

Minutes of the Mississippi Gaming Commission August 16, 2001
MINUTES OF THE MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting August 16, 2001

The regular monthly meeting of the Mississippi Gaming Commission was held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, August 16, 2001, at the offices of the Mississippi Gaming Commission, 202 E. Pearl Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Staff attending:

W. W. Gresham, Jr., Chairman, MS Gaming Commission
Victor P. Smith, Commissioner, MS Gaming Commission
Leonard A. Blackwell, II, Commissioner, MS Gaming Commission
Chuck Patton, Executive Director, MS Gaming Commission
Larry Gregory, Deputy Executive Director, MS Gaming Commission
Mick Lura, Chief of Staff, MS Gaming Commission
Charlene R. Pierce, Special Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
John Carpenter, Director of Investigations, MS Gaming Commission
Brenda Redfern, Director of Compliance, MS Gaming Commission
Leigh Ann Wilkins, Staff Officer I, MS Gaming Commission
Regina Holbrooks, Bureau Director, MS Gaming Commission
Paul Waldrop, Investigations, MS Gaming Commission
Brad Hetherington, Investigations, MS Gaming Commission
E. W. Williams, Investigations, MS Gaming Commission
Trish Edwards, Senior Legal Secretary, Attorney General's Office
Chairman W. W. Gresham, Jr., presided and called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

ITEM I.

Commissioner Blackwell gave the invocation.

Chuck Patton, Executive Director, made the following administrative announcements:

The September commission meeting is scheduled for September 20th. Mr. Patton requested that anyone with items to be placed on the September agenda to submit them by the close of business on August 30, 2001.

Mr. Patton also announced that the October commission meeting is scheduled for October 15th.

ITEM II.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 19, 2001

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "The Executive Director recommends that the minutes of the July 19, 2001 meeting be adopted."

Commissioner Smith: Move to adopt recommendation

Commissioner Blackwell: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Gresham: YES

Commissioner Smith: YES

Commissioner Blackwell: YES

ITEM 111.

GAMING MATTERS

A. APPLICATION FOR FINDING OF SUITABILITY - Treasure Bay Corp. d/b/a Treasure Bay - Biloxi

1. Mr. William Andrew Bryce (Initial)

Director - Treasure Bay Gaming & Resorts, Inc. and Treasure Bay Corp. d/b/a Treasure Bay - Biloxi.

Sam Begley, with the Begley Law Firm, came forward to introduce William Andrew Bryce to the Commission.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "Based upon the investigative report, the Executive Director recommends that Mr. William Andrew Bryce be found suitable to be associated with a gaming license granted under the Mississippi Gaming Control Act."

Commissioner Blackwell: Move to adopt recommendation

Commissioner Smith: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Gresham: YES

Commissioner Smith: YES

Commissioner Blackwell: YES

B. APPLICATION FOR FINDING OF SUITABILITY - Paul-Son Gaming Supplies, Inc.

1. Mr. Paul Stewart Dennis (Initial) Independent Outside Director.

ITEM III. B. WAS TABLED.

C. APPLICATION FOR FINDING OF SUITABILITY - George C. Matteson Company, Inc. d/b/a GEMACO

1. Mr. Curtis Lee Fitzhugh (Updated) President.

Tom Berenosky, General Manager of GEMACO, came forward to represent Mr. Curtis Lee Fitzhugh whose presence at the meeting had been excused.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "Based upon the investigative report, the Executive Director recommends that Mr. Curtis Lee Fitzhugh be found suitable to be associated with a gaming license granted under the Mississippi Gaming Control Act."

Commissioner Smith: Move to adopt recommendation

Commissioner Blackwell: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Gresham: YES

Commissioner Smith: YES

Commissioner Blackwell: YES

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSURE - George C. Matteson Company, Inc. d/b/a GEMACO

Tom Berenosky, General Manager of GEMACO, was present to represent GEMACO.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "With past Commission action, key principals of the company have been found suitable. The Executive Director recommends that the George C. Matteson Company, Inc. d/b/a GEMACO 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 two-year period, beginning September 28, 2001;
2. Licensee will comply with all federal and state laws, including the laws 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. Pending the results of any background agency checks of key principals.

Commissioner Blackwell: Move to adopt recommendation

Commissioner Smith: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Gresham: YES

Commissioner Smith: YES

Commissioner Blackwell: YES

E. APPLICATION FOR FINDING OF SUITABILITY - Isle of Capri Casino - Tunica, Inc.

1. Mr. Edward Charles Orr, II (Updated) Landlord,
2. Mr. James Potter Orr (Updated) Landlord and
3. Adele Orgill Wellford (Updated) Landlord.

Sam Begley, with the Begley Law Firm, came forward to introduce Edward Charles Orr, James Potter Orr, and Adele Orgill Wellford to the Commission.

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

1. Mr. Edward Charles Orr, II,
2. Mr. James Potter Orr, and
3. Adele Orgill Wellford."

Commissioner Smith: Move to adopt recommendation

Commissioner Blackwell: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Gresham: YES

Commissioner Smith: YES

Commissioner Blackwell: YES

F. APPLICATION FOR FINDING OF SUITABILITY - PDS Financial Corporation - Mississippi

1. Ms. Martha Vlcek (Initial)

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and

2. Mr. Joe S. Rolston IV (Initial)

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary.

Dan McDaniel, with Phelps Dunbar, came forward to introduce Martha Vlcek and Joe Rolston to the Commission.

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

1. Ms. Martha Vlcek and

2. Mr. Joe S. Rolston, IV."

Commissioner Blackwell: Move to adopt recommendation

Commissioner Smith: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Gresham: YES

Commissioner Smith: YES

Commissioner Blackwell: YES

NOTE: Chuck Patton announced that the Board of Directors of PDS Financial Corporation had voted to approve a corporate name change to PDS Gaming Corporation and that this name change had been approved by the corporation's shareholders and filed with the Mississippi Secretary of State.

G. RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSURE - PDS Financial Corporation - Mississippi

Dan McDaniel, with Phelps Dunbar, came forward to represent PDS Financial Corporation. Also present was Martha Vlcek, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and Joe S. Rolston, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "With past Commission action, key principals of the company have been found suitable. The Executive Director recommends that PDS Financial Corporation - Mississippi 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 period, beginning August 20, 2001;

2. Licensee will comply with all federal and state laws, including the laws 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. Pending the results of any background agency checks of key principals.

Commissioner Smith: Move to adopt recommendation

Commissioner Blackwell: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Gresham: YES

Commissioner Smith: YES

Commissioner Blackwell: YES

H. APPLICATION FOR FINDING OF SUITABILITY - Riverboat Corporation of Mississippi d/b/a Isle of Capri Casino - Biloxi

1. Mr. William Cole Kilduff, Jr. (Updated) Vice-President and General Manager.

Dan McDaniel, with Phelps Dunbar, came forward to represent William Cole Kilduff, Jr., whose presence at the meeting had been excused.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "Based upon the investigative reports, the Executive Director recommends that Mr. William Cole Kilduff, [Jr. be](#) found suitable to be associated with a gaming license granted under the Mississippi Gaming Control Act:

Commissioner Blackwell: Move to adopt recommendation

Commissioner Smith: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Gresham: YES

Commissioner Smith: YES

Commissioner Blackwell: YES

III. O. WAS THE NEXT ITEM CONSIDERED.

O. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF NEGATIVE PLEDGE AND RESTRICTION ON THE

TRANSFER OF STOCK AND OTHER EQUITY INTERESTS - Bally's Olympia Limited Partnership d/b/a

Bally's Saloon and Gambling Hall, Grand Casinos of Mississippi, LLC-Gulfport d/b/a Grand Casino Gulfport, Grand Casinos of Mississippi, Inc.-Biloxi d/b/a Grand Casino Biloxi, BL Development Corp. d/b/a Grand Casino Tunica, Sheraton Tunica Corporation d/b/a Sheraton Tunica Hotel & Casino and Consolidated Supplies, Services and Systems

Katie Hester, with Watkins, Ludlam, Winter and Stennis, came forward to represent Park Place Entertainment Corporation, the publicly traded holding company of the above listed licensees, before the Commission. Also present was Trudy Fountain, General Counsel for Park Place Entertainment South.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "The Executive Director recommends that the request for approval of negative pledge and restriction on transfer of stock and other equity interests be approved for Bally's Olympia Limited Partnership d/b/a Bally's Saloon and Gambling Hall, Grand Casinos of Mississippi, LLC-Gulfport d/b/a Grand Casino Gulfport, Grand Casinos of Mississippi, Inc.-Biloxi d/b/a Grand Casino Biloxi, BL Development Corp. d/b/a Grand Casino Tunica, Sheraton Tunica Corporation d/b/a Sheraton Tunica Hotel & Casino, Consolidated Supplies, Services and Systems, Bally's Midwest Casino, Inc., Bally's Operator, Inc., Bally's Tunica, Inc., and Grand Casinos, Inc. relative to the \$1.9 billion Short Term Credit Agreement and \$2.0 billion MultiYear Credit Agreement.

Commissioner Blackwell: Move to adopt recommendation

Commissioner Smith: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Gresham: YES

Commissioner Smith: YES

Commissioner Blackwell: YES

RETURN TO AGENDA ORDER.

I. REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL - Harrah's Vicksburg Corporation d/b/a Harrah's Casino and Hotel and Tunica Partners II, Ltd d/b/a Harrah's Tunica Mardi Gras Casino

1. Continuous Approval of Public Offerings and/or Private Placement

2. Continuous Approval for Involvement in Foreign Gaming

Dan Hise, with Butler Snow, was present to represent Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. Also present was Dennis Gallagher, Associate General Counsel and Corporate Compliance Officer for Harrah's.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "the Executive Director recommends that:

1. a) The Mississippi Gaming Commission exempt Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., a publicly traded corporation, from the requirement to obtain prior approval of continuous public offerings and/or private placements of its securities for a period of two (2) years. The Mississippi Gaming Commission grants the Executive Director the power to issue an interlocutory stop order with respect to any public offering and/or private placement by Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. The Mississippi Gaming Commission further grants the Executive Director the power, at any time and upon notice to Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., to require that Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. submit any proposed public offerings and/or private placements of its securities to the Executive Director at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to offering such public offerings and/or private placements. At the request of Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., the fourteen (14) calendar day period may be reduced, in the sole discretion of the Executive Director, to such period of time as shall be designated in writing by the Executive Director. This recommendation for exemption is conditioned on compliance with the laws of the State of Mississippi and the regulations of the Mississippi Gaming Commission. This action is not to be relied upon as a finding by the Mississippi Gaming Commission of the truth or accuracy of any statements contained in documents submitted to the Mississippi Gaming Commission. The Mississippi Gaming Commission, its officers, and employees disclaim any liability in respect to such a public offering and/or private placement of securities.

b) The Mississippi Gaming Commission grant approval, as otherwise required by the Mississippi Gaming Commission Regulations, to Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. and its affiliated companies and subsidiaries, current and hereafter acquired, for a period of two (2) years, to pledge the equity interests or securities of such affiliated companies and subsidiaries pursuant to a public offering and/or private placement made under the approval granted by paragraph 1(a) above.

c) The Mississippi Gaming Commission grant approval, as otherwise required by the Mississippi Gaming Commission Regulations, to Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. and its affiliated companies and subsidiaries, current and hereafter acquired, for a period of two (2) years, to place restrictions including negative stock pledges, upon the transfer of, and to enter into agreements not to encumber, the equity interests or securities of such affiliated companies and subsidiaries pursuant to a public offering and/or private placement made under the approval granted by paragraph 1(a) above.

d) The Mississippi Gaming Commission grant approval, as otherwise required by the Mississippi Gaming Commission Regulations, to the Mississippi licensees, current and hereafter acquired, of Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. for a period of two (2) years, to guarantee the securities issued by Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. pursuant to a public offering and/or private placement made under the approval granted pursuant to paragraph 1 (a) above and to hypothecate their assets to secure the payment or performance of obligations evidenced by securities issued by Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. pursuant to a public offering and/or private placement made under the approval granted by paragraph 1(a) above.

e) Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. shall report to the Executive Director of the Mississippi Gaming Commission all public offerings and/or private placements of its securities by simultaneously filing with the Executive Director all related reports, statements, etc. (and amendments thereto) that must be filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). If the proposed transaction is not required to be filed/reported to the SEC, Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. shall report such transaction to the Mississippi Gaming Commission by filing copies of all documents related to the transaction within fourteen (14) calendar days of the closing of such transaction. Within fourteen (14) calendar days after the closing of any public offering and/or private placement, Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. shall file with the Executive Director a report of all participants in the public offering and/or private placement, which shall include (at a minimum) name, amount of securities issued and purchase price. If the offering is an equity offering, Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. shall also file, within thirty (30) calendar days after the closing, an updated master list of all shareholders following such offering, which shall include (at a minimum) the names of all record shareholders and number of shares owned.

2. The Mississippi Gaming Commission waive the requirements of Sections 75-76-269 through 277 of the Gaming Control Act, as consistent with public policy of the State of Mississippi concerning gaming, for Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. and any related "licensee", as defined in Section 7576-269(b), to be involved in foreign gaming in the jurisdictions of Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, and North Carolina.

Commissioner Blackwell: Move to adopt recommendation

Commissioner Smith: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Gresham: YES

Commissioner Smith: YES

Commissioner Blackwell: YES

J. APPLICATION FOR FINDING OF SUITABILITY - Japan Cash Machine co., Ltd. And JCM American Corporation

1. Mr. Koichiro Kamihigashi

President, Director and Greater than 5% Shareholder - Japan Cash Machine Co., Ltd.

2. Mr. Korikiyo Suzuki

Director - JCM American Corporation and Senior Managing Director - Japan Cash Machine Co., Ltd., and

3. Mr. Reginald John Winter

Director of Finance - JCM American Corporation

Scott Andress, with Balch & Bingham, came forward to introduce Mr. Kamihigashi, Mr. Suzuki, and Mr. Winter to the Commission. All three individuals were found suitable at the July 19th Commission meeting, but were not present due health problems. They appeared before the Commission to personally introduce themselves and to present the Commission with their background information.

NO ACTION NECESSARY.

K. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF NEGATIVE PLEDGE AND IMPOSITION OF RESTRICTION ON TRANSFERS OF EQUITY SECURITIES - Circus Circus Mississippi, Inc. d/b/a Gold Strike Casino Resort

Scott Andress, with Balch & Bingham, came forward to represent Mandalay Resort Group, the publicly traded holding company of Circus Circus Mississippi, Inc. d/b/a Gold Strike Casino Resort.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "The Executive Director recommends that the request for approval of negative pledge and imposition of restriction on transfers of equity securities for Circus Circus Mississippi, Inc. d/b/a Gold Strike Casino Resort relative to the 1.25 billion senior unsecured credit facilities be granted..

Commissioner Blackwell: Move to adopt recommendation

Commissioner Smith: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Gresham: YES

Commissioner Smith: YES

Commissioner Blackwell: YES

L. REQUEST FOR CONTINUOUS APPROVAL FOR INVOLVEMENT IN FOREIGN GAMING - Beau Rivage Resorts, Inc. and Beau Rivage Distribution Corp.

Scott Andress, with Balch & Bingham, came forward to represent MGM MIRAGE, the publicly traded holding company for Beau Rivage Resorts, Inc. and Beau Rivage Distribution Corp.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "The Executive Director recommends that the Mississippi Gaming Commission waive the requirements of Sections 75-76-269 through 277 of the Gaming Control Act, as consistent with public policy of the State of Mississippi concerning gaming, for MGM MIRAGE and any related "licensee", as defined in Section 75-76-269(b), to be involved in foreign gaming in the jurisdictions of Nevada, Michigan, New Jersey, Northern Territory (Australia), Mpumalanga Province (Republic of South Africa), Gauteng Province (Republic of South Africa), and California.

Commissioner Smith: Move to adopt recommendation

Commissioner Blackwell: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Gresham: YES

Commissioner Smith: YES

Commissioner Blackwell: YES

M. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF STOCK - Gamecraft, Inc.

Gary Thrash, of Singletary and Thrash, came forward to represent Gamecraft, Inc.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "The Executive Director recommends that the request to transfer up to 19,120 shares of stock in Gamecraft, Inc. To Major General Paul A. Harvey be approved.

Commissioner Blackwell: Move to adopt recommendation

Commissioner Smith: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Gresham: YES

Commissioner Smith: YES

Commissioner Blackwell: YES

N. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE OF GAMING REVENUE - Bally's Olympia Limited Partnership d/b/a Bally's Saloon and Gambling Hall

Ben Adams, a trustee, came forward to represent the following trusts before the Commission: Tempe K. Adams Trust; TKA Investments, L.P.; TKA Holdings, LLC; and, Minutes of the Mississippi Gaming Commission August 16, 2001

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TKA Darrow Trust.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "The Executive Director recommends that the Mississippi Gaming Commission approve the request of the Tempe K. Adams Trust, TKA Investments, L.P., TKA Holdings, LLC, and TKA Darrow Trust to receive a percentage of gaming revenue from Bally's Olympia Limited Partnership d/b/a Bally's Saloon and Gambling Hall.

Commissioner Blackwell: Move to adopt recommendation

Commissioner Smith: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Gresham: YES

Commissioner Smith: YES

Commissioner Blackwell: YES

P. REQUEST FOR DE-REGISTRATION OF PUBLICLY TRADED HOLDING COMPANY - Spinteknology, Inc.

No representative present or necessary. Spinteknology is no longer in operation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "The Executive Director recommends that, effective August 19, 2001, Spintek Gaming Technologies, Inc. (formerly Spintek Gaming, Inc.) Be de-registered as the publicly traded holding company of Spinteknology, Inc.

Commissioner Smith: Move to adopt recommendation

Commissioner Blackwell: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Gresham: YES

Commissioner Smith: YES

Commissioner Blackwell: YES

Q.

RECOMMENDATION REGARDING WORK PERMIT HEARINGS HELD AND DECISIONS RENDERED ON JUNE 5 - 6, 2001 AND JULY 10 - 11, 2001

(Copies attached to the record as Exhibit "1"). HEARING EXAMINER'S DECISIONS: The following work permits were revoked:

Richard Ahmann Janet Miller Andrew Pride Amber VonEberstein John Wesley Hawkins Michael A. Worthan Edward D. Fleming Rose Merrideth Edmond M. Payne Valeria Williams Regina L. Emery

The following work permit was not revoked: Mona J. Noel

The following work permits were not revoked but remain in place on conditions: Ambi L. Hannah Clarence C. Davis, III

The following work permit denials were affirmed: Jeff Gill Sheledia D. Kelly

The following work permit application was withdrawn: Christopher Wellen

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "The Executive Director recommends that the Commission accepts into the minutes the Findings of Facts and recommended actions of the Hearing Examiner, Special Assistant Attorney General, Larry J. Stroud."

Commissioner Blackwell: Move to adopt recommendation

Commissioner Smith: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Gresham: YES

Commissioner Smith: YES

Commissioner Blackwell: YES

R. APPEAL OF HEARING EXAMINER'S DECISION - Revocation of Work Permit

(Copies attached to the record as Exhibit "2" and Exhibit "Y").

1. Cassandra Pete

2. Murvin D. Fairley

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "The Executive Director recommends to the Commission that they decline to review the Hearing Examiner's decision on Cassandra Pete and Murvin D. Fairley."

Commissioner Smith: Move to adopt recommendation

Commissioner Blackwell: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Gresham: YES

Commissioner Smith: YES

Commissioner Blackwell: YES

S. MOTION FOR REVIEW OF HEARING EXAMINER'S DECISION

(Copy attached to the record as Exhibit "4").

1. Gwendolyn Graves, Case No. 01-00409

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "The Executive Director recommends that the Commission order a hearing to review the decision of the Hearing Examiner in the case of Gwendolyn Graves."

Commissioner Blackwell: Move to adopt recommendation

Commissioner Smith: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Gresham: YES

Commissioner Smith: YES

Commissioner Blackwell: YES

ITEM VI.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - GAMING

NONE.

A short recess was taken at 10:40 a.m. Meeting reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

ITEM V.

CHARITABLE BINGO MATTERS

Staff present for Charitable Bingo session:

W. W. Gresham, Jr., Chairman, MS Gaming Commission Victor P. Smith, Commissioner, MS Gaming Commission Leonard A. Blackwell, II, Commissioner, MS Gaming Commission Chuck Patton, Executive Director, MS Gaming Commission

Larry Gregory, Deputy Executive Director, MS Gaming Commission

Charlene R. Pierce, Special Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
Doug Tyrone, Director of Charitable Bingo, MS Gaming Commission

Joel R. Jones, Special Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
Sonny Weathersby, Branch Director, Charitable Bingo, MS Gaming Commission
Rodney Smith, Agent, Charitable Bingo, MS Gaming Commission

Trish Edwards, Senior Legal Secretary, Attorney General's Office

A. APPROVALS FOR LICENSURE

(Copy attached to the record as Exhibit "5").

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "The Executive Director recommends that the previously identified organizations be approved for licensure."

Commissioner Smith: Move to adopt recommendation

Commissioner Blackwell: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Gresham: YES

Commissioner Smith: YES

Commissioner Blackwell: YES

B. CHARITABLE BINGO LICENSE

(Copy attached to the record as Exhibit "6" & "T'.)

1. Common Bond

2. Friends of Education

3. Housing 2010

Common Bond has formally withdrawn their application for a Charitable Bingo License.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "The Executive Director recommends that the Commission issue a six month license to Friends of Education and a thirty (30) day license to Housing 2010 to allow the Bingo Division sufficient time to complete its investigation."

Commissioner Blackwell: Move to adopt recommendation

Commissioner Smith: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Gresham: YES

Commissioner Smith: YES

Commissioner Blackwell: YES

ITEM VI.

COMMENTS - CHARITABLE BINGO

NONE.

Commissioner Blackwell: I make a motion to close the meeting to discuss whether there is a need to go into executive session.

Commissioner Smith: Second.

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Gresham: YES

Commissioner Smith: YES

Commissioner Blackwell: YES

CLOSE MEETING OPEN MEETING

Commissioner Blackwell: Move to go into Executive Session to discuss an investigation by the Commission concerning allegations which could result in disciplinary action against a licensee.

Commissioner Smith: Second.

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Gresham: YES

Commissioner Smith: YES

Commissioner Blackwell: YES

CLOSE MEETING TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

ITEM VII.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a. m.

W. W. GRESHAM, JR., CHAIRMAN

VICTOR P. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

LEONARD A. BLACKWELL, II, COMMISSIONER

CHARLES PATTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

Charlene R. Pierce

Exhibit 1
BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION
Memorandum of Decisions of the Hearing Examiner

Re: Work Permit Hearings Held and Decisions Rendered on June 5, June 6, July 10 and July 11, 2001, in Jackson, Mississippi

THERE CAME ON FOR HEARING the work permit appeals of the following person(s) aggrieved by the decision of the Executive Director of the Mississippi Gaming Commission recommending revocation of the work permit. After such hearings and upon consideration of the evidence and arguments presented, the Hearing Examiner, the Honorable Larry Stroud, did make the following recommendations:

The following work permits were revoked:

Richard Ahmann Janet Miller Andre Pride Amber VonEberstein John Wesley Hawkins Michael A. Worthan Edward D. Fleming Rose Merrideth Edmond M. Payne Valeria Williams Regina L. Emery

The following work permit was not revoked:

Mona J. Noel

The following work permits were not revoked but remain in place on conditions:

Ambi L. Hannah Clarence C. Davis, III

The following work permit denial were affirmed:

Jeff Gill Sheledia D. Kelly

The following work permit application was withdrawn:

Christopher Wellen

The Hearing Examiner has written a finding of facts and conclusions of law and mailed same to all of the above listed persons, and notified them of their rights of appeal. The appeal time has expired and none of the above persons have appealed the decision of the Hearing Examiner.

This report is made to the Commission and should be made a part of the minutes. All findings and conclusions of the Hearing Examiner are attached and also should be placed upon the minutes.

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Larry J. Stroud Hearing Examiner Mississippi Gaming Commission