

## **LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**

### **Minutes of November 21, 2013**

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board conducted a meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2013, 10:00 a.m., in House Committee Room 1 of the Louisiana State Capitol. Present at the meeting were: Ronnie Jones, Chairman, Ayres Bradford, Robert Jones, Mark Stipe, James Singleton, Denise Noonan, Claude Mercer, Claude Jackson and Robert Gaston. Absent were ex-officio members, Colonel Mike Edmonson and Secretary Tim Barfield.

The meeting was called to order. There were public comments from Ms. Aimee Barresi, Director of Media Outreach, and Ms. Stephanie Steinburg, concerning their campaign for "Smoke Free Gaming of America & Cleaner Air for Kids-Washington D.C."

It was moved by Mr. Jones to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the October meeting. That motion was seconded by Mr. Gaston and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Donna Jackson, State Police Gaming Audit Division, presented revenue reports for the riverboats, landbased casino, slots at the track, and employment numbers for the landbased casino. Mr. Jim Bossier, also with the Gaming Audit Division, reported on the video poker statistics.

Ms. Mesa Brown, Assistant Attorney General in the Gaming Division, presented the Third Quarter Compliance Reports for the casinos.

The Board acted on a Joint Petition by Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. and Golden Nugget Lake Charles Holdings, LLC, for approval of acquisition of Ameristar Lake Charles Casino, LLC by GNLC Holdings, LLC. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Jones to adopt the resolution approving the transfer of 100% of membership interests in Ameristar Casino Lake Charles, LLC to GNLC Holdings; change of name from Ameristar Casino Lake Charles, L.L.C. to Golden Nugget Lake Charles, LLC.; and, approval of financing for the transaction. That motion was seconded by Mr. Gaston and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on a Petition to Amend License Conditions by Catfish Queen Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge, No. R011700009. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Gaston to adopt the resolution approving the amendment to Condition 9 which requires the employment of at least 450 persons in support and riverboat operations. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Louisiana 1 Gaming L.P. d/b/a Boomtown Belle Casino Harvey, No. R012600196. Following discussion, it was moved by Ms. Noonan to accept the report by ABSC and approve the issuance of the Certificate of Compliance. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel and staffing proposal for PNK Bossier City Inc. d/b/a/ Boomtown Casino Bossier City, No. R016500701. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Jackson to accept the report by ABSC and approve the issuance of the Certificate of Compliance which also incorporated the staffing proposal. That motion was seconded by Mr. Gaston and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Red River Entertainment of Shreveport Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Sam's Town Shreveport, No. R016500097. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Jones to accept the report by ABSC and approve the issuance of the Certificate of Compliance. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on a Proposed Settlement and Appeals in the following:

1. **In Re: The Phoenix Bar Complex, LLC d/b/a Phoenix – No. 3601114959** - Motion by Mr. Stipe to approve the \$5,500 penalty for failure to notify the Division of changes in ownership and membership, failure to submit fees, failure to provide information and documentation, and failure to remain eligible for tax clearances. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **In Re: Jonelle Fluence – No. V000018824** – Motion by Mr. Bradford to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision upholding the Division's denial of Ms. Fluence's video poker employee permit application. That motion was seconded by Mr. Stipe and unanimously approved by the Board.
3. **In Re: Leslie White – No. P040061388** – This matter was deferred to the December meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned.