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STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION, DIVISION OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING,

Petitioner,

V.	FGCC Case No.: 2024-020845

GENESIS MICHELLE ZAHREDDINE CHACON,

Respondent.	
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AMENDED FINAL ORDER

This matter appeared before the Florida Gaming Control Commission at a dulynoticed public meeting on June 12, 2025, for final agency action pursuant to sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes. After a complete review of the record in this matter, the Commission makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

- 1. An Administrative Complaint was filed in this case on July 15, 2024, alleging that Respondent violated rule 75-11.005(4), Florida Administrative Code, and is therefore subject to revocation of her slot machine/cardroom/pari-mutuel combination occupational license pursuant to section 550.105(5)(b) Florida Statutes, as well as exclusion from all licensed pari-mutuel wagering facilities and all facilities of a slot machine licensee in the state of Florida pursuant to section 550.0251(6), and 551.112, Florida Statutes. A copy of the Administrative Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit "1" and incorporated by reference.
- 2. The Commission attempted to personally serve Respondent with the Administrative Complaint, Election of Rights form, an Explanation of Rights, and a cover letter via certified mail and hand service, but these attempts were unsuccessful.

- 3. A publication notice was posted in the Sun Sentinel starting on May 12, 2025. This publication complied with the notice requirements enumerated in section 120.60(5), Florida Statutes. Respondent failed to respond to the notice before the published deadline of June 10, 2025. Proof of service is attached hereto as Exhibit "2" and incorporated by reference.
- 4. Petitioner informed Respondent that the failure to contact the Florida Gaming Control Commission prior to the published deadline would be deemed a waiver of the right to a hearing.
- Respondent has not filed a timely response to the publication notice. Respondent
 has not submitted any evidence or made any allegations that would support the application of the
 doctrine of equitable tolling.

Having considered the Administrative Complaint, the publication notice, along with Respondent's failure to respond, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, it is hereby

ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

- The allegations of fact and the conclusions of law in the Administrative Complaint are adopted in their entirety herein.
- Respondent is hereby PERMANENTLY EXCLUDED from all pari-mutuel facilities and all facilities of a slot machine licensee within the state of Florida.
- 3. Respondent's slot machine/cardroom/pari-mutuel combination occupational license number 13923682 is **REVOKED.**

¹ This Amended Final Order corrects the description of the type of license in the Final Order.

This Amended Final Order shall take effect upon being filed with the Clerk of the Commission.

DONE AND ORDERED this 23 day of 5000, 2025.

FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

On Behalf of

Julie Brown, Vice-Chair John D'Aquila, Commissioner Charles Drago, Commissioner Tina Repp, Commissioner

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Any party to this proceeding has the right to seek its judicial review under section 120.68, Florida Statutes, by the filing of an original notice of appeal pursuant to rules 9.110 and 9.190, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, with the Clerk of the Commission, 4070 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 (Email: clerk@flgaming.gov), and by filing a copy of the notice of appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate Florida district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed (received) by the Clerk of the Commission within thirty (30) days after the date this Order is filed with the Clerk of the Commission.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 23th day of 500c, 2025, a true and correct copy of this Final Order has been sent via U.S. Mail to:

Genesis Michelle Zahreddine Chacon 1963 Northwest 136th Avenue Apt 523 Sunrise, Florida 33323

> CLERN OF THE COMMISSION Florida Gaming Control Commission

CC: Ebonie Lanier

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STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION DIVISION OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING

FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION, DIVISION OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING,

EXHIBIT 1

Petitioner,

FGCC Case No.: 2024-020845

v.

GENESIS MICHELLE ZAHREDDINE CHACON,

Respondent.		

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

The Florida Gaming Control Commission, Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering ("Petitioner"), files this Administrative Complaint against Genesis Michelle Zahreddine Chacon ("Respondent"), and alleges:

- 1. Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating pari-mutuel wagering, slot machines, and cardroom operations pursuant to chapters 550, 551, and 849, Florida Statutes.
- 2. At all times material hereto, Respondent held a Slot Machine/Cardroom/Pari-Mutuel Combination Occupational License, number 13923682, issued pursuant to section 551.107(2)(b), Florida Statutes.
- 3. At all times material hereto, Dania Entertainment Center, LLC ("Dania") was a facility operated by a permitholder authorized to conduct pari-mutuel wagering, cardroom operations, and slot machine operations in the state of Florida.
 - 4. At all times material hereto, Respondent worked as a poker dealer at Dania.

- 5. Respondent was observed via surveillance footage on March 23, 29 and 30, 2024, stealing poker chips from the pot and depositing the chips into her tip box.
- 6. On or about March 30, 2024, Respondent's employment with Dania was terminated.
 - 7. On or about April 11, 2024, Respondent was permanently excluded from Dania.
 - 8. Respondent was permanently excluded for the reasons alleged in Exhibit A.

COUNT I

- 9. Petitioner realleges and adopts paragraphs one through eight as if set forth fully herein.
 - 10. Section 550.0251(6), Florida Statutes, provides in pertinent part:

In addition to the power to exclude certain persons from any parimutuel facility in this state, the commission may exclude any person from any and all pari-mutuel facilities in this state for conduct that would constitute, if the person were a licensee, a violation of this chapter or the rules of the commission. The commission may exclude from any pari-mutuel facility within this state any person who has been ejected from a pari-mutuel facility in this state or who has been excluded from any pari-mutuel facility in another state by the governmental department, agency, commission, or authority exercising regulatory jurisdiction over pari-mutuel facilities in such other state.

(Emphasis added).

11. Section 551.112, Florida Statutes, provides:

In addition to the power to exclude certain persons from any facility of a slot machine licensee in this state, the commission may exclude any person from any facility of a slot machine licensee in this state for conduct that would constitute, if the person were a licensee, a violation of this chapter or the rules of the commission. The commission may exclude from any facility of a slot machine licensee any person who has been ejected from a facility of a slot machine licensee in this state or who has been excluded from any

facility of a slot machine licensee or gaming facility in another state by the governmental department, agency, commission, or authority exercising regulatory jurisdiction over the gaming in such other state. This section does not abrogate the common law right of a slot machine licensee to exclude a patron absolutely in this state.

(Emphasis added).

12. Based on the foregoing, Respondent violated sections 550.0251(6) and 551.112, Florida Statutes, and is subject to exclusion from all licensed pari-mutuel wagering facilities and any facility of a slot machine licensee in the state of Florida based on her ejection from Dania on or about March 30, 2024.

COUNT II

- 13. Petitioner realleges and adopts paragraphs numbered one through eight as if set forth fully herein.
 - 14. Rule 75-11.005(4), Florida Administrative Code, states:

No person shall, either directly or indirectly: (a)[e]mploy or attempt to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud any participant in a game or the cardroom operator (b) [e]ngage in any act, practice, or course of operation that would constitute a fraud or deceit upon any participant in a game or the cardroom operator; (c)[e]ngage in any act, practice, or course of operation with the intent of cheating any participant or the cardroom operator.

15. Pursuant to section 550.105(5)(b), Florida Statutes:

The commission may deny, suspend, revoke, or declare ineligible any occupational license if the applicant for or holder thereof has violated the provisions of this chapter or the rules of the commission governing the conduct of persons connected with racetracks and frontons.

16. Based on the foregoing, Respondent violated rule 75-11.005, Florida Administrative Code, by stealing chips from pots and depositing stolen chips into her tip box and is therefore subject to suspension or revocation of her occuptional license.

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WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests the Florida Gaming Control Commission enter an Order revoking Respondent's Slot Machine/Cardroom/Pari-Mutuel Combination Occupational License, number 13923682, and excluding Respondent from all licensed pari-mutuel wagering facilities and any facility of a slot machine licensee in the state of Florida, in accordance with sections 550.0251(6) and 551.112, Florida Statutes, along with any other remedy provided by chapters 550 and 551, and/or the rules promulgated thereunder.

This Administrative Complaint for FGCC Case Number 2024-020845 is signed this 15th day of July, 2024.

/s/Emily A. Alvarado

Emily A. Alvarado Chief Attorney

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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING

Pursuant to sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, you have the right to request a hearing to challenge the charges contained in this Administrative Complaint. If you choose to request a hearing, you will have the right to be represented by counsel, or other qualified representative, to present evidence and argument, to call and cross-examine witnesses, and to have subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum issued on your behalf.

Any request for an administrative proceeding to challenge or contest the charges contained in this Administrative Complaint must conform to rule 28-106.2015, Florida Administrative Code. Pursuant to rule 28-106.111, Florida Administrative Code, you must request a hearing within 21 days from receipt of this Notice, or you will waive your right to request a hearing.

Mediation under section 120.573, Florida Statutes, is not available to resolve this Administrative Complaint.

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