

FILED
FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION
Date: 3/12/2025
File Number: 2025-00027
BY: MELBA L. APELLANIZ
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

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

Petitioner,

v.

FGCC Case No.: 2024-059498

GERMAN BONESI,

Respondent.

_____ /

FINAL ORDER

This matter appeared before the Florida Gaming Control Commission at a duly-noticed public meeting on March 6, 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 December 19, 2024, alleging that Respondent is subject to exclusion from all licensed pari-mutuel facilities and all facilities of a slot machine licensee in the state of Florida pursuant to sections 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 Administrative Complaint, Election of Rights form, an Explanation of Rights, and a cover letter were served on Respondent via certified mail.

3. The Election of Rights form, Explanation of Rights, and cover letter informed Respondent that a written response to the Complaint, including the right to request a hearing, was due within 21 days of actual service of the Complaints. *See* § 120.569(1), Fla. Stat., and Fla. Admin. Code R. 28-106.111.

4. On or about February 5, 2025, Respondent returned the Election of Rights form and selected “Option 3” which states that Respondent does not dispute the allegations of material fact in the Administrative Complaint and waives his or her right to any form of hearing. Respondent, by selecting this option, requests that a Final Order imposing a penalty and/or fine be entered in this case. A copy of the Election of Rights is attached hereto as Exhibit “2” and incorporated by reference.

5. Respondent has waived his right to request a hearing in which there is a disputed issue of material fact.

Having considered the Administrative Complaint and Respondent’s waiver of his/her right to request a hearing, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, it is hereby

ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

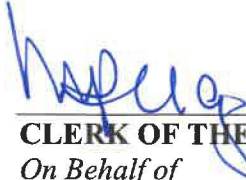
6. The allegations of fact and the conclusions of law in the Administrative Complaint are adopted in their entirety herein.

7. Respondent is hereby **PERMANENTLY EXCLUDED** from all pari-mutuel facilities and all facilities of a slot machine licensee within the state of Florida.

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

DONE AND ORDERED this 12th day of MARCH, 2025.

FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION



CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

On Behalf of

Julie I. Brown, Vice-Chair

Charles Drago, Commissioner

John D'Aquila, 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 12th day of MARCH, 2025, a true and correct copy of this Final Order has been sent via USPS mail to:

German Bonesi
c/o Luis Reynoso
luis@reynosoerickson.com



CLERK OF THE COMMISSION
Florida Gaming Control Commission

CC: Ebonie Lanier

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.: 2024-059498

GERMAN ERNESTO BONESI,

Respondent.

_____ /

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

The Florida Gaming Control Commission, Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering (“Petitioner”), files this Administrative Complaint against German Ernesto Bonesi (“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 11765334 issued pursuant to section 551.107(2)(b), Florida Statutes.
3. At all times material hereto, Dania Entertainment Center, LLC d/b/a The Casino @ Dania Beach was a facility operated by a permit holder 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 Chief Financial Officer at The Casino @ Dania Beach.

EXHIBIT

1

5. On or about September 23, 2024, Respondent's employment with The Casino @ Dania Beach was terminated.

6. On or about November 21, 2024, Respondent was excluded from The Casino @ Dania Beach.

7. Respondent was permanently excluded for the reasons alleged in Exhibit 1.

8. Section 550.0251(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 supplied).

9. 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 supplied).

10. Based on the foregoing, Respondent 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 his exclusion from The Casino @ Dania Beach on November 21, 2024.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests the Florida Gaming Control Commission enter an Order 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, along with any other remedy provided by chapters 550 and 551, Florida Statutes, and/or the rules promulgated thereunder.

This Administrative Complaint for FGCC Case Number 2024-059498 is signed this 18th day of December 2024.

/s/ Emily A. Alvarado

Emily A. Alvarado
Chief Attorney
FBN: 1025200
Florida Gaming Control Commission
Office of the General Counsel
Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering
4070 Esplanade Way, Suite 250
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2202
Telephone: (850) 794-8066
Facsimile: +1 (850) 536-8709
Primary: Emily.Alvarado@flgaming.gov
Secondary: Ebonie.Lanier@flgaming.gov

NOTICE OF RIGHTS 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.