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13 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

2 CHAIRMAN HALL: Good morning
3 everyone. I'd like to welcome you to
4 the meeting and thank you very much for
5 joining us today, and if we could, I'd
6 like to call the meeting to order. Miss
7 Coleman, if you would, please call the
8 roll.

9 THE CLERK: Miss Rogers?

10 MS. ROGERS: Here.

11 THE CLERK: Mr. Bradford?

12 MR. BRADFORD: Here.

13 THE CLERK: Mr. Jones?

14 MR. JONES: Here.

15 THE CLERK: Mr. Stipe?

16 MR. STIPE: Here.

17 THE CLERK: Mr. Singleton? [No
18 response.] Miss Noonan?

19 MS. NOONAN: Here.

20 THE CLERK: Major Mercer?

21 MAJOR MERCER: Here.

22 THE CLERK: Mr. Jackson?

23 MR. JACKSON: Here.

24 THE CLERK: Chairman Hall.

25 CHAIRMAN HALL: Here. We have a

1 quorum and so we can continue on with
2 our business.

3 Before we begin, I'd like to
4 recognize everyone that participated in
5 getting prepared for this meeting today.
6 As you know, we're having the meeting
7 early -- earlier than planned, and there
8 was a great deal of work that had to be
9 done by a number of people, particularly
10 so the boats and riverboats and ABSC in
11 getting ready for this meeting; and we
12 appreciate the hard work that was done
13 in order to allow us to do this.

14 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

15 CHAIRMAN HALL: Before we go any
16 further, I'd like to ask if there's any
17 public comments on any issues before the
18 Board today? Not hearing any, I'll
19 continue.

20 III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

21 CHAIRMAN HALL: If you would,
22 please, I need a motion to waive the
23 reading.

24 MR. BRADFORD: So moved.

25 CHAIRMAN HALL: So moved by

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1 Mr. Bradford.

2 MS. NOONAN: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN HALL: Seconded by
4 Miss Noonan. So we -- any opposition?
5 None. So the motion carries. We'll

6 waive the reading of the minutes.

7 IV. REVENUE REPORTS

8 CHAIRMAN HALL: Next up on the
9 agenda are Revenue Reports.

10 MS. JACKSON: Good morning, Chairman
11 Hall and Board Members. My name is
12 Donna Jackson with the Louisiana State
13 Police Gaming Audit Section.

14 The riverboat revenue report for
15 November 2012 is shown on page one of
16 your handout. During November, the 13
17 operating riverboats generated Adjusted
18 Gross Receipts of \$132,698,229, up \$6.7
19 million or 5 percent from October 2012,
20 and up \$8 million, or 6.5 percent from
21 November 2011.

22 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
23 year 2012-2013 to date are almost
24 \$672 million, a minimal increase of
25 .1 percent from fiscal year 2011-2012.

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1 During November, the State collected
2 fees totaling \$28.5 million. As of
3 November 30th, 2012, the State has
4 collected \$144.5 million in fees for
5 fiscal year 2012-2013.

6 Next is a summary of November 2012
7 gaming activity for Harrah's New Orleans
8 found on page three.

9 During November, Harrah's generated
10 \$28,534,645 in gross gaming revenue, a
11 minimal increase from October of
12 .2 percent, and an increase of
13 36 percent or \$7.6 million from last
14 November.

15 Fiscal year-to-date gaming revenues
16 for 2012-2012 to date are \$129 million,
17 down \$1.7 million or 1 percent from
18 fiscal year 2011-2012. During November,
19 the State received \$4.9 million in
20 minimum daily payments. As of
21 November 30th, 2012, the State has
22 collected \$25 million in fees for fiscal
23 year 2012-2013.

24 Slots at the Racetracks Revenues are
25 shown on page four. During November,

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1 the four racetrack facilities combined
2 generated Adjusted Gross Receipts of
3 \$31,719,940, an increase of 4.5 percent
4 or \$1.4 million from last month, and 6.6
5 percent or \$2 million increase from last
6 November.

7 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
8 year 2012-2013 to date are \$162 million,
9 a slight increase of \$1 million or
10 .5 percent from last fiscal year.

11 During November, the State collected

12 fees totaling \$4.8 million. As of
13 November 30th, 2012, the State has
14 collected \$24.6 million in fees for
15 fiscal year 2012-2013.

16 Overall in November, Riverboats,
17 Land Based and Slots at the Racetracks
18 combined generated \$193 million in
19 Adjusted Gross Receipts, which is almost
20 \$18 million or 10 percent more than the
21 previous November.

22 Are there any questions before I
23 present the Harrah's employee
24 information?

25 CHAIRMAN HALL: I don't see any.

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1 MS. JACKSON: Harrah's New Orleans
2 is required to maintain at least 2,400
3 employees and a bi-weekly payroll of
4 \$1,750,835. This report covers the two
5 pay periods in November 2012.

6 For the first pay period, the Audit
7 Section verified 2,457 employees with a
8 payroll of \$2,011,000. For the second
9 pay period, the Audit Section verified
10 2,459 employees with a payroll of
11 \$1,993,000. Therefore, Harrah's met the
12 employment criteria during November.

13 Questions?

14 CHAIRMAN HALL: Questions? [No

15 response.] I don't see any. Thank you.

16 MR. BOSSIER: Good morning, Chairman
17 Hall and Board Members. My name is Jim
18 Bossier with the Louisiana State Police
19 Gaming Audit Section. I'm reporting
20 Video Gaming information for
21 November 2012, as shown on page one of
22 your handout.

23 During November 2012, thirteen new
24 video gaming licenses were issued:
25 Eight bars and five restaurants.

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1 Nineteen new applications were received
2 by the Gaming Enforcement Division
3 during November and are currently
4 pending in the field: Eleven bars,
5 seven restaurants, and one device
6 owner's.

7 The Gaming Enforcement Division
8 assessed \$11,400 and collected \$42,754
9 in penalties in November, and there are
10 currently \$12,750 in outstanding fines.
11 Please refer to page two of your
12 handout.

13 There are presently 14,193 video
14 gaming devices activated at 2,072
15 locations.

16 Net device revenue for November 2012
17 was \$50,018,147, a \$286,000 increase, or

18 six-tenths of 1 percent, when compared
19 to net device revenue for October 2012,
20 and a \$2.7 million increase, or 5.6
21 percent, when compared to November 2011.

22 Net device revenue for fiscal year
23 2013 is \$242,928,976, a \$3 million
24 increase, or 1.3 percent, when compared
25 to net device revenue for fiscal year

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1 2012. Page three of your handout shows
2 a comparison of net device revenue.

3 Total franchise fees collected for
4 November 2012 were \$14,928,824, a
5 \$113,000 increase when compared to
6 October 2012, and a \$802,000 increase
7 when compared to November 2011.

8 Total franchise fees collected for
9 fiscal year 2013 are \$72,533,129, a
10 \$1 million, or 1.5 percent increase,
11 when compared to last year's franchise
12 fees.

13 Page four of your handout shows a
14 comparison of franchise fees. Does
15 anybody have any questions?

16 MS. ROGERS: That's one of the
17 biggest outstanding fees that we've had,
18 I think, that I've ever seen. Is there
19 any reason for that?

20 MR. BOSSIER: Outstanding fines?

21 MS. ROGERS: Fines, excuse me. I
22 was just curious.

23 MR. BOSSIER: I could find out for
24 you.

25 MS. ROGERS: As long as we collect
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1 it.

2 MR. BOSSIER: That's fine. We will
3 collect it, believe me.

4 MS. ROGERS: Okay.

5 CHAIRMAN HALL: Is that it? Thank
6 you very much.

7 V. VIDEO GAMING ISSUES

8 A. Consideration of the following truckstop
9 application:

10 1. LA 1 South, LLC, d/b/a LA 1 South - No.
11 6100513017 (transfer of interest)

12 CHAIRMAN HALL: All right. Next up
13 on the agenda is Video Gaming Issues.
14 We have, Consideration of the following
15 truckstop application: LA 1 South, LLC,
16 doing business as LA 1 South. We have a
17 transfer of interest.

18 MR. PITRE: Chairman Hall, Board
19 Members, I'm Assistant Attorney General,
20 Earl Pitre, Jr., here in the matter of
21 LA 1 South, LLC, doing business as LA 1
22 South casino.

23 The licensee is a Louisiana limited

24 liability company that was organized
25 August 2nd of 2000, and is located in

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1 Port Allen in West Baton Rouge Parish.

2 On September 10th, 2012, Rawlston
3 Phillips, Jr., donated 6 percent of his
4 membership interest in the licensee to
5 his children, Kathlyn Jones, Susan Gray
6 and Rawlston Phillips, III, each
7 receiving 2 percent. As a result of the
8 membership interest transfers, the
9 licensee is owned as follows: Rawlston
10 Phillips, Jr., with 44.5 percent; Linda
11 Phillips with 12 percent; Rawlston
12 Phillips, III, Kathlyn Jones and Susan
13 Gray each with 14.5 percent.

14 Master Trooper Kevin Smith conducted
15 the investigation of the transfers of
16 membership and of the members and their
17 spouses. The Office of the Attorney
18 General reviewed the file compiled as a
19 result of this investigation, and our
20 review indicates that no information has
21 been found which would preclude the
22 continued licensing of LA 1 South, LLC,
23 doing business as LA 1 South Casino, or
24 the continued participation of Rawlston
25 Phillips Jr., Linda Phillips, Susan

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1 Gray, Stewart Gray, Christopher Jones,
2 Kathlyn Jones, Rawlston Phillips, III,
3 and Amanda Phillips.

4 Any questions?

5 MS. NOONAN: I have a question.

6 CHAIRMAN HALL: Yes, ma'am.

7 MS. NOONAN: On the application --

8 in the investigation, it says that

9 Amanda Phillips had two charges you

10 found reported against her. Did she

11 report those on her application, or did

12 those just come about from your

13 investigation?

14 TROOPER SMITH: Those were reported,

15 ma'am.

16 MS. NOONAN: Okay. Thank you very

17 much.

18 CHAIRMAN HALL: Any other questions?

19 Hearing none, I need a motion to approve

20 the transfer of interest.

21 MS. ROGERS: I so move.

22 CHAIRMAN HALL: All right.

23 Miss Rogers, seconded by Mr. Jones. Any

24 discussion on the issue? Hearing none,

25 is there any opposition? Hearing none,

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1 the motion for transfer is approved.

2 MR. PITRE: Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you.

4 VI. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

5 A. Consideration of renewal of license of
6 Harrah's Bossier City Investment Company,
7 L.L.C., d/b/a Harrah's Louisiana Downs,
8 License No. T010802871

9 CHAIRMAN HALL: Next is Casino
10 Gaming Issues, and we'll take these in
11 order, I believe, as they are on the
12 agenda. So first up is going to be
13 consideration for a renewal of the
14 Harrah's Bossier City Investment Company
15 doing business as Harrah's Louisiana
16 Downs.

17 MR. GAUTREAU: Good morning,
18 Chairman, Members of the Board. Leonce
19 Gautreaux, Assistant Attorney General.
20 Here with me today is Master Trooper
21 Ryan Riley and Trnessia Ware from the
22 Louisiana State Police Audit Division.

23 Before you is the five-year renewal
24 of the slot machine gaming license of
25 the eligible facility owned by Harrah's

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1 Bossier City Investment Company, LLC,
2 doing business as Louisiana Downs. They
3 were originally licensed February 18th,
4 2003. The first renewal came before the
5 Board and was approved on January 15th,
6 2008, to commence on February 18th,

7 2008.

8 Again before the Board is the second
9 renewal of the five-year term for this
10 slots facility, and now I will turn the
11 presentation over to the State Police.

12 MASTER TROOPER RILEY: Morning,
13 Chairman Hall, Members of the Board. My
14 name is Master Trooper Ryan Riley, and
15 I'm with the Louisiana State Police
16 Gaming Enforcement Division.

17 A renewal suitability investigation
18 was conducted on Caesars Entertainment
19 Corporation, parent company of Caesars
20 Entertainment Operating Company,
21 Incorporated, doing business in
22 Louisiana as Harrah's Louisiana Downs,
23 and all of its entities and key
24 personnel. This investigation consisted
25 of inquiries through federal, state and

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1 local law enforcement agencies,
2 computerized criminal histories,
3 databases, financial and civil
4 institutions and gaming regulatory
5 agencies. Tax clearance request forms
6 are forwarded to the Internal Revenue
7 Service and the Louisiana Department of
8 Revenue in order to ensure that all
9 applicants are current in filing their

10 taxes.

11 In summary, during this renewal
12 suitability investigation, I discovered
13 no information which would preclude the
14 continuing licensing of Caesars
15 Entertainment Corporation, parent
16 company of Caesars Entertainment,
17 Incorporated, doing business as Harrah's
18 Louisiana Downs and all associated
19 entities and key personnel. Thank you.

20 MS. WARE: Good morning, Chairman
21 Hall and Board Members. My name is
22 Trnessia Ware with the Louisiana State
23 Police Gaming Audit Section.

24 Licensee, Harrah's Bossier City
25 Investment Company, LLC, doing business

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1 as Harrah's Louisiana Downs, a wholly
2 owned subsidiary of Caesars
3 Entertainment Corporation, seeks a
4 five-year renewal of this license to
5 conduct slot gaming operations at its
6 racing facility in Bossier City.

7 Harrah's Louisiana Downs is located
8 within a five-mile radius of five
9 riverboats with the casino gaming
10 industry for the Bossier market.
11 Harrah's Louisiana Downs' Adjusted Gross
12 Receipts rank sixth in the industry

13 Bossier market for fiscal year ending
14 June 30th, 2007, through June 30th,
15 2012.

16 For fiscal year 2011-2012, Harrah's
17 Louisiana Downs gross receipts were
18 approximately \$61 million. Harrah's
19 Louisiana Downs' capital expenditures
20 historical and projected are shown on
21 page four. The expenditures for 2011
22 were approximately .46 million and
23 budgeted at .77 million for 2012. The
24 \$2.66 million projected in 2013 is
25 broken out by category. The remaining

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1 projection is approximately .9 million
2 per year through 2016.

3 Caesars charges Bossier City
4 Investment Company a fee for
5 administering and other services.
6 Harrah's Bossier City Investment Company
7 paid \$4.1 million and \$4.3 million for
8 the years ending December 31, 2011, and
9 '10 respectfully.

10 In conclusion, no financial issues
11 came to our attention to preclude the
12 Board from approving the Harrah's
13 Louisiana Downs license for a period of
14 five years effective February 18th,
15 2013.

16 MR. GAUTREAU: Any questions?

17 CHAIRMAN HALL: And that revenue is

18 strictly from their slot gaming

19 operations, right --

20 MS. WARE: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN HALL: -- and OTBs.

22 MS. WARE: Yes. Any other

23 questions?

24 CHAIRMAN HALL: I'm sorry.

25 Mr. Stipe.

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1 MR. STIPE: The company has a
2 compliance representative in place
3 currently?

4 MASTER TROOPER RILEY: They do.

5 MR. STIPE: How long has that
6 individual been in the position,
7 approximately?

8 MASTER TROOPER RILEY: For the
9 corporate office for the actual facility
10 itself here in Louisiana?

11 MR. STIPE: I would say the person
12 that serves as a liaison between this
13 licensee and the Gaming Board, your
14 office and the Attorney General's
15 Office. They have a specific person
16 designated at this facility?

17 MR. RICH: Yes, we do. Good
18 morning, Chairman Hall, Members of the

19 Board. My name is Mike Rich, Senior
20 Vice-President and General Manager of
21 Harrah's Louisiana Downs, and, yes, we
22 have a woman named Jennifer Duke who has
23 been with us in that position.

24 MR. STIPE: While you're here and if
25 you can speak to this, I was wondering

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1 if you can kind of speak to your capital
2 expenditure plans for the five years
3 that the license would cover.

4 MR. RICH: For the future five years
5 or the past five years?

6 MR. STIPE: Yes. For the future
7 five years, yes, sir.

8 MR. RICH: So in the next five
9 years -- I think our plan is
10 specifically to the upcoming year where
11 we have -- when they will reach several
12 million dollars, a big chunk of that is
13 going to be with fixing the drainage
14 runoff issues with the Department of
15 Environmental Quality. So we have an
16 issue we've been working on for a year
17 and a half, two years with the State to
18 ensure that our runoff from the -- from
19 the horse barn area does not intermingle
20 with the bayou that's behind the
21 facility. We've been working hard with

22 the State to make sure we do that
23 correctly.

24 We're about to start construction to
25 ensure the drainage from our property

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1 disburses on our property and does not
2 run off into that bayou, and we begin
3 that within the next 30 days. And that
4 will be about a \$1.2 million project,
5 and the remainder of that is just
6 continued capital expenditures. Parts
7 of that will be improvements to the barn
8 and on the back side of the facility,
9 and then certainly parts of that will
10 be continued improvement of our entire
11 racing and slot structure. We plan on,
12 in the next year and a half, two years,
13 recarpeting the entire property, as well
14 as doing some other improvements.

15 MR. STIPE: The capital expenditures
16 for 2013, I don't see the description of
17 the remediation program, I'll call it --
18 I know you won't. But the remediation
19 program that you've got, where is that
20 in your list of capital expenditures
21 that you submitted?

22 MR. RICH: And I apologize. That's
23 not part of that capital expenditure
24 group. Without knowing either way --

25 and I don't want to make an assumption

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1 without -- but we've had that submitted
2 for about a year and a half, two years
3 ago. That may have been submitted as
4 part of our previous submission from a
5 CAPEX standpoint.

6 MR. STIPE: That kind of leads to my
7 next question. Does this capital
8 expenditure list kind of cover the
9 entire facility or just the capital
10 expenditure associated with this
11 particular aspect of the gaming on that
12 facility?

13 MR. RICH: It does cover both
14 because bar renovations are part of the
15 five-year plan that are listed here.
16 That project -- that remediation
17 project, as you call it, was something
18 that was a special project that came up
19 within the last couple of years that
20 we've been working with the State to
21 work on it; and we weren't sure if that
22 was going to be spent in this past year
23 or this year. We wanted to make sure we
24 were going to do it correctly, and that
25 was the biggest piece of it when we

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1 thought that money was going to be

2 spent. We didn't want to start
3 construction on that property until we
4 nailed the specifics of how we were
5 going to remediate that drainage issue.

6 MR. STIPE: You view that program as
7 a capital expenditure above and beyond
8 what's kind of listed here?

9 MR. RICH: Yes, we do.

10 MR. STIPE: All right. That's all I
11 have.

12 CHAIRMAN HALL: Miss Rogers.

13 MS. ROGERS: The violations that you
14 stated, were they corrected? There's
15 no -- I'm ambivalent about were they
16 corrected. You did state that you had
17 violations four and three, I think, at
18 different times.

19 MR. RICH: I'm sorry. The
20 violations for --

21 MS. ROGERS: That's my question.

22 MASTER TROOPER RILEY: The
23 violations that were the past five years
24 category: Non-permitted employee,
25 excluded patrons, you have violations.

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1 MR. RICH: I apologize. I thought
2 we were still talking about the other
3 project. So we've addressed those as
4 they've come up. We take those

5 seriously. We certainly -- I think,
6 we've got a pretty good relationship
7 with the State Police in Bossier City,
8 and I've met with Lieutenant Ingram and
9 met regularly as we've had these issues.
10 And as those issues come up, we take
11 them seriously. We address them and
12 work very hard to remediate them.

13 MS. ROGERS: They've been
14 remediated.

15 MASTER TROOPER RILEY: Miss Rogers,
16 they've also been fined and paid all
17 fines associated with them.

18 MS. ROGERS: Okay.

19 CHAIRMAN HALL: I also note, while
20 you're there, if you would, Mr. Rich,
21 that for the past -- really for the past
22 year, y'all have met your goals for
23 total employment and also for your
24 procurement and your minority and women
25 goals for procurement also.

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1 MR. RICH: Yes, we have. So, yeah,
2 for the last five years on an annual
3 basis we've met our MBE, WBE and LBE
4 goals, and on a quarterly basis have
5 only missed our MBE goals in the past
6 five years in all 16, so...

7 CHAIRMAN HALL: Any more questions?

8 MR. STIPE: I just would move.

9 CHAIRMAN HALL: Okay. Mr. Stipe
10 would move to grant the renewal and
11 adopt the resolution prepared by the
12 Attorney General's Office for renewal of
13 the license --

14 MR. BRADFORD: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN HALL: -- seconded by
16 Mr. Bradford. If you would, please,
17 Miss Coleman, would you read the
18 resolution.

19 THE CLERK: On the 11th day of
20 December, 2012, the Louisiana Gaming
21 Control Board did, in a duly noticed
22 public meeting, consider the license
23 renewal application of Harrah's Bossier
24 City Investment Company, LLC, doing
25 business as Harrah's Louisiana Downs,

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1 and upon motion duly made and seconded,
2 adopt the following resolution.

3 Be it resolved that the license to
4 conduct slot machine gaming at an
5 eligible facility, issued to Harrah's
6 Bossier City Investment Company, LLC,
7 doing business as Harrah's Louisiana
8 Downs, be renewed for a term of five
9 years commencing on February 18th, 2013,
10 subject to the statement of conditions

11 to slot machine gaming license of
12 Harrah's Bossier City Investment
13 Company, LLC, attached hereto and made a
14 part hereof.

15 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
16 Louisiana, this 11th day of December,
17 2012.

18 CHAIRMAN HALL: Is there any
19 opposition to the motion? [No
20 response.] Seeing none, the motion
21 carries and the renewal is granted. The
22 motion is adopted.

23 MR. RICH: Thank you very much.

24 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you.

25 B. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for

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1 the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the
2 gaming vessel of Louisiana 1 Gaming L.P. d/b/a
3 Boomtown Belle Casino Harvey - R012600196

4 CHAIRMAN HALL: Next up we have a
5 series of Alternate Riverboat
6 Inspection -- Certificates of Compliance
7 for Alternate Inspection for, I think,
8 five or six riverboats here. So if we
9 can begin with the first, which is
10 Boomtown Belle Casino in Harvey. Good
11 morning.

12 MR. TYLER: Morning, Chairman Hall,
13 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney

14 General, Michael Tyler, and today I'm
15 here joined by Matt Long of the American
16 Bureau of Shipping Consultants, also
17 shown as ABSC. We come before you in
18 the matter of the issuance of the full
19 Certificate of Compliance to Boomtown
20 Casino in Harvey.

21 If you remember in around about
22 October of this year, this honorable
23 board moved for the issuance of a
24 temporary Certificate of Compliance to
25 Boomtown Harvey. There remained an

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1 issue at the time with respect to fire
2 screen doors that had to be repaired
3 and/or installed.

4 So with that, this board granted a
5 60-day leave for them to repair that in
6 issuance of a temporary Certificate of
7 Compliance. As of today, we are in
8 receipt of information that those fire
9 screen doors has since been repaired
10 and/or installed.

11 For more on this particular matter
12 and the rest of the inspection, I now
13 turn this matter over to Matt Long of
14 ABSC.

15 MR. LONG: Good morning,
16 Mr. Chairman and Board Members. Again,

17 my name is Matthew Long, and I'm here on
18 behalf of ABSC. We have received all
19 the necessary documentation regarding
20 the proper installation of the fire
21 screen doors, as well as the original --
22 one of the other original items of
23 concern, which was the water tight
24 doors. Okay. So both of those items
25 have been completed, and ABSC recommends

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1 that the Certificate of Compliance be
2 issued for one year.

3 MR. TYLER: We now present these
4 findings to this honorable board and
5 request that upon the Board accepting
6 the reports by ABSC, that this Board
7 will move for an issuance of a full
8 Certificate of Compliance to Boomtown
9 Harvey.

10 CHAIRMAN HALL: Any questions?

11 MR. JONES: I've got a question.

12 CHAIRMAN HALL: Mr. Jones.

13 MR. JONES: Not just relative to
14 this, but to all these various renewals,
15 there are a number of third parties that
16 have approved various things -- the
17 steering and propulsion, emergency
18 generators, et cetera, water tight
19 doors -- and it refers to all of them as

20 "approved third party." Who approves
21 them, and what's the process whereby
22 they're approved?

23 MR. LONG: Well, the approval comes
24 from ABSC, and to my knowledge, the
25 primary criteria is that they are

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1 independent of the ownership and
2 operators of the vessel or facility in
3 question.

4 MR. JONES: So y'all have a certain
5 process, you know, to satisfy yourself
6 that they're competent to do what
7 they're doing?

8 MR. LONG: Yes, sir.

9 MR. JONES: Okay. That's all I
10 have.

11 CHAIRMAN HALL: Do I have a -- any
12 other questions? I don't see any. Do I
13 have a motion to adopt the
14 recommendation of ABSC and issue the
15 Certificate of Compliance?

16 MR. JONES: I move.

17 CHAIRMAN HALL: Mr. Jones moves.

18 MS. ROGERS: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN HALL: Miss Rogers seconds.

20 Any opposition? Hearing none, the
21 motion carries. Thank you very much.

22 C. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for

23 the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the
24 gaming vessel of PNK Bossier City d/b/a
25 Boomtown Bossier, License No. R0116500701

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1 CHAIRMAN HALL: Up next will be the
2 Boomtown Casino in Bossier.

3 MR. TYLER: Chairman Hall, Board
4 Members, again, Assistant Attorney
5 General, Michael Tyler, appearing in
6 this particular matter. I'm joined by
7 Matt Long of the American Bureau of
8 Shipping Consultants, also known as
9 ABSC. We come before you now with
10 regard to the issuance of the renewal of
11 the Certificate of Compliance to
12 Boomtown Bossier.

13 On or about October 4, 2012,
14 Boomtown Bossier began the process for
15 the renewal of its Certificate of
16 Compliance. For more on this process, I
17 now turn this matter over to Matt Long
18 of ABSC.

19 MR. LONG: Good morning again.
20 Again, ABSC has received the necessary
21 documentation rectifying all outstanding
22 deficiencies from the original report
23 which began on October 4th, 2012. They
24 were included as attachments on our
25 annual survey, including the fire safety

1 plan update from Arthur Darden, naval
2 architect; the installation of -- by
3 Bearing Service & Supply, Inc., as well
4 as IMS, Incorporated, and Caterpillar
5 Marine. Therefore, ABSC recommends
6 approval of the Certificate of
7 Compliance for one year.

8 MR. TYLER: We now present these
9 findings to this honorable board and
10 request that upon the Board accepting
11 the reports submitted by ABSC, that this
12 Board will move for the issuance of a
13 renewal Certificate of Compliance to
14 Boomtown Bossier.

15 CHAIRMAN HALL: Do we have any
16 questions? Seeing none, do I have a
17 motion to adopt the recommendations of
18 ABSC?

19 MR. JACKSON: I will.

20 CHAIRMAN HALL: And, Mr. Jackson,
21 thank you.

22 MS. NOONAN: I'll second.

23 CHAIRMAN HALL: Seconded by
24 Miss Noonan. Is there any opposition?
25 Hearing none, the motion carries for the

1 issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.
2 D. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for

3 the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the
4 gaming vessel of Red River Entertainment of
5 Shreveport Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Sam's
6 Town Shreveport, License No. R016500097

7 CHAIRMAN HALL: All right. We move
8 on to the next, the dockside gaming
9 vessel, Sam's Town Casino Shreveport.

10 MR. TYLER: Chairman Hall, again,
11 Michael Tyler, Assistant Attorney
12 General, joined by Matt Long with the
13 American Bureau of Shipping Consultants.
14 We come before you now to present the
15 renewal for Sam's Town Casino.

16 On or about October 3rd, 2012, Sam's
17 Town began the process for the renewal
18 of its Certificate of Compliance. For
19 more on this process, I now turn this
20 matter over to Matt Long of ABSC.

21 MR. LONG: Good morning, again.
22 ABSC has once again received the
23 necessary third party reports to clear
24 the remaining deficiencies that were
25 outstanding from our original survey

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1 which began on October 3rd. They
2 include: The naval architect's request
3 for gaming changes from Lay, Pitman;
4 elevator reports from the BOCA Group, as
5 well as Schindler; and we've also

6 received a request from Boyd Gaming to
7 no longer provide service to the
8 starboard Z-drive, as well as one of the
9 steering rams onboard. So I know that
10 will be an issue to discuss, and the
11 final third party reports included
12 PowerTech, which was a machinery
13 company, and Caterpillar.

14 MR. TYLER: We now present these
15 findings to this honorable board and
16 request that upon accepting the report
17 of ABSC, that the Board will, one, grant
18 a waiver or variance to Sam's Town with
19 respect to the utilization of its
20 Z-drives and its steering rams, and then
21 upon granting that particular waiver,
22 that the Board will move for the
23 issuance of a renewal Certificate of
24 Compliance to Sam's Town.

25 CHAIRMAN HALL: I have a couple of
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1 questions, if you would, Mr. Long, in
2 looking at this. This vessel's in a
3 cofferdam, correct?

4 MR. LONG: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN HALL: Okay. And those
6 components or at least part of those
7 components are -- were they damaged
8 or -- I'm trying to remember what I read

9 in the report if they were -- how they
10 came to be inoperable.

11 MR. LONG: Okay. I'd be glad to
12 explain it, and let me elaborate on the
13 cofferdam. The vast majority of the
14 year she is completely enclosed in the
15 cofferdam. It is my understanding that
16 at extremely high water, it does become
17 one continuous river, okay, so I want to
18 be completely clear about that.

19 However, it is still not directly on --
20 in the channel like some of the other
21 vessels in the area, and it's still
22 protected by the large concrete pillars
23 on either corner which you can see in
24 the report. We tried to attach a photo
25 for that.

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1 Now, regarding the condition of the
2 machinery, the biggest issue is that the
3 equipment is extremely outdated, and
4 they are unable to provide -- to procure
5 replacement parts for spares to correct
6 the machinery. So they'd be looking at
7 a tremendous amount of expenditure to
8 replace them in their entirety. As of
9 right now, their only option is to --
10 you know, they have one that works and
11 one that doesn't -- take the parts off

12 one, spend several hours completely
13 switching out the electrical components
14 and whatnot over to the other one just
15 to demonstrate that it does work, but
16 the controls that operate it do not.
17 That would be, you know, the example for
18 the Z-drive specifically.

19 CHAIRMAN HALL: Okay. And what in
20 your assessment -- because y'all have
21 looked at this -- and, again, I want to
22 be very clear about it: In your
23 assessment, does it pose a safety
24 hazard?

25 MR. LONG: I would consider it a

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1 very minor one -- very minor given its
2 location, you know, the vast majority of
3 the year.

4 CHAIRMAN HALL: Okay. Miss Noonan.

5 MS. NOONAN: My questions were along
6 that same line. Now that you said
7 "minor," what would you consider a minor
8 hazard?

9 MR. LONG: Okay. Well, it probably
10 would be easier to define a major
11 hazard, but if it was in a heavily
12 traveled commercial traffic area, I
13 would consider that a major hazard. If
14 it required its propulsion, kind of like

15 Isle of Capri does in Lake Charles where
16 it has to push into the dock when these
17 ground vessels travel by and that sort
18 of thing, I would consider that more of
19 a significant or major, you know,
20 hazard.

21 MS. NOONAN: My main question,
22 though, for the vessel itself, if
23 these -- the steering system and the
24 propulsion system Z drives are not
25 operational and they're not maintained,

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1 what effect does it have on the other
2 components of the boat that do require
3 upkeep, and can these be removed
4 completely? I mean, is it sealed off
5 from the rest of the -- there's
6 electrical equipment that's attached to
7 everything.

8 MR. LONG: Right.

9 MS. NOONAN: How are we going to --
10 and for future inspections, is this
11 going to effect how we deal with other
12 facilities who want to do the same
13 thing, and do we have to set a precedent
14 on how we fix this going forward?

15 MR. LONG: I would say that this
16 most likely would set a precedent. You
17 know, I've heard, you know, from other

18 owners and operators that they were
19 interested in -- well, you know, do I
20 really need to run this equipment, I'll
21 never use it -- that sort of thing.

22 But to answer your question, they
23 could be easily isolated electrically by
24 securing breakers and tagging them out
25 and that sort of thing. Their systems

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1 are independent from the other systems,
2 like the generator system that provides
3 power, which is probably one of the most
4 critical systems. Oftentimes the
5 generators will also power these pieces
6 of equipment, but they do not have to.

7 MS. NOONAN: My main concern was
8 erosion to the hull where these are
9 located. You know, will that be of a
10 concern if these things are not
11 maintained?

12 MR. LONG: No, ma'am. In general,
13 if the vessel were operating and the
14 these pieces of propulsion equipment
15 were running, they would create what's
16 called cavitation, which is kind of like
17 air, and that actually erodes the hull
18 at a faster pace. So by not using them,
19 they actually lessen the rate of
20 corrosion.

21 MS. NOONAN: So ABSC feels safe in
22 granting this, too, and having the
23 public on there. I mean, this is just
24 for the year, and you'll do another
25 inspection in the year for this.

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1 MR. LONG: Yes. We would visit the
2 vessel again in six months --

3 MS. NOONAN: Okay.

4 MR. LONG: -- but the six-month
5 inspection, we typically -- you know,
6 it's more of a spot check in areas.
7 It's not as detailed as our annual
8 inspection.

9 MS. NOONAN: The annual inspection
10 would include, and you would look at,
11 these things again?

12 MR. LONG: Yes.

13 MS. NOONAN: Just because they're
14 not on there, you would still check
15 this?

16 MR. LONG: We'd still check the
17 general condition, yes, and the hull
18 would be at the five-year hull exam,
19 which I'm not positive when she's
20 scheduled for. But I could get that
21 information to the Board if you guys
22 were interested.

23 MS. NOONAN: Okay. Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN HALL: Mr. Jones.

25 MR. JONES: Yeah. I just worry

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1 about at high tide time when it is one
2 continuous river, you know, a barge
3 breaking loose from some other area and
4 goes crashing into -- I mean, I don't
5 know that propulsion would help you in
6 that situation, but that's the kind of
7 situation I'm concerned about. And I'm
8 just wondering if they could put more
9 protection. I see the two concrete
10 things at each end. Maybe another one
11 in the middle, you know, would help in
12 that regard. I don't know.

13 I'm just thinking out loud, you
14 know, as to what could happen, and you
15 admit that there is some chance that
16 there could be a problem.

17 MR. LONG: Right. Well, I would
18 just say typically when there's a
19 collision, you know, with the vessel
20 alongside the dock, you know, the
21 biggest concern would be getting all the
22 passengers ashore over, you know,
23 getting the vessel back to the dock if
24 it had drifted off or that sort of
25 thing.

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1 But honestly, you know, as far as
2 adding an additional, you know, concrete
3 pillar, you know, that would -- that's
4 solely up to the Board. My
5 understanding is it's not a heavily
6 traveled commercial area, so I would
7 consider it probably would be -- to be a
8 pretty minimal threat just based on that
9 information that was given to me.

10 MR. JONES: Okay. That's all I
11 have.

12 CHAIRMAN HALL: Mr. Bradford.

13 MR. BRADFORD: Yes, Matt --

14 MR. LONG: Yes.

15 MR. BRADFORD: -- in reading a
16 letter from Boyd Gaming, it says here
17 they request a waiver from repairing the
18 Z-drive and one of the hydraulic rams
19 prior to renewal of the Certificate of
20 Compliance.

21 Now, do you interpret that as they
22 intended to make these repairs but they
23 just couldn't get it done in time for
24 this compliance schedule, or are they
25 asking for a permanent waiver?

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1 MR. LONG: A permanent waiver, sir.
2 Again, they were unable to procure the
3 electronic components. They're no

4 longer fabricated, so they would have to
5 find someone to make them. They're not
6 even, you know, manufactured any longer.

7 MR. BRADFORD: So this vessel, is it
8 floating, or is it on piles?

9 MR. LONG: Floating.

10 MR. BRADFORD: It's floating.

11 MR. LONG: Yes, sir.

12 MR. BRADFORD: And you used the word
13 a little while ago "minimal," or very
14 slight risk of anything ever going
15 wrong; but this Board has quite a bit of
16 responsibility not just for that boat,
17 but for setting a precedent here, as
18 well.

19 MR. LONG: Sure.

20 MR. BRADFORD: Would you care to
21 venture a cost estimate for if they did
22 actually have to make these repairs and
23 get this boat -- I guess my question is:
24 If for some wild reason this boat got
25 out in the river, would they be able to

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1 steer it?

2 MR. LONG: They would have great
3 difficulty. They primarily rely on
4 their paddle wheel, I would say, and it
5 could also vary with, you know, the
6 potential, you know, reduction in crew,

7 with captains; would there be a captain
8 onboard that would be used for pilotage
9 and that sort of thing, if it were to
10 happen, say, in the middle of the night.

11 You know, so there's a lot of
12 factors that you would have to take into
13 consideration, in my opinion, including
14 each individual vessel and where they're
15 located, whether or not they're in a
16 heavily traveled area; are they in a
17 moat; are they on the river? Like,
18 there's many different factors.

19 MR. BRADFORD: I appreciate that,
20 but let me go back to my other question.
21 Would you venture a cost estimate to
22 make these repairs?

23 MR. LONG: I could not. I would be
24 happy to reach out to Boyd Gaming. To
25 my knowledge, they had not found anyone

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1 that could even do it at the time of
2 this request, so that's where we stand
3 with it.

4 CHAIRMAN HALL: Miss Rogers.

5 MS. ROGERS: Well, that was part of
6 my question, but the second part is:
7 Are there any plans to make those
8 corrections? Or what's the ETA for the
9 corrections to be made? Because I'm

10 concerned about the minimal safety.

11 MR. LONG: Yes, ma'am. I would say
12 that the long-term plans would be to not
13 make the repairs with the Board's
14 approval, but as it stands right now,
15 they have not been able to, as I said
16 before, you know.

17 MS. ROGERS: Yeah, I understand
18 that. But my thought on this or I guess
19 my question is: Are there plans to
20 replace the antiques that you have on
21 there?

22 MR. LONG: No, ma'am. I do not
23 believe so. I do not believe they have
24 any plans of putting in a whole new
25 system.

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1 MS. ROGERS: All right.

2 CHAIRMAN HALL: If I could ask,
3 Mr. Long, can the vessel get in the
4 water, number one? I mean, can it get
5 into the channel of the river if they
6 wanted to based on its current
7 configuration?

8 MR. LONG: Not today, but perhaps at
9 extremely high water, which I'm not
10 exactly sure what date that occurs this
11 year, but I would say probably only
12 then.

13 CHAIRMAN HALL: Okay. Because I --
14 from my inspection and looking at it, I
15 didn't think they could get there, I
16 mean, even if they wanted to, which
17 would have an impact or effect on how
18 the Board looks at this. I did not
19 think they could get to the water if
20 they wanted to.

21 MR. LONG: My understanding,
22 Mr. Chairman, is that at extremely high
23 water, the concrete pillars that you see
24 there on either corner --

25 CHAIRMAN HALL: Right.

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1 MR. LONG: -- are slightly
2 submerged, so if you could envision
3 that.

4 CHAIRMAN HALL: Okay. Do you
5 think --

6 MR. DUTY: Mr. Chairman, I hate to
7 interrupt this presentation, and I
8 certainly don't -- if it's your wish
9 that I not make a comment, I'll
10 certainly observe that, but I might be
11 able to answer a couple of these
12 questions that have surfaced in the last
13 few minutes.

14 CHAIRMAN HALL: No, please, would
15 you please enlighten us a little bit.

16 MR. DUTY: Wade Duty, Executive
17 Director of Louisiana Casino
18 Association. With respect to the water
19 levels on that portion of the Red River,
20 it is possible during certain seasonal
21 fluctuations that the water will exceed
22 slightly the height of the coffer cell;
23 however, that has never occurred to a
24 depth that allowed this vessel to float
25 out of its coffer cell.

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1 In other words, if you have 6 inches
2 or 12 inches of coverage, you're talking
3 about a vessel that draws 7 or 8 feet,
4 so even if it were severed from all of
5 its mooring, the steering and propulsion
6 systems were completely inoperable, it
7 would still just bump around in its own
8 coffer cell at the worst water level
9 we've ever seen.

10 CHAIRMAN HALL: That's along the
11 lines of what I thought, and I was --
12 that's what I was trying to get --

13 MR. DUTY: There is a continuous
14 body of water there, but it's still not
15 enough depth to get the vessel out.
16 With respect to the request relative to
17 decommissioning the Z drive, keep in
18 mind this is not a required piece of

19 equipment under Title 27 of the Gaming
20 Law. You're required to have a
21 propulsion and you're required to have a
22 paddle wheel which serves that function,
23 but the Z drives are ancillary systems
24 that were built for a vessel that
25 actually got underway, which this vessel

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1 never has because of the location on the
2 Red River.

3 So I think Matt correctly pointed
4 out when you have got other
5 considerations like Isle of Capri where
6 it has heavy commercial traffic passing
7 through it, supplemental systems like Z
8 drives are beneficial to hold it tighter
9 against the dock. But since, number
10 one, you don't have that kind of
11 commercial traffic, two, it's in a
12 coffer cell, and, three, it's not a
13 required piece of equipment,
14 decommissioning this is not a
15 particularly bold step. In fact, this
16 Board has approved decommissioning other
17 supplemental systems such as bow and
18 stern thrusters.

19 CHAIRMAN HALL: Right.

20 MR. DUTY: So you're in the same
21 ballpark.

22 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you.

23 Miss Noonan.

24 MS. NOONAN: You answered my
25 questions.

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1 CHAIRMAN HALL: All right. That's
2 what I was looking for, and I think that
3 changes the perspective on some of this
4 as we look at it. Is there further
5 discussion within the board with this?

6 Miss Rogers.

7 MS. ROGERS: You're comfortable that
8 these safety precautions or safety
9 mandates are at a minimum? Are you
10 comfortable with that?

11 MR. DUTY: I certainly am, yes.
12 Keep in mind that the maritime aspect of
13 these operations has been something that
14 the association's been deeply involved
15 in going back since my time in this job
16 12 years, and first and foremost, the
17 gaming companies, it would be foolish to
18 do anything that would put patrons at
19 risk. We certainly want to provide a
20 safe, comfortable environment for
21 patrons.

22 So ancillary systems that don't
23 serve a function and have never actually
24 been utilized in this vessel's location,

25 we don't think that this presents any

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1 significant risk to the public at all.

2 Valid things, fire suppression systems
3 and egress lighting and all that,
4 obviously those will be maintained at
5 the highest standard, but for these kind
6 of systems, they're simply not relevant
7 in this application.

8 CHAIRMAN HALL: Mr. Tyler, given
9 what we're looking at here, are you
10 comfortable that we still meet the
11 definition of a riverboat?

12 MR. TYLER: From the standpoint of
13 what's required under Title 27, yes.

14 CHAIRMAN HALL: All right. Do I
15 have a motion, then, to adopt the
16 recommendation of ABSC and the issuance
17 of the Certificate of Compliance as
18 described in the -- rather than use the
19 term, if you would, please, of a
20 variance or whatever it is that's in
21 ABSC's recommendation that the vessel be
22 issued a Certificate of Compliance as it
23 is presented to us, which would be
24 without the supplemental drive systems.

25 MR. TYLER: That's correct.

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1 CHAIRMAN HALL: Okay. So would that

2 create a legal issue?

3 MR. TYLER: That shouldn't. That
4 should be sufficient.

5 MS. NOONAN: I so move.

6 CHAIRMAN HALL: All right.

7 Miss Noonan moves that we do --

8 MR. JACKSON: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN HALL: -- and it's seconded
10 by Mr. Jackson. Is there any
11 opposition? Hearing none, the motion
12 carries --

13 MR. TYLER: Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN HALL: -- for the issuance
15 of the Certificate of Compliance.

16 E. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for
17 the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the
18 gaming vessel of Horseshoe Entertainment, L.P.,
19 d/b/a Horseshoe Casino, License No. R010800198

20 CHAIRMAN HALL: All right. Next up
21 is Horseshoe in Bossier.

22 MR. TYLER: All right. Chairman
23 Hall and Board Members, Assistant
24 Attorney General, Michael Tyler. I'm
25 appearing with Matt Long of the American

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1 Bureau of Shipping Consultants. We now
2 come before you with respect to the
3 issuance of the renewal of the
4 Certificate of Compliance for Horseshoe

5 Casino.

6 On or about October 5th, 2012,
7 Horseshoe Casino began the process for
8 the renewal of its Certificate of
9 Compliance. For more on this, I turn
10 this matter over to Matt Long.

11 MR. LONG: Good morning again, Matt
12 Long with ABSC. We have received
13 reports -- third party reports, as well
14 as the dive survey for the vessel. She
15 also had her five-year special annual --
16 five-year special hull exam. We've
17 reviewed the necessary reports from the
18 dive survey, as well as the third party
19 reports, which were several so I'll
20 leave them all off. I included them all
21 as attachments, but we have reviewed
22 them all and are satisfied that all of
23 our issues that were identified during
24 our survey have been rectified.

25 Therefore, we recommend that the

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1 Certificate of Compliance be issued for
2 one year, and that the five-year hull
3 exam be granted credit, as well.

4 MR. TYLER: I now present these
5 findings to this honorable board and
6 request upon the Board accepting the
7 report submitted by ABSC, that the Board

8 will move for the issuance of a renewal
9 Certificate of Compliance to Horseshoe
10 Casino.

11 CHAIRMAN HALL: Any questions? Not
12 seeing any, do I have a motion to adopt
13 the recommendation of ABSC to issue the
14 Certificate of Compliance.

15 MR. JACKSON: I'll make a motion.

16 CHAIRMAN HALL: Motion by
17 Mr. Jackson, approved by -- seconded by
18 Mr. Bradford, and is there any
19 opposition? Hearing none, the motion
20 carries.

21 F. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for
22 the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the
23 gaming vessel of St. Charles Gaming Company,
24 Inc., d/b/a Isle of Capri - Lake Charles,
25 License No. R011700174

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1 CHAIRMAN HALL: All right. Now,
2 Grand Palais Casino in Westlake.

3 MR. TYLER: Chairman Hall, Board
4 Members, Assistant Attorney General,
5 Michael Tyler, joined by Matt Long of
6 the American Bureau of Shipping
7 Consultants appearing in the matter of
8 the issuance of a renewal of Certificate
9 of Compliance to Isle of Capri in
10 Westlake.

11 On or about October 12th, 2012, Isle
12 of Capri Westlake began the process for
13 the renewal of its Certificate of
14 Compliance. For more on this, I now
15 turn this presentation over to Matt
16 Long.

17 MR. LONG: Good morning again, Matt
18 Long with ABSC. As Mr. Tyler stated,
19 our survey began on October 12th, 2012,
20 and we've also received third party
21 reports that have discharged all of the
22 issues identified during her annual
23 survey. Again, I've attached them as
24 enclosures to our report, and ABSC
25 recommends that the Certificate of

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1 Compliance be issued for one year.

2 MR. TYLER: We now present these
3 findings to this Honorable Board, and
4 request that upon the Board accepting
5 the report submitted by ABSC, that this
6 Board will move for the issuance for the
7 renewal of the Certificate of Compliance
8 to Isle of Capri.

9 CHAIRMAN HALL: Do we have any
10 questions? Hearing none, do I have a
11 motion to accept the recommendation of
12 ABSC to issue the Certificate of
13 Compliance?

14 MR. JONES: I move.

15 CHAIRMAN HALL: By Mr. Jones,

16 seconded by --

17 MS. NOONAN: I'll second.

18 CHAIRMAN HALL: -- by Miss Noonan.

19 Is there any opposition? Hearing none,

20 the motion carries and renewal of the

21 certificate.

22 G. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for

23 the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the

24 gaming vessel of Eldorado Casino Shreveport

25 Joint Venture d/b/a Eldorado Resort Casino

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1 Shreveport, License No. R013600005

2 CHAIRMAN HALL: And the next, I

3 believe, is Eldorado Casino in

4 Shreveport.

5 MR. TYLER: Assistant Attorney

6 General, Michael Tyler, joined by Matt

7 Long with the American Bureau of

8 Shipping Consultants before you in the

9 matter of the issuance of the renewal of

10 Certificate of Compliance to Eldorado

11 Casino.

12 On or about October 1, 2012,

13 Eldorado Casino began the process for

14 the renewal of its Certificate of

15 Compliance. For more on this process, I

16 now turn this matter over to Matt Long

17 of ABSC.

18 MR. LONG: Good morning again, Matt
19 Long with ABSC. As Mr. Tyler stated, we
20 began our survey on October 1st, 2012,
21 and to this date we've received all the
22 necessary third party documentation, as
23 well as follow-up surveys to clear all
24 of the outstanding issues from our
25 survey. At this time, ABSC would like

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1 to recommend the issuance of the
2 Certificate of Compliance for one year.

3 MR. TYLER: We now present these
4 findings to this honorable board and
5 request that upon the Board accepting
6 the report presented and submitted by
7 ABSC, that the Board will move for the
8 issuance of a renewal Certificate of
9 Compliance to Eldorado Casino.

10 CHAIRMAN HALL: Yes, ma'am,
11 Miss Noonan. What was your name again?
12 I know both of you, and you might need
13 to introduce yourself again.

14 MS. NOONAN: I just want to thank
15 you both. I know we had some issues on
16 one of these. As Miss Rogers said,
17 we're really concerned with the safety,
18 and we really put a lot of trust in you
19 guys. Both of you do an excellent job.

20 It's a lot of information, and thank you
21 for being patient and giving us the
22 information we need to do a good job.

23 MR. TYLER: Thank you.

24 MR. LONG: Thank you, ma'am.

25 CHAIRMAN HALL: I echo those

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1 sentiments and thank you for getting --
2 I realize it was a push for everybody to
3 get these done for the date of this
4 meeting, and it was very important that
5 they be done in time to get the reports
6 to the Board. And I appreciate y'all
7 doing that.

8 Given that, we have no questions.

9 We have a motion for the adoption of the
10 resolution by Mr. Jackson, all right,
11 seconded by Mr. Mercer, and any
12 opposition? Hearing none, the motion
13 carries. Any other issues to discuss?

14 VII. ADJOURNMENT

15 CHAIRMAN HALL: Do I have a motion
16 to adjourn?

17 MS. NOONAN: I so move.

18 CHAIRMAN HALL: We have eight people
19 moved and nobody seconded, so
20 Mr. Jackson and Miss Noonan.

21 COURT REPORTER: Okay. So Jackson
22 and Noonan?

23 CHAIRMAN HALL: Yes. Y'all have a
24 great holiday everyone. Thank y'all
25 very much. Merry Christmas and Happy

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