

**STATE OF OHIO  
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION**

*In re:* :  
 : Case No. 2019-LIC-040  
**Lisa Spears,** :  
**CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE** :  
**APPLICANT** :  
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 Applicant. :

**ORDER DENYING CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE APPLICATION**

On March 28, 2019, Lisa Spears filed a Casino Gaming Employee License Application (“Application”) with the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”). Thereafter, the Commission conducted Spears’s suitability investigation to determine her eligibility for such a license.

An applicant is eligible for licensure as a Casino Gaming Employee upon meeting the following criteria: (1) being at least 21 years of age, R.C. 3772.131(C); (2) filing a true and complete Application, R.C. 3772.131(D) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-8-02(A); (3) submitting two sets of 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) otherwise being suitable and eligible for licensure, R.C. 3772.10(B) and (C)(7).

During the investigation, the Commission discovered sufficient derogatory information to warrant issuance of a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (“Notice”), dated August 15, 2019, sent via certified mail, return receipt requested. The Notice was returned to the Commission marked “Unclaimed” on September 17, 2019. The Commission re-sent the Notice on September 19, 2019, via ordinary mail with a certificate of mailing. The Notice was not returned to the Commission for failure of delivery.

Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, Spears had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of the Notice’s mailing. Spears failed to do so. Accordingly, no hearing was held, and the matter was brought before the Commission on November 20, 2019, 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:

Spears failed to establish her suitability for licensure by clear and convincing evidence, as required by R.C. 3772.10 or Ohio Adm.Code 3772-8-05, for the reasons set forth in the Notice.

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

- 1) Spears's Application is **DENIED**.
- 2) Spears is **PROHIBITED** from working or otherwise serving in any capacity that requires a license under R.C. Chapter 3772.
- 3) Spears is **PROHIBITED** from reapplying for licensure under R.C. Chapter 3772 for three years from the date the Order is served upon her, 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 Spears, via certified mail, return receipt requested, and her 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 filing 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.