

Louisiana Gaming Control Board Meeting
June 15, 2023

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023

LOUISIANA STATE CAPITOL
HOUSE COMMITTEE ROOM 1
900 NORTH 3RD STREET
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

1 APPEARANCES

2 RONNIE S. JOHNS, CHAIRMAN
3 (At-Large)
4 June 30, 2025

5 HARRY AVANT
6 (At-Large)
7 Fourth Congressional District
8 June 30, 2024

9 CLAUDE D. JACKSON
10 (At-Large)
11 Fourth Congressional District
12 June 30, 2027

13 O. LAMAR POOLE, JR.
14 (Economic/Community Planner)
15 Sixth Congressional District
16 June 30, 2025

17 JULIE A. LEWIS
18 (Investigative and Law Enforcement)
19 Fifth Congressional District
20 June 30, 2024

21 ASHLEY A. TRAYLOR
22 (At-Large)
23 First Congressional District
24 June 30, 2027

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

3 Okay, ladies and gentlemen. If you
4 would have a seat, we will -- we will get started.
5 It's 10:01. It looks like we have a quorum this
6 morning. So good morning, everyone.

7 Chairman Ronnie Johns, Chairman of the Gaming
8 Control Board. I would like to call to order the
9 monthly meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control
10 Board, Thursday, June 15, 2023. And,
11 Ms. Hernandez, would you call the roll, please?

12 MS. HERNANDEZ:

13 Chairman Johns?

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

15 Wait.

16 MS. HERNANDEZ:

17 Chairman Johns?

18 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

19 Here.

20 MS. HERNANDEZ:

21 Mr. Avant?

22 MR. AVANT:

23 Here.

24 MS. HERNANDEZ:

25 Ms. Berry?

1 (NO RESPONSE)

2 MS. HERNANDEZ:

3 Mr. Jackson?

4 MR. JACKSON:

5 Here.

6 MS. HERNANDEZ:

7 Ms. Lewis?

8 MS. LEWIS:

9 Here.

10 MS. HERNANDEZ:

11 Mr. Poole?

12 MR. POOLE:

13 Here.

14 MS. HERNANDEZ:

15 Ms. Hamilton-Acker?

16 (NO RESPONSE)

17 MS. HERNANDEZ:

18 Mr. Sholes?

19 (NO RESPONSE)

20 MS. HERNANDEZ:

21 Ms. Traylor?

22 MS. TRAYLOR:

23 Here.

24 MS. HERNANDEZ:

25 Colonel Davis?

1 CAPTAIN SLATON:

2 Captain Slaton for Colonel Davis.

3 MS. HERNANDEZ:

4 Secretary Richard?

5 (NO RESPONSE)

6 MS. HERNANDEZ:

7 We have a quorum.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Thank you, Ms. Hernandez. We have
10 six members present and a quorum.

11 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

12 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

13 Ladies and gentlemen, this is the
14 time in our agenda for any public comments. If
15 there's anyone in the audience today that would
16 like to offer a public comment to the Board, now
17 is the time for you to step forward. Is there
18 anyone here?

19 (NO RESPONSE)

20 III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

21 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

22 Okay. Seeing no public comments,
23 we'll move into the approval of the minutes.

24 MR. JACKSON:

25 Motion to approve.

1 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

2 Thank you, Mr. Jackson. We have
3 before you the minutes of the May 15, 2023, board
4 meeting, and Mr. Jackson has moved that we waive
5 the reading and approve those minutes.

6 MR. POOLE:

7 (Indicating)

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Seconded by Mr. Poole. Is there any
10 objection to that motion?

11 (NO RESPONSE)

12 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

13 Hearing none, that motion carries.

14 IV. REVENUE REPORTS

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 Okay. We're going to move to
17 Item No. IV, which is our revenue reports.
18 Ms. Jackson, good morning.

19 MS. JACKSON:

20 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
21 Board Members. My name is Donna Jackson with
22 Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit Section.

23 In May the 14 operating riverboats
24 generated adjusted gross receipts of \$153,420,927.
25 The State collected fees totaling \$32,985,499

1 during May. Fiscal year to date adjusted gross
2 receipts are almost \$1,620,000,000, a decrease of
3 2 percent from last fiscal year. As of May 31,
4 2023, the State collected \$348 million in fees for
5 fiscal year 2023.

6 Page 2 shows the riverboat revenue
7 broken down by regional market. This month's
8 revenues represent an increase from April of
9 approximately \$2.6 million, or 1.7 percent, but a
10 decrease of \$3.5 million, or 2.3 percent, when
11 compared to the same month last year.

12 Next is a summary of the May 2023
13 gaming activity for Harrah's New Orleans, found on
14 page 3. Harrah's generated \$21,707,691 in gross
15 gaming revenue. These revenues represent a slight
16 increase from last month of 1.8 percent and an
17 increase of \$950,000, or 4.6 percent, from last
18 May. During May the State received \$5.5 million
19 in minimum daily payments.

20 Fiscal year to date adjusted gross
21 receipts are \$240.3 million, an increase of
22 16 percent, from last fiscal year. As of
23 May 31, 2023, the State collected \$59.6 million in
24 fees for fiscal year 2023.

25 Next I will present the revenues for

1 slots at the racetracks. During May the four
2 racetrack facilities combined generated adjusted
3 gross receipts of \$27,706,991, a decrease of
4 2.9 percent from April and a decrease of
5 \$1.9 million, or 6.3 percent, when compared to the
6 same month last year. During May the State
7 collected \$4.2 million in fees.

8 Fiscal year to date adjusted gross
9 receipts are almost \$294 million, a decrease of
10 \$9 million, or 3 percent, from last fiscal year.
11 As of May 31, 2023, the State has collected
12 \$44.6 million in fees for fiscal year 2023.

13 I will now move to the video gaming
14 information. There are 12,080 video gaming
15 devices activated at 1,402 locations. Net device
16 revenue for May 2023 was \$65,116,036, a decrease
17 of \$1.3 million, or 2 percent, when compared to
18 April and a decrease of \$4.3 million, or
19 6.2 percent, when compared to last May. Total
20 franchise fees for May 2023 total \$19.7 million.

21 Fiscal year to date net device
22 revenue is \$718 million, a decrease of
23 \$46 million, or 6.1 percent, when compared to last
24 fiscal year. As of May 31, the State has
25 collected \$217.6 million in franchise fees for

1 fiscal year 2023.

2 Next I'll present the May revenue for
3 sportsbook. During May the 18 retail sportsbooks
4 accepted \$15.7 million in sports wagers, resulting
5 in net proceeds of approximately \$2.7 million and
6 \$267,000 in state taxes. The eight mobile
7 sportsbook operators accepted \$177.8 million in
8 sports wagers, resulting in net proceeds of
9 \$25.5 million and \$3.3 million in taxes paid to
10 the State.

11 Finally, for daily fantasy sports,
12 gross revenues for May were approximately
13 \$721,000, with net revenue of \$77,000 and taxes of
14 \$6,000.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 Okay. Thank you, Ms. Jackson. So
17 any questions from the board members for
18 Ms. Jackson? Any questions?

19 (NO RESPONSE)

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 Okay. Members, I did receive a
22 report from Ms. Jackson, and it's a comparison of
23 the calendar year 2021 to calendar year 2022, and
24 it's some really interesting numbers. In total --
25 total revenue, 2022, was actually up around

1 23 million, but the base -- the reason for that,
2 basically, was mobile sports wagering. Actually,
3 riverboat revenue was down a little bit, racetrack
4 was down a little bit, and video poker was down a
5 little bit.

6 Now, for 2023, we're seeing some
7 pretty good numbers on the riverboat side mainly
8 because of the Horseshoe and the Lake Charles
9 market opening. And so, anyway, it's just
10 something that we've got to keep an eye on and see
11 where all of that is going. So any further
12 comments or questions on revenue?

13 (NO RESPONSE)

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

15 Ms. Jackson, thank you once again.
16 Incredible job. Just greatly appreciate your
17 work.

18 MS. JACKSON:

19 Thank you.

20 V. CONSIDERATION OF COURT REPORTER CONTRACT

21 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

22 Okay. Okay, Members, Item No. V
23 today, we did have on the agenda the consideration
24 of the court reporter contract. We have received
25 notice from U.S. Legal that we're still under some

1 discussion on some terms in the contract; so we're
2 going to not take that up today on our board
3 meeting, and we will put it on the July board
4 meeting agenda; so we will not consider that
5 contract today.

6 VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

8 Item No. VI, I have on the -- a
9 legislative update, if I could just give you a
10 brief report of what transpired during this
11 legislative session that just ended on June 8.
12 The Board basically had two legislative
13 instruments that we had proposed, and both of them
14 did pass, basically, unanimously, with no
15 objection.

16 The first one was House Bill 48 --
17 488, excuse me, by Representative Les Farnum.
18 Representative Farnum is from the Calcasieu Parish
19 area. And what this bill did, it will now allow
20 our State Fire Marshal to conduct the annual
21 inspections on the new land-based casinos. The
22 old legacy riverboats and then those properties
23 such as Golden Nugget and L'Auberge in
24 Baton Rouge, Lake Charles, and Margaritaville that
25 are still considered maritime vessels, they will

1 continue to be inspected by a certified maritime
2 inspector. But with the opening of the Horseshoe
3 and then the other land-based properties that are
4 under construction right now, we needed to move
5 forward with a new inspection process. So we want
6 to thank Representative Farnum for carrying that
7 bill for us. He did an outstanding job.

8 Senate Bill 192 by Senator
9 Gary Smith, that bill will allow the Board to
10 adopt rules and regulations for human trafficking
11 training in all of our gaming providers. We
12 envision this to include all of the casinos, the
13 racetrack casino operations, and all of the truck
14 stop casinos. The industry embraced this bill
15 very strongly for us. There was no opposition to
16 it.

17 The bill also clarified a process for
18 us to award a sports-betting license in the future
19 should one come open through either surrender or
20 revocation, and there was just some clarification
21 language in that bill.

22 An absolute significant thing
23 happened to that bill on the House floor.
24 Representative Steven Stefanski from Crowley
25 handled the bill on the House floor. He offered

1 an amendment that we supported, and it was adopted
2 with no opposition, and that amendment now
3 dedicates 3 percent of all sports-betting revenue
4 to the Compulsive and Problem Gambling Program.
5 That is the program that Ms. Janet Miller -- many
6 of us have met Janet and know Janet well. Does an
7 outstanding job. This will provide significant
8 revenue to the Compulsive Gambling Program, and we
9 are delighted to have that amendment on the bill.
10 The governor actually signed that bill this week;
11 so it is -- it is now law.

12 So I want to thank -- publicly thank
13 the Fire Marshal, our board staff, State Police
14 Gaming Division, the Attorney General's Office,
15 Gaming Division, and -- for all of their help
16 throughout this process during the Legislative
17 Session. You're -- as I tell people, you're never
18 safe until 6:00 on the last day of the session.
19 So we're very happy with the Legislative Session
20 this year.

21 And, also, I want to thank the
22 legislators that handled all these bills for us.
23 They -- if you remember, this was a fiscal year.
24 There were only five regular bills per legislator,
25 and it -- for them to include these bills in one

1 of their five was significant.

2 And, also, last, but certainly not
3 least, I want to thank the Governor's Office for
4 their help. They were very, very supportive
5 of our agenda. Played a big part in the 3 percent
6 dedication of the sports bet revenue; so we thank
7 the Governor's Office for that.

8 VII. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

9 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

10 Okay, Members. We're going to move
11 into the casino gaming issues. First on the
12 agenda today is the consideration of application
13 for shelf approval of debt transactions by
14 Boyd Gaming Corporation.

15 MS. HAUPT:

16 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
17 Board Members. My name is Tammy Haupt with
18 Louisiana Police's Gaming Audit Section.
19 Boyd Gaming Corporation is requesting the Board's
20 approval of its application for the renewal and
21 increase of its existing shelf approval for debt
22 transactions in an amount up to \$8.5 billion for
23 three -- for a three-year period, commencing upon
24 the Board's approval. This is a \$1 billion
25 increase from the \$7.5 billion shelf approved by

1 the Board on July 16, 2020.

2 Boyd is the parent company of five
3 Louisiana licensees. Boyd meets the requirements
4 under Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 42,
5 Part III, Section 2525, that allows publicly
6 traded companies meeting certain criteria to be
7 granted shelf approval for a period not to exceed
8 three years subject to any conditions or
9 limitations as determined by the Board.

10 Boyd anticipates using the proceeds
11 of any future indebtedness for: General corporate
12 purposes, working capital, capital expenditures,
13 refinancing existing indebtedness, and repayment
14 of amounts outstanding under its revolving credit
15 facility.

16 Boyd's long-term debt schedule is
17 shown on page 11 of the report. For the quarter
18 ended March 31, 2023, Boyd reported approximately
19 2.96 billion in long-term debt, a 2.7 percent or
20 \$82.9 million decrease when compared to
21 3.04 billion for the year ended December 31, 2022.

22 Board approval will allow Boyd to
23 enter into debt transactions up to a maximum of
24 8.5 billion, inclusive of all its existing debt,
25 without prior Board approval on the condition that

1 the Board is notified within ten days of the
2 transaction and provides copies of all execute --
3 executed documents to the Audit Section for
4 review.

5 Boyd projects sufficient cash flows
6 from operations to maintain its debt, financing
7 obligations, and capital expenditures.

8 In conclusion, no financial issues
9 came to the Audit Section's attention to preclude
10 the Board from approval of Boyd's shelf
11 application.

12 The Attorney General's Office has
13 prepared a resolution for the transaction should
14 the Board move to approve.

15 Boyd representatives are in
16 attendance today and are available for any
17 questions you may have.

18 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

19 Thank you, Tammy. So the Audit
20 Division feels very comfortable with -- with this
21 request, and you feel like everything is in order?

22 MS. HAUPT:

23 Yes, sir.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

25 Okay. Thank you. Members, any

1 questions for Ms. Haupt? Any questions?

2 (NO RESPONSE)

3 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

4 I think Boyd is here. Is -- do you
5 have anything you would like to add or --

6 BOYD REPRESENTATIVE:

7 No.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Okay.

10 BOYD REPRESENTATIVE:

11 No.

12 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

13 Good deal. They waive. That's a
14 good sign.

15 Okay. Members, we do have a
16 resolution that's been prepared by the Attorney
17 General's Office, and I would ask that we have a
18 motion to adopt that resolution. So . . .

19 MS. TRAYLOR:

20 (Indicating)

21 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

22 Ms. Traylor has moved that we adopt
23 the resolution that will be read.

24 MS. LEWIS:

25 (Indicating)

1 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

2 And Ms. Lewis has seconded that
3 motion. Ms. Hernandez, I'm going to ask that you
4 read the resolution.

5 MS. HERNANDEZ:

6 In the matter of Boyd Gaming
7 Corporation's Application for Shelf
8 Approval of Debt Transactions.

9 On June 5 -- on the 15th day of
10 June 2023, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board did,
11 in a duly noticed public meeting, consider the
12 Application for Renewal of Shelf Approval of Debt
13 Transactions filed by Boyd Gaming Corporation, and
14 upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board
15 adopted the following resolution:

16 Be it resolved that Boyd Gaming
17 Corporation's Application for Shelf Approval of
18 Debt Transaction is hereby approved, subject to
19 the following terms and conditions:

20 For a period of three years,
21 beginning June 15, 2023, Boyd Gaming Corporation
22 is granted approval pursuant to LAC to enter into
23 debt transactions as defined in LAC, not to exceed
24 a cumulative total of 8.5 billion. For purposes
25 of this shelf approval, the cumulative total of

1 8.5 billion shall include debt currently existing
2 or approved in earlier debt transactions.

3 Within ten days of the consummation
4 of a debt transaction, including amendments and
5 modifications of existing debt transactions,
6 Boyd Gaming Corporation shall provide a term sheet
7 or executive summary of debt transactions and an
8 executed copy of the documents evidencing the debt
9 transaction to the Louisiana State Police, Gaming
10 Enforcement Division, Audit Section, Corporate
11 Securities Unit. This shelf approval may be
12 rescinded by the Chairman of the Board upon
13 issuance of a written notice of the rescission,
14 setting forth the reasons therefore. The
15 rescission shall remain in effect until lifted by
16 the Board upon such terms as are satisfactory to
17 the Board, and this shelf approval shall expire on
18 June 15, 2026.

19 It is hereby further resolved that
20 the Chairman of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board
21 be delegated the authority to issue a written
22 rescission of the shelf approval in accordance
23 with LAC and as provided herein above.

24 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,
25 Louisiana, this 15th of June 2023.

1 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

2 Okay. Thank you, Ms. Hernandez. So
3 we do have a motion by Ms. Traylor, seconded by
4 Ms. Lew -- Ms. Lewis, that we adopt this
5 resolution. And, Ms. Hernandez, would you call
6 the roll, please?

7 MS. HERNANDEZ:

8 Mr. Avant?

9 MR. AVANT:

10 Yes.

11 MS. HERNANDEZ:

12 Ms. Berry?

13 (NO RESPONSE)

14 MS. HERNANDEZ:

15 Sorry. Mr. Jackson?

16 MR. JACKSON:

17 Yes.

18 MS. HERNANDEZ:

19 Ms. Lewis?

20 MS. LEWIS:

21 Yes.

22 MS. HERNANDEZ:

23 Mr. Poole?

24 MR. POOLE:

25 Yes.

1 MS. HERNANDEZ:

2 Ms. Traylor?

3 MS. TRAYLOR:

4 Yes.

5 MS. HERNANDEZ:

6 And Chairman Johns?

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

8 Yes. By unanimous vote that

9 resolution is hereby adopted. Thank you,

10 Ms. Haupt.

11 MS. HAUPT:

12 Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

14 Thank you to the Attorney General's

15 Office, also, for your work on this.

16 VIII. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS AND

17 APPEAL

18 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

19 Okay. Next item on the agenda is the

20 consideration of a proposed settlement and

21 appeals. The first one will be

22 Bobby L. Saichareon, I think?

23 MR. LEWIS:

24 "Saichareon."

25 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

1 "Saichareon"?

2 MR. LEWIS:

3 Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

5 Pretty close.

6 MR. LEWIS:

7 Good morning, Chairman Johns, Board
8 Members. I'm Assistant Attorney General
9 Kanick Lewis, Jr., here in the matter of the
10 settlement pertaining to Mr. Bobby L. Saichareon,
11 who currently holds a non-key gaming employee
12 permit.

13 This settlement addresses
14 Mr. Saichareon's failure to disclose his
15 June 22, 2021, arrest by the Lake Charles Police
16 Department for three nonstatutory disqualifying
17 charges. He failed to timely notify the Division
18 of this arrest, which is a violation of gaming
19 law. The Calcasieu Parish District Attorney's
20 Office subsequently dismissed these charges.

21 The civil penalty contained in this
22 settlement is \$250, which is well-established for
23 violations of this type. The settlement has been
24 signed by the hearing officer and is now before
25 the Board for final approval.

1 I'll be happy to answer any questions
2 you may have.

3 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

4 Okay. Any questions from the Board
5 for Mr. Kanick, or Mr. Lewis?

6 (NO RESPONSE)

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

8 Okay. If not, I would entertain a
9 motion that we approve this settlement.

10 MR. AVANT:

11 (Indicating)

12 MR. POOLE:

13 (Indicating)

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

15 So Mr. Avant has moved that we
16 approve the settlement, and Mr. Poole has seconded
17 that motion. Is there any discussion on the
18 motion? Is there any objection to that motion?

19 (NO RESPONSE)

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 Hearing none that settlement is
22 hereby approved.

23 MR. LEWIS:

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

1 Okay. Next on the agenda is
2 Jigger's, LLC, doing business as Jigger's Bar &
3 Grill. Good morning.

4 MS. NATHAN:

5 Good morning, Chairman Johns and
6 Board Members. I am Assistant District Attorney
7 Andrea Nathan, here in the matter of the
8 settlement of Jigger's, LLC, doing business as
9 Jigger's Bar & Grill, which holds a Type 1 video
10 draw poker gaming license. This settlement
11 addresses the licensee's failure to timely submit
12 its annual licensee form, fee, and supporting
13 documents to the Division on or before the
14 July 1, 2022, deadline.

15 The licensee did not make the annual
16 submission to the Division until December 1, 2022,
17 giving rise to a violation of gaming law. Under
18 the terms of this settlement, the licensee has
19 agreed to pay a civil penalty in the amount of
20 \$750, which is in line with violations of this
21 type. The settlement was signed by the hearing
22 officer and is now before the Board for final
23 approval.

24 And I would be happy to answer any
25 questions you may have at this time.

1 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

2 Okay. Any questions for Ms. Nathan?

3 (NO RESPONSE)

4 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

5 Do I have a motion to accept the --

6 MR. POOLE:

7 (Indicating)

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Mr. Poole has moved -- made a motion
10 that we approve the settlement.

11 MR. AVANT:

12 (Indicating)

13 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

14 Mr. Avant has seconded that motion.
15 Is there any discussion? Any opposition to that
16 motion?

17 (NO RESPONSE)

18 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

19 Hearing none, that settlement is
20 hereby approved. Thank you very much, Ms. Nathan.

21 MS. NATHAN:

22 Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

24 Okay, Members. The last thing on our
25 agenda today is an appeal by the Here --

1 He's Not Here Lounge, LLC, doing business as
2 He's Not Here Lounge. Members, if you remember,
3 this was on our agenda from last month. The
4 attorney for the appeal asked for a continuance on
5 it, and we agreed to do that. Okay. Good
6 morning, sir. How are you doing?

7 MR. ABSHIRE:

8 Good morning, Chairman. I --

9 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

10 If you -- if you would, identify
11 yourself for the -- for the public record, please.

12 MR. ABSHIRE:

13 Yes, sir. For the public record,
14 Dustan Abshire on behalf of He's Not Here Lounge,
15 LLC, doing business as He's Not Here. And I
16 appreciate the Board's consideration last time
17 when I was stuck in trial and allowing us to
18 continue.

19 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

20 Absolutely. You can have a seat, --

21 MR. ABSHIRE:

22 Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

24 -- if you would like. So,
25 Mr. Abshire, we will allow you to go first. And

1 let me remind you, Mr. Abshire, that by Board
2 rules, no new evidence can be submitted today.

3 MR. ABSHIRE:

4 That's -- yes.

5 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

6 Okay. We're here strictly to discuss
7 the -- what was presented at the hearing officer
8 hearing that you attended, as I read the -- read
9 the transcript. But after you make your
10 presentation, the Attorney General's Office will
11 make a presentation, and then we'll have some
12 discussions.

13 MR. ABSHIRE:

14 Thank you, sir.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 You may proceed.

17 MR. ABSHIRE:

18 This matter started way before the
19 current owners were in place. These owners began
20 this process last year. They are small business
21 owners in Calcasieu Parish that own an air
22 condition company, that own a barber -- I say a
23 "barber" -- a hair salon. They're getting into
24 this business, trying to figure it out as they go.
25 I began helping them halfway through the process.

1 Between the State Police and them, there were
2 exchanges back and forth, documents going back and
3 forth, and there was, each time, a list and trying
4 to substantiate and find it.

5 At the hearing officer conference,
6 myself and the Assistant Attorney General I spoke
7 with were discussing documents and documents that
8 we believed had been submitted weren't -- that
9 they didn't have. There was a list that was given
10 through -- at the hearing officer that, I'm sure,
11 was heard in the transcripts that were needed.

12 After that hearing, those documents
13 were compiled again and submitted again
14 electronically to everybody that was included in
15 the initial e-mail between the Attorney General's
16 Office, the Division, the different departments.
17 After that was submitted, we were told that
18 nothing else was allowed, and we were coming
19 before the Board.

20 Yesterday a Motion to Remand to the
21 Hearing Officer was filed. I don't --

22 MR. LEWIS:

23 I would like -- I would like to
24 object to that. That's new -- that's information
25 that -- the deadline for submission of any types

1 of documents or briefs has well passed, and that
2 should not have been accepted.

3 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

4 So your opinion, the Attorney
5 General's Office, that the motion that was
6 filed -- and we received that motion yesterday
7 afternoon.

8 MR. ABSHIRE:

9 Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

11 -- that it was not filed in a timely
12 manner.

13 MR. LEWIS:

14 Correct.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 Is that correct?

17 MR. LEWIS:

18 Yes.

19 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

20 Okay.

21 MR. ABSHIRE:

22 And I filed that as an alternative
23 to -- we're -- the He's Not Here Lounge is asking
24 the Board to grant their suitability and to allow
25 them to keep operating. If there's any

1 documents -- as -- as I've said, my -- my clients
2 are small business owners trying to diversify
3 their small business and trying to grow in the
4 community. They're doing nothing more, nothing
5 less. They have no criminal history. There's
6 nothing unsuitable about them other than they're
7 diving into a new endeavor that they're trying to
8 figure out as they go.

9 Again, we -- there was some annual
10 forms and fees that they believed that were
11 compiled and submitted with the initial package
12 that was done that we, again, thought were
13 submitted and done, and whenever we got to the
14 hearing, we learned -- we learned that they hadn't
15 been.

16 And at that -- that's why yesterday I
17 filed the motion to remand it back to the hearing
18 officer, knowing no additional information would
19 be allowed here. It was more of a pleading
20 alternative to the Board. If you're not -- if
21 you're not inclined to grant the suitability or to
22 grant the appeal and to allow us to go back,
23 whatever documents that, again, we've resubmitted
24 after the hearing officer don't satisfy, then --
25 then move forward and make a decision, but, again,

1 additional documentation was provided after the
2 hearing officer that led us to where we are today.

3 So, as I stated, we're asking for
4 suitability to be granted or to remand us back to
5 the hearing officer so that additional information
6 can be provided to the hearing officer.

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

8 All right. Any questions for
9 Mr. Abshire from board members? Any questions?

10 (NO RESPONSE)

11 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

12 Okay. No questions, Mr. Abshire.
13 We're going to allow Mr. -- Mr. Lewis here to make
14 a presentation from the Attorney General's office.

15 MR. LEWIS:

16 Thank you, Chairman Johns, Board
17 Members. As you're aware, I'm Assistant Attorney
18 General Kanick Lewis, Jr., representing the
19 Division in this matter.

20 There is no legal entitlement to a
21 video draw poker gaming license. Pursuant to
22 Louisiana Revised Statute 27:403(B), the holder of
23 a license does not have a protected property
24 interest. In order to apply for a video poker
25 gaming license, all applicants must submit to the

1 suitability standards of gaming law, and by law
2 the Division is responsible for evaluating
3 the statute -- I'm sorry -- the suitability claims
4 of each applicant before any type of gaming
5 license can be issued. The awarding or denial of
6 a video draw poker license is solely within the
7 discretion of the Board or the Division.

8 Under gaming law an applicant must
9 show that he is honest, of good moral character,
10 and likely to conduct business in accordance with
11 gaming law. As the sole owner of the applicant,
12 He's Not Here Lounge, LLC, doing business as
13 He's Not Here Lounge, William Shane Carras is
14 required to meet all suitability requirements and
15 qualifications for a video draw poker license;
16 and, likewise, as his wife, Ms. Amanda Carras is
17 responsible also to meet these requirements.

18 In evaluating claims of suitability,
19 factors that are considered include but are not
20 limited to previous habits, associations, business
21 relations, reputation, and financial indebtedness.
22 Gaming law places the burden of proving that
23 suitability on the applicant or licensee. By law
24 the applicant and Mr. Carras should have submitted
25 all required suitability documents immediately

1 upon the transfer of ownership and upon the
2 Division's initial request. The applicant and the
3 Carrases had over a year, from January 31, 2022,
4 to February 1, 2023, to submit a proper
5 suitability application, and they failed to do so.

6 Mr. Carras, with his attorney, as
7 they stated, were present at the administrative
8 hearing on February 1; yet they failed to provide
9 any evidence of compliance with the Division's
10 request and failed to offer any evidence to show
11 that he and his wife are suitable to participate
12 in the gaming industry.

13 Even though it is not the Division's
14 burden to prove unsuitability, the Division gave
15 clear and undisputed facts at the hearing as to
16 why He's Not Here Lounge should -- should not have
17 a video draw poker gaming license and why the
18 Carrases should be found unsuitable. According to
19 the testimony, the Division issued six separate
20 requests for documentation to the applicant and
21 Mr. Carras.

22 Now, the timeline of the events is as
23 follows: On January 31, 2022, State Police
24 received notification that the Carrases had
25 purchased the licensee; however, the application

1 was not submitted until over a month later, on
2 March 14, 2022, and it was incomplete.

3 The Carrases had an appointment to
4 meet with State Police on March 29 to discuss the
5 application, but the day before Mr. Carras called
6 and informed State Police that his wife may not --
7 may have to reschedule due to a conflicting
8 appointment. On March 29 State Police had to
9 reach out to Mr. Carras as -- and was informed
10 that neither he nor his wife would attend the
11 meeting. They asked and requested that Mr. Carras
12 come in to complete his part of the paperwork.

13 A meeting was held on April 4 with
14 the Carrases and their attorney, and they were
15 given very detailed instructions regarding what
16 was needed. After this meeting, there was no
17 timely response.

18 On April 26 the Division sent a
19 follow-up e-mail for the requested documents.

20 On April 27 the Division was informed
21 that the documents would be sent the following
22 day, on April 28; but, again, there was no timely
23 response.

24 On May 25 a certified letter was
25 delivered to the attorney requesting the

1 documentation and giving them five days to
2 respond, and yet again there was no timely
3 response.

4 A compliance conference was held in
5 September on the 26th, at which time the
6 applicants, once again, promised to submit the
7 required documents to the Division. On that same
8 date, State Police composed a follow-up letter to
9 the licensee reiterating the deficiencies and
10 notifying them of the late annual forms and fees
11 and giving them ten days to completely comply.

12 On September 28 the Division received
13 another set of insufficient documents from the
14 applicants.

15 On the 29th State Police responded by
16 both e-mail and certified mail with a detailed
17 list explaining the deficiencies.

18 The certified letter was received on
19 October 3, and there was no timely response.

20 On October 18 State Police once again
21 received an incomplete submission.

22 On December 12, a Notice of Denial
23 and Revocation was issued by this Control Board
24 reiterating again the deficiencies and that there
25 was no submission by the applicants.

1 They requested a hearing, and it was
2 set for January 18. At this time they could have
3 require -- provided the documentation but didn't
4 do it.

5 On January 12 the applicants
6 requested a continuance, and it was granted, and
7 the matter was reset for February 1. During this
8 time they could have still submitted their
9 documentation but failed to do so. After the
10 hearing, the hearing officer rendered a decision
11 denying the application and finding the Carrases
12 unsuitable.

13 He's Not Here Lounge took a timely
14 request for an appeal. The appeal was scheduled
15 for May 15, at which point they asked for a
16 continuance, and that brings us here today.

17 In doing this, State Police went
18 above and beyond in attempting to obtain the
19 required paperwork for this matter. Under gaming
20 law the Division could have recommended a denial
21 after the first request failed to be properly
22 responded to or responded to at all. These are
23 typical requests for documents that are required
24 for a suitability evaluation, nothing
25 extraordinary. Out of the four times that the

1 applicants and its owners did respond to the
2 Division, they submitted insufficient
3 documentation.

4 Based on the evidence and testimony
5 put forth, we respectfully submit that affirming
6 the hearing officer's decision is the correct
7 action. The applicant has requested a remand, and
8 although there are cases -- excuse me -- where a
9 remand is proper, this is not one of them.

10 In this particular case, the Division
11 opposes a remand. Giving the applicant and
12 Mr. Carras more time does not fix the issue. It
13 is and has been proven that the applicants are
14 either unwilling or unable to comply with gaming
15 law. The Division does not have the time or the
16 resources to chase someone down to get them to do
17 the right thing.

18 And we're not just dealing with a
19 paperwork issue. This is a question of if someone
20 is likely to comply with the rules and regulations
21 of gaming law. Their history over the past 18
22 months, a year and a half, has proven they will
23 not. The applicant and the Carrases had over a
24 year before the administrative hearing, from
25 January 31 to February 1, 2023, to submit the

1 proper suitability application -- I'm sorry --
2 from January 31, 2022, to February 1, 2023, to
3 submit the proper suitability application, but
4 they failed to do so. And even as of today, they
5 have not submitted a complete and proper
6 application. And here we are a year and a half
7 later, still they have not provided the proper
8 documentation. They failed to prove at the
9 hearing that they had submitted the requested
10 information and paperwork or that they are
11 suitable for a license.

12 Furthermore, and to support why a
13 remand is not proper, even if all the submitted
14 documents and information were given today, the
15 Division would still recommend a denial because
16 they have shown that they are not willing to or
17 likely to comply with gaming law. The applicant
18 and its owners neglected to timely respond to the
19 Division's numerous requests for information.
20 They have displayed either an inability or
21 reluctance or both to adhere to the requests and
22 directives of the Division. The applicants have
23 established a precedent of disregard for the
24 regulations of gaming and the agency tasked with
25 enforcing those regulations. Through their

1 actions and inactions, the applicant and the
2 Carrases have demonstrated their unsuitable
3 nature.

4 In accordance with gaming law, it is
5 the applicant's responsibility to prove that they
6 are a person of good moral character, honesty, and
7 integrity and likely to conduct business in
8 complete compliance with gaming law. Although
9 there have been numerous attempts by the Division
10 to secure the required information in order to
11 determine suitability, the applicant and the
12 Carrases have not complied with the Division or
13 with gaming law.

14 Mr. Carras and his spouse, Amanda, do
15 not meet the suitability requirements as outlined
16 in gaming law, and as such the hearing officer was
17 correct in her denial of the renewal application
18 of He's Not Here Lounge, LLC, doing business as
19 He's Not Here Lounge and finding of unsuitability
20 of its associated individuals, Mr. and
21 Mrs. Carras. And based on this information, we
22 ask that you affirm her decision.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

24 Okay. Thank you, Mr. Lewis. So
25 there were -- I had a hard time keeping up with

1 you there. That was a lot of information;
2 however, I did read the entire hearing officer
3 transcript.

4 MR. LEWIS:

5 Okay.

6 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

7 I took the time to do that. So there
8 were actually two in-person meetings in that
9 process --

10 MR. LEWIS:

11 Yes.

12 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

13 -- trying to help the applicant
14 complete this necessary paperwork. Is that
15 correct?

16 MR. LEWIS:

17 That -- that's correct. Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

19 And then numerous other
20 communications in that 12- or 13-year -- 13-month
21 period trying once again to help them through that
22 process. Is that --

23 MR. LEWIS:

24 Yeah. That's correct.

25 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

1 Is that correct?

2 MR. LEWIS:

3 And included, they were -- they
4 actually e-mailed them. They sent them letters
5 that detailed the information that was needed, and
6 still there were incomplete submissions.

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

8 All right.

9 MR. ABSHIRE:

10 And, Chairman, may I address some of
11 the --

12 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

13 Mr. Abshire, you may -- you may
14 respond, if you would like.

15 MR. ABSHIRE:

16 So --

17 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

18 I'll give you a little latitude.

19 MR. ABSHIRE:

20 -- some of the documents that were
21 requested, while it was spoken about the
22 application -- I don't know how this process
23 starts without the application going in. There
24 was an initial package before I was part of this
25 process for the application and everything that

1 was submitted, but that wasn't brought to my
2 attention till later.

3 Additionally, there was the release
4 of claims, the affidavit. It was -- the applicant
5 needed to change from He's Not Here to Mr. Carras'
6 name. The Division had issues with the wording in
7 the lease. We're not talking about just failure
8 to submit. What we're talking about, the Division
9 wasn't satisfied with the wording of the lease.

10 It was to redo the lease and to have to work to
11 redo it to the satisfaction of the Department. It
12 was to where, when it was put in -- when it was
13 put to applicant, initially it was put in as --
14 and I apologize. I don't remember which way it
15 went. But, initially, it was put in with
16 Mr. Carras and his wife's name, and then it had to
17 be He's Not Here Lounge or vice versa. I don't
18 recall exactly how it was, and the notations were
19 made. Those submissions were done. Paperwork was
20 sent in, and it was, okay, you have to change this
21 paperwork, and you have to change this paperwork.
22 There was an exchange back and forth.

23 One of the documents that -- is the
24 check signing card. Mr. Carras has tried to get a
25 check signing card. In the electronic world we

1 live in today, the bank he banks at, they don't
2 have -- you know, most of us have been banking for
3 a long time in today's world. They don't have the
4 little cards they kept in the card files from 20
5 years ago. It's not an available document. Those
6 are the issues.

7 There was an issue with a secondary
8 vehicle owned during this process. If I -- if my
9 memory serves me correctly, his wife bought a new
10 vehicle that was brought out through that. We
11 didn't have that loan paperwork.

12 We're not talking about someone not
13 disclosing that they were arrested, not disclosing
14 that they filed bankruptcy, not disclosing some --
15 some sort of fraud or misconduct. We're talking
16 about filling out documentations and putting the
17 proper places and names and positions and things
18 to satisfy the Division.

19 I just want to make sure it's clear
20 that when we were talking about things being
21 submitted, we were having to redo paperwork,
22 redo -- get the applications and do those things
23 that -- trying to get the approval of the State
24 Police. Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

1 Well, Mr. Abshire, the -- the issues
2 that you -- excuse me. The issues that you bring
3 up, Mr. Abshire, that's part of the suitability
4 process.

5 MR. ABSHIRE:

6 I understand that.

7 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

8 And the documentation I have in front
9 of me -- and I think I'm reading this correctly.
10 Okay. If I'm wrong, someone will correct me, but
11 it appears there were 129 new video poker licenses
12 issued in -- from July 1, 2022, until present.
13 Those 129 were approved because they completed
14 their documents in the proper and suitable way.

15 So I will say this, and I'm not a
16 judge. I'm not an attorney. Okay? However,
17 game -- I've learned over the last two years that
18 gaming law is completely different from any other
19 type of law out there. It's complicated. But the
20 issue of suitability is way beyond just criminal
21 history or background checks on their personal
22 life or their -- you know, whatever. There's
23 many, many more issues that are part of the
24 suitability process, and that's in statute, as I
25 understand. Is that correct, Mr. Lewis? Am I off

1 base in saying that?

2 MR. LEWIS:

3 No. You're correct.

4 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

5 I'm correct. So the issue of
6 suitability is basically outlined in statute, as I
7 understand. So the Board is -- you know, we sit
8 here, and we have to adhere to what the law says;
9 so -- but I am very familiar with your -- I don't
10 know your client personally. I met him. I'm very
11 familiar with the location of that -- the
12 particular location is. It was just a few miles
13 from where I previously lived. It's been there a
14 long time.

15 MR. ABSHIRE:

16 Uh-huh.

17 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

18 However, it's just -- I guess, just
19 my opinion. I'm just one of the board members.
20 My vote doesn't count any more than anybody else's
21 here, but there was just ample time, in my
22 opinion, to complete those documents. I'm just --
23 I'm concerned about why those documents were not
24 completed, when State Police and the Attorney
25 General's Office went over backwards to help your

1 client and -- and you representing them. I don't
2 know if you want to address that or not.

3 MR. ABSHIRE:

4 I can. And if I said judge, I
5 apologize. It's a habit. It's in the -- in
6 the -- we would get a list or an e-mail and say we
7 need this document, this document, this document.
8 We would go through, compile all of it, submit it.
9 We would get the information back that, like I
10 said, the lease didn't satisfy the verbiage
11 because the lease was made out to Shane instead of
12 this, and then we changed that, and then we
13 submitted more documents, and then it came back
14 where we had to submit this, this, and this. It
15 was -- and I'll fall on part of the sword for
16 that. I -- I don't do just gaming. I do, you
17 know, multifac -- other practices. You know, I'm
18 in court on a regular basis. As you know, I asked
19 for a continuance the last time we were here and
20 the first hearing officer due to y'all's schedule
21 moves a lot faster than in normal court rooms
22 we're in schedules.

23 You know, so that's part of the
24 process. And like I started with, the Carrases
25 are small business owners, and they're running

1 their own businesses and, you know, other
2 businesses and trying to keep the AC -- his AC
3 business, and he travels throughout the country,
4 and his wife has a hair salon. You know, it's
5 just scheduling and getting things done, and it
6 has taken longer, and there's no excuse for that.

7 But in that aspect, these are
8 first-time barroomers, first-time -- and I don't
9 know of the 190 that you spoke of that were
10 granted, how many are first time? How many are,
11 you know, figuring it out as they go as the
12 Carrases are before we end up in this part of the
13 process? So that's -- that's all I've got right
14 now.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 Mr. Lewis, any further comments?

17 MR. LEWIS:

18 Yes. I would like to respond to --
19 the items that the State Police required, just as
20 he -- you stated earlier, that's part of the
21 suitability investigation. It's required not only
22 of them but of all licensees, or video poker
23 applicants.

24 They could have been denied after
25 that first time when they didn't submit the

1 information, and yet and still, State Police went
2 above and beyond the call of duty to try to get
3 these persons a license. They still have yet to
4 comply, and it's -- it's an issue of not just
5 submitting the paperwork, but we have to bear in
6 mind that they have to have this as an ongoing
7 process where they comply continually with gaming
8 law, and they have proven that they have not; so
9 to remand or to give this party -- these
10 applicants and associated individuals additional
11 time, it -- it wouldn't solve the issue.

12 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

13 Okay. Okay. Mr. Abshire, I'm going
14 to tell you, I've been Chairman two years now, and
15 this is -- this particular case, this particular
16 situation, goes far beyond anything I've ever seen
17 in terms of noncompliance, and I think we take
18 great pride in trying to help people. I think --
19 I know State Police, Gaming Division, and the
20 Attorney General's Office, Gaming Division -- we
21 don't want to deny licenses. They -- they don't
22 want to deny licenses just to deny them, but
23 they're bound by law, and they're bound by what
24 they consider to be suitable or not suitable.

25 So that's where -- you know, this

1 Board is charged with upholding the law. It's
2 charged with looking at all the evidence, I guess.
3 So I -- you know, I really have nothing else to
4 say, I guess, at this point. Any members that
5 would like to say anything? Any questions? Any
6 questions from the . . .

7 (NO RESPONSE)

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Okay. All right. Any further
10 comments, Mr. Abshire?

11 MR. ABSHIRE:

12 No, Mr. Chairman.

13 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

14 You rest?

15 MR. ABSHIRE:

16 I rest, yes.

17 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

18 Okay. Thank you. I do -- I have one
19 other question. As I read the hearing officer
20 transcript, when the hearing officer asked you to
21 present your -- your evidence or whatever, you had
22 nothing to present. You -- it says, "Hearing
23 Officer: Would you like to present anything
24 today, Mr. Abshire?" And you responded, "No, Your
25 Honor." So you didn't actually present anything

1 to -- on behalf of your client to the hearing
2 officer.

3 MR. ABSHIRE:

4 So all the documentation that we had
5 had, had been submitted to the State, and the
6 documents that they had that -- were the same
7 documents that I had in my file. After that day
8 we went back through -- this is my notes from
9 that, where I made a list of the documents that
10 were discussed that were not -- you know, that
11 they didn't have. The -- there was an Affidavit
12 of Full Disclosure. There was -- those are all
13 documents that had previously been submitted, or
14 that we believed to have been previously
15 submitted. We went through all the files, all the
16 previous e-mails whenever we got back to my office
17 with my staff, and it was all compiled together
18 again, and it was submitted to the department
19 after the hearing officer, and we were advised
20 that it wasn't for consideration at that time.

21 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

22 Okay.

23 MR. ABSHIRE:

24 So . . .

25 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

1 Last question from me. Mr. Lewis, --

2 MR. LEWIS:

3 Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

5 -- to your knowledge, are there still
6 documents that have not been submitted or
7 improperly submitted at this point today?

8 MR. LEWIS:

9 Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

11 There are. Okay. Okay. Any
12 questions, Members?

13 MS. TRAYLOR:

14 Motion to approve the hearing
15 officer's --

16 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

17 Pardon me?

18 MS. TRAYLOR:

19 A motion to approve the hearing
20 officer's recommendation.

21 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

22 Okay. So Ms. Traylor has moved
23 that -- her motion is to uphold the hearing
24 officer's decision. Do I have a second?

25 MR. JACKSON:

1 Second.

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

3 Mr. Jackson has seconded that motion.

4 Is there any discussion from the Board? Any
5 discussion? Is there any opposition to that
6 motion?

7 (NO RESPONSE)

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Hearing none, the hearing officer's
10 decision has been upheld. Thank you --

11 MR. ABSHIRE:

12 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

13 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

14 -- very much, Mr. Abshire.

15 MR. ABSHIRE:

16 Thank you for hearing me.

17 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

18 Good luck to you.

19 MR. ABSHIRE:

20 Thank you, sir.

21 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

22 I understand you're in a political
23 campaign back home?

24 MR. ABSHIRE:

25 A little bit, sir. A little bit.

1 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

2 I have moved from Calcasieu Parish.

3 I can't vote there anymore; so . . .

4 MR. ABSHIRE:

5 You don't miss that world?

6 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

7 Thank you very much. No, sir.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Okay. Members, I have nothing else
10 on the agenda. We will meet again here at the
11 State Capitol in July.

12 (MS. HOOD CONFERRING WITH CHAIRMAN JOHNS)

13 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

14 I'm sorry. My legal counsel here is
15 advising me that we will need a motion -- okay.
16 We need a motion to deny the motion to remand this
17 back to the hearing officer.

18 MS. LEWIS:

19 (Indicating)

20 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

21 So --

22 MR. JACKSON:

23 So moved.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

25 -- Ms. Lewis has made that motion to

1 deny the motion -- the motion that was presented
2 to the Attorney General's Office and the Board
3 that would remand this back to the hearing
4 officer. Mr. Jackson has seconded that motion.
5 Is there any discussion? Is there any objection
6 to that motion?

7 (NO RESPONSE)

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 Hearing none, that motion carries.
10 Thank you, Ms. Hood for keeping me legal today.

11 MR. HEBERT:

12 Chairman, just for clarification, the
13 motion is denied?

14 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

15 Pardon me?

16 MR. HEBERT:

17 You said the motion carried. The
18 motion is --

19 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

20 To deny.

21 MS. HOOD:

22 To deny.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

24 To --

25 MR. HEBERT:

1 Okay.

2 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

3 Excuse me.

4 MR. HEBERT:

5 Okay.

6 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

7 To deny the motion --

8 MR. HEBERT:

9 Okay.

10 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

11 -- to remand back to the hearing

12 officer.

13 MR. HEBERT:

14 Okay.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

16 I think that's what I said.

17 MR. HEBERT:

18 Yeah. Okay.

19 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

20 At least I think I did; so . . .

21 IX. ADJOURNMENT

22 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

23 Okay. Members, thank you for being

24 here today. We will have, I think, a little bit

25 more extensive agenda next month. And Mr. Jackson

1 has moved that we adjourn; so . . .

2 MR. JACKSON:

3 So moved.

4 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

5 And Mr. Poole has --

6 MR. POOLE:

7 Second.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

9 -- has seconded that motion. Any

10 objection?

11 (NO RESPONSE)

12 CHAIRMAN JOHNS:

13 Hearing none, that motion carries.

14 We are hereby adjourned. Thank you very much,

15 Members.

16 (PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED AT 10:51 A.M.)

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