

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes March 18, 2024

The meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board convened on Thursday, March 18, 2024, 10:00 a.m., at the LaSalle Building, LaBelle Hearing Room. Present at the meeting were Chairman Ronnie Johns, Harry Avant, Julie Berry, Claude Jackson, Julie Lewis, Lamar Poole, Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, Ronald Sholes and Ashley Traylor. Major Chuck McNeal was present for Col. Robert Hodges and Jarrod Coniglio was present for Sec. Richard Nelson. Absent were ex-officio members Col. Hodges and Sec. Nelson.

Chairman Johns called the meeting to order. It was moved by Mr. Jackson to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2024. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

Donna Jackson, Louisiana State Police (“LSP”) 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.

The Board considered the Hearing Officer Contract. Mr. Sholes moved that Hearing Officer Suzan Ponder’s contract be approved. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton- Acker.

The Board considered the Court Reporter Contract. Ms. Berry moved that Amerson White’s contract be approved. That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant.

The Board next considered the Petition of Amended and Restated Casino Management Agreement between Boyd Gaming Corporation and Belle of Orleans, LLC d/b/a Amelia Belle Casino (R013600020) (W015103477) and the Old Evangeline Downs, LLC d/b/a Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino (W014903478) (T014903118). Present was Janet Boles on behalf of Boyd. After presentation by Lisha Landry, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Mr. Poole to approve the petition. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the Petition for Approval to Rebrand DiamondJacks Casino & Resort to Live! Casino & Hotel Louisiana (R010800195). Present was Jeff Barbin on behalf of Cordish. After presentation by Lisha Landry, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Ms. Berry to approve the petition. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the truck stop application for Hwy 90 Casino, LLC d/b/a Hwy 90 Casino No. 5100518320. After presentation by Matthew Meek, Assistant Attorney General and William Landry, LSP Criminal Investigator, it was moved by Mr. Sholes to approve the application. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the Transfer of Membership Interest in Ventre, Guillory & Willis, LLC d/b/a The Quarters Casino & Restaurant No. 4900513265. After presentation by Venise Johnson, Assistant Attorney General and William Landry, LSP Criminal Investigator, it was moved by Ms. Berry to approve the transfer. That motion was seconded by Mr. Poole and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the Petition for Approval of Earl Fiduciary AG as an Institutional Investor by Digital Gaming Corporation USA d/b/a Betway (B016503513) and Betway Limited (P016503538). Kelly Duncan was present on behalf of DGC. After presentation by Jeremy Gathe, Assistant Attorney General and Master Trooper Brian Jefferson, it was moved by Ms. Traylor to approve the petition. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the Sports Wagering Platform Provider Permit for Digital Gaming Corporation USA d/b/a Betway - No. B016503513. Kelly Duncan was present on behalf of DGC. After presentation by Evie Ficklin, LSP Audit, Master Trooper Brian Jefferson, and Jeremy Gathe, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Ms. Lewis to approve the permit. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the settlement of Golden Nugget Lake Charles, LLC d/b/a Golden Nugget Lake Charles No. R016502995. Gregory Hennagin, GM of Golden Nugget was present. After presentation by Delancey Houston, Assistant Attorney General, Chairman Johns moved to approve the settlement. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the settlement of Food Junction LLC, d/b/a Food Junction Gameroom No. 1800518078. After presentation by Venise Johnson, Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Hamilton-Acker moved to approve the settlement. That motion was seconded by Ms. Traylor and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the settlement of Buzzd, LLC d/b/a Who Daqs No. 3601118216. After presentation by Delancey Houston, Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Sholes moved to approve the settlement. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the settlement of Fitzgerald Contractors, LLC- No. P080900693. After presentation by Delancey Houston, Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Avant moved to approve the settlement. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the settlement of Hamm Mechanical, LLC – No. P080903355. After presentation by Delancey Houston, Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Jackson moved to approve the settlement. That motion was seconded by Ms. Traylor and unanimously approved by the Board.

Lastly the Board considered the appeal of April L. Phenix- No. P040059098. After presentation by Kanick Lewis, Assistant Attorney General and April Phenix (appellee), Ms. Lewis moved to uphold the hearing officer's decision. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

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