

**MINUTES  
MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION  
INTERIM SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 14, 1993**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Mississippi Gaming Commission met for an interim special meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 14, 1993, in the Chairman's Conference Room of the State Tax Commission located in the Woolfolk Building, Jackson, MS.

Staff in attendance:

Ed Buelow, Jr., Chairman and Commissioner of the MSTC  
Harvey Johnson, Jr., Commissioner, MSTC  
Bill Tann, Commissioner, MSTC  
Kathy Waterbury, Miscellaneous Tax Division, MSTC  
Allen Godfrey, Miscellaneous Tax Division, MSTC  
Chuck Patton, Acting Executive Director, MS Gaming Commission  
Sean McGuinness, Compliance Director, MS Gaming Commission  
Clara Wright, Secretary Confidential, MS Gaming Commission  
Carole Edds, Special Assistant Attorney General, AG's Office  
Amy Kilpatrick, Attorney General's Office

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Buelow at 8:30 a.m.

Staff advised the Commission that the notice informing the public of the meeting had been posted and contained an error. The notice indicated that the location of the meeting was in the Ways and Means Room of the Capitol instead of the Chairman's Conference Room in the Woolfolk Building.

The Commission voted to close the meeting in order to discuss the possibility of going into Executive Session. After a brief discussion, the Commission opened the meeting to inform the public that they were going into Executive Session to discuss trade secrets regarding Jackpot Mississippi Riverboat, Inc. and to discuss a public offering for The Boyd Group. The Commission voted to go into Executive Session.

During Executive Session, Terry Cassreino of The Biloxi Sun Herald, J. Lee Howard of The Clarion-Ledger and Sarah C. Campbell of The Commercial Appeal interrupted the meeting and filed a petition objecting to the manner in which the Commission was meeting because the official notice indicated the location as the Ways and Means Room of the State Capitol. (See Attachment A)

The Commission went back into Open Session and a motion was made concerning the Boyd Group. The Commission voted unanimously that staff would provide written acknowledgement to waive the requirements of §75-76-235 (6) as provided for in §75-76-249, specifically for the Boyd Group and with the qualifiers that the waiver has nothing to do with the finding of suitability and has nothing to do with the finding that the public offering is adequate or accurate.

In the matter of Sonya Mitchell's work permit appeal, the Hearing Examiner has heard the case and rendered a decision and Ms. Mitchell is now requesting another hearing before the Commission. The Commission voted unanimously to uphold the Hearing Examiner's decision and to deny the hearing request by Sonya Mitchell.

In the matter of Bingo, staff proposed regulation changes that would focus investigations more on the charities and not the individuals involved. Staff recommended changes to the regulation that would require fingerprint cards to be checked with the FBI, which would allow enforcement of the Bingo application that addresses finding of suitability. Also, because of numerous complaints about the way that the Bingo Regulations were organized, staff proposed changes to reorganize the regulations into three groups: General Provisions, Electronic Machines, and the Rules for Operation and Reporting. The Commission voted unanimously for staff to notify the Secretary of State's Office with the notice of intent to adopt the proposed Bingo Regulation changes.

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For the record, the Commission voted unanimously to formally adopt an amendment to the Choctaw Gaming Compact that would give them the right to have the "Hickock Six Game" included in their list of games.

Also for the record, staff will consult with Wonda Hobson's attorney to schedule a hearing for B & B Amusement.

The Commission voted unanimously to adopt the Soft Opening Policy. (Attachment B).

Commissioner Harvey Johnson stated that several people have indicated to him that some machines at the casinos have signs that read "This machine is out of order until inspected by the Mississippi Gaming Commission." Chuck Patton responded that the signs should be used if the machines are not working properly or if the machines are not on-line. Commissioner Johnson questioned whether there should be a number posted at the casinos because patrons should feel that the Commission is accessible. Mr. Patton stated that the best way to handle complaints is by receiving written notice which allows the investigating agent to be more informed when following up on the complaint.

Mr. Patton advised the Commission that questions were raised at the last meeting regarding the distance a boat should be from the river.

Also, a number of applicants in Tunica County voiced their concern about whether or not they should go forward in the licensing process and risk the possible disapproval of their license when they come forward. The Commission asked Mr. Patton to place the item on the agenda to be discussed at a future meeting.

Commissioner Buelow apologized for the typographical error that occurred on the notice that listed the location of the meeting incorrectly.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER**

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**ATTEST:**

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**GAMING SECRETARY**