

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes August 15, 2024

The meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board (the “Board”) convened on Thursday, August 15, 2024, 10:00 a.m., at the Louisiana State Capitol – House Committee Room 1. Present at the meeting were Chairman Christopher Hebert, Vice-Chair Julie Berry, Kathryn Becnel, Claude Jackson, Julie Lewis, Lamar Poole, Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, Ronald Sholes, and Ashley Traylor. Maj. Adam Albright 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 Hebert called the meeting to order. It was moved by Ms. Hamilton-Acker to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the July 18, 2024 meeting. That motion was seconded by Vice-Chair 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 land-based casino. She also reported on video poker, retail and mobile sports wagering, and daily fantasy sports contest revenue.

Chairman Hebert gave remarks regarding the issuance of a letter to Harp Media B.V. d/b/a Bovada ordering the company to immediately cease and desist from operating its unlicensed online casino in Louisiana.

Kanick Lewis, Assistant Attorney General, presented procurement and employment compliance reports for riverboats and slots at the racetracks for the 2nd Quarter of 2024.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Riverboat Gaming Landside Facility of Louisiana Casino Cruises, LLC d/b/a The Queen Baton Rouge – No. R011700193. Present was Barry Serou, facilities manager for The Queen casino. After presentation by Kanick Lewis, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Mr. Poole to approve a temporary certificate of compliance. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Petition for Modification of Statement of Conditions for Bossier Casino Venture, LLC d/b/a Margaritaville Bossier City – No. R011000841 and W010803437. After presentation by Talibah McIntyre, Assistant

Attorney General, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve the resolution. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board next considered the renewal application for the riverboat gaming license of Bossier Casino Venture, LLC d/b/a Margaritaville Bossier City – No. R011000841. Present was Dan Ihm, Vice-President and General Manager for Margaritaville casino and Boomtown casino. After presentation by Andrea Nathan, Assistant Attorney General, Lisa Hotard, LSP Gaming Audit Section, and Investigative Specialist Rodney Perkins, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Vice-Chair Berry to approve the five-year renewal of the riverboat gaming license. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the renewal application for the riverboat gaming license of Premier Entertainment Shreveport, LLC d/b/a Bally's Shreveport Casino & Hotel – No. R013600005. Present was Chip Bunyard, General Manager for Bally's casino. After presentation by Lisha Landry, Assistant Attorney General, Lisa Hotard, LSP Gaming Audit Section, and Master Trooper Kevin Bidy, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to approve the five-year renewal of the riverboat gaming license. That motion was seconded by Ms. Traylor and approved by the Board with a reluctant yes vote from Mr. Sholes.

The Board considered the Petition for Modification of Conditions for Catfish Queen, LLC d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge – No. R011700009. Present was Attorney Jeff Barbin, for the Belle casino. After presentation by Lisha Landry, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Mr. Poole to approve the resolution. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker and unanimously approved by the Board.

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