

**STATE OF OHIO
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION**

In re: :
 :
 Bhawani Basnet, : Case No. 2019-LIC-064
 Casino Gaming Employee :
 License Applicant :

ORDER DENYING CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE APPLICATION

On July 25, 2019, Bhawani Basnet filed a Casino Gaming Employee License Application (“Application”) with the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”). Thereafter, the Commission conducted Basnet’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 November 1, 2019. Basnet received the Notice, sent via certified mail, return receipt requested, on November 4, 2019.

Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, Basnet had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of the Notice’s mailing. Basnet so requested, and the Commission scheduled a hearing for November 19, 2019; and upon its own motion, the Commission continued the hearing until December 3, 2019. Basnet appeared *pro se*, and the Commission held the hearing as scheduled before Hearing Examiner Marc E. Myers (“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 January 14, 2020. Therein, the Examiner recommended that the Commission deny Basnet’s Application.

On January 16, 2020, the Commission sent Basnet, via certified mail, return receipt requested, a copy of the R&R, which he received on January 18, 2020. Therefore, Basnet had until February 18, 2020, to file objections. *See* R.C. 3772.04(A)(2). He did not do so.

In accordance with R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, the matter was submitted to the Commission on June 17, 2020, for final adjudication.

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

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

- 1) Basnet’s Application is **DENIED**.
- 2) Basnet is **PROHIBITED** from working or otherwise serving in any capacity that requires a license under R.C. Chapter 3772.

- 3) Basnet 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 shall be served upon Basnet, 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.