

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of August 15, 2013

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board conducted a meeting on Thursday, August 15, 2013, 10:00 a.m., in House Committee Room 1 of the Louisiana State Capitol. Present at the meeting were: Ronnie Jones, Chairman, Velma Rogers, Ayres Bradford, Robert Jones, Mark Stipe, James Singleton, Denise Noonan, Claude Mercer and Claude Jackson. Absent were ex-officio members, Col. Mike Edmonson and Sec. Tim Barfield.

Chairman Jones introduced himself to the audience and called the meeting to order. It was moved by Ms. Rogers to waive the reading and approve the minutes of July 18th. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jones 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 tracks, 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 voluntary Compliance Reports for the casinos.

The Board acted on the following truckstops:

1. Little Capitol of Louisiana Inc. d/b/a Little Capitol Exxon – No. 5000503933 – Motion by Ms. Noonan to approve the transfer of interest. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. Shop Rite, Inc. d/b/a Black Gold Casino – No. 0100516343 – Motion by Mr. Bradford to approve the transfer of interest. That motion was seconded by Major Mercer and unanimously approved by the Board.
3. ShopRite, Inc. d/b/a Shop Rite #82 Jennings Travel Center – No. 2703512949 – Motion by Mr. Bradford to approve the transfer of interest. That motion was seconded by Major Mercer 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 discussion, it was moved by Ms. Rogers to adopt the resolution approving a temporary Certificate of Compliance which would expire on September 19, 2013, or the date a final Certificate of Compliance is issued. The motion also authorized Chairman Jones to issue the final Certificate of Compliance upon receipt of a recommendation by ABSC, and verification by Louisiana State Police of the satisfactory completion of the inspection of the automatic closing fire door and vessel's boilers. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel of Bossier Casino Venture, Inc. d/b/a Margaritaville Bossier City, No. R011000841. Following discussion, it was moved by Major Mercer to adopt the resolution approving a temporary Certificate of Compliance which would expire on September 19, 2013, or the date a final Certificate of Compliance is issued. The motion also authorized Chairman Jones to issue the final Certificate of Compliance upon receipt of a recommendation by ABSC, and verification by Louisiana State Police of the satisfactory replacement of the vessel's marine fire pump. That motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered a petition for removal of conditions and amendment of stipulations by Aristocrat Technologies, Inc., Nos. P056500564, P066500562 & P076502739. Following discussion, it was moved by Ms. Noonan to adopt the resolution which removed and withdrew the conditions placed on Aristocrat Technologies, Inc.'s permits dated July 12, 2001. In addition, the resolution allowed the removal and withdrawal of the stipulation of paragraph 4 of the Joint Motion for Entry of Stipulations and Approval of Proposed Settlement by and between Aristocrat and Louisiana State Police, approved by the Hearing Officer on April 6, 2004, and the Gaming Control Board on May 17, 2004. The resolution also placed a condition on all of Aristocrat's permits requiring notification to the Division, in writing, within 14 business days of the employment of, or establishment of a business relationship and/or contract negotiations with Simon or Stephen Ainsworth. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford and unanimously approved the Board.

The Board considered the petition for approval of transfer of interest and financing transactions by Penn National Gaming, Inc., Louisiana Casino Cruises, Inc., - No. R011700193. Following discussion, it was moved by Major Mercer to adopt the resolution approving the transfer of interest and financing transactions. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved by the Board.

There was an update concerning the merger between Ameristar Casinos, Inc. and Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc., No. R016502995. Mr. Paul West, counsel on behalf of Landry's, Inc., Tilman Fertitta, Chairman and CEO of Landry's Inc., Representative Chuck Kleckley and Senator Dan Morrish addressed the Board on this matter.

Mr. West informed the Board of the definitive agreement of purchase of the Lake Charles project and Mr. Fertitta briefly spoke about potential changes to the project. Speaking in support of the project were Representative Kleckley and Senator Morrish.

The Board acted on the following proposed settlements and appeals.

1. **In Re: Full Service Systems Corporation – No. P086502444** – Motion by Mr. Bradford to approve the \$13,000 settlement for failure to timely notify the Division of management and ownership changes. That motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and unanimously approved by the Board.

2. **In Re: Toya M. Taylor – No. P040024611** – Motion by Mr. Jones to approve the \$250 penalty for failure to remain eligible for tax clearances. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.
3. **In Re: Glenn Menard d/b/a Bridge Bar – No. 5002116583** – Motion by Mr. Stipe to affirm the decision of the hearing officer which denied the video gaming license application of Bridge Bar and found Mr. Menard unsuitable. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford and unanimously approved by the Board.
4. **In Re: Mary’s Bubble Tea, Inc. d/b/a Bubble Café – No. 2600214664** – Motion by Mr. Bradford to remand this matter to the Hearing Officer for the introduction of additional evidence. That motion was seconded by Ms. Noonan and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

The meeting was adjourned.