

BEFORE THE MISSOURI GAMING COMMISSION  
STATE OF MISSOURI

MISSOURI GAMING COMMISSION MEETING

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Missouri Gaming Commission  
Hearing Room  
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MISSOURI GAMING COMMISSION MEETING

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

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James L. Mathewson

Darryl T. Jones

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Noel J. Shull

Suzanne Bocell Bradley

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Larry W. Plunkett Sr.

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ALSO PRESENT

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Gene McNary, Executive Director

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Angie Franks, Designated Principal Assistant

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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRMAN JAMES L. MATHEWSON: Staff has pointed out to me for the last eight minutes that it's 9:00, so I really appreciate the support.

Good morning, everyone. Nice to have everyone here today. We will get started. We have two of the commissioners that are unable to be with us today. One is sick, and the other one is just AWOL. Take your pick which one you wanted today, but we'll -- we do have a quorum by having the three of us here, so we will move forward.

Ms. Angie, I think the first thing we need to do is consideration of minutes; is that correct?

ANGIE FRANKS: Should we call the roll?

CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Yeah. Go ahead.

MS. FRANKS: Chairman Mathewson?

CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: I thought you could count to three. Here.

MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Shull?

COMMISSIONER NOEL J. SHULL: Here.

MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Jones?  
Commissioner Plunkett?

COMMISSIONER LARRY W. PLUNKETT, SR.: Here.

MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Bradley?

CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Very good. Quorum being

1 present. The Chair would accept a motion for the  
2 minutes of February 23.

3 COMMISSIONER PLUNKETT: So moved.

4 COMMISSIONER SHULL: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Any discussion? Call  
6 roll please.

7 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Mathewson?

8 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Approve.

9 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Shull?

10 COMMISSIONER SHULL: Approve.

11 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Plunkett?

12 COMMISSIONER PLUNKETT: Approve.

13 MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted the  
14 minutes of the February 23, 2010 meeting.

15 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Chair would accept a  
16 motion for February 24.

17 COMMISSIONER PLUNKETT: So moved.

18 COMMISSIONER SHULL: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Any discussion? Call  
20 roll please.

21 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Mathewson?

22 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Approve.

23 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Shull?

24 COMMISSIONER SHULL: Approve.

25 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Plunkett?

1 COMMISSIONER PLUNKETT: Approve.

2 MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted the  
3 minutes of the February 24, 2010 meeting.

4 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Thank you, Angie.

5 Gene -- Mr. McNary?

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GENE MCNARY: Mr. Chairman  
7 and Commissioners, the disciplinary -- there are four  
8 disciplinary actions. Tab C is two counts regarding  
9 Ameristar Casino Kansas City. There are two counts  
10 because these actions were close in time and similar  
11 fact situations.

12 Count 1, an 18-year-old underage patron was  
13 discovered on the gaming floor by casino personnel.  
14 The underage patron bypassed security without being  
15 asked for ID. While on the gaming floor for 30  
16 minutes, the underage patron played several EGDs but  
17 did not consume alcohol.

18 Count 2 involved a 16-year-old underage  
19 patron discovered on the gaming floor by casino  
20 personnel. The underage patron bypassed security  
21 without being asked for ID. While on the gaming floor  
22 for 36 minutes, the underage patron did not gamble or  
23 drink alcohol.

24 Staff felt as though the casino was  
25 understaffed with security people. The security people

1 who were there were looking at other people coming  
2 through. They didn't have sufficient people to check  
3 everybody's ID., and that's why these two got through.

4 Staff recommends a \$25,000 fine.

5 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Any discussion?

6 COMMISSIONER PLUNKETT: Move approval of  
7 DC-10-108.

8 COMMISSIONER SHULL: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Any discussion? Call  
10 roll please.

11 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Mathewson?

12 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: I approve.

13 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Shull?

14 COMMISSIONER SHULL: Approve.

15 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Plunkett?

16 COMMISSIONER PLUNKETT: Approve.

17 MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you have adopted  
18 disciplinary complaint DC-10-108.

19 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Mr. McNary?

20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCNARY: Tab D,  
21 Mr. Chairman, concerns Harrah's Maryland Heights. The  
22 surveillance department reported that a surveillance  
23 video recorder failed to record three and a half hours  
24 of surveillance coverage for the Mardi Gras cage.  
25 There had been a previous incident in October of '09

1 where a video recorder failed to record four days of  
2 surveillance coverage. The casino was warned  
3 concerning how serious the surveillance is, and this  
4 was a failure.

5 Staff recommended a \$25,000 fine.

6 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Any discussion?

7 COMMISSIONER PLUNKETT: Motion to approve  
8 DC-10-109.

9 COMMISSIONER SHULL: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Any discussion? Call  
11 roll please.

12 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Mathewson?

13 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Approve.

14 MS. FRANK: Commissioner Shull?

15 COMMISSIONER SHULL: Approve.

16 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Plunkett?

17 COMMISSIONER PLUNKETT: Approve.

18 MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you have adopted  
19 DC-10-109.

20 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Mr. McNary?

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCNARY: Tab E,

22 Mr. Chairman, concerns a 19-year-old underage patron  
23 discovered on the gaming floor by casino personnel.

24 The underage patron bypassed security without being

25 asked for ID. While on the gaming floor for two and a

1 half hours, the underage patron played several slot  
2 machines but did not consume alcohol.

3 I have discussed this with Commissioners  
4 Shull and Plunkett. It was brought to our attention or  
5 raised as a concern that there were two prior  
6 situations in '09. We checked those, and I reported  
7 back that one was not really on the casino floor. It  
8 was in the Voodoo Lounge. The other amounted to a  
9 three- to five-minute appearance on the casino floor.  
10 There was no alcohol, no gambling, which we considered  
11 not to be a violation since we're encouraging the  
12 casinos to be mindful, and some of them even have a  
13 bounty for casino personnel that will find underage  
14 patrons.

15 Staff recommends to a \$10,000 fine.

16 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Any discussion? The  
17 Chair would accept the motion to accept.

18 COMMISSIONER SHULL: Move approval of  
19 DC-10-110.

20 COMMISSIONER PLUNKETT: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Any discussion? Call  
22 the roll, Angie, please.

23 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Mathewson?

24 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Approve.

25 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Shull?

1 COMMISSIONER SHULL: Approve.

2 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Plunkett?

3 COMMISSIONER PLUNKETT: Approve.

4 MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted DC-  
5 10-110.

6 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Mr. McNary?

7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCNARY: Tab F,  
8 Mr. Chairman, concerns two 19-year-old underage patrons  
9 discovered on the gaming floor. The underage patrons  
10 presented their real Missouri driver's licenses to  
11 security at the turnstiles. Both IDs showed and stated  
12 the patrons were underage. Nevertheless, they were  
13 allowed to enter the casino by security. While on the  
14 gaming floor for approximately one hour, the underage  
15 patrons played several slots but did not consume any  
16 alcohol.

17 The guard -- or the security personnel who  
18 allowed this was terminated. The underage patrons were  
19 actually caught by a trooper who made a random check.  
20 It should also be noted that they did have an ID  
21 checker, a device, that wasn't used or employed.

22 Staff recommends a \$10,000 fine.

23 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: The Chair would accept a  
24 motion for approval.

25 COMMISSIONER PLUNKETT: Motion to approve

1 DC-10-111.

2 COMMISSIONER SHULL: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Any discussion? Call  
4 the roll, Angie, please.

5 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Mathewson?

6 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Approve.

7 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Shull?

8 COMMISSIONER SHULL: Approve.

9 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Plunkett?

10 COMMISSIONER PLUNKETT: Approve.

11 MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted  
12 DC-10-111.

13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCNARY: Item IV,  
14 Mr. Chairman, on the agenda concerns settlement  
15 agreements, and General Counsel Chris Hinckley will  
16 address those.

17 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Mr. Hinckley?

18 CHRIS HINCKLEY: Chairman and Commissioners,  
19 I direct your attention to settlement agreements behind  
20 Tabs G through Q, several of them, and for these, I  
21 wanted to just go ahead and go through them straight  
22 through, and if there was any questions on any of the  
23 settlement agreements, we can either stop at that time  
24 if that's okay with you, Chairman --

25 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: That's fine.

1 MR. HINCKLEY: -- or at the end and then, I  
2 guess, vote on all of them at the end if that's  
3 appropriate.

4 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: That would be fine.

5 MR. HINCKLEY: Okay.

6 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Thank you,  
7 Mr. Hinckley. Proceed, sir.

8 MR. HINCKLEY: With regard to each of the  
9 licensees involved in these proposed settlement  
10 agreements, shortly after the Commission issued their  
11 disciplinary orders, the licensees contacted the  
12 Commission and took responsibilities for their actions  
13 or inaction involved in these matters and engaged in  
14 settlement agreements with the Commission.

15 Under Tab G in Commission Resolution  
16 No. 10-028 concerning licensee Ameristar Casino  
17 Kansas City and underlying disciplinary matter 10-066  
18 in which the licensee was fined \$10,000 for allegations  
19 relating to a failure to change cards according to  
20 Commission regulations, the licensee has agreed to  
21 settle this matter for a payment of \$9,000. The staff  
22 recommends that the Commission approve this resolution.

23 Under Tab H, Commission Resolution 10-029  
24 concerning licensee HGI-Mark Twain and underlying  
25 disciplinary matter 10-006 in which the licensee was

1 fined \$10,000 for allegations relating to an underage  
2 patron's presence on the gaming floor, the licensee has  
3 agreed to settle this matter for a payment of \$9,000.

4 Under Tab I, you have Commission Resolution  
5 10-030 concerning licensee Harrah's Maryland Heights  
6 and underlying disciplinary matter 10-067 in which the  
7 licensee was fined \$15,000 for allegations relating to  
8 an underage patron's presence on the gambling floor.  
9 The licensee has agreed to settle this matter for a  
10 payment of \$13,000 -- \$13,500.

11 Under Tab J in Commission Resolution  
12 10-031 concerning licensee Harrah's Maryland Heights  
13 and underlying disciplinary matter 10-068, the licensee  
14 was fined \$25,000 for a matter relating to an underage  
15 patron's presence on the gambling floor. The licensee  
16 has agreed to settle this matter for a payment of  
17 \$22,500.

18 Under Tab K in Commission Resolution  
19 10-032, licensee Harrah's North Kansas City and  
20 underlying disciplinary matter 10-008 was fined \$10,000  
21 for matters relating to a violation of internal  
22 controls relating to non-negotiable coupons. The  
23 licensee has agreed to settle this matter for a payment  
24 of \$9,000.

25 Under Tab L in Commission Resolution

1 10-033 concerning licensee Isle of Capri-Caruthersville  
2 and underlying disciplinary matter 10-010, the licensee  
3 was fined \$10,000 for having revoked software in two  
4 casino EGDs. The licensee has agreed to settle this  
5 matter for a payment of \$9,000.

6 Under Tab M in Commission Resolution  
7 10-034 concerning licensee Isle of Capri-Kansas City  
8 and underlying disciplinary matter 10-069 in which the  
9 licensee was fined \$10,000 for allegations relating to  
10 an underage patron's presence on the gambling floor,  
11 the licensee has agreed to settle this matter for a  
12 payment of \$9,000.

13 Under Tab N, you have Commission Resolution  
14 10-035 concerning licensee Isle of Capri-Kansas City  
15 and underlying disciplinary matter 10-070 where the  
16 licensee was fined \$10,000 for allegations relating to  
17 an EGD being put up to play without MGC approval. The  
18 licensee has agreed to settle this matter for a payment  
19 of \$9,000.

20 Under Tab O, you have Commission Resolution  
21 10-036 concerning licensee Isle of Capri-Kansas City  
22 and underlying disciplinary matter 10-071 in which the  
23 licensee was fined \$10,000 for allegations relating to  
24 an underage patron's presence on the gambling floor.  
25 The licensee has agreed to settle this matter for a

1 payment of \$9,000.

2 Under Tab P, you have Commission Resolution  
3 10-037 concerning licensee Missouri Gaming Company and  
4 underlying disciplinary matter 10-011 in which the  
5 licensee was fined \$20,000 for allegations relating to  
6 serving liquor to an intoxicated patron. The licensee  
7 has agreed to settle this matter for a payment of  
8 \$18,000.

9 And finally, under Tab Q in Commission  
10 Resolution 10-038, licensee Missouri Gaming Company and  
11 underlying disciplinary matter 10-072, the licensee was  
12 fined \$50,000 for allegations relating to a failure to  
13 monitor and record the presence of an intoxicated  
14 patron. The licensee has agreed to settle this matter  
15 for a payment of \$45,000.

16 The staff recommends that the Commission  
17 approve each of these resolutions.

18 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Any questions of  
19 Mr. Hinckley? As he stated, the Chair would accept a  
20 motion to approve all of these in one motion as  
21 settlement agreements.

22 COMMISSIONER SHULL: I'd like to move that we  
23 approve Commission Resolutions No. 10-028, 29, 30, 31,  
24 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38.

25 COMMISSIONER PLUNKETT: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: I have a motion and a  
2 second. Any discussion? Call the roll, Angie, please.

3 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Mathewson?

4 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Approve.

5 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Shull?

6 COMMISSIONER SHULL: Approve.

7 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Plunkett?

8 COMMISSIONER PLUNKETT: Approve.

9 MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you have adopted  
10 Resolution Nos. 10-028, 10-029, 10-030, 10-031, 10-032,  
11 10-033, 10-034, 10-035, 10-36, 10-037, and 10-038.

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCNARY: Item V on the  
13 agenda, Mr. Chairman, concerns relicensure of certain  
14 suppliers, and Sergeant George Hamilton will address  
15 that.

16 SERGEANT GEORGE HAMILTON: Morning, Chairman  
17 and Commissioners.

18 The Missouri State Highway Patrol  
19 investigators conducted the relicensing investigation  
20 of one supplier company currently licensed in Missouri.  
21 The investigation consisted of jurisdictional  
22 inquiries, feedback of affected gaming company clients,  
23 a review of disciplinary actions, litigation, and  
24 business credit profiles as well as a review of key  
25 persons associated with the company.

1                   The results of the investigation were  
2 provided to the MGC staff for their review and the  
3 following supplier is being presented for your  
4 consideration: Spielo Manufacturing, ULC, Moncton, New  
5 Brunswick, Canada.

6                   EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCNARY: Staff recommends  
7 relicensure.

8                   CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Any discussion? Any  
9 questions?

10                  MR. SHULL: What product do they manufacture?  
11 What type of product?

12                  SERGEANT HAMILTON: Slot machines.

13                  CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Any -- any further  
14 questions? The Chair would accept a motion.

15                  COMMISSIONER PLUNKETT: Motion to approve  
16 Resolution 10-039.

17                  COMMISSIONER SHULL: Second.

18                  CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Call the roll, Angie,  
19 please.

20                  MS. FRANKS: Chairman Mathewson?

21                  CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Approve.

22                  MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Shull?

23                  COMMISSIONER SHULL: Approve.

24                  MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Plunkett?

25                  COMMISSIONER PLUNKETT: Approve.

1 MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted  
2 Resolution No. 10-039.

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCNARY: Item VI,  
4 Mr. Chairman, concerns licensure of certain Level I/Key  
5 Applicants, and Sergeant Hamilton will address that  
6 too.

7 SERGEANT HAMILTON: The Missouri State  
8 Highway Patrol investigators, along with the Gaming  
9 Commission financial investigators, conducted  
10 comprehensive background investigations of multiple Key  
11 and Level I Applicants. The investigations included  
12 but were not limited to criminal, financial, and  
13 general character inquiries, which were made in the  
14 jurisdictions where the applicants lived, worked, and  
15 frequented.

16 The following individuals are being presented  
17 for your consideration: Carlos A. Ruisanchez, Vice  
18 President, Strategic Planning and Development for  
19 Pinnacle Entertainment, Incorporated; Guido J. Bologna,  
20 Vice President, Information Technology for Pinnacle  
21 Entertainment, Incorporated; Charles R. Henry,  
22 Director, Gaming Partners International; Eric P. Endy,  
23 Director for Gaming Partners International; and  
24 Martin Berkowitz, Director for Gaming Partners  
25 International.

1           The results of these investigations were  
2 provided to the Gaming Commission staff for their  
3 review, and you have summary reports before you for all  
4 the applicants being considered

5           EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCNARY: Staff recommends  
6 licensure of these Level I/Key Applicants.

7           CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Are these new  
8 applicants, Sergeant?

9           SERGEANT HAMILTON: Yes.

10          CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: They're all new?

11          SERGEANT HAMILTON: Yes.

12          CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Okay. Any questions?  
13 Chair would accept a motion.

14          COMMISSIONER SHULL: Move approval of  
15 Commission Resolution No. 10-040.

16          COMMISSIONER PLUNKETT: Second.

17          CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Any discussion? Call  
18 the roll please.

19          MS. FRANKS: Chairman Mathewson?

20          CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Approve.

21          MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Shull?

22          COMMISSIONER SHULL: Approve.

23          MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Plunkett?

24          COMMISSIONER PLUNKETT: Approve.

25          MS. FRANKS: By your vote, you've adopted

1 Resolution No. 10-040.

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCNARY: Item VII,  
3 Mr. Chairman, concerns new business and the  
4 distinguished Executive Director of the Missouri Gaming  
5 Association would like to -- Mike Winter would like to  
6 make a few remarks -- a few brief remarks.

7 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: What did you say?  
8 Distinguished?

9 MIKE WINTER: There may be differences in  
10 opinion on distinguished or not.

11 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Gene, and  
12 Commissioners, for giving me a couple of minutes to  
13 just make some brief comments, and these are specific  
14 to the recent settlement involving the President Casino  
15 and the Commission. I just want to provide some of the  
16 thoughts of the industry regarding the issuance of a  
17 new license.

18 Obviously, you have considerable discretion  
19 on how to proceed with the process involving the  
20 license. We would urge you to proceed cautiously when  
21 beginning to discuss how to move forward on determining  
22 if and when a new license should be reissued.

23 As you are all aware, the state's  
24 economy continues to struggle, and the gaming industry  
25 has not been immune from a lot of those same economic

1 challenges. While we did see an increase in the  
2 overall gaming revenue last year, I think we could  
3 point to the primary reason for that increase was the  
4 full year of operation of the Lumiere Place in  
5 St. Louis City as well as the repeal of the loss limit.  
6 We've also had to make many of the same type of tough  
7 decisions as other businesses to deal with economic  
8 downturn.

9           We know that you will be thorough and  
10 deliberate when evaluating the information you receive  
11 when determining if and when a license should be  
12 awarded. We would suggest -- one of the primary points  
13 for consideration when evaluating those proposals  
14 should be the potential impact any further expansion  
15 will have on the existing casinos presently in  
16 operation.

17           We have voiced this concern in the past when  
18 other proposals have been submitted to the Commission,  
19 whether the addition of another casino would merely be  
20 taking revenue from the existing operators without  
21 adding significant new growth to the market, and this  
22 continues to be a primary concern of the organization.

23           One of the issues outside of your control  
24 will be the opening of a new casino in Kansas. If what  
25 we're hearing continues to play out, that could happen

1     sometime in 2012, and it's likely to have a significant  
2     impact on our members in the Kansas City area. The  
3     extent to which this Kansas casino will affect our  
4     casinos will only be known over an extended course of  
5     time.

6                     This is yet another factor to take into  
7     consideration and further reason we believe the  
8     Commission should move ahead very carefully when  
9     evaluating whether to issue a new license in the  
10    future. We're confident, based on the comments that  
11    we've seen since this has happened, that the decision  
12    is not something the Commission is going to rush into,  
13    and we're willing, as an industry and an association,  
14    to provides you with any assistance we can as this  
15    process continues to unfold.

16                    So that, Mr. Chairman, is just some comments  
17    we wanted to make at today's meeting.

18                    CHAIRMAN MATHEWS: Did you have a question or  
19    a comment?

20                    COMMISSIONER SHULL: No.

21                    CHAIRMAN MATHEWS: Larry?

22                    COMMISSIONER PLUNKETT: No.

23                    EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCNARY: I have a  
24    question. You don't really believe that the  
25    substandard casinos in Kansas and Illinois would

1 compete with our quality casinos in Missouri, do you?

2 MR. WINTER: I would think not, but we do  
3 know that the project at the Speedway is going to be a  
4 substantial project, which will obviously compete with  
5 ours.

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCNARY: Mike, let me --  
7 and I have asked you -- will your members make  
8 available any market studies that would be helpful to  
9 the commission.

10 MR. WINTER: I've had some of those  
11 conversations. It's going to depend on the proprietary  
12 nature of some of those market studies, but we're in  
13 the process of inquiring of our members if they can  
14 share that information.

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCNARY: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: I'm glad you're  
17 concerned, Mike, because gosh, we must have had 12, 15  
18 inquiries already. Just kidding. Just so you know. I  
19 mean --

20 MR. WINTER: There's obviously interest.

21 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Yeah, and I can  
22 understand your loyalty would be to those who are  
23 already here, you know, because that's who writes the  
24 checks, so I can understand that.

25 Now, on a serious note, we will -- as

1 Mr. McNary pointed out, Mike, we need the market  
2 information if there's any way we can because we've --  
3 you know, this is going to be a -- and we've not  
4 discussed it yet. This will be the first opportunity  
5 we've had to do that today, so we're a couple of  
6 members short today, so we will -- but it's going to be  
7 a process that we're going to take very, very  
8 seriously, and we're going to deal with it that way and  
9 very openly so we can get people involved.

10 We appreciate any input that you all would  
11 provide us.

12 MR. WINTER: Be more than happy to help out  
13 any way we can.

14 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Thank you. Any other  
15 questions or comments of Mike? Thank you, sir, very  
16 much.

17 Now, LeAnn, tell me -- I asked LeAnn how many  
18 people in River City did they -- did we see, admission  
19 wise, on opening day. Okay? And tell me what that  
20 says? I mean, I see the number, but what -- how did  
21 you explain that to me?

22 LEANN MCCARTHY: It's over 21,000 admissions  
23 for Monday, March 1, which was the soft opening.

24 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Okay. Who said  
25 something?

1           CHERYL ALONZO: That was VIPs only. That was  
2 not open to the public.

3           CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Oh, because I -- somehow  
4 I thought that someone told me or I overheard it or  
5 something that that actual opening day to the general  
6 public was significantly more than that.

7           EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCNARY: That would have  
8 been Thursday.

9           CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Yeah. Okay. Was  
10 that -- yeah. All right. And you were there?

11          EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCNARY: Yes, sir.

12          CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Maybe it was you that  
13 said that however many acres that parking lot was was  
14 completely full, and they were stacked up two, two and  
15 a half miles trying to get in there.

16          EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCNARY: That's right.

17          CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Yeah.

18          MS. MCCARTHY: We'll get that number from --

19          CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: That's fine. I just  
20 wanted to comment about that, and it didn't appear, at  
21 least since then, that that -- that looks like --  
22 that's a lot of new business. That's not necessarily  
23 taking from someone else. It's new -- a lot of new  
24 business in that end of St. Louis County, I guess. So  
25 I found that interesting. This is a beautiful place,

1 and as Mr. McNary pointed out, we have quality gaming  
2 facilities in the state of Missouri, thanks to this  
3 outstanding Commission and staff. More humor there.

4 COMMISSIONER SHULL: Have no comment or  
5 questions following that. What can I say?

6 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Okay. Moving right  
7 along here. Old business there, Mr. McNary?

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCNARY: We have no old  
9 business.

10 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: All right. We need a  
11 motion to go into a closed meeting. Could I get one of  
12 those please? Do you have anything else, Gene, before  
13 we go into closed?

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCNARY: No, sir.

15 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER SHULL: I move that we go into  
17 closed session. Oh, motion to go into closed meeting  
18 under Sections 313.847 and 610.021 1, 11, and 14.

19 COMMISSIONER PLUNKETT: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Any discussion on that?  
21 Call the roll on that motion, Angie, please.

22 MS. FRANKS: Chairman Mathewson?

23 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Approve.

24 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Shull?

25 COMMISSIONER SHULL: Approve.

1 MS. FRANKS: Commissioner Plunkett?

2 COMMISSIONER PLUNKETT: Approve.

3 CHAIRMAN MATHEWSON: Okay. Thank you all  
4 very much.

5 (The meeting was concluded at 9:35 a.m.)

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