetracks
7 combined generated almost \$235 million in
8 Adjusted Gross Receipts and \$47 million in
9 State fees.

10 Are there any questions before I
11 present the Harrah's employee information?

12 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, are
13 there any questions? No questions.

14 MS. JACKSON: Harrah's New Orleans is
15 required to maintain at least 2,400
16 employees and a biweekly payroll of
17 \$1,750,835. This report covers the two pay
18 periods in December 2014. For the first
19 pay period, the Division verified 2,448
20 employees with a payroll of \$2,168,000.
21 For the second pay period, the Division
22 verified 2,469 employees with a payroll of
23 \$1,981,000. Therefore, Harrah's met the
24 employment criteria during December.

25 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions? There

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1 are none. Thank you very much. Jim?

2 MR. BOSSIER: Good morning, Chairman
3 Jones and Board Members. My name is Jim
4 Bossier with the Louisiana State Police
5 Gaming Audit Section. I am reporting Video
6 Gaming statistics for December 2014 as
7 shown on Page 1 of your handout.

8 Ten new video gaming licenses were

9 issued during December: Four bars, five
10 restaurants and one device owner's.

11 Eleven new applications were received
12 by the Gaming Enforcement Division during
13 December and are currently pending in the
14 field: Seven bars and four restaurants.

15 The Gaming Enforcement Division
16 assessed \$1,500 and collected \$1,250 in
17 penalties in December. There are currently
18 \$500 in outstanding fees.

19 Please refer to Page 2 of your
20 handout. There are presently 13,809 video
21 gaming devices activated at 1,916
22 locations.

23 Net device revenue for December was
24 \$50.8 million, a \$3.6 million or 7.6
25 percent increase when compared to November

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1 2014 and a \$2.2 million or 4.7 percent
2 increase when compared to December 2013.

3 Net device revenue, so far, for
4 fiscal year 2015, is \$289 million, a \$3.6
5 million or 1.2 percent increase when
6 compared to fiscal year 2014.

7 Page 3 of your handout shows a
8 comparison of net device revenue. Total
9 franchise fees collected for December 2014
10 were \$15.2 million, a \$1.1 million increase
11 when compared to November 2014 and a

12 \$700,000 increase when compared to December
13 2013.

14 Total franchise fees collected for
15 fiscal year 2015 are \$86.5 million, a \$1.2
16 million increase or 1.4 percent when
17 compared to fiscal year 2014. Page 4 of
18 your handout shows the comparison of
19 franchise fees.

20 Does anybody have any questions?

21 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions from
22 the Board Members? None.

23 MR. BOSSIER: Thank you very much.

24 MR. TRAYLOR: Good morning, Chairman
25 Jones and Board Members. Jeff Traylor with

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1 the Gaming Enforcement Division. You
2 should have a packet that we put together.
3 Just to show you what it is, we put
4 together information on the Golden Nugget
5 Lake Charles effect on the Lake Charles
6 Casino market. We also included
7 information showing the effect of previous
8 openings and closures that Baton Rouge had
9 on those markets, as well as the effect
10 L'Auberge Lake Charles had on the
11 Lake Charles market when it opened in May
12 of 2005.

13 As noted previously by Ms. Jackson,
14 Golden Nugget generated approximately \$27.5

15 million during the 26 days it operated in
16 December. The market as a whole is up
17 \$27.1 million. Comparing that to December
18 of 2013, we calculated 98.4 percent of
19 Golden Nugget's revenues would be
20 considered new money to the market, which
21 means only about 1.6 percent came from
22 existing operations.

23 You can also see in the packet we
24 have several pages in there that kind of
25 breakdown those other markets for those

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1 other openings that were: L'Auberge Lake
2 Charles in 2005, L'Auberge Baton Rouge in
3 2012 and Margaritaville in Bossier City in
4 2013. Those pages include a comparison of
5 the first 12 months of operation, as well
6 as the first month.

7 Then on the last page, we have a
8 two-month comparison because several of the
9 casinos, L'Auberge Lake Charles and
10 Margaritaville in Bossier, were only open
11 for part of the first month they operated.
12 We wanted to provide that to give you a
13 little bit more perspective on how things
14 look.

15 I would be happy to answer any
16 questions you have about anything that we
17 provided.

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: Jeff, thank you.
19 Based on your analysis, your experience --
20 what we've seen at least thus far is that
21 there's been a growth in the market and not
22 a capitalization of the existing market --

23 MR. TRAYLOR: Yes.

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: -- which we all
25 expect at the outset, if we can carry that

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1 forward. Board Members, questions? Thank
2 you for bringing us good news.

3 V. VIDEO GAMING ISSUES

4 1. Consideration of the application of transfer
of interest by The Palms Casino & Truck Stop,
5 Inc., d/b/a The Palms Casino.

6 CHAIRMAN JONES: We will now move to
7 Video Gaming Issues. Consideration of the
8 transfer of the Palms Casino & Truck Stop,
9 Inc., d/b/a The Palms Casino. That's
10 Number 4400512740. This is a transfer of
11 interest. Good morning.

12 MS. HENDERSON: Good morning, Chairman
13 and Board Members. My name is Jodie
14 Henderson. I'm Assistant Attorney General.
15 I'm here before the Board in the matter of
16 the transfer of 50 percent of the stock of
17 the Licensee, The Palms Casino & Truck
18 Stop, Inc., d/b/a The Palms Casino.

19 The Palms Casino & Truck Stop holds a

20 Type 5 video gaming license and operates a
21 truck stop facility in St. Bernard Parish.
22 The Licensee was previously owned equally
23 by Charles Bienvenu and brother, John
24 Bienvenu, Jr. John Bienvenu, Jr., died on
25 October 4, 2013.

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1 Following his death, according to his
2 Last Will and Testament, his 50 percent
3 interest of the Licensee passed to the
4 "John R. Bienvenu Trust Number 1." The
5 John R. Bienvenu Trust Number 1 named
6 Barbara Wall as trustee, and the
7 beneficiaries were John's sons, Brent R.
8 Bienvenu and Ross M. Bienvenu.

9 The trustee, Barbara Wall, declined
10 to submit to the suitability investigation
11 and, therefore, along with Brent and Ross,
12 petitioned the Court to terminate the
13 trust.

14 The trust was terminated by Judge
15 Robert Buckley of the 34th JDC on July 9,
16 2014. Upon dissolution of the trust, the
17 decedent's 50 percent interest of the
18 licensee passed to the sons, Brent Bienvenu
19 and Ross Bienvenu. Therefore, the current
20 ownership of the Licensee is Charles
21 Bienvenu (50 percent); Brent Bienvenu, (25
22 percent); and Ross Bienvenu (25 percent).

23 Charlene Carter is the Executrix of
24 the succession and she was also recently
25 elected Vice-President of the Licensee.

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1 Trooper James Cannon conducted an
2 investigation of the transfer and a
3 suitability investigation of the relevant
4 persons associated with this transfer. He
5 is present this morning to present the
6 findings.

7 MR. CANNON: Good morning, Chairman
8 and Members of the Board. I'm Trooper
9 James Cannon of the Louisiana State Police
10 Gaming Enforcement Division. I
11 investigated the transfer of 50 percent of
12 the stock of The Palms Casino & Truck Stop,
13 Inc. d/b/a The Palms Casino through the
14 death of John R. Bienvenu, Jr.

15 A suitability investigation was
16 conducted on Charlene Carter, Brent R.
17 Bienvenu, and Ross M. Bienvenu. During
18 this investigation, I found no information
19 that would preclude the continued licensing
20 of The Palms Casino & Truck Stop, Inc.,
21 d/b/a The Palms Casino, or that would
22 preclude Charlene Carter, Brent R. Bienvenu
23 or Ralph M. Bienvenu from participating or
24 continuing to participate in the Louisiana
25 gaming industry.

1 MS. HENDERSON: The Office of the
2 Attorney General has reviewed the file
3 compiled as a result of the Division's
4 investigation. Our review indicates that
5 no information was found to preclude the
6 continued licensing of The Palms Casino &
7 Truck Stop, Inc., d/b/a The Palms Casino,
8 or that would preclude Charlene Carter,
9 Brent Bienvenu, and Ross Bienvenu from
10 participating or continuing to participate
11 in the Louisiana gaming industry.

12 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, do you
13 have questions for Ms. Henderson or Trooper
14 Cannon?

15 MR. GASTON: A motion for approval.

16 CHAIRMAN JONES: We have a motion to
17 approve the transfer --

18 MR. JACKSON: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: -- and a second by
20 Mr. Jackson. All in favor? [Collective
21 "aye."] Any opposition? [No response.]
22 The motion carries.

23 MS. HENDERSON: Thank you.

24 2. Consideration of the application of transfer
of interest by I-220 Travel Plaza, LLC d/b/a
25 Goldmine Casino - No. 0801512159

1 CHAIRMAN JONES: And now before the

2 Board, the consideration of transfer of
3 I-220 Travel Plaza, LLC, d/b/a Goldmine
4 Casino. That's Number 0801512159 for a
5 transfer of interest. Good morning.

6 MR. LONG: Chairman Jones and Members
7 of the Board, I am Assistant Attorney
8 General Matthew Long appearing before the
9 Board in the matter of the transfer of
10 50 percent of the membership interest in
11 I-220 Travel Plaza, LLC, d/b/a Goldmine
12 Casino from Rocky Top Investments, LLC to
13 Louisiana Truck Stop and Gaming, LLC, and
14 also the name change of Rosbottom
15 Interests, LLC to Louisiana Truck Stop and
16 Gaming Interests, LLC.

17 I-220 holds a Type 5 video gaming
18 license and operates a truck stop facility
19 which is located at 7303 East Texas Street
20 in Bossier City, Louisiana in Bossier
21 Parish.

22 Rocky Top Investments and Rosbottom
23 Interests each held a 50% membership
24 interest in the Licensee, which you can see
25 shown on the screen. James A. Haslam was

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1 the sole member of Rocky Top Investments,
2 and Harold Rosbottom was the sole member of
3 Rosbottom Interests.

4 On June 9, 2009, Mr. Rosbottom filed

5 a voluntary petition for relief under
6 Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. Judge
7 Gerald H. Schiff was appointed as the
8 Chapter 11 trustee for the bankruptcy
9 estate of Mr. Rosbottom.

10 On May 1, 2013, the Plan of
11 Reorganization proposed by Judge Schiff was
12 confirmed by the bankruptcy court. As part
13 of the plan, Judge Schiff proposed a
14 settlement agreement in which the
15 bankruptcy estate would acquire Rocky Top
16 Investments' 50 percent membership in the
17 Licensee, I-220.

18 As part of that settlement agreement,
19 Judge Schiff and Louisiana Truck Stop and
20 Gaming, LLC, executed an Amended and
21 Restated Promissory Note in favor of
22 Mr. Haslam. The amount of the note
23 represented the pro rata share of Rocky Top
24 Investments' claim against the bankruptcy
25 estate of Mr. Rosbottom.

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1 Rocky Top Investments accepted the
2 settlement and, on December 6, 2013,
3 assigned its 50% membership interest in the
4 Licensee to Louisiana Truck Stop and
5 Gaming, LLC.

6 On December 9, 2013, Rosbottom
7 Interests, LLC, changed its name to

8 Louisiana Truck Stop and Gaming Interests,
9 LLC. As a result of the transfer of
10 membership interest and the name change,
11 Louisiana Truck Stop and Gaming, LLC, and
12 Louisiana Truck Stop and Gaming Interests,
13 LLC, are now each 50% members of the
14 Licensee, I-220, and Judge Schiff is the
15 sole member of both of these companies.
16 And you can see that on the screen as well.

17 Trooper Vincent Lenguyen conducted an
18 investigation of the transfer of membership
19 interest and the name change for the
20 Licensee, and he is present this morning to
21 present his findings to the Board.

22 MR. LENGUYEN: Good morning, Chairman
23 Jones and Board Members. My name is
24 Trooper Vincent Lenguyen with the Louisiana
25 State Police Gaming Enforcement Division.

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1 I investigated the transfer of the 50
2 percent of the membership interest in I-220
3 Travel Plaza, LLC, d/b/a Goldmine Casino
4 from Rocky Top Investments, LLC to
5 Louisiana Truck Stop and Gaming, LLC. In
6 addition, I also did the investigation of
7 the name change of Rosbottom Interests,
8 LLC, to Louisiana Truck Stop and Gaming
9 Interests, LLC.

10 Louisiana Truck Stop and Gaming, LLC

11 and Louisiana Truck Stop and Gaming
12 Interests, LLC, each hold a 50 percent
13 interest in the Licensee. Judge Gerald
14 Schiff, as Chapter 11 trustee, is the sole
15 managing member of Louisiana Truck Stop and
16 Gaming, LLC, and Louisiana Truck Stop and
17 Gaming Interests, LLC. Judge Schiff
18 previously submitted to suitability
19 investigations for several video gaming
20 licenses, including this license.

21 I found no information that would
22 preclude the continued licensing of I-220
23 Travel Plaza, LLC, d/b/a Goldmine Casino or
24 that would preclude the associated persons
25 required to be found suitable from

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1 participating or continuing to participate
2 in the video gaming industry.

3 MR. LONG: The Office of the Attorney
4 General has reviewed the file compiled as a
5 result of the Division's investigation.
6 Our review indicates that no information
7 was found to preclude the continued
8 licensing of I-220 Travel Plaza, LLC, d/b/a
9 Goldmine Casino.

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board, are there any
11 questions for Mr. Long or Trooper Lenguyen?
12 There are no questions. I will entertain a
13 motion --

14 MR. JACKSON: I'll make a motion to
15 approve the transfer.

16 CHAIRMAN JONES: -- by Mr. Jackson.

17 MAJOR MERCER: I'll second.

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: Seconded by Major
19 Mercer. All in favor? [Collective "aye."]

20 The motion carries. The transfer is
21 approved.

22 MR. LONG: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: Nice graphics, Matt.

24 It's always easier to look at pictures.

25 VI. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

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- 1 1. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for
the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming
2 vessel of St. Charles Gaming Company, L.L.C.,
d/b/a Isle of Capri Lake Charles.

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4 CHAIRMAN JONES: Now, before us,
5 casino gaming issues. First up,
6 consideration of Certificate of Compliance
7 for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of
8 the gaming vessel of St. Charles Gaming
9 Company, LLC, d/b/a Isle of Capri Lake
10 Charles. That's Number R011700174. Good
11 morning, gentlemen.

12 MR. THOMPSON: Good morning.
13 Mr. Chairman, Board Members, I'm Assistant
14 Attorney General Buddy Thompson. With me

15 is John Francic of the American Bureau of
16 Shipping Consultants known as ABSC. We're
17 here in the matter of the issuance of a
18 renewal certificate of compliance to Isle
19 of Capri Lake Charles.

20 As you know, at the last board
21 meeting, a 30-day temporary certificate of
22 compliance was issued to Isle of Capri
23 pending the installation of the new fire
24 door which had not yet been delivered by
25 the date of the board meeting. The fire

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1 door has now been delivered and installed
2 and, after investigation by ABSC, found to
3 be satisfactory, in compliance and
4 approved. For more of this I will turn it
5 over to John Francic.

6 MR. FRANCIC: Board Chairman, Board
7 Members, I'm John Francic with ABS
8 Consulting. I'm here to report the
9 follow-up examination to the certification
10 of the Isle of Capri. The inspector people
11 did, on December 31st, attend the Riverboat
12 Grand Palais to conduct the following
13 deficiency found on October 10th. A new
14 fire-rated door with hardware was installed
15 and operated as intended. This is
16 considered satisfactory and completes the
17 end of the certification for the Isle of

18 Capri Casino.

19 It is the recommendation of ABS
20 Consulting that the Isle of Capri be issued
21 the certificate of compliance.

22 MR. THOMPSON: We now present these
23 findings to the Board and request the Board
24 accept the supplemental report by ABSC and
25 the Board move for renewal of Isle of Capri

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1 Lake Charles' certificate of compliance.

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Are there any
3 questions from the Board?

4 MR. GASTON: Move to approve the
5 certificate of compliance.

6 CHAIRMAN JONES: If there are no
7 questions, we have a motion to approve the
8 certificate of compliance.

9 MR. JACKSON: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: And a second by
11 Mr. Jackson. All in favor? [Collective
12 "aye."] Opposition? [No response.] The
13 certificate is issued. The motion carries.

14 Thank you.

15 2. Consideration of renewal application for
riverboat gaming license of Louisiana 1 Gaming,
16 A Louisiana Partnership in Commendam, d/b/a
Boomtown New Orleans.

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18 CHAIRMAN JONES: Now, before us, is

19 the consideration of renewal application
20 for Riverboat Gaming License of Louisiana 1
21 Gaming, a Louisiana Partnership in
22 Commendam, d/b/a Boomtown New Orleans.
23 That's Number R016500701. Please have a
24 seat, ladies and gentleman. Good morning.

25 MS. MOORE: Good morning, Chairman

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1 Jones, Board Members. I am Assistant
2 Attorney General Charmaine Moore and with
3 me are auditors Trnessia Ware and Trooper
4 Mike Daniel, State Police. We are here in
5 the matter of the renewal of the riverboat
6 License of Louisiana 1 Gaming, A Louisiana
7 Partnership in Commendam, d/b/a Boomtown
8 New Orleans located in Harvey, Louisiana.

9 Riverboat licences are issued for
10 five-year terms, and the license for
11 Louisiana 1 Gaming is due to expire on
12 March 21st -- I'm sorry, March 22, 2015.
13 As part of the renewal process, the AG's
14 office worked with counsel for the Licensee
15 to review the license conditions previously
16 placed on the Licensee by the Board in an
17 effort to update the license conditions.

18 Conditions were initially placed on
19 the Licensee in 1994, which it was issued a
20 certificate of preliminary approval for
21 riverboat gaming operations. Additional

22 conditions were placed on the Licensee in
23 2004. All conditions that were completed,
24 satisfied and no longer applicable were
25 removed. Some substantive changes were

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1 made to the conditions, and there was some
2 editing of the other conditions. The
3 Licensee has accepted and agreed to be
4 bound by the conditions.

5 A proposed resolution subject to the
6 proposed statement of conditions
7 authorizing the renewal of the license
8 commencing March 22, 2015 has been prepared
9 for the Chairman's signature if the Board
10 approves the renewal.

11 At this time, State Police auditor,
12 Trnessia Ware, will present her findings to
13 the Board, and then investigator, Trooper
14 Mike Daniels, will present his findings.

15 Also, representatives of the Licensee are
16 here and available to answer any questions
17 the Board may have.

18 MS. WARE: Good morning, Chairman
19 Jones and Board Members. My name is
20 Trnessia Ware with the Louisiana State
21 Police Audit. Licensee, Louisiana 1
22 Gaming, d/b/a Boomtown New Orleans Casino
23 is owned 95 percent by Boomtown, LLC, and
24 5 percent by Pinnacle Entertainment.

25 Boomtown New Orleans is one of three

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1 riverboat casinos in the New Orleans
2 market. The New Orleans market also
3 consists of one slot at the track casino
4 and one landbased casino. For fiscal year
5 2013-2014, Boomtown New Orleans ranked
6 second in the New Orleans market with gross
7 receipts of approximately \$113 million. In
8 2014, Boomtown New Orleans budgeted
9 approximately \$13 million for capital
10 expenditures.

11 They recently completed the
12 construction of a \$20,150,000 guest room
13 hotel tower. According to management,
14 approximately 80 of the guest rooms opened
15 to the public on January 1st, 2015. There
16 will be a formal grand opening on
17 January 21st of 2015 when all rooms will be
18 available.

19 Boomtown New Orleans projects it will
20 spend approximately \$5.2 million for
21 capital expenditures in 2015 and
22 approximately \$3.7 million each year
23 through 2018.

24 Pinnacle allocates management fees
25 based on Boomtown New Orleans' share of

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1 expenses incurred for services provided in

2 managing and supporting Boomtown's
3 operations. Page 6 of your report shows
4 the amount of management fees paid as of
5 September 2014 and for the years ending
6 2010 through 2013.

7 Pinnacle's Louisiana Licensees
8 generated approximately \$7 million in
9 Adjusted Gross Receipts for the 2014 fiscal
10 year or a 28 percent of total revenues
11 generated by Louisiana riverboats,
12 Landbased and Slot at the track casinos.

13 In conclusion, no financial issues
14 came to our attention to preclude the Board
15 from approving the Boomtown New Orleans
16 license for a period of five years,
17 effective March 22nd, 2015. Trooper
18 Michael Daniel will now present his
19 findings.

20 MR. DANIEL: Good morning, Chairman
21 Jones and Members of the Board. I'm
22 Trooper Michael Daniel, Louisiana State
23 Police Gaming Enforcement Division. I was
24 assigned to conduct the suitability
25 investigation regarding the license renewal

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1 of Louisiana 1 Gaming, d/b/a Boomtown
2 New Orleans. This consisted of inquiries
3 through federal, state and local law
4 enforcement agencies, computerized criminal

5 history databases, civil institutions and
6 gaming regulatory agencies. Tag clearances
7 were obtained from the Internal Revenue
8 Service and the Louisiana Department of
9 Revenue to ensure the applicants were
10 current in filing their taxes. During the
11 suitability investigation no information
12 was discovered which precludes licensing of
13 Louisiana 1 Gaming, d/b/a Boomtown
14 New Orleans, the associated entities or the
15 key personnel.

16 At this time, we will gladly answer
17 any questions.

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board, are there any
19 questions for the Attorney General's Office
20 or State Police? Would the Licensee like
21 to speak to the Board? Please come
22 forward. Thank you, folks. Good morning.
23 Please introduce yourself.

24 MR. PARENTON: First of all, good
25 morning, Chairman and Members of the Board.

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1 My name is Mickey Parenton, and I'm the
2 Senior Vice-President of L'Auberge Baton
3 Rouge, and with me is Harold Rowland, the
4 Vice President and General Manager of
5 Boomtown New Orleans.

6 First of all, let me take the
7 opportunity to thank the Louisiana State

8 Police Gaming Division and the Attorney
9 General's Office for truly being business
10 partners, not only through the process of
11 renewal, but on a day-to-day basis. I want
12 to take that opportunity first. And in the
13 spirit of good news first, Chairman, I'll
14 have Harold give you an update on our new
15 \$20 million hotel in West Bank.

16 CHAIRMAN JONES: Please do.

17 MR. ROWLAND: Good morning,
18 Mr. Chairman, Board Members. We're very
19 excited about our \$20 million project. We
20 opened up late December, 80 rooms, and we
21 plan on having the entire project completed
22 by the end of the month. We're sold out
23 this weekend, so that's -- I can tell
24 Mickey is excited about that. It has
25 created over 40 jobs.

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1 We have three meeting rooms, one
2 executive conference room, a gym, and the
3 feedback from the guests that have been
4 there has been very positive. So we're
5 very excited about having it.

6 We've also spent well over \$700,000
7 upgrading not only the riverboat --
8 painting the riverboat, but painting the
9 entire facility.

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: It's been a long run,

11 hasn't it?

12 MR. ROWLAND: Yes. We appreciate your
13 support.

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: Absolutely. And for
15 the benefit of the Board, and on your
16 behalf, I was down there perhaps six weeks
17 ago checking on the status, and I've seen
18 the property. I saw it before it opened
19 and saw some of the completed rooms, and
20 you've brought additional value to that
21 area. I want to thank Boomtown and
22 Pinnacle for the reinvestment of money into
23 the market. That's what this Board and
24 this business is all about. I think you've
25 carved out a niche of customers that are

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1 going to be good for Pinnacle and good for
2 Boomtown, and we thank you for that.

3 Any questions of the Licensee
4 representatives? [No response.] Do I have
5 a motion to adopt the resolution?

6 MR. BRADFORD: I motion.

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: By Mr. Bradford. A
8 second?

9 MR. GASTON: I second.

10 CHAIRMAN JONES: Seconded by Dr.
11 Gerald [sic]. Ms. Tramonte, would you read
12 the resolution into the record?

13 MS. TRAMONTE: On the 15th day of

14 January 2015, the Louisiana Gaming Control
15 Board did, in a duly noted public meeting,
16 consider the license renewal application of
17 Louisiana 1 Gaming, a Louisiana Partnership
18 in Commendam, d/b/a Boomtown New Orleans,
19 and upon motion duly made and seconded, the
20 Board adopts this resolution. Be it
21 resolved that the License R012600196 to
22 conduct riverboat gaming issued to
23 Louisiana 1 Gaming, a Louisiana Partnership
24 in Commendam, d/b/a Boomtown New Orleans be
25 renewed for a term of five years,

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1 commencing March 22, 2015, subject to the
2 statement of conditions of the riverboat
3 gaming license of Boomtown New Orleans
4 attached hereto and made a part hereof.
5 That's done and signed in Baton Rouge,
6 Louisiana, this 15th day of January, 2015.

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: Would you call the
8 roll?

9 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Bradford?

10 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

11 MS. TRAMONTE: Major Mercer?

12 MAJOR MERCER: Yes.

13 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Jackson?

14 MR. JACKSON: Yes.

15 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Gaston?

16 MR. GASTON: Yes.

17 MS. TRAMONTE: Chairman Jones?

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes. And the motion
19 carries. For the record, Dr. Gaston, I
20 think I called you Dr. Gerald a second ago.
21 I don't know where that came from. It's a
22 senior moment. Just indulge me. The
23 motion carries and the resolution is
24 adopted. Thank you for coming with the
25 presentation. Ms. Noonan would be proud.

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1 She couldn't be here this morning, but she
2 is hopeful to be there for the grand
3 opening.

4 3. Consideration of renewal application for
riverboat gaming license of Red River
5 Entertainment of Shreveport, L.L.C., d/b/a Sam's
Town Hotel and Casino.

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7 CHAIRMAN JONES: Now, before us, is
8 the consideration of renewal application
9 for riverboat gaming license of Red River
10 Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC, d/b/a
11 Sam's Town Hotel and Casino. That's
12 Number R016500097. Have a seat ladies and
13 gentlemen. Welcome back.

14 MS. MOORE: Thank you. Chairman
15 Jones, Board Members, I'm Assistant
16 Attorney General Charmaine Moore. With me
17 are auditor, Evie Ficklin, and Trooper,

18 Eddie Daigle of the State Police. We are
19 here in the matter of the renewal of the
20 riverboat license of Red River
21 Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC, d/b/a
22 Sam's Town Hotel and Casino located in
23 Shreveport, Louisiana.

24 Riverboat licenses are issued for
25 five-year terms and the license of Red

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1 River Entertainment is due to expire on
2 March 8, 2015. As part of the renewal
3 process, the AG's office worked with
4 counsel for the Licensee to renew the
5 license conditions previously placed upon
6 the Licensee by the Board in an effort to
7 update the license conditions.

8 Conditions were initially placed on
9 the Licensee in 1994. When it was issued
10 its certificate of preliminary approval for
11 riverboat gaming operations, additional
12 conditions were placed on the Licensee in
13 2005. All conditions that were completed,
14 satisfied or no longer applicable were
15 removed.

16 Some substantive changes were made to
17 some conditions, and there was some editing
18 of others. The Licensee has accepted and
19 agreed to be bound by the conditions. A
20 proposed resolution subject to the

21 conditions proposed, authorizing the
22 renewal of the license commencing March 8,
23 2015, has been prepared for the Chairman's
24 signature if the Board approves the
25 renewal.

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1 At this time state police auditor,
2 Evie Ficklin, will present her findings to
3 the Board, and then investigative trooper,
4 Eddie Daigle, will present his findings.
5 Representatives of the Licensee are here
6 and available to answer any questions the
7 Board may have.

8 MS. FICKLIN: Good morning,
9 Mr. Chairman and Board Members. I'm Evie
10 Ficklin. I'm an auditor with the Louisiana
11 State Police. Red River Entertainment of
12 Shreveport, LLC, d/b/a Sam's Town Hotel and
13 Casino, operates on the Red River in
14 Shreveport. Sam's Town's ultimate parent,
15 Boyd Gaming Corporation, acquired the
16 casino from Harrah's Entertainment
17 Corporation in May 2004 for approximately
18 \$197 million.

19 In the Shreveport, Bossier City
20 gaming market, Sam's Town competes with one
21 casino and five riverboats, including
22 Margaritaville, the newest property, which
23 commenced operations on June 15, 2013.

24 The chart on Page 5 depicts the
25 adjusted gross receipts for the properties

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1 operating in that market for fiscal years
2 2011 to 2014.

3 Boyd stated the drop in gaming
4 revenues, reflected in Sam's Town's
5 statements of operations on Page 20, and
6 revenues projected in the free cash flow
7 schedule on Page 22 is primarily due to the
8 increased competition in the
9 Shreveport/Bossier City gaming market.

10 In 2012, Sam's Town recorded an
11 approximate \$17.6 million impairment of its
12 gaming license as shown in the statement of
13 operations. Boyd provided information used
14 to create the schedule on Page 13,
15 detailing Sam's Town's historical capital
16 expenditures between 2010 and 2014. The
17 projected capital expenditures through 2018
18 are provided on the following page.

19 Sam's Town is a party to a water
20 bottom lease with the State of Louisiana
21 and is also a party in a ground lease and a
22 hotel ground lease with the City of
23 Shreveport. Pursuant to a ground lease,
24 Sam's Town currently pays Shreveport fixed
25 rental payments equal to \$612,152 per year

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1 and 1 percent of its adjusted gross
2 revenue.

3 In addition to the rental payments
4 and in lieu of the admission fees required
5 under the gaming statutes, the ground lease
6 also requires Sam's Town to pay Shreveport
7 and related local governments in Caddo
8 Parish an aggregated 4.75 percent of its
9 adjusted gross revenues.

10 Moreover, Sam's Town is required to
11 pay the Bossier Police Jury .075 percent of
12 its AGR through a separate agreement. The
13 spreadsheet on Page 18 depicts Sam's Town's
14 payments to these local governmental
15 entities through November of 2014.

16 Boyd executed its current management
17 and support services agreement with Boyd
18 Louisiana on behalf of its subsidiaries,
19 including Sam's Town, in August of 2010.
20 Details of some of the management and
21 support services Boyd provides under these
22 agreements are found on Pages 6 and 8.

23 Boyd is a publicly traded company.
24 Its stock price at closing, on January 14,
25 2015, was \$12.90 per share. As of

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1 September 30, 2014, Boyd owned 21 casinos
2 and racinos in the state. The company
3 operates five Louisiana Licensees,

4 including two acquired through its recent
5 acquisition of Peninsula Gaming.

6 The pie charts on Page 28 depict the
7 distribution of Louisiana gaming revenue
8 amongst parent companies operating
9 Louisiana gaming properties for fiscal year
10 2013-2014.

11 In conclusion, the Board is being
12 asked to consider the renewal of Sam's Town
13 gaming license for a period of five years,
14 effective March 8, 2015. We found no
15 financial impediments to the Board's
16 approval of this renewal application.

17 Licensing will now present the
18 results of their investigation.

19 MR. DAIGLE: Good morning, Chairman
20 Jones, Board Members. Trooper Eddie Daigle
21 of the Louisiana State Police Gaming
22 Enforcement Division. A renewal
23 investigation was conducted on Red River
24 Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC, d/b/a
25 Sam's Town Hotel and Casino and associated

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1 companies and key personnel. This
2 consisted of inquiries through federal,
3 state and local enforcement agencies,
4 computerized history databases and civil
5 institutions and gaming regulatory
6 agencies. Tax inquiries were obtained

7 through the Internal Revenue Service and
8 the Louisiana Department of Revenue to
9 ensure that applicants were current with
10 their tax filings.

11 During the suitability investigation,
12 no information was discovered which would
13 preclude the licensing of Red River
14 Entertainment Shreveport, LLC, and
15 associated companies or the key personnel.

16 At this time, I will be glad to
17 answer any questions you have.

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any
19 questions for the Attorney General's office
20 or the Division, State Police? There are
21 no questions. I would like -- does the
22 Licensee wish to address the Board?
23 Representatives? Please come down. Thank
24 you for making the drive. Good morning.

25 MR. WEST: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,

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1 Paul West representing Sam's Town of
2 Shreveport. To my right is Mr. Steve
3 Schutte, Regional Vice-President of Board
4 Gaming in Las Vegas, and to his right, Kim
5 Etland, who has been the general manager of
6 Sam's Town Shreveport for a number of
7 years.

8 MS. ETLAND: Eight.

9 MR. WEST: Eight years.

10 MR. SCHUTTE: Good morning,
11 Mr. Chairman and Board Members. First,
12 before we get started, I just want to thank
13 you, along with the Attorney General's
14 office and the Division of State Police for
15 your cooperation and assistance in our
16 operation in the great state of Louisiana.
17 We are very happy to be here.

18 As you heard before, we have five
19 properties. Boyd Gaming has five
20 properties here in the state of Louisiana,
21 and we are thrilled to have the ability to
22 do business here and appreciate all of your
23 cooperation and assistance.

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: Kim, anything?

25 MS. ETLAND: Questions?

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1 CHAIRMAN JONES: Do we have any
2 questions of the Licensee? [No response.]
3 Despite what one of my colleagues might
4 say, we're glad to have you here from Vegas
5 even though you don't live here. So you
6 can come visit us anytime you'd like.

7 MR. SCHUTTE: Thank you very much.
8 I'm here quite a bit.

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: Do I have a motion to
10 adopt the resolution?

11 MR. BRADFORD: I'll make a motion.

12 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Bradford --

13 MAJOR MERCER: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: -- and by Major
15 Mercer. Ms. Tramonte, would you read the
16 resolution into the record?

17 MS. TRAMONTE: On the 15th day of
18 January, 2015, the Louisiana Gaming Control
19 Board did, in a duly noted public meeting,
20 consider the license renewal application of
21 Red River Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC,
22 d/b/a Sam's Town Hotel and Casino. And
23 upon motion duly made and seconded, the
24 Board adopted this resolution. Be it
25 resolved the License R016500097 to conduct

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1 riverboat gaming issued to Red River
2 Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC, d/b/a
3 Sam's Town Hotel and Casino be renewed for
4 a term of five years, commencing March 8,
5 2015. Subject to the statement of
6 conditions, the riverboat gaming license of
7 Red River Entertainment of Shreveport is
8 attached hereto and made a part thereof.
9 Thus done in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this
10 15th day of January, 2015.

11 CHAIRMAN JONES: Would you call the
12 roll?

13 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Bradford?

14 MR. BRADFORD: Yes.

15 MS. TRAMONTE: Major Mercer?

16 MAJOR MERCER: Yes.
17 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Jackson?
18 MR. JACKSON: Yes.
19 MS. TRAMONTE: Mr. Gaston?
20 MR. GASTON: Yes.
21 MS. TRAMONTE: Chairman Jones?
22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes. And the
23 resolution is adopted. Thank you for being
24 part of our market in Shreveport.
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1 VII. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS AND
APPEALS:

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1. In Re: The Palms Casino & Truck Stop, Inc.,
3 d/b/a The Palms Casino - No. 4400512740

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: Now we take up
5 consideration of proposed settlements and
6 appeals. The first up is a settlement in
7 regards to The Palms Casino & Truck Stop,
8 Inc., d/b/a The Palms Casino. That's
9 Number 4400512740. Good morning.

10 MR. LEWIS: Good morning, Chairman
11 Jones, Members of the Board. I'm Kanick
12 Lewis, Jr., Assistant Attorney General
13 representing the Office of the State
14 Police, and I'm here today regarding the
15 matter of The Palms Casino and Truck Stop,
16 Inc., d/b/a The Palms Casino with the video

17 gaming license number of 4400512740.

18 The Palms has a Type 5 video poker
19 license and is located at 8301 West Judge
20 Perez Drive in Chalmette, Louisiana.
21 Mr. John R. Bienvenu was listed as the
22 50 percent owner of the licensed
23 establishment, and he died on October 4,
24 2013.

25 The Palms did not notify the Division

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1 of Mr. Bienvenu's death until November 18,
2 2013, 45 days later and, therefore, failed
3 to timely notify the Division of a transfer
4 of ownership, which is a direct violation
5 of the Louisiana Administrative Code,
6 Title 42, Part 11 2417 B.4.

7 In lieu of administrative action, The
8 Palms will pay a civil penalty of \$250 for
9 its violation of the code. Herein, Officer
10 Reynolds has signed off on the settlement
11 agreement, and we're here today seeking the
12 Board's approval of the settlement.

13 At this time, I will answer any
14 questions.

15 CHAIRMAIN JONES: Board Members, do
16 you have any questions regarding the
17 settlement? [No response.] Do I have a
18 motion to approve the settlement?

19 MR. GASTON: I move to approve the

20 settlement.

21 MR. JACKSON: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Gaston motioned,

23 and seconded by Mr. Jackson. All in favor?

24 [Collective "aye."] Opposition? [No

25 response.] Motion carries. The settlement

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1 is approved.

2 2. In Re: J & R Amusement Co., Inc., d/b/a J & R
Amusement Co., Inc. - No. 4400605123

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4 CHAIRMAN JONES: Now, before us, is in
5 regards to J & R Amusement Company, Inc.,
6 d/b/a J & R Amusement Company, Inc., Number
7 4400605123.

8 MR. LEWIS: Again, good morning.
9 Kanick Lewis, Jr., with the Assistant
10 Attorney General's Office representing the
11 Office of State Police. I'm here today
12 regarding the matter of J & R Amusement
13 Company, Inc., d/b/a J & R Amusement
14 Company, Inc. with the video game and
15 license number of 4400605123.

16 J & R has a Type 6 video poker
17 license and is located at 8301 West Judge
18 Perez Drive, Suite 200, in Chalmette,
19 Louisiana.

20 Mr. John Bienvenu was listed as the
21 50 percent owner of the licensed

22 establishment and died on October 4, 2013.

23 J & R did not notify the Division of

24 Mr. Bienvenu's death until November 18,

25 2013, which is 45 days later and in

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1 violation of the Louisiana Administrative

2 Code, Title 42, Part 11 2417 B.4, and the

3 fact that they failed to timely notify the

4 Division of a transfer of ownership.

5 In lieu of administrative action,

6 J & R will pay a civil penalty of \$250 for

7 the violation. Herein, Officer Reynolds

8 has signed a settlement agreement, and we

9 are here today seeking approval of the

10 settlement.

11 And I would be happy to answer any

12 questions at this time.

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any

14 questions of the Attorney General's Office

15 regarding the settlement?

16 MAJOR MERCER: So move.

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: We have a motion by

18 Major Mercer and a second by --

19 MR. JACKSON: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN JONES: -- Mr. Jackson. All

21 in favor? [Collective "aye."] Opposition?

22 [No response.] Motion carries. The

23 settlement is approved.

24 3. In Re: Michael I. Soileau - No. P040041206

25 CHAIRMAN JONES: Now, before us, in
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1 regards to Michael I. Soileau, Number
2 P040041206, proposed settlement. Good
3 morning.

4 MR. HEBERT: Good morning, Chairman
5 Jones, Members of the Board. Christopher
6 Hebert, representing the Louisiana Office
7 of State Police in the matter of Michael
8 Soileau.

9 On or about October 27, 2014, State
10 Police Criminal Records notified the
11 Division of Michael Soileau's October 22,
12 2014 arrest by the East Baton Rouge
13 Sheriff's Office for a violation of
14 Louisiana Revised Statute 14:98, operating
15 a vehicle while intoxicated, and Louisiana
16 Revised Statute 32:61, maximum speed limit.

17 Mr. Soileau failed to timely notify
18 the Division of his arrest, as required by
19 gaming law. In lieu of administrative
20 action, Mr. Soileau will pay a total of
21 \$250 for his violation of Louisiana
22 Administrative Code 42, Part 32 901 B.4.

23 Officer Reynolds has signed off on
24 this settlement agreement. We're here
25 seeking the Board's approval, and I would

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1 be happy to answer any questions that you

2 might have.

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions of
4 Mr. Hebert from the Board?

5 MR. JACKSON: I make a motion to
6 approve the settlement.

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Jackson.

8 MR. MERCER: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN JONES: That's a second. All
10 in favor? [Collective "aye."] Opposed?
11 [No response.] Motion is carried. The
12 settlement is approved. Thank you.

13 4. In Re: Tonya P. Stevenson - No. P40041179

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: And finally, on
15 appeal in regards to Tonya P. Stevenson,
16 that's Number P040041179. Is Ms. Stevenson
17 here or a representative? Please come
18 down. Good morning.

19 MS. STEVENSON: Good morning.

20 CHAIRMAN JONES: Have a seat at the
21 table. I just want to familiarize you with
22 the process. We already have the record
23 before us of the hearing that was conducted
24 before the hearing officer, and we can't
25 accept any new evidence this morning. But

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1 if you would, summarize for us why you
2 should be entitled to have the matter heard
3 again.

4 MS. STEVENSON: Okay. Thank you. The

5 date of the hearing, I actually mixed up
6 the dates. Someone called me about an
7 appointment I was taking them to, and I
8 said, you're wrong. I'm actually taking
9 you such-and-such day, and that's when I
10 realized I missed my hearing.

11 So I called the Gaming Control Board
12 and the secretary answered like, oh,
13 they've been looking for you. So then I
14 called Ms. Brown to see what I would need
15 to do, and her secretary told me to file an
16 appeal, so I filed the appeal and that's
17 why I'm here.

18 CHAIRMAN JONES: So --

19 MS. STEVENSON: So it was my fault I
20 missed the hearing.

21 CHAIRMAN JONES: If the Board were to
22 give you an opportunity to present your
23 case, you would have evidence that you
24 could present on your behalf? You don't
25 need to tell me what it is, but you have

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1 evidence, correct?

2 MS. STEVENSON: Yes.

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: Okay.

4 MS. BROWN: Good morning, Chairman
5 Jones, Board Members. I'm Lisa Brown,
6 Assistant Attorney General appearing on
7 behalf of the Division in this matter.

8 Here Ms. Stevenson is appealing the hearing
9 of its decision revoking her non-key gaming
10 employee permit.

11 Ms. Stevenson is stating, on appeal,
12 that new evidence exists in this matter
13 that was not presented at the
14 administrative hearing, so two options are
15 now available the Board can either affirm
16 the hearing officer's decision or remand
17 the matter back to the hearing office in
18 order to allow the new evidence to be
19 presented.

20 CHAIRMAN JONES: Very good. Board
21 Members, do you have any questions? Do I
22 have a motion one way or the other?
23 Mr. Bradford?

24 MR. BRADFORD: I motion to remand.

25 CHAIRMAN JONES: A motion to remand.

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1 A second?

2 MAJOR MERCER: Seconded.

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: A motion to remand
4 seconded by Major Mercer. All in favor?
5 [Collective "aye."] Opposition? [No
6 response.] It shall be remanded. You will
7 have the opportunity to present your
8 evidence.

9 MS. STEVENSON: Thank you.

10 VIII. ADJOURNMENT

11 CHAIRMAN JONES: There being no
12 further business before the Board on the
13 agenda, I would ask for a motion to
14 adjourn.

15 MR. JACKSON: Motion to adjourn.

16 MR. GASTON: Seconded.

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: Who was the second
18 one for the motion to adjourn?

19 MR. GASTON: Mr. Gaston, please.

20 CHAIRMAN JONES: Okay. All in favor?

21 [Collective "aye."] Thank you, ladies and
22 gentlemen.

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1 STATE OF LOUISIANA

2 PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

3 I, Laura Quinette, Certified Court

4 Reporter and Registered Professional Reporter, do

5 hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and

6 correct transcript of the proceedings on January 15,

7 2015, as taken by me in Stenographic machine

8 shorthand, complemented with magnetic tape recording,

9 and thereafter reduced to transcript, to the best of

10 my ability and understanding, using Computer-Aided

11 Transcription.

12 I further certify that I am not an

13 attorney or counsel for any of the parties, that I

14 am neither related to nor employed by any attorney
15 or counsel connected with this action, and that I
16 have no financial interest in the outcome of this
17 action.

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19 Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 27th day of January,

20 2015.

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Laura Quinette, CCR, RPR

24 CCR No. 2014011, RPR No. 7336796