STATE OF OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION

In re:

Case No. 2017-LIC-025

Maurice Sliwinski

CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE

APPLICANT

:

Applicant.

ORDER DENYING CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE APPLICATION

On October 28, 2016, Maurice Sliwinski filed with the Ohio Casino Control Commission ("Commission") an application for a Casino Gaming Employee License. Thereafter, the Commission conducted a suitability investigation of Sliwinski 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 Sliwinski, the Commission discovered sufficient derogatory information to warrant issuance of a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing ("Notice"), dated April 12, 2017. (Exhibit A.) Sliwinski received the Notice, sent via certified mail, on April 14, 2017. (Exhibit B.) Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, Sliwinski had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of the Notice's mailing. Sliwinski failed to do so. Accordingly, no hearing was held, and the matter was brought before the Commission on June 21, 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. Sliwinski 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. Sliwinski was arrested for or charged with Telephone Harassment on March
 12, 1993 in the Toledo Municipal Court;
 - b. Sliwinski was arrested for or charged with Presenting False Information, and he was convicted of or pled guilty or not contest to Disorderly Conduct on September 4, 1997 in the Toledo Municipal Court; and
 - c. Sliwinski was arrested for or charged with Domestic Violence on May 22, 2000 in the Toledo Municipal Court.
- 2. Based on the above allegations, Sliwinski 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) Sliwinski's Application is **DENIED**.
- 2) Sliwinski is **PROHIBITED** from working or otherwise serving in any capacity that requires a license under R.C. Chapter 3772.
- 3) Sliwinski 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 Sliwinski, 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.