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8 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 2019

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10 Louisiana State Capitol

11 House Committee Room 5

12 900 North Third Street

13 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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17 TIME: 10:02 A.M.

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4 June 30, 2019

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Good morning. And  
3 pardon us for getting a little bit -- a  
4 couple of minutes late start because we  
5 had some technical issues across the  
6 hall. We thank the staff for working  
7 that out for us.

8 Welcome to the October regularly  
9 scheduled -- sort of regularly scheduled,  
10 one week late -- meeting of the Gaming  
11 Control Board.

12 Ms. Smith, will you call the roll?

13 MS. SMITH: Chairman Jones?

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: Here.

15 MS. SMITH: Mr. Avant?

16 MR. AVANT: Here.

17 MS. SMITH: Ms. Berry?

18 MS. BERRY: (No response.)

19 MS. SMITH: Mr. Jackson?

20 MR. JACKSON: Here.

21 MS. SMITH: Mr. Lagasse?

22 MR. LAGASSE: Yes, ma'am.

23 MS. SMITH: Ms. Lewis?

24 MS. LEWIS: Here.

25 MS. SMITH: Mr. Poole?

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1 MR. POOLE: (No response.)

2 MS. SMITH: Mr. Singleton?

3 MR. SINGLETON: Here.

4 MS. SMITH: Mr. Stipe?

5 MR. STIPE: Here.

6 MS. SMITH: Colonel Reeves?

7 MAJOR McNEAL: Major McNeal for  
8 Colonel Reeves.

9 MS. SMITH: Secretary Robinson?

10 MR. LEGENDRE: Michael Legendre here  
11 for Secretary Robinson.

12 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you. We have  
13 a quorum, and we may conduct business.

#### 14 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: At this time, I'd  
16 like to call any public comment for any  
17 items listed on the agenda. Anyone? No  
18 one?

#### 19 III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

20 CHAIRMAN JONES: And we'll move to  
21 the minutes from the last meeting. Do I  
22 have a motion to waive the reading and  
23 approve the minutes from the September  
24 19th meeting?

25 Mr. Singleton and Mr. Lagasse. Any

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1 objection? Without objection, the

2 minutes are adopted.

#### 3 IV. REVENUE REPORTS

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: We will now move to  
5 Revenue Reports.

6 Good morning.

7 MS. JACKSON: Good morning,

8 Chairman Jones, Board Members. My name  
9 is Donna Jackson with the Louisiana State  
10 Police, Gaming Enforcement Division.

11 The 15 operating riverboats  
12 generated Adjusted Gross Receipts of  
13 \$133,705,275 in September. This total  
14 represents a decrease of \$30.8 million or  
15 18.7% from last month, and a decrease of  
16 \$20 million or 13% from last September.  
17 As information, last September had one  
18 additional Saturday and August had one  
19 additional Friday than this September.

20 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal  
21 year 2019-2020 to date are \$451 million,  
22 a decrease of \$31 million or 6% from  
23 fiscal year 2018-2019.

24 During September, the state  
25 collected fees totaling \$28,746,634. As

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1 of September 30th, 2019, the state  
2 collected \$97 million in fees for fiscal  
3 year 2019-2020.

4 Next is a summary of the  
5 September 2019 gaming activity for  
6 Harrah's New Orleans, found on page  
7 three.

8 During September, Harrah's generated  
9 \$24,111,489 in gross gaming revenue, an  
10 increase of \$800,000, or 3.5% from last

11 month, and an increase of \$700,000 or 3%  
12 from last September.

13 Revenues for fiscal year 2019-2020  
14 to date are \$67.8 million, a decrease of  
15 \$2 million or 3% from fiscal year  
16 2018-2019. During September, the state  
17 received \$4,918,033 in minimum daily  
18 payments. As of September 30th, 2019,  
19 the state collected \$15 million in fees  
20 for fiscal year 2019-2020.

21 Next I will present the revenues for  
22 Slots at the Racetracks. During  
23 September, the four racetrack facilities  
24 combined generated Adjusted Gross  
25 Receipts of \$25,588,844, a decrease of

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1 \$4.3 million or 14.4% from last month,  
2 and a decrease from September 2018 of  
3 \$3 million or 10.7%.

4 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal  
5 year 2019-2020 to date are \$84.6 million,  
6 a decrease of 4% from fiscal year  
7 2018-2019.

8 During September, the state  
9 collected \$3.9 million in fees. As of  
10 September 30th, 2019, the state has  
11 collected \$12.8 million in fees for  
12 fiscal year 2019-2020.

13 Overall in September, Riverboats,

14 Land Based, and Slots at the Racetracks  
15 combined generated \$183.4 million in AGR  
16 and \$37.5 million in state fees. These  
17 revenues represent a decrease from  
18 September 2018 of \$22.5 million or 11%.

19 Are there any questions before I  
20 present the Harrah's employee  
21 information?

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Okay. So -- so  
23 you-guys are nice to me and give me a  
24 chart, like everybody else, and it's sort  
25 of color-coded; it's red and black.

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1 There's a lot of red on this page.

2 MS. JACKSON: Yes, sir.

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: When -- based on  
4 your experience, when was the last time  
5 we had such a dropoff in revenue; do you  
6 recall?

7 MS. JACKSON: Usually when you see  
8 something across the board like that, it  
9 is a calendar issue or something that has  
10 affected everyone in the state. I did  
11 look at the chart for Riverboats  
12 specifically, and it's been about five  
13 years since the revenues were at that  
14 level before Golden Nugget.

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: So the calendar has  
16 been a least kind to us for the first

17 time in five years to this extent?

18 MS. JACKSON: Yes, sir.

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yeah.

20 MS. JACKSON: I mean, I'm sure there  
21 are other issues, as well.

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: And I'm sure there  
23 are. They're are a lot of issues in all  
24 the different areas in the state. But  
25 this is -- I mean, this is concerning.

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1 MS. JACKSON: And for Riverboats,  
2 admissions were down, I believe, about  
3 200,000 --

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: Wow.

5 MS. JACKSON: -- for the month  
6 individually.

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yeah. Board  
8 Members, any questions on revenue?

9 There are no questions.

10 MS. JACKSON: Harrah's New Orleans  
11 is required to maintain at least 2,400  
12 employees and a biweekly payroll of  
13 \$1,750,835. This report covers pay  
14 periods in September 2019. For the first  
15 pay period, the division verified 2,529  
16 employees with a payroll of \$2,140,000.  
17 For the second pay period, the division  
18 verified 2,513 employees with a payroll  
19 of \$2,148,000. Therefore, Harrah's met

20 the employment criteria during September.

21 Any questions?

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Any questions?

23 There are no questions. Thank you.

24 Video poker. Good morning, Jim.

25 MR. BOSSIER: Good morning. My news

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1 is a little better.

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Good. Thank you.

3 MR. BOSSIER: Good morning, Chair --

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: Next time, you come  
5 first, okay?

6 MR. BOSSIER: Good morning, Chairman  
7 Jones and Board Members. My name is Jim  
8 Bossier with the Louisiana State Police,  
9 Gaming Enforcement Division here to  
10 report video gaming statistics for  
11 September 2019 as shown on page one of  
12 your handout.

13 Twelve new video gaming licenses  
14 were issued during September: Seven bars  
15 and five restaurants.

16 Seventeen new applications were  
17 received by the Gaming Enforcement  
18 Division during September and are  
19 currently pending in the field: Nine  
20 bars, seven restaurants, and one device  
21 owner's.

22 The Gaming Enforcement Division

23 assessed \$26,600 and collected \$4,850 in  
24 fines during September; there are  
25 currently \$24,250 in outstanding fines.

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1 Please refer to page two of your  
2 handout.

3 There are presently 13,010 video  
4 gaming devices activated at 1,640  
5 locations.

6 Net device revenue for  
7 September 2019 was \$48 million, a  
8 \$4.1 million decrease when compared to  
9 August 2019, and a \$2.7 million increase  
10 or 6% when compared to September 2018.

11 Net device revenue so far for fiscal  
12 year 2020 is \$150.1 million, a  
13 \$7.3 million, or 5.1% increase when  
14 compared to fiscal year 2019.

15 Page three of your handout shows a  
16 comparison of net device revenue.

17 Total franchise fees collected for  
18 September 2019 were \$14.4 million, a  
19 \$1.2 million decrease when compared to  
20 August 2019, and a \$900,000 increase when  
21 compared to September 2018.

22 Total franchise fees collected for  
23 fiscal year 2020 are \$44.9 million, a  
24 \$2.1 million increase, or 5.1% when  
25 compare to fiscal year 2019.

1 Page four of your handout shows the  
2 comparison of franchise fees.

3 Does anybody have any questions?

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any  
5 questions? There are no questions on  
6 video poker. Thank you.

7 V. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

8 A. Consideration of the Responsible  
9 and Problem Gaming Program  
10 for Catfish Queen Partnership  
11 in Commendam d/b/a Belle of  
12 Baton Rouge - No. R011700009

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: We're now going to  
14 move to Casino Gaming Issues, and we're  
15 going to call each one individually.  
16 This is going to be Consideration of  
17 Responsible and Problem Gaming Programs  
18 for three different licensees.

19 First up, we're going to get sort of  
20 an overview, and then we'll call each  
21 licensee up.

22 Good morning.

23 MS. BOURGEOIS: Good morning.

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: Please introduce  
25 yourself.

1 MS. BOURGEOIS: Good morning,  
2 Chairman Jones, Board Members. I am

3 Assistant Attorney General Suzanne  
4 Bourgeois.

5 Louisiana Revised Statute 27:27.1  
6 (A) provides, in part, that it is  
7 imperative for the health, safety, and  
8 welfare of the citizens of the state of  
9 Louisiana that all gaming licensees  
10 develop and implement comprehensive  
11 compulsive and problem gambling programs  
12 to be approved by the Board.

13 The Louisiana Gaming Control  
14 Board -- and this one is in reference to  
15 Catfish Queen --

16 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes.

17 THE WITNESS: -- Partnership in  
18 Commendam doing business as Belle of  
19 Baton Rouge.

20 The Louisiana Gaming Control Board  
21 last approved the Licensee's Guidelines  
22 for responsible and problem gambling  
23 program on October 21st, 2003. And the  
24 Licensee has made changes to their  
25 program, which are before the Board today

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1 for approval.

2 The proposed changes were reviewed  
3 by our office, the Louisiana Office of  
4 State Police, Gaming Enforcement  
5 Division, and by Janet Miller, the

6 Executive Director of the Louisiana  
7 association on compulsive gaming. The  
8 Licensee made all of the revisions that  
9 were recommended by these agencies, and  
10 the program continues to comply with  
11 applicable laws and requirements.

12 And a representative from the  
13 Licensee is present today to answer any  
14 questions that you may have.

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: Please come down.  
16 And just for the record, this is license  
17 R011700009. This is Catfish Queen  
18 Partnership in Commendam, Belle of Baton  
19 Rouge.

20 Good morning.

21 MS. GUILLORY: Good morning.

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Tell us what  
23 you-guys are doing differently.

24 MS. GUILLORY: We're -- actually  
25 we're not doing anything differently.

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1 The program -- and my name is Natalie  
2 Guillory.

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you.

4 MS. GUILLORY: I'm the compliance  
5 director. What we're doing is, it was  
6 more of a formatting change.

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: Right.

8 MS. GUILLORY: Our objective was one

9 of consistency, clarity, and uniformity  
10 between the three properties, the  
11 Louisiana properties. And that was the  
12 purpose of the change.

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: Very good. And  
14 they've been reviewed, and you're  
15 satisfied?

16 MS. BOURGEOIS: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any  
18 questions for Catfish? There are no  
19 questions.

20 Do I have a motion to approve the  
21 proposed amendments to the Licensee's  
22 guidelines? Julie and Mr. Jackson.

23 Any objection? Without objection,  
24 they are approved.

25 MS. BOURGEOIS: Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you.  
2 B. Consideration of the Responsible  
3 and Problem Gaming Program for  
4 PNK (Lake Charles), LLC  
5 d/b/a L'Auberge Lake Charles -  
6 No. R011001707

7 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll move to the  
8 second one.

9 MS. BOURGEOIS: And this is in  
10 reference to Consideration of responsible  
11 and problem gambling program for PNK

12 (Lake Charles), LLC, doing business as  
13 L'Auberge Lake Charles, R011700009 [sic].

14 And good morning, again, Chairman  
15 Jones and Board Members. I'm Assistant  
16 Attorney General Suzanne Bourgeois. And,  
17 again, Louisiana Revised Statute  
18 27:27.1(A) provides that it's imperative  
19 for the health, safety and welfare of the  
20 citizens of the state of Louisiana that  
21 all gaming licensees develop and  
22 implement comprehensive compulsive and  
23 problem gambling programs to be approved  
24 by the Board.

25 The Louisiana Gaming Control Board

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1 last approved the Licensee's Compulsive  
2 Gaming Program on June 16th, 2019. The  
3 Licensee has made changes to their  
4 program, which are before the Board for  
5 approval today.

6 The proposed changes were reviewed  
7 by our office, the Louisiana Office of  
8 State Police, Gaming Enforcement  
9 Division, and by Janet Miller, the  
10 Executive Director of the Louisiana  
11 Association on Compulsive Gambling. The  
12 Licensee made all of the revisions that  
13 were recommended by these agencies, and  
14 the program continues to comply with all

15 applicable laws and requirements.

16 A representative from the Licensee  
17 is present today to answer any questions  
18 that you may have.

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: Very good. Thank  
20 you. Come on down. Good morning.

21 MS. MATTE-THEUNISSEN: Good morning.

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Please introduce  
23 yourself.

24 MS. MATTE-THEUNISSEN: Good morning,  
25 Chairman Jones, Board Members. My name

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1 is Angie Matte-Theunissen, and I'm the  
2 Director of Compliance from L'Auberge  
3 Lake Charles. I am joined by Michael  
4 Pendergast, our General Manager. Also in  
5 the room with me today is Al Britton,  
6 Penn's Senior Vice-President over the  
7 Louisiana region, and Michael West,  
8 Penn's Deputy General Compliance Officer.

9 As Ms. Bourgeois stated, we are  
10 seeking approval of amendments to our  
11 responsible -- responsible and problem  
12 gambling program. At the onset, I wanted  
13 to note that we made no substantive  
14 changes to our plan. Each change was  
15 simply to update or for clarification of  
16 our existing policy.

17 The vast majority of our changes,

18 simply to update our name from  
19 L'Auberge du Lac to our legal entity  
20 name, which is PNK Lake Charles, LLC.

21 In addition, we clarified the  
22 verbiage around our existing policy to  
23 simply confirm that our responsible  
24 vendor training class must be approved by  
25 the Louisiana ATC. And in addition to

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1 others, all food and beverage employees  
2 who can serve alcohol and pit managers  
3 must attend a responsible vendor  
4 training.

5 Finally, we removed the reference of  
6 a two-year expiration date for alcohol  
7 service certifications, and simply  
8 confirmed that renewals of alcohol  
9 service certificates must be prior to  
10 expiration.

11 So as you can see, our program  
12 remains the same substantively, and we  
13 respectfully request for the approval of  
14 our program.

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you. Board  
16 Members, any questions with respect to  
17 L'Auberge Lake Charles? There are no  
18 questions. Do I have a motion?

19 Mr. Avant. Mr. Singleton seconds.

20 Any objection? Without objection,

21 we're adopted. Thank you.

22 MS. MATTE-THEUNISSEN: Thank you.

23 C. Consideration of the Responsible  
24 and Problem Gaming Program  
25 for Eldorado Casino Shreveport

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1 Joint Venture d/b/a Eldorado  
2 Resort Casino Shreveport -  
3 No. R013600005

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: And the last item  
5 up.

6 MS. BOURGEOIS: This is in  
7 consideration of the responsible and  
8 problem gambling program for Eldorado  
9 Casino Shreveport Joint Venture doing  
10 business as Eldorado Resort Casino  
11 Shreveport - No. R013600005.

12 And, again, good morning. I am  
13 Assistant Attorney General Suzanne  
14 Bourgeois. And as Louisiana Revised  
15 Statute 27:27.1 (A) indicates, the  
16 comprehensive compulsive and problem  
17 gambling programs must be approved by the  
18 Board.

19 The Louisiana Gaming Control Board  
20 last approved Eldorado's uniform  
21 guidelines for Responsible Gaming Program  
22 on October 18th, 2005. And Eldorado has  
23 made changes to their program, which are

24 before the Board today for approval.

25 The proposed changes were reviewed

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1 by our office, the Louisiana Office of

2 State Police, Gaming Enforcement

3 Division, and by Janet Miller, the

4 Executive Director of the Louisiana

5 Association on Compulsive Gambling.

6 Eldorado made all of the revisions

7 that were recommended by these agencies,

8 and the program continues to comply with

9 all applicable laws and requirements.

10 And a representative from Eldorado is

11 present today to answer any questions

12 that you have.

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: Very good. Thank

14 you, Eldorado. Good morning.

15 MR. BEASLEY: Good morning. Good

16 morning, Chairman Jones, Board Members.

17 I am Gerald Beasley, Director of

18 Compliance for Eldorado Resort Casino

19 Shreveport, before you today requesting

20 your approval of our uniform guidelines

21 of responsible gaming, which was last

22 approved by the Board in 2005.

23 What we've since done is just made

24 some cosmetic changes to the program to

25 be consistent amongst the other two

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1 properties in Louisiana under the ERI  
2 Portfolio. Some of those changes  
3 consisting of changing the requirements  
4 from two-year -- two-year license for a  
5 Responsible Vendor Permit to four years,  
6 as well as changing the requirements in  
7 which the program is reviewed by internal  
8 audit. Also added some clarification of  
9 who's responsible for administering the  
10 program, how the program -- when an  
11 individual is -- is placed on the  
12 exclusion listing, how that information  
13 is placed into the system, who's  
14 responsible for reviewing that and  
15 ensuring that if an individual comes into  
16 the property and engages in gaming  
17 activities, the individual is identified  
18 and State Police is notified.

19 So it's those cosmetic changes that  
20 we've made in order to be consistent  
21 amongst our three properties in the state  
22 that we're asking for your approval  
23 today.

24 CHAIRMAN JONES: Very good. Board  
25 Members, any questions with respect to

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1 the Eldorado request?

2 There are no questions. Do I  
3 have --

4 MR. JACKSON: Motion to approve.

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: -- a motion? I  
6 have a motion by Mr. Jackson. Seconded  
7 by Mr. Avant. Any objection? Without  
8 objection, the motion is adopted. Thank  
9 you.

10 MR. BEASLEY: Thank you very much.

11 MS. BOURGEOIS: Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN JONES: And just from an  
13 editorial standpoint, I think everybody  
14 knows how the Board feels about problem  
15 and compulsive gaming in the state. And  
16 it's not just a state responsibility to  
17 look out for those who have issues, but  
18 it's also the licensee's responsibility.  
19 And -- and that extends to the  
20 exclusionary list. And we had a couple  
21 of issues last year that came up with  
22 persons who were on that list who were  
23 permitted to own properties and permitted  
24 to gamble. And we all have to recommit  
25 to do a better job in that respect. We

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1 owe it to the state; the legislature  
2 expects it, and it's the right thing to  
3 do. So I thank all of you for the  
4 attention that you give the problem.

5 D. Consideration of Renewal

6 Application for Riverboat

7 Gaming License of  
8 Horseshoe Entertainment, L.P.,  
9 d/b/a Horseshoe Bossier City  
10 Casino & Hotel - No. R010800198

11 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll now move to  
12 the other casino gaming issues. And  
13 first up is the Consideration of Renewal  
14 of Application for Riverboat Gaming  
15 License of Horseshoe Entertainment, L.P.,  
16 doing business as Horseshoe Bossier City  
17 Casino & Hotel - No. R010800198.

18 Good morning.

19 MS. LANDRY: Good morning.

20 Good morning, Chairman Jones and  
21 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney  
22 General Lisha Landry. With me are State  
23 Police Auditor Trnessia Ware and  
24 Investigator Riley Blackwelder with the  
25 Office of State Police, Gaming

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1 Enforcement Division.

2 We're here in the matter of the  
3 five-year renewal of the Riverboat  
4 license for Horseshoe Entertainment,  
5 L.P., doing business as Horseshoe Bossier  
6 City Casino & Hotel.

7 Pursuant to Louisiana Revised  
8 Statute 27:75(A), the Board is required  
9 to act on any renewal application no

10 later than 30 days prior to the  
11 expiration of the current license.

12 The license for Horseshoe Bossier  
13 City is due to expire on November 22nd,  
14 2019. Because the October Board meeting  
15 was moved to October 24th, which gave the  
16 Board less than 30 days to act on this  
17 renewal, at the September 19th, 2019,  
18 Board meeting the Board conditionally  
19 renewed the license for 90 days to allow  
20 the Division time to complete its  
21 investigation.

22 The Office of State Police has now  
23 reviewed the financial circumstances of  
24 the licensee and completed its  
25 suitability investigation of the

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1 licensee, its parent companies, and  
2 principals.

3 At this time, Ms. Ware and  
4 Mr. Blackwelder will report their  
5 findings to the Board.

6 MS. WARE: Good morning, Chairman  
7 Jones, Members of the Board. My name is  
8 Trnessia Ware with Louisiana State  
9 Police, Corporate Security Audit.

10 Licensee Horseshoe Entertainment,  
11 L.P., doing business as Horseshoe Bossier  
12 City Casino & Hotel seeks the five-year

13 renewal of its license.  
14 Caesar's Entertainment Corporation  
15 owns Horseshoe Bossier through its wholly  
16 owned subsidiary, Caesar's Entertainment  
17 Operation Company, LLC. VICI Property,  
18 Inc., owns Horseshoe Bossier's real  
19 estate assets and leases the assets back  
20 to Horseshoe Bossier under a triple net  
21 master lease.

22 Horseshoe Bossier is one of six  
23 Riverboat casinos in the  
24 Shreveport/Bossier City gaming market.  
25 From fiscal year 2018-2019, Horseshoe

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1 Bossier ranked first in the  
2 Shreveport/Bossier City market with gross  
3 receipts of approximately 185 million.

4 As shown on page four of our report,  
5 Horseshoe Bossier spent approximately  
6 5.2 million for capital expenditures in  
7 2018, and the licensee projects it will  
8 spend approximately 2.3 million for  
9 capital expenditures in 2019.

10 Caesar's Entertainment Operating  
11 Company charges Horseshoe Bossier a fee  
12 for administrative services. Horseshoe  
13 Bossier recorded approximately 12 million  
14 per year in service fees for 2018 and  
15 2017.

16 In conclusion, no financial issues  
17 came to our attention to preclude the  
18 Board from approving the Horseshoe  
19 Bossier licensee for a period of five  
20 years effective November 22nd, 2019.

21 Licensee will now present their  
22 findings.

23 MR. BLACKWELDER: Good morning,  
24 Chairman Jones, Members of the Board.  
25 I'm Riley Blackwelder with Louisiana

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1 State Police, Gaming Enforcement  
2 Division.

3 The Division conducted an  
4 investigation in regards to the five-year  
5 license renewal of Horseshoe  
6 Entertainment, L.P., doing business as  
7 Horseshoe Bossier City and its  
8 subsidiaries.

9 This investigation included their  
10 officers, directors, and persons with a  
11 five percent more ownership interest in  
12 the companies. This investigation  
13 consisted of inquiries through federal,  
14 state, and local law enforcement  
15 agencies, computerized criminal history  
16 databases, financial and civil  
17 institutions, and gaming regulatory  
18 agencies.

19 At the conclusion of this  
20 investigation, I discovered no  
21 information which would keep the Board  
22 from allowing Horseshoe Entertainment,  
23 L.P., doing business as Horseshoe Bossier  
24 City, its subsidiaries, or any of its  
25 officers, directors or board members to

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1 be allowed to continue participating in  
2 the Louisiana Gaming Industry.

3 At this time, I would gladly answer  
4 any questions you may have.

5 MS. LANDRY: If it's the Board's  
6 pleasure to renew the Riverboat gaming  
7 license for Horseshoe Entertainment,  
8 L.P., doing business as Horseshoe Bossier  
9 City Casino & Hotel, the proposed  
10 resolution has been prepared for the  
11 Board's adoption and the Chairman's  
12 signature.

13 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, are  
14 there any questions of the Attorney  
15 General or the State Police with respect  
16 to this renewing application? There  
17 are --

18 MR. JACKSON: Motion to approve.

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Jackson is  
20 going to move to adopt the resolution. I  
21 have a second by Mr. Stipe.

22 Ms. Smith, would you read the  
23 resolution?

24 MS. SMITH: On the 24th day of  
25 October, 2019, the Louisiana Gaming

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1 Control Board did, in a dually noticed  
2 public meeting, consider the license  
3 renewal application of Horseshoe  
4 Entertainment, L.P., d/b/a Horseshoe  
5 Bossier City Casino & Hotel, and upon  
6 motion dually made and seconded, the  
7 Board adopted this resolution: Be it  
8 resolved that the Riverboat casino  
9 license of Horseshoe Entertainment, L.P.,  
10 d/b/a Horseshoe Bossier City Casino &  
11 Hotel, license number R010800198, be  
12 renewed for a term of five years  
13 commencing November 22nd, 2019, subject  
14 to all conditions previously placed upon  
15 the license.

16 CHAIRMAN JONES: Roll.

17 MS. SMITH: Mr. Avant?

18 MR. AVANT: Yes.

19 MS. SMITH: Mr. Jackson?

20 MR. JACKSON: Yes.

21 MS. SMITH: Mr. Lagasse?

22 MR. LAGASSE: Yes.

23 MS. SMITH: Ms. Lewis?

24 MS. LEWIS: Yes.

25 MS. SMITH: Mr. Singleton?

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1 MR. SINGLETON: Yes.

2 MS. SMITH: Mr. Stipe?

3 MR. STIPE: Yes.

4 MS. SMITH: Chairman Jones?

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes.

6 And the motion carries. The

7 application is approved.

8 Before I move to the next item, I

9 just want to thank Mike Rich who has been

10 the general manager at that property as

11 long as I've been Chairman. And for

12 those of you who have been attending

13 meetings, you know, that I brought Mike

14 in to talk about minority procurement.

15 And he came into the lion's den and

16 brought with him representatives of

17 Harrah's and Caesar's, and out of that

18 meeting, they turned things around. And

19 I thank Mike for that leadership. I

20 thank Mike for having a great property in

21 north Louisiana. It's the top performing

22 casino property up there, and it's a

23 beautiful property. And I attribute that

24 to a lot of Mike's investment in terms of

25 management. So we thank Mike. We wish

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1 him the best, and we look forward to new

2 management of the property.

3 E. Consideration of Renewal

4 Application for Riverboat Gaming

5 License of PNK (Bossier City), LLC

6 d/b/a Boomtown Bossier City -

7 No. R016500701

8 CHAIRMAN JONES: We'll now move to

9 Consideration of Renewal Application for

10 Riverboat Gaming License of PNK

11 (Bossier City), LLC, doing business as

12 Boomtown Bossier City - No. R016500701.

13 MS. LANDRY: Good morning, Board

14 Members and Chairman Jones. Assistant

15 Attorney --

16 CHAIRMAN JONES: I've always been an

17 afterthought. It's okay. I just, you

18 know -- thank you.

19 MS. LANDRY: Assistant Attorney

20 General Lisha Landry appearing with

21 Patricia Bell with the Louisiana State

22 Police Audit Division and Trooper Joseph

23 Hall with Louisiana State Police, Gaming

24 Enforcement Division.

25 Now here in the matter of the

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1 renewal of the Riverboat license of PNK

2 Bossier City, LLC, doing business as

3 Boomtown Bossier City. Pursuant to

4 Louisiana Revised Statute 27:75(A), the

5 Board is required to act on any renewal  
6 application no later than 30 days prior  
7 to the expiration of the current license.

8 Riverboat licenses are issued for a  
9 five-year term, and this license is now  
10 due to expire on November 28th, 2019.

11 The Office of State Police has  
12 reviewed the financial circumstances of  
13 the licensee and completed its  
14 suitability investigation, the licensee,  
15 its parent companies, and its principals.

16 At this time, Ms. Bell and  
17 Trooper Hall will report their findings  
18 to the Board.

19 MS. BELL: Good morning, Chairman  
20 Jones and Members of the Board.

21 CHAIRMAN JONES: Good morning.

22 MS. BELL: I'm Patricia Bell with  
23 Louisiana State Police, Corporate  
24 Securities Audit.

25 Licensee PNK Bossier City, LLC,

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1 doing business as Boomtown Bossier City  
2 seeks the five-year renewal of its  
3 license.

4 Penn National Gaming wholly owns and  
5 manages Boomtown Bossier's gaming  
6 operations. GLPI currently owns Boomtown  
7 Bossier's real estate assets under a

8 triple net lease.  
9 Boomtown Bossier is one of six  
10 Riverboat casinos in the  
11 Shreveport/Bossier City market. For  
12 fiscal year 2018-2019, Boomtown Bossier  
13 ranked fifth in the Shreveport/Bossier  
14 City market with gross receipts of  
15 approximately 54 million.

16 As shown on page four of our report,  
17 Boomtown Bossier spent approximately  
18 704,000 for capital expenditures in 2018.

19 The licensee projects it will spend  
20 approximately 5.8 million in the  
21 aggregate for capital expenditures for  
22 years 2020 through 2023.

23 Commencing October 2018, Boomtown  
24 Bossier pays Penn a monthly corporate  
25 overhead services fee of 2 percent of net

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1 revenues. For the period October 15,  
2 2018, through December 31st, 2018,  
3 Boomtown paid 208,000 for corporate  
4 overhead services.

5 In conclusion, no financial issues  
6 came to our attention to preclude the  
7 Board from approving the Boomtown Bossier  
8 City license for a period of five years  
9 effective November 28th, 2019.

10 Licensee will now present their

11 findings.

12 TROOPER HALL: Good morning,  
13 Chairman Jones and Members of the Board.  
14 I'm Trooper First Class Joseph Hall with  
15 Louisiana State Police, Gaming  
16 Enforcement Division.

17 The Division conducted an  
18 investigation in regards to the five-year  
19 license renewal of PNK Bossier City, LLC,  
20 doing business as Boomtown Bossier City  
21 Casino & Hotel and its subsidiaries.

22 The investigation included their  
23 officers, directors, and persons with a  
24 five percent or more ownership interest  
25 in the companies.

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1 This investigation consisted of  
2 inquiries through federal, state, and  
3 local law enforcement agencies,  
4 conduct -- computerized criminal history  
5 databases, financial and civil  
6 institutions, and gaming regulatory  
7 agencies.

8 At the conclusion of the  
9 investigation, the Division discovered no  
10 information which would keep the Board  
11 from allowing PNK Bossier City, LLC,  
12 doing business as Boomtown Bossier City  
13 Casino & Hotel, its subsidiaries or any

14 of its officers, directors, or board  
15 members to be allowed to continue  
16 participating in the Louisiana Gaming  
17 Industry.

18 At this time, I will gladly answer  
19 any questions you may have.

20 MS. LANDRY: If it's the Board's  
21 pleasure to renew the Riverboat gaming  
22 license of PNK Bossier City, LLC, doing  
23 business as Boomtown Bossier City, a  
24 proposed resolution has been prepared for  
25 the Board's adoption and the Chairman's

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1 signature.

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you. Board  
3 Members, are there any questions relative  
4 to the application of PNK Bossier City  
5 Boomtown? There do not appear to be any  
6 questions.

7 Do I have a motion to adopt the  
8 resolution? Mr. Avant. Mr. Singleton.

9 Ms. Smith, read the resolution.

10 MS. SMITH: On the 24th day of  
11 October, 2019, the Louisiana Gaming  
12 Control Board did, in a dually noticed  
13 public meeting, consider the license  
14 renewal application of PNK Bossier City,  
15 LLC, d/b/a Boomtown Bossier City, and  
16 upon motion dually made and seconded, the

17 Board adopted this resolution: Be it  
18 resolved that the Riverboat casino  
19 license of PNK Bossier City, LLC, d/b/a  
20 Boomtown Bossier City, license  
21 No. R016500701 be renewed for a term of  
22 five years commencing November 28th,  
23 2019, subject to all conditions  
24 previously placed on the license.

25 CHAIRMAN JONES: Call the roll.

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1 MS. SMITH: Mr. Avant?

2 MR. AVANT: Yes.

3 MS. SMITH: Mr. Jackson?

4 MR. JACKSON: Yes.

5 MS. SMITH: Mr. Lagasse?

6 MR. LAGASSE: Yes.

7 MS. SMITH: Ms. Lewis?

8 MS. LEWIS: Yes.

9 MS. SMITH: Mr. Singleton?

10 MR. SINGLETON: Yes.

11 MS. SMITH: Mr. Stipe?

12 MR. STIPE: Yes.

13 MS. SMITH: Chairman Jones?

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes. And the  
15 motion carries. The application is  
16 approved. Thank you.

17 F. Consideration of Renewal  
18 Application for Riverboat Gaming  
19 License of Louisiana Riverboat

20 Gaming Partnership d/b/a  
21 DiamondJacks Casino & Resort -  
22 No. R010800195

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: And finally, this  
24 part of the agenda, we'll call  
25 Consideration of Renewal Application for  
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1 Riverboat Gaming License of Louisiana  
2 Riverboat Gaming Partnership, doing  
3 business as DiamondJacks Casino & Resort  
4 - No. R010800195.

5 Good morning.

6 MR. GATHE: Good morning, Chairman  
7 Jones, Board Members. I'm Assistant  
8 Attorney General Jeremy Gathe appearing  
9 today with Ms. Trnessia Ware of Louisiana  
10 State Police Audit, and Investigative  
11 Specialist Michele Aucoin with Louisiana  
12 State Police, Gaming Enforcement.

13 As you stated, this matter is a  
14 renewal of the Riverboat license of  
15 Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership,  
16 doing business as DiamondJacks Casino &  
17 Resort, located in Bossier City,  
18 Louisiana.

19 Riverboat licenses are issued for a  
20 five-year term, and this license is now  
21 due to expire on December 9th, 2019.

22 Pursuant to Louisiana Revised

23 Statute 27:75(A), the Board is required  
24 to act on any renewal application no  
25 later than 30 days prior to the

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1 expiration of the current license.

2 At this time, Trnessia Ware from the  
3 Audit Division and Investigative  
4 Specialist Michele Aucoin will now report  
5 their findings to the Board.

6 MS. WARE: Good morning, Chairman  
7 Jones, Members of the Board. My name is  
8 Trnessia Ware with Louisiana State  
9 Police, Corporate Securities Audit.

10 Licensee, Louisiana Riverboat Gaming  
11 partnership, doing business as  
12 DiamondJacks Casino Resort Bossier City  
13 seeks the five-year renewal of its  
14 license.

15 Louisiana Riverboat Gaming  
16 Partnership is owned equally by general  
17 partners, Legends Gaming of Louisiana-1,  
18 LLC, and Legends Gaming of Louisiana-2,  
19 LLC, with the ultimate parent company  
20 being PGP Investors, LLC.

21 DiamondJacks is one of six Riverboat  
22 casinos in the Shreveport/Bossier City  
23 gaming market. For fiscal year  
24 2018-2019, DiamondJacks ranked sixth in  
25 the Shreveport/Bossier City market with

1 gross receipts of approximately  
2 35 million.

3 As shown on page five of our report,  
4 DiamondJacks spent approximately 332,000  
5 for capital expenditures in 2018, and the  
6 licensee projects it will spend  
7 approximately 887,000 for capital  
8 expenditures in 2019, and 300,000 per  
9 year for years 2020 through 2023.

10 Legends allocate funds to the  
11 licensee for corporate expenses. For  
12 years ending December 31st, 2018 and  
13 2017, funds allocated were approximately  
14 55,000 and 126,000, respectively.

15 DiamondJacks projects it will  
16 maintain its debt through the issuance of  
17 intercompany loans from its parent  
18 company. As shown on page ten,  
19 DiamondJacks presents revenue to increase  
20 over the five -- over the next five years  
21 even though historical data indicates  
22 revenues have been declining each year.  
23 Over the past six years, DiamondJacks'  
24 revenues have decreased from monthly  
25 average of approximately 5 million to

1 3 million.

2 With the exception of our concerns

3 regarding DiamondJacks' current financial  
4 posture, based solely on the review of  
5 the financial information provided by the  
6 licensee, no other final matter --  
7 financial matters came to our attention  
8 to preclude the Board's approval of  
9 DiamondJacks' license for a period of  
10 five years effective December 9th, 2019.

11 Licensee will now present their  
12 findings.

13 MS. AUCOIN: Good morning, Chairman  
14 Jones and Members of the Board. I am  
15 Investigative Specialist Michele Aucoin  
16 with Louisiana State Police, Gaming  
17 Enforcement Division. The Division  
18 conducted an investigation in regards to  
19 the five-year license renewal of  
20 Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership,  
21 doing business as DiamondJacks Casino &  
22 Resort in Bossier City and its  
23 subsidiaries.

24 This investigation included their  
25 officers, directors and persons with a

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1 5 percent more ownership interest in the  
2 companies. This investigation consisted  
3 of inquiries through federal, state, and  
4 local law enforcement agencies,  
5 computerized criminal history databases,

6 and civil and gaming regulatory agencies.

7 At the conclusion of this  
8 investigation, I discovered no  
9 information that would keep the Board  
10 from allowing Louisiana Riverboat Gaming  
11 Partnership, doing business as  
12 DiamondJacks Casino & Resort  
13 Bossier City, its subsidiaries or any of  
14 its officers, directors, board members or  
15 owners to be allowed to continue  
16 participating in the Louisiana Gaming  
17 Industry.

18 At this time, I would gladly answer  
19 any questions you may have.

20 MR. GATHE: If it is the Board's  
21 pleasure to approve the renewal  
22 application of Louisiana Riverboat Gaming  
23 Partnership, doing business as  
24 DiamondJacks Casino & Resort, a  
25 resolution has been prepared for your

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1 consideration.

2 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any  
3 questions relative to DiamondJacks?  
4 There are no questions.

5 Do I have a motion to -- we'll have  
6 to read the resolution. Do we have a  
7 motion to adopt the resolution? And I  
8 see a hand down there somewhere.

9 Ms. Lewis.

10 Is there a second?

11 MR. JACKSON: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN JONES: Second.

13 Mr. Jackson with the second.

14 MR. JACKSON: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN JONES: Now you may read  
16 the resolution.

17 MS. SMITH: On the 24th day of  
18 October, 2019, the Louisiana Gaming  
19 Control Board did, in a dually noticed  
20 public meeting, consider the license  
21 renewal application of Louisiana  
22 Riverboat Gaming Partnership, d/b/a  
23 DiamondJacks Casino & Resort, and upon  
24 motion dually made and seconded, the  
25 Board adopted the following resolution:

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1 Be it resolved that the Riverboat casino  
2 license of Louisiana Riverboat Gaming  
3 Partnership, d/b/a DiamondJacks, license  
4 No. - R010800195 be renewed for a term of  
5 five years commencing December 9th, 2019,  
6 subject to all conditions previously  
7 placed on the license.

8 CHAIRMAN JONES: Call the roll.

9 MS. SMITH: Mr. Avant?

10 MR. AVANT: Yes.

11 MS. SMITH: Mr. Jackson?

12 MR. JACKSON: Yes.  
13 MS. SMITH: Mr. Lagasse?  
14 MR. LAGASSE: Yes.  
15 MS. SMITH: Ms. Lewis?  
16 MS. LEWIS: Yes.  
17 MS. SMITH: Mr. Singleton?  
18 MR. SINGLETON: Yeah.  
19 MS. SMITH: Mr. Stipe?  
20 MR. STIPE: Yes.  
21 MS. SMITH: Chairman Jones?  
22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes. And the  
23 motion carries. The application for  
24 renewal is approved. I thank all of you.

25 VI. CONSIDERATION OF SETTLEMENTS AND APPEAL

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1 IN THE FOLLOWING:

2 1. Antoine E. Lehmann -  
3 No. P040042139 (settlement)

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: We will now move to  
5 Consideration of Settlements and Appeals.  
6 And first up is Antoine E. Lehmann,  
7 No. P040042139. This is a settlement  
8 proposal. Good morning.

9 MS. KEITH: Good morning to you,  
10 Chairman Jones and Board Members and  
11 staff members. If I can get situated.

12 CHAIRMAN JONES: That's okay.

13 MS. KEITH: I am Assistant Attorney  
14 General Rashida Keith here in the matter

15 of the settlement of Antoine Lehmann who  
16 holds a Non-Key gaming employee permit.  
17 The settlement addresses Mr. Lehmann's  
18 failure to timely report to the Division  
19 his arrest for a misdemeanor offense.  
20 The civil penalty contained in the  
21 settlement is \$250, which is an amount  
22 enumerated in the penalty schedule for  
23 violations of this type. The settlement  
24 has been signed by the hearing officer  
25 and is now present before the Board for

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1 final approval. If there are any  
2 questions, I'm happy to answer.

3 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any  
4 questions of Ms. Keith? I see no  
5 questions.

6 Do I have a motion to approve  
7 settlement? By Mr. Stipe. Mr. Avant.  
8 Any objection? Without objection, the  
9 motion carries. The settlement is  
10 approved.

11 2. Leslie M. Rosato - No. P040047819

12 MS. KEITH: Thank you. Assistant  
13 Attorney General Rashida Keith here in  
14 the matter of the settlement for Leslie  
15 Rosato who holds a Non-Key gaming  
16 employee permit.

17 CHAIRMAN JONES: May I --

18 MS. KEITH: Yes, sir.

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: -- officially put  
20 it in the docket?

21 Leslie M. Rosato, No. P040047819.

22 This is a proposed settlement. Please  
23 proceed. Thank you.

24 MS. KEITH: Pardon me. The  
25 settlement addresses Ms. Rosato's failure

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1 to timely report to the Division her  
2 arrest for two misdemeanor offenses. The  
3 settlement contains a civil penalty in  
4 the amount of \$250, which is enumerated  
5 in the penalty schedule for violations of  
6 this type. It has been signed by the  
7 hearing officer and is now present before  
8 the Board for final approval. Again, if  
9 there are any questions, I will be happy  
10 to answer.

11 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any  
12 questions? There are no questions.

13 MR. SINGLETON: So moved.

14 CHAIRMAN JONES: We've got  
15 Mr. Singleton and Mr. Lagasse. Any  
16 objection? Without objection, the  
17 settlement is approved.

18 MS. KEITH: Thank you.

19 3. Liuzza's Restaurant & Bar, Inc. d/b/a Liuzza's

20 Restaurant & Bar - No. 3601205280

21 CHAIRMAN JONES: We now move to  
22 Liuzza's Restaurant & Bar, Inc., doing  
23 business as Liuzza's Restaurant & Bar -  
24 No. 3601205280. This is a proposed  
25 settlement.

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1 Welcome back.

2 MS. LANDRY: Chairman Jones and  
3 Board Members, Assistant Attorney General  
4 Lisha Landry present before the Board in  
5 the matter of Liuzza's Restaurant & Bar,  
6 Inc., doing business as Liuzza's  
7 Restaurant & Bar.

8 The settlement addresses the  
9 licensee's failure to notify the Division  
10 of a transfer of ownership interests.

11 The licensee is a Type II licensed  
12 establishment located in Orleans Parish.

13 On May 10th, 2019, the Division  
14 received a copy of a certification of  
15 death for Theresa Galbo verifying her  
16 death on March 9th, 2017, and a copy of a  
17 judgment of possession for Ms. Galbo's  
18 succession filed on May 4, 2018.

19 According to the Division's  
20 database, at the time of her death,  
21 Ms. Galbo held a two percent ownership  
22 interest in the licensee. On June 17th  
23 2019, a shareholders meeting was held

24 acknowledging that Ms. Galbo passed away  
25 leaving her two percent ownership

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1 interest in the licensee to her son,  
2 Michael Bordelon who has already met  
3 suitability in connection with this  
4 license. As a result, Michael Bordelon  
5 holds a 51 percent ownership interest,  
6 and Frank L. Bordelon, II, holds a  
7 49 percent ownership interest in the  
8 licensee.

9 The licensee failed to notify the  
10 Division within ten calendar days of  
11 Ms. Galbo's death, which resulted in a  
12 stop transfer in the licensee. The  
13 settlement penalty contained in this  
14 settlement is \$500, which is the amount  
15 that is well established for violations  
16 of this type.

17 The settlement has been signed by  
18 the hearing officer and is before the  
19 Board for final approval. And I'll be  
20 happy to answer any questions.

21 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, any  
22 questions of Ms. Landry with respect to  
23 this?

24 MR. SINGLETON: So moved.

25 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Singleton.

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1 Mr. Lagasse. Any objection? Without  
2 objection, the settlement is approved.

3 4. A & S Ventures, Inc., d/b/a Rendezvous -  
4 No. 3601113866 (settlement)

5 CHAIRMAN JONES: And the last  
6 settlement on the agenda is A & S  
7 Ventures, Inc., doing business as  
8 Rendezvous - No. 3601113866. This is a  
9 proposed settlement.

10 Good morning.

11 MS. MURRAY: Good morning. Chairman  
12 Jones, Board Members, I am Assistant  
13 Attorney General Alonna Murray here in  
14 the matter of the settlement of A & S  
15 Ventures, Inc., doing business as  
16 Rendezvous.

17 This settlement addresses the Type I  
18 licensee's failure to notify the Division  
19 of an officer's plea of nolo contendere  
20 to a crime of theft, their failure to  
21 timely notify the Division of two  
22 transfers of ownership, and their failure  
23 to timely notify the Division of the  
24 appointment of new officers.

25 This originally came over as a

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1 revocation, but since the basis for the  
2 revocation has been resolved, the  
3 Division agreed to resolve this as

4 administrative action.

5 The settlement amount is \$5,000 and  
6 takes into consideration all of the  
7 factors surrounding the violations  
8 committed by the licensee in this case.

9 The parties discussed the matter and  
10 agreed to resolve it for the stated  
11 amount. The settlement has been signed  
12 by the hearing officer and is now before  
13 the Board for final approval.

14 I'd be happy to answer any questions  
15 you may have at this time.

16 CHAIRMAN JONES: Board Members, do  
17 we have any questions of Ms. Murray?

18 There are no questions.

19 Do I have a motion?

20 MR. JACKSON: Motion to approve.

21 CHAIRMAN JONES: I'm sorry?

22 MR. JACKSON: Motion to approve.

23 CHAIRMAN JONES: And seconded by  
24 Ms. Lewis. Any objection? Without  
25 objection, the settlement is approved.

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1 Thank you.

2 MS. MURRAY: Thank you.

3 5. Lashonda R. Taylor - No. P040033135

4 CHAIRMAN JONES: And now I'll call  
5 the appeal of Lashonda R. Taylor - No.  
6 P040033135.

7 Is Ms. Taylor here this morning or  
8 her representative? Ms. Taylor? Anyone  
9 representing Ms. Taylor?

10 Please proceed.

11 MS. LANDRY: Chairman Jones, and  
12 Board Members, Assistant Attorney General  
13 Lisha Landry representing the Gaming  
14 Enforcement Division here in the matter  
15 of Lashonda R. Taylor.

16 This matter comes before you as a  
17 result of Ms. Taylor's appeal filed in  
18 response to the hearing officer's  
19 decision revoking her Non-Key gaming  
20 employee permit. On July 16th, 2019, the  
21 hearing officer ordered that the gaming  
22 permit issued to Ms. Taylor be revoked  
23 due to her criminal charge of theft.  
24 Crimes of theft are specifically cited in  
25 Louisiana Gaming Law as a statutory bar

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1 against participation in Louisiana's  
2 Gaming Industry.

3 The hearing officer's decision to  
4 revoke her permit was based on a bill of  
5 information filed formally charging  
6 Ms. Taylor with violating Louisiana  
7 Revised Statute 14:67(B)4, theft under  
8 \$1,000 from a patron at a licensed  
9 establishment, and her admission to the

10 theft to a trooper with the Division.

11 At the time of the revocation  
12 hearing, the criminal charge of theft was  
13 pending against Ms. Taylor and to date  
14 remains pending against her in the 26th  
15 JDC.

16 Ms. Taylor has offered no evidence  
17 to contradict the evidence and testimony  
18 submitted by the Division, and she has  
19 given no valid grounds for her appeal.

20 Ms. Taylor's pending criminal charge  
21 of theft, her admission of the crime to  
22 the Division, and the fact that she stole  
23 a TITO ticket from a patron at a licensed  
24 establishment and cashed it in as her own  
25 shows that she lacks the honestly,

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1 integrity and good moral character needed  
2 to participate in the gaming industry.

3 Her actions in this case make her  
4 unsuitable for and disqualified from  
5 possession of a gaming permit.

6 Therefore, the Division contends that the  
7 hearing officer was correct in her  
8 decision to revoke Ms. Taylor's gaming  
9 permit, and we ask that you affirm the  
10 hearing officer's decision.

11 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you. I just  
12 want to confirm that based on evidence

13 presented in the administrative hearing  
14 that Ms. Taylor did in fact admit to  
15 taking the ticket in the amount of  
16 \$658.61?

17 MS. LANDRY: According to the  
18 testimony of the trooper in this case --

19 CHAIRMAN JONES: Yes.

20 MS. LANDRY: -- she admitted to her  
21 actions in the case.

22 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you. I'm  
23 going to move that we affirm the hearing  
24 officer's decision. Do I have a second?

25 MR. SINGLETON: I'll second.

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1 CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Singleton. Any  
2 objection to that? There are no  
3 objections.

4 We shall affirm -- motion carries,  
5 and we affirm the hearing officer's  
6 decision.

7 MS. LANDRY: Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN JONES: Thank you very  
9 much.

## 10 VII. ADJOURNMENT

11 CHAIRMAN JONES: And that brings us  
12 to adjournment if I have a motion to do  
13 so.

14 MR. LAGASSE: So moved.

15 MR. JACKSON: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN JONES: Everybody wanted  
17 to -- that was Mr. Jackson and  
18 Mr. Lagasse. Any objection? Without  
19 objection, we stand adjourned.

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21 (CONCLUDED AT 10:47 A.M.)

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4 I, Brittany E. Vidrine, Certified Court

5 Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a

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15 or counsel connected with this action, and that I

16 have no financial interest in the outcome of this

17 action.

18 Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 19th day of

19 November, 2019.

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