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<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD APRIL 21, 2025 MEETING</p> <p>This Louisiana Gaming Control Board Meeting was taken in by Belinda K. Amerson, a Certified Court Reporter in and for the State of Louisiana, at the LASALLE BUILDING, LABELLE HEARING ROOM, 617 NORTH 3RD STREET, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA on the 21st day of April, 2025.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>1 APPEARANCES:</p> <p>2</p> <p>3 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HEBERT</p> <p>4 MS. LANDRY</p> <p>5 MS. HERNANDEZ</p> <p>6 MR. JACKSON</p> <p>7 MS. LEWIS</p> <p>8 MS. TRAYLOR</p> <p>9 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER</p> <p>10 MR. SHOLES</p> <p>11 MS. BECNEL</p> <p>12 MR. LANGLEY</p> <p>13 JAROD CONIGLIO</p> <p>14 CAPTAIN JUSTIN BERRY</p> <p>15 MS. HIMEL</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>1 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p> <p>2 All right. Good morning, everyone.</p> <p>3 Can everyone hear me okay? Okay. Great.</p> <p>4 I'd like to call the order -- or</p> <p>5 excuse me -- call to order the meeting of</p> <p>6 the Louisiana Gaming Control Board for</p> <p>7 Monday, April 21st, 2025.</p> <p>8 Ms. Hernandez, would you please call</p> <p>9 the roll?</p> <p>10 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>11 Chairman Hebert.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p> <p>13 Here.</p> <p>14 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>15 Ms. Becnel.</p> <p>16 MS. BECNEL:</p> <p>17 Here.</p> <p>18 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>19 Mr. Jackson.</p> <p>20 MR. JACKSON:</p> <p>21 Here.</p> <p>22 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>23 Mr. Langley.</p> <p>24 MR. LANGLEY:</p> <p>25 Here.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>1 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>2 Ms. Lewis.</p> <p>3 MS. LEWIS:</p> <p>4 Here.</p> <p>5 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>6 Mr. Poole.</p> <p>7 MR. POOLE:</p> <p>8 Here.</p> <p>9 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>10 Ms. Hamilton-Acker.</p> <p>11 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:</p> <p>12 Here.</p> <p>13 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>14 Mr. Sholes.</p> <p>15 MR. SHOLES:</p> <p>16 Here.</p> <p>17 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>18 Ms. Traylor.</p> <p>19 MS. TRAYLOR:</p> <p>20 Here.</p> <p>21 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>22 Colonel Hodges.</p> <p>23 CAPTAIN BERRY:</p> <p>24 Captain Berry for Colonel Hodges.</p> <p>25 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>1 Secretary Nelson. 2 MR. CONIGLIO: 3 Jarod Coniglio here for Secretary 4 Nelson. 5 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 6 Thank you. 7 We have a quorum. Members, thank 8 you for being here this morning. 9 At this time, ladies and gentlemen, 10 it's our public comment period. If anyone 11 in the audience would like to comment on 12 any of the agenda items before this Board 13 today, now is the time to come forward. 14 Okay. Seeing none, we will now move 15 on to Item 3, the approval of the minutes. 16 I would ask for a motion to waive the 17 reading and approve the minutes of our 18 March 20th, 2025 Board meeting. 19 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER: 20 So moved. 21 MR. POOLE: 22 Second. 23 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 24 It's moved by Ms. Hamilton-Acker and 25 seconded by Mr. Poole.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>1 Is there any discussion? 2 Any opposition? 3 Hearing none, that motion carries. 4 Moving on to Item 4 on our agenda, 5 our revenue reports. 6 Good morning, Ms. Jackson. 7 MS. JACKSON: 8 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and 9 Board Members. My name is Donna Jackson. 10 I'm with the Louisiana State Police, 11 Gaming Audit Section. 12 In March, the 15 operating 13 riverboats generated adjusted gross 14 receipts of \$180,890,045. The state 15 collected fees totalling \$38,891,360. 16 Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal year 17 '24-'25 to date are \$1.32 billion, an 18 increase of \$37.5 million or 3% from 19 fiscal year '23-'24. 20 As of March 31st, 2025, the state 21 has collected \$284 million in fees for 22 fiscal year '24-'25. 23 Page 2 shows the riverboat revenue 24 broken down by regional market. The 25 overall increase from February was \$31</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>1 million or 21%. Compared to last March, 2 this month's revenue represent an increase 3 of approximately \$14.6 million or 8.8%. 4 Live! Casino's first full month of 5 operations produced revenues of \$12.3 6 million. Treasure Chest's landside 7 facility continues to outperform last 8 year's revenues with \$14.7 million in 9 revenues this month. 10 Next is a summary of the March 2025 11 gaming activity for Caesars New Orleans, 12 found on page 3. Caesars generated 13 \$30,025,386 in gross gaming revenue. 14 These revenues represent a slight decrease 15 from last month of 2%, but an increase of 16 \$7.8 million or 35.4% on the same month 17 last year. 18 During March, the state received 19 \$5,520,548 in minimum daily payments. 20 Adjusted gross receipts for fiscal year 21 '24-'25 to date are almost \$206 million, 22 an increase of approximately \$20 million 23 or 11% for fiscal year '23-'24. 24 As of March 31st, 2025, the state 25 collected \$48.8 million in fees for fiscal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>1 year '24-'25. 2 Next I'll present the revenues for 3 slots at the Racetracks. During March, 4 the four racetrack facilities combined 5 generated adjusted gross receipts of 6 \$31,374,870, an increase of \$6 million or 7 24% from the previous month, but a slight 8 decrease of 2.5% when compared to the same 9 month last year. 10 During March, the state collected 11 \$4.8 million in state fees. Adjusted 12 gross receipts for fiscal year '24-'25 to 13 date are \$232.8 million, a \$1.3 million or 14 .6% decrease for fiscal year '23-'24. 15 As of March 31st, 2025, the state 16 has collected \$35.3 million in fees for 17 fiscal year '24-'25. 18 I will now move to the video gaming 19 information. 20 There are 12,067 video gaming 21 devices activated at 1,390 locations. Net 22 device revenue for March 2025 was 23 \$72,232,239, an increase of \$9 million or 24 14.5% when compared to February 2025, and 25 a slight increase of .6% when compared to</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>1 last month.</p> <p>2 Total franchise fees for March were</p> <p>3 approximately \$21.9 million. Fiscal year</p> <p>4 to date, net device revenue is \$562</p> <p>5 million, an increase of \$1.2 million or</p> <p>6 .2% when compared to last fiscal year.</p> <p>7 As of March 31st, 2025, the state</p> <p>8 has collected \$170.6 million in franchise</p> <p>9 fees for fiscal year '24-'25.</p> <p>10 Next I'll present the March revenue</p> <p>11 for sportsbook. During March, the retail</p> <p>12 sportsbooks accepted \$25 million in sports</p> <p>13 wagers resulting in net proceeds of \$1.4</p> <p>14 million and \$108,000 in state taxes.</p> <p>15 The mobile sportsbooks accepted \$361</p> <p>16 million in sports wagers resulting in net</p> <p>17 proceeds of \$26.5 million and</p> <p>18 approximately \$4 million in taxes paid to</p> <p>19 the state.</p> <p>20 Finally, for Daily Fantasy Sports</p> <p>21 gross revenues for March were \$590,000,</p> <p>22 with net revenues of \$70,000 and taxes of</p> <p>23 approximately \$5,600.</p> <p>24 Any questions?</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>1 Board Members, are there any</p> <p>2 questions for Ms. Jackson?</p> <p>3 MR. SHOLES:</p> <p>4 Ms. Jackson, I noticed that Caesars</p> <p>5 did exceptionally well in February and</p> <p>6 beginning in March. The February I guess</p> <p>7 was because of the Super Bowl, but the</p> <p>8 March numbers were a surprise. What do</p> <p>9 you attribute that to?</p> <p>10 MS. JACKSON:</p> <p>11 I don't have anything specific as to</p> <p>12 what their, you know, promotional things</p> <p>13 may have been going on, but March</p> <p>14 typically is a very strong month for</p> <p>15 casinos. I can -- I can certainly inquire</p> <p>16 if they had anything specific going on in</p> <p>17 March and let you know.</p> <p>18 MR. SHOLES:</p> <p>19 It was better than last March.</p> <p>20 Thank you.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p> <p>22 Any further questions for Ms.</p> <p>23 Jackson?</p> <p>24 All right. Thank you, Ms. Jackson.</p> <p>25 Judge, I wonder if March Madness had</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>1 anything to do with that getting more</p> <p>2 people to the casinos?</p> <p>3 All right. Moving on to Item 5.</p> <p>4 Item 5, Board Members, will be the</p> <p>5 consideration of the contract for court</p> <p>6 reporter services for fiscal year</p> <p>7 2025-2026.</p> <p>8 Board Members, in your board packet</p> <p>9 you have a copy of the proposed contract</p> <p>10 for the Louisiana Gaming Control Board's</p> <p>11 court reporter. Amerson White Court</p> <p>12 Reporting has agreed to continue providing</p> <p>13 court reporter services for the Board and</p> <p>14 the administrative hearing office for</p> <p>15 another fiscal year. The contract has the</p> <p>16 same fee terms and conditions as the first</p> <p>17 contract, which expires on June 30th of</p> <p>18 2025.</p> <p>19 This contract is for one year</p> <p>20 effective July 1st, 2025 to June 30th of</p> <p>21 2026. The total sum of the contract shall</p> <p>22 not exceed \$70,000.</p> <p>23 Pages 1 and 2 of the contract</p> <p>24 provide the breakdown of how payment will</p> <p>25 be made under the contract. Our legal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>1 counsel has reviewed the contract and</p> <p>2 advised that it meets all requirements.</p> <p>3 Board approval on the parameters of</p> <p>4 the contract is needed in order to begin</p> <p>5 the state contract review process.</p> <p>6 Are there any questions from the</p> <p>7 Board regarding the contract?</p> <p>8 MR. JACKSON:</p> <p>9 Motion to approve.</p> <p>10 MS. LEWIS:</p> <p>11 Second.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p> <p>13 Okay. We have a motion to adopt the</p> <p>14 resolution approving the contract from Mr.</p> <p>15 Jackson and seconded by Ms. Lewis.</p> <p>16 Would you please read the resolution</p> <p>17 into the record?</p> <p>18 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>19 On the 21st day of April, 2025, the</p> <p>20 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a</p> <p>21 duly noticed public meeting, consider the</p> <p>22 contract for personal services by and</p> <p>23 between the Board and Amerson white Court</p> <p>24 Reporting, and upon motion duly made and</p> <p>25 seconded, the Board adopted the following</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>1 resolution.</p> <p>2 Be it resolved that the contract for</p> <p>3 personal services for Amerson White Court</p> <p>4 Reporting to record and transcribe public</p> <p>5 meetings, depositions, sworn statements,</p> <p>6 investigative hearings and administrative</p> <p>7 hearings conducted by the Board and the</p> <p>8 board administrative hearing office</p> <p>9 pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute</p> <p>10 27:25, effective July 1st, 2025 to June</p> <p>11 30th, 2026 is hereby approved.</p> <p>12 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,</p> <p>13 Louisiana this 21st day of April 2025.</p> <p>14 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p> <p>15 Ms. Hernandez, would you please call</p> <p>16 the roll?</p> <p>17 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>18 Ms. Becnel.</p> <p>19 MS. BECNEL:</p> <p>20 Yes.</p> <p>21 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>22 Mr. Jackson.</p> <p>23 MR. JACKSON:</p> <p>24 Yes.</p> <p>25 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>1 Mr. Langley.</p> <p>2 MR. LANGLEY:</p> <p>3 Yes.</p> <p>4 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>5 Ms. Lewis.</p> <p>6 MS. LEWIS:</p> <p>7 Yes.</p> <p>8 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>9 Mr. Poole.</p> <p>10 MR. POOLE:</p> <p>11 Yes.</p> <p>12 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>13 Ms. Hamilton-Acker.</p> <p>14 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:</p> <p>15 Yes.</p> <p>16 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>17 Mr. Sholes.</p> <p>18 MR. SHOLES:</p> <p>19 Yes.</p> <p>20 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>21 Ms. Traylor.</p> <p>22 MS. TRAYLOR:</p> <p>23 Yes.</p> <p>24 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>25 Chairman Hebert.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>1 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p> <p>2 Yes.</p> <p>3 The motion carries, and the</p> <p>4 resolution is adopted.</p> <p>5 We will now move on to Item 6,</p> <p>6 casino gaming issues. First up is a</p> <p>7 consideration of a certificate of</p> <p>8 compliance for the riverboat gaming</p> <p>9 landside facility of St. Charles Gaming</p> <p>10 Company, LLC, doing business as Horseshoe</p> <p>11 Casino Lake Charles.</p> <p>12 Good morning. Please identify</p> <p>13 yourselves for the record.</p> <p>14 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LEWIS:</p> <p>15 Assistant Attorney General Kanick</p> <p>16 Lewis, Junior.</p> <p>17 And good morning, Chairman Hebert</p> <p>18 and Board Members.</p> <p>19 I'm here in the matter of the</p> <p>20 issuance of the certificate of compliance</p> <p>21 for Horseshoe Casino Lake Charles. On</p> <p>22 March 27th, the Louisiana State Fire</p> <p>23 Marshal completed an inspection process</p> <p>24 for the approval of Horseshoe Casino Lake</p> <p>25 Charles's annual certificate of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>1 compliance. The Board has a copy of their</p> <p>2 report, and as you can tell, there were no</p> <p>3 issues found.</p> <p>4 I now present these findings to the</p> <p>5 Board and request upon the Board accepting</p> <p>6 the report as submitted by the state fire</p> <p>7 marshal, we'll move for the issuance of</p> <p>8 Horseshoe Casino Lake Charles's</p> <p>9 certificate of compliance, which will</p> <p>10 expire on May 31st of 2026.</p> <p>11 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p> <p>12 Thank you, Mr. Lewis.</p> <p>13 Board Members, are there any</p> <p>14 questions for Mr. Lewis? If not, I will</p> <p>15 entertain a motion to issue an annual</p> <p>16 certificate of compliance which expires</p> <p>17 December 31st of 2025 -- I'm sorry, May</p> <p>18 31st of 2025.</p> <p>19 MS. BECNEL:</p> <p>20 Move.</p> <p>21 MR. LANGLEY:</p> <p>22 Second.</p> <p>23 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p> <p>24 It's moved by Ms. Becnel; seconded</p> <p>25 by Mr. Langley.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>1 Is there any discussion? I'm sorry.  2 Let me make the record clear.  3 The annual certificate of compliance  4 will expire May 31st of 2026. It's been  5 so moved by Ms. Becnel; seconded by Mr.  6 Langley.  7 Is there any discussion?  8 Any opposition?  9 Hearing none, that motion carries.  10 Item B under casino gaming issues,  11 consideration of a petition seeking  12 removal of conditions filed by Aristocrat  13 Technologies, Inc., and Aristocrat Leisure  14 Unlimited.  15 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MCINTYRE:  16 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and  17 Board Members.  18 I'm Assistant Attorney General  19 Talibah McIntyre.  20 MR. LEOPOLD:  21 Good morning, Chairman and Board  22 Members. I'm Scott Leopold here on behalf  23 of Aristocrat.  24 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:  25 Okay. You may proceed.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>1 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MCINTYRE:  2 We're appearing in the matter of  3 Aristocrat Technologies, LLC and  4 Aristocrat Leisure Unlimited seeking the  5 removal of conditions. Aristocrat  6 Technologies, LLC currently holds gaming  7 manufacturer and gaming supply permits.  8 MR. LEOPOLD:  9 Yeah. So depending on how you guys  10 would like to -- to approach this, I know  11 that you guys have seen an affidavit  12 submitted by Tracey Elkerton, chief  13 compliance officer of Aristocrat Leisure  14 Limited detailing the history of the  15 conditions. If you would like me to read  16 her affidavit into the record, I can, or I  17 can give a high level -- high level  18 overview of the history. I'd defer to  19 your preference.  20 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:  21 Yes. Board Members, the affidavit  22 that Mr. Leopold is referring to you, you  23 should have on your desk. It was not in  24 the original packet.  25 We'll take -- we'll take a high</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>1 level overview of that.  2 MR. LEOPOLD:  3 Sure. Sure. So in or around 1996,  4 the founder of Aristocrat Leisure Limited  5 Leonard Ainsworth sold his shares when --  6 sold his majority interest in Aristocrat  7 when Aristocrat Leisure Limited was  8 publicly listed on the Australian stock  9 exchange.  10 Upon his departure, his two sons  11 Simon and Stephen Ainsworth also left the  12 company. Upon their departure, there were  13 certain conditions placed on Leonard  14 Ainsworth and his two sons, Stephen and  15 Simon.  16 There was a Board resolution in July  17 of 2001 placing conditions on the company,  18 and those conditions were further relaxed  19 in August of 2013.  20 Those 2013 conditions placed on  21 Simon and Stephen Ainsworth requires  22 Aristocrat to notify the Division if there  23 was any sort of financial or business  24 relationship that was being negotiated or  25 being entered into for employment or</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>1 advisory or anything similar.  2 Simon and Stephen Ainsworth have not  3 been associated with Aristocrat for over  4 26 years. They do not hold an ownership  5 interest of over 5%. They do both hold  6 ownership interest of less than 5%,  7 passive ownership in the publicly traded  8 stock. It's around 2.6 or so percent,  9 each of the brothers.  10 So at this point we respectfully  11 request that these conditions be lifted  12 given that Aristocrat has no intent to  13 employ the Ainsworth brothers at this  14 point or in the future, and the Ainsworth  15 brothers have no intent to work for or  16 associate with Aristocrat as well.  17 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:  18 Is there anything further you would  19 like to add Ms. McIntyre?  20 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MS. MCINTYRE:  21 No. Just that our office has  22 reviewed the petition, and we don't have  23 any objection and neither does the  24 Division to the conditions being removed.  25 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>1 Okay. Are there any questions from</p> <p>2 the Board for the AG's office or the</p> <p>3 licensee?</p> <p>4 And it's my understanding that these</p> <p>5 conditions were placed on Aristocrat in</p> <p>6 multiple jurisdictions; correct?</p> <p>7 MR. LEOPOLD:</p> <p>8 Yes, that's correct. And at this</p> <p>9 point, all other jurisdictions have lifted</p> <p>10 the similar conditions that Louisiana has</p> <p>11 imposed on Aristocrat, so this is the</p> <p>12 final jurisdiction where these conditions</p> <p>13 remain.</p> <p>14 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p> <p>15 If there are no further questions</p> <p>16 from the Board, I will entertain a motion</p> <p>17 to adopt the resolution.</p> <p>18 MS. TRAYLOR:</p> <p>19 Move.</p> <p>20 MS. LEWIS:</p> <p>21 Second.</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p> <p>23 So it would been moved by Ms.</p> <p>24 Traylor; seconded by Ms. Lewis.</p> <p>25 Ms. Landry, would you please read</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>1 the resolution into the record?</p> <p>2 MS. LANDRY:</p> <p>3 On the 21st day of April 2025, the</p> <p>4 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a</p> <p>5 duly noticed public meeting, consider the</p> <p>6 petition seeking removal of conditions</p> <p>7 filed by Aristocrat Technologies, Inc.,</p> <p>8 and its parent company, Aristocrat Leisure</p> <p>9 Unlimited; and upon motion duly made and</p> <p>10 seconded, the Board adopted the following</p> <p>11 resolution.</p> <p>12 Be it resolved that the permittee's</p> <p>13 request for approval to remove the</p> <p>14 condition provided in the permittee's</p> <p>15 statement of conditions to manufacturer</p> <p>16 slot machines and video draw poker devices</p> <p>17 permit, manufacturer of gaming equipment</p> <p>18 other than slot machines and video draw</p> <p>19 poker devices permit and gaming supplier</p> <p>20 permit dated August 8th, 2013, and the</p> <p>21 Board's resolution dated August 15, 2013</p> <p>22 is granted and the condition is removed</p> <p>23 and the permittee is hereby relieved of</p> <p>24 said condition.</p> <p>25 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>1 Louisiana this 21st day of April 2025.</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p> <p>3 Ms. Hernandez, will you please call</p> <p>4 the roll?</p> <p>5 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>6 Ms. Becnel.</p> <p>7 MS. BECNEL:</p> <p>8 Yes.</p> <p>9 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>10 Mr. Jackson.</p> <p>11 MR. JACKSON:</p> <p>12 Yes.</p> <p>13 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>14 Mr. Langley.</p> <p>15 MR. LANGLEY:</p> <p>16 Yes.</p> <p>17 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>18 Ms. Lewis.</p> <p>19 MS. LEWIS:</p> <p>20 Yes.</p> <p>21 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>22 Mr. Poole.</p> <p>23 MR. POOLE:</p> <p>24 Yes.</p> <p>25 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>1 Ms. Hamilton-Acker.</p> <p>2 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:</p> <p>3 Yes.</p> <p>4 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>5 Mr. Sholes.</p> <p>6 MR. SHOLES:</p> <p>7 Yes.</p> <p>8 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>9 Ms. Traylor.</p> <p>10 MS. TRAYLOR:</p> <p>11 Yes.</p> <p>12 MS. HERNANDEZ:</p> <p>13 Chairman Hebert.</p> <p>14 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p> <p>15 Yes.</p> <p>16 The motion carries, and the petition</p> <p>17 is approved.</p> <p>18 Thank you.</p> <p>19 MR. LEOPOLD:</p> <p>20 Thank you.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p> <p>22 We will now move to Item 7, video</p> <p>23 gaming issues. First up is the</p> <p>24 consideration of the truck stop</p> <p>25 application of Vick Investments, LLC,</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>1 doing business as Peto's Restaurant &amp; 2 Casino. 3 Good morning. Please identify 4 yourselves for the record. 5 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL WESTRA: 6 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and 7 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney 8 General Ben Westra appearing in the matter 9 of the original application of Vick 10 Investments, LLC, doing business as Peto's 11 Restaurant &amp; Casino for a Type 5 video 12 draw poker gaming license. 13 The truck stop facility is located 14 in Jefferson Davis Parish, and the video 15 gaming license for this truck stop 16 location was previously owned by Peto's 17 I-10, LLC, doing business as Peto's I-10 18 Travel Center &amp; Casino. 19 On October 29th of 2024, the 20 applicant purchased the business and 21 business assets of Peto's I-10, LLC, 22 leased the property from Ashan 23 Enterprises, LLC and entered into a device 24 lease agreement with Country Gaming, LLC, 25 doing business as Country Gaming.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>1 The membership interest of the 2 applicant is 100% controlled by Waqar 3 Awan. Mr. Awan previously met suitability 4 under other video draw poker gaming 5 licenses. And his membership interest in 6 the applicant is his separate property. 7 Investigator Glenn Verrett inspected 8 the truck stop facility and conducted an 9 updated criminal history investigation on 10 Mr. Waqar Awan. He is present this 11 morning to report his findings to the 12 Board. 13 Following the presentation, the 14 Board will need a motion and vote to 15 approve or deny the application for a Type 16 5 video draw poker gaming license. 17 MR. VERRETT: 18 Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Board 19 Members. I'm investigator Glenn Verrett 20 with the Louisiana State Police, Gaming 21 Enforcement Division. 22 Waqar Awan previously met 23 suitability under other video gaming 24 licenses. I did not find any information 25 that would preclude him from continuing to</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>1 participate in the video gaming industry. 2 An on-site inspection was conducted, and 3 it was determined that the establishment 4 meets all of the criteria set forth in the 5 video gaming laws that are followed by a 6 truck stop facility. 7 All required licenses and permits 8 were posted and valid at the time of 9 inspection. The establishment consists of 10 13.33 contiguous acres. The applicant 11 submitted a video draw poker license 12 application within 36 months of operation 13 by Peto's I-10, LLC, doing business as 14 Peto's I-10 Travel Center &amp; Casino. 15 Therefore, it is not subject to the law 16 that it must be at least one mile from a 17 school, church, playground, synagogue, 18 public library, residence and buildings on 19 the National Historic Registry. 20 I found no information that would 21 preclude the approval of the original 22 application for Vicks Investments, LLC, 23 doing business as Peto's Restaurant &amp; 24 Casino. 25 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>1 Thank you, Investigator Verrett. 2 Board Members, do we have any 3 questions for the attorney general's 4 office or the state police in this matter? 5 If not, I would entertain a motion to 6 approve the truck stop application. 7 MS. BECNEL: 8 Move. 9 MR. SHOLES: 10 Second. 11 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 12 Moved by Ms. Becnel; seconded by 13 Judge Sholes. 14 Is there any discussion? 15 Any opposition? 16 Hearing none, that application is 17 approved. 18 Thank you, gentlemen. 19 Okay. Item 2 on the video gaming 20 issues is the consideration of the truck 21 stop application of the Riverbend 22 Sunshine, LLC, doing business as River's 23 Palace Casino. 24 Good morning. Please identify 25 yourselves for the record.</p>



<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>1 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL EVANS:  2 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and  3 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney  4 General Virginia Evans appearing before  5 you this morning in the matter of the  6 approval of the original application of  7 the Riverbend Sunshine, LLC, doing  8 business as River's Palace Casino for a  9 Type 5 video draw poker gaming license.  10 The truck stop facility is located  11 in St. James Parish. Sunshine Truck Stop  12 &amp; Casino Plaza, LLC, doing business as  13 Sunshine Truck Stop &amp; Casino Plaza  14 previously operated the truck stop  15 facility at this location.  16 On December 19th, 2024, Riverbend  17 Sunshine, LLC, doing business as River's  18 Palace Casino purchased the business,  19 business assets and the immovable property  20 on which the truck stop facility is  21 located from Sunshine.  22 Also on December 19th, 2024,  23 Riverbend entered into a restaurant,  24 convenience store, and fuel facility lease  25 with 10433 LA. 70 LLC, doing business as</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>1 Fast Stop 139. Pursuant to a lease and  2 sublease, Bryan Bush, III is operating the  3 premises.  4 Chalmette Amusement Company, Inc. is  5 contracted to be the Type 6 device owner  6 for the location.  7 Investigator James Cannon  8 investigated the truck stop facility and  9 conducted update suitability  10 investigations of the associated persons.  11 He is present this morning to report his  12 findings to the Board.  13 Following his presentation, the  14 Board will need a motion and vote to  15 approve or deny the original application  16 of Riverbend Sunshine, LLC, doing business  17 as River's Palace Casino for a Type 5  18 video draw poker gaming license.  19 MASTER TROOPER CANNON:  20 Good morning, Chairman and members  21 of the Board. I'm Master Trooper James  22 Cannon with the Louisiana State Police,  23 Gaming Enforcement Division. I conducted  24 an updated suitability investigations on  25 Troy Estopinal and his wife Melissa</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>1 Estopinal. I did not find any information  2 that would preclude them from continuing  3 to participate in the video gaming  4 industry.  5 The on-site inspection was  6 conducted, and it was determined the  7 establishment meets all criteria set forth  8 in the video gaming law as a qualified  9 truck stop facility. All required  10 licenses and permits were posted and valid  11 at the time of inspection. The  12 establishment consists of the 9.44  13 contiguous acres.  14 The applicant submitted a video draw  15 poker license application within 36 months  16 under the previously licensed truck stop  17 operated by Sunshine Truck Stop &amp; Casino  18 Plaza, LLC, therefore, it's not subject to  19 the rule that it must be at least one mile  20 distance from a school, church,  21 playground, synagogue, public library,  22 residence and buildings on the National  23 Historic Registry.  24 I found no information that would  25 preclude the issuance of a Type 5 video</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">32</p> <p>1 draw poker gaming license to Riverbend  2 Sunshine, LLC, doing business as River's  3 Palace Casino.  4 Thank you.  5 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:  6 Okay. Thank you.  7 Board Members, do we have any  8 questions for the state police or the  9 attorney general's office?  10 If not, I will entertain a motion to  11 approve this truck stop application.  12 MR. POOLE:  13 Move.  14 MR. LANGLEY:  15 Second.  16 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:  17 It's moved by Mr. Poole; seconded by  18 Mr. Langley.  19 Is there any discussion?  20 Any opposition?  21 Hearing none, the application is  22 approved. Thank you.  23 Ladies and gentlemen, Item B is the  24 consideration of the transfer of  25 membership interest in Plantation Truck</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">33</p> <p>1 Plaza &amp; Casino, LLP, doing business as 2 Plantation Truck Plaza &amp; Casino. 3 Good morning. Please identify 4 yourselves for the record. 5 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MCINTYRE: 6 I'm Talibah McIntyre with the 7 attorney general's office. 8 MR. VERRETT: 9 Investigator Glenn Verrett with 10 Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement 11 Division. 12 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MCINTYRE: 13 Assistant Attorney General Talibah 14 McIntyre appearing before you this morning 15 in the matter of the transfer of 16 partnership interest in Plantation Truck 17 Plaza &amp; Casino, LLP, doing business as 18 Plantation Truck Plaza &amp; Casino, which 19 holds a Type 5 video draw poker gaming 20 license. 21 The partnership interest in the 22 licensee is as following: Lynn 23 Investments, LP, 68.75%; Penn Plantation, 24 LLC, 25%; and MH Family, LLC, 6.25%. 25 Ten S Investments, LLC has a 33.333%</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">34</p> <p>1 partnership interest in Lynn Investments, 2 LP, which results in a 22.91% indirect 3 ownership interest in the licensee. Leo 4 Sternfels has a 7.3136% membership in Ten 5 S Investments, LLC. 6 On July 24th, 2024, Mr. Sternfels 7 sold his 7.3136% interest in Ten S 8 Investments, LLC to its remaining nine 9 members in equal portions. This resulted 10 in a transfer of interest in the licensee 11 of 1.675%. 12 Investigator Glenn Verrett conducted 13 an investigation on the transfer and is 14 here to present his findings to the Board. 15 Following his presentation, the Board will 16 need a motion and vote to approve or deny 17 the transfer of interest. 18 INVESTIGATOR VERRETT: 19 Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Board 20 Members. I investigated the transfer of 21 interest in the licensee and found no 22 information that would preclude the 23 licensee or its partners from continuing 24 to participate in the Louisiana gaming 25 industry.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">35</p> <p>1 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 2 Board Members, do we have any 3 questions for the attorney general's 4 office or the state police in this matter? 5 If none, I will entertain a motion to 6 approve the transfer of membership 7 interest in the licensee. 8 MS. BECNEL: 9 Move. 10 MR. JACKSON: 11 Second. 12 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 13 So moved by Ms. Becnel; seconded by 14 Mr. Jackson. 15 Is there any discussion? 16 Any opposition? 17 Hearing none, the transfer is 18 approved. 19 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MCINTYRE: 20 Thank you. 21 INVESTIGATOR VERRETT: 22 Thank you. 23 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 24 We will now move on to Item 8 on the 25 agenda, sports wagering issues. We'll</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">36</p> <p>1 begin with Item A, for consideration as a 2 sports wagering platform provider permit 3 application and compulsive and problem 4 gambling program for FBG Enterprises Opco, 5 LLC doing business as Fanatics Sportsbook. 6 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL GITS: 7 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and 8 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney 9 General Cathryn Gits. 10 MS. JACKSON: 11 Donna Jackson with Louisiana State 12 Police, Gaming Audit Section. 13 TROOPER JEFFERSON: 14 Trooper Brian Jefferson, Louisiana 15 State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division. 16 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 17 You may proceed. 18 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL GITS: 19 Representatives of the applicant are 20 also present. We're here in the matter 21 for the consideration of the sports 22 wagering platform provider permit 23 application of FBG Enterprises Opco, LLC 24 doing business as Fanatics Sportsbook. 25 Pursuant to the Louisiana Sports</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">37</p> <p>1      Wagering Act, the Board is charged with 2      issuing or denying applications for sports 3      wagering platform provider permits. The 4      Board issued a temporary certificate of 5      authority to the applicant to conduct 6      business as a sports wagering platform 7      provider with an effective date of July 8      23rd, 2024. 9      The TCOA was set to expire on 10     January 23rd, 2025; however, after a 11     request was made by the applicant for an 12     extension of time, the expiration of the 13     TCOA was extended for 90 days beginning 14     January 24th, 2025, and it now expires on 15     April 24th, 2025. 16     Gaming law requires all gaming 17     licensees and casino gaming operators to 18     develop and implement a comprehensive 19     compulsive and problem gambling program to 20     be approved by the Board. 21     The applicant has submitted for 22     review its comprehensive compulsive and 23     problem gambling program to the division, 24     our office and the executive director for 25     the Louisiana Association on Compulsive</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">38</p> <p>1      Gambling. 2      After review, recommendations were 3      sent to the applicant. The applicant 4      updated their program to include those 5      recommendations, and the program is now in 6      compliance with all applicable law and 7      requirements. 8      The applicant's program is also 9      before the Board now for approval. 10     Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement 11     Division has reviewed and investigated the 12     application and will now report their 13     findings to the Board. 14     After their presentation, if it's 15     the Board's pleasure to approve the sports 16     wagering platform provider permit 17     application of FBG Enterprises Opco, LLC 18     doing business as Fanatics Sportsbook, a 19     resolution has been prepared for the 20     Board's adoption and signature. 21     MS. JACKSON: 22     Good morning, again Donna Jackson 23     with the Louisiana State Police. Fanatics 24     Holdings, Inc. is a privately owned 25     company and ultimate parent company of FBG</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">39</p> <p>1      Enterprises Opco, LLC doing business as 2      Fanatics Sportsbook, the Louisiana 3      applicant. Fanatics gained access to the 4      Louisiana market by entering into an 5      agreement with PENN Entertainment, 6      Incorporated and its subsidiary Boomtown 7      New Orleans, and launched the Fanatics 8      mobile sportsbook in Louisiana on August 9      15th, 2024. 10     Fanatics currently operates mobile 11     sports wagering in 23 U.S. jurisdictions, 12     21 retail sportsbooks across seven U.S. 13     states, and online casino in four U.S. 14     states. 15     Fanatics has secured market access 16     to several other jurisdictions through 17     market access agreements with licensing 18     partners, subject to the passing of 19     legislation to licensure, with plans for 20     further expansions in the U.S. 21     FBG Enterprises Holdco, Incorporated 22     is a privately held Delaware corporation 23     and indirect holding company for Fanatics 24     that operates the Fanatics Betting and 25     Gaming reportable segment.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">40</p> <p>1      Holdco has experienced operating 2      losses since the inception, as shown on 3      pages 17 through 19 of our report, 4      utilizing its available borrowing capacity 5      provided by an intercompany promissory 6      note with Fanatics Holdings. 7      Fanatics Holdings' financial 8      strength has improved in recent years as 9      shown on pages 31 through 34 of our 10     report. This is due mainly to stock 11     offerings that resulted in a substantial 12     influx in cash and improvement in 13     stockholders equity. This has better 14     positioned Fanatics Holdings to continue 15     its expansion efforts. 16     Fanatics Holdings has significant 17     cash on hand and available borrowing 18     capacity to support its operations, 19     including the Betting and Gaming segment. 20     Fanatics Holdings primarily supports 21     its Betting and Gaming segments' working 22     capital needs by leveraging its strong 23     cash flow and liquidity from its 24     profitable mature reportable segments, 25     Fanatics Commerce &amp; Retail and Fanatics</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">41</p> <p>1 Collectibles.</p> <p>2 Fanatics Holdings also benefits from</p> <p>3 a strong balance sheet of financial</p> <p>4 flexibility to absorb losses while the</p> <p>5 Betting &amp; Gaming segment grows its market</p> <p>6 share.</p> <p>7 As noted on page 30 of our report, a</p> <p>8 Fanatics' representative stated that</p> <p>9 working capital needs of Fanatics will be</p> <p>10 supported by Fanatics Holdings in order to</p> <p>11 meet its obligations until Fanatics is</p> <p>12 able to generate sufficient cash flow to</p> <p>13 meet its operating needs.</p> <p>14 The audit section feels there is</p> <p>15 minimal risk to the state of Louisiana or</p> <p>16 Fanatics' players if Fanatics does not</p> <p>17 achieve the projected profitability, since</p> <p>18 they are not investing in a</p> <p>19 brick-and-mortar facility and the players'</p> <p>20 cash is maintained separately from the</p> <p>21 operating cash balances.</p> <p>22 In conclusion, based on the</p> <p>23 information reviewed by the audit section,</p> <p>24 Fanatics possesses the financial backing</p> <p>25 of Fanatics Holdings to support its</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">42</p> <p>1 Louisiana sports wagering operations until</p> <p>2 adequate cash flow is achieved to support</p> <p>3 its operations.</p> <p>4 No other financial issues came to</p> <p>5 the audit section's attention that would</p> <p>6 preclude the Board from approving the</p> <p>7 issuance of a sports wagering platform</p> <p>8 provider permit to Fanatics for a period</p> <p>9 of five years.</p> <p>10 Licensing will now present its</p> <p>11 findings.</p> <p>12 MASTER TROOPER JEFFERSON:</p> <p>13 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and</p> <p>14 Members of the Board. I'm Master Trooper</p> <p>15 Brian Jefferson with Louisiana State</p> <p>16 Police, Gaming Enforcement Division.</p> <p>17 On February 28th, 2024, FBG</p> <p>18 Enterprises Opco, LLC doing business as</p> <p>19 Fanatics Sportsbook submitted a sports</p> <p>20 wagering platform provider application.</p> <p>21 FBG Enterprises Opco, LLC doing business</p> <p>22 as Fanatics Sportsbook is applying for a</p> <p>23 permit to provide online mobile market</p> <p>24 access sports wagering operations on</p> <p>25 behalf Louisiana 1 Gaming, doing business</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">43</p> <p>1 as Boomtown New Orleans Casino &amp; Hotel</p> <p>2 located in Harvey, Louisiana, who owns and</p> <p>3 maintains the operating license to operate</p> <p>4 an online sportsbook.</p> <p>5 During the investigation of FBG</p> <p>6 Enterprises, Opco, LLC doing business as</p> <p>7 Fanatics Sportsbook and their business</p> <p>8 affiliates, a background investigation was</p> <p>9 conducted on each of the company's</p> <p>10 officers, directors, managers and persons</p> <p>11 with a 5% or more ownership or economic</p> <p>12 interest in the companies.</p> <p>13 The background investigations</p> <p>14 consist of inquiries made to federal, state</p> <p>15 and local law enforcement agencies.</p> <p>16 Inquiries were also made in civil courts</p> <p>17 and gaming regulatory agencies.</p> <p>18 Based on this investigation, no</p> <p>19 information was found to preclude the</p> <p>20 Board from approving FBG Enterprises Opco,</p> <p>21 LLC doing business as Fanatics</p> <p>22 Sportsbooks, sports wagering platform</p> <p>23 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p> <p>24 Board Members, do we have any</p> <p>25 questions for the attorney general's</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">44</p> <p>1 office or state police in this matter?</p> <p>2 Gentlemen, why don't you go ahead</p> <p>3 and make your appearances for the record.</p> <p>4 MR. LEOPOLD:</p> <p>5 Sure. Scott Leopold this time on</p> <p>6 behalf of FBG Enterprises Opco, LLC; and</p> <p>7 to my right is Michael Levine, senior</p> <p>8 counsel of FBG Enterprises Opco, LLC.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p> <p>10 Do we have anything to add to what</p> <p>11 we just heard from the state police or the</p> <p>12 attorney general's office?</p> <p>13 MR. LEOPOLD:</p> <p>14 No. We just want to thank LSP and</p> <p>15 Master Trooper Jefferson specifically and</p> <p>16 his team over the course of about two</p> <p>17 years and really ramped up in the last</p> <p>18 three -- three to six months or so. We</p> <p>19 really appreciate all the efforts of</p> <p>20 everybody and the cooperation that we've</p> <p>21 had over the last two years.</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p> <p>23 Okay.</p> <p>24 MR. LEVINE:</p> <p>25 Michael Levine, senior counsel for</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">45</p> <p>1 Fanatics Gaming. I want to echo Scott's 2 sentiments. You know, we greatly 3 appreciate everything that you all and LSP 4 has done for Fanatics. We appreciate the 5 opportunity to conduct business here in 6 the State of Louisiana, and thank you for 7 the consideration today. 8 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 9 Board Members, any questions for Mr. 10 Leopold or Mr. Levine? 11 If not, we will entertain a motion 12 to adopt the resolution. 13 MR. SHOLES: 14 Move. 15 MS. BECNEL: 16 Second. 17 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 18 Moved by Judge Sholes; seconded by 19 Ms. Becnel. 20 Ms. Landry, would you please read 21 the resolution into the record? 22 MS. LANDRY: 23 On the 21st day of April 2025, the 24 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a 25 duly noticed public meeting, consider the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">46</p> <p>1 sports wagering platform provider permit 2 application and the comprehensive 3 compulsive and problem gambling program of 4 FBG Enterprises Opco, LLC doing business 5 as Fanatics Sportsbook, and upon motion 6 duly made and seconded, the Board adopted 7 this resolution. 8 Be it resolved that FBG Enterprises, 9 Opco, LLC doing business as Fanatics 10 Sportsbook be approved for a sports 11 wagering platform provider permit for a 12 term of five years commencing on July 23rd 13 of 2024. 14 Be it resolved that the 15 comprehensive compulsive and problem 16 gambling program submitted by the FBG 17 Enterprises Opco, LLC doing business a 18 Fanatics Sportsbook is hereby approved. 19 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge, 20 Louisiana this 21st day of April 2025. 21 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 22 Ms. Landry (sic), would you please 23 call the roll. 24 MS. HERNANDEZ: 25 Ms. Becnel.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">47</p> <p>1 MS. BECNEL: 2 Yes. 3 MS. HERNANDEZ: 4 Mr. Jackson. 5 MR. JACKSON: 6 Yes. 7 MS. HERNANDEZ: 8 Mr. Langley. 9 MR. LANGLEY: 10 Yes. 11 MS. HERNANDEZ: 12 Ms. Lewis. 13 MS. LEWIS: 14 Yes. 15 MS. HERNANDEZ: 16 Mr. Poole. 17 MR. POOLE: 18 Yes. 19 MS. HERNANDEZ: 20 Ms. Hamilton-Acker. 21 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER: 22 Yes. 23 MS. HERNANDEZ: 24 Mr. Sholes. 25 MR. SHOLES:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">48</p> <p>1 Yes. 2 MS. HERNANDEZ: 3 Ms. Traylor. 4 MS. TRAYLOR: 5 Yes. 6 MS. HERNANDEZ: 7 Chairman Hebert. 8 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 9 Yes. 10 And that resolution is adopted 11 approving the platform provider permit and 12 the problem gaming program. 13 Thank you. 14 Okay. Moving on to Item B under 15 sports wagering issues, the consideration 16 of the problem gambling program updates 17 for PENN Sports Interactive, LLC doing 18 business as ESPN Bet. 19 Good morning, Mr. Lewis. 20 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LEWIS, JR.: 21 Good morning. 22 Assistant Attorney General Kanick 23 Lewis, Junior. 24 MS. SHAFFOR: 25 Rachel Shaffor, senior manager</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">49</p> <p>1 responsible gaming at PENN Interactive.  2 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:  3 You may proceed.  4 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LEWIS, JR.:  5 Thank you. Good morning again,  6 Chairman Hebert and Board Members.  7 In 2001, the Louisiana Legislature  8 passed a Uniform Compulsive Gambling Act.  9 Pursuant to that enactment, the Louisiana  10 Gaming Control Board adopted Rules 301  11 through 304 to aid in the development of a  12 statewide Uniform Compulsive Gaming  13 Program. The Louisiana Revised Statute  14 27:27.1A provides in part that it is  15 imperative for the health, safety and  16 welfare of the citizens of the State of  17 Louisiana that all gaming licensees  18 develop and implement comprehensive  19 compulsive and problem gambling programs  20 to be approved by the Board.  21 Amendments to previously approved  22 programs must be submitted to the Board  23 for approval prior to implementation.  24 PENN Sports Interactive, LLC doing  25 business as ESPN Bet who holds a sports</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">50</p> <p>1 wagering platform provider permit has  2 requested the Board's approval to make  3 updates to their program.  4 Our office, the Louisiana State  5 Police, Gaming Enforcement Division, and  6 Don Pleasure, the executive director of  7 Louisiana Association on Compulsive  8 Gambling have reviewed the proposed  9 updates; and after reviewing the updates,  10 recommendations were submitted to the  11 licensee -- to the permittee.  12 The permittee updated the program to  13 include those recommendations, and the  14 program include -- the program continues  15 to comply with all applicable law and  16 requirements.  17 If it is the Board's pleasure to  18 approve these changes, a resolution has  19 been prepared for the Board's adoption and  20 the Chairman's signature.  21 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:  22 Okay. Thank you.  23 Do you have anything to add, Ms.  24 Shaffor?  25 MS. SHAFFOR:</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">51</p> <p>1 I do not, but if the Board has any  2 questions.  3 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:  4 Okay. Thank you.  5 Board Members, do you have any  6 questions of the AG's office or the  7 licensee?  8 All right. If not, I will entertain  9 a motion to adopt the resolution.  10 MR. LANGLEY:  11 Move.  12 MS. BECNEL:  13 Second.  14 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:  15 So moved by Ms. Langley, seconded --  16 Mr. Langley, excuse me; and seconded by  17 Ms. Becnel.  18 Ms. Landry, would you please read  19 the resolution into the record?  20 MS. LANDRY:  21 On the 21st day of April 2025, the  22 Louisiana Gaming Control Board did, in a  23 duly noticed public meeting, consider the  24 issuance of Penn Sports Interactive, LLC  25 doing business as ESPN Bet's request for</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">52</p> <p>1 approval of updates to its problem  2 gambling program pursuant to Louisiana  3 Revised Statute 27:27.1, and upon motion  4 duly made and seconded, the Board adopted  5 the following resolution.  6 Be it resolved that Penn Sports  7 Interactive, LLC doing business as ESPN  8 Bet's problem gambling program be and is  9 hereby approved.  10 Thus done and signed in Baton Rouge,  11 Louisiana, this 21st day of April 2025.  12 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:  13 Ms. Hernandez, please call the roll.  14 MS. HERNANDEZ:  15 Ms. Becnel.  16 MS. BECNEL:  17 Yes.  18 MS. HERNANDEZ:  19 Mr. Jackson.  20 MR. JACKSON:  21 Yes.  22 MS. HERNANDEZ:  23 Mr. Langley.  24 MR. LANGLEY:  25 Yes.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">53</p> <p>1 MS. HERNANDEZ: 2 Ms. Lewis. 3 MS. LEWIS: 4 Yes. 5 MS. HERNANDEZ: 6 Mr. Poole. 7 MR. POOLE: 8 Yes. 9 MS. HERNANDEZ: 10 Ms. Hamilton-Acker. 11 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER: 12 Yes. 13 MS. HERNANDEZ: 14 Mr. Sholes. 15 MR. SHOLES: 16 Yes. 17 MS. HERNANDEZ: 18 Ms. Traylor. 19 MS. TRAYLOR: 20 Yes. 21 MS. HERNANDEZ: 22 Chairman Hebert. 23 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 24 Yes. 25 And the resolution is adopted.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">54</p> <p>1 Thank you. 2 Moving on to Item 9 on our agenda, 3 the consideration of proposed settlements. 4 First up is Item A, the consideration of 5 the proposed settlement in the matter of 6 C&amp;B Investments Enterprises, Incorporated 7 doing business as C&amp;B Investment. 8 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL GITS: 9 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and 10 Board Members. 11 I'm Assistant Attorney General 12 Cathryn Gits here in the matter of the 13 settlement of C&amp;B Investment Enterprises, 14 Inc. doing business as C&amp;B Investment, 15 which holds a Type 6 video draw poker 16 gaming license. 17 The settlement addresses a late 18 submission of annual forms and fees that 19 are required to be submitted to the 20 division no later than July 1st of each 21 year. 22 The licensee did not submit their 23 2024 annual forms and fees until February 24 3rd, 2025, which gave rise to a violation 25 of gaming law. The civil penalty</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">55</p> <p>1 contained in this settlement is \$3,000. 2 The settlement has been signed by 3 the Hearing Officer and is now before the 4 Board for final approval. 5 I'll be happy to answer any 6 questions that you may have at this time. 7 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 8 Board Members, any questions for Ms. 9 Gits? 10 If not, I will entertain a motion to 11 approve the settlement. 12 MR. JACKSON: 13 So moved. 14 MS. TRAYLOR: 15 Second. 16 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 17 Moved by Mr. Jackson, and seconded 18 my Ms. Traylor. 19 All in favor? 20 Any opposition? 21 Hearing none, the motion carries and 22 the settlement is approved. 23 Moving on to our final agenda item, 24 Item B, the consideration of the proposed 25 settlement in the matter of the Jester's</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">56</p> <p>1 Junction Casino &amp; Truck Stop, LLC doing 2 business as Jester's Junction Casino &amp; 3 Truck Stop. 4 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL GITS: 5 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and 6 Board Members. 7 I'm Assistant Attorney General 8 Cathryn Gits. I'm here in the matter of 9 the settlement of Jester's Junction Casino 10 &amp; Truck Stop, LLC doing business as 11 Jester's Junction Casino &amp; Truck Stop, 12 which holds a Type 5 video draw poker 13 gaming license. 14 The settlement addresses the 15 licensee's failure to timely notify the 16 division of a divorce, property 17 settlement, and transfers of interest, 18 which were required to be made no later 19 than 10 calendar days after the acts 20 occurred. 21 On December 6th, 2021, Kent and 22 Jennifer Bonvillain obtained a judgment of 23 divorce in the 32nd Judicial District of 24 Terrebonne Parish. Prior to the divorce, 25 the membership of the licensee was as</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">57</p> <p>1 follows: 97 Rentals, LLC 50%, G3 Rentals 2 25% and Del Group, LLC 25%. 3 Kent Bonvillain was the sole member 4 of 97 Rentals LLC and Jennifer Bonvillain 5 as the spouse of Kent, held a community 6 interest. 7 The consent judgment decreed that 8 100% of the community interest in the 9 licensee that was owned by 97 Rentals, LLC 10 would be transferred to newly formed 11 Meraki Holdings, LLC. Kent Bonvillain is 12 the sole member of Meraki Holdings, LLC. 13 As a result of the consent judgment, 14 the 50% membership interest of the 15 licensee was transferred from 97 Rentals, 16 LLC to Meraki Holdings, LLC. 17 The Division did not receive 18 notification of the divorce, the consent 19 judgment, or transfer of membership 20 interests until the licensee submitted its 21 five-year renewal application for its Type 22 5 video draw poker gaming license on May 23 10th, 2024. 24 The civil penalty contained in this 25 settlement is \$3,000.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">58</p> <p>1 The settlement has been signed by 2 the Hearing Officer and is now before the 3 Board for final approval. 4 And I'm happy to answer any 5 questions you may have at this time. 6 Thank you. 7 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 8 Any questions, Board Members, for 9 Ms. Gits? 10 If not, I will entertain a motion to 11 approve the settlement. 12 MR. POOLE: 13 Move. 14 MR. SHOLES: 15 Second. 16 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 17 So moved by Mr. Poole; seconded by 18 Judge Sholes. 19 All in favor say aye. 20 (All said aye.) 21 Any opposition? 22 Hearing none, the motion carries and 23 the settlement is approved. 24 Well, that brings us to the end of 25 our agenda. At this time, I would ask for</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">59</p> <p>1 a motion to adjourn. 2 MR. JACKSON: 3 Move. 4 MS. BECNEL: 5 Second. 6 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 7 So moved by Mr. Jackson; seconded by 8 Ms. Becnel. 9 Any opposition? 10 Hearing none, we are adjourned. 11 Everybody have a great afternoon.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">60</p> <p>1 REPORTER'S PAGE 2 3 4 I, BELINDA K. AMERSON, Certified Court 5 Reporter, in and for the State of Louisiana, the 6 officer, as defined in Rule 28 of the Federal 7 Rules of Civil Procedure and/or Article 1434 (B) 8 of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure, before 9 whom this sworn testimony was taken, do hereby 10 state on the record: 11 That due to the interaction in the 12 spontaneous discourse of this proceeding, dashes 13 (--) have been used to indicate pauses, changes 14 in thought, and/or talkovers; that same is the 15 proper method for a Court Reporter's 16 transcription of a proceeding, and that dashes 17 (--) do not indicate that words or phrases have 18 been left out of this transcript; also, that any 19 words and/or names which could not be verified 20 through reference material have been denoted with 21 the phrase "(phonetically spelled)." 22 23 24 BELINDA K. AMERSON, CCR 25 CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER</p>



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