

**LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD***Minutes of April 18, 2022*

The meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board convened on Monday, April 18, 2022, 10:00 a.m., at the LaSalle Building – LaBelle Room. Present at the meeting were Chairman Ronnie Johns, Harry Avant, Julie Berry, Claude Jackson, O. Lamar Poole, Jr., Julie Lewis, Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, and Ronald Sholes. Absent were Ashley Traylor and ex-officio members Col. Lamar Davis and Secretary Kevin Richard.

Chairman Johns called the meeting to order. It was moved by Ms. Berry to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the meeting of March 14, 2022. That motion was seconded by Mr. Sholes and unanimously approved by the Board.

Donna Jackson, Louisiana State Police Gaming Audit Section, provided revenue reports for the riverboats, slots at the racetracks, and landbased casino. She also reported on the video poker statistics, sports wagering, mobile wagering, and fantasy sports revenue.

After a brief presentation by Rhea Loney, VP of Compliance & Regulatory Affairs of Penn National Gaming and Janet Miller, Executive Director of the LA Association on Compulsive Gambling, the Board deferred consideration of the Problem Gaming Hotline until a later date.

The Board considered the Approval of the Original Truckstop Application of Patterson Ventures, LLC d/b/a Silvers Travel Plaza & Casino – Patterson – No. 5100518100. After presentation by Earl Pitre, Jr., Assistant Attorney General (“AAG”), Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division, and Investigator Glenn Verrett, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Mr. Avant to approve the original truckstop application of Patterson Ventures, LLC d/b/a Silvers Travel Plaza & Casino – Patterson. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the Approval of the following Sports Wagering License Applications:

- **Caesars Entertainment, Inc.:**

- *Jazz Casino Company, LLC d/b/a Harrah’s New Orleans – No. C013600001.*

- After presentation by Alonna Murray-Brown, AAG, Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division; Patricia Bell, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit Section; Investigator Rodney Perkins, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division; Jeff Barbin, Counsel – Phelps Dunbar, LLP; Samir Mowad, General Manager of Harrah’s N.O.; and Rob Brown, VP of Operations, it was moved by Mr. Sholes to approve the Sports Wagering License Application for Jazz Casino Company, LLC d/b/a Harrah’s New Orleans – No. C013600001. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker and unanimously approved by the Board.

- *Horseshoe Entertainment, L.P. d/b/a Horseshoe Bossier City Casino & Hotel – No. R010800198.*

- After presentation by Alonna Murray-Brown, AAG, Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division; Patricia Bell, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit Section; Investigator Rodney Perkins, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division; Jeff Barbin, Counsel – Phelps Dunbar, LLP; Robert Urland, General Manager of Horseshoe Bossier City Casino & Hotel; and Whitney Willingham, Regional VP of Finance – Caesar’s Entertainment, Inc., it was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve the Sports Wagering License Application for Horseshoe

Entertainment, L.P. d/b/a Horseshoe Bossier City Casino & Hotel – No. R010800198. That motion was seconded by Mr. Poole and unanimously approved by the Board.

- **Golden Nugget Lake Charles, LLC d/b/a Golden Nugget Lake Charles – No. R016502995.** After presentation by Jeremy Gathe, AAG, Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division; Tammy Haupt, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit Section; Investigator Shannon Simpson, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division; Jeff Barbin, Counsel – Phelps Dunbar, LLP; and Gregory Hennigan, General Manager of Golden Nugget Lake Charles, it was moved by Chairman Johns to approve the Sports Wagering License Application for Golden Nugget Lake Charles, LLC d/b/a Golden Nugget Lake Charles – No. R016502995. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.
  
- **Penn National Gaming, Inc.**
  - *PNK (Lake Charles), LLC d/b/a L’Auberge Lake Charles – No. R011001707*

After presentation by Lakiesha James, AAG, Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division; Tammy Haupt, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit Section; Master Trooper Michael Talley, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division; Amy Elder, Counsel – Baker Donelson, and Justin Carter, Executive Vice-President, Secretary, and General Counsel of Penn National Gaming, it was moved by Chairman Johns to approve the Sports Wagering License Application for PNK (Lake Charles), LLC d/b/a L’Auberge Lake Charles – No. R011001707. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.
  - *PNK (Baton Rouge), LLC d/b/a L’Auberge Baton Rouge – No. R011000801*

After presentation by Lakiesha James, AAG, Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division; Patricia Bell, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit Section; Investigative Specialist Catina Hamilton, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division; Amy Elder, Counsel – Baker Donelson, and Justin Carter, Executive Vice-President, Secretary, and General Counsel of Penn National Gaming, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve the Sports Wagering License Application for PNK (Baton Rouge), LLC d/b/a L’Auberge Baton Rouge – No. R011000801. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.
  - *Bossier Casino Venture, LLC d/b/a Margaritaville Bossier City – No. R011000841*

After presentation by Lakiesha James, AAG, Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division; Tammy Haupt, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit Section; Investigative Specialist Byron Sam, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division; Amy Elder, Counsel – Baker Donelson, and Justin Carter, Executive Vice-President, Secretary, and General Counsel of Penn National Gaming, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve the Sports Wagering License Application for Bossier Casino Venture, LLC d/b/a Margaritaville Bossier City – No. R011000841. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.
  - *Louisiana – I Gaming, Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Boomtown New Orleans – No. R012600196*

After presentation by Shanna Sizemore, AAG, Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division; Patricia Bell, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit Section; Investigative Specialist Tori Brown, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division; Amy Elder, Counsel – Baker Donelson, and Justin Carter, Executive Vice-President, Secretary, and

General Counsel of Penn National Gaming, it was moved by Mr. Sholes to approve the Sports Wagering License Application for Louisiana – I Gaming, Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Boomtown New Orleans – No. R012600196. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

- *PNK (Bossier City), LLC d/b/a Boomtown – Bossier City – No. R016500701*  
After presentation by Shanna Sizemore, AAG, Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division; Tammy Haupt, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit Section; Investigative Specialist Angela Hernandez, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division; Amy Elder, Counsel – Baker Donelson, and Justin Carter, Executive Vice-President, Secretary, and General Counsel of Penn National Gaming, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve the Sports Wagering License Application for PNK (Bossier City), LLC d/b/a Boomtown – Bossier City – No. R016500701. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

Next, the Board considered Approval of the following Sports Wagering Platform Provider Permit Applications:

- **Penn Sports Interactive, LLC d/b/a Penn Sports Interactive – No. B016503440**  
After presentation by Shanna Sizemore, AAG, Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division; Tammy Haupt, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit Section; Master Trooper Michael Talley, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division; Amy Elder, Counsel – Baker Donelson, and Rhea Loney, VP of Compliance & Regulatory Affairs of Penn National Gaming, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve the Sports Wagering Platform Provider Permit Application for Penn Sports Interactive, LLC d/b/a Penn Sports Interactive – No. B016503440. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker and unanimously approved by the Board.
- **DraftKings, Inc. d/b/a DraftKings – No. B016503468**  
After presentation by Jeremy Gathe, AAG, Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division; Tammy Haupt, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit Section; Master Trooper Michael Daniel, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division; and Jeff Barbin, Counsel for DraftKings, Inc., it was moved by Ms. Berry to approve the Sports Wagering Platform Provider Permit Application for DraftKings, Inc. d/b/a DraftKings – No. B016503468. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker and unanimously approved by the Board.
- **American Wagering, Inc. d/b/a Caesar’s Sportsbook – No. B016503431**  
After presentation by Alonna Murray-Brown, AAG, Louisiana Attorney General’s Gaming Division; Patricia Bell, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Audit Section; and Investigator Rodney Perkins, Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Mr. Sholes to approve the Sports Wagering Platform Provider Permit Application for American Wagering, Inc. d/b/a Caesar’s Sportsbook – No. B016503431. That motion was seconded by Mr. Poole and unanimously approved by the Board.

The next item on the Board’s agenda was Rulemaking. The following rules were considered:

- A. Consideration of institution of rulemaking procedures for amendment of LAC 42:III.103 (Hearings on Rule 102 Disputes)
- B. Consideration of institution of rulemaking procedures for amendment of LAC 42:III.108 (Board Hearings)

C. Consideration of institution of rulemaking procedures for promulgation of LAC 42:III.109  
(Duties of Licensees, Permittees, and Applicants; Service)

After presentation by Venise Johnson, AAG, Louisiana Attorney General's Gaming Division and Dawn Himel, Deputy Director, Louisiana Attorney General's Gaming Division, it was moved by Ms. Hamilton-Acker to adopt the rulemaking procedures. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

The final items on the agenda were two settlements. The Board considered the following:

1. In re: Three of a Kind Distributors, Inc. d/b/a Three of a Kind – No. 2600601946  
It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Lewis, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the settlement wherein the licensee would pay a civil penalty of \$1,500.00, for failure to timely submit the required annual fee and documents.
2. In re: Abbey Bar, Inc. d/b/a Abbey – No. 3601105806  
It was moved by Mr. Avant, seconded by Mr. Sholes, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the settlement wherein the licensee would pay a civil penalty of \$750.00, for failure to timely submit required annual fee and documents.

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