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## LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

### MINUTES OF JULY 10, 1996

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board conducted its first meeting on Wednesday, July 10, 2:00 p.m., at the State Capitol. In attendance were board members Hillary J. Crain, Chairman; General Sherian Cadoria, Mr. Robert Fleming, Mr. Ecotry Fuller, and Mr. Ralph Perlman.

Chairman Crain called the meeting to order and introduced the newly appointed board members. He then called upon Ms. Jennifer Schaye, head of the Gaming Division of the Attorney General's office, to present a brief overview of the gaming activities in Louisiana. Her review consisted of the following statistics:

#### VIDEO POKER

15,683 video poker machines  
100 truck stops licensed  
4,300 establishments with three machines  
18 racetracks and OTB parlors

In 1994/95, video poker tendered a revenue to the State of \$152 million.

Currently, waiting for renewal are:

3,500 establishments with three machines  
95 truck stops  
18 racetracks and OTB parlors  
303 device owners  
10 service entities  
9 distributors  
9 manufacturers

Waiting to be licensed are:

350 establishments with three machines  
4 truck stops

#### RIVERBOATS

The law allows for 15 riverboats in Louisiana, and at the time of this meeting, the 12 riverboats operating and their location was given. A 13th riverboat was awaiting final approval. A 14th is in the process of being moved. There is still a 15th riverboat license that has not yet been granted. Tax revenue from riverboats in 1994/95 was approximately \$178 million, and

approximately 23,000 people are employed by riverboat casinos.

The average cost of a riverboat in Louisiana is between 30 and 40 million. The average dockside development is approximately \$60 million.

Ms. Schaye also gave statistics on pending appeals including; 22 video poker, 14 riverboat, 30 employee appeals and approximately 25 cases in litigation involving the Board that are presently in the 19th J.D.C., Louisiana First Circuit Court of Appeal, or the Louisiana Supreme Court..

Internal Board Policies were presented by the Chairman. After consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Perlman and seconded by General Cadoria to adopt these policies. The Board unanimously adopted the Internal Board Policies.

Chairman Crain also introduced Travel Regulations for Board members. A motion was made by General Cadoria to adopt the Travel Regulations. This motion was seconded by Mr. Fuller, and then unanimously adopted by the Board.

Mr. Tom Warner, an assistant in the attorney general's office, briefly explained procedures for a Declaration of Emergency and adopting Emergency Rules under the Administrative Procedure Act. He discussed the time frames involved in permanent rule-making, the notice of intent to the State Register, and the various procedures involved in this process.

Chairman Crain summarized proposed Rules 101 - 104. On motion of Mr. Perlman, seconded by Mr. Fuller, the Emergency Declaration was declared, and Rules 101-104 were unanimously adopted as Emergency Rules, with the intent that those rules be promulgated into permanent rules, enabling the Board to begin working.

Questions were asked by two people in attendance concerning interpretation of certain rules adopted by the Board and Chairman Crain addressed their concerns.

There being no further business, Chairman Crain entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fleming moved to adjourn, Mr. Fuller seconded, and by unanimous vote the meeting was then adjourned.