

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of March 16, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board (the “Board”) convened on Monday, March 16, 2026, 10:00 a.m., at the LaSalle Building, LaBelle Hearing Room. Present at the meeting were Chairman Christopher Hebert, Vice-Chairman Claude Jackson, Kathryn Becnel, Miquell Hennigan, Julie Lewis, and Ronald Sholes. Major Adam Albright was present for Col. Robert Hodges and Bryan Peters was present for Sec. Jarrod Coniglio. Absent were Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, Nicholas Langley, Ashley Traylor and ex officio members Col. Hodges and Sec. Coniglio.

Chairman Hebert called the meeting to order. There were no public comments made. It was moved by Vice-Chairman Jackson to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the February 26, 2026 Board meeting. That motion was seconded by Ms. Becnel 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 proposed contract for professional legal services for the Board’s Hearing Officer for fiscal year 2026/2027. Chairman Hebert discussed that the current hearing officer, retired Judge Suzan S. Ponder, has agreed to continue providing services as the Board’s Administrative Hearing Officer in accordance with La. R.S. 27:25 for another fiscal year. Chairman Hebert further discussed that the proposed contract is for one year effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, and has the same key terms and conditions as the current contract which expires on June 30, 2026. The total sum of the contract shall not exceed \$25,000. After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Lewis to adopt the resolution approving the parameters of the Board’s Hearing Officer Contract for fiscal year 2026/2027. That motion was seconded by Mr. Sholes and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the proposed contract for court reporting services for fiscal year 2026/2027. Chairman Hebert discussed that the current contractor for court reporting services, Amerson White Court Reporting, has agreed to continue providing court reporting services for the Board and Administrative Hearing Office for another fiscal year. Chairman Hebert further discussed that the proposed

contract is for one year effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, and has the same key terms and conditions as the current contract which expires on June 30, 2026. The total sum of the contract shall not exceed \$70,000. After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Becnel to adopt the resolution approving the parameters of the Board's Contract for Court Reporting Services for fiscal year 2026/2027. That motion was seconded by Ms. Hennigan and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the Renewal Application for the Riverboat Gaming License of Golden Nugget Lake Charles, LLC d/b/a Golden Nugget Lake Charles – No. R016502995. Present on behalf of the licensee were representatives Attorney Amy Elder and Vice-President of Resort Operations John Hamati. Presentations were made by Steven Sumbler, Assistant Attorney General; Lisa Hotard, LSP Gaming Audit Section; Investigative Specialist Dwight Herson, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division; and representatives from the licensee. After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Lewis to approve the five-year renewal of the riverboat gaming license. That motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the request for approval of updates to the Problem Gambling Program for Hillside (Louisiana), LLC d/b/a bet365 – No. B016503521. After presentations by Virginia Evans, Assistant Attorney General, and the permittee's representative Attorney Jeff Barbin, it was moved by Vice-Chairman Jackson to adopt the resolution approving the problem gambling program. That motion was seconded by Ms. Becnel and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the transfers of membership interest in Little Big Horn, LLC d/b/a Relay Station Port – No. 0900515517. After presentation by Kanick Lewis, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, and Investigator William Landry, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Ms. Hennigan to approve the transfers of membership interest in the licensee. That motion was seconded by Ms. Becnel and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the transfers of membership interest in GFY Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Relay Station Greenwood – No. 0900515347. After presentations by Kanick Lewis, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, and Investigator William Landry, LSP Gaming Enforcement Division, it was moved by Vice-Chairman Jackson to approve the transfers of membership interest in the licensee. That motion was seconded by Ms. Becnel and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the settlement of CD Enterprises of Houma, LLC d/b/a Larussa's Lounge – No. 5501118003. After presentation by Kanick Lewis, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Lewis moved to approve the settlement. That motion was seconded by Ms. Becnel and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board considered the appeal of Lashonda R. Taylor – No. P040033135. After arguments by Permittee Lashonda R. Taylor and Kanick Lewis, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Vice-Chairman Jackson moved to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision. That motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis and unanimously approved by the Board.

Chairman Hebert announced that the March Board meeting will take place on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 10:00 am at the LaSalle Building. There being no further business, it was moved by Vice-Chairman Jackson to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Ms. Becnel and the meeting adjourned without objection.