

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.: 2025-055766

SERGIO MELENDEZ RODRIGUEZ,

Respondent.

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**FINAL ORDER**

This matter appeared before the Florida Gaming Control Commission at a duly-noticed public meeting on January 8, 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:

1. An administrative complaint was filed in this case on October 31, 2025. A copy of the administrative complaint, an election of rights form, and an explanation of rights (collectively referred to as the Administrative Complaint) are attached hereto as Exhibit "1" and incorporated by reference.

2. The Administrative Complaint was served on Respondent via certified mail on November 10, 2025. Proof of service is attached hereto as "Exhibit 2" and incorporated by reference.

3. Respondent has not filed a timely response to the Administrative Complaint. Respondent has not submitted any evidence or made any allegations that would support the application of the doctrine of equitable tolling.

Having considered the Administrative Complaint, the service of the Administrative Complaint on Respondent and Respondent's failure to timely respond, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, it is hereby

ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

1. Respondent has waived their right to request a hearing in this cause.
2. The allegations of fact and the conclusions of law in the Administrative Complaint are adopted in their entirety herein.
3. Respondent is **PERMANENTLY EXCLUDED** from all pari-mutuel facilities and any facility 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of JANUARY, 2026.

FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION



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**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 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of JANUARY, 2026, a true and correct copy of this Final Order has been sent U.S. mail to:

**Sergio Melendez Rodriguez**  
961 East 45th Street  
Hialeah, Florida 33013

  

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**CLERK OF THE COMMISSION**  
Florida Gaming Control Commission

CC: Ebonie Lanier

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**EXHIBIT**

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

The Florida Gaming Control Commission, Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering (“Petitioner”), files this Administrative Complaint against Sergio Melendez Rodriguez (“Respondent”), and alleges:

1. Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating pari-mutuel, slot machine, and cardroom operations pursuant to chapters 550, 551, and 849, Florida Statutes.
2. At all times material hereto, Respondent’s address was reported as 961 East 45th Street, Hialeah, Florida 33013.

COUNT I

3. Petitioner realleges and adopts paragraphs numbered one and two as if set forth fully herein.
4. At all times material hereto, Casino Miami, LLC was a facility operated by a permitholder authorized by the Commission to conduct pari-mutuel wagering, cardroom operations, and slot operations in the state of Florida.

5. On or about May 27, 2024, Respondent was a patron of and was ejected from Casino Miami, LLC.

6. On or about June 2, 2024, Respondent was permanently excluded from Casino Miami, LLC.

7. 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).

8. 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).

9. 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 under sections 550.0251(6) and 551.112, Florida Statutes, based on his permanent exclusion from Casino Miami, LLC on or about June 2, 2024.

## COUNT II

10. Petitioner realleges and adopts paragraphs numbered one and two as if set forth fully herein.

11. At all times material hereto, Hialeah Park Racing & Casino was a facility operated by a permitholder authorized by the Commission to conduct pari-mutuel wagering, cardroom operations, and slot operations in the state of Florida.

12. On or about September 15, 2024, Respondent was a patron of Hialeah Park Racing & Casino.

13. On or about September 16, 2024, Respondent was ejected and permanently excluded from Hialeah Park Racing & Casino.

14. 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).

15. Section 551.112, Florida Statutes, provides:

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(Emphasis supplied).

16. 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 under sections 550.0251(6) and 551.112, Florida Statutes, based on his permanent exclusion from Hialeah Park Racing & Casino on or about September 16, 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 2025-055766 is signed on the  
29th day of October 2025.

/s/ Justin Hundersmarck

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### 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.

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