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2. Financial security and stability, competency, and business experience in the capacity of the relationship;

3. Record of violations, if any, which may affect the legal and proper operation of charitable gaming including a violation affecting another licensee or applicant and any violation of the laws of this state, other states, and countries without limitations as to the nature of the violations;

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5. Any organization whose board membership is essentially the same as another; or

6. Any firm, organization or corporation in which any person as described in sections 1 through 4 above is an officer or director, whether compensated or not, or in which such person has a direct or indirect financial interest.

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