

Transcript of the Testimony of
**LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD 1-
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1	<p>STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD JANUARY 15, 2026 MEETING</p> <p>This Louisiana Gaming Control Board Meeting was taken in by Belinda K. Amerson, a Certified Court Reporter in and for the State of Louisiana, at the LOUISIANA STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE COMMITTEE ROOM 1, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA on the 15th day of January, 2026.</p>	2	<p>1 APPEARANCES: 2 3 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HEBERT 4 MS. LANDRY 5 MS. HERNANDEZ 6 MR. JACKSON 7 MS. HENNIGAN 8 MS. LEWIS 9 MS. TRAYLOR 10 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER 11 MR. SHOLES 12 MS. BECNEL 13 MAJOR ALBRIGHT 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p>
3	<p>1 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 2 Okay. Good morning, everyone. I 3 would like to call to order the meeting of 4 the Louisiana Gaming Control Board for 5 Thursday, January 15th, 2026. 6 Ms. Hernandez, would you please call 7 the roll? 8 MS. HERNANDEZ: 9 Chairman Hebert. 10 CHAIRMAN HEBERT: 11 Here. 12 MS. HERNANDEZ: 13 Ms. Becnel. 14 MS. BECNEL: 15 Here. 16 MS. HERNANDEZ: 17 Ms. Hamilton-Acker. 18 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER: 19 Here. 20 MS. HERNANDEZ: 21 Ms. Hennigan. 22 MS. HENNIGAN: 23 Here. 24 MS. HERNANDEZ: 25 Mr. Jackson.</p>	4	<p>1 MR. JACKSON: 2 Here. 3 MS. HERNANDEZ: 4 Mr. Langley. 5 (No response). 6 MS. HERNANDEZ: 7 Ms. Lewis. 8 MS. LEWIS: 9 Here. 10 MS. HERNANDEZ: 11 Mr. Sholes. 12 MR. SHOLES: 13 Here. 14 MS. HERNANDEZ: 15 Ms. Traylor. 16 MS. TRAYLOR: 17 Here. 18 MS. HERNANDEZ: 19 Colonel Hodges. 20 MAJOR ALBRIGHT: 21 Major Albright for Colonel Hodges. 22 MS. HERNANDEZ: 23 Secretary Coniglio. 24 (No response). 25 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:</p>

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1 Okay. We do have a quorum.
 2 Members, thank you for being here this
 3 morning.
 4 Ladies and gentlemen, this is our
 5 public comment period. If anyone would
 6 like to comment on any agenda item before
 7 this Board today, now is the time to come
 8 forward.
 9 Seeing none, we will now move on to
 10 Item III on our agenda, which is the
 11 approval of the minutes. I would ask for
 12 a motion to waive and approve the minutes
 13 of the December 18, 2025 board meeting.
 14 It's moved -- so moved by Ms. Becnel
 15 and seconded by Judge Sholes.
 16 Is there any discussion?
 17 Any opposition?
 18 Hearing none, that motion carries.
 19 Moving on to Item IV on our agenda, our
 20 revenue reports.
 21 Good morning, Ms. Jackson.
 22 MS. JACKSON:
 23 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and
 24 Board Members. My name is Donna Jackson.
 25 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:

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1 generated \$3.8 million in AGR in the 26
 2 days of operation. The Shreveport/Bossier
 3 market had an increase -- a net increase
 4 of \$8 million over last December, with
 5 Live! generating almost \$12 million, but
 6 four of the five other casinos experienced
 7 decreases from last year. The Lake
 8 Charles riverboats were up \$4.5 million
 9 from last December.
 10 Next, is a summary of the December
 11 2025 gaming activity for Caesars New
 12 Orleans, found on page 3. Caesars
 13 generated \$28,583,602 in gross gaming
 14 revenue. These revenues represent a
 15 decrease of \$2.5 million or 8% from last
 16 month, but an increase of \$3.2 million, or
 17 12.7%, from the same month last year.
 18 During December, the state received
 19 \$5,520,548 in minimum daily payments.
 20 To date, Adjusted Gross Receipts for
 21 fiscal year '25-'26 are \$150.5 million, an
 22 increase of \$23.6 million or 19% from
 23 fiscal year '24-'25. As of December 31,
 24 2025, the state collected \$32.8 million in
 25 fees for fiscal year '25-'26.

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1 Just a second, Ms. Jackson. There
 2 you go.
 3 MS. JACKSON:
 4 Good morning. My name is Donna
 5 Jackson with the Louisiana State Police,
 6 Gaming Audit Section.
 7 In December, the 15 operating
 8 riverboats generated Adjusted Gross
 9 Receipts of \$167,842,315. The state
 10 collected fees totaling \$36,086,098.
 11 Adjusted Gross Receipts for fiscal
 12 year '25-'26 to date are \$921.4 million,
 13 an increase of \$68.7 million or 8% from
 14 fiscal year '24-'25.
 15 As of December 31, 2025, the state
 16 has collected \$198 million in fees for
 17 fiscal year '25-'26.
 18 Page 2 shows the riverboat revenue
 19 broken down by regional market. The
 20 overall increase from November was \$15
 21 million or 10%. Compared to last
 22 December, this month's revenues represent
 23 an increase of \$16 million or 10.6%.
 24 Bally's Baton Rouge opened its land side
 25 facility on December 6, 2025, and

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1 Next, I will present the revenues
 2 for Slots at Racetracks. During December,
 3 the four racetrack facilities combined
 4 generated Adjusted Gross Receipts of
 5 \$26,895,154, an increase of approximately
 6 \$2 million or 8.7% from the previous month
 7 and an increase of 2% when compared to the
 8 same month last year. During December,
 9 the state collected approximately \$4
 10 million in state fees.
 11 To date, Adjusted Gross Receipts for
 12 fiscal year '25-'26 are approximately \$155
 13 million, an increase of \$2 million or 1%
 14 from fiscal year '24-'25. As of December
 15 31, 2025, the state has collected \$23.5
 16 million in fees for fiscal year '25-'26.
 17 I will now move to the Video Gaming
 18 information.
 19 There are 12,602 video gaming
 20 devices activated at 1,372 locations. Net
 21 Device Revenue for December 2025 was
 22 \$67,082,013, an increase of \$3 million or
 23 5% when compared to November 2025, and an
 24 increase of \$3.4 million or 5.3% when
 25 compared to last December. Total

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1 Franchise Fees for December were \$20
 2 million. Fiscal year to date Net Device
 3 Revenue is \$388 million, an increase of
 4 \$19 million or 5.2% when compared to last
 5 fiscal year.
 6 As of December 31, 2025, the state
 7 has collected \$117 million in franchise
 8 fees for fiscal year '25-'26.
 9 Next, I will present the December
 10 revenue for sportsbook. During December,
 11 the retail sportsbooks accepted \$24.7
 12 million in sports wagers, resulting in net
 13 proceeds of \$3.3 million and \$328,000 in
 14 state taxes. The mobile sportsbooks
 15 accepted \$373 million in sports wagers,
 16 resulting in net proceeds of over \$57.7
 17 million and \$12.4 million in taxes paid to
 18 the state.
 19 Finally, for Daily Fantasy Sports,
 20 gross revenues for December were
 21 approximately \$4.8 million, with net
 22 revenue of \$483,000 and taxes of \$38,600.
 23 Any questions?
 24 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 25 Board Members, do we have any

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1 questions for Ms. Jackson?
 2 Okay. Ms. Jackson, I heard you say
 3 the words increase several times during
 4 your presentation, and that is a good
 5 thing to know that our gaming industry
 6 continues to thrive in the state. Thank
 7 you very much --
 8 MS. JACKSON:
 9 Thank you.
 10 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 11 -- for that report.
 12 Okay. We will now move on to Item
 13 V, Casino Gaming Issues. And first up is
 14 the consideration of the Certificate of
 15 Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat
 16 Inspection of the gaming vessel for
 17 Premier Entertainment Shreveport, LLC,
 18 doing business as Bally's Shreveport
 19 Casino and Hotel.
 20 Good morning, gentlemen. Please
 21 identify yourselves for the record.
 22 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LEWIS, JR.:
 23 Assistant Attorney General Kanick
 24 Lewis, Jr.
 25 MR. FRANCIC:

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1 John Francic with AVS.
 2 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 3 You may proceed.
 4 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LEWIS, JR.:
 5 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and
 6 Board Members. As I stated, I'm Assistant
 7 Attorney General Kanick Lewis, Jr. Mr.
 8 Francic and I are here in the matter of
 9 the issuance of a second temporary
 10 Certificate of Compliance for Premier
 11 Entertainment Shreveport, LLC, doing
 12 business as Bally's Shreveport Casino and
 13 Hotel.
 14 At the time of the initial
 15 inspection on November 5th of 2025, there
 16 were multiple deficiencies noted. All but
 17 three of the deficiencies were remedied,
 18 and AVS completed their re-inspection on
 19 December 4th. On December 18th of 2025,
 20 the Board issued a temporary Certificate
 21 of Compliance, which is set to expire on
 22 January 31, 2026.
 23 Bally's Shreveport has provided
 24 documentation of correction of all
 25 deficiencies except for one and has

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1 requested an extension of its temporary
 2 Certificate of Compliance for an
 3 additional 30 days to allow for AVS to
 4 complete a final inspection due to a delay
 5 in obtaining a replacement part needed to
 6 resolve that final deficiency.
 7 The Licensee requests that upon the
 8 Board accepting the report as submitted by
 9 AVS, the Board will move for the issuance
 10 of Bally's temporary Certificate of
 11 Compliance, which will expire on February
 12 28th of 2026.
 13 Mr. Francic will now present AVS's
 14 report to the Board, and should the Board
 15 have any questions, the Chief Engineer in
 16 charge from Bally's is here.
 17 MR. FRANCIC:
 18 All right, Chairman and Board
 19 Members. I'm John Francic, and I
 20 appreciate the opportunity to provide an
 21 update on the 2025 annual hull and life
 22 safety examination for Bally's Shreveport
 23 Casino.
 24 At the last board meeting, I
 25 reported that all deficiencies have been

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1 cleared with the exception of the
 2 emergency generator. At that time, we
 3 also discussed the multiple life safety
 4 redundancies that were in place, such as
 5 the battery-powered emergency lighting
 6 while repairs to the emergency generator
 7 were -- systems were underway. Just to
 8 give you an update on the emergency
 9 generator repairs, the emergency generator
 10 failure was determined by equipment
 11 manufacturer Simmons, the bus tie breaker
 12 serving the emergency generator. A
 13 replacement breaker was ordered and
 14 installed by Simmons. This corrected --
 15 allowed the emergency generator to start
 16 successfully; however, due to a faulty
 17 under-voltage UV trip on the bus tie
 18 breaker, the emergency generator was still
 19 unable to automatically be placed online.
 20 During the discussion with Simmons, it was
 21 identified that the availability of the
 22 replacement UV trip was anticipated on
 23 March 20th of this year. In the interim,
 24 Chief Engineer was actively pursuing
 25 alternative options to expedite the

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1 repair. As a result of those efforts,
 2 Simmons was able to locate a required UV
 3 trip, which was delivered earlier this
 4 week, installed, and successfully tested,
 5 restoring full automation operation of the
 6 emergency generator. But due to the
 7 uncertain notice of the successful
 8 testing, AVS was unable to dispatch a
 9 surveyor to Bally's to verify the full
 10 darkness drill. A follow-up visit will
 11 be scheduled to verify the emergency
 12 generator operation under simulated
 13 black-out conditions.
 14 Based on the successful installation
 15 of testing to date and pending
 16 verification of the full black-out drill,
 17 AVS recommends extending the Certificate
 18 of Compliance to February 28, 2026.
 19 I'll be happy to answer any
 20 questions if anyone has any.
 21 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 22 Any questions, Board Members?
 23 And so, just so we are clear, once
 24 that testing is completed you all will be
 25 back before us if we grant the temporary

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1 Certificate today -- next -- on next month
 2 to receive the annual?
 3 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LEWIS, JR.:
 4 That's correct.
 5 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 6 Okay. All right.
 7 Any more questions from the Board
 8 Members?
 9 If there is no questions, I will
 10 entertain a motion to issue a temporary
 11 Certificate of Compliance, which expires
 12 on February 28th of 2026.
 13 It has been approved by or a motion
 14 made by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Ms.
 15 Hennigan.
 16 Okay. Is there any discussion on
 17 this matter?
 18 Is there any opposition on the
 19 matter?
 20 Hearing no opposition, that motion
 21 carries and the temporary Certificate is
 22 issued with an expiration date of February
 23 28, 2026. I will see you all next month,
 24 gentlemen.
 25 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LEWIS, JR.:

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1 All right, sir. Thank you.
 2 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 3 Okay. Moving on to Item VI on our
 4 agenda, consideration of proposed
 5 settlement. Item A is the consideration
 6 of the proposed settlement for MPL
 7 Enterprises, Incorporated, doing business
 8 as MPL Enterprises.
 9 Good morning.
 10 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL WESTRA:
 11 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and
 12 Members of the Board. I'm Assistant
 13 Attorney General Ben Westra. I'm here
 14 before you today in the matter of the
 15 settlement agreement involving MPL
 16 Enterprises, Inc., doing business as MPL
 17 Enterprises, who currently holds a Type 6
 18 video draw poker gaming license.
 19 This settlement addresses the
 20 insubmission of annual forms and fees that
 21 are required to be submitted to the
 22 Division no later than July 1st of each
 23 year. This Licensee did not submit their
 24 2025 annual forms and fees until October
 25 6th of 2025, which gave rise to a

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1 violation of gaming law.
 2 The civil penalty contained in this
 3 settlement agreement is \$1500, which is an
 4 amount that is well-established for
 5 violations of this type. This settlement
 6 agreement has been signed by the Hearing
 7 Officer and is now before this Board for
 8 final approval.
 9 If there is any questions, I would
 10 be happy to answer them.
 11 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 12 Okay. Board Members, do we have any
 13 questions for Mr. Westra?
 14 If not, I will entertain a motion to
 15 approve the settlement.
 16 The motion has been made by Ms.
 17 Hamilton-Acker and seconded by Ms. Becnel.
 18 All in favor, say "aye."
 19 (All said aye).
 20 Is there any opposition?
 21 Hearing none, the motion carries and
 22 the settlement is approved.
 23 Thank you.
 24 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL WESTRA:
 25 Thank you.

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1 Mr. Rasco, as this is your appeal,
 2 you will present your argument first.
 3 MR. RASCO:
 4 All right. Good morning, Your Honor
 5 -- or Chairman.
 6 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 7 Good morning.
 8 MR. RASCO:
 9 My name is Thomas Rasco, and I'm
 10 representing myself. I am not dispute --
 11 disputing the violation. I accept
 12 responsibility for not reporting an
 13 arrest. I am respectfully -- respectfully
 14 asking the court to reduce the length of
 15 the penalty. I find that ten years is
 16 more than necessary under the
 17 circumstances.
 18 I have five points I want to make.
 19 Point 1: This was my first and only
 20 violation. I held a Louisiana Gaming
 21 Permit for three years before this
 22 incident with no problems, no warnings and
 23 no discipline.
 24 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LANGLOIS:
 25 Excuse me. I would like to

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1 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 2 Okay. Our final agenda item is the
 3 consideration of the appeal of Thomas
 4 Rasco.
 5 Okay. Good morning, and would you
 6 please identify yourselves for the record.
 7 MR. RASCO:
 8 Yes, sir. My name is Thomas Rasco.
 9 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LANGLOIS:
 10 And I'm Cathryn Langlois with the
 11 Attorney General's Office.
 12 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 13 Okay. Before we begin, I would like
 14 to remind the parties today that the Board
 15 is operating in its appellat capacity
 16 this morning. And the Board's decision
 17 will be based on the record of the
 18 administrative hearing and arguments made
 19 today concerning that record. There will
 20 be no new evidence that could be entered
 21 -- considered in this board meeting. I
 22 would also like to remind the parties to
 23 please address the Board, and the Board
 24 only, and not each other.
 25 Okay?

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1 respectively object that this is not part
 2 of the record, and only the facts that are
 3 on the record should be considered by the
 4 Board.
 5 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 6 Okay. Please keep your testimony to
 7 what was discussed or introduced during
 8 the record -- during the hearing -- excuse
 9 me.
 10 MR. RASCO:
 11 Okay.
 12 Point 2: The criminal charges were
 13 dismissed. The charge was reduced to
 14 Statute JP 20-102, which is loud noise.
 15 I understand the rule is about
 16 reporting the arrest, but the dismissal
 17 matters when decide -- when deciding how
 18 long the punishment should be. I would
 19 like to say there was no harm to the
 20 public, no casino involvement, and no
 21 dishonesty in gaming.
 22 Point 5: I respectfully ask the
 23 court to reduce the length of the
 24 revocation or send the case back to the
 25 Board to reconsider the penalty on a

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1 shorter period such as one to three years,
 2 would still be fair and would still
 3 enforce compliance.
 4 I'm closing.
 5 I take responsibility for this
 6 mistake, and it will not happen again. I
 7 respectfully ask for a second chance
 8 within a reasonable timeframe.
 9 Thank you for your time.
 10 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 11 Thank you, Mr. Rasco.
 12 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LANGLOIS:
 13 Good morning, Chairman Hebert and
 14 Board Members. I'm Assistant Attorney
 15 General Cathryn Langlois appearing on
 16 behalf of the Division. I wanted to first
 17 address the Permittee's arguments.
 18 His first argument that the -- to
 19 reduce the length of the penalty, this is
 20 not what is on appeal. The law sets the
 21 length of any sort of penalty, not the
 22 Board in its appellant jurisdiction.
 23 Secondly, he argues that the charges
 24 were dismissed, which one charge was
 25 dismissed, another was reduced. However,

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1 dependent upon a criminal conviction. And
 2 further, Louisiana Revised Statute 27:28
 3 F, requires that any person who has been
 4 found suitable by the Board or Division
 5 must maintain their suitability throughout
 6 the term of the permit. The plaintiff, or
 7 the Permittee, has failed to maintain
 8 suitability because of his actions on the
 9 night of his arrest. The evidence showed
 10 repeated defiance, physical aggression and
 11 threats towards law enforcement, and the
 12 lack of self-control and poor judgment.
 13 Secondly, the Permittee argued that
 14 there was no harm to the public and that
 15 the actions didn't occur at a gaming
 16 facility; however, his actions do reflect
 17 the gaming industry. A gaming license is
 18 a privilege. It's conditioned on personal
 19 integrity at all times. The Statute does
 20 not limit suitability to on-duty or
 21 on-premise conduct. The industry relies
 22 on public trust; and behavior that
 23 demonstrates poor judgment, lack of
 24 self-control and hostility towards law
 25 enforcement directly undermines that

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1 the argument and the issue here today is
 2 not criminal liability. It is
 3 suitability. This argument has no merit.
 4 As Louisiana Revised Statute Title 27:28
 5 D, provides that the Division and the
 6 Board can consider any underlying behavior
 7 associated with a criminal arrest or
 8 charge regardless of the outcome.
 9 The Permittee repeatedly disobeyed
 10 the commands of officers, refused to stay
 11 put. He refused to take off any jewelry
 12 or empty his pockets during booking. He
 13 screamed obscenities at officers, such as
 14 "don't tell me what the f to do", "shut
 15 the f up", "f you is freedom of speech,
 16 give me another charge". He even
 17 threatened one of the testifying deputies,
 18 Deputy Blackwell, stating "I'm going to
 19 get you! I got you! I got you! I got
 20 your number. I've got your license plate,
 21 and I know where you live". The evidence
 22 showed that the Permittee does not possess
 23 the good character and honesty and
 24 integrity required for a gaming license.
 25 Suitability, once again, is not

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1 trust. The Permittee's behavior reflects
 2 an inability to comply with authority,
 3 follow lawful commands or control
 4 aggressive impulses.
 5 In a highly regulated environment
 6 where compliance of rules, security
 7 protocols and law enforcement is
 8 essential, he imposes a real risk to
 9 operational integrity and public
 10 confidence of the gaming industry.
 11 On September 17, 2025, a revocation
 12 hearing was held, and the Division
 13 presented testimony from Byron Sam, an
 14 Investigative Specialist with the
 15 Division, as well as Deputy Noah Blackwell
 16 and Deputy Mel Thompson of the Jefferson
 17 Parish Sheriff's Office. That testimony
 18 established that on December 2, 2024, Mr.
 19 Rasco was arrested for resisting an
 20 officer, disturbing the peace, and
 21 resisting an officer with force or
 22 violence.
 23 As stated before, the Louisiana
 24 Revised Statute 27:28 sets suitability
 25 standards for any person who obtains or

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1 applies for a permit. And suitable is
 2 defined as a person of good character,
 3 honesty or integrity.
 4 A gaming license is a privilege, and
 5 the burden rests squarely on the Permittee
 6 to establish suitability; and Mr. Rasco
 7 has failed to meet that burden. In this
 8 matter, the evidence and testimony
 9 presented at the hearing demonstrated that
 10 Mr. Rasco engaged in conduct that falls
 11 squarely within the definition of
 12 unsuitable behavior under Louisiana Gaming
 13 Law.
 14 On the night of the incident,
 15 deputies responded to his residence after
 16 his stepfather contacted law enforcement
 17 due to the Permittee's intoxicated,
 18 belligerent, an increasingly aggressive
 19 behavior during a domestic disturbance.
 20 Deputy Blackwell testified that upon
 21 arrival he detected a strong odor of
 22 alcohol emitting from the Permittee, who
 23 was immediately uncooperative and stated
 24 that he didn't need to supply Deputy
 25 Blackwell with any identifying

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1 Although the disturbing the peace
 2 charge was later dismissed and the
 3 resisting an officer was reduced to a loud
 4 noise violation, the law provides in 27:28
 5 D, that the Board and Division can
 6 consider arrests and underlying conduct
 7 regardless of the ultimate criminal
 8 disposition. Once again, the issue before
 9 the Board is suitability and not criminal
 10 guilt.
 11 The Permittee's own witnesses
 12 further undermined his position. The
 13 Permittee's mother admitted he disobeyed
 14 officer's commands and cursed at officers.
 15 His stepfather admitted under oath that he
 16 lied when initially denying that he called
 17 the police, acknowledging that he did so
 18 to protect the Permittee. And that
 19 testimony damaged his credibility and
 20 demonstrated unwillingness to protect the
 21 Permittee instead of providing factual
 22 accounts of events.
 23 The record reflects the Permittee
 24 acted with aggression and intoxication
 25 while defying lawful authority. The

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1 information. Body camera footage
 2 confirmed that the Permittee repeatedly
 3 ignored commands to step back from the
 4 deputy. Deputy Blackwell testified that
 5 Mr. Rasco reached toward his service
 6 weapon, prompting physical intervention
 7 for officer safety. While handcuffed, the
 8 Permittee lunged forward in an apparent
 9 attempt to disrupt the deputy's control.
 10 As he was being escorted from the
 11 residence, he once again screamed
 12 obscenities at deputies in plain view.
 13 Another deputy, Deputy Thompson,
 14 testified regarding the Permittee's
 15 continued aggressive and defiant behavior
 16 during booking at the Jefferson Parish
 17 Correction Center. Mr. Rasco refused
 18 commands, shouted obscenities and made
 19 threats towards Deputy Blackwell. The
 20 Permittee was belligerent, not following
 21 commands, and even hitting the wall of
 22 police equipment. At one point, a
 23 physical struggle occurred when a deputy
 24 believed the Permittee was reaching for
 25 his taser.

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1 Permittee failed to exercise any measure
 2 of self-control and displayed no
 3 meaningful remorse and even mocked law
 4 enforcement during the hearing, stating
 5 that Deputy Blackwell was a meany and that
 6 he was too young to be a cop. Such
 7 conduct directly undermines public
 8 confidence and integrity in the gaming
 9 industry, which depends on strict
 10 regulation and trustworthiness of its
 11 participants.
 12 Allowing the Permittee to retain a
 13 gaming permit after engaging in aggressive
 14 and threatening conduct towards law
 15 enforcement sends the wrong message, that
 16 personal conduct outside of the casino
 17 environment is irrelevant, but it is not.
 18 Suitability standards exist to protect the
 19 public, ensure confidence in gaming
 20 regulation and preserve the integrity of
 21 the industry.
 22 Therefore, for these reasons, the
 23 Division respectfully requests that the
 24 honorable Board affirm the Hearing
 25 Officer's decision, revoking the

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1 Permittee's Non-key Gaming Employee Permit
 2 and declaring him unsuitable to
 3 participate in the gaming industry.
 4 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 5 Okay. Thank you.
 6 Ms. Langlois, as a point of
 7 clarification, I do have a question. If
 8 the Board were to affirm the Hearing
 9 Officer's decision, the -- the Permittee
 10 is barred from applying for a permit for
 11 five years, correct, not ten?
 12 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LANGLOIS:
 13 I believe just five, yes.
 14 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 15 Okay. All right.
 16 Questions, Board Members?
 17 Okay. If there are no questions,
 18 Board Members, please note that a motion
 19 in this matter should be to either affirm
 20 the Hearing Officer's decision revoking
 21 Mr. Rasco's Non-key Gaming Employee Permit
 22 and finding him unsuitable to participate
 23 in Louisiana's gaming industry or to
 24 reverse the Hearing Officer's decision
 25 stating grounds for such reversal.

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1 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 2 Ms. Becnel.
 3 MS. BECNEL:
 4 Yes.
 5 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 6 Ms. Hamilton-Acker.
 7 MS. HAMILTON-ACKER:
 8 Yes.
 9 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 10 Ms. Hennigan.
 11 MS. HENNIGAN:
 12 Yes.
 13 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 14 Mr. Jackson.
 15 MR. JACKSON:
 16 Yes.
 17 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 18 Ms. Lewis.
 19 MS. LEWIS:
 20 Yes.
 21 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 22 Mr. Sholes.
 23 MR. SHOLES:
 24 Yes.
 25 MS. HERNANDEZ:

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1 Remanding this matter would not be
 2 proper, Mr. Rasco, as the five-year
 3 barring from being permitted is -- that is
 4 a matter of law. And the Board does not
 5 have the authority to reduce that.
 6 At this time, I will entertain a
 7 motion.
 8 Yes, ma'am, Ms. Lewis?
 9 MS. LEWIS:
 10 I'm sorry. I'm going to affirm the
 11 Hearing Officer's decision.
 12 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 13 Okay. Is there a second?
 14 MS. TRAYLOR:
 15 Second.
 16 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 17 Okay. It has been moved by Ms.
 18 Lewis, seconded by Ms. Traylor, that the
 19 Board affirm the Hearing Officer's
 20 decision.
 21 Board Members, a yes vote would be
 22 to affirm; a no vote would be to reverse
 23 the decision.
 24 Ms. Hernandez, would you please call
 25 the roll?

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1 Ms. Traylor.
 2 MS. TRAYLOR:
 3 Yes.
 4 MS. HERNANDEZ:
 5 Chairman Hebert.
 6 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 7 Yes.
 8 The Hearing Officer's decision is
 9 affirmed, revoking the Permittee's Non-key
 10 Gaming Employee Permit and finding him
 11 unsuitable to participate in Louisiana's
 12 gaming industry.
 13 Thank you.
 14 Okay. We have to come to the end of
 15 our agenda. At this time, I would ask for
 16 a motion to adjourn.
 17 MR. JACKSON:
 18 So moved.
 19 CHAIRMAN HEBERT:
 20 It is moved by Mr. Jackson. Do I
 21 have a second?
 22 Seconded by Ms. Lewis.
 23 Is there any opposition?
 24 Hearing none, we are adjourned.
 25 Everybody have a good afternoon, and

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1 we will see you in February.
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1 REPORTER'S PAGE
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 4 I, BELINDA K. AMERSON, Certified Court
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 6 officer, as defined in Rule 28 of the Federal
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