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CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION TENNESSEE AVENUE AND BOARDWALK Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401 JAMES T. PLOUSIS

Chairman

ALISA BETH COOPER Commissioner

MINUTES - PUBLIC MEETING NO. 21-01-13 January 13, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.

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New Jersey Casino Control Commission
Joseph P. Lordi Public Meeting Room - First Floor
Tennessee Avenue & Boardwalk
Atlantic City, New Jersey

PRESIDING:

Chairman James T. Plousis

PRESENT:

Vice Chair Alisa B. Cooper

In furtherance of Governor Philip D. Murphy's Executive Order 103 (2020), the Casino Control Commission's meeting was held via remote technology. The public listened telephonically by calling the telephone number and access number provided on the Commission's website, and public comments were accepted via e-mail.

Subsequent to the reading of a statement of compliance with the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Commission considered and took formal action on the following matters:

Chairman Plousis, on behalf of the Commission, congratulated Terrence B. Allen, a retiring employee, for his 40 years of dedicated service to the Commission (transcript page 7).

- 1. By votes of 2-0, ratified the minutes of December 9, 2020 (transcript pages 8-9).
- 2. By a vote of 2-0, Alisa B. Cooper was elected Vice Chair of the Commission until the Reorganization Meeting in January 2022 (ruling number 21-12-13-02; transcript page 9).

- 3. By a vote of 2-0, granted the initial application of Amirah S. Mercer for a casino key employee license. (Exhibit EL-1\*; transcript pages 9-10).
- 4. Temporary casino key employee licenses were issued between December 3, 2020 and January 7, 2021, pursuant to Delegation of Authority Resolution Number 17-01-11-11-C to the following applicants: Dean Bellafiore, Danielle Coleman, Frank Dente, Michael Edwards, Jr., Melissa Morelli, Son Nguyen, Renee D. Rogers, Lydia Waters and Kolongi Watford (Exhibit EL-3\*; transcript page 10-12).
- 5. By a vote of 2-0, granted the requested relief and inactivated the casino key employee license held by Samuel Bekete, Thomas P. Garay and George W. Mack (Ruling numbers 21-01-13-05-A, 21-01-13-05-C, 21-01-13-05-D; transcript pages 12-15); and

By a vote of 2-0, vacated Commission Order Number 20-11-18-06-f lapsing Maria I. Campolo's casino key employee license; and granted the requested relief and inactivated the casino key employee license held by Ms. Campolo (Ruling numbers 21-01-13-05-B; transcript pages 15-16)

- 6. By a vote of 2-0, found that David J. Koloski and William C. Rowe, Jr., casino key employee licenses lapsed, pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 19:41A-6.1 (f) of the regulations. (Ruling numbers 21-01-13-06-A, 21-01-13-06-B; transcript pages 17-18).
- 7. Considered the casino key employee license of Adres Rengifo and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 2-0, found Adres Rengifo, disqualified, pursuant to  $\underline{\textit{N.J.S.A.}}$  5:12-80 (b),  $\underline{\textit{N.J.S.A.}}$  5:12-80 (d),  $\underline{\textit{N.J.S.A.}}$  5:12-86,  $\underline{\textit{N.J.S.A.}}$  5:12-89; and revoked his casino key employee license (DKT 20-0022-CK) (Ruling number 21-01-13-07; transcript pages 18-20).

8. Considered the casino key employee license of Oliver Reid and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 2-0, found Oliver Reid, disqualified, pursuant to  $\underline{\textit{N.J.S.A.}}$  5:12-80 (b),  $\underline{\textit{N.J.S.A.}}$  5:12-80 (d),  $\underline{\textit{N.J.S.A.}}$  5:12-86,  $\underline{\textit{N.J.S.A.}}$  5:12-89; and revoked his casino key employee license (DKT 20-0023-CK) (Ruling number 21-01-13-08; transcript pages 18-20).

9. Considered the petition of Marina District Development Company, LLC and MGM Resorts International, and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 2-0, adopted the draft resolution and authorized Jonathan Halkyard, on a temporary basis and prior to his plenary qualification, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Chief Financial Officer for MGM Resorts International, pending plenary qualification, subject to the conditions contained in  $\underline{\textit{N.J.S.A.}}$  5:12-85.1 (c),  $\underline{\textit{N.J.S.A.}}$  5:12-85.1 (d) and  $\underline{\textit{N.J.A.C.}}$  13:69C-2.7 of the Act (PRN 0062102) (Ruling number 21-01-13-09; transcript pages 23-25).

In accordance with Resolution No. 20-12-09-03, the next closed session of the Commission shall be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Offices (transcript pages 25).

Chairman Plousis addressed the continual need and support for rehabilitated persons who were formerly convicted of certain drug related offenses, seeking re-entry employment.

Chairman Plousis stated that the Commission received the discretion to issue casino key employee licenses to these individuals through legislation enacted by Governor Murphy. This legislation bolstered the Commission's efforts to work with governmental partners, as it coordinated with non-profit reentry organizations, to provide formerly incarcerated individuals with information about their recently gained key license eligibility.

Chairman Plousis stressed that support from potential employers is critical to the long-time success for rehabilitated people to achieve gainful employment and established careers. Unfortunately, people seeking reentry employment during the pandemic are faced with limited options.

The Commission stands ready to continue this indispensable work to ensure that recent gains for the rehabilitated will not be lost, and that rehabilitated persons will have real opportunities to participate in the coming recovery (transcript pages 25-30).

There being no members of the public to address the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

\*Lists of individuals acted upon at this meeting have been documented by exhibit number. Commission rulings are documented in orders or resolutions. These lists, rulings and official transcripts are available for public review at the Commission offices located at the corner of Tennessee Avenue and the Boardwalk, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

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These minutes remain subject to amendment until such time as they are formally ratified by the New Jersey Casino Control Commission.

## CERTIFICATION

I, Dianna W. Fauntleroy, Executive Secretary of the New Jersey Casino Control Commission, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Minutes of the Open Session conducted on January 13, 2021, are true and correct.

Dianna W. Fauntleroy, Esq. Executive Secretary