

**STATE OF OHIO
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION**

In re: :
 : Case No. 2019-LIC-001
Godwin Obot, :
CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE :
APPLICANT :
 :
Applicant. :

ORDER DENYING CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE APPLICATION

On August 9, 2018, Godwin Obot filed a Casino Gaming Employee License Application (“Application”) with the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”). Thereafter, the Commission conducted Obot’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”), dated January 17, 2019. Obot received the Notice, via certified mail, return receipt requested, on January 19, 2019.

Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, Obot had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of the Notice’s mailing. Obot so requested, and the Commission scheduled a hearing for February 19, 2019; and upon its own motion, the Commission continued the hearing until March 12, 2019. Obot requested a continuance and it was granted. The hearing was scheduled for March 28, 2019. Obot appeared at the hearing without counsel, and the Commission held the hearing as scheduled before Hearing Examiner Andrew P. Cooke (“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 he submitted on May 9, 2019. Therein, the Examiner recommended that the Commission deny Obot’s Application.

On May 13, 2019, the Commission attempted service of the R&R to Obot via certified mail, return receipt requested. Upon discovery that the R&R had not been successfully delivered, the Commission reissued the R&R to Obot via certified mail, return receipt requested, on July 16, 2019. Obot received the R&R on July 18, 2019, and therefore had until August 19, 2019, to file objections. *See* R.C. 3772.04(A)(2). Obot did not do so.

In accordance with R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, the matter was submitted to the Commission on September 18, 2019, 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) Obot's Application is **DENIED**.
- 2) Obot is **PROHIBITED** from working or otherwise serving in any capacity that requires a license under R.C. Chapter 3772.
- 3) Obot is **PROHIBITED** from reapplying for licensure under R.C. Chapter 3772 for three years from the date the Order is served upon him, 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 Obot, 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.