

BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Fitness for Licensure

JASON PETERSON
Appellant

Case No. 21GG0104

DECISION AFTER NON-ADOPTION OF PROPOSED DECISION

On December 4, 2021, Jason Peterson applied for an Owner's License with the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB or Board). At that time, Mr. Peterson disclosed a criminal history that included state and federal felony convictions. Due to Mr. Peterson's prior felony convictions, the CHRB denied his license application. Mr. Peterson timely requested a hearing to appeal the denial pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 485.

The Appeal of Denial of Licensure was heard on January 11, 2022, by Hearing Officer Shauna Weeks Avrith. The Proposed Decision, dated January 25, 2022, recommended that the CHRB grant an owner's license to Mr. Peterson, immediately revoke the license, stay the revocation, and impose conditions on the license, including a three-year probationary status.

By Notice of Decision Not to Adopt Proposed Decision and Order Directing Preparation of the Record, dated March 18, 2022, the Board rejected the Proposed Decision and elected to decide the Matter itself on a review of the record, including the transcript, under provisions of the California Government Code section 11517, subsection (c)(2)(E).

The Board reviewed the Matter on record and issues its Decision in the Matter as follows:

Mr. Peterson's December 4, 2021, application for an Owner's License is denied pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 480.2(g)(3) with the following conditions:

- 1) Mr. Peterson may re-apply for a CHRB license in March 2025.
- 2) Mr. Peterson must participate in a Fitness for Licensure hearing upon reapplication.

IT IS SO ORDERED ON May 23, 2022.



CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
Gregory L. Ferraro, DVM, Chairman



Scott Chaney
Executive Director