

**STATE OF OHIO  
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION**

*In re:*

**MICHAEL BUSCH,  
CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE  
APPLICANT**

Respondent.

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Case No. 2012-0049  
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**ORDER DENYING CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE APPLICATION**

On or about March 22, 2012, Respondent Michael Busch filed a Casino Gaming Employee License Application (“Application”) with the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”). (Hr’g Ex. E.) Thereafter, the Commission conducted a suitability investigation of Busch to determine his 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 May 17, 2012. (See Hr’g Ex. A.) Busch received the Notice, sent via certified mail, on May 21, 2012. (Hr’g Ex. B.) Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, Busch had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of the Notice’s mailing. Busch so requested and the Commission scheduled a hearing for May 29, 2012; and upon its own motion, the Commission continued the hearing until June 14, 2012. (Hr’g Ex. C.) Busch appeared at the hearing represented by counsel—Edward Hastie, Esq. 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 after the Commission had an opportunity to respond to a memorandum submitted by Bush at the hearing. (Tr. 53.) The Examiner prepared a Report and Recommendation (“R&R”), which he submitted on August 3, 2012. Therein, the Examiner found that Busch: 1) has been convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, one or more offenses having an element of moral turpitude, in violation of R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.10(C)(1); and 2) failed to prove his suitability for licensure by clear and convincing evidence, as required by 3772.10(B) and (C)(7). (R&R 5-6.) As a result of these findings, the Examiner recommended that the Commission deny Busch’s Application. (Id. at 6.)

On August 3, 2012, the Commission sent Busch, via certified mail, a copy of the R&R. (App. #1; App. #2.) Busch received the R&R on August 6, 2012, (App. #2), giving him until September 5, 2012, to file objections, see R.C. 3772.04(A)(2). Busch did so on September 3, 2012, (App. #3), and the Commission considered his filing before rendering this decision.

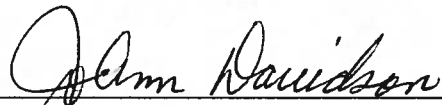
In accordance with R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, the matter was submitted to the Commission on October 17, 2012, for final adjudication.

**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) Busch's Application is **DENIED**;
- 2) Busch is **PROHIBITED** from working or otherwise serving in any capacity that requires a license under R.C. Chapter 3772;
- 3) Busch is **PROHIBITED** from reapplying for licensure under R.C. Chapter 3772 for three years from the date this Order is served upon him, 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 Busch, via certified mail, return receipt requested, and his counsel of record, if any, via ordinary mail.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
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Jo Ann Davidson, Chair  
Ohio Casino Control Commission

**NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS**

Respondent is hereby notified that pursuant to 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 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.