



# RESILIENT LOUISIANA COMMISSION

CO-CHAIR DON PIERSON

CO-CHAIR TERRIE STERLING

## Gaming Task Force

May 19, 2020

Meeting called to order at: 10:00 a.m.

### Task Force Members Present:

- Ronnie Jones
- Arthur Lawson
- Barron Fuller
- Barry Regula
- Ned White
- Rosanne Thompson
- Stan Guidroz
- Trey Tantillo
- Vincent Schwartz
- Wade Duty
- Christopher Hebert
- Major Chuck McNeal
- Trudy Smith
- Natalie Thurman
- Charlie Gardiner
- David Sickey
- Michael Legendre

- Agenda and Roll Call
  - Chairman Jones called the meeting to order. The Chairman presented the Gaming Task Force's Certification for Lack of a Quorum. A motion was made by Barry Regula to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020, meeting of the Gaming Task Force. The motion was seconded by Stan Guidroz and, there being no objection, the minutes were adopted.
- Introductions
  - Chairman Jones recognized and welcomed Don Pierson, Co-Chairman of the Resilient Louisiana Commission ("RLC"), Commission Member and Representative Walt Leger, and RLC Staff Member Andrew Doss.
- Reopening updates
  - Chairman Jones briefly updated the task force on the reopening of some gaming establishments and requested casino and video gaming representatives share their reopening experiences. All representatives reported favorably with high volume patronage. Fifty to ninety percent of gaming patrons wore masks and were receptive to the new protocols. The only shared complaint was that of individuals wanted to sit together.
  - All reports were very complimentary of the work of the Louisiana State Police. Major McNeal reported that there were no issues in reopening. Michael Legendre, Charitable Gaming, reported that about twenty-four properties were re-opening this week and approximately eighty were waiting to reopen until Phase Two. The only complaint was concerning the social distancing requirement.
- Cross-Sector Request
  - Chairman Jones informed the task force that Will LaBar, Co-Chairman of the Information Technology and Communications Task Force, requested that four or five Gaming Task Force members participate in cross-sector dialogue that will examine IT and Communications dependencies on the gaming sector.
  - Gaming Task Force members Dan Real, Stan Guidroz, Wade Duty, Major Chuck McNeal and Trudy Smith will represent the Task Force.
- Phase Two and the vision for the future of the gaming industry.
  - Chairman Jones asked the task force members to envision what the industry should look like in the next ten to twenty years and to use a macro view in their approach. The vision must promote the underlying basis of the Louisiana gaming industry which is the promotion of economic development.
- Recommendation request:
  - Chairman Jones requested that representatives from each gaming sector develop and present recommendations that include context and rationale at the next three Task Force meetings. Those recommendations will then be compiled and forwarded to the Resilient Louisiana Commission governing body. Wade Duty will represent the casino gaming industry's recommendations at the next

meeting. Stan Guidroz will represent the video gaming industry's recommendations at the following meeting and a representative of charitable gaming will make recommendations at the meeting after that.

- Don Pierson addressed the Task Force members and thanked them for the work they have accomplished in reopening gaming properties. He informed the members that the deadline for submission of final recommendations to the RLC is June 12, 2020 and a template will be provided by May 22, 2020.
- Representative Walt Leger expressed his appreciation for the work of the Task Force. Andrew Doss complimented the Task Force stating that the Gaming Task Force has been a model for the other RLC Task Forces.
- There being no further business, a motion was made by Stan Guidroz to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Christopher Hebert and, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Acknowledgement and adjournment