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6 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020

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9 LOUISIANA STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE COMMITTEE ROOM 1

10 900 NORTH THIRD STREET

11 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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15 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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1 APPEARANCES

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3 CHAIRMAN MIKE NOEL

Chairman

4 Second Congressional District

June 30, 2025

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6 JULIE BERRY

(CPA)

7 Third Congressional District

June 30, 2024

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9 ELTON LAGASSE

(At-Large)

10 First Congressional District

June 30, 2021

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12 HARRY AVANT

(At-Large)

13 Fourth Congressional District

June 30, 2024

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(At Large)

16 Fourth Congressional District

June 30, 2021

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19 Sixth Congressional District

June 30, 2025

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(Investigative and Law Enforcement)

22 Fifth Congressional District

June 30, 2024

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3 FRANCESCA HAMILTON-ACKER

(Attorney)

4 Third Congressional District

June 30, 2026

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6 PAUL T. WEST

(Public-Business Administration)

7 Second Congressional District

June 30, 2026

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9 CAPTAIN PAT BRADLEY

Louisiana State Police

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11 NATALIE THURMAN

Principal Assistant

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13 REPORTED BY:

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Baton Rouge Court Reporters

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1 I. CALL TO ORDER

2 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Good morning
3 everybody. Welcome to the November
4 Gaming Control Board meeting. We'll go
5 ahead and call the meeting to order,
6 and, Miss Thurman, would you call the
7 roll, please.

8 MS. THURMAN: Chairman Noel?

9 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Here.

10 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Avant?

11 MR. AVANT: Here.

12 MS. THURMAN: Miss Berry?

13 MS. BERRY: Here.

14 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Jackson?

15 MR. JACKSON: Here.

16 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Lagasse?

17 MR. LAGASSE: Yes, ma'am.

18 MS. THURMAN: Miss Lewis?

19 MS. LEWIS: Here.

20 MS. THURMAN: Mr. Poole? [No
21 response.]

22 Miss Hamilton-Acker?

23 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER: Present.

24 MS. THURMAN: Mr. West?

25 MR. WEST: Present.

1 MS. THURMAN: Colonel Davis?

2 CAPTAIN BRADLEY: Captain Pat

3 Bradley for Colonel Davis.

4 MS. THURMAN: Secretary Robinson.

5 [No response.]

6 We have a quorum.

7 II. PUBLIC COMMENT

8 CHAIRMAN NOEL: We have a quorum.

9 thank you.

10 At this time we'll go ahead and ask

11 if there's any Public Comment on any

12 matter before the Board today. [No

13 response.]

14 III. APPROVAL OF MINUETS

15 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Seeing none, we'll

16 move on to the next item, Approval of

17 the Minutes. I'd ask for a motion to

18 waive the reading and approve the

19 October 19, 2020 minutes. By Miss Berry

20 and seconded by Mr. Avant.

21 All in favor say "aye." [Collective

22 "aye."] Any opposed? No opposition,

23 the motion carries. Thank you.

24 IV. REVENUE REPORTS

25 CHAIRMAN NOEL: All right, next on

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1 the agenda is our monthly Revenue

2 Reports with Miss Jackson from State

3 Police.

4 MS. JACKSON: Good morning, Chairman

5 Noel, Board Members. My name is Donna

6 Jackson with the Louisiana State Police
7 Gaming Enforcement Division.

8 As you know, gaming licensees
9 continue to operate subject to COVID-19
10 restrictions. Also, some casinos closed
11 several days during October due to the
12 effects of Hurricanes Delta and Zeta.
13 Isle of Capri Lake Charles remains
14 closed due to damage it sustained in
15 Hurricane Laura.

16 During October, the operating
17 riverboats generated Adjusted Gross
18 Receipts of \$115,637,529. This total
19 represents an increase of \$21.3 million
20 or 22.6 percent from September 2020, but
21 a decrease of \$21.2 million or 15.5 from
22 last October.

23 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
24 year 2021 to date are \$460 million, a
25 decrease of over \$127 million or

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1 22 percent from fiscal year 2020.

2 During October, the State collected
3 fees totaling \$24,862,069. As of
4 October 31st, 2020, that State has
5 collected \$99 million in fees for fiscal
6 year 2021.

7 Next is a summary of the October
8 2020 gaming activity for Harrah's New

9 Orleans found on page three. Harrah's
10 generated \$13,913,855 in gross gaming
11 revenue during October. These revenues
12 represent a minimal increase of
13 \$1.2 percent from September but a
14 decrease of approximately \$9 million or
15 39.2 percent from last October.

16 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
17 year 2021 to date is \$52.4 million, a
18 decrease of or \$38.3 million or 42
19 percent from fiscal year 2020.

20 During October, the State received
21 \$5,095,890 in minimum daily payments.

22 As of October 31st, 2020, the State
23 collected approximately \$20 million in
24 fees for fiscal year 2021.

25 Next I'll present the revenues for

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1 Slots at the Racetracks. During
2 October, the four racetrack facilities
3 combined generated Adjusted Gross
4 Receipts of \$22,712,822, an increase of
5 \$4.8 million or 26.6 percent from last
6 month, but a decrease of \$2.7 million or
7 10.8 percent from last October.

8 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
9 year 2021 to date are \$91.9 million, a
10 decrease of \$18 million or 16 percent
11 from fiscal year 2020.

12 During October, the State collected
13 \$3.4 million in fees. As of
14 October 31st, 2020, the State has
15 collected \$13.9 in fees for fiscal year
16 2021.

17 Are there any questions before I
18 present the Video Gaming Statistics?

19 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Any questions? No
20 questions. Thank you.

21 MS. JACKSON: Thirteen video gaming
22 licenses were issued in October: Ten
23 bars and three restaurants. Seven new
24 video gaming applications were received
25 by the Gaming Enforcement Division

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1 during October and are currently pending
2 in the field: Six bars and one device
3 owner.

4 The Gaming Enforcement Division
5 assessed \$500 in fines but did not
6 receive any fines in October. There are
7 presently \$3,250 in outstanding civil
8 penalties. Please refer to page two of
9 your handout.

10 There are currently 12,546 video
11 gaming devices activated at 1,559
12 locations.

13 Net device revenue for October 2020
14 was \$54.6 million, a \$200,000 increase

15 or three-tenths of 1 percent when
16 compared to September 2020, and
17 \$4.2 [sic] million increase or
18 8.8 percent when compared to October
19 2019.

20 Net device revenue to date for
21 fiscal year 2021 is \$225.2 million, a
22 \$24.9 million, or 12.4 percent, increase
23 when compared to fiscal year 2020. Page
24 three of your handout shows a comparison
25 of the net device revenue.

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1 Total franchise collected during
2 October 2020 were \$16.6 million, no
3 change when compared to September 2020,
4 and a \$1.6 million increase when
5 compared to October 2019.

6 Total franchise fees collected for
7 fiscal year 2021 are \$68.6 million, an
8 \$8.6 million increase, or 14.4 percent,
9 when compared to fiscal year 2020. Page
10 four of your handout shows a comparison
11 of the franchise fees.

12 Are there any questions?

13 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Any questions? [No
14 response.]

15 Thank you, Miss Jackson.

16 MS. JACKSON: Thank you.

17 V. COMPLIANCE REPORTS

18 CHAIRMAN NOEL: We'll move to Item V
19 on the agenda, Compliance Reports. Ms.
20 Murray.

21 Just as a note to the Board Members,
22 we have had some discussions about maybe
23 trying to simplify the report, keep the
24 base data but something that may be
25 easier to follow during the board

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1 meeting and highlight those areas of
2 emphasis. Thank you.

3 Ms. Murray.

4 MS. MURRAY: Good morning, Chairman
5 Noel, Board Members. I'm Assistant
6 Attorney General Alonna Murray. Today
7 I'll present the staff reports on
8 riverboat and racetrack casino
9 licensees' compliance with the
10 employment and procurement conditions
11 for the third quarter of 2020.

12 I'll begin with riverboat. These
13 reports are taken from figures reported
14 by the 15 operating riverboats to the
15 Louisiana Gaming Control Board. In the
16 third quarter of 2020, approximately
17 8,871 people were employed by the
18 riverboat industry. Of that number
19 8,743 were Louisiana residents; 5,312
20 were minorities and 4,878 were women.

21 One licensee achieved total compliance
22 this quarter, Golden Nugget.

23 Next I'll address employment.

24 Twelve licensees did not meet their
25 total employment goals, and they are:

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1 DiamondJacks Casino & Resort, which
2 achieved 51 out of a goal of 650; Sam's
3 Town Hotel & Casino, which achieved 375
4 out of a goal of 700; L'Auberge Baton
5 Rouge, which achieved 625 out of a goal
6 of 800; Horseshoe Casino & Hotel, which
7 achieved 973 out of a goal of 1,000;
8 Boomtown New Orleans, which achieved 362
9 out of a goal of 555; Belle of Baton
10 Rouge Casino, which achieved 165 out of
11 a goal of 450; Treasure Chest Casino,
12 which achieved 314 out of a goal of 500;
13 Hollywood Casino, which achieved 308 out
14 of a goal of 450; Amelia Belle, which
15 achieved 165 out of a goal of 325; Isle
16 of Capri, Casino & Hotel, which achieved
17 600 out of a goal of 650; Boomtown
18 Bossier, which achieved 246 out of a
19 goal of 650; Eldorado Casino Resort,
20 which achieved 475 a out of a goal of
21 950. All licensees except for Treasure
22 Chest Casino either met or exceeded
23 their goals in all of the subcategories

24 out of the main category of employment.

25 45.2 percent of Treasure Chest Casino's

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1 employees were women. They have a goal
2 of 51.86 percent.

3 Next I'll address procurement. The
4 licensees are grouped according to three
5 subcategories which appear in your
6 report. Those subcategories are
7 Louisiana, minority and female
8 procurement. Under Louisiana
9 procurement, seven licensees did not
10 achieve total compliance with its
11 voluntary conditions. Those licensees
12 are Boomtown New Orleans, which achieved
13 72.6 percent out of a goal of
14 80 percent; Treasure Chest Casino, which
15 achieved 58.7 percent out of a goal of
16 75 percent; Hollywood Casino, which
17 achieved 70.8 percent out of a goal of
18 80 percent; Amelia Belle, which achieved
19 56.6 percent out of a goal of
20 80 percent; Isle of Capri Casino, which
21 achieved 51.7 percent out of a goal of
22 60 percent; Margaritaville Resort
23 Casino, which achieved 89.6 out of a
24 goal of 90 percent, and L'Auberge Lake
25 Charles, which achieved 73 percent out

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1 of a goal of 80 percent.

2 Under the subcategory of minority
3 procurement, six licensees did not
4 achieve compliance with their voluntary
5 conditions. Those licensees are:
6 DiamondJacks Casino, which achieved
7 .4 percent out of a goal of 10 percent;
8 Sam's Town Casino & Hotel, which
9 achieved 7.5 out of a goal of 25
10 percent; Horseshoe Casino & Hotel, which
11 achieved 13.9 percent out of a goal of
12 35 percent; Boomtown New Orleans, which
13 achieved 13.5 percent out of a goal of
14 15 percent; Belle of Baton Rouge, which
15 achieved 11 percent out of a goal of
16 13 [sic] percent, and Eldorado Casino,
17 which achieved 16.9 percent out of 25
18 percent.

19 Under the subcategory of female
20 procurement, three licensees did not
21 achieve compliance with their voluntary
22 conditions, and those licensees are:
23 DiamondJacks Casino, which achieved 9.6
24 percent out of a goal of 10 percent;
25 Horseshoe Casino & Hotel, which achieved

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1 18.7 percent out of a goal of
2 35 percent, and Boomtown New Orleans,
3 which achieved 12.2 percent out of a

4 goal of 15 percent.

5 Are there any questions regarding
6 the riverboats?

7 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Any questions? [No
8 response.] Please proceed.

9 MS. MURRAY: I will now move on to
10 the racetracks. In the third quarter of
11 2020, approximately 1,028 people were
12 employed by the racetrack casino
13 industry. Of that number, 840 were
14 Louisiana residents, 500 were minorities
15 and 605 were women.

16 Two racetrack casinos achieved total
17 compliance this quarter, and they are
18 Evangeline Downs and Fairgrounds. Delta
19 Downs did not achieve its Louisiana
20 employment condition. It achieved
21 56 percent out of their 80 percent
22 condition. And Louisiana Downs did not
23 achieve its female employment condition.
24 It achieved 58 percent out of their
25 60 percent condition. Louisiana Downs

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1 also did not achieve its minority
2 procurement condition. It achieved 4.5
3 percent out of the 6 percent condition.

4 Are there any questions regarding
5 the racetracks?

6 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Any questions? [No

7 response.]

8 MS. MURRAY: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN NOEL: I had asked Mr. Wade
10 Duty with the Casino Association to come
11 up briefly and just kind of give us a
12 picture particularly over the last nine
13 months being in COVID restrictions, a
14 picture of procurement challenges and
15 any other challenges.

16 MR. DUTY: Good morning, Board
17 Members, Wade Duty, Executive Director
18 of Louisiana Casino Association. To
19 start off -- and I'll make this as brief
20 as possible because I understand you
21 have a full agenda -- I think there's
22 really three things we need to consider.
23 The first being that these goals were
24 voluntary in nature, and they were set
25 primarily during the 1993 and 1996

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1 licensing phases. So in 1993, gas was
2 \$1.11, the cost of a new car was
3 \$12,000, and it would be another 14
4 years before the first i-Phone was
5 introduced. These goals have remained
6 largely static since then. So at some
7 point in the future, it would probably
8 be appropriate to revisit some of the
9 goal parameters and bring them more in

10 line with the economic realities of
11 Louisiana.

12 Step two, hurricanes. Many of our
13 suppliers were adversely affected by the
14 4,327 hurricanes that struck Louisiana
15 this year, and they did not come back.

16 I make light of the fact that we've had
17 a number of hurricanes, but not light of
18 the fact that it has materially affected
19 many of our suppliers, particularly
20 minority business enterprises.

21 The third thing is, of course,
22 COVID. What we have learned as we have
23 dug into this issue for this particular
24 phase of the discussion is that the
25 areas that we draw most heavily upon,

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1 particularly minority business
2 enterprises, are the exact areas that we
3 are also prohibited from operating in.

4 So, for example, restaurants, the
5 buffets, alcohol service, those are all
6 high volume, high dollar locations that
7 we have been able to fill those
8 necessities using a lot of vendors --
9 obviously, Louisiana vendors, and for
10 those we have been extremely restricted
11 because of COVID limitations. As you
12 recall, restaurants were closed, casinos

13 were closed, and then when we were
14 allowed to reopen, it was on extremely
15 limited basis, 25 percent of your
16 occupancy and then later ramping up to
17 50 percent. Alcohol service, as you're
18 aware, is now terminated in Louisiana at
19 11:00 p.m., and that has also materially
20 affected our consumption.

21 I reached out to a couple of the
22 companies and got kind of a snapshot of
23 where we are, and I'll provide those
24 numbers for you; and that should give
25 you kind of a sense of where we are.

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1 Our food consumption is down 44 percent;
2 beverage is down 45 percent;
3 entertainment and equipment expenses in
4 some locations is down 98 percent. Why?
5 Because you don't do concerts; you don't
6 have bands and you close the bars, so a
7 lot of these areas that we traditionally
8 have been able to meet our goals through
9 are not operating venues. Restaurant
10 supplies, disposable equipment, small
11 wear down 68 percent, percent. Printing
12 player's cards, logos and uniforms down
13 54 percent. Linen usage down 52
14 percent. This also is in conjunction
15 with our reduced occupancy in our hotels

16 because people are staying closer to
17 home. They're not traveling. Dry
18 cleaning and wardrobe down 60 percent.

19 So, again, that I think is pretty
20 representative because this
21 predominantly came from an operator
22 that's got properties throughout the
23 state, but the short takeaway is that we
24 are continuing to work through this. We
25 are having to shift distributors and

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1 suppliers, particularly those that were
2 based in Lake Charles. For example,
3 Oasis Goods, Oracle Foods and Freshko
4 are either not operating, or they have
5 canceled most of the programs for 2020
6 and not looking to place things for
7 2021. That's primarily a function of
8 hurricane damage. So we are hopeful and
9 we are expectant that some will return
10 to resume operations, but we are
11 awaiting that word, as I'm sure they are
12 as they work with their insurers and try
13 and get their staff.

14 You've already heard from the
15 properties about the difficulties in
16 staffing, particularly in southwest
17 Louisiana because so many private homes
18 were obliterated or heavily damaged.

19 Those people have been displaced. So
20 the job may be available, but you don't
21 have people to put in it. And I'm not
22 talking about for the casinos. I'm
23 talking about for our vendors. So
24 that's kind of where we are.

25 I would like to end on a happier

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1 note about where do we go from here.
2 And, again, we are pivoting. We remain
3 extremely mindful of the necessity of
4 trying to source from Louisiana. Our
5 current administrative rules define a
6 vendor for these purposes as one being
7 located in Louisiana, and as you're
8 aware, Louisiana is not an island. It's
9 many times easier to source out of
10 Houston or easier to source out of
11 Memphis or Dallas, but we still are
12 working to keep those dollars spent in
13 Louisiana. So that's kind of where we
14 are.

15 I'll be happy field any questions
16 that the Board Members may have.

17 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Any questions? [No
18 response.]

19 I appreciate Wade giving us that
20 snapshot of where -- the impact over the
21 past months with the hurricanes and

22 COVID and what we're hopefully doing
23 moving forward. I know the Association
24 and the licensees have always taken this
25 as a very serious matter. I know you

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1 usually a few times a year had job fairs
2 or at least events to try and bring
3 vendors and the licensees together. I
4 know that's difficult right now, I
5 believe. I appreciate it.

6 MR. DUTY: All right, thank you.

7 VI. VIDEO GAMING ISSUES

8 A. Consideration of Transfer of Interest in
9 Gaubert Food Marts, Inc., d/b/a Diamond
10 Jim's

11 Casino - No. 0400517313

12 B. Consideration of Transfer of Interest in
13 Gaubert Food Marts, Inc., d/b/a Go-Bears
14 #28 and Lafitte's Treasure Casino - No.
15 4907517327

16 C. Consideration of Transfer of Interest in
17 Gaubert Food Marts, Inc., d/b/a Pelican
18 Truck Plaza and Lafittes's Treasure Casino
19 - No. 2900516590

20 D. Consideration of Transfer of Interest in
21 Ortego Oil & Supply Company, LLC, d/b/a
22 Lafitte's Treasure Casino - No. 4907517864

23 CHAIRMAN NOEL: We'll move on to
24 Video Gaming Issues. We have

25 Consideration of Transfer of Interest in

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1 Gaubert Food Marts doing business as
2 Diamond Jim's Casino, No. 0400517313.
3 Earl.

4 MR. PITRE: If we can do Items A, B,
5 C and D together.

6 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Okay, so we'll
7 consider those four items at -- at once,
8 so we'll also consider Transfer of
9 Interest in Gaubert Foods Marts, Inc.,
10 doing business as Go-Bears #28, and
11 Lafitte's Treasure Casino, No.
12 4907517327; Consideration of Transfer of
13 Interest in Gaubert Food Marts doing
14 business as Pelican Truck Plaza and
15 Lafitte's Treasure Casino, No.
16 2900516590, and Ortego Oil & Supply
17 Company, LLC, doing business as
18 Lafitte's Treasure Casino, No.
19 4907517864.

20 MR. PITRE: Chairman Noel, Board
21 Members, I am Assistant Attorney General
22 Earl Pitre, Jr., appearing before the
23 Board in the matter of the transfer of
24 ownership interest in Gaubert Oil
25 Company, Incorporated.

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1 Gaubert Oil Company, Incorporated,

2 is the 100 percent owner and sole member
3 of the Type 5 video gaming licensees,
4 Gaubert Food Marts, Incorporated, and
5 Ortego Oil & Supply Company, LLC.

6 On May 22nd, 2020, Gaubert Oil
7 Company, Incorporated, redeemed Nolan J.
8 Gaubert, II's, 131.6667 shares and Jane
9 Gaubert Griffin's 131.6666 shares.

10 Together their shares of stock equated
11 to a 44.183439 ownership interest in
12 Gaubert Oil Company, Incorporated.

13 Criminal Investigator William Landry
14 conducted an investigation of the
15 transfers of ownership. He also
16 conducted updated suitability checks on
17 the relevant persons associated with the
18 licensees. He will present the Office
19 of State Police's findings to the Board.

20 TROOPER LANDRY: Good morning,
21 Chairman Noel and Board Members. I
22 investigated Wade Landry with the State
23 Police Gaming Enforcement Division.

24 I conducted a suitability update on
25 Grady K. Gaubert, Kathleen Gaubert,

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1 Susan Gaubert Schwaner, Thomas J.
2 Schwaner and Patricia W. Gaubert. All
3 of them had previously met suitability
4 under various license, and I found no

5 information that preclude the continuing
6 to participate in the gaming industry.

7 I also had conducted an
8 investigation of the transfer of
9 ownership interest and found no
10 information that would preclude the
11 continued licensing of Gaubert Food
12 Marts, Incorporated, and Ortego Oil &
13 Supply Company, LLC.

14 MR. PITRE: The Office of the
15 Attorney General has reviewed the file
16 compiled as a result of the
17 investigation conducted by the Office of
18 State Police. Our review indicates that
19 no information has been found which
20 would preclude the transfer.

21 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Thank you.

22 Do we have any questions from the
23 Board? No questions.

24 Then do we have a motion to approve
25 the transfer of interest and these four

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1 licenses A, B, C and D? Motion by Miss
2 Lewis, second by Mr. Jackson.

3 All in favor say "aye." [Collective
4 "aye."

5 Any opposed? No opposition, the
6 motion carries. Thank you.

7 E. Consideration of Transfer of Interest in Lucky

8 Travel Star Center d/b/a Lucky Star Casino -
9 No. 2901513975

10 CHAIRMAN NOEL: So the next item
11 we -- Item E, Consideration of Transfer
12 of Interest in Lucky Travel Star Center
13 doing business as Lucky Star Casino, No.
14 2901513975.

15 MR. PITRE: Chairman Noel, Board
16 Members. I am Assistant Attorney
17 General Earl Pitre, Jr., appearing
18 before the Board in the matter -- in the
19 transfer of ownership interest in
20 Gaubert Realty Company, Incorporated.

21 Gaubert Realty Company,
22 Incorporated, is the sole member of the
23 Type 5 video gaming licensee Lucky Star
24 Travel Center, LLC.

25 On May 22nd, 2020, Gaubert Realty

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1 Company redeemed Nolan J. Gaubert, II's,
2 Class A shares and his 171.25 Class B
3 shares. On the same day, Gaubert Realty
4 Company, Incorporated, also redeemed
5 Jane Gaubert Griffin's eight Class A
6 share and her 171.25 Class B shares.

7 Nolan J. Gaubert, II, and Jane
8 Gaubert Griffin each had individual
9 23.79 percent ownership interest in
10 Gaubert Realty Company, Incorporated.

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12 conducted an investigation of the
13 transfers of ownership interest. He
14 also conducted updated suitability
15 checks on the relevant persons
16 associated with the licensee. He will
17 present the Office of State Police's
18 findings to the Board.

19 TROOPER LANDRY: Chairman, Board
20 Members, again, William Landry with
21 State Police.

22 I conducted an updated suitability
23 check on Grady Gaubert, Kathleen M.
24 Gaubert, Susan Gaubert Schwaner, Thomas
25 J. Schwaner and Patricia W. Gaubert.

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1 All of them have previously met
2 suitability on various licenses, and I
3 found no information that would preclude
4 them from continuing to participate in
5 the gaming industry. I conducted an
6 investigation of the transfer of
7 ownership interest and found no
8 information that would preclude the
9 continued license of Lucky Star
10 Travel Center, LLC.

11 MR. PITRE: The Office of the
12 Attorney General has reviewed the file
13 compiled as a result of the

14 investigation conducted by the Office of
15 State Police. Our review indicates that
16 no information has been found which
17 would preclude approval of the transfer.

18 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Thank you.

19 Any questions from the Board? No
20 questions.

21 Do we have a motion to approve?

22 Motion by Miss Berry.

23 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Second by Ms.
25 Hamilton-Acker.

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1 All in favor say "aye." [Collective
2 "aye."]

3 Any opposed? No opposition. The
4 motion carries.

5 F. Consideration of Transfer of Interest in WY
6 Properties, LLC, d/b/a Logansport Truck Stop &
7 Casino - No. 1601517239

8 CHAIRMAN NOEL: So we move to the
9 last Video Gaming item, WY Properties,
10 LLC, doing business as Logansport Truck
11 Stop & Casino, No. 1601517239.

12 MR. PICO: Good morning, Chairman
13 Noel, Members of the Board. I'm
14 Assistant Attorney General Charlie Picou
15 present in the matter of the transfer of
16 WY Properties, LLC, doing business as

17 Logansport Truck Stop & Casino, which
18 holds a Type 5 video draw poker gaming
19 license and is located in DeSoto Parish.

20 On July 22nd, 2020, Gerald Roth
21 transferred his 15 percent membership
22 interest in the licensee to L.S.M.
23 Gaming, Inc. As a result of that
24 transfer, L.S.M. Gaming, Inc., now holds
25 75 percent of the membership interest in

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1 the licensee, and Piper S. Griffis
2 currently holds 25 percent of the
3 remaining interest.

4 James E. Worthey, Jr., holds
5 100 percent of the shares in L.S.M.
6 Gaming, Inc. He is married to Kelli F.
7 Worthey.

8 Criminal Investigator Glenn Verrett
9 conducted an investigation into the
10 transfer as well as a criminal
11 updated -- updated criminal check on all
12 the associated persons and is present
13 here this morning to present his
14 findings to the Board.

15 TROOPER VERRETT: Good morning Mr.
16 Chairman and Board Members, Investigator
17 Glenn Verrett with the Gaming
18 Enforcement Division.

19 I conducted an investigation on the

20 transfer of membership interest and
21 found no information that would preclude
22 the continuing licensing of WY
23 Properties, LLC, doing business as
24 Logansport Truck Stop & Casino.
25 James E. Worthey, Jr., Kelli F.

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1 Worthey and Piper S. Griffis have
2 previously submitted to suitability
3 investigations under this license.
4 After completing an updated criminal
5 check, I found no information that would
6 preclude them from continuing to
7 participate in the Louisiana gaming
8 industry.

9 MR. PICOU: The Office of the
10 Attorney General has reviewed the file
11 prepared by the Office of State Police
12 and has determined that no information
13 contained therein would preclude
14 approval.

15 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Thank you.

16 And do we have any questions from
17 the Board? No questions.

18 Do we have a motion to approve?

19 MR. LAGASSE: So moved.

20 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Mr. Lagasse.

21 MR. AVANT: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Second by Mr. Avant.

23 All in favor say "aye." [Collective
24 "aye."
25 Any opposed? No opposition, the

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1 motion carries. Thank you.

2 MR. PICOU: Thank you.

3 VII. CASINO GAMING ISSUES

4 A. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance
5 for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of
6 the gaming vessel of Louisiana-1 Gaming,
7 L.P., d/b/a Boomtown New Orleans - No.
8 R012600196

9 CHAIRMAN NOEL: All right, we'll
10 move to Casino Gaming Issues. The first
11 item is Consideration of the Certificate
12 of Compliance for the Alternate
13 Riverboat Inspection of the gaming
14 vessel Louisiana-1 Gaming, LP, doing
15 business as Boomtown New Orleans,
16 license No. R01260016.

17 MS. LANDRY: Good morning, Chairman
18 Noel and Board Members. I'm Assistant
19 Attorney General Lisha Landry, and with
20 me is Mr. John Francic with ABSG
21 Consulting. And we're here in the
22 matter of the issuance of the annual
23 Certificate of Compliance to Louisiana-1
24 Gaming or Louisiana Partnership in
25 Commendam doing business as Boomtown New

1 Orleans.

2 On September 10th, 2020, ABSG began
3 the inspection process for the approval
4 of Boomtown New Orleans' annual
5 Certificate of Compliance. On
6 October 19th, 2020, the Board issued a
7 Temporary Certificate of Compliance to
8 Boomtown New Orleans to allow additional
9 time to resolve two outstanding
10 discrepancies.

11 ABSG has now issued a supplemental
12 report addressing these outstanding
13 discrepancies, and Mr. Francic will now
14 provide the details.

15 MR. FRANCIC: Good morning, Mr.
16 Chairman, Board Members, John Francic
17 with ABS Consulting to report the
18 deficiency follow-up for Boomtown New
19 Orleans Casino.

20 The sewage tank and associated
21 piping has been permanently repaired and
22 is considered satisfactory, and the
23 insulation that was missing on the
24 bulkhead back then has been replaced.

25 The 2020 annual survey as required

1 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board is
2 now complete and is considered fit to

3 continue its intended services as a
4 dockside gaming riverboat in the State
5 of Louisiana. It is the recommendation
6 of ABS Consulting that Boomtown Casino
7 New Orleans be issued the Certificate of
8 Compliance.

9 MS. LANDRY: We now present these
10 findings to the Board and request that
11 upon the Board's accepting the report
12 submitted by ABSG, you'll move for the
13 issuance of the annual Certificate of
14 Compliance to Boomtown New Orleans which
15 will expire on October 31st, 2021.

16 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Thank you.

17 Any questions from the Board? No
18 questions.

19 Do we have a motion to approve?

20 MR. LAGASSE: Motion.

21 CHAIRMAN NOEL: By Mr. Lagasse,
22 second by Miss Berry.

23 Any opposed? No opposition, motion
24 carries. Thank you.

25 B. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for

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1 the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the
2 gaming vessel of PNK Bossier City, No.
3 R016500701

4 CHAIRMAN NOEL: So the next item
5 will be Certificate of Compliance for

6 the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of
7 the gaming vessel PNK Bossier City,
8 Incorporated, doing business as a
9 Boomtown Casino, No. RO16500701.

10 MS. LANDRY: Assistant Attorney
11 General Lisha Landry and John Francic
12 now here in the matter of the issuance
13 of the annual Certificate of Compliance
14 to PNK Bossier City doing business as
15 Boomtown Bossier City.

16 On October 19th, 2020, ABSG began
17 the inspection process for the approval
18 of Boomtown Casino's annual Certificate
19 of Compliance. And Mr. Francic will now
20 provide those details.

21 MR. FRANCIC: John Francic with ABS
22 Consulting here to report the annual
23 certification for Boomtown Casino
24 Bossier City.

25 The inspectors, Doug Chapman and
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1 Pete Bullard, did, on October 19th,
2 attend the riverboat Mary's Pride to
3 conduct the annual inspection in
4 accordance with the alternative
5 inspection process.

6 The inspectors reviewed fire
7 protection measures, life-saving, egress
8 routes, mooring system and conducted a

9 fire drill. There were a few
10 deficiencies noted during the inspection
11 that were corrected by the crew and
12 followed up by the inspectors on
13 October 21st.

14 The 2020 annual survey as required
15 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board is
16 now complete and is considered fit to
17 continue its intended service as a
18 dockside gaming riverboat in the State
19 of Louisiana. It is the recommendation
20 of ABSG that Boomtown Casino Bossier
21 City be issued a Certificate of
22 Compliance.

23 MS. LANDRY: We now present these
24 findings to the Board, and upon the
25 Board's accepting the report submitted

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1 by ABSG, we move for the issuance of
2 Boomtown Bossier City's annual
3 Certificate of Compliance which will
4 expire on December 31st, 2021 --

5 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Thank you.

6 Any questions from the Board?

7 We have a motion to approve?

8 Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Avant.

9 All in favor? [Collective "aye."]

10 Any opposed? No opposition, and the
11 motion carries.

12 C. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for
13 the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the
14 gaming vessel of Eldorado Casino Joint Venture
15 d/b/a Eldorado Resort Casino Shreveport - No.
16 R013600005

17 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Our next item will
18 be Consideration of Certificate of
19 Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat
20 Inspection of the gaming vessel of
21 Eldorado Casino Joint Venture d/b/a
22 Eldorado Resort Casino Shreveport, No.
23 R013600005.

24 MS. LANDRY: Assistant Attorney
25 General Lisha Landry and John Francic

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1 now here in the matter of the issuance
2 of the annual Certificate of Compliance
3 of Eldorado Shreveport Joint Venture
4 doing business as Eldorado Resort Casino
5 Shreveport.

6 On October 22nd, 2020, ABSG began
7 the inspection process for the approval
8 of Eldorado Resort Casino's annual
9 Certificate of Compliance. And
10 Mr. Francic will now provide the details
11 on that inspection.

12 MR. FRANCIC: Chairman, Board
13 Members, I'm John Francic with ABS
14 Consulting here to report the annual

15 certification for Eldorado Resorts [sic]
16 Casino.

17 The inspectors, Doug Chapman and
18 Pete Bullard, did, on October 22nd,
19 attend the riverboat Hollywood Dreams to
20 conduct the annual inspection in
21 accordance with the alternative
22 inspection program. The inspectors
23 reviewed fire protection equipment,
24 life-saving equipment, egress routes,
25 mooring systems and conducted a fire

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1 drill. There were a few deficiencies
2 noted during the inspection that were
3 corrected by the crew prior to the
4 departure of the inspection team.

5 The 2020 annual survey as required
6 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board is
7 now complete and is considered fit to
8 continue its intended service as a
9 dockside gaming riverboat in the State
10 of Louisiana. It is the recommendation
11 of ABSG that Eldorado Resorts Casino be
12 issued a Certificate of Compliance.

13 MS. LANDRY: We now present these
14 findings to the Board and request that
15 upon the Board accepting the report
16 submitted by the ABSG, you'll move for
17 the issuance of Eldorado Resort Casino's

18 annual Certificate of Compliance which
19 expires on December 31st, 2021.

20 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Thank you.

21 Any questions? [No response.]

22 Do we have a motion? Miss Berry,
23 second by Mr. Jackson.

24 All in favor say "aye." [Collective
25 "aye."

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1 Any opposed? No opposition, and the
2 motion carries.

3 D. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for
4 the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the
5 gaming vessel of Horseshoe Entertainment, L.P.
6 d/b/a Horseshoe Bossier City Casino & Hotel -
7 No. R010800198

8 CHAIRMAN NOEL: So we'll move to the
9 next item, Consideration of the
10 Certificate for Compliance for the
11 Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the
12 gaming vessel of Horseshoe
13 Entertainment, L.P. doing business as
14 Horseshoe Bossier City Casino & Hotel,
15 No. R010800198.

16 MS. LANDRY: Assistant Attorney
17 General Lisha Landry and John Francic of
18 ABSG now here in the matter of the
19 issuance of the annual Certificate of
20 Compliance for Horseshoe Entertainment,

21 L.P. doing business as Horseshoe Bossier
22 City Casino and Hotel.

23 On October 20th, 2020, ABSG began
24 the inspection process for the approval
25 of the annual Certificate of Compliance,

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1 and Mr. Francic will now provide the
2 details.

3 MR. FRANCIC: Chairman and Board
4 Members, I'm John Francic with ABSG
5 Consulting here to report the annual
6 certification for Horseshoe Casino.

7 The inspectors, Doug Chapman and
8 Pete Bullard, did, on October 20th,
9 attend the riverboat, King of the Red,
10 to conduct the annual inspection in
11 accordance with the alternative
12 inspection program. The inspectors
13 reviewed fire protection measures,
14 egress routes, mooring systems, unit
15 spaces and conducted a fire drill.

16 There were no deficiencies noted.

17 The 2020 annual survey as required
18 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board is
19 now complete and is considered fit to
20 continue to conduct service as a
21 dockside gaming vessel in the State of
22 Louisiana. It is the recommendation of
23 ABSG Consulting that Horseshoe Casino be

24 issued a Certificate of Compliance.

25 MS. LANDRY: We now present these

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1 findings to the Board, and request that

2 upon the Board accepting the report

3 issued by ABSG, you'll move for the

4 issuance of Horseshoe Casino's annual

5 Certificate of Compliance which will

6 expire on December 31st, 2021.

7 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Thank you.

8 Any questions from the Board? No

9 questions.

10 Do we have a motion to approve?

11 MR. JACKSON: Move, Mr. Chairman.

12 CHAIRMAN NOEL: We have a motion to

13 approve by Mr. Jackson, second by Miss

14 Lewis.

15 All in favor say "aye." [Collective

16 "aye."]

17 No opposition, the motion carries.

18 Thank you.

19 MS. LANDRY: Thank you.

20 E. Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for

21 the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the

22 gaming vessel of Red River Entertainment of

23 Shreveport, LLC, d/b/a Sam's Town Hotel &

24 Casino - No. R016500097

25 CHAIRMAN NOEL: We have the last

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1 Casino Gaming, Consideration of
2 Certificate of Compliance for the
3 Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the
4 gaming vessel of Red River Entertainment
5 of Shreveport doing business as Sam's
6 Town Hotel & Casino, No. R016500097.

7 MR. PICOU: Morning, Chairman,
8 Members of the Board. I'm Assistant
9 Attorney General Charlie Picou appearing
10 in the matter of the issuance of the
11 Certificate of Compliance to Sam's Town
12 Casino. Also appearing in this matter
13 is John Francic of ABSG Consulting.

14 On October 21st, 2020, ABSG began
15 the inspection process for the approval
16 of Sam's Town Casino's annual
17 Certificate of Compliance. Mr. Francic
18 will now provide the details of ABSG's
19 inspection.

20 MR. FRANCIC: Chairman, Board
21 Members, I'm John Francic with ABSG
22 Consulting here to report the annual
23 certification for Sam's Town Casino.

24 The inspectors, Doug Chapman and
25 Pete Bullard, did, on October 21st

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1 attend the riverboat Shreve Star in
2 accordance with the alternative
3 inspection program. The inspectors

4 reviewed fire protection measures,
5 life-saving, egress routes, mooring
6 systems, machinery spaces and conducted
7 a fire drill. There were a few
8 deficiencies noted during the inspection
9 that were corrected by the crew prior to
10 the departure of the inspection team.

11 The 2020 annual survey as required
12 by Louisiana Gaming Control Board is now
13 complete and considered fit to continue
14 its services as a dockside riverboat in
15 the State of the Louisiana. It is the
16 recommendation of ABSG Consulting that
17 Sam's Town Casino be issued a
18 Certificate of Compliance.

19 MR. PICO: We now present these
20 findings to the Board and request that
21 upon the Board's acceptance of the
22 report submitted by ABSG that you will
23 move for the issuance of Sam's Town
24 Casino's Certificate of Compliance.

25 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Thank you.

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1 Do we have any questions? No
2 questions.

3 Do we have a motion to approve?

4 MR. JACKSON: Motion to approve.

5 CHAIRMAN NOEL: By Mr. Jackson,
6 seconded by Miss Berry.

7 All in favor say "aye." [Collective
8 "aye."]

9 Any opposed? No opposition, the
10 motion carries.

11 Thank you.

12 VIII. RULEMAKING

13 A. Consideration of final adoption for
14 amendments to LAC 42:III.2117
15 (Certification Required, Riverboat Only)

16 CHAIRMAN NOEL: We now can move on
17 to rulemaking, Consideration of final
18 adoption for amendments to LAC
19 42:III.2117.

20 MS. HIMEL: Good morning, Chairman
21 Noel, Board Members. I'm Assistant
22 Attorney General Dawn Himel in the
23 matter of the rule adoption for this
24 rule.

25 The August meeting on August 20th,

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1 2020, the Board voted to institute
2 promulgation procedures 2117, Part III
3 of Title 42. Following that meeting,
4 our office had the proposed rule
5 published in the Louisiana Register
6 directing all individuals with questions
7 or concerns to contact our office. No
8 comments were received during that
9 prescribed time.

10 As part of the promulgation process,
11 we also submitted reports to the
12 oversight committees. The first reports
13 detailed the substance of the proposed
14 rules, and the second reports informed
15 the committees that no public comments
16 were received. The oversight committees
17 had thirty days to hold hearings
18 regarding the rules. As no hearings
19 were held, the default procedure is
20 approval by oversight.

21 If the Board has no questions, a
22 motion to adopt the rule is needed.

23 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Thank you.

24 Do we have any questions regarding
25 this rule? [No response.]

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1 I think it's pretty straightforward.
2 Do we have a motion to approve the
3 adoption?

4 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER: So moved.

5 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Miss Hamilton-Acker,
6 second by Mr. Avant.

7 All in favor say "aye." [Collective
8 "aye.]

9 Any opposition? No opposition, the
10 motion carries and thank you.

11 MS. HIMEL: Thank you.

12 IX. ADJOURNMENT

13 CHAIRMAN NOEL: All right, before we
14 adjourn or motion to adjourn, I
15 certainly want to wish everyone a very
16 happy Thanksgiving holiday and a safe
17 Thanksgiving holiday.

18 And having said that, we'll
19 entertain a motion to adjourn.
20 Miss Berry. Second?

21 MR. JACKSON: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN NOEL: Second by Mr.
23 Jackson.

24 All in favor say "aye." [Collective
25 "aye."

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1 Any opposed? No opposition. We
2 stand adjourned. Thank you.

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