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## LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

### Minutes of September 16, 1997 meeting

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board held a meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 1997, 10:00 a.m., Louisiana State Capitol, Committee Room 6. In attendance were Board members Hillary J. Crain, Chairman, James Boyer, Sherian Cadoria, Ralph Perlman, Ecotry Fuller, Robert Fleming, and ex-officio members Col. Rut Whittington and Sec. John Kennedy.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and asked the Board Members to approve the minutes of August 6, 1996 and August 11, 1997. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ralph Perlman and seconded by Gen. Sherian Cadoria. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Next on the agenda was the riverboat revenue report. Charlotte McGar, auditor with the Louisiana State Police, presented this report to the Board.

Each board member received two binders containing all decisions from the administrative process involving both riverboat and video poker applicants. The Chairman stated that Board members should review these decisions, and if there were problems with any particular one, they would have the opportunity to veto any decision.

The next item was a Petition from Hilton for Modification and Transfer of QNOV. Mr. Jim Smith, attorney for Hilton, made a presentation to Board members concerning this petition. After lengthy discussions involving the three-part request contained in the Petition, and the short time frame the Board had to review it, the Board decided the petition was too vague to be acted on at this meeting. Hilton was advised to be more specific, and that the matter would be brought up again at the next Board meeting.

The Board discussed the suspension of gaming activities at the QNOV in New Orleans. It was moved by James Boyer, seconded by General Cadoria, and unanimously approved by the Board to give the Chairman authority to take whatever action is necessary on October 1, 1997, to suspend gaming operations of the QNOV in New Orleans.

Mr. Wade Duty, Assistant Attorney General, Gaming Division, and Sergeant William Lopez, Louisiana State Police, Riverboat Gaming Division, presented a report on cruising of Bally's Casino. Bally's cruise cancellation rate was 70% in 1995, 83% in 1996, and for the first seven months of 1997 was 65%. Mr. Lorenzo Creighton, General Manager of Bally's, Mr. Richard Goins, Attorney representing Bally's, and Mr. Rolle Ducote, Captain employed by Riverboat Services, Inc., who works on Bally's Casino, spoke on Bally's behalf.

Mr. Tom Warner, Assistant Attorney General in the Gaming Division, briefed the Board on amending rules 1701, Designated Gaming Space; 2133, License Term and Filing of Application; 2141, Renewal Applications and 2169, Fees for Issuance of Licenses and Permits. It was moved by Mr. Perlman, seconded by Mr. Boyer, and unanimously approved by the Board to institute the rule-making process on these rules. In addition, it was moved by Gen. Cadoria, seconded by Mr. Perlman, and unanimously approved by the Board to adopt rule 111 and amend Rules 2405 B.12; 2405 A.3; 2413 H.2; 2415 D.1; 2709 A; to require mail delivery of the documents required to be delivered by these rules; and to adopt Rule 112 to provide a procedure for petitioning for agency review of a rule.

Mr. Bill Biossat of the Riverboat Casino Association addressed the Board regarding concerns over Rule 2325, Notification of Vendor Recommendations. This rule has been submitted to the State Register and additional public comments will be addressed at the Board meeting scheduled for October 21, 1997.

The Board went into Executive Session. After returning to the Regular Session, it was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded by General Cadoria to adjourn. The Board unanimously agreed and the meeting was adjourned.