

MINUTES OF THE MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION

Regular Monthly Meeting
January 17, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Mississippi Gaming Commission was held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 17, 2019, at the offices of the Mississippi Gaming Commission, 200 North Street, Suite 200, Jackson, Mississippi. Staff attending:

Major General (R) Al Hopkins, Chairman, MS Gaming Commission
Jerry Griffith, Commissioner, MS Gaming Commission
Tom Gresham, Commissioner, MS Gaming Commission
Allen Godfrey, Executive Director, MS Gaming Commission
Jay McDaniel, Deputy Director, MS Gaming Commission
Eddie Williams, Deputy Director, MS Gaming Commission
Johnny George, Director, Investigations, MS Gaming Commission
Sonny Weathersby, Director, Charitable Gaming, MS Gaming Commission
Emil Lyon, Director, Gaming Lab, MS Gaming Commission
Ed Wong, Director, Work Permits, MS Gaming Commission
Stephanie Quist Sills, Director, Compliance, MS Gaming Commission
Jack DePoyster, Director, Enforcement, MS Gaming Commission
Louis P. Frascogna, Special Assistant Attorney General

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. Sonny Weathersby gave the invocation and Chairman Al Hopkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hopkins thanked everyone for attending the meeting then asked Director Godfrey to proceed with the Administrative Update.

ITEM I.

- I. Administrative Update: Executive Director Allen Godfrey made the following administrative announcements:
 - A. The next regular meeting of the Mississippi Gaming Commission will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2019, at the Jackson offices of the Mississippi Gaming Commission beginning at 9:00 a.m. The deadline for submission of agenda items for this meeting is January 31, 2019.

ITEM II.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 20, 2018 - Regular Monthly Meeting and Special Interim Meeting

Chairman Hopkins asked the Commissioners and Executive Director if they had any corrections, additions or deletions to the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes. Hearing none, the Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented:

Commissioner Gresham: Motion to approve the minutes
Commissioner Griffith: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Hopkins: YES
Commissioner Griffith: YES
Commissioner Gresham: YES

ITEM III.

GAMING MATTERS

A. Application for Finding of Suitability – (Aristocrat Technologies, Inc.)

1. Ms. Arlene M. Tansey – Chairman of the Audit Committee – Aristocrat Leisure Limited
2. Mr. Matthew R. Wilson – President / Director – Aristocrat Technologies, Inc.

Christopher Pace, Esquire, of Jones Walker, introduced Ms. Tansey and Mr. Wilson to the Commission and each provided a brief personal history.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S RECOMMENDATION: Based upon the investigative reports, the Executive Director recommends that Ms. Arlene M. Tansey and Mr. Matthew R. Wilson, be found suitable to be associated with a gaming license granted under the Mississippi Gaming Control Act subject to the following:

1. The findings of suitability are valid for a period of nine (9) years, beginning January 17, 2019;
2. Applicants shall file an annual report as required by 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Part 2, R.1.3(e);
3. Applicants will comply with all federal and state laws, including the laws of Mississippi and particularly the Mississippi Gaming Control Act;

4. Applicants will comply with all the policies, rules and regulations adopted by the Mississippi Gaming Commission;
5. Applicants will comply with and do hereby agree to be bound by all laws, including the Gaming Control Act, of the State of Mississippi; further, licensees agree to adjudicate all legal proceedings (both state and federal) relative to said licenses in the courts located in the State of Mississippi; and
6. The findings of suitability are based on the applicants' ability to maintain satisfactory results for all investigations and agency checks.

Commissioner Griffith: Motion to adopt recommendation
Commissioner Gresham: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Hopkins: YES
Commissioner Griffith: YES
Commissioner Gresham: YES

B. Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption – Public Notice

(Documentation attached as Exhibit “1”)

1. 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 3, R. 10.4

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S RECOMMENDATION: The Executive Director recommends the Commission accept public comment for a period of twenty-five(25)days subsequent to the filing of the Administrative Procedures Filing Notice for: 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 3, R. 10.4.

Commissioner Gresham: Motion to adopt recommendation
Commissioner Griffith: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Hopkins: YES
Commissioner Griffith: YES
Commissioner Gresham: YES

ITEM IV.

PUBLIC COMMENT (GAMING MATTERS)

None.

ITEM V.

CHARITABLE GAMING MATTERS

A. Recommendation for Approval of Licensure – Thirty-six Months

(Documentation attached as Exhibit “2”)

1. Joe H. Morehead VFW Post 3806, 1575 VFW Road, Eupora, MS 39744

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S RECOMMENDATION: The Executive Director recommends that the previously identified organization be approved for licensure, subject to the following conditions:

1. The license will be issued for a thirty-six month period effective February 01, 2019 through January 31, 2022;
2. Licensee will comply with all federal and state laws, including the laws of Mississippi and, particularly, the Mississippi Charitable Bingo Law;
3. Licensee will strictly comply with the Charitable Gaming Regulations and particularly, 13 Miss. Admin. Code, Pt. 10, R. 5.5 (m) & (n) (Known as the 60/40 Rule and the 65/35 Rule);
4. Licensee will comply with all the policies, rules and regulations adopted by the Mississippi Gaming Commission;
5. Licensee will comply with and does hereby agree to be bound by all laws, including the Mississippi Charitable Bingo Law; further, licensee agrees to adjudicate all legal proceedings (both state and federal) relative to said licenses in the courts located in the State of Mississippi.
6. The contact person, supervisor, alternate supervisor and anyone assisting in the holding, operating, or conducting of a licensed bingo game are and continue to be suitable, in the discretion of the Mississippi Gaming Commission, to be so associated with charitable bingo.

Commissioner Griffith: Motion to adopt recommendation
Commissioner Gresham: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Hopkins: YES
Commissioner Griffith: YES
Commissioner Gresham: YES

B. Recommendation for Approval of Licensure – Manufacturer and Distributor – Twelve Months

(Documentation attached as Exhibit “3”)

1. Fortunet, Inc.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S RECOMMENDATION: The Executive Director recommends that the previously identified organization be approved for licensure, subject to the following conditions:

1. The license will be issued for a twelve month period effective February 01, 2019 through January 31, 2020;
2. Licensee will comply with all federal and state laws, including the laws of Mississippi and, particularly, the Mississippi Charitable Bingo Law;
3. Licensee will comply with all the policies, rules and regulations adopted by the Mississippi Gaming Commission;
4. Licensee will comply with and does hereby agree to be bound by all laws, including the Mississippi Charitable Bingo Law; further, licensee agrees to adjudicate all legal proceedings (both state and federal) relative to said licenses in the courts located in the State of Mississippi.

Commissioner Gresham: Motion to adopt recommendation

Commissioner Griffith: Second

RECORDED VOTE:	Chairman Hopkins:	YES
	Commissioner Griffith:	YES
	Commissioner Gresham:	YES

C. Recommendation for Approval of Licensure – Manufacturer and Distributor – Twelve Months

(Documentation attached as Exhibit “4”)

1. Creative Games Technologies, LLC

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S RECOMMENDATION: The Executive Director recommends that the previously identified organization be approved for licensure, subject to the following conditions:

1. The license will be issued for a twelve month period effective February 01, 2019 through January 31, 2020;

2. Licensee will comply with all federal and state laws, including the laws of Mississippi and, particularly, the Mississippi Charitable Bingo Law;
3. Licensee will comply with all the policies, rules and regulations adopted by the Mississippi Gaming Commission;
4. Licensee will comply with and does hereby agree to be bound by all laws, including the Mississippi Charitable Bingo Law; further, licensee agrees to adjudicate all legal proceedings (both state and federal) relative to said licenses in the courts located in the State of Mississippi.

Commissioner Griffith: Motion to adopt recommendation
Commissioner Gresham: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Hopkins: YES
Commissioner Griffith: YES
Commissioner Gresham: YES

D. Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption – Public Notice

(Documentation attached as Exhibit “5”)

1. 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 11, R. 3.1
2. 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 11, R. 4.3
3. 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 11, R. 4.4
4. 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 11, R. 4.5
5. 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 11, R. 4.8

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S RECOMMENDATION: The Executive Director recommends the Commission accept public comment for a period of twenty-five (25) days subsequent to the filing of the Administrative Procedures Filing Notice for: 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 11, R. 3.1, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, and 4.8.

Commissioner Gresham: Motion to adopt recommendation
Commissioner Griffith: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Hopkins: YES
Commissioner Griffith: YES
Commissioner Gresham: YES

ITEM VI.

PUBLIC COMMENT (CHARITABLE GAMING)

None.

ITEM VII.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Hopkins thanked everyone and asked for a motion to adjourn.

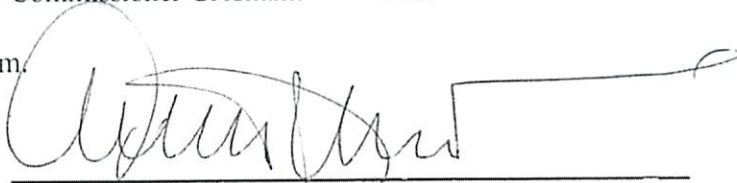
Commissioner Griffith:
Commissioner Gresham:

Motion to Adjourn
Second

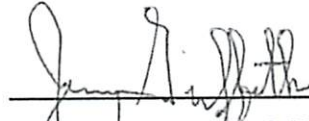
RECORDED VOTE:

Chairman Hopkins: YES
Commissioner Griffith: YES
Commissioner Gresham: YES

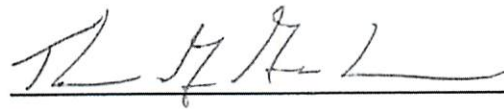
The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.



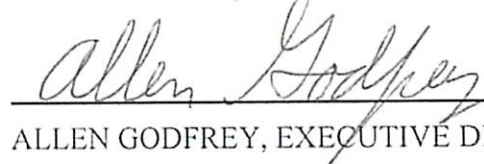
MAJOR GENERAL (RETIRED) AL HOPKINS, CHAIRMAN



JERRY GRIFFITH, COMMISSIONER



TOM GRESHAM, COMMISSIONER



ALLEN GODFREY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I, TRISH EDWARDS, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of document or record on file with this office.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION

SIGNATURE: Trish Edwards
TITLE: LEGAL ASSISTANT
DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2019
ATTEST:



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