

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

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

Petitioner,

v.

FGCC Case No.: 2025-038459

ANTHONY DELLABELLA,

Respondent.

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FINAL ORDER

This matter appeared before the Florida Gaming Control Commission at a duly-noticed public meeting on June 4, 2026, for final agency action pursuant to sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes. After a complete review of the records in this matter, the Commission makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Findings of Fact contained in the Recommended Order are hereby adopted as the Findings of Fact of the Commission.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Conclusions of Law contained in the Recommended Order are hereby adopted as the Conclusions of Law of the Commission.

**ORDERED and ADJUDGED:**

1. The Hearing Officer's Recommended Order is adopted in full.
2. Respondent is hereby **PERMANENTLY EXCLUDED** from all pari-mutuel facilities in the state of Florida.

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

**DONE AND ORDERED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION



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**CLERK OF THE COMMISSION**

*On Behalf of*

Julie I. Brown, Chair

Tina Repp, Vice Chair

John D'Aquila, Commissioner

William Spicola, Commissioner

Peter Cuderman, 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, Suite 250, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 (Email: [clerk@flgaming.gov](mailto: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 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026, a true and correct copy of this Final Order has been sent via U.S. Mail and/or email to:

**Anthony Dellabella**  
Tonybella327@gmail.com  
1626 Southwest Morelia Lane  
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**CLERK OF THE COMMISSION**  
Florida Gaming Control Commission

CC: Ebonie Lanier

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**EXHIBIT**  
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**HEARING OFFICER’S RECOMMENDED ORDER**

THIS MATTER came before Shireen Anbardan, designated Hearing Officer for the Florida Gaming Control Commission (“Commission”), on April 15, 2026, in Tallahassee, Florida, in accordance with the provisions of sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes, for consideration of the Commission’s Administrative Complaint filed against Anthony Dellabella (“Respondent”), in FGCC Case Number 2025-038459 (“Administrative Complaint”). Justin Hundersmarck, Senior Attorney, represented the Commission, and Respondent appeared pro se. The hearing was held via video conference. Both sides were permitted to present witnesses, proffer items into evidence, and otherwise fully participate in the hearing.

**PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

1. On or about August 6, 2025, the Commission filed an Administrative Complaint against Respondent, alleging that Respondent was a patron and was ejected and excluded from Fronton Holdings, LLC d/b/a Card House Port St. Lucie (“Card House Port St. Lucie”). The Administrative Complaint sought to exclude Respondent from all licensed pari-mutuel wagering

facilities in the State of Florida due to Respondent's ejection and exclusion from Card House Port St. Lucie.

2. On or about September 4, 2025, the Respondent requested an informal hearing pursuant to section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes.

3. An informal hearing was scheduled for April 15, 2026.

THE APRIL 15, 2026, INFORMAL HEARING

4. At the informal hearing held pursuant to section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes, on April 15, 2026, the Commission presented the issues raised in its Administrative Complaint. The Hearing Officer granted the Commission's motion to accept the Findings of Fact in the Administrative Complaint as the undisputed facts in the case and admitted the investigative packet into the record.

5. The investigative packet contained an Investigative Report detailing the activity that led to the permanent ejection and exclusion of the Respondent from Card House Port St. Lucie.

6. The investigative report alleged that on or about May 8, 2025, Respondent was observed soliciting cardroom players for home poker games.

7. Respondent testified that he hosted a charity poker game at his home with individuals he met at Card House Port St. Lucie, as well as other individuals he knew prior to patronizing Card House Port St. Lucie.

8. Respondent further testified that he knew individuals from Card House Port St. Lucie that took personal poker games, and that he was used as a target.

9. Respondent further testified that he was not the individual who solicited players for a home poker game.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

10. Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating pari-mutuel wagering and cardroom operations pursuant to chapters 550 and 849, Florida Statutes.

11. At all times material hereto, Card House Port St. Lucie was a facility operated by a permitholder authorized by the Commission to conduct pari-mutuel wagering and cardroom operations in the State of Florida.

12. On or about May 8, 2025, the Respondent was a patron of Card House Port St. Lucie. On or about May 8, 2025, Respondent was ejected and permanently excluded from Card House Port St. Lucie.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

13. The Hearing Officer has jurisdiction over this matter and the parties pursuant to section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes.

14. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to chapters 120, 550, and 849, Florida Statutes.

15. At all times material hereto, Card House Port St. Lucie was a facility operated by a permitholder authorized by the Commission to conduct pari-mutuel wagering and cardroom operations in the State of Florida.

16. Section 550.0215(6), Florida Statutes, provides in relevant part:

In addition to the power to exclude certain persons from any pari-mutuel 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).

17. Pursuant to the statute, Respondent's exclusion from one facility is sufficient to trigger his exclusion from all pari-mutuel wagering facilities in the State of Florida.

18. Respondent is subject to permanent exclusion from all licensed pari-mutuel wagering facilities in the State of Florida based on Respondent's ejection and permanent exclusion from Card House Port St. Lucie on or about May 8, 2025.


19. Respondent's testimony neither mitigates that Respondent was ejected and excluded from Card House Port St. Lucie, nor Precludes the Commission from permanently excluding him from all licensed pari-mutuel facilities in the State of Florida.

20. There is competent, substantial evidence to support the conclusions of law.

RECOMMENDED ORDER

WHEREFORE, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby recommended that the Florida Gaming Control Commission enter a Final Order permanently excluding Respondent from all licensed pari-mutuel wagering facilities in the State of Florida.

This Recommended Order in FGCC Case Number 2025-038459 is submitted on this 26th day of May 2026.

  
Shireen Anbardan  
Hearing Officer  
Florida Gaming Control Commission

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify this 26<sup>th</sup> day of MAY 2026, that a true copy of the foregoing

“Hearing Officer’s Recommended Order” has been provided by email to:

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