

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of February 19, 2008

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board conducted a meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 10:00 a.m., in the Livingston Building, Baton Rouge. Present at this meeting were: H. Charles Gaudin, Chairman, Marcia Morgan, William Lastrapes, Major Claude Mercer, Velma Rogers, Rose Bromell, Ray Todd, and ex-officio member Col. Mike Edmonson. Absent was ex-officio member Sec. Cynthia Bridges.

The meeting was called to order. It was moved by Ms. Morgan to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the January meeting. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and unanimously approved by the Board.

Chairman Gaudin welcomed Col. Mike Edmonson, who was recently appointed Superintendent of Louisiana State Police as an ex-officio member of the Board. Col. Edmonson stated he looked forward to working with the Gaming Control Board.

Ms. Donna Jackson, State Police Gaming Audit Division, presented the revenue reports for the riverboats, landbased casino and slots at the track. Ms. Donna Stevens, also with the Gaming Audit Division, presented the statistics for video poker.

The Board acted on approval of contracts for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 with the Hearing Officers. It was moved by Major Mercer to approve the contracts with Judge William Brown and Richard Reynolds beginning July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. That motion was seconded by Mr. Todd and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on the following truckstop application:

Jalou Fox, L.L.C. d/b/a St. Helena Grocery and Casino – No. 4600514760 - It was moved by Mr. Lastrapes to approve the application. That motion was seconded by Major Mercer and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. John Campbell, Special Assistant Attorney General, addressed the Board with reference to the Unconditional Minimum Payment Extension Guaranty Agreement for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2011 by Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. and Harrah's Operating Company, Inc.

Following discussion, it was moved by Ms. Bromell to approve the Extension Guaranty. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on the 2008-2009 Casino Support Services Contract with the city of New Orleans. Ms. Olga Bogran, Assistant Attorney General in the Gaming Division, addressed the Board with reference to this item.

Following discussion, it was moved by Ms. Morgan to approve the Casino Support Services Contract pending approval and funding by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. That motion was seconded by Mr. Todd and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on Proposed Settlements from Hearing Officers' decisions in the following:

1. **In Re: Brock T. Smith – No. P040048992** – Motion by Mr. Todd to approve the \$500.00 penalty for criminal activity. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and approved by a vote of four to three. Voting for the motion were: Mr. Lastrapes, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Todd and Chairman Gaudin. Voting against the motion were: Ms. Morgan, Major Mercer and Ms. Bromell.
2. **In Re: PNK (Lake Charles) L.L.C. d/b/a L'auberge du Lac – No. CGD060092** – Motion by Mr. Lastrapes to approve the \$90,000.00 penalty for allowing an unpermitted key gaming employee to perform regulated activities. That motion was seconded by Major Mercer and unanimously approved by the Board.
3. **In Re: Clarence Matthews d/b/a Metro Café – No. 5100133155** – Motion by Mr. Todd to approve the \$250.00 penalty for failure to remain eligible for tax clearances. That motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan and unanimously approved by the Board.
4. **In Re: Benecom Computer Company, Inc. d/b/a Benecom Technologies – No. P083602583; David R. Benedic – No. 07008; Deborah H. Benedic – No. 07009** – Motion by Mr. Lastrapes to approve the \$35,000 penalty and dismiss the recommendation of finding of unsuitability for David R. Benedic and Deborah H. Benedic with prejudice. That motion was seconded by Major Mercer and approved by a vote of four to two. Voting for the motion were: Ms. Morgan, Mr. Lastrapes, Major Mercer, and Ms. Bromell. Voting against the motion were: Ms. Rogers and Mr. Todd. The Chairman abstained from voting.
5. **In Re: K & J, Inc. d/b/a J & K Bar – No. 3601100228** – Continued to March
6. **In Re: Consolidated Companies, Incorporated – No. P082600041** – Motion by Ms. Bromell to approve the \$150,000.00 penalty for failure to timely provide required information and failure to timely submit their annual fee and annual affidavit. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and approved by a vote of four to one. Voting for the motion were: Mr. Lastrapes, Major Mercer, Ms. Rogers, and Ms. Bromell. Mr. Todd voted against the motion. Chairman Gaudin and Ms. Morgan abstained from voting.
7. **In Re: Sunnyside Café, Inc. d/b/a Sunnyside Seafood & Steak House – No. 2601206847** – Motion by Major Mercer to approve the \$250.00 penalty for failure to timely provide required information. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no further comments, it was moved by Mr. Lastrapes to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Major Mercer and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned.