

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of August 20, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board (the “Board”) convened on Thursday, August 20, 2026, 10:00 a.m., at the Louisiana State Capitol – House Committee Room 1. Present at the meeting were Chairman Christopher Hebert, Vice Chairman Claude Jackson, Kathryn Becnel, Miquell Hennigan, Nicholas Langley, Julie Lewis, Ronald Sholes, Ashley Traylor, and Robert Wyatt. Captain Jonas Martin was present for Col. Frank Besson and Katrina Emery was present for Sec. Jarrod Coniglio. Ex officio member Sec. Coniglio was absent.

Chairman Hebert called the meeting to order. There were no public comments made. Chairman Hebert took the opportunity to thank former Board member Ms. Franchesca Hamilton-Acker for her years of service and dedication to the Board, and introduced the Board’s new member, Mr. Robert Wyatt. Chairman Hebert also introduced and welcomed new Ex officio member Col. Frank Besson, Superintendent for the Louisiana State Police and Deputy Secretary for the Department of Public Safety, and his Principal Assistant Mr. Bryan Adams.

It was moved by Ms. Becnel to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the July 16, 2026, Board meeting. That motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Donna Jackson, 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.

Kanick Lewis, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, presented procurement and employment compliance reports for riverboats and slots at the racetracks for the 2nd Quarter of 2026.

The Board considered the Certificate of Compliance for the Riverboat Gaming Landside Facility of Louisiana Casino Cruises, LLC d/b/a The Queen Baton Rouge – No. R011700193. After presentation by Kanick Lewis, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Ms. Lewis to approve the issuance of an annual certificate of compliance for the riverboat gaming landside facility. That motion was seconded by Mr. Sholes and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Renewal Application for the Slot Machine Gaming License of Boyd Racing, LLC d/b/a Delta Downs Racetrack Casino and Hotel – No. T011002086. Presentations were made by Talibah McIntyre, Assistant Attorney General; Megan Bailey, LSP Gaming Audit Section; Master Trooper Jason Evans, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division; Attorney Janet Boles; Vince Schwartz, Senior Vice-President of Operations at Boyd; and General Manager Steve Kypers for the licensee. After discussion, it was moved by Vice-Chairman Jackson to approve the five-year renewal of the slot machine gaming license. That motion was seconded by Mr. Sholes and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Petition for Approval of Relocation of Gaming Operations and Modification of License Conditions filed by Louisiana-1 Gaming, A Louisiana Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Boomtown New Orleans – Nos. R012600196 and W012603432. Present on behalf of the licensee were representatives Attorney Amy Elder; Kathryn Jenkins, Vice President and General Manager for the licensee; Harold Rowland, Vice President and Head of Louisiana Operations for Penn Entertainment; Chris Rogers, Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy and Legal Officer/Secretary of Penn Entertainment; and Aaron Rosenthal, Senior Vice President of Regional Operations for Penn Entertainment. Presentations were made by Delancey Houston, Assistant Attorney General; Megan Bailey, LSP Audit Section; and the representatives from the licensee. After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Traylor to adopt the resolution approving the requests. That motion was seconded by Mr. Sholes and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Renewal Application for the Sports Wagering License of Louisiana-1 Gaming, A Louisiana Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Boomtown New Orleans – No. W012603432. After presentations by Cathryn Langlois, Assistant Attorney General; Lisa Hotard, LSP Gaming Audit Section; and Master Trooper Tommy Lea, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Ms. Lewis to approve the five-year renewal of the sports wagering license. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hennigan and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Renewal Application for the Sports Wagering License of PNK (Baton Rouge) Partnership d/b/a L'Auberge Casino & Hotel Baton Rouge – No. W011703433. After presentations by Amy Danageozian, Assistant Attorney General; Lisa Hotard, LSP Gaming Audit Section; Criminal Investigator Rodney Perkins, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division; Attorney Amy Elder; and Jeremy Fontenot, General Manager of the licensee, it was moved by Ms. Becnel to

approve the five-year renewal of the sports wagering license. That motion was seconded by Ms. Traylor and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Renewal Application for the Sports Wagering License of PNK (Lake Charles), LLC d/b/a L'Auberge Casino Resort Lake Charles – No. W011003438. After presentations by Amy Danageozian, Assistant Attorney General; Lisa Hotard, LSP Gaming Audit Section; Criminal Investigator Rodney Perkins, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division; Attorney Amy Elder; and Harold Rowland, General Manager of the licensee, it was moved by Mr. Wyatt to approve the five-year renewal of the sports wagering license. That motion was seconded by Mr. Langley and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Renewal Application for the Sports Wagering License of PNK (Bossier City), LLC d/b/a Boomtown Bossier City – No. W010803439. After presentations by Cathryn Langlois, Assistant Attorney General; Lisa Hotard, LSP Gaming Audit Section; and Master Trooper Brian Jefferson, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Vice-Chairman Jackson to approve the five-year renewal of the sports wagering license. That motion was seconded by Ms. Becnel and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Renewal Application for the Sports Wagering License of Bossier Casino Venture, LLC d/b/a Margaritaville Resort Casino Bossier City – No. W010803437. After presentations by Kanick Lewis, Jr., Assistant Attorney General; Lisa Hotard, LSP Gaming Audit Section; and Investigative Specialist Stephanie Peltier, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Vice-Chairman Jackson to approve the five-year renewal of the sports wagering license. That motion was seconded by Mr. Langley and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Renewal Application for the Sports Wagering Platform Provider Permit and amendments to the compulsive problem gambling program for PENN Sports Interactive, LLC – No. B016503440. After presentations by Talibah McIntyre, Assistant Attorney General; Tammy Haupt, LSP Gaming Audit Section; Investigative Specialist Dwight Herson, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division; Attorney Amy Elder; and Chris Soriano, Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer for Penn Entertainment, it was moved by Ms. Hennigan to approve the five-year renewal of the sports wagering platform provider permit and compulsive problem gambling program. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board stood at ease at 11:42 a.m. and reconvened at 11:48 a.m., maintaining a quorum.

The Board considered the indirect transfer of membership interest in Irish Bayou Travel Center, LLC d/b/a Irish Bayou Truck Stop & Casino – No. 3601512191. After presentation by Sharon McCoy, Assistant Attorney General, and Investigator Glenn Verret, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Mr. Sholes to approve the indirect transfer of membership interest in the licensee. That motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the transfer of membership interest in St. Martin Truck & Casino Plaza, LLC d/b/a St. Martin Truck & Casino Plaza – No. 5000516580. After presentation by Bria Jones, Assistant Attorney General, and Investigator Glenn Verret, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Ms. Hennigan to approve the transfer of membership interest in the licensee. That motion was seconded by Ms. Traylor and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the transfer of membership interest in Breaux Bridge Truck & Casino Plaza, LLC d/b/a Breaux Bridge Truck & Casino Plaza – No. 5000516581. After presentation by Ben Westra, Assistant Attorney General, and Investigator Glenn Verret, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Ms. Becnel to approve the transfer of membership interest in the licensee. That motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the institution of rulemaking procedures for amendments to LAC 42:III.101, 108, 109, 112, 116, 120, 401, 402, and 403 (Electronic Submissions). After a presentation by Amy Danageozian, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Vice-Chairman Jackson to institute rulemaking procedures for the proposed amendments. That motion was seconded by Mr. Sholes and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the institution of rulemaking procedures for amendments to LAC 42:VI.103, 303, 521, 523, and 701 (Fixed Odds Wagers on Horse Races) and LAC 42:VI.501 (Sports Wagering Events). After a presentation by Amy Danageozian, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Ms. Lewis to institute rulemaking procedures for the proposed amendments. That motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the institution of rulemaking procedures for LAC 42:III.Chapter 5 (Workplace Policies, Trainings, and Preventive Measures). After a presentation by Sharon McCoy, Assistant Attorney General, it was moved by Ms. Hennigan to institute rulemaking procedures for the proposed amendments. That motion was seconded by Ms. Traylor and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board stood at ease at 12:08 p.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m., maintaining a quorum

The Board considered the appeal of Mardi Gras Bar & Grill, LLC d/b/a Mardi Gras Bar & Grill – No. 3601218527. After arguments by legal counsel for the Applicant, Atty. David Belfield, III, and legal counsel for the LSP, Gaming Enforcement Division, Kanick Lewis, Jr., it was moved by Ms. Lewis to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision. That motion was seconded by Mr. Langley and the Board approved the motion by a vote of 8 yeas/ 0 nays/ and 1 abstention by Mr. Sholes.

There being no further business, it was moved by Vice-Chairman Jackson to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hennigan and the meeting adjourned without objection.