

**LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD***Minutes of December 16, 2021*

The meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board convened on Thursday, December 16, 2021, 10:00 a.m., at the Louisiana State Capitol, House Committee Room 1. Present at the meeting were Chairman Ronnie Johns, Harry Avant, Julie Berry, Claude Jackson, Julie Lewis, O. Lamar Poole, Jr., Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, Ronald Sholes, and Ashley Traylor. Absent were ex-officio members Secretary Kimberly Lewis and Col. Lamar Davis.

Chairman Johns called the meeting to order. It was moved by Mr. Jackson to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the meetings of November 18, 2021, and November 30, 2021. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

The Board considered the Petition for Approval of Relocation of Gaming Operations and for a Modification of License Conditions by Treasure Chest Casino, LLC d/b/a Treasure Chest Casino – No. R012600098. After presentation by Matthew Meek, Assistant Attorney General (“AAG”), Louisiana Attorney General’s Office; Tammy Haupt, Louisiana State Police Gaming Enforcement Division – Audit Section; Janet Boles, Counsel for Boyd Gaming; Vincent Schwartz, Senior Vice President of Boyd Gaming; Kim Etland, General Manager and Vice-President of Treasure Chest Casino; and Ms. Candace Watkins, on behalf of Mayor Zahn of Kenner, LA , it was moved by Mr. Avant to adopt the resolution to approve the Relocation of Gaming Operations and for a Modification of License Conditions by Treasure Chest Casino. That motion was seconded by Mr. Poole and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Joint Petition of GLP Holdings, Inc. and CQ Holding Company, Inc. for Approval of Transfer of Ownership of Louisiana Casino Cruises, Inc. d/b/a Hollywood Casino – No. R011700913. After presentation by Lisha Landry, AAG, Louisiana Attorney General’s Office; Tammy Haupt, Louisiana State Police Gaming Enforcement Division – Audit Section; Senior Trooper Shannon Simpson, Louisiana State Police Gaming Enforcement Division; Jeff Barbin, representing Casino Queen; Bill Vandarsand, General Counsel of CQ Holding; and Terry Downey, Chief Executive Officer of Casino Queen, it was moved by Ms. Hamilton-Acker to adopt the resolution to approve the Transfer of Ownership of Louisiana Casino Cruises, Inc. d/b/a Hollywood Casino. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the Joint Petition of Caesars Entertainment, Inc. and CQ Holdings, Inc. for Approval of Transfer of Ownership of Catfish Queen Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge – No. R011700009. After presentation by Lisha Landry, AAG, Louisiana Attorney General’s Office; Patricia Bell, Louisiana State Police Gaming Enforcement Division – Audit Section; Senior Trooper Shannon Simpson, Louisiana State Police

Gaming Enforcement Division; Jeff Barbin, representing Casino Queen; Bill Vandersand, General Counsel of CQ Holding; Terry Downey, Chief Executive Officer of Casino Queen, and Brandon Moore, Executive Vice-President, General Counsel and Secretary of GL Properties and GLP Capital, it was moved by Mr. Sholes to adopt the resolution to approve the Transfer of Ownership of Catfish Queen Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously approved by the Board.

Next, the Board considered the Application of Penn National Gaming for Shelf Approval. After presentation by Patricia Bell, Louisiana State Police Gaming Enforcement Division – Audit Section, it was moved by Ms. Lewis to approve the application of Penn National Gaming for Shelf Approval. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of PNK (Bossier City), LLC d/b/a Boomtown Casino Bossier City – No. R016500701. After presentation by Venise Johnson, AAG, Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division and John Francic, ABS Group, it was moved by Ms. Traylor to approve the Certificate of Compliance, which expires on December 31, 2022. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Red River Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC d/b/a Sam’s Town Hotel & Casino – No. R016500097. After presentation by Lakeisha James, AAG, Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division and John Francic, ABS Group, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve the Certificate of Compliance, which expires on December 31, 2022. That motion was seconded by Mr. Poole and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Golden Nugget Lake Charles, LLC d/b/a Golden Nugget – No. R016502995. After presentation by Alonna Murray, AAG, Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division and John Francic, ABS Group, it was moved by Ms. Berry to approve the Certificate of Compliance, which expires on December 31, 2022. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the Transfers of Interest in the following truckstops in globo:

1. Dixie Inn Travel Center, LLC d/b/a Dixie Inn Casino – No. 6007515571
2. Port Au Prince, LLC d/b/a Gold Rush Casino – No. 4900515526
3. 190 Truck Stop, LLC d/b/a Grand Point Grand Casino – No. 4700513410

After presentation by Earl Pitre, Jr., AAG, Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division and Master Trooper James Cannon, Louisiana State Police Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve the transfers of interest. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

Next, the Board considered the Transfers of Interest in the following truckstops in globo:

1. Shop Rite, Inc. d/b/a Shop Rite #82 Jennings Travel Center – No. 2703512949
2. Shop Rite, Inc. d/b/a Black Gold Casino – No. 0100516343

After presentation by Earl Pitre, Jr., AAG, Louisiana Attorney General's Gaming Division and Investigator Glenn Verrett, Louisiana State Police Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Ms. Berry to approve the transfers of interest. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously approved by the Board.

Major Chuck McNeal, Louisiana State Police Gaming Enforcement Division, presented the Board with an update on Sports Wagering. Twenty (20) licenses were available for Sports Wagering in Louisiana. Nineteen (19) licensees have submitted applications for approval with one (1) application pending. A Temporary Certificate of Authority (TCOA) has been approved for thirteen (13) licensees, which permits them to go live; three of those licensees are in preparation to go live. Internal controls for the thirteen licensees have been approved. Mobile gaming internal controls are currently under review for mobile access to begin, but no timeframe can be given for those approvals.

The Board then considered the final adoption of rules for Sports Wagering. After presentation by Dawn Himel, Deputy Director, Louisiana Attorney General's Gaming Division, it was moved by Mr. Poole to approve the final adoption of the rules for Sports Wagering. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

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