

# **LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**

## **Minutes of June 16, 2025**

The meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board (the “Board”) convened on Monday, June 16, 2025, 10:00 a.m., at the LaSalle Building, LaBelle Hearing Room. Present at the meeting were Chairman Christopher Hebert, Vice-Chairman Lamar Poole, Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, Julie Lewis, Ronald Sholes, and Ashley Traylor. Major Adam Albright was present for Col. Robert Hodges and Bryan Peters was present for Sec. Richard Nelson. Absent were Claude Jackson, Kathryn Becnel, Nicholas Langley and ex officio members Col. Hodges and Sec. Nelson.

Chairman Hebert called the meeting to order. There were no public comments. It was moved by Vice-Chairman Poole to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the May 19, 2025 Board meeting. That motion was seconded by Mr. Sholes and unanimously approved by the Board.

Donna Jackson, with the 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 Renewal Application for the Riverboat Gaming License of Catfish Queen, LLC d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge – No. R011700009. Presentations were made by Assistant Attorney General Amy Pirtle; Lisa Hotard, LSP Gaming Audit Section; Master Trooper Brian Jefferson, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division; and General Manager Richard Cannon. After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Hamilton-Acker to approve the five-year renewal of the riverboat gaming license. That motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Poole and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Renewal Application for the Riverboat Gaming License of Louisiana Casino Cruises, LLC d/b/a The Queen Baton Rouge – No. R011700193. Presentations were made by Assistant Attorney General Virginia Evans; Lisa Hotard, LSP Gaming Audit Section; Master Trooper Brian Jefferson, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division; and General Manager Bruce Woods. After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Traylor to approve the five-year renewal of the riverboat gaming license. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Petition for Approval To Amend Certain Leases for Louisiana Casino Cruises, LLC d/b/a The Queen Baton Rouge – No. R011700193; Catfish Queen, LLC d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge – No. R011700009; and Premier Entertainment Shreveport, LLC d/b/a Bally’s Shreveport Casino & Hotel – No. R013600005. Attorney Josh McDiarmid was present on behalf of Gaming and Leisure Properties, Inc. and Attorney Greg Stevens was present on behalf of the licensees. After presentation by Assistant Attorney General Delancey Houston, it was moved by Ms. Lewis to adopt the resolution granting the request. That motion was seconded by Ms. Traylor and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the proposed settlement agreement of Lakeview Landings, LLC d/b/a The Blue Crab Restaurant – No. 3601218273. After presentation by Assistant Attorney General Kanick Lewis, Mr. Sholes moved to approve the settlement agreement. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker and unanimously approved by the Board.

Lastly, the Board considered the appeal of Theodore W. Robison – No. P040074563. After presentation by Assistant Attorney General Benjamin Westra, Vice-Chairman Poole moved to affirm the Hearing Officer’s decision. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton-Acker and unanimously approved by the Board.

Chairman Hebert then announced that due to the adjournment of Legislative Session, the July Board meeting will take place in the House Committee Room 1 at the Louisiana State Capitol.

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Lewis to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Poole and unanimously approved by the Board.