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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION**

7 In the Matter of:

NO. CR 2019-00764

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9 TOLA NHET,
License No. 68-30633,

FINAL ORDER OF THE
GAMBLING COMMISSION

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11 Licensee.

12 This matter having come before the Washington State Gambling Commission
13 (Commission) on July 11, 2019, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact,
14 Conclusions of Law, and issues its Final Order:

15 **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

16 1. The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Tola Nhet a gambling
17 license, License Number 68-30633, authorizing Public Card Room Employee activity at Macau
18 Casino in Tukwila, Washington.

19 2. This license, which expired on June 14, 2019, was issued subject to Ms. Nhet's
20 compliance with state gambling laws and Commission rules.

21 3. On April 11, 2019, surveillance staff observed Ms. Nhet stealing cash from player
22 buy-ins while working as a card dealer at Macau Casino.

23 4. Ms. Nhet was observed taking the player buy-in, turning the cash vertically, and
24 then angling it through the money slot on the top of the gaming table so that it bypassed the drop
25 box altogether.

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1 5. Ms. Nhet did not use the paddle to push the cash through the money slot as
2 required by internal controls.

3 6. The cash rested between the drop box and the drop box sleeve. Ms. Nhet then
4 reached her hand underneath the table, took the cash, and put it somewhere on her person.

5 7. A review of the video surveillance from April 1, 2019 through April 11, 2019,
6 revealed 54 incidences where Ms. Nhet angled the cash through the money slot and later
7 retrieved the cash from underneath the table. There were 10 incidences where she was not
8 successful in retrieving the cash.

9 8. The total amount of buy-ins for the 54 incidences in which she took money from
10 underneath the table was \$45,350.

11 9. Video surveillance also showed that after Ms. Nhet would retrieve the cash from
12 underneath the table, she would always move her hand near her boots or waistband.

13 10. On April 25, 2019, Ms. Nhet was interviewed by Gambling Commission special
14 agents. She confessed to stealing cash several times over the past month, totaling \$14,000 to
15 \$15,000.

16 11. When asked why she took the money, Ms. Nhet said that she owed loan sharks
17 approximately \$40,000.

18 12. Ms. Nhet's employment was suspended on April 12, 2019 and terminated on May
19 8, 2019.

20 13. Director David Trujillo issued administrative charges on May 24, 2019 alleging
21 that Ms. Nhet's actions constituted a violation of RCW 9.46.075 and WAC 230-03-085. Further,
22 that she could not show by clear and convincing evidence that she was qualified for licensure as
23 required by RCW 9.46.153(1), and that her actions warranted revocation of her license pursuant
24 to RCW 9.46.075(1), (8), and (10) and WAC 230-03-085(1), (3), and (9)(a), (c), (d), and (e).

25 14. Ms. Nhet was sent the charges by regular and certified mail on May 24, 2019 to
26 the last address the Gambling Commission had on file.

1 **ORDER**

2 This matter having come before the Commission at its July 11, 2019, Commission
3 meeting, the Commissioners having heard arguments, been given the chance to review the
4 administrative record, and being fully advised in this matter, now therefore:

5 It is hereby **ORDERED** that Tola Nhet's gambling license, Number 68-30633, is
6 **REVOKED.**

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8 DATED this 11th day of July, 2019.

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12 BUD SIZEMORE, Chair

JULIA PATTERSON, Vice Chair

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14 CHRISTOPHER STEARNS


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NOTICE

Reconsideration: RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 230-17-140 provide that a party may file a petition for reconsideration of a final order. A petition for reconsideration must be received no later than thirteen (13) days after the date this final order is mailed. Any motion for reconsideration must state the specific grounds supporting the party's request for reconsideration.

Stay of Final Order: Filing for reconsideration does not stay the effectiveness of this Order. WAC 230-17-145 provides that a party may petition the Commission for a stay of a final order. Any petition for a stay should be received by the Commission within thirteen (13) days after the date this final order is mailed.

Judicial Review: RCW 34.05.542 provides that a party may appeal this final order by filing a petition for judicial review within thirty (30) days after service of this order. A petition for judicial review must be filed with the appropriate superior court and served upon both the Commission and the Office of the Attorney General.

Service: This Order was served on you three days after it was deposited in the United States Postal Service regular mail, excluding the date of mailing. WAC 230-17-035.

Any motions or petitions for judicial review should be served on or mailed to:

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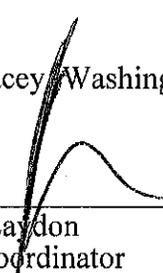
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the date below I served a copy of the foregoing document on all parties and/or their counsel by United States Postal Service regular mail to the following:

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SEATTLE, WA 98168

EXECUTED this 15 day of July, 2019, at Lacey, Washington.



Ashlie Laydon
Rules Coordinator