

**STATE OF OHIO  
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION**

*In re:*

**PAOLO CICI, a.k.a. PAUL CICI  
CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE  
APPLICANT**

Respondent.

Case No. 2013-054

**ORDER DENYING CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE APPLICATION**

On or about June 14, 2013, Respondent Paolo Cici filed a Casino Gaming Employee License Application (“Application”) with the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”). (Hr’g Ex. F.) Thereafter, the Commission conducted a suitability investigation of Cici to determine his eligibility for such a license.

During the suitability investigation, the Commission discovered sufficient derogatory information to warrant issuance of a Notice of Intent to Deny and Opportunity for Hearing (“Notice”), dated August 21, 2013. (Hr’g Ex. A.) Cici received the Notice, sent via certified mail, on August 24, 2013. (Hr’g Ex. B.) Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, Cici had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of the Notice’s mailing. Cici so requested and the Commission scheduled a hearing for September 17, 2013; and upon its own motion, the Commission continued the hearing until September 26, 2013. (Hr’g Ex. D.) Cici did not appear at the hearing but instead submitted a written statement for consideration, as permitted by Section 5.17 of the Commission’s Administrative Hearing Manual. The Commission held the hearing as scheduled before Hearing Examiner John Williams (“Examiner”), during which Cici’s written statement was entered as evidence for consideration by the Examiner.

After presentation and submission of the evidence at the hearing, the Examiner agreed to close the record. (Tr. 27.) The Examiner prepared a Report and Recommendation (“R&R”), which he submitted on October 10, 2013. Therein, the Examiner found that Cici: 1) submitted an Application to the Commission that contained false and incomplete information, in violation of R.C. 3772.10(C)(2), (5) and (F), R.C. 3772.131(D), and Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-02(A). (R&R 11-12); and 2) failed to establish by clear and convincing evidence his suitability for licensure as a Casino Gaming Employee, as required by R.C. 3772.10(B) and 3772.10(C)(7). (*Id.* at 12-13.) As a result of these findings, the Examiner recommended that the Commission deny Cici’s Application. (*Id.* at 13.)

On October 11, 2013, the Commission sent Cici, via certified mail, a copy of the R&R. (App. #1; App. #2.) Cici received the R&R on October 16, 2013, (App. #3), giving him until November 15, 2013, to file objections, *see* R.C. 3772.04(A)(2). Cici did not file any objections with the Commission.

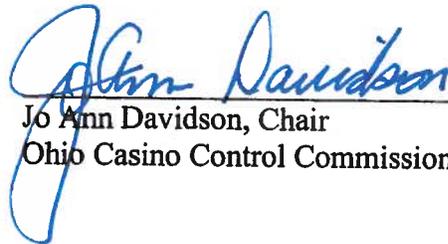
In accordance with R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, the matter was submitted to the Commission on December 11, 2013, for final adjudication.

**WHEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing and upon a quorum and majority vote of the members, the Commission **ADOPTS** the Examiner's R&R without modification.

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

- 1) Cici's Application is **DENIED**;
- 2) Cici is **PROHIBITED** from working or otherwise serving in any capacity that requires a license under R.C. Chapter 3772;
- 3) Cici is **PROHIBITED** from reapplying for licensure under R.C. Chapter 3772 for three years from the date this Order is served upon him, absent a waiver granted by the Commission commensurate with Ohio Adm. Code 3772-1-04; and
- 4) A certified copy of this Order shall be served upon Cici, via certified mail, return receipt requested, and his counsel of record, if any, via ordinary mail.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**



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Jo Ann Davidson, Chair  
Ohio Casino Control Commission

#### **NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS**

Respondent is hereby notified that pursuant to R.C. 119.12, this Commission Order may be appealed by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Commission setting forth the Order that Respondent 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 appropriate 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 this Commission Order.