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STATE OF NEVADA

BEFORE THE NEVADA GAMING COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

RICARDO CASTILLO,
Nevada Horse Race License #6016

Respondent.

ORDER ON APPEAL
SUSTAINING THE DECISION OF THE
GAMING CONTROL BOARD

On April 1, 2025, the Board of Stewards entered its Ruling finding Ricardo Castillo violated Nevada Gaming Commission Regulation 30.405. This Ruling was based on four horses under the supervision of Ricardo Castillo, possessing a Nevada Horse Race License as a Trainer, testing positive for prohibited foreign substances. To wit:

1) On Saturday, August 24, 2024, the number five (5) horse, Bnb Hasta La Luna, who finished first (1st) in the seventh (7th) race, was selected for mandatory drug testing at the Elko County Fairgrounds in Elko, Nevada. Test Results indicated levels of the forbidden substances Methamphetamine and Amphetamine in the post-race blood and urine samples.

2) On Saturday, August 31, 2024, the number eight (8) horse, Famous Prizes, who finished first (1st) in the second (2nd) race, was selected for mandatory drug testing at the Elko County Fairgrounds in Elko, Nevada. Test Results indicated levels of the forbidden substances Methamphetamine and Amphetamine in the post-race blood and urine samples.

3) On Saturday, August 31, 2024, the number six (6) horse, Dr. B, who finished first (1st) in the fifth (5th) race, was selected for mandatory drug testing at the Elko County Fairgrounds in Elko, Nevada. Test Results indicated levels of the forbidden substances Methamphetamine and Amphetamine in the post-race blood and urine samples. Additionally, test results indicated levels of the forbidden substance O-Desmethyltramadol (Tramadol) in the post-race urine sample.

1 4) On Monday, September 2, 2024, the number one (1) horse, Bnb Lightning
2 McQueen, who finished first (1st) in the third (3rd) race, was selected for mandatory drug
3 testing at the Elko County Fairgrounds in Elko, Nevada. Test Results indicated levels of
4 the forbidden substances Methamphetamine, Amphetamine, and O-Desmethyltramadol
5 (Tramadol) in the post-race urine sample.

6 Based on its finding that Ricardo Castillo violated Nevada Gaming Commission
7 Regulation 30.405, the Board of Stewards disqualified the four horses; ordered the
8 winnings redistributed; fined Ricardo Castillo FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO
9 CENTS (\$4,000.00); recommended the Nevada Gaming Control Board (Gaming Control
10 Board) revoke Ricardo Castillo's Nevada Horse Race License effective September 3, 2024;
11 and recommended the Gaming Control Board bar (suspend) Ricardo Castillo from racing
12 on any track under the jurisdiction of the Gaming Control Board and Commission for four
13 years from the date of the Ruling. The Board of Stewards is limited by law to a maximum
14 of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$1,000.00) per violation for fines and is
15 not authorized to revoke a license or bar a person from racing.

16 Ricardo Castillo appealed the Board of Stewards' ruling to the Gaming Control
17 Board.

18 On June 11, 2025, the Gaming Control Board entered its Order on Appeal Sustaining
19 and Modifying Ruling (Decision).

20 The Gaming Control Board sustained the finding of the Board of Stewards that
21 Ricardo Castillo violated Nevada Gaming Commission Regulation 30.405. The Gaming
22 Control Board further sustained the Board of Stewards' Ruling disqualifying the four
23 horses and ordering the winnings redistributed.

24 Based on the severity of the violations, the Gaming Control Board modified the
25 penalties imposed by the Board of Stewards' Ruling as follows: 1) the total fine amount was
26 modified to be ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$100,000.00);
27 2) the recommendation that Ricardo Castillo's Nevada Horse Race License be revoked
28 effective September 3, 2024, was modified to, in fact, revoke Ricardo Castillo's Nevada

1 Horse Race License effective September 3, 2024; and 3) the recommendation that Ricardo
2 Castillo be barred from racing on any track under the jurisdiction of the Gaming Control
3 Board and Commission for four (4) years was modified to, in fact, bar Ricardo Castillo from
4 racing on any track under the jurisdiction of the Gaming Control Board and Commission
5 for fifteen (15) years, commencing September 3, 2024.

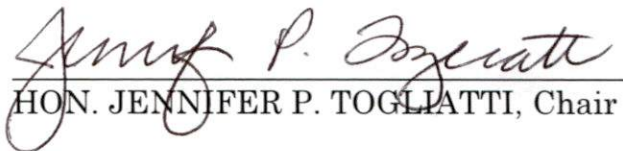
6 Ricardo Castillo appealed the Gaming Control Board's Decision to the Nevada
7 Gaming Commission (Commission).

8 This appeal of the Gaming Control Board's Decision having been presented to the
9 Commission on November 20, 2025, and the Commission having considered the Gaming
10 Control Board's Decision and having reviewed the record developed before the Gaming
11 Control Board, the Commission hereby SUSTAINS the Gaming Control Board's Decision.

12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

13 DATED this 20th day of November 2025.

14 NEVADA GAMING COMMISSION

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