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Gaming Control Board

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CHAIRMAN

**DECISION OF THE
LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**

**IN RE: SICILIAN FOODS, LLC D/B/A
FRANK'S RESTAURANT
NO. 3601216030**

This matter is before the Louisiana Gaming Control Board on appeal by Sicilian Foods, LLC d/b/a Frank's Restaurant, Application No. 3601216030, and Frank Gagliano, Jr. from the Hearing Officer's decision dated April 25, 2012, which denied the video gaming license application of Frank's Restaurant and found co-owners, Frank Gagliano, Jr. and Anna Saputo, unsuitable. Anna Saputo did not appeal therefore the finding of her unsuitability is not at issue.

ANALYSIS

We adopt the Hearing Officer's "Findings of Fact" and "Applicable Law." We agree with the decision of the Hearing Officer.

As an individual with an ownership interest of more than five percent, Frank Gagliano, Jr. must meet suitability. La. R.S. 27:310(D). He is required to demonstrate his suitability. La. R.S. 27:310(B). Frank Gagliano, Jr. has failed to do so. His reputation, habits, and associations pose a threat to the public interest of this state and create or enhance the dangers of unsuitable, unfair, and illegal practices, methods, and operations in the video poker industry. La. R.S. 27:310(B).

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Anna Saputo, co-owner, was found unsuitable. No appeal was taken and the decision is final.

The applicant, Frank's Restaurant, has been the site of illegal gaming activity such that the Federal Bureau of Investigation used a wiretap at the location to support its case against Mr. Gagliano and his brother, Jack Gagliano. Mr. Gagliano's brother and father, Frank Gagliano, Sr., were reportedly members of New Orleans organized crime. Frank Gagliano, Jr. was involved in an illegal bookmaking scheme.

For the reasons cited and based on the facts presented, we agree that the application should be denied and Frank Gagliano, Jr. be found unsuitable.

ORDER

This matter having been considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board in open meeting of June 21, 2012:

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

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the *21st* of *June*, 2012.

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

BY: _____

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DALE A. HALL, CHAIRMAN

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CERTIFIED
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PARTIES THIS 26th DAY
June, 2012
APPEAL DOCKET CLERK
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