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DECISION OF THE LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

IN RE: La' Shaunta Dehon
NO. P040081361

This matter is before the Louisiana Gaming Control Board on appeal by La' Shaunta Dehon ("Ms. Dehon"), P040081361, from the Hearing Officer's decision dated November 5, 2025, wherein Ms. Dehon's original application for a Non-Key Gaming Employee Permit was denied and she was found unsuitable to participate in Louisiana's gaming industry. The basis of the disqualification was for the failure to disclose information material to a suitability determination, criminal history, and unsuitable conduct making Ms. Dehon ineligible to hold a Non-Key Gaming Employee Permit pursuant to La. R.S. 27:28(A),(B), (C), and (D).

Pursuant to the authority granted under the Louisiana Gaming Control Law, *La. R.S. 27:1, et seq.*, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board (the "board") has the authority to regulate all aspects of gaming activities and operations in the State of Louisiana, including the issuance of gaming permits. Pursuant to La. R.S. 27:20, the Louisiana Office of State Police, through its Gaming Enforcement Division (the "division"), conducts investigations and audits regarding the qualifications of applicants for permits requiring suitability determinations as required by law or rule or determined necessary by the board and issues Non-Key Gaming Employee Permits in accordance with rules adopted by the board.

Louisiana Revised Statute 27:28(A) and (B) provide the following:

- A. No person shall be eligible to obtain a license or permit, enter into a casino operating contract with the state, or obtain any other approval pursuant to the provisions of this Title unless the applicant has demonstrated by clear and convincing evidence to the board or division, where applicable, that he is suitable. For the purposes of this Title, "suitable" means the applicant, licensee, casino gaming operator, permittee, or other person is:
- (1) A person of good character, honesty, and integrity.
 - (2) A person whose prior activities, criminal record, if any, reputation, habits, and associations do not pose a threat to the public interest of this state or to the effective regulation and control of gaming, or create or enhance the dangers of unsuitable, unfair, or illegal practices, methods, and activities in the conduct of gaming or carrying on of the business and financial arrangements incidental thereto.

- (3) Capable of and likely to conduct the activities for which the applicant, licensee, permittee, casino gaming operator, or licensed eligible facility is licensed, permitted, or approved pursuant to the provisions of this Title.
- (4) Not disqualified pursuant to the provisions of Subsection B of this Section.

B. The board or division, where applicable, shall not grant a license or permit, enter into a casino operating contract, or issue any other approval pursuant to the provisions of this Title to any person who is disqualified on the basis of the following criteria:

- (4) The failure to provide information or documentation to reveal any fact material to a suitability determination, or the supplying of information which is untrue or misleading as to a material fact pertaining to the suitability criteria.

La. R.S. 27:28(C) provides that "the board and division may consider the seriousness and circumstances of any offense, any arrest, or any conviction when determining suitability." La. R.S. 27:28(D) requires an applicant to demonstrate he or she is suitable and states in part, "[e]vidence of, or relating to, an arrest, summons, charge, or indictment...may be considered by the board or division even if the arrest, summons, charge or indictment results in acquittal, deferred adjudication, probation, parole, or pardon." Additionally, La. R.S. 27:30(A) provides that no person shall knowingly or intentionally make a material false statement in any application for a license to conduct gaming activities, casino operating contract, permit, or suitability determination pursuant to the provisions of this Title. La. R.S. 27:30(B) provides that any person who violates any of the provisions of this Section shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than ten years and may be fined an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars, or both.

An applicant who desires the privilege of possessing a Non-Key Gaming Employee Permit is required to demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that he or she is suitable to participate in Louisiana's gaming industry. Applicants have a duty to provide complete and accurate information on gaming applications and must disclose all criminal charges, convictions, guilty pleas, and other matters material to a suitability determination. Failure to disclose such information to the division, whether intentional or inadvertent, constitutes grounds for denial of a Non-Key Gaming Employee Permit application. In this matter, Ms. Dehon failed to disclose her entire criminal history in violation of La. R.S. 27:28(B)(4). Based on the facts, evidence, and testimony presented at the administrative hearing and applying the law at hand, the Hearing Officer found that Ms. Dehon's failure to provide accurate and complete information material to a suitability determination shows a reluctance or an inability to comply with Louisiana's gaming laws and further shows that the applicant does not possess the good character, honesty, and integrity required by La. R.S. 27:28(A) to operate within Louisiana's gaming industry. We also find that Ms. Dehon's actions render her ineligible to possess a Non-Key Gaming Employee Permit and unsuitable to participate in Louisiana's gaming industry, and the denial of her original application for a Non-Key Gaming Employee Permit was appropriate. We agree with the Hearing Officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law and adopt them as our own.

ORDER

This matter having been considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board in open meeting of December 18, 2025:

IT IS ORDERED THAT the Hearing Officer's decision **DENYING** La'Shaunta Dehon's original application for a Non-Key Gaming Employee Permit, P040081361, and finding her unsuitable to participate in the Louisiana gaming industry is **AFFIRMED**.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the *19th day of December 2025*.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CERTIFIED
COPY HAS BEEN MAILED OR SERVED ON

ALL PARTIES THIS 25th DAY
OF December, 2025.

Shaniqua L. G.
APPEAL DOCKET CLERK

BY:

Christopher B. Hebert
CHRISTOPHER B. HEBERT, CHAIRMAN