

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of May 20, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board was convened on Monday, May 20, 2019, 10:00 a.m., in the LaBelle Room of the LaSalle Building. Present at the meeting were: Ronnie Jones, Chairman, Mark Stipe, James Singleton, Julie Berry, Elton Lagasse, Harry Avant, Claude Jackson and Lamar Poole. Absent was board member Richard Patrick, and ex-officio members Secretary Kimberly Robinson and Colonel Kevin Reeves.

The meeting was called to order. It was moved by Ms. Berry to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the April meeting. That motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and unanimously approved by the Board.

Donna Jackson, State Police Gaming Audit Section, provided revenue reports for the riverboats, slots at the track, landbased casino, and employee numbers for the landbased casino. Jim Bossier, Gaming Audit Section, reported on the video poker statistics.

Jeremy Gathe, Assistant Attorney General, Gaming Division, present the Compliance Report that included the last four calendar quarters ending March 31, 2019.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of PNK (Lake Charles), LLC d/b/a L'Auberge Lake Charles – No. R011001707. After presentation by Lisha Landry, Assistant Attorney General, Gaming Division, and Master Trooper Benny Taylor, and upon recommendation by ABSG, it was moved by Mr. Lagasse, seconded by Ms. Berry, and unanimously approved by the Board to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Catfish Queen Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge – No. R011700009. After presentation by Lisha Landry, Assistant Attorney General, Gaming Division, and Master Trooper Benny Taylor, and upon recommendation by ABSG, it was moved by Mr. Poole, seconded by Mr. Avant, and unanimously approved by the Board to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Bossier Casino Venture, Inc. d/b/a Margaritaville Resort Casino – No. R011000841. After presentation by Lisha Landry, Assistant Attorney General, Gaming Division, and Master Trooper Benny Taylor, and upon recommendation by ABSG, it was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Berry, and unanimously approved by the Board to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

The next item on the agenda was consideration of the petition of Golden Nugget, R016502995, for approval of relocation of a portion of gaming operations. Charmaine Moore, Assistant Attorney General, Gaming Division, and Trooper Sam Funderburk, addressed the board.

Representatives of Golden Nugget explained their request. It was moved by Mr. Poole, seconded by Mr. Avant, and unanimously approved by the Board to adopt the resolution concerning this matter. The resolution is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein.

The Board then considered the following appeals:

1. In Re: Montgomery Norton, Inc. d/b/a Daiquiri Island Sports Bar – No. 3601111904
It was moved by Mr. Stipe, seconded by Mr. Poole and unanimously approved by the Board to affirm the decision of the Hearing Officer that imposed a total civil penalty of \$4,500 for numerous violations.
2. In Re: Alicia Calvin – No. P040069533
It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board to affirm the decision of the Hearing Officer that imposed a civil penalty of \$250 for failure to timely notify of an arrest.
3. In Re: Tork J. Choun – No. P040054465
It was moved by Chairman Jones and seconded by Mr. Lagasse to reverse the decision of the Hearing Officer and to revoke the gaming permit of Mr. Choun.
Mr. Stipe objected to the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion failed by a vote of 1 in favor to 7 against.

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