

**STATE OF OHIO
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION**

In re: :
 :
MELISSA DILLON : Case No. 2012-0141
CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE :
APPLICANT :
 :
 Respondent. :

ORDER DENYING CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE APPLICATION

On or about July 30, 2012, Respondent Melissa Dillon filed a Casino Gaming Employee License Application (“Application”) with the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”). (Hr’g Ex. F.) Thereafter, the Commission conducted a suitability investigation of Dillon to determine her eligibility for such a license.

During the suitability investigation, the Commission discovered sufficient derogatory information to warrant issuance of a Notice of Intent to Deny and Opportunity for Hearing (“Notice”), dated October 18, 2012. (See Hr’g Ex. C.) Dillon received the Notice, sent via certified mail, on October 22, 2012. (Hr’g Ex. D.) Pursuant to O.R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, Dillon had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of the Notice’s mailing. Dillon so requested and the Commission scheduled a hearing for November 1, 2012; and upon its own motion, the Commission continued the hearing until November 20, 2012. (Hr’g Ex. A.) The hearing was continued at Dillon’s request until November 29, 2012. Dillon appeared at the hearing with counsel. Accordingly, the Commission held the hearing as scheduled before Hearing Examiner Andrew Cooke (“Examiner”).

After presentation and submission of the evidence at the hearing, the Examiner agreed to close the record. (Tr. 36.) The Examiner prepared a Report and Recommendation (“R&R”), which he submitted on January 11, 2013. Therein, the Examiner found that Dillon: 1) submitted an Application to the Commission that contained false information, in violation of O.R.C. 3772.10(C)(2) and (F) (R&R 4); 2) failed to set forth in her Application all information required by the Commission, in violation of O.R.C. 3772.10(C)(5), O.R.C. 3772.131(D), and Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-02(A) (*Id.* at 5.); and 3) failed to establish by clear and convincing evidence her suitability for licensure as a Casino Gaming Employee, as required by O.R.C. 3772.10(B) and 3772.10(C)(7). (*Id.* at 6.) As a result of these findings, the Examiner recommended that the Commission deny Dillon’s Application. (*Id.*)

On January 15, 2013, the Commission sent Dillon, via certified mail, a copy of the R&R. (App. #1; App. #2.) Dillon received the R&R on January 17, 2013, (App. #2), giving her until February 19, 2013, to file objections, see O.R.C. 3772.04(A)(2). Dillon did not file any objections with the Commission.

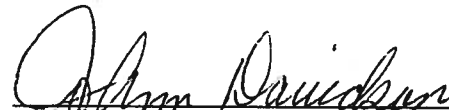
In accordance with O.R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, the matter was submitted to the Commission on March 20, 2013, for final adjudication.

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and upon a quorum and majority vote of the members, the Commission **ADOPTS** the Examiner's R&R without modification.

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and upon a quorum and majority vote of the members, the Commission **ORDERS** as follows:

- 1) Dillon's Application is **DENIED**;
- 2) Dillon is **PROHIBITED** from working or otherwise serving in any capacity that requires a license under O.R.C. Chapter 3772;
- 3) Dillon is **PROHIBITED** from reapplying for licensure under O.R.C. Chapter 3772 for three years from the date this Order is served upon her, absent a waiver granted by the Commission commensurate with Ohio Adm. Code 3772-1-04; and
- 4) A certified copy of this Order shall be served upon Dillon, via certified mail, return receipt requested, and her counsel of record, if any, via ordinary mail.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Jo Ann Davidson, Chair
Ohio Casino Control Commission

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

Respondent is hereby notified that pursuant to O.R.C. 119.12, this Commission Order may be appealed by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Commission setting forth the Order that Respondent is appealing from and stating that the Commission's Order is not supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence and is not in accordance with law. The Notice of Appeal may also include, but is not required to include, the specific grounds for the appeal. The Notice of Appeal must also be filed with the appropriate court of common pleas in accordance with O.R.C. 119.12. In filing the Notice of Appeal with the Commission or court, the notice that is filed may be either the original Notice of Appeal or a copy thereof. The Notice of Appeal must be filed within 15 days after the date of mailing of this Commission Order.