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# IN RE: BUZZD, LLC D/B/A WHO DAQS NO. 3601118216

### **ORDER**

This matter was considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board at its meeting of March 18, 2024. The Hearing Officer's order dated February 7, 2024, based on the "Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement" in the matter of the "Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action", by and between Buzzd, LLC d/b/a Who Daqs No. 3601118216, and the State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is APPROVED.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 18th day of March, 2024.

**LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD** 

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#### **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICE**

IN RE: BUZZD, LLC

D/B/A WHO DAQS

CASE NO.: 3601118216

JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

#### TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER:

NOW COME the Louisiana State Police Gaming Enforcement Division (hereinafter, the "Division") and Buzzd, LLC d/b/a Who Daqs (hereinafter, "Licensee"), who file this Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement, and in support thereof would respectively show unto the Hearing Officer as follows:

1.

The Division and Licensee are desirous of compromising and settling all disputes between them relative to the referenced administrative proceeding. In connection therewith, the parties have entered into a Compromise and Settlement Agreement, which by its terms will become effective upon approval by the Administrative Hearing Office and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.

2.

A true and correct copy of the proposed Compromise and Settlement Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference for all purposes.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Division and Licensee respectfully request that this Honorable Administrative Hearing Officer approve the parties' Compromise and Settlement Agreement.

Respectfully Submitted.

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#### STATE OF LOUISIANA

# LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICE

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#### COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Louisiana State Police Gaming Enforcement Division (hereinafter, the "Division") and Buzzd, LLC d/b/a Who Daqs (hereinafter, "Licensee"), do hereby represent and agree as follows:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board has sent a Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action to Licensee, which Notice contains allegations of certain violations of Louisiana Gaming Control Law; and

WHEREAS, the issues raised by said Notice were set for hearing before the Louisiana Gaming Control Board Administrative Hearing Office on February 7, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Division and Licensee are desirous of fully and finally compromising and settling all issues and disputes arising out of and in connection with said Notice;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties hereto do hereby agree and stipulate as follows:

#### STIPULATIONS

1. The Licensee is a Type I licensed establishment located at 8013 Olive Street, Suite A, New Orleans, Louisiana 70125.

- 2. On March 15, 2023, the Division emailed a Video Gaming Advisory Notice to Licensee informing them of the requirement to submit the Annual Licensee Form, fee and supporting documents no later than July 1, 2023.
- On September 12, 2023, the Division received the required annual renewal forms, documents and fee from Licensee.
- 4. Licensee failed to timely submit the Annual Licensee Form, fee and supporting documents in violation of La. R.S. 27:435(K)(4)(a) and (d), and LAC 42:XI.2405(B)(4).

#### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- In lieu of administrative action, Licensee will pay a penalty of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY and 00/100 (\$750.00) DOLLARS for its violation of La. R.S. 27:435(K)(4)(a) and (d), and LAC 42:X1.2405(B)(4).
- 2. The Division hereby agrees that payment of a total penalty of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY and 00/100 (\$750.00) DOLLARS shall be in full and final settlement of all matters set forth in the Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action.
- 3. The Division reserves the right to take into consideration this admitted violation in connection with any future investigation, violation or assessment of penalty and in connection with any future assessments of Licensee's suitability.
- 4. The terms of this Compromise and Settlement Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Louisiana.
- This Compromise and Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Division and Licensee, pertaining to the subject matter contained herein and

supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations and understandings of the

parties.

6. This Compromise and Settlement Agreement is subject to approval by the

Hearing Officer and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. It is expressly understood that if this

proposed settlement is approved by the Hearing Officer, this agreement is not thereby executory,

but will be submitted to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board for its determination as to whether

to approve same or to remand the matter to the Hearing Officer for a full hearing on the merits.

7. If approved, Licensee agrees to make full payment of the civil penalty within

fifteen (15) days of approval of this settlement by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.

Licensee agrees that failure to meet this requirement shall result in immediate suspension of the

gaming license without the necessity of any further administrative action until such time as the

penalty is paid in full.

I have read this entire Compromise and Settlement Agreement and agree to all stipulations and

terms and conditions hereof.

Mutaz Kandon, Owner 8013 Olive Street, Suite A

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Detancey J. Houston, on behalf of Louisiana State Police Gaming

**Enforcement Division** 

# STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICE

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#### ORDER

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Compromise and Settlement Agreement attached to the parties' Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement be, and the same is hereby, APPROVED; that Buzzd, LLC d/b/a Who Daqs must pay SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY and 00/100 (\$750.00) DOLLARS to the Division within fifteen (15) days of approval by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. Failure to do so shall result in the immediate suspension of the gaming license without the necessity of any further administrative action until such time as the penalty is paid in full.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this 14 day of February , 2024, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
HEARING OFFICE
HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CERTIFIED
COPY HAS BEEN MAILED OR SERVED ON

ALL PARTIES THIS DAY

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