

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.: 2025-054235

MATTHEW LUIS PEREZ,

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, an explanation of rights, and a cover letter (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.

3. On November 20, 2025, Respondent returned a signed Election of Rights form, stating that he does not dispute the allegations of material fact in the Administrative Complaint and waiving his right to object and have a hearing. A copy of the Election of Rights is attached hereto as Exhibit "2" and incorporated by reference.

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

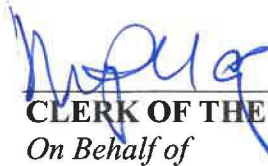
ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

1. Respondent waived his 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 21st day of JANUARY, 2026.

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 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 21st day of JANUARY, 2026, a true and correct copy of this Final Order has been sent via email to:

Matthew Luis Perez
C/O Mario L. Perez
Mario@baisdenperezlaw.com



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 Matthew Luis Perez (“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 5961 Northwest 40th Street, Virginia Gardens, Florida 33166.
3. At all times material hereto, Gretna Racing, LLC, d/b/a Magic City Casino (“Magic City 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.
4. On or about June 27, 2025, Respondent was a patron of Magic City Casino.
5. On or about June 28, 2025, Respondent was ejected from Magic City Casino.
6. On or about June 28, 2025, Respondent was excluded from Magic City Casino, effective until March 19, 2028.

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.

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.

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 exclusion from Magic City Casino on or about June 28, 2025.

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 2025-054235 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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ELECTION OF RIGHTS

Please read the Administrative Complaint before choosing one of the three options. The Election of Rights is a **legally binding** document. Consult an attorney if you do not understand your options.

You can only select **ONE** of the options numbered one (1), two (2), and three (3) on the Election of Rights form. You must sign the form.

A completed Election of Rights **must be returned to the Clerk of the Commission within 21 days, by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, of the day you receive the attached Administrative Complaint.**

If your Election of Rights form or request for hearing is not filed with the Clerk of the Commission within 21 days of the day you received the Administrative Complaint, you will have waived your right to contest the proposed agency action and a Final Order will be issued imposing the proposed agency action set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

Please use this form unless you, your attorney, or your representative prefer to reply according to chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and chapter 28.106 of the Florida Administrative Code.

Please return your Election of Rights form to this address:

Florida Gaming Control Commission
Attention: Clerk of the Commission
4070 Esplanade Way, Suite 250, Tallahassee, FL 32399
Telephone: (850) 794-8067 Fax: (850) 536-8712
Email: clerk@flgaming.gov

PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE OF THE THREE OPTIONS.

Option One (1) ☐ **I do not dispute the allegations** of material fact in the Administrative Complaint and wish to be heard at an informal proceeding pursuant to section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes, where I may submit testimony and written evidence to the Commission to show that the proposed agency action is too severe or that the sanction should be reduced.

Option Two (2) ☐ **I do dispute the allegations** of material fact in the Administrative Complaint and I request a formal hearing pursuant to Section 120.57(1) before an Administrative Law Judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings ("DOAH"). **I specifically dispute the following facts in the Administrative Complaint** (attach extra pages or write on the back if needed):

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In addition to the above election for formal hearing, check the box below if you wish to enter into settlement negotiations and waive the 15-day requirement for this matter to be referred to DOAH:

☐ Section 120.569(2)(a), Florida Statutes, requires the Commission to send this case to DOAH for a formal hearing within 15 days after receiving your Election of Rights. I am interested in settling this case and waive the 15-day requirement.

Option Three (3) ☒ I do not dispute the allegations of material fact in the Administrative Complaint and waive my right to object and to have a hearing. I understand that by giving up the right to object and have a hearing, a Final Order will be issued that adopts the allegations of fact and conclusions of law alleged in the Administrative Complaint and imposes the Commission action set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING DOCUMENT. SEEK LEGAL ADVICE BEFORE SIGNING IF YOU DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE TERMS.

Matthew Perez
PRINTED NAME

5661 NW 40 St
Street Address

Miami Florida 33166
City State Zip

Telephone Number Facsimile Number (if any)
Number (if any)

E-mail

SIGNATURE

Mano L. Ponce
ATTORNEY OR QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE

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Street Address (where service shall be made)

Plantation FL 33324
City State Zip

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