

MINUTES OF THE MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION

Regular Monthly Meeting
August 17, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Mississippi Gaming Commission was held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, August 17, 2017, at the offices of the Mississippi Gaming Commission, 620 North Street, Suite 200, Jackson, Mississippi 39202. Staff attending:

Major General (R) Al Hopkins, Chairman, MS Gaming Commission
Jerry Griffith, 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
Stephanie Sills, Director, Compliance, MS Gaming Commission
Johnny George, Director, Investigations, MS Gaming Commission
Jack DePoyster, Director, Enforcement, MS Gaming Commission
Ed Wong, Director, Work Permits, MS Gaming Commission
Sonny Weathersby, Director, Charitable, Gaming, MS Gaming Commission
Emil Lyon, Director, Gaming Lab, MS Gaming Commission
Louis P. Frascogna, Special Assistant Attorney General

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. Jay McDaniel gave the invocation and Chairman Al Hopkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hopkins welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Executive Director Godfrey to provide the Administrative Update.

ITEM I.

- A. Administrative Update: Allen Godfrey made the following administrative announcements:
- A. The next regular meeting of the Mississippi Gaming Commission will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2017, 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 August 31, 2017.

ITEM II.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. July 27, 2017 - Regular Monthly Meeting

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: The Executive Director recommends approval of the Minutes of the July 27, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting.

Commissioner Griffith: Motion to adopt recommendation
Chairman Hopkins: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Hopkins: YES
Commissioner Griffith: YES

ITEM III.

GAMING MATTERS

A. Recommendation for Licensure as a Manufacturer and Distributor – North American Gaming, Inc.

Scott E. Andress, Esquire, of Balch & Bingham, introduced Monica Ladd Kimbrough, Owner and President, to the Commission. Ms. Kimbrough provided a brief history of the company to the Commission.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: With past Commission action, key principals of the company have been found suitable. The Executive Director recommends that North American Gaming, Inc. be granted a manufacturer and distributor's license to conduct business in the State of Mississippi subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The license will be issued for a three-year period, effective September 29, 2017, through September 28, 2020;
- (2) Licensee will comply with all federal, state and local laws, including the laws of the State of Mississippi and particularly the Mississippi Gaming Control Act;
- (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 Gaming Control Act, of the State of Mississippi; further, licensee agrees to adjudicate all legal proceedings (both state and federal) relative to said license in the courts located in the State of Mississippi; and
- (5) The license is based on the licensee's ability to maintain satisfactory results for all investigations and agency checks.

Commissioner Griffith: Motion to adopt recommendation
Chairman Hopkins: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Hopkins: YES
Commissioner Griffith: YES

B. APPLICATION FOR FINDING OF SUITABILITY (Konami Gaming, Inc.)

1. Mr. Thomas A. Jingoli (Konami Gaming, Inc.) – Executive Vice-President, Chief Commercial Officer and Director.

Brit Singletary, Esquire, of Singletary & Thrash, introduced Mr. Jingoli to the Commission and he provided a brief personal history.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: Based upon the investigative reports, the Executive Director recommends that Mr. Thomas A. Jingoli, be found suitable to be associated with a gaming license granted under the Mississippi Gaming Control Act subject to the following:

1. The finding of suitability is valid for a period of nine (9) years, beginning August 17, 2017;
2. Applicant shall file an annual report as required by 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Part 2, R.1.3(e);
3. Applicant will comply with all federal and state laws, including the laws of Mississippi and particularly the Mississippi Gaming Control Act;
4. Applicant will comply with all the policies, rules and regulations adopted by the Mississippi Gaming Commission;
5. Applicant will comply with and does hereby agree to be bound by all laws, including the Gaming Control Act, of the State of Mississippi; further, licensee agrees to adjudicate all legal proceedings (both state and federal) relative to said license in the courts located in the State of Mississippi; and
6. The finding of suitability is based on the applicant's ability to maintain satisfactory results for all investigations and agency checks.

Commissioner Griffith: Motion to adopt recommendation
Chairman Hopkins: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Hopkins: YES
Commissioner Griffith: YES

C. Recommendation for Licensure as a Gaming School – Crescent City Ventures, Inc., d/b/a Crescent City School of Gaming and Bartending

John Lebeouf of Crescent City Ventures, Inc., introduced himself to the Commission and was available to answer any questions.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: The Executive Director recommends that Crescent City Ventures, Inc. be issued a license to do business in the State of Mississippi as a gaming school subject to the following conditions:

1. The license will be issued for a two-year period, beginning August 17, 2017;
2. Licensee will comply with all Federal and State laws, including the laws of the State of Mississippi and particularly the Gaming Control Act;
3. Licensee will comply with all the policies, rules and regulations adopted by the Mississippi Gaming Commission;
4. Licensee will comply and does hereby agree to be bound by all laws, including the Gaming Control Act, of the State of Mississippi; further, licensee agrees to adjudicate all legal proceedings (both State and Federal) relative to said license, in the courts located in the State of Mississippi;
5. The curriculum utilized by Crescent City Ventures, Inc. must remain available for review and inspection by the Mississippi Gaming Commission upon request, and any modifications thereof shall be approved by the Executive Director prior to implementation; and
6. Executive Director further recommends that Crescent be authorized to operate multiple training sites within the State following the necessary inspections and evaluations.

Commissioner Griffith: Motion to adopt recommendation
Chairman Hopkins: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Hopkins: YES
Commissioner Griffith: YES

D. Recommendation Regarding Work Permit Hearings Held and Decisions Rendered

(Documentation attached as Exhibit "1")

1. Crystal Turner – Not Present
2. Fredrick J. Adams – Not Present

HEARING EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION: The Commission accepts the Findings of Fact and Decision of the Hearing Examiner in the above-referenced matter. (Revoke)

Commissioner Griffith: Motion to adopt recommendation
Chairman Hopkins: Second

RECORDED VOTE:	Chairman Hopkins:	YES
	Commissioner Griffith:	YES

ITEM IV.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM V.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Hopkins asked for a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Griffith:	Motion to Adjourn
Chairman Hopkins:	Second

RECORDED VOTE:	Chairman Hopkins:	YES
	Commissioner Griffith:	YES

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

MAJOR GENERAL (R) AL HOPKINS, CHAIRMAN

JERRY GRIFFITH, COMMISSIONER

ALLEN GODFREY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

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