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CHAIRMAN

DECISION OF THE LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

IN RE: Lashonda R. Taylor
NO. P040033135

This matter is before the Louisiana Gaming Control Board on appeal by Lashonda R. Taylor ("Ms. Taylor"), P040033135, from the Hearing Officer's decision dated December 3, 2025, wherein Ms. Taylor's Non-Key Gaming Employee Permit was revoked and she was found unsuitable to participate in the Louisiana gaming industry. The basis of the disqualification was for pending criminal charges of violating La. R.S. 14:67.26, *Theft of a Motor Vehicle* (Felony), and La. R.S. 14:55, *Aggravated Criminal Damage to Property* (Felony), and, additionally, underlying unsuitable conduct which led to Ms. Taylor's arrest.

Louisiana Revised Statute 27:28(A) and (B) provide as follows:

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.

- (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:

- (1) The conviction or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere by the applicant or any person required to be found suitable under the provisions of this Title for any of the following:
 - (a) Any offense punishable by imprisonment of more than one year.
 - (b) Theft or attempted theft, illegal possession of stolen things or any offense or attempt involving the misappropriation of property or funds.

- (e) A crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B).

- (2) There is a current prosecution or pending charge against the person in any jurisdiction for any offense listed in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

Louisiana Revised Statute 27:28(C)(3) provides that “the board and division may consider the seriousness and circumstances of any offense, any arrest, or any conviction when determining suitability.” Louisiana Revised Statute 27:28(D) requires an individual to demonstrate that 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.” Louisiana Revised Statute 27:28(F) also requires a person who has been found suitable by the board or division to maintain suitability throughout the term of the permit.

Ms. Taylor’s criminal charges for violating La. R.S. 14:67.26, *Theft of a Motor Vehicle* (Felony), and La. R.S. 14:55, *Aggravated Criminal Damage to Property* (Felony) consist of a theft and a crime of violence, both punishable by more than one year imprisonment, which made her statutorily disqualified from holding a gaming permit under La. R.S. 27:28(A)(4), (B)(1)(a), (b), (e) and (2). Additionally, based on the facts and testimony presented and applying the law at hand, the Hearing Officer found Ms. Taylor unsuitable to participate in Louisiana’s gaming industry. We also find that Ms. Taylor’s actions that led to her arrest rise to the level of unsuitable conduct pursuant to La. R.S. 27:28(A)(1) and (2), and it was appropriate to revoke her gaming permit. 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 March 16, 2026:

IT IS ORDERED THAT the Hearing Officer’s decision **REVOKING** Lashonda R.

Taylor's Non-Key Gaming Employee Permit, P040033135, and finding her unsuitable to participate in the Louisiana gaming industry is **AFFIRMED**.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the *16th day of March 2026*.

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

BY: *Christopher B Hebert*
CHRISTOPHER B. HEBERT, CHAIRMAN

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CERTIFIED
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OF *March*, 20*26*.
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APPEAL DOCKET CLERK