

## **LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**

### **Minutes of September 19, 2019**

The monthly meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board was convened on Thursday, September 19, 2019, 10:00 a.m., in House Committee Room 3 at the Louisiana State Capitol. Present at the meeting were: Ronnie Jones, Chairman, Harry Avant, Julie Berry, Claude Jackson, Elton Lagasse, Julie Lewis, Lamar Poole, James Singleton, and Mark Stipe. Absent were board ex-officio members Secretary Kimberly Robinson and Colonel Kevin Reeves.

The meeting was called to order. It was moved by Ms. Berry, seconded by Ms. Lewis, and unanimously approved by the Board to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the August 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Chairman Jones announced that the October 2019 board meeting will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

The Board considered the renewal application for the riverboat gaming license of Horseshoe Entertainment, L.P. d/b/a Horseshoe Bossier City Casino & Hotel – No. R010800198. After presentation by Charmaine Moore, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Mr. Avant, seconded by Mr. Stipe, and unanimously approved by the Board to adopt the resolution to conditionally renew the gaming license for a term of 90 days commencing on November 22, 2019. The resolution is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein.

The next item on the agenda was the renewal application for the riverboat gaming license of PNK (Baton Rouge) Partnership d/b/a L'Auberge Casino & Hotel Baton Rouge – No. R011000801. Charmaine Moore, Assistant Attorney General, Trnessia Ware, State Police Gaming Audit Section, and Senior Trooper Jeremy Landry addressed the Board. Representing the licensee were Paul West, counsel, Kim Ginn, General Manager, and Al Britton, Penn National Sr. Vice President. After comments from representatives of the licensee, it was moved by Ms. Berry, seconded by Mr. Poole, and unanimously approved by the Board to adopt the resolution to renew the license for 5 years commencing on August 19, 2019.

The Board then considered the renewal application for the riverboat gaming license of Bossier Casino Venture, LLC d/b/a Margaritaville Resort Casino – No. R011000841. Charmaine Moore, Assistant Attorney General, Trnessia Ware, State Police Gaming Audit Section, and Senior Trooper Jeremy Landry addressed the Board.

Representing the licensee were Paul West, counsel, Barry Regula, General Manager, and Al Britton, Penn National Sr. Vice President. After comments from representatives of the licensee, it was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Lewis, and unanimously approved by the Board to adopt the resolution to renew the license for 5 years commencing on September 21, 2019.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Louisiana – I Gaming, a Louisiana Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Boomtown New Orleans – No. R012600196. After presentation by Lisha Landry, Assistant Attorney General, Gaming Division, and John Francic, ABSG Consulting, and upon recommendation by ABSG Consulting, it was moved by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Mr. Lagasse, and unanimously approved by the Board to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

The next items on the agenda were a settlement and three appeals. The Board considered the following:

1. Diamond Billiard Club, LLC d/b/a Diamond Billiard Club – No. 3601117276  
It was moved by Mr. Avant, seconded by Mr. Singleton and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the settlement wherein Diamond Billiard Club would pay a civil penalty of \$500 for failure to timely notify the Division of a transfer of membership interest.
2. David B. Melius Investments, Inc. d/b/a Bruno's Tavern – No. 3601114939  
It was moved by Mr. Lagasse and seconded by Mr. Poole to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision to impose a civil penalty of \$250 for failure to have a current occupational permit as required by regulation. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 2. Mr. Singleton and Mr. Stipe voting against the motion.
3. Anthony D. Holloway – No. P040047616  
It was moved by Mr. Stipe, seconded by Mr. Singleton, and unanimously approved by the Board to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision to revoke Mr. Holloway's non-key gaming employee permit.
4. Yea Hiranthom – No. P040065381  
It was moved by Chairman Jones, seconded by Ms. Berry, and unanimously approved by the Board to remand the matter to the Hearing Officer.

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