

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

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Minutes of April 17, 2001

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board conducted a meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2001, at the Dept. of Natural Resources, Mineral Board Hearing Room, 10:00 a.m. Present at the meeting were: Hillary J. Crain, Chairman; Robert M. Fleming, Vice-Chairman; Ralph R. Perlman, Secretary/Treasurer; James Boyer, Gen. Sherian Cadoria, Dennis Kinchen, Dudley Lastrapes, Marcia Morgan and Rupert Richardson. Absent were board members Sec. Cynthia Bridges and Col. Terry Landry.

The meeting was called to order. It was moved by Sec. Perlman to approve the minutes of the special meeting of March 8 and the regular meeting of March 19<sup>th</sup>. That motion was seconded by Mr. Kinchen and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Donna Jackson, State Police Gaming Audit Division, presented the reports for the riverboats and landbased casino. Ms. Donna Stevens, Gaming Enforcement Audit Section, reported on the statistics for video poker.

The Board acted on a Petition for Approval of Transfers of Interest by Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc., changing both the holding company and the parent company into Limited Liability Companies. Representing Isle of Capri were Ms. Janet Boles, attorney, Mr. Don Mitchell, Vice-President of Finance and Mr. John Hoffman from Ernst & Young. Mr. Leonce Gautreaux, Asst. Attorney General, speaking on behalf of the state, reported to the Board that this would streamline the company for tax purposes and would not change ownership in any way.

Following the discussion, it was moved by Gen. Cadoria to approve the Petition. That motion was seconded by Sec. Perlman and unanimously approved by the Board.

The next item on the agenda, Bayouside Golf Course, was removed from the agenda.

Mr. Earl Pitre, Asst. Attorney General and Trooper Shane Walton, presented the application for a truckstop license of I-220 Travel Plaza & Casino. Following the discussion, it was moved by Mr. Lastrapes to postpone action on this bill to the next meeting. That motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Jay Quinlan, Director of the Attorney General's Gaming Division, Mr. John Campbell and Mr. Mike Crawford, both special Assistant Attorneys General, addressed the Board regarding the status of the bankruptcy of the landbased casino.

Following the discussion, it was moved by Sec. Perlman to adopt a resolution declaring the default declared on Jazz Casino Company on September 19<sup>th</sup> had been cured. That motion was seconded by Gen. Cadoria and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Tom Warner, Asst. Attorney General, addressed the Board concerning various rules. Following his presentation, it was moved by Mr. Boyer to institute the rule-making procedures for adoption of amendments regarding LAC 42:VII.2953, 3305, IX.2922, 2923 and 3305, XIII.2953 and 3305, and to adopt LAC 42:VII.2954, 3304, IX.3304, XIII.2954 and 3304 and to repeal LAC IX.2924 relative to Promotions, Tournaments, Surveillance Personnel and Division Room Requirements. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and unanimously approved by the Board.

It was moved by Gen. Cadoria to go into Executive Session. That motion was seconded by Sec. Perlman and unanimously approved by the Board.

Following the Executive Session, the Board acted on a Petition for Declaratory Order filed by Mr. Brett Sulzer, on behalf of UNO Investment, Inc. Mr. Sulzer sought a ruling regarding the applicability of qualified truckstops leasing space for an offtrack wagering facility to be located on the same premises.

Following the discussion, it was moved by Vice-Chairman Fleming not to allow an offtrack wagering facility to be located within the premises of a qualified truckstop. That motion was seconded by Gen. Cadoria and approved by a 7 to 2 vote. Voting for the motion were Vice-Chairman Fleming, Sec. Perlman, Mr. Boyer, Gen. Cadoria, Mr. Kinchen, Ms. Richardson and Chariman Crain. Voting against the motion were Mr. Lastrapes and Ms. Morgan.

The Board acted on proposed settlements/appeals in the following:

1. In Re: Tic Tac Café - No. 4400209064
2. In Re: Sal's Seafood - No. 2600205653
3. In Re: Sand Dollar Motel - No. 2600307756
4. In Re: CML Ventures, d/b/a Sin City - No. 3601110128
5. In Re: Ragusa's Sicilian Deli - 2600208661

The above appeals dealt with the same issue. These licensees all failed to attend a mandatory class conducted by State Police Video Gaming dealing with compulsive gambling and had agreed to pay a \$500.00 fine and attend the next scheduled class. It was moved by Mr. Lastrapes to approve this settlement. That motion was seconded by Gen. Cadoria and unanimously approved by the Board.

6. In Re: Karen D. Gonzaque - No. P040006377
8. In Re: Yvonne Washington - No. P040019547
10. In Re: Frank Sagona - No. P040028654

The above 3 appeals also dealt with the same issue, misdemeanor theft. These cases were continued until the legislative session has ended because of a pending bill that would reduce the cleansing period from ten to five years and would affect these permittees.

7. In Re: Lloyd Johnson d/b/a Teddy's - No. 170060698A - Motion by Mr. Boyer to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision and revoke the license. That motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Fleming and unanimously approved by the Board.