

# MINUTES OF THE MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION

Regular Monthly Meeting  
September 21, 2020

Due to the threat of Hurricane Sally on Thursday, September 17, 2020, the regular monthly meeting of the Mississippi Gaming Commission was held at 9:00 a.m., Monday, September 21, 2020, at the Jackson offices of the Mississippi Gaming Commission, Staff attending:

Major General (R) Al Hopkins, Chairman, MS Gaming Commission – Via Zoom  
Jerry Griffith, Commissioner, MS Gaming Commission – Via Zoom  
Tom Gresham, Commissioner, MS Gaming Commission – Via Zoom  
Allen Godfrey, Executive Director, MS Gaming Commission  
Eddie Williams, Deputy Director, MS Gaming Commission  
Tom Mikula, Director, Investigations, MS Gaming Commission  
Alan Sang, Director, MIS, MS Gaming Commission  
Deanne B. Saltzman, Special Assistant Attorney General

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Allen Godfrey gave the invocation and Chairman Hopkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hopkins 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, October 15, 2020, at the Jackson offices of the Mississippi Gaming Commission at 9:00 a.m. The deadline for submission of agenda items for this meeting is September 30, 2020.

## ITEM II.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. August 20, 2020 Regular Monthly 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 Griffith: Motion to approve the minutes  
Commissioner Gresham: Second

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

### ITEM III.

#### GAMING MATTERS

A. Recommendation for Licensure as an Operator – Boyd Biloxi, LLC d/b/a IP Casino Resort

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** With past Commission action, key principals of the companies have been found suitable. The Executive Director recommends that Boyd Biloxi, LLC be granted an operator'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 October 4, 2020, through October 3, 2023;
2. Licensee shall maintain a compliance review and reporting system, which shall include a compliance committee. Licensee shall maintain a written compliance review and reporting plan that meets the requirements of 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Part 2 Rule 1.7 and such other conditions as may be required by the Executive Director;
3. 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;
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 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 license is based on the licensee's ability to maintain satisfactory results for all investigations and agency checks.

Commissioner Gresham:	Motion to adopt recommendation
Commissioner Griffith:	Second

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

**B. Recommendation for Licensure as a Distributor – American Gaming & Electronics, Inc.**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S RECOMMENDATION:** With past Commission action, key principals of the companies have been found suitable. The Executive Director recommends that the Mississippi Gaming Commission grant American Gaming & Electronics, Inc. a 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 October 19, 2020, through October 18, 2023;
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  
Commissioner Gresham:                      Second

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

**C. Applications for Finding of Suitability – (Land Holdings I, LLC)**

1. Mr. Roy Alan Sous – Vice President of Marketing, Hotel Ops and Food/Beverage (Scarlet Pearl Casino Resort)

The applicant was excused from attending in person due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** Based upon the investigative reports, the Executive Director recommends that Mr. Roy Alan Sous 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 September 21, 2020;
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 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 "1")

1. American Legion #112  
3742 I-55 South Frontage Road  
Jackson, MS 39212
2. Gallant Heart Guide Dog Center  
340 Highway 12 West  
Kosciusko, MS 39090

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

The Executive Director recommends that the previously identified organizations be approved for licensure, subject to the following conditions:

1. The license will be issued for a thirty six-month period effective October 01, 2020 through September 30, 2023;
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 license in the courts located in the State of Mississippi; and
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 – Distributor – Twelve Months**

(Documentation attached as Exhibit “2”)

1. Roy Bingo 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 October 01, 2020 through September 30, 2021;
- 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 license 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 – Twelve Months**

(Documentation attached as Exhibit “3”)

1. LIF Capital Group, LLC / Pacific Gaming, LLC
2. Pollard Games, Inc.
3. VKGS, LLC / Video King

**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 October 01, 2020 through September 30, 2021;
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 license 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 – Final Adoption

(Documentation attached as Exhibit “4”)

1. 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 10, R. 1.1 and 1.2
2. 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 10, R. 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5
3. 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 10, R. 3.1
4. 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 10, R. 4.1
5. 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 10, R. 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5
6. 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 11, R. 1.1 and 1.2
7. 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 11, R. 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3
8. 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 11, R. 3.1
9. 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 11, R. 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9
10. 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 12, R. 1.1
11. 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 12, R. 2.1

12. 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 12, R. 3.1
13. 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 12, R. 4.1
14. 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 12, R. 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7 and 5.8
15. 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 12, R. 6.1 and 6.2
16. 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 13, R. 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** The Executive Director recommends the Commission finally adopt the proposed amendments and direct that for these amendments along with the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption – Final Rule be filed with the Office of the Secretary of State.

13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 10, R. 1.1 and 1.2; 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 10, R. 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5; 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 10, R. 3.1; 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 10, R. 4.1; 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 10, R. 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5; 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 11, R. 1.1 and 1.2; 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 11, R. 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3; 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 11, R. 3.1; 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 11, R. 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9; 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 12, R. 1.1; 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 12, R. 2.1; 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 12, R. 3.1; 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 12, R. 4.1; 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 12, R. 5.1; 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7 and 5.8; 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 12, R. 6.1 and 6.2; 13 Mississippi Administrative Code Pt. 13, R. 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4.

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)**

(Documentation attached as Exhibit "5")

Tammy Pierce, Associate Vice President of Development, APELAH, appeared via Zoom, and inquired as to whether APELAH's public comments regarding proposed rule changes for charitable gaming submitted by letter dated September 14, 2020, had been considered by the Commission. The Commission acknowledged prior receipt and consideration of said comments.

(Documentation attached as Exhibit "6")

Public comments regarding proposed rules changes for charitable gaming were submitted by National Association of Fundraising Ticket Manufacturers (NAFTM) by letter dated September 15, 2020.

**ITEM VII.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Commissioner Griffith: Motion to Adjourn  
Commissioner Gresham: Second

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.



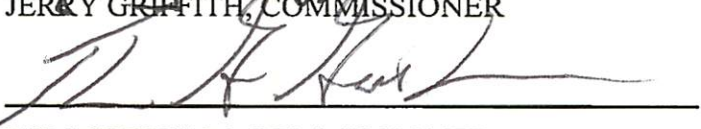
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MAJOR GENERAL (R) AL HOPKINS, CHAIRMAN



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JERRY GRIFFITH, COMMISSIONER




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TOM GRESHAM, COMMISSIONER

  
ALLEN GODFREY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

  
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MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION COUNSEL

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION

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

SIGNATURE: Trish Edwards  
TITLE: STAFF OFFICER  
DATE: 09/21/20