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GOVERNOR

RONNIE S. JOHNS
CHAIRMAN

DECISION OF THE LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

IN RE: FLANNAGAN'S PUB D/B/A VOODOO LOUNGE NO. 3601114918

On April 26, 2021, the Division received a Video Poker License Renewal Application Certification Affidavit from the Flanagan's Pub d/b/a Voodoo Lounge, the sole owner of the Voodoo Lounge is Andrew S. Allen. The Applicant's license was set to expire on June 30, 2021. The Board issued a Notice of Recommendation of Denial of Renewal Application and Finding of Unsuitability regarding the Renewal Application.

Mr. Allen was arrested on August 20, 2019, pursuant to the execution of a search warrant of his home, and charged with violating IL ST CH 720 § 550/8(c), *Production of 20-50 Cannabis Plants*, IL ST CH 720 § 550/8(d), *Production of 50-200 Cannabis Plants*, IL ST CH 720 § 57/402, *Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance*, and IL ST CH 720 § 550/4(t), *Possession of Cannabis I 2,000 < 5,000 grams*. On September 11, 2019, Mr. Allen pled guilty to the reduced charge of *Production o/20 - 50 Cannabis Plants*, which is a class three felony, punishable by more than one year of imprisonment.

Mr. Allen requested a hearing on the matter, which was held on August 17, 2022, at which Mr. Allen was present. On September 21, 2022, the Hearing Office issued an Order finding that the Renewal Application be denied. Further, the Hearing Office determined that Mr. Allen is found unsuitable. The denial and unsuitability recommendations were based, in part, on the arrest and guilty plea of the sole owner of Mr. Allen.

Based on the evidence and transcripts, Mr. Allen was charged with and entered a plea of guilty to a crime punishable by imprisonment of more than one year, which automatically disqualifies him from participating in the gaming industry, according to LAC 42:XI.24 17(A) (I) and (3). Mr. Allen additionally admitted to still being on probation at the time of the hearing, and failed to prove his suitability by clear and convincing evidence. The basis for the denial is that Mr. Allen was arrested for a crime punishable by more than one-year imprisonment, pled guilty, placed on probation, and 10 years had not elapsed between the completion of probation and submission of the application. As such, he is statutorily unsuitable and disqualified under La. R.S. 27:427(A)(I) and, therefore, he is barred from participating in gaming until September 11, 2032, and the Applicant is barred from applying for or being granted a license until September 11, 2032.

ORDER

This matter having been considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board in open meeting of December 15, 2022:

IT IS ORDERED THAT the Hearing Officer's decision be **AFFIRMED**.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the *15th* day of *December, 2022*.

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

BY: _____

R. Johns
RONNIE S. JOHNS, CHAIRMAN

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CERTIFIED
COPY HAS BEEN MAILED OR SERVED ON

ALL PARTIES TO THE _____ DAY
OF *December*, 20*22*.

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APPEAL CLERK