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CHAIRMAN

**IN RE: WHISPERING PINES PLAZA & CASINO, LLC
D/B/A WHISPERING PINES CASINO
NO. 4600515433**

ORDER

This matter was considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board at its meeting of February 26, 2026. The Hearing Officer's order dated January 28, 2026, based on the "Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement" in the matter of the "Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action", by and between, Whispering Pines Plaza & Casino, LLC d/b/a Whispering Pines Casino No. 4600515433, and the State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is **APPROVED**.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the *26th* day of February, 2026.

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

BY:

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CHRISTOPHER B. HEBERT, CHAIRMAN

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IN RE: WHISPERING PINES PLAZA & CASINO, LLC CASE NO. 4600515433
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**JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF COMPROMISE AND
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER:

NOW COME the Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division (hereinafter, the “Division”) and Whispering Pines Plaza & Casino, LLC d/b/a Whispering Pines Casino (hereinafter, the “Licensee”), who file this Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement regarding the administrative action of the Licensee’s gaming license under Case No: 4600515433 and the Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action issued by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board on or about November 25, 2025, based on the provisions of La. R.S. 27:427(D), LAC 42.XI.2405(A)(13), LAC 42.XI.2417(B)(4), and LAC 42.XI.2417(C)(1)(f), and in support thereof would respectively show unto the Hearing Officer as follows:

1.

The Division and Licensee are desirous of compromising and settling all disputes between them relative to the referenced administrative proceeding. In connection therewith, the parties have entered into a Compromise and Settlement Agreement, which by its terms will become effective upon approval by the Administrative Hearing Office and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.

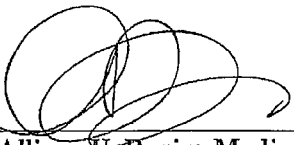
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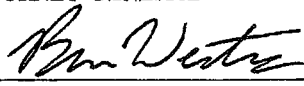
A true and correct copy of the proposed Compromise and Settlement Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated by reference for all purposes.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Division and Licensee respectfully request that this Honorable Administrative Hearing Officer approve the parties' Compromise and Settlement Agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,

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COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division (hereinafter, the "Division") and Whispering Pines Plaza & Casino, LLC d/b/a Whispering Pines Casino (hereinafter, the "Licensee"), do hereby represent and agree as follows:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board has sent a Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action to the Licensee, which Notice contains allegations of certain violations of Louisiana Gaming Control Law; and

WHEREAS, the Division and Licensee are desirous of fully and finally compromising and settling all issues and disputes arising out of and in connection with said Notice;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties hereto do hereby agree and stipulate as follows:

STIPULATIONS

1.

The Licensee is a Type 5 licensed establishment located at 325-C HWY 10, Greensburg, Louisiana, 70441.

2.

According to the records submitted to the Division, Joe F. Penn ("Mr. Penn") was previously recorded as the 100% owner of the Licensee.

3.

On April 27, 2023, the Licensee notified the Division of Mr. Penn's death, which occurred on April 16, 2023. This notification prompted the Division to initiate an investigation into the resulting transfer of membership interest in the Licensee.

4.

During the investigation, the Licensee submitted its 2024-2025 Annual Licensee Form on May 1, 2024, which listed the Joe F. Penn and Patricia S. Penn Revocable Trust (the "Trust") as the holder of 100% membership interest in the Licensee. Further investigation revealed that the Trust was created on October 3, 2019, and Mr. Penn transferred his entire membership interest in the Licensee to the Trust on that same date.

5.

A review of the Division's records confirmed that the Licensee failed to report the 2019 transfer of interest to the Trust on its Annual Licensee Forms for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2023-2024 periods. Also, the Licensee's renewal application submitted on May 5, 2022, failed to disclose the Trust's ownership.

6.

The Licensee failed to notify the Division within 10 calendar days of the transfer of ownership that occurred on October 3, 2019. Additionally, the Licensee failed to timely notify the Division of the death of Mr. Penn.

7.

On November 25, 2025, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board issued a Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action against the Type-5 video draw poker gaming license of the Licensee. The recommendation was based on the provisions of La. R.S. 27:427(D), LAC 42.XI.2405(A)(13), LAC 42.XI.2417(B)(4), and LAC 42.XI.2417(C)(1)(f).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. In lieu of administrative action, Licensee will pay a penalty of **NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED and FIFTY DOLLARS and 00/100 (\$9,250.00)** for its violation of **La. R.S. 27:427(D), LAC 42.XI.2405(A)(13), LAC 42.XI.2417(B)(4), and LAC 42.XI.2417(C)(1)(f).**

2. The Division hereby agrees that payment of a total penalty of **NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED and FIFTY DOLLARS and 00/100 (\$9,250.00)** shall be in full and final settlement of all matters set forth in the Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action.

3. The Division reserves the right to take into consideration this admitted violation in connection with any future investigation, violation or assessment of penalty and in connection with any future assessments of Licensee's suitability.

4. The terms of this Compromise and Settlement Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Louisiana.

5. This Compromise and Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Division and the Licensee, pertaining to the subject matter contained herein and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations and understandings of the parties.

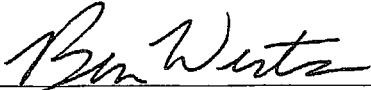
6. This Compromise and Settlement Agreement is subject to approval by the Hearing Officer and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. It is expressly understood that if this proposed settlement is approved by the Hearing Officer, this agreement is not thereby executory, but will be submitted to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board for its determination as to whether to approve same or to remand the matter to the Hearing Officer for a full hearing on the merits.

7. If approved, Licensee agrees to make full payment of the civil penalty within fifteen (15) days of approval of this settlement by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. Licensee agrees that failure to meet this requirement shall result in the immediate suspension of its gaming permit without the necessity of any further administrative action until such time as the penalty is paid in full.

I have read this entire Compromise and Settlement Agreement and agree to all stipulations and terms and conditions hereof.



Allison U. Rovira Modicut, Attorney At Law on behalf of
Whispering Pines Plaza & Casino, LLC d/b/a Whispering Pines Casino



Benjamin Westra, AAG, on behalf of
Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division

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ORDER

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 28 day of January, 2026, came for consideration the Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement, and the parties having appeared by and through their respective attorneys of record or representing themselves, and the Hearing Officer having considered the pleadings on file, the proposed Compromise and Settlement Agreement, and the said Motion, and it appearing to the Hearing Officer that the said Compromise and Settlement Agreement should be approved; it is, therefore,

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Compromise and Settlement Agreement attached to the parties' Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement be, and the same is hereby, **APPROVED**; that Whispering Pines Plaza & Casino, LLC d/b/a Whispering Pines Casino must pay **NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED and FIFTY DOLLARS and 00/100 (\$9,250.00)** to the Division within fifteen (15) days of approval by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. Failure to do so shall result in the immediate suspension of the gaming permit without the necessity of any further administrative action until such time as the penalty is paid in full.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this 28th day of January, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Suzan S. Ponder

SUZAN S. PONDER
HEARING OFFICER

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
HEARING OFFICE
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CERTIFIED
COPY HAS BEEN MAILED OR SERVED ON

ALL PARTIES THIS 28 DAY
OF January, 2026.
Ebony Batselle

DOCKET CLERK, ADMIN. HEARING OFFICE

cc: Whispering Pines Plaza & Casino, LLC d/b/a Whispering Pines Casino
Benjamin Westra
Sgt. Ruben Brown

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