

**MINUTES OF THE MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION**

**Regular Monthly Meeting  
December 19, 2001**

**The regular monthly meeting of the Mississippi Gaming Commission was held at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 19, 2001, at the offices of the Mississippi Gaming Commission, 202 E. Pearl Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Staff attending:**

**Leonard A. Blackwell, II, Chairman, MS Gaming Commission  
Victor P. Smith, Commissioner, MS Gaming Commission  
A. J. Pitts, Commissioner, MS Gaming Commission  
Larry Gregory, Executive Director, MS Gaming Commission  
Charlene R. Pierce, Special Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office  
Sam Weaver, Corporate Securities, MS Gaming Commission  
John Carpenter, Director of Investigations, MS Gaming Commission  
J. Ledbetter, Director of Intelligence, MS Gaming Commission  
Eddie Williams, Director of Personnel, MS Gaming Commission  
Leigh Ann Wilkins, Staff Officer I, MS Gaming Commission  
Ed Wong, Acting Director of Compliance, MS Gaming Commission  
David Bethea, Assistant Director of Investigations, MS Gaming Commission  
Brad Hetherington, Investigations, MS Gaming Commission  
Rich Randall, Branch Director - Biloxi, MS Gaming Commission  
Sonny Weathersby, Branch Director, Charitable Bingo, MS Gaming Commission  
Stephanie Quist, Compliance Officer Advanced, MS Gaming Commission  
Lyn Chambers, Staff Officer, MS Gaming Commission  
Curtis Quinn, Special Enforcement Agent, MS Gaming Commission**

**Chairman Leonard A. Blackwell, II, presided and called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.**

**ITEM I.**

**Chairman Blackwell gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Larry Gregory, Executive Director, made the following administrative announcements:**

**The January commission meeting is scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Mr. Gregory also introduced Eddie Williams as the Commission's new Director of Personnel.**

**ITEM II.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. November 20, 2001 - Regular Monthly Meeting

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "The Executive Director recommends that the minutes of the November 20, 2001, meeting be adopted."

Commissioner Smith: Move to adopt recommendation  
Commissioner Pitts: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Blackwell: YES  
Commissioner Smith: YES  
Commissioner Pitts: YES

2. November 27, 2001 - Special Interim Meeting

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "The Executive Director recommends that the minutes of the November 27, 2001, meeting be adopted."

Commissioner Pitts: Move to adopt recommendation  
Commissioner Smith: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Blackwell: YES  
Commissioner Smith: YES  
Commissioner Pitts: YES

3. December 4, 2001 - Special Interim Meeting

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "The Executive Director recommends that the minutes of the December 4, 2001, meeting be adopted."

Commissioner Pitts: Move to adopt recommendation  
Commissioner Smith: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Blackwell: YES  
Commissioner Smith: YES  
Commissioner Pitts: YES

**ITEM III.**

**GAMING MATTERS**

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A. APPLICATION FOR FINDING OF SUITABILITY - Circus Circus Mississippi, Inc. d/b/a Gold Strike Casino Resort

1. Glenn William Schaeffer (Updated)  
Director, President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - Mandalay Resort Group and Director, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer - Circus Circus Mississippi, Inc. d/b/a Gold Strike Casino Resort.

Scott Andress, with Balch & Bingham, came forward to introduce Glenn William Schaeffer.

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

Commissioner Smith: Move to adopt recommendation  
Commissioner Pitts: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Blackwell: YES  
Commissioner Smith: YES  
Commissioner Pitts: YES

2. REQUESTS FOR APPROVALS – Fitzgeralds Mississippi, Inc.

1. Surrender of License
2. De-registration of Intermediary Company
3. De-registration of Holding Company

Scott Andress, with Balch & Bingham, came forward to represent Fitzgeralds Mississippi, Inc.

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

1. The Mississippi Gaming commission grant approval for Fitzgeralds Mississippi, Inc. to surrender its license as an operator;
2. The Mississippi Gaming Commission grant approval to Fitzgeralds South, Inc. to be de-registered as an intermediary company of Fitzgeralds Mississippi, Inc.; and
3. The Mississippi Gaming Commission grant approval to Fitzgeralds Gaming corporation to be de-registered as a holding company of Fitzgeralds Mississippi,

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Inc.”

Commissioner Pitts: Move to adopt recommendation  
Commissioner Smith: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Blackwell: YES  
Commissioner Smith: YES  
Commissioner Pitts: YES

C. APPLICATION FOR FINDING OF SUITABILITY – Konami Gaming, Inc.

3. Koichi Uchida (Initial)  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer; and
1. Stephen Sutherland (Initial)  
Chief Operating Officer, President and Director

Britt Singletary, with Singletary and Thrash, came forward to introduce Koichi Uchida and Stephen Sutherland to the Commission.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S RECOMMENDATION: “Based upon the investigative reports, the Executive Director recommends that Mr. Koichi Uchida and Mr. Stephen Sutherland be found suitable to be associated with a gaming license granted under the Mississippi Gaming Control Act.”

Commissioner Pitts: Move to adopt recommendation  
Commissioner Smith: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Blackwell: YES  
Commissioner Smith: YES  
Commissioner Pitts: YES

D. REQUEST FOR APPROVALS – Aristocrat Technologies, Inc. and CDS Services Company

1. Recommendation for Licensure – CDS Services Company
2. Continuous approval of Public Offerings and/or Private Placements
3. Pledge of Equity Interest or Securities
4. Imposition of Stock Restrictions Including Negative Stock Pledges
5. Guarantee of Securities and Hypothecation of Assets

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ITEM III.D. WAS TABLED.

E. RECOMMENDATION REGARDING WORK PERMIT HEARINGS HELD AND DECISIONS  
RENDERED ON OCTOBER 2, 2001

(Copies attached to the record as Exhibit "1").

HEARING EXAMINER'S DECISIONS:

The following work permits were revoked:

Richard A. Camacho  
George R. Hahn  
Andre T. White

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, Deputy Attorney General, Michael Lanford."

Commissioner Pitts: Move to adopt recommendation  
Commissioner Smith: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Blackwell: YES  
Commissioner Smith: YES  
Commissioner Pitts: YES

F. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION – Patron Dispute  
(Copies attached to the record as Exhibit "2").

1. Don Fuller v. Grand Casino - Biloxi and Tony Collins,  
Cause No. 99-00887

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "The Executive Director recommends that the Commission deny the Motion for Reconsideration and Alternative Clarification in the matter of Don Fuller v. Grand Casino - Biloxi and Tony Collins, Cause No. 99-00887.

Commissioner Smith: Move to adopt recommendation  
Commissioner Pitts: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Blackwell: YES  
Commissioner Smith: YES  
Commissioner Pitts: YES

**ITEM IV.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - GAMING**

NONE.

A short recess was taken at 9:18 a.m.  
Meeting reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

**ITEM V.**

**CHARITABLE BINGO MATTERS**

Staff present for Charitable Bingo session:

Leonard A. Blackwell, II, Chairman, MS Gaming Commission  
Victor P. Smith, Commissioner, MS Gaming Commission  
A. J. Pitts, Commissioner, MS Gaming Commission  
Larry Gregory, 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  
Sonny Weathersby, Branch Director, Charitable Bingo, MS Gaming Commission  
Joel R. Jones, Special Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

**A. APPROVALS FOR LICENSURE**

(Copy attached to the record as Exhibit "3").

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

Commissioner Smith: Move to adopt recommendation  
Commissioner Pitts: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Blackwell: YES  
Commissioner Smith: YES  
Commissioner Pitts: YES

**2. CHARITABLE BINGO LICENSE**

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1. Veterans of Foreign Wars #5393

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: "The Executive Director recommends that the Commission issue a 90 day (three month) renewal license to Veterans of Foreign Wars #5393. This recommendation is made so that Commission staff may evaluate their expenses for the previous year."

Commissioner Pitts: Move to adopt recommendation  
Commissioner Smith: Second

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Blackwell: YES  
Commissioner Smith: YES  
Commissioner Pitts: YES

**ITEM VI.**

**COMMENTS - CHARITABLE BINGO**

NONE.

Commissioner Pitts: 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 Blackwell: YES  
Commissioner Smith: YES  
Commissioner Pitts: YES

CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC.

Commissioner Smith: Move to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential and proprietary information provided by Aristocrat Technologies, Inc. and requested by Aristocrat Technologies, Inc. to remain confidential.

Commissioner Pitts: Second.

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RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Blackwell: YES  
Commissioner Smith: YES  
Commissioner Pitts: YES

CLOSE MEETING TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Commissioner Smith: Move to go out of Executive Session.

Commissioner Pitts: Second.

RECORDED VOTE: Chairman Blackwell: YES  
Commissioner Smith: YES  
Commissioner Pitts: YES

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

**ITEM VII.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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LEONARD A. BLACKWELL, II, CHAIRMAN

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VICTOR P. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

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A. J. PITTS, COMMISSIONER



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LARRY GREGORY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

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Charlene R. Pierce