

**STATE OF OHIO
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION**

In re: :
 :
Michael Granata, : Case No. 2020-LIC-016
Casino Gaming Employee :
License Applicant. :

JANUARY 20, 2021 FINAL ORDER
DENYING CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE APPLICATION

Michael Granata filed a Casino Gaming Employee License Application (“Application”) with the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”), after which the agency conducted a suitability investigation to determine his eligibility for licensure. During the investigation, the Commission discovered sufficient derogatory information to warrant issuance of a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (“Notice”).

Upon proper service, Granata had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of the Notice’s mailing. He so requested, and the Commission held a hearing before Hearing Examiner Andrew Cooke (“Examiner”). In lieu of appearing, Granata submitted his position, arguments, and contentions in writing.

After presentation and submission of the evidence, the Examiner closed the hearing record and prepared a Report and Recommendation (“R&R”) for Commission consideration. Review of the R&R finds that the Examiner urges denial of Granata’s Application. A copy of the R&R was duly served upon Granata, giving him 30 days therefrom to file objections, *see* R.C. 3772.04(A)(2), which he did not do.

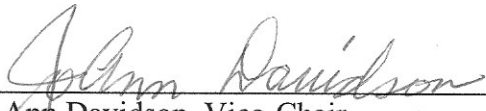
The matter is now before the Commission for final adjudication.

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

WHEREFORE, the Commission **ORDERS** as follows with respect to Granata:

- 1) His Application is **DENIED**.
- 2) He is **PROHIBITED** from working or otherwise serving in any capacity that requires a license under R.C. Chapter 3772.
- 3) He 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 him, via certified mail, return receipt requested, and his counsel of record, if any, via ordinary mail.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Jo Ann Davidson, Vice-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.