

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes January 18, 2024

The meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board convened on Thursday, January 18, 2024, 10:00 a.m., at the Louisiana State Capitol – House Committee Room 6. Present at the meeting were Chairman Ronnie Johns, Julie Berry, Lamar Poole, Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, Ronald Sholes, and Ashley Traylor. Major Chuck McNeal was present for Col. Robert Hodges and Katrina Emery was present for Sec. Richard Nelson. Absent were board members Harry Avant, Claude Jackson, Julie Lewis and ex-officio members Col. Hodges and Sec. Nelson.

Chairman Johns called the meeting to order. It was moved by Ms. Berry to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the meeting of December 18, 2023. That motion was seconded by Mr. Poole and unanimously approved by the Board.

Donna Jackson, Louisiana State Police (“LSP”) Gaming Audit Section, provided revenue reports for the riverboats, slots at the racetracks, and landbased casino. She also reported on the video poker statistics, sports wagering, mobile wagering, and fantasy sports revenue.

The Board considered the submission of Full Construction Contracts for Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Company, LLC – No. R010800195. Present was Jeff Barbin, attorney, and Keith Hudolin, General Counsel for Cordish. After presentation by Lisha Landry, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Ms. Berry to approve the resolution. That motion was seconded by Mr. Poole, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the Petition to Amend the Scope of the Facility and Extend Deadlines for Completion of Project for Catfish Queen, LLC d/b/a The Belle of Baton Rouge- No. R011700009. Present was Jeff Barbin, attorney, and Terry Downey, CEO of the Belle. After presentation by Lisha Landry, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Mr. Poole to approve the resolution. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton- Acker, and unanimously approved by the Board.

After presentation by Venise Johnson, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Mr. Sholes and seconded by Ms. Traylor to adopt rulemaking amendments A-C, and all procedures (A-C) were unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Transfers of Interest in Dixie Inn Travel Center, LLC d/b/a Dixie Inn Casino – No. 6007515571 and Port Au Prince, LLC d/b/a Gold Rush Casino – No. 4900515526. After presentation by Earl Pitre, Assistant Attorney General and Master Trooper James Cannon, LSP Criminal Investigator, it was moved by Ms. Berry to approve the transfer. That motion was seconded by Mr. Poole.

The Board considered the settlement of Food Junction, LLC d/b/a Longwood Casino - No. 0900518123. After presentation by Venise Johnson, Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Hamilton- Acker moved to approve the settlement. That motion was seconded by Mr. Sholes and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the settlement of T & D Ventures, LLC d/b/a Lucky Dollar Casino - No. 4701512880. After presentation by Talibah McIntyre, Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Traylor moved to approve the settlement. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the settlement of The Old Evangeline Downs, LLC d/b/a Races and Aces - No. 5000414370. After presentation by Hafiz Folami, Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Hamilton- Acker moved to approve the settlement. That motion was seconded by Ms. Traylor and unanimously approved by the Board.

Lastly the Board considered the settlement of Darius Declouette d/b/a The Chocolate Factory - No. 5101117954. After presentation by Hafiz Folami, Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Berry moved to approve the settlement. That motion was seconded by Mr. Poole and unanimously approved by the Board.

Chairman Johns recognized Christopher Hebert, Director of Gaming at the Attorney General's office. Mr. Hebert acknowledged Earl Pitre, Assistant Attorney General for his years of service to the state and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement.

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