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DECISION OF THE LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

IN RE: ROBERT E. BRUNER
NO. P040072912

This matter is before the Louisiana Gaming Control Board (the "Board") on appeal by Robert E. Bruner ("Mr. Bruner"), P040072912, from the Hearing Officer's decision dated June 3, 2026, wherein Mr. Bruner's Non-Key Gaming Employee Permit was revoked and he was found unsuitable to participate in the Louisiana gaming industry. In making this determination, the Hearing Officer considered Mr. Bruner's underlying conduct and actions which led to his arrest for violating La. R.S. 14:106, *Obscenity* (Felony), and Calcasieu Parish Ordinance CO10001, *Open Container* (Misdemeanor). The finding of unsuitability makes Mr. Bruner ineligible to hold a gaming permit pursuant to La. R.S. 27:28(A).

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.
 - (4) Not disqualified pursuant to the provisions of Subsection B of this Section.

Mr. Bruner was arrested and charged with violating La. R.S. 14:106, *Obscenity* (Felony),

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which was subsequently dismissed and/or reduced prior to the administrative hearing, and he pled guilty to the charge of *Disturbing the Peace*. In the decision, the Hearing Officer acknowledged that Mr. Bruner's guilty plea for a *Disturbing the Peace* violation is not a statutory disqualifier to holding a gaming permit. However, La. R.S. 27:28(D) provides that evidence of, or relating to, an arrest, summons, charge, or indictment or the dismissal thereof, may be considered by the Board or the Louisiana State Police, Gaming Division (the "Division") even if the arrest, summons, charge, or indictment results in acquittal, deferred adjudication, probation, parole, or pardon. Louisiana Revised Statute 27:28(C) provides that the Board and the Division may consider the seriousness and circumstances of any offense, any arrest, or any conviction in determining suitability in accordance La. R.S. 27:28(A).

The Hearing Officer found that, based on the facts and evidence presented and applying the law at hand, Mr. Bruner is unsuitable under Louisiana law to possess a Non-Key Gaming Employee Permit. We disagree. We do not find that Mr. Bruner's actions in this specific case rise to the level of unsuitability pursuant to La. R.S. 27:28(A).

ORDER

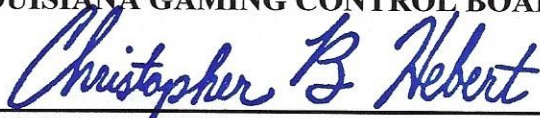
This matter having been considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board in open meeting of July 16, 2026:

IT IS ORDERED THAT the Hearing Officer's decision is **REVERSED**.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 20th day of July, 2026.

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

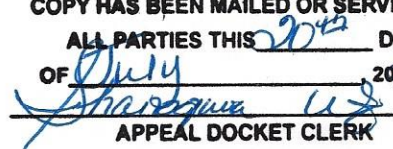
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CHRISTOPHER B. HEBERT, CHAIRMAN

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CERTIFIED
COPY HAS BEEN MAILED OR SERVED ON

ALL PARTIES THIS 20th DAY
OF July 2026.


APPEAL DOCKET CLERK