

**STATE OF OHIO  
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION**

*In re:* :  
 : Case No. 2019-LIC-018  
**Roland Franklin,** :  
**CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSEE** :  
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 Licensee. :

**ORDER AFFIRMING EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OF CASINO GAMING  
EMPLOYEE LICENSE**

On November 28, 2017, Roland Franklin filed a Casino Gaming Employee License Renewal Application with the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”). Thereafter, the Commission conducted a suitability investigation of Franklin to determine his eligibility for a Casino Gaming Employee License (“License”). Having found him suitable for licensure, Franklin’s License was renewed by the Commission, effective May 24, 2018.

During an administrative investigation of Franklin, the Commission discovered sufficient derogatory information to warrant issuance of an Emergency Order suspending Franklin’s License, dated March 8, 2019. The Emergency Order was received by Franklin, via personal service, on March 8, 2019.

Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, Franklin had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of service. Franklin so requested, and the Commission, by letter dated March 12, 2019, “scheduled a hearing for February 28, 2019 (*sic*) . . . [; and] on its own motion, pursuant to R.C. 119.09 continue[d] the hearing to March 28, 2019.” Franklin appeared *pro se*, and the Commission held the hearing as scheduled before Hearing Examiner Andrew 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 8, 2019. Therein, the Examiner recommended that the Commission’s Emergency Order suspending Franklin’s License be effective from its issuance, March 8, 2019, and remain effective until further order of the Executive Director or the Commission.

On May 13, 2019, the Commission sent Franklin, via certified mail, a copy of the R&R, which he received on May 15, 2019. Therefore, Franklin had until June 14, 2019, to file objections. *See* R.C. 3772.04(A)(2). Franklin did not do so.

In accordance with R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, the matter was submitted to the Commission on July 17, 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) The Emergency Order suspending Franklin's License is **AFFIRMED**.
- 2) The **SUSPENSION** remains in effect until further order of the Executive Director or the Commission.
- 3) Franklin is **PROHIBITED** from working or otherwise serving in any capacity that requires a license under R.C. Chapter 3772 while the suspension is in effect.
- 4) A certified copy of this Order shall be served upon Franklin, 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.