

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of July 16, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board (the “Board”) convened on Thursday, July 16, 2026, 10:00 a.m., at the Louisiana State Capitol – House Committee Room 1. Present at the meeting were Chairman Christopher Hebert, Kathryn Becnel, Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, Miquell Hennigan, Julie Lewis, Ronald Sholes, and Ashley Traylor. Major Adam Albright was present for Col. Robert Hodges and Bryan Peters was present for Sec. Jarrod Coniglio. Absent were Vice-Chairman Claude Jackson, Nicholas Langley and ex officio members Col. Hodges and Sec. Coniglio.

Chairman Hebert called the meeting to order. There were no public comments made. It was moved by Ms. Hennigan to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the June 25, 2026 Board meeting. That motion was seconded by Ms. Traylor and unanimously approved by the Board.

Tammy Haupt, Louisiana State Police (“LSP”) Gaming Audit Section, provided revenue reports for the riverboats, slots at the racetracks, and land-based casino. She also reported on video poker, retail and mobile sports wagering, and daily fantasy sports contest revenue.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel for PNK (Lake Charles), LLC d/b/a L’Auberge Lake Charles – No. R011001707. After presentation by Kanick Lewis, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, and John Francic, Director of Operations for American Vessel Services, LLC (“AVS”), it was moved by Ms. Becnel to approve the issuance of the annual certificate of compliance for the riverboat gaming vessel. That motion was seconded by Mr. Sholes and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel for PNK (Baton Rouge) Partnership d/b/a L’Auberge Casino & Hotel – No. R011000801. After presentation by Kanick Lewis, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, and John Francic, Director of Operations for AVS, it was moved by Ms. Lewis to approve the issuance of the annual certificate of compliance for the riverboat gaming vessel. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hennigan and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Riverboat Inspection of the gaming vessel for Belle of Orleans, LLC d/b/a Amelia Belle Casino – No. R013600020. After presentation by Kanick Lewis, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, and John Francic, Director of Operations for AVS, it was moved by Ms. Traylor to approve the issuance of the annual certificate of compliance for the riverboat gaming vessel. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Petition Seeking Approval of a Membership Interest Purchase Agreement for Red River Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC d/b/a Sam's Town Hotel & Casino – Nos. R016500097 and W010903480. Present on behalf of the petitioners were representatives Attorney Jeff Barbin; Todd Razino, Regional General Manager for Bally's; Chris Hewitt, Senior Vice-President of Development for Bally's; and Tony Rohrer, General Manager of Bally's Shreveport. Presentations were made by Delancey Houston, Assistant Attorney General; Evie Ficklin, LSP Audit Section; Master Trooper Tommy Lea, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division; and the representatives from the licensee. After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Traylor to adopt the resolution approving the transfer of membership interest. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Petition Seeking Approval of Trade Name Change for Red River Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC d/b/a Sam's Town Hotel & Casino – Nos. R016500097 and W010903480. After presentations by Cathryn Langlois, Assistant Attorney General, and Attorney Jeff Barbin, it was moved by Ms. Hamilton-Acker to adopt the resolution approving the request. That motion was seconded by Ms. Becnel and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Request for Approval of Updates to the Problem Gambling Program for Red River Entertainment of Shreveport, LLC d/b/a Sam's Town Hotel & Casino – Nos. R016500097 and W010903480. After presentations by Kanick Lewis, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, and Attorney Jeff Barbin, it was moved by Ms. Traylor to adopt the resolution approving the request. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hennigan and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Sports Wagering Platform Provider Application for Boyd Gaming Corporation – No. B016503619. After presentations by Amy Danageozian, Assistant Attorney General; Tammy Haupt, LSP Gaming Audit Section; and Investigative Specialist Dwight Herson, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Mr. Sholes to approve the five-year sports wagering

platform provider permit. That motion was seconded by Ms. Becnel and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Petition Seeking Approval of Transfer of Interest in FBG Enterprises Opco, LLC d/b/a Fanatics Sportsbook – No. B016503576. Attorney Scott Leopold was present on behalf of the permittee. After presentations by Delancey Houston, Assistant Attorney General and Investigative Specialist Dwight Herson LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Ms. Lewis to adopt the resolution approving the transfer of interest. That motion was seconded by Ms. Traylor and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Request for Approval of Updates to the Problem Gambling Program for RSI LA, LLC d/b/a Bet Rivers – No. B016503491. After presentations by Cathryn Langlois, Assistant Attorney General, and Todd Handzo, Senior Director of Regulatory Compliance for the permittee, it was moved by Ms. Becnel to adopt the resolution approving the request. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the transfer of membership interest in Spanish Lake Truck & Casino Plaza, LLC d/b/a Spanish Lake Truck & Casino Plaza – No. 5000514417. After presentation by Bria Jones, Assistant Attorney General, and Investigator Glenn Verret, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Ms. Traylor to approve the transfer of membership interest in the licensee. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the institution of rulemaking procedures for an amendment to LAC 42:III.304 (Self-Exclusion). After a presentation by Amy Danageozian, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Ms. Hennigan to institute rulemaking procedures for the proposed amendment. That motion was seconded by Mr. Sholes and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the settlement of ES & A Inc. d/b/a Daiquiri Paradise – No. 4400105579. After a presentation by Sharon McCoy, Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Becnel moved to approve the settlement. That motion was seconded by Mr. Sholes and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the settlement of 617 Decatur, LLC d/b/a Big Easy Wilkinson – No. 3601215007. After a presentation by Virginia Evans, Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Hamilton-Acker moved to approve the settlement. That motion was seconded by Mr. Becnel and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the appeal of Mardi Gras Bar & Grill, LLC d/b/a Mardi Gras Bar & Grill – No. 3601218527. Due to illness, counsel for the licensee was unable to make an appearance. Without objection, the matter was continued and reset to the August 20, 2026 Board meeting.

The Board considered the appeal of Robert E. Bruner – No. P040072912. After presentation by Permittee Robert E. Bruner and Cathyrn Langlois, Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Sholes moved to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision. That motion was seconded by Chairman Hebert and failed by a vote of (2 yeas/4 nays/1 abstention). As a result, the Hearing Officer's decision was reversed by the Board.

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Becnel to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Ms. Traylor and the meeting adjourned without objection.