

## Gambling board to decide casino license next week - WXVT

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BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) - State gambling regulators will choose next week between three companies seeking the state's last available riverboat casino license.

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board will take up the issue at its Feb. 17 meeting, after hearing four hours Wednesday

from the companies and the state officials who reviewed their applications to make sure they meet the requirements to hold a casino license with the state.

The projects proposed would be in either Jefferson Parish or Lake Charles.

St. Gabriel Downs LLC is seeking to build a Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Lake Charles, with a \$167 million first phase. Creative Casinos LLC also is targeting the Lake Charles market with a proposed \$400 million project called Mojito Pointe.

Penn National Gaming Inc. is proposing a second casino in the New Orleans suburb of Harvey, called Hollywood Casino, with a first phase costing \$145 million.

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