

**STATE OF OHIO
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION**

In re: :
 : Case No. 2017-LIC-024
Dale Szaniszlo :
CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE :
APPLICANT :
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 Applicant. :

ORDER DENYING CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE APPLICATION

On September 15, 2016, Dale Szaniszlo filed with the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”) an application for a Casino Gaming Employee License. Thereafter, the Commission conducted a suitability investigation of Szaniszlo to determine his eligibility for such a license.

A casino gaming employee license applicant is eligible for licensure upon meeting the following criteria: (1) being at least 21 years of age, R.C. 3772.131(C); (2) filing a true and complete Casino Gaming Employee License Application (“Application”), R.C. 3772.131(D) and Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-02(A); (3) submitting two sets of the applicant’s fingerprints and a photograph, R.C. 3772.131(E); (4) paying the nonrefundable application fee, R.C. 3772.131(E) and Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-03, and all fees necessary to cover the cost of the background investigation in excess of the application fee, Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-03(B); (5) reimbursing the costs for the background check, including the criminal records check, R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.131(E); (6) not having been convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to a disqualifying offense, R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.10(C)(1); and (7) being otherwise suitable for licensure, R.C. 3772.10(B) and (C)(7).

During an administrative investigation of Szaniszlo, the Commission discovered sufficient derogatory information to warrant issuance of a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (“Notice”), dated May 4, 2017. (Exhibit A.) Szaniszlo received the Notice, sent via certified mail, on May 9, 2017. (Exhibit B.) Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, Szaniszlo had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of the Notice’s mailing. Szaniszlo failed to do so. Accordingly, no hearing was held, and the matter was brought before the Commission on July 19, 2017, for final adjudication. R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04(A).

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

1. Szaniszlo submitted a casino gaming employee license application that contained false information or failed to set forth all of the information required by the Commission, in violation of R.C. 3772.10, R.C. 3772.131, Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-02, and 3772-8-05, including:


- A) Answering “NO” to Question 8 when he should have answered “YES”;
- a. Szaniszlo was arrested for or charged with Child Endangerment, which he was convicted or, or pled guilty or no contest to, on August 21, 2000, in the Euclid Municipal Court.
- B) Answering “NO” to Question 16 and Question 18 when he should have answered “YES”;
- a. Szaniszlo had a civil complaint and resulting May 11, 2009 lien or judgment, and June 18, 2009 wage garnishment filed against him in the Willoughby Municipal court; and
 - b. Szaniszlo had an Ohio tax lien and resulting August 19, 2010 judgment filed against him in the Lake County Court of Common Pleas.
2. Szaniszlo is not suitable or otherwise eligible to be granted or to maintain a casino gaming employee license, as required by R.C. 3772.10 and Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-05, based on the above allegations, including the underlying conduct, and the following:
- A) A September 8, 1994 petition for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in the United States Bankruptcy Court – Northern District of Ohio;
 - B) Szaniszlo had a civil complaint and resulting June 22, 2001 lien or judgment filed against him in the Cleveland Municipal Court;
 - C) Szaniszlo had a civil complaint and resulting October 9, 2002 lien or judgment filed against him in the Parma Municipal Court; and
 - D) A June 23, 2009 petition for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in the United States Bankruptcy Court – Northern District of Ohio.
3. Based on the above allegations, Szaniszlo has failed to establish, by clear and convincing evidence, his suitability for licensure as a casino gaming employee, as required by R.C. 3772.10 and Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-05.

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

- 1) Szaniszlo’s Application is **DENIED**.
- 2) Szaniszlo is **PROHIBITED** from working or otherwise serving in any capacity that requires a license under R.C. Chapter 3772.

- 3) Szaniszlo is **PROHIBITED** from reapplying for licensure under R.C. Chapter 3772 for three years from the date the Order is served upon him, absent a waiver granted by the Commission commensurate with Ohio Adm. Code 3772-1-04.
- 4) A certified copy of the Order shall be served upon Szaniszlo, via certified mail, return receipt requested, and his counsel of record, if any, via ordinary mail.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



June E. Taylor, Chair
Ohio Casino Control Commission

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

The Party is hereby notified that pursuant to R.C. 119.12, the Commission Order may be appealed by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Commission setting forth the Order that the Party 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 Franklin County 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 the Commission Order.