

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**Minutes of August 20, 2020**

The monthly meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board was convened on Thursday, August 20, 2020, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom video teleconference. Present at the meeting were: Mike Noel, Chairman, Harry Avant, Julie Berry, Claude Jackson, Elton Lagasse, Julie Lewis, Lamar Poole, and Franchesca Hamilton-Acker. After roll call, it was noted that Paul T. West was also in attendance. Absent were ex-officio members Col. Kevin Reeves and Secretary Kimberly Robinson.

The meeting was called to order. Chairman Noel recognized the Certification of Inability to Operate Due to Lack of a Quorum in accordance with Executive Proclamation JBE 2020-59, issued by Governor Edwards on May 14, 2020.

Chairman Noel called for the election of a Vice-Chairperson of the Board. Mr. Lagasse nominated Ms. Berry for the position of Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Avant. After unanimous approval, Ms. Berry accepted the nomination and is the new Vice-Chairperson of the Gaming Control Board.

It was moved by Mr. Poole to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the July 16th meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lagasse and unanimously approved by the Board.

Donna Jackson, 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.

The Board considered the Institution of Rulemaking Procedures for Amendment of LAC 42:III.2117 (Certification Required, Riverboat Only). After presentation by Dawn Himel, Deputy Director, Office of Attorney General – Gaming Division, Chairman Noel explained the necessity for this rule. As riverboat properties begin landside construction, third-party inspectors will be utilized for certification purposes. State and local fire marshals will work together to ensure the safety of the new landside gaming facilities. It was moved by Ms. Berry to institute the rule making procedures to approve the amendment of LAC 42:III.2117 (Certification Required, Riverboat Only). That motion was seconded by Mr. Avant and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Approval of Third-Party Inspector. After presentation by Dawn Himel, Deputy Director Office of Attorney General – Gaming Division, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to adopt the resolution approving the Third-Party Inspector. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lagasse and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Belle of Orleans, LLC d/b/a Amelia Belle – No. R013600020. Following presentation by Jeremy Gathe, AAG, and John Francic of ABS Group, it was moved by Ms. Lewis to issue the Certificate of Compliance which expires on July 31, 2021. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of PNK (Baton Rouge) Partnership d/b/a L'Auberge Casino & Hotel Baton Rouge – No. R011000801. Following presentation by Lisha Landry, AAG, and John Francic of ABS Group, it was moved by Mr. Avant to issue the Certificate of Compliance which expires on August 31, 2021. That motion was seconded by Ms. Berry and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Louisiana Casino Cruises, Inc. d/b/a Hollywood Casino Baton Rouge – No. R011700193. Following presentation by Lisha Landry, AAG, and John Francic of ABS Group, it was moved by Mr. Poole to issue the Certificate of Compliance which expires on August 31, 2021. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lagasse and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Petition for Approval to Relocate Gaming Operations and for Modification of License Conditions for Louisiana Casino Cruises, Inc. d/b/a Hollywood Casino Baton Rouge – No. R011700193. After presentations by Dawn Himel, Deputy Director Office of Attorney General – Gaming Division, Paul West, General Counsel, Peter Carlino, Chairman and President of Gaming and Leisure Properties, Jeannie Magdefrau, General Manager of Hollywood Casino Baton Rouge, David Simmons of Viking Cruises, Lt. Adam Albright, Office of State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division and Trnessia Ware, Office of State Police, Gaming Audit Section, it was moved by Mr. Poole to adopt the resolution to approve the Relocation of Gaming Operations and for Modification of License Conditions for Louisiana Casino Cruises, Inc. d/b/a Hollywood Casino Baton Rouge – No. R011700193. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lagasse and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the Transfer of Membership Interest for Galliano Properties, LLC d/b/a Bayou Gold Casino – No. 2900517212. After presentation by Alonna Murray, AAG and Louisiana State Police Investigator Rodney Perkins, it was moved by Mr. Avant to approve the transfer of interest. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board then considered the Transfer of Membership Interest for Cash Magic Prospect Station, LLC d/b/a Cash Magic Prospect Station – No. 5500517083. After presentation by Charlie Picou, AAG and Louisiana State Police Investigator Rodney Perkins, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve the transfer of interest. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

The meeting was adjourned.