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## DECISION OF THE LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

**IN RE: Thomas W. Rasco**  
**NO. P040076741**

This matter is before the Louisiana Gaming Control Board on appeal by Thomas W. Rasco ("Mr. Rasco"), P040076741, from the Hearing Officer's decision dated October 15, 2025, wherein Mr. Rasco's Non-Key Gaming Employee Permit was revoked and he was found unsuitable to participate in the Louisiana gaming industry. The basis of the disqualification was for unsuitable conduct, which led to his arrest for violating La. R.S. 14:108, *Resisting an Officer*, La. R.S. 14:103, *Disturbing the Peace with Offensive/Derisive/Annoying Words*, and La. R.S. 14:108.2, *Resisting an Officer with Force/Violence*. The finding of unsuitability makes Mr. Rasco ineligible to hold a gaming permit pursuant to La. R.S. 27:28(A), (C)(3),(D), and (F).

Louisiana Revised Statute 27:28(A) provides 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.

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Mr. Rasco was charged with violating La. R.S. 14:108, *Resisting an Officer*, and La. R.S. 14:103, *Disturbing the Peace*, which said charges were subsequently dismissed and/or

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reduced prior to the administrative hearing. However, Mr. Rasco can be found unsuitable based on his actions which led to his arrest. 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 applicant to demonstrate he meets the requirements for suitability 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." Under La. R.S. 27:28(F), permittees shall maintain suitability throughout the term of the permit. Based on the facts, testimony, and evidence presented at the administrative hearing and applying the law at hand, the Hearing Officer found Mr. Rasco unsuitable to possess a Non-Key Gaming Employee Permit. We find that Mr. Rasco's actions in this case rise to the level of unsuitable conduct pursuant to La. R.S. 27:28(A), and it was appropriate to revoke his 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 January 15, 2026:

**IT IS ORDERED THAT** the Hearing Officer's decision **REVOKING** Thomas W. Rasco's Non-Key Gaming Employee Permit, P040076741, and finding him unsuitable to participate in the Louisiana gaming industry is **AFFIRMED**.

**THUS DONE AND SIGNED** on this the *15th day of January, 2026*.

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

BY:

*Christopher B. Hebert*

CHRISTOPHER B. HEBERT, CHAIRMAN

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CERTIFIED

COPY HAS BEEN MAILED OR SERVED ON

ALL PARTIES THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY

OF January, 2026.

*Sharon Lee*  
APPEAL DOCKET CLERK