

**STATE OF OHIO  
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION**

*In re:* :  
 :  
 Samantha Som, : Case Nos. 2020-LIC-014  
 Casino Gaming Employee :  
 License Renewal Applicant :

**ORDER CLOSING GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION**

On August 20, 2019, Samantha Som timely filed a Casino Gaming Employee License Renewal Application (“Application”) with the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”). Thereafter, the Commission conducted a suitability investigation to determine her eligibility for licensure.

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); **(7)** cooperating with the Commission during its background investigation, R.C. 3772.04(B)(13), 3772.10(D) – (F), and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-8-05(B)(10); and **(8)** otherwise being suitable and eligible for licensure, R.C. 3772.10(B) and (C)(7).

Som’s Casino Gaming Employee License (“License”), which expired on February 3, 2020, remained active by operation of law pending consideration of the Application. *See* R.C. 119.06. She, however, became non-responsive during the investigation, leading to the issuance of a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (“Notice”) to close the Application.

Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, upon proper service, Som had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of the Notice’s mailing. Som failed to do so. Accordingly, no hearing was held, and the matter was brought before the Commission on October 21, 2020, for final adjudication. R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04(A).

**WHEREFORE**, the Commission **FINDS** and **CONCLUDES** as follows:

Som failed to cooperate with the Commission throughout the course of its investigation, which prohibited the Commission from being able to determine her suitability, as required by R.C. 3772.10 or Ohio Adm.Code 3772-8-05, for the reasons set forth in the Notice.

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

- 1) Som's Application is **CLOSED**.
- 2) Som's License is **EXPIRED**.
- 3) Som is **PROHIBITED** from working or otherwise serving in any capacity that requires a license under R.C. Chapter 3772.
- 4) A certified copy of this Order will be served upon Som, 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 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.