

**STATE OF OHIO
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION**

In re: :
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 Patrick Sangiovanni, : Case No. 2020-LIC-001
 Casino Gaming Employee :
 License Applicant :

ORDER DENYING CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE APPLICATION

On August 23, 2019, Patrick Sangiovanni filed a Casino Gaming Employee License Application (“Application”) with the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”). Thereafter, the Commission conducted Sangiovanni’s suitability investigation to determine his eligibility for such a license.

During the investigation, the Commission discovered sufficient derogatory information to warrant issuance of a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (“Notice”). Sangiovanni received the Notice, sent via certified mail, return receipt requested, on February 3, 2020.

Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, Sangiovanni had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of the Notice’s mailing, which he filed on February 6, 2020. The Commission then scheduled a hearing for February 18, 2020; and upon its own motion, the Commission continued the hearing until March 5, 2020. Sangiovanni appeared *pro se*, and the Commission held the hearing as scheduled before Hearing Examiner Margaret A. Brewer (“Examiner”).

After presentation and submission of the evidence at the hearing, the Examiner closed the hearing record. The Examiner prepared a Report and Recommendation (“R&R”), which she submitted on April 16, 2020. Therein, the Examiner recommended that the Commission deny Sangiovanni’s Application.

On June 29, 2020, the Commission sent Sangiovanni, via certified mail, return receipt requested, a copy of the R&R, which he received on July 15, 2020. Ordinarily, Sangiovanni would have 30 days from receipt of the R&R to file objections, R.C. 3772.04(A)(2); due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, he had until August 31, 2020, *see* Am. Sub. H.B. 197, Section 22, and R.C. 1.14. He did not do so.

In accordance with R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, the matter was submitted to the Commission on October 21, 2020, for final adjudication.

WHEREFORE, the Commission **ADOPTS** the Examiner’s R&R without modification.

WHEREFORE, the Commission **ORDERS** as follows:

- 1) Sangiovanni’s Application is **DENIED**.

- 2) Sangiovanni is **PROHIBITED** from working or otherwise serving in any capacity that requires a license under R.C. Chapter 3772.
- 3) Sangiovanni is **PROHIBITED** from reapplying for licensure under R.C. Chapter 3772 for three years from entry of this Order, absent a waiver granted by the Commission commensurate with Ohio Adm.Code 3772-1-04.
- 4) A certified copy of the Order will be served upon Sangiovanni, 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 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.