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5	VIA REMOTE TECHNOLOGY
6	Tuesday, August 17, 2021
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11	Bally's Corporation and Twin River Management Group,
12	Inc., for the issuance of a casino license and for
13	various rulings in connection therewith (PRN 1472001)
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       JOYCE MOLLINEAUX, COMMISSIONER
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10		connection therewith (PRN 1472001) (Redacted) (72 Pages)				
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14		as an entity qualifier of Bally's Corporation in connection with the				
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1	(Special Public Meeting 21-08-17 was	1	could put your computers on mute when you're
2	commenced at 10:04 a.m.)	2	not speaking as well.
3	MR. NANCE: Good morning. I'd like to	3	Miss Fauntleroy?
4	read an opening statement:	4	MS. FAUNTLEROY: Good morning, Mr.
5	This is to advise the general public	5	Chairman.
6	that in compliance with Chapter 231 of the	6	Please answer when I call your name for
7	public laws of 1975 entitled "Senator Bryon M.	7	the roll, please.
8	Baer Open Public Meeting Act," the New Jersey	8	Commissioner Mollineaux?
9	Casino Control Commission on August 15th, 2021,	9	COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Present.
10	filed with the Secretary of State at the State	10	MS. FAUNTLEROY: Vice Chair Cooper?
11	House in Trenton a notice of this hearing.	11	VICE CHAIR COOPER: Present.
12	On August 15th, 2021, copies were mailed	12	MS. FAUNTLEROY: And Chairman Plousis?
13	to subscribers.	13	CHAIR PLOUSIS: Present.
14	Any member of the public who wish to	14	MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you.
15	address the Commission will be given the	15	Matters discussed in closed session this
16	opportunity to do so before the Commission	16	morning included the approval of the hiring of
17	adjourns for the day.	17	Nicholas Bachen to the Research Analyst
18	Please acknowledge the Pledge of	18	position, Division of Regulatory Affairs,
19	Allegiance.	19	Program Analyst and Specialist II band; and the
20	(The Flag Salute was recited.)	20	hiring of Olga Cayon to the Division of
21	CHAIR PLOUSIS: Good morning. And thank	21	Accounting, Finance Analyst, Accounting and
22	you for your patience with our little bit of	22	Finance Analyst II band in the Division of
23	technical difficulties.	23	Regulatory Affairs.
24	Welcome everyone who is joining us	24	We also reviewed and prepped and
25	remotely today.	25	prepared for today's plenary hearing.
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1	As a measure to mitigate the spread of	1	ITEM NO. 1
2	COVID-19 and to protect the health and safety	2	The matter are you ready? Okay.
3	of meeting participants as well as members of	3	The first matter for our consideration
4	the public interested in this meeting, the	4	is the Petition of Premier Entertainment AC,
5	Commission is continuing to use remote	5	LLC, Bally's Corporation and Twin River
6	collaboration technology for meeting	6	Management Group for the issuance of a casino
7	participants.	7	license and for various rulings in connection
8	The public is able to listen through	8	therewith.
9	access provided on the Commission's website as	9	CHAIR PLOUSIS: Counsel, will you enter
10	well as through our YouTube channel. We will	10	your your appearances for the record,
11	accept public comments via e-mail. Public	11	please?
12	comments can be sent to: Public.comments@ccc.	12	MR. HOLLANDER: Good morning, Deputy
13	state.nj.us. I will repeat that address.	13	Attorney General Jordan Hollander on behalf of
14	Public.comments@ccc.state.nj.us beginning now	14	the Division of Gaming Enforcement.
15	and any time throughout the meeting, ending at	15	MR. LEVENSON: Good morning. It's Lloyd
16	the time of adjournment.	16	Levenson on behalf of Premier. Also with me on
17	This meeting is being transcribed as	17	screen is Lynne Kaufman, who you know very
18	well as recorded, and minutes will be available	18	well, and who will be questioning a couple of
19	on our website in due course.	19	the witnesses. And Lucas Levenson, an
20	To meeting participant callers, I ask	20	associate of ours.
21	that you follow the instructions provided with	21	CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you.
22	the web link or the audio call-in code and	22	At our November 4th, 2020, special
23	place your phones on mute until your matter is	23	public meeting, we considered and granted the
24	called. Also please remember to identify	24	request for Premier Entertainment AC, LLC, Twin
25	yourself before speaking. And also if you	25	River Worldwide Holdings, Incorporated, now
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10 12 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 known as Bally's Corporation, and Twin River 2 MS. KAUFMAN: No. 3 3 Management Group for interim casino MR. LEVENSON: No. I think we have 4 authorization and related rulings so they could 4 entered into an agreement that was presented to 5 5 own and operate Bally's Atlantic City Hotel and Dianna. 6 Casino for a nine-month period in accordance 6 Is that true, Jordan? 7 with the relevant provisions of the Casino 7 MS. KAUFMAN: No. I don't -- I think 8 Control Act and subject to the conditions 8 they -- I'm not positive if Dianna has it yet. 9 9 detailed in our resolution. MR. LEVENSON: Okay. MS. KAUFMAN: The Division -- we agreed 10 We are here today to determine whether 10 11 the casino license applicant, Premier, and 11 with the Division on all the proposed 12 related entities, designated individual 12 redactions that are either on their way to 13 qualifiers, and key qualifiers have established 13 Dianna now or she has them. So if we could 14 by clear and convincing evidence that they meet 14 perhaps visit this after witnesses to make sure 15 the standards set forth in the Act for casino 15 that -- or after testimony to make sure 16 licensure and plenary qualification. 16 obviously that the General Counsel has had a 17 To assist us in that determination, 17 chance to review. 18 we'll take testimony from witnesses and 18 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you, Mr. 19 consider the presentations of counsel. 19 Chairman. I have not seen that submission yet. 20 Before we begin, I understand there are 20 So I will recommend, as Miss Kaufman indicated, 21 several exhibits that have been premarked. 2.1 that we return to the exhibits in terms of 22 Mr. Nance? 22 granting and considering the sealing request 23 MR. NANCE: Chairman, Commissioners, the 23 and their adoption into the record after we 24 premarked exhibits are as follows. 24 break -- or later on this afternoon. 25 The Casino Control Commission at has one CHAIR PLOUSIS: Excellent. 25 11 13 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 exhibit premarked as C1 for identification 2 MR. HOLLANDER: Dianna, this is Jordan 3 only. C1 is a draft resolution. 3 Hollander. If I may add something. I just 4 The Division of Gaming Enforcement 4 want to say the video for the Commission is 5 submitted two exhibits premarked as D-1 and 5 off. So we are not seeing anything from the 6 D-2. D-1 is the report of Division of Gaming 6 Commission room. Okay. 7 Enforcement dated July 27, 2021, on the 7 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Okay. 8 Petition of Premier Entertainment AC, LLC, for 8 MR. HOLLANDER: And as counsel stated, 9 the issuance of a casino license and on the 9 we have had significant discussions regarding 10 qualifications of Bally's Corporation and Twin 10 the redactions. We've come to an agreement as River Management Group in connection therewith, 11 11 to those, and we can address those later when 12 PRN 1472001, 72 pages. 12 it is appropriate and when it's appropriate to 13 13 move those into evidence as well. D-2 is the report of the Division of 14 Gaming Enforcement dated July 27, 2021, on the 14 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Okay. 15 qualifications of Standard RI, LTD, as security 15 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you, Jordan. 16 qualifier and entity qualifier of Standard 16 We are now set for opening statements 17 General, LP, and an entity qualifier of Bally's 17 which the parties may waive and elect instead 18 Corporation in connection with the application 18 to proceed to testimony. 19 19 of Premier Entertainment AC, LLC, for the Counsel, what is your preference? 20 issuance of a casino license, 11 pages. 20 MR. HOLLANDER: I have an opening 21 These are the exhibits that have been 21 statement. I defer to Lloyd. 22 submitted. 22 MR. LEVENSON: No. I have some 23 CHAIR PLOUSIS: If counsel want to be 23 introductions and the like. And, you know, a 24 heard on the sealing request, and the admission 24 brief opening statement. Do you want me to go 25 of the exhibits into the record? 25 first?

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2	CHAIR PLOUSIS: Yes.	2	MR. EATON: Thanks, Lloyd. Craig Eaton.
3	MR. LEVENSON: Or do you want Jordan to	3	I am the General Counsel for Bally's
4	go first?	4	responsible for all things legal and working
5	CHAIR PLOUSIS: You can go, Mr.	5	with Wanda and the Board.
6	Levenson.	6	MR. LEVENSON: And Phil Juliano
7	MR. LEVENSON: Okay. Fine.	7	somewhere. There. Yeah.
8	Well, first of all, although I can't see	8	MR. JULIANO: I am Executive Vice
9	her because it's so tiny, the Casino Control	9	President of Casino Operations and Chief
10	Commission room, on behalf of Cooper Levenson	10	Marketing Officer for Bally's Corporation.
11	and on behalf of Bally's, we welcome	11	MR. LEVENSON: Great. Thanks.
12	Commissioner Mollineaux to the Casino Control	12	And last, not part of Bally's
13	Commission. We believe she'll be a very strong	13	organization, but someone who is serving as
14	addition to the Commission. And again, welcome	14	Trustee, Chief Justice Jim Zazzally is on the
15	aboard.	15	line.
16	COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Thank you.	16	Do you want to say hello? We don't have
17	MR. LEVENSON: I can't see you. But I	17	time for your entire background.
18	know you're there.	18	JUSTICE ZAZZALLY: No. Make it easy.
19	COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Can you hear	19	I'm a has-been. But seriously, I'm thrilled
20	me?	20	and pleased and privileged to be involved.
21	MR. LEVENSON: I can hear you. Yes.	21	I've always enjoyed my relationships with the
22	COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Okay. Good.	22	Commission and with the DGE ever since I was
23	MR. LEVENSON: Okay. And so let me	23	Attorney General way, way back. And then since
24	announce first that we'll have four witnesses,	24	leaving the court some years ago, I've been
25	George Papanier, Steve Capp, Mike Monty, and	25	also fortunate enough to serve a few Casino
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2	Nick Polcino. They will introduce themselves	2	Control Commission activities, including the
3	during the time of their being called as	3	appointment as the Trustee for Borgata. I
4	witnesses, but I wanted to introduce some	4	think you're all familiar or conversant with
5	others on the screen.	5	that. That lasted for four years. I think we
6	There's Maria Johnson. Maria, could you	6	accomplished some decent results there. But
7	take yourself off mute for a minute and just	7	thank you for letting me be on board.
8	tell the Casino Control Commissioners what your	8	MR. LEVENSON: Okay. Thank you.
9	role is with the organization?	9	As we all heard, there was an interim
10	MS. JOHNSON: Sure. My name is Maria	10	casino authorization hearing on November 4th of
11	Johnson, and I'm the Senior Vice President of	11	last year. It became effective on November
12	Human Resources. And I help Monique at the	12	18th for the nine months. This is the
13	property to handle any HR recruiting issues as	13	nine-month time period.
14	well as being compliant with all the	14	We are here today for the Commission to
15	regulations set forth by the Gaming Commission.	15	make a determination as to whether Bally's
16	MR. LEVENSON: And next, Wanda? Wanda	16	meets the required standards under the Casino
17	Wilson, would you mind telling us what your	17	Control Act to be issued a casino license.
1.0	relationship is with the company?	18	As I stated a few minutes ago, we are
18		19	going to call four witnesses. The first
18 19	MS. WILSON: Absolutely. I'm Wanda M.	17	
	MS. WILSON: Absolutely. I'm Wanda M. Wilson. I am a member of the Board of	20	witness will be George Papanier, the CEO of
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19 20	Wilson. I am a member of the Board of	20	witness will be George Papanier, the CEO of
19 20 21	Wilson. I am a member of the Board of Directors of Bally's. I serve as the Chair of	20 21	witness will be George Papanier, the CEO of Bally's Corporation. As you recall, he
19 20 21 22	Wilson. I am a member of the Board of Directors of Bally's. I serve as the Chair of the Audit Committee and the Compliance	20 21 22	witness will be George Papanier, the CEO of Bally's Corporation. As you recall, he testified at the ICA hearing and described his

18 20 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 2 acquisitions that have been made up to that and Commissioners. Jordan Hollander, Deputy 3 3 Attorney General on behalf of Division of time. Today he will testify to the additional 4 4 activities and acquisitions the company has Gaming Enforcement. 5 5 made since his initial testimony. Premier Entertainment AC, LLC, must meet 6 The next witness, who will be questioned 6 the criteria set forth in Section 84 of the 7 7 by Lynne, also testified at the ICA hearing, Casino Control Act to be granted a casino 8 will be Steve Capp, the CFO of Bally's 8 license. Similarly, Twin River Management 9 9 Corporation. He -- not surprisingly because of Group, Inc., and Bally's Corporation must meet 10 10 the same criteria to be found qualified as a his title, will be testifying regarding the 11 casino holding company. 11 financial affairs of the company. 12 The next witness who I will question is 12 First a casino license applicant must 13 Mike Monty. You will recall at the ICA hearing 13 establish its financial stability, integrity, 14 that you heard from Marc Crisafulli regarding 14 and responsibility. Second, such an applicant 15 Bally's plan for capital expenditures. 15 must establish its good character, honesty, and 16 Unfortunately, Marc has been out on medical 16 integrity. Finally, the applicant must show 17 that it has the sufficient business ability and 17 leave since April and is not able to testify 18 here today. We all wish him well and a speedy 18 casino experience to establish the likelihood 19 recovery. 19 of maintaining a successful and efficient 20 In his place is Mike Monty, the 20 casino operation. 21 Assistant General Manager of Bally's AC, who 21 These criteria must be proven by clear 22 has taken over those responsibilities with 22 and convincing evidence and may be demonstrated 23 regard to the area of capital expenditures --23 by providing such information, documentation, 24 24 excuse me. He will not only be testifying in and assurances as may be required, including 25 25 that area but will cover the request of the with regard to their financial background and 19 21 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 Division of Gaming Enforcement at the end of 2 resources, the qualifications of any financial 3 their report that there should be testimony 3 backers and investors, its business 4 4 with regard to the way in which Bally's AC organization, including the nature and 5 5 expects to become competitive and profitable in background of all of its business activities 6 the Atlantic City market. 6 and those of its holding, intermediary, and 7 The final witness who will be questioned 7 subsidiary companies, as well as background 8 8 by Lynne will be Nick Polcino, the General details relevant to its officers, directors, 9 Manager of Bally's Atlantic City. He also 9 and other employees. 10 testified at the ICA hearing, and he will 10 The Commission granted ICA to Premier 11 generally discuss operations at the property 11 and Bally's on November 4th, 2020, which became 12 and discuss the employment plan for Bally's AC 12 effective on November 18th, 2020, upon the 13 13 moving forward. consummation of certain asset purchase 14 We believe that you will be very much 14 agreements as set forth in the ICA resolution. 15 15 impressed with what Bally's has accomplished in The Division has investigated plenarily 16 the relatively brief nine months' period and 16 Premier as well as the entities which require 17 will conclude based on all the testimony you 17 qualification of holding companies, entity 18 hear today that Bally's meets all of the 18 qualifiers, security holders, and individual 19 19 required standards under the Casino Control Act natural person qualifiers and key qualifiers. 20 by clear and convincing evidence to be issued a 20 The results of that investigation are 21 casino license. 21 set forth in two reports, both dated July 27, 22 That's all I have as an opening. 22 2021, which will be entered into evidence and 23 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you, Mr. Levenson. 23 has been premarked as D-1 and -- Exhibit D-1 24 Mr. Hollander? 24 and Exhibit D-2, as well as the 19 individual 25 MR. HOLLANDER: Good morning, Chairman 25 reports.

22 24 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 GEORGE T. PAPANIER 2 2 In connection with its investigation of right hand. 3 3 Premier, the Division has also completed a 4 GEORGET. PAPANIER, having been first 4 thorough financial review and analysis of 5 duly sworn remotely, testified as follows: 5 Bally's Corporation, including a review of its 6 historical operating results, debt structure, 6 7 MR. NANCE: Please state your name for 7 major transactions completed or announced since 8 ICA, and financial forecast through December 8 the record. 9 9 THE WITNESS: George Papanier. 31, 2023. 10 10 MR. NANCE: Thank you. During the course of the proceeding 11 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Please proceed, sir. 11 today, certain areas will be addressed, 12 including the financial stability and the 12 MR. LEVENSON: Thank you. 13 operating results of Bally's AC and its 13 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. LEVENSON: 14 affiliated companies, capital expenditure 14 So, George, you testified at the ICA 15 requirements for the Atlantic City property, 15 hearing back on November 4th of 2020. And I know that 16 the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, you went through your personal background and your 17 employment history, but I think it's essential that we 17 the expansion and growth of Bally's Corporation 18 and the attendant risks associated with that 18 at least summarize that for the record here today. So 19 rapid growth. 19 let's start with your personal background. A. Sure. So I was born and raised in 20 Today the Commission will hear testimony 20 21 and arguments of counsel which, together with 21 Philadelphia. I graduated Bishop Eustace High School 22 22 in Pennsauken, New Jersey, and graduated Rowan the Division reports, will allow it to evaluate 23 whether Premier meets the requirements of the 23 University where I received my BA in business 24 accounting in 1979. I have a CPA but no longer am Act for a plenary casino licensure. 25 The Division is prepared to proceed with 25 active. So, Lloyd, I guess you could say I'm a South 25 23 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 GEORGE T. PAPANIER 2 today's hearing. Jersey through and through boy. 3 I would just like to note for the record 3 Q. Okay. And to make it even stronger 4 that since the report -- Division's reports South Jersey, let's hear about your employment 5 were filed on July 27th, 2021, there have been 5 history. Because I know that that involves some 6 stints in Atlantic City, so go ahead. 6 some changes regarding the financing of the 7 Gamesvs transaction which will be addressed --A. Sure. So a little of my background, 8 those differences will be addressed in 8 which started with my first job in gaming at the 9 testimony through today's hearing. 9 Sands. I was in a financial capacity. I then moved 10 Thank you very much. 10 to Playboy Elsinore briefly before being recruited by 11 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you, there, Mr. the Golden Nugget and then by Trump Plaza where I 12 12 ended what I'll call my first stint in AC as Vice Hollander. 13 Mr. Levenson, please call your first 13 President of Finance before going to Colorado as a VP 14 14 of Operations for Hemmeter Enterprises. That was in witness. 15 MR. LEVENSON: Yes. Thank you, 15 the mid '90s. I was then recruited to be the CFO of 16 Chairman. 16 Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut where I was 17 George Papanier? You want to --17 literally the very first employee of the Mohegan Tribe 18 MR. PAPANIER: Good morning, Chairman, at the time. And I helped them secure first-ever Wall 19 commissioners. Pleasure to be before you 19 Street financing for an Indian casino at that time. 20 today. 20 I then was briefly CFO North America for 21 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Just a minute, there, 21 Sun International who owned Atlantis in the Bahamas 22 Mr. Papanier. 22 and Resorts AC before becoming the President of 23 Mr. Nance, will you swear in the 23 Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City where I ended my 24 witness, please? 24 second tour of AC in 2000 -- the year 2000. 25 MR. NANCE: Yes. Would you raise your 25 I then left to accept a COO position for

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- 1 GEORGE T. PAPANIER
- 2 Peninsula Gaming. I helped build a gaming company of
- 3 four casinos at the time before I left, before being
- 4 persuaded to rejoin Sun International to accept the
- 5 COO position in Lincoln Park, which turned into the
- 6 CEO position of Twin River in 2010. And now Bally's.
- 7 And I've been leading this company ever since.
- 8 Q. That's great.

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- Just generally what attracted you to
- 10 Bally's AC as a company that -- casino hotel that you
- 11 and your company would be interested in?
- 12 A. Sure, Lloyd. So, you know, we were
- 13 excited about the market and the fact that even after
- 14 the impact of -- of competition from surrounding
- 15 states, the market was still about a \$3 billion
- 16 market. That included i-gaming. And we felt that's a
- 17 considerable market and we always felt we could
- 18 compete for a better share in. And also -- and also
- 19 that acquisition allowed us to enter into what we felt
- 20 was a very mature and growing sports betting and
- 21 i-gaming market.
- As far as the physical attributes, you
- 23 know, we love the fact that it was located on the
- 24 center of the Boardwalk. We came up with what I think
- 25 is a pretty encouraging campaign or plan to enhance

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- 2 our platform.
 - Q. All right. So since November when you
 - 4 testified at the ICA hearing and outlined various
- 5 acquisitions, relationships that were entered into at
- 6 that -- by that time, there -- in these last nine
- 7 months there have been other casino acquisitions and
- 8 other pending casino acquisitions. Can you tell us
- 9 first about the acquisitions that have been made since
- 10 the ICA hearing?11 A. Well, we've certainly been very active
- 12 in a very concentrated period of time with both our
- 13 retail casino and our interactive businesses. From a
- 14 retail casino perspective, you know, we -- we -- well,
- 15 first I think I want to mention the fact that in
- 16 October of 2020, we acquired the Bally's brand from
- 17 Caesars. And we -- and we changed our corporate name
- 18 from Twin River to Bally's, as I mentioned a little
- 19 earlier. That was in November of 2020. And now we
- 20 trade under the ticker symbol BALY on the New York
- 21 Stock Exchange. So this will allow us to maintain the
- 22 name of Bally's Atlantic City. And this will also
- 23 enable us to rebrand the entire portfolio of casinos
- 24 over a period of time. Hopefully within the next 12
- 25 months to 16 months, we'll have the entire portfolio

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- 2 the property. And I know that that's -- we'll be
- 3 talking about that a little bit more later today. And
- 4 we felt this plan would really allow us to compete.
- 5 So we're currently focused on
- 6 incremental improvements on the property. And we're
- 7 holding back just a little bit from a marketing
- 8 perspective, because we really want those improvements
- 9 to catch up as we're continuing to put capital dollars
- 10 into the building. And at that point in time, we feel
- 11 we'll be able to aggressively compete in the market
- 12 facility, and we feel that will be sometime around the
- 13 beginning of Summer 2023.
- 14 Q. And now that it's been nine months, has
- 15 your opinion changed at all? Are you still excited
- 16 about the acquisition?
- 17 A. Sure. You know, we talked a little bit
- 18 about how we think we're -- how we're progressing.
- 19 You know, we actually turned a corner and had our
- 20 first -- first month of profitability in July. We
- 21 expect to be profitable for the entire third quarter.
- 22 And again, you know, we'll be focused on not only
- 23 launching i-gaming in the market, hopefully by the end
- 24 of this year, certainly by the first quarter of next
- 25 year, and then follow up it with sports betting with

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- 2 rebranded. The only nuance to the agreement is that
- 3 Caesars Bally's Las Vegas will have a perpetual
- 4 license to use that name, only in Las Vegas.
- 5 So as far as the retail side of our
- 6 business, we closed on Tropicana Evansville, Indiana,
- 7 and that was on June 3rd of 2020 -- 2021. We also --
- 8 we acquired that from Caesars in conjunction with a
- 9 related transaction with GLPI, who acquired the real
- 10 estate, which we now lease from them. This
- 11 acquisition also gave us as access to sports betting
- 12 and i-gaming in the state of Indiana.

13 The other acquisition we closed on was

- 14 Jumer's on June 14th, and that's Rock Island,
- 15 Illinois. And we acquired that from Delaware North,
- 16 and now we own and operate that property. This
- 17 acquisition also gave us access to sports betting in
- 18 Illinois.
- We also have two pending licensing --
- 20 pending licensing casino acquisitions, which include
- 21 Tropicana Las Vegas, which we announced on April 13th
- 22 of 2021, to purchase the nonland real estate from GLPI
- 23 and the outstanding equity interests of the property
- 24 from Penn National Gaming, who is currently still
- 25 operating that property, and they own the current

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- 2 license. We expect to close on that transaction
- 3 sometime during the first quarter of 2022.
- 4 And the last one, also pending, we
- 5 announced on January 4th, 2021, an agreement to
- 6 jointly develop and manage a casino located in State
- 7 College, Pennsylvania. We expect to start
- 8 construction sometime during the fourth quarter of
- 9 2021. And that should take about a year, 14 months to
- 10 build.
- 11 Q. All right. You mentioned the
- 12 interactive side of your business. Have you had any
- 13 acquisitions since November of 2020 with regard to the
- 14 interactive side of your business?
- 15 A. Sure. We closed on a company called
- 16 Monkey Knife Fight on March 23rd, 2021. And that is
- 17 currently the third largest daily fantasy sports
- 18 platform in North America. And we thought that
- 19 acquisition would be very complementary to our sports
- 20 betting initiatives.
- Also on June 1st of 2021 we closed on a
- 22 company called Bet. Works, which is a US sports betting
- 23 platform provider -- actually currently operating in
- 24 New Jersey, Iowa, Indiana, Colorado, and they operate
- 25 in New Jersey. And they are a provider in New Jersey

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- A. Sure. On July 13th, 2021, we acquired
- 3 AVT. It's a beach volleyball organization that hosts
- 4 a number of tournaments across the US. And we'll
- 5 utilize that as content on our Sinclair Bally's sports
- 6 networks. And Steve Capp will describe that a little
- 7 bit later on I believe.
- 8 But anyway, we're hoping to bring a
- 9 tournament to Atlantic City next year pending, you
- 10 know, we get -- pending the approvals of permits. So
- 11 we're excited about that.
- O. Great. Well, thank you very much.
- 13 MR. LEVENSON: I have no further
- 14 questions at this time, Mr. Chairman.
- 15 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you, Mr. Levenson.
 - Mr. Hollander?
- 17 MR. HOLLANDER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
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- 19 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. HOLLANDER:
- Q. Good morning, Mr. Papanier.
- 21 A. Good morning.
- 22 Q. Did Bally's Corporation, formerly Twin
- 23 River, enter the Atlantic City and New Jersey gaming
- 24 market as part of its corporate strategy to become a
- 25 multilevel gaming provider in the i-gaming and sports

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- 2 for a company called the Score New Jersey.
- 3 As far as interactive pending
- 4 acquisitions, you know, we have had a transformative
- 5 acquisition that's currently pending. On April 13th
- 6 of 2021, we announced the Gamesys acquisition. They
- 7 are an on-line internet gaming company that currently
- 8 offers bingo and casino games internationally and also
- 9 operate on behalf of Tropicana in New Jersey.
- 10 That's -- their platform is currently operating there.
- So we're going to -- we'll use this
- 12 on-line platform in the United States. We feel will
- 13 provide access -- we will provide access through the
- 14 Bally's operation for both sports betting and
- 15 i-gaming.

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- The latest update to this acquisition is
- 17 that on June 30th, 2021, both Bally's and -- and
- 18 Gamesys announced that we received all our requisite
- 19 shareholder approvals and board approvals.
 - Q. Excellent.
- 21 And I know there's some content
- 22 acquisition, and I was excited about that because I
- 23 watch the Olympics, and I was amazed at the talent of
- 24 the volleyball players -- men and women. Just -- just
- 25 amazing to watch that. So tell us about that.

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- 2 wagering areas?
- A. It did in addition to having a physical
- 4 brick-and-mortar property in that market that we could
- 5 cross market to.
- 6 Q. And in describing the recent growth of
- 7 the company, have there been any challenges for
- 8 Bally's Corporation's senior management in managing
- 9 that rapid recent growth?
- 10 A. No. Actually, we have -- we have a
- 11 pretty wide bandwidth. We have a lot of talented
- 12 managers, and each time we acquire an asset, we see
- 13 that, we review that as an additional human
- 14 resource -- pool of human resource for us. So, yeah.
- 15 We -- we have not had any issues from an expansion --
- 16 as well as integrating the properties that we've
- 17 acquired over the last couple years.
- 18 Q. And historically, and in those
- 19 acquisitions has Bally's Corporation used REITs in
- 20 financing its acquisition?
- A. We have. Steve Capp, CFO, I believe
- 22 will be testifying a little later. He can get into
- 23 the specific detail. But, yes, we have probably --
- 24 but not a majority of our portfolio. I think we have
- 25 currently -- REITs for two of our acquisitions, which

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- 2 would include Evansville, Indiana, which I described
- 3 earlier. Futuristically will include Tropicana Las
- 4 Vegas. And there was one other one that Steve will
- 5 get into. I know that we've -- we've REIT'd out
- 6 Delaware as well as Colorado futuristically for those
- 7 acquisitions.
- 8 Q. And has the use of those REITs and those
- 9 acquisitions provided liquidity to the company?
- 10 A. Yeah. It's a -- you know, we have a
- 11 significant land bank of assets. And certainly
- 12 situationally we'll look to monetize certain assets
- 13 that make sense to us for acquisition.
- 14 Q. Does Bally's Corporation plan to place
- 15 the Bally's AC real estate into a REIT?
- 16 A. There are no plans at this time for
- 17 that.

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- 18 Q. And in light of the sale of Bally's AC
- 19 from VICI that was sold to them by you in 2020, are
- 20 there any restrictions on that? On the Bally's AC
- 21 properties going back into the VICI REIT?
- A. There are none.
- Q. Thank you.
- 24 The next few questions, I know you may
- 25 have gone -- it may be a little repetitive, but I just

- 1 GEORGE T. PAPANIER
- 2 Fenton who currently runs Gamesys.
- 3 Q. Thank you.
 - You're welcome.
- O. The estimated cost of that
- 6 acquisition -- the Gamesys acquisition -- is
- 7 approximately 3.456 billion; is that correct?
- 8 A. I believe it's in that -- you can get
- 9 more specific information from Steve Capp who will be
- 10 testifying later on. But it's in that -- it's in that
- 11 range. Yes.
- 12 Q. And this amount reflects the acquisition
- 13 of Gamesys stock and the redemption of Gamesys
- 14 outstanding debt; is that correct?
- 15 A. Could you repeat that?
 - Q. That estimated amount reflects the
- 17 acquisition of Gamesys stock and the redemption of
- 18 Gamesys outstanding debt; correct?
- 19 A. Yes. Yes.
- Q. And in connection with that acquisition,
- 21 Bally's Corporation obtained \$2.372 billion bridge
- 22 loan?

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- 23 A. I think we just -- he just completed --
- 24 yeah. We just completed that. Again, Steve Capp will
- 25 get into more specifics related to that.

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- Q. All right. Finally, as part of that
- 3 transaction, Bally's Corporation will issue \$584
- 4 million in common stock to certain Gamesys
- 5 shareholders who have agreed to accept Bally's stock
- 6 in lieu of cash; is that correct?
- 7 A. I believe that is a correct -- yes.
- 8 Correct amount.
- 9 Q. And Bally's Corporation intends to use
- 10 the Gamesys platform to expand its i-gaming footprint;
- 11 is that right?

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- 12 A. That's correct.
 - (Overlapping voices.)
- 14 A. Primarily in the United States, but also
- 15 we'll be active internationally.
- 16 Q. And what benefits does Bally's
- 17 Corporation envision from the proposed transaction?
 - A. Well, we -- we think it will be a
- 19 credence to its shareholders immediately upon closing
- 20 of the transaction, but it also gives us access to
- 21 where we believe the future growth of i-gaming will
- be, and that is in the United States. There's
- 23 estimates currently that it could be up to about \$50
- 24 million market at maturity.
 - Q. And given the recent acquisitions and

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- would like to get on the record again.
- 3 Bally's and Gamesys agreed to an
- 4 acquisition on April 13th, 2021; correct?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. And have the shareholders of both
- 7 companies approved the transaction?
 - A. They have.
- 9 Q. And have the boards of both companies
- 10 approved the transaction?
 - A. They have.
- 12 Q. When will the merger occur?
- 13 A. We're -- we're contemplating sometime
- 14 during the fourth quarter. Hopefully earlier. Early
- 15 fourth quarter.
- 16 Q. And will that transaction have any
- 17 effect on your position with the company? 18 A. Yes. It will. I will -- I will move to
- 19 a president of retail casinos, effectively overall the 20 existing land -- land casinos that we currently have.
- 21 But I still will be a member of the
- 22 board.
- Q. And will someone be replacing you as
- 24 CEO?
- 25 A. Yes. A gentleman by the name of Lee

38 40 1 GEORGE T. PAPANIER 1 GEORGE T. PAPANIER 2 transactions made by Bally's Corporation, is it true 2 Have you reviewed the Division's 3 that Bally's Corporation is focused on online casino 3 reports? gaming and sports wagering as a growth area for the 4 A. I have. 5 5 company? Have you read and are you familiar with 6 That's correct. But we also feel that 6 the Division's recommended conditions to be imposed in it will be complementary to the land-based assets as connection with this proceeding set forth as Exhibit F 8 8 to the Division's reports? 9 9 And given those growth expectations, is A. I have. Yes. 10 Bally's committed to the brick-and-mortar side of 10 Q. And do you agree to abide by the 11 conditions? 11 those operations? 12 A. Oh, again, we believe it's 12 A. We do. I do. 13 complementary. We feel the whole pie will be growing. 13 Q. And in particular, will Bally's 14 And as a result of that and the opportunity to acquire 14 Corporation comply with those related to capital 15 additional people in our databases that we'll be able 15 expenditures? 16 to cross market between land as well as interactive 16 A. Yes. And that's -- we're in the middle 17 17 technologists. of that right now. O. And even with that, a substantial amount 18 And will Bally's Corporation comply -of revenue then is anticipated to be generated from 19 comply with the conditions to support operations and 20 i-gaming going forward; is that correct? 20 cash needs at the Bally's AC property? 21 A. That is correct. 21 A. We will. 22 And will Bally's Corporation comply with Q. As physical facilities are necessary for 23 eligibility to apply to operate i-gaming and sports 23 the conditions related to employee staffing levels and 24 wagering in most jurisdictions, does Bally's see them 24 reporting? 25 as a means to an end? 25 A. Yes, we will. 39 41 1 GEORGE T. PAPANIER 1 GEORGE T. PAPANIER 2 A. No. We -- again, we feel it's an 2 Q. All right. Thank you very much. I have 3 integral part of our entire portfolio of assets. We 3 no further questions at this time. 4 believe that i-gaming as well as land -- land 4 A. Thank you. 5 customers could -- are kind of interchangeable. But 5 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Mr. --6 again, we feel it's very complementary to each other. 6 MR. LEVENSON: I have no redirect. 7 There's always people that are going to require a more 7 CHAIR PLOUSIS: You have nothing, Mr. 8 social setting. And certainly land-banked --8 Levenson? 9 land-based casinos provide that. Other people -- not 9 MR. LEVENSON: Nope. 10 as much so as technology continues to advance. 10 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Okay. Moving right 11 So the brick-and-mortar side fits into 11 along, any questions from the commissioners? 12 the trajectory and future plans of the company? 12 VICE CHAIR COOPER: Mr. Chairman, yes. 13 13 (Overlapping voices.) I'd like to say good morning to Mr. 14 It's important. Very important to us. 14 Papanier and thank you for participating this morning. 15 Have all of Bally's Corporation's gaming 15 properties reopened in some capacity since the various 16 Just have a couple questions. And I say shutdowns as a result of the pandemic? 17 questions and maybe just some additional 18 They are all up and running. Yes. 18 information to what you, shall we say, already 19 19 And does Bally's Corporation expect to presented. And we do know, we acknowledge that 20 continue to experience negative impacts moving forward 20 your company has definitely expanded 21 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic? 21 particularly since 2018. Just looking at some A. Well, we -- as you're seeing, there will 22 notes that I have, you are now in 11 -- you now 23 certainly be hiccups along the way. But I think most 23 and currently will be in 11 states with 16

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casinos. Could you elaborate what was the

motivation in this -- I'm going to say this

24 of that is behind us, and we're looking for -- looking

25 to put it completely behind us.

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And one other piece to that -- that, are you anticipating any additional acquisitions, let's say, in the next year or two?

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THE WITNESS: To answer your last question first, listen, we're an opportunistic company. You know, we look for opportunities that not only will put us in the markets where we feel that we can compete and obviously we feel there's upside to that acquisition, but also markets that provide us access to the growing i-gaming as well as sports bettings -sports betting space.

As far as our strategy is concerned, starting -- you know, the initial motivator -and again, I've been with the -- I've been with the company since 2010 in a CEO roll, and I'm also a board member. The original motivation was really the fact that we were only a single casino operator as far as -- you know, as early as 2013. At that time there was legislation that was approved in Massachusetts that allowed for increased competition. And that's our

And, you know, we're going to continue

to -- and the last acquisition really is the Gamesys acquisition. We felt that completed kind of our puzzle or the foundation of the company that we needed in order to effectively compete, not only in land-based but in sports betting as well as i-gaming.

VICE CHAIR COOPER: Okay. In one of the reports -- and I read something, and I'm just going to mention. I'm going to read a sentence. And again, if you can elaborate or explain a little more about what it actually is. And I'm going to just take a line out of the report. What it is Mr. Kim, the founder -and I'm going to say Soohyung Kim. He founded a company back in 2007, and Mr. Kim is best known for specializing in "distressed debt." His strategy is to pursue opportunistic investments in the United States market.

If you would, could you elaborate, explain a little bit more in distressed debt and -- I'm going to say perhaps explain the pros and cons, advantages, disadvantages of

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neighboring state. So we felt that we needed to diversify the company at that moment in time.

We embarked on a pretty aggressive strategy. We acquired Hard Rock in Mississippi initially, but then from there continued to grow very quickly and really reduced our exposure from Massachusetts from a hundred percent to currently where we are, I think it's in the mid teens. So from that perspective we've done a really good job as management and as a board to limit that.

Also, with the -- with the reversal passed in 2018, we saw kind of where the -- the industry was going. And that was really -really aggressively into sports betting, and we didn't want to be left behind. That would be foolish from a company perspective, considering that's -- that's our business. So we -- we accelerated the acquisitions of -opportunistically again -- to where we had access to markets sellout sports betting. And we feel ultimately that those markets will potentially provide for legislation that will

GEORGE T. PAPANIER what that actually is.

> THE WITNESS: Sure. Well, the distressed debt would be assets that are underperforming, is the best way to explain that. It -- if I go further -- further prior to 2010, the company was actually in a prepackaged bankruptcy. And it emerged from that prepackaged bankruptcy in 2010. That's when I was inserted as the CEO of the company. So typically you'll have people that invest in distressed debts, which are primarily hedge funds. And they look at it as an opportunity to effectively to -- to help the company perform better and ultimately flip that. Flip the asset.

In this case, that did not happen here. We merged in 2010. Soo Kim, as part of his portfolio, he does have distressed debt. But certainly we should talk to him further about his strategies of investing. I can only tell you about how he invested in Twin River. And I believe that was sometime in 2000 -- I want to say '15, 2016. We can certainly get that information for you.

46 48 1 GEORGE T. PAPANIER 1 GEORGE T. PAPANIER 2 2 frequently -- frequenting a lot the Jersey Then he was on -- he was put on the 3 3 board in 2018. But Soo Kim is a builder. You Shore, you know, I've always -- I've always 4 know, he saw an opportunity in this -- in 4 seen that as an incredible -- incredible asset, 5 5 this -- in this asset to really grow and create incredible -- incredible part of the country. 6 a platform for future growth. Which really 6 And certainly enjoyed that throughout my -- my 7 goes back to what I spoke about earlier, which 7 teens and into my -- into my early adulthood 8 is not only land-based but interactive 8 before relocate -- before leaving that. 9 9 technologists that we've been getting into very You know, we have a -- we have a pretty 10 10 significant portfolio of assets. And we break rapidly since 2018. VICE CHAIR COOPER: Thank you. 11 that down in a couple ways. There are 11 12 THE WITNESS: I hope that explains it, 12 certainly -- there -- what we would call 13 destination properties. There's properties 13 your question. 14 VICE CHAIR COOPER: I had a feeling 14 that we have that we will call regional 15 that's what it was. And I've researched it a 15 properties. And then there's also just kind of 16 little bit more. But, you know, I wanted to, 16 regional local -- local properties. Atlantic 17 City fits into what we consider to be a 17 shall we say, hear from you. And your 18 explanation was perfect. Was, you know --18 destination property, and we would put that up 19 satisfied the additional questions that I have. 19 with Las Vegas as well. So we felt that a very important thing, 20 Another question that I have for you, 20 21 and I'm going to add to the -- add to the 2.1 you know, in a national portfolio was to have 22 casinos and locations where people actually question. You've got a great background, a 22 23 great connection to Atlantic City with your 23 want to go. And -- and that is certainly 24 24 Atlantic City during the season. And it's in history of employment in different properties 25 25 to -- you had mentioned right at the beginning. Las Vegas during their season. So we felt that 47 49 1 GEORGE T. PAPANIER 1 GEORGE T. PAPANIER 2 So Atlantic City, there's the history of -- as 2 we had bookends for our portfolio. 3 I said, with your background. 3 I think Atlantic City, you know, during 4 4 Looking at all of the properties, all of the season, it's an awesome place. I think the 5 your properties in all -- what we're saying 5 area -- the area is where there needs to be a 6 right now 11 states, what particularly 6 little bit more attention is what I'll call the 7 impresses you -- I'm going to say impresses 7 offseason areas. And I think that Atlantic 8 present or past -- impressed or impresses you 8 City's doing a pretty good job. Certainly can 9 about Atlantic City? And if you were talking 9 do a better job. And that's really what other 10 to a group of people, a convention, a seminar, 10 activities could we inject into the South whoever you might be making a presentation to, Jersey Shore in order to motivate people to go 11 11 12 what makes Atlantic City stand out with regard 12 there? 13 to your other properties? 13 Again, the summer is not an issue. 14 I'm not saying to be disrespectful to 14 People want to be there. There's never a room your other properties. I know you have a whole 15 15 that's available in the market. So we have to 16 portfolio. But Atlantic City, you know, in my 16 figure out how we can, you know, convey that 17 eyes, is very special. Could you tell me --17 type of customer attitude to the offseasons. 18 you know, share with us what makes Atlantic 18 And I think really the direction for the 19 City special to you, and how would you present 19 Atlantic City is to figure out again how to get 20 it to, as I said, a convention, a seminar 20 back into the convention and visitors business. 21 21 And they'll be able to do just fine going -narrative, et cetera. 22 22 going forward. THE WITNESS: Sure. Well, me personally 23 having the advantage of growing up in 23 VICE CHAIR COOPER: Okay. Thank you. 24 Philadelphia/South Jersey area and actually --24 And one final question, and again I'm 25 I don't want to call it summering but certainly 25 going preface it. Nobody really has the -- I

50 52 1 GEORGE T. PAPANIER 1 GEORGE T. PAPANIER 2 2 wish we did or we wish somebody did -- the Chairman. 3 3 definite answer or the magic answer with regard Good morning. 4 4 to covid. If you could share with us regarding THE WITNESS: Good morning. 5 5 how the Atlantic City property is coping with COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Throughout my 6 covid, what precautions? Even going back a 6 reading, the issue of employment kept popping 7 7 little bit to last year when everything shut up. Could you elaborate on how you are going 8 down. Then we reopened. I said "we" 8 to address this issue further? 9 9 THE WITNESS: I think I'll leave to reopened -- Atlantic City reopened. What are 10 you doing with regard to the Atlantic City 10 defer to one of the other individuals property? And what do you -- and again, I know 11 testifying. 11 Lynne, do you know who will be 12 there's not a magic answer, but what do you 12 13 anticipate things to be like maybe, let's say, 13 addressing that? 14 in the next year or two? 14 MS. KAUFMAN: Yes. Commissioner, Nick 15 THE WITNESS: I'm going to do my best to 15 Polcino will be addressing the employment 16 prognosticate and predict the future. But to 16 matter, including the condition. 17 answer your -- the first part of your question, COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Okay. Thank 17 18 we have Nick Polcino who will also testify, and 18 you. 19 he can discuss specifics as it relates to the 19 That's all I have. 20 properties. And certainly I think at this 20 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you. point we're in the back end of where it was a 21 21 Mr. Papanier? I have a few questions. 22 little bit more restrictive. So, you know, 22 You mentioned that you were hoping to 23 we -- we -- we adhere to state and regulatory 23 bring a volleyball tournament here next year to 24 guidelines from an operating perspective. And 24 Atlantic City. You plan on that being annual 25 we do that in all jurisdictions. And each 25 if you get all the permits for that? 51 53 1 GEORGE T. PAPANIER 1 GEORGE T. PAPANIER 2 jurisdiction is a little bit different. 2 THE WITNESS: We certainly do. We think 3 And as far as the -- as far as my 3 it would be -- it would be interest --4 feeling about covid is -- obviously we're 4 important for us to have -- I don't want to 5 5 dealing with this variant right now. But we do call it a permit, but theoretically a permanent 6 have -- we do communicate with a company we're 6 facility where we conduct beach volleyball. 7 going to be acquiring, Gamesys, in the UK. And 7 What's a better place than the Atlantic City 8 8 what we've always been hearing is that UK may coast on the South Jersey shoreline in all that 9 be about two and-a-half weeks ahead of us, and 9 sand? So we are excited about that and, 10 what happens in UK comes here. So basically 10 hopefully, we can get that done. 11 they've come out of it. And they seemed to 11 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Great. 12 peak and that's starting to diminish. So my --12 Now, in regards to i-gaming and the 13 our expectation or my expectation is we're 13 sportsbook, are you planning to move any of 14 going to see the same type of diminishing 14 those assets or any of those support services 15 impacts of this variant. Hopefully starting in 15 to Atlantic City? 16 about a week from now. 16 THE WITNESS: There cur -- within --17 VICE CHAIR COOPER: Thank you very, very 17 within the regulation, we're going to comply 18 much. Thank you again for participating today. 18 with that. I believe we already have an office 19 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 19 in -- in the South Jersey area. I'm not sure 20 VICE CHAIR COOPER: And for your 20 if it's Atlantic City or just off -- off the 21 21 Mainland. Or on the Mainland. answers. 22 Mr. Chairman? 22 But, yeah. We would certainly comply CHAIR PLOUSIS: Commissioner Mollineaux, 23 23 with that, and we do have a presence in 24 do you have any questions? 24 Atlantic City. 25 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Yes, Mr. 25 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Let me expand that. Are

54 56 1 GEORGE T. PAPANIER 1 STEPHEN H. CAPP 2 2 are not in Atlantic City, you may hear you -- or support for other jurisdictions. 3 3 Would you think about placing that in Atlantic Thunderbirds and various airplanes flying 4 City or in the region? overhead because, as Commissioner Cooper and 5 5 THE WITNESS: It will. It depends on George just talked about, you know, Atlantic 6 the regulation of each jurisdiction. But if we 6 City being destination and special, we have the 7 7 Air Show tomorrow, and they're practicing now. already have an office, we'd certainly be 8 adding to it. We think that would be the most 8 So I apologize in advance, Steve. 9 9 MR. CAPP: Thank you. efficient way of operating that segment of the 10 10 MS. KAUFMAN: As George had reintroduced business. 11 himself, if you can give a brief introduction 11 CHAIR PLOUSIS: I ask this question of 12 every applicant since I've been here, and we 12 of your position? 13 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Let me jump in. 13 want the market to expand. We don't want one 14 casino to cannibalize off another. So what is 14 Mr. Nance, could you swear in the 15 15 witness, please? your strategy on expanding the market here in 16 Atlantic City? 16 MS. KAUFMAN: Oh, oops. THE WITNESS: So, I touched on that. 17 17 18 STEPHEN H. CAPP, having been first duly 18 You're right. From a gaming perspective, 19 there -- there tends to be cannibalization. sworn remotely, testified as follows: 20 MR. NANCE: Please state your name for 20 But ultimately, if every facility can operate 21 in the most productive way for themselves, we 21 the record. 22 22 THE WITNESS: Stephen Capp. feel that they can grow the overall market. 23 23 MR. NANCE: Thank you. Give -- give more than the -- more than the 24 24 THE WITNESS: Thank you. market of people that are coming to Atlantic 25 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Please proceed, Lynne. 25 City a reason to come to Atlantic City. 55 57 1 GEORGE T. PAPANIER 1 STEPHEN H. CAPP 2 So that's why I touched on it a little 2 MS. KAUFMAN: Okay. 3 earlier with the convention and meeting 3 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. KAUFMAN: 4 business. And just speaking for -- just 4 Q. Could you tell us a little about 5 speaking for Bally's Atlantic City, they've 5 yourself, your position, and your background briefly? 6 done a good job over the last three years, A. Yes, indeed. Mr. Chairman, 6 7 literally completely getting out of that 7 commissioners, thank you for your time today. We're 8 business. We have 80,000 feet of convention pleased to be here. 8 9 space, and we feel it's underutilized for the 9 Yeah. I'm -- I'm currently Executive 10 market. We feel we have enough rooms, not only 10 Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Bally's Corporation. As such, I am responsible for all things 11 ourselves but also with the neighboring hotel, 12 that we could presently go after a larger 12 financial, if you will. That includes a number of --13 convention type of a business as well as the 13 of areas, including treasury, cash management, and our 14 meetings -- meeting businesses associated with 14 accounting records, our SEC reporting, internal 15 15 audits, our compliance, the raising of financing for 16 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you. 16 our acquisitions and operations, investor relations, 17 Any other questions? 17 Wall Street investors as well. Various analysts. 18 VICE CHAIR COOPER: Thank you. 18 And, of course, participating in the strategic 19 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, Miss decision-making process for other investments, capital 19 20 Kaufman, your next witness? 20 allocation such as greenfield, new-build properties, 21 21 or merger and acquisition types of opportunities. Thank you, Mr. Papanier. 22 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 22 Lynne, did you want me to say a couple 23 MS. KAUFMAN: Hello, Chair, 23 sentences on background as well? 24 Commissioners. My next witness is Steve Capp. 24 Q. No. I think that -- I think we're good. 25 And before I start, for those of you who 25 And certainly I was going to ask, what do you do in

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- 1 STEPHEN H. CAPP
- 2 your spare time but --
- 3 A. Excellent.
- 4 Q. You really don't have to answer that.
- 5 A. Okay. Thank you.
- 6 Q. George talked about the recent
- 7 acquisitions that we had touched on at the last
- 8 hearing. And at the ICA hearing, you had talked about
- 9 how your hope was that those acquisitions would
- 10 generate free cash. Obviously, it's new and it's too
- 11 soon to make any conclusions, but could you tell us if
- 12 you are on that path?
- 13 A. Certainly. Indeed. And let me divide
- 14 the answer, Lynne, between companies we've acquired
- 15 for the interactive side of the business and the
- 16 properties we've acquired for the brick-and-mortar
- 17 side of the business.
- 18 As to the former, we are -- I should say
- 19 formative stages of developing and building our
- 20 interactive business. Some of those companies we've
- 21 acquired are actually cash-flow positive. Some of
- 22 them are at approximately break even at this time. We
- 23 will be investing some more monies in both the online
- 24 sports betting and i-casino products in future
- 25 periods. And have high expectations for the

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- 2 note, you recently had a forecast -- or a -- quarterly
- 3 call of reporting your earnings and the like. And
- 4 could you talk about that? And I believe there was
- 5 some positives.
- 6 A. Yes. Indeed.
 - Q. Other positives?
 - A. Thank you. That's a great question.
 - We had a great -- we announced a very
- 10 positive earnings quarter for the second quarter
- 11 ending June 30th of 2021. We reported cash flow that
- 12 is approximate EBITDA of right about \$84 million.13 That's a record for this company. We reported overall
- 14 revenues of right about \$268 million for the quarter.
- 15 Very importantly, that cash-flow number, about \$84
- 16 million, is compared to the first quarter's report of
- 17 \$52 million for the period ended March 31st of 2021.
- 18 That's not all -- that's not all apples to apples or
- 19 sales to our sales, if you will. There are some
- 20 acquisitions that contributed additional revenues and
- 21 cash flows.
- But getting back to my prior point,
- 23 every single property was profitable in -- in the
- 24 second quarter except Bally's Atlantic City, but it
- 25 turned profitable in July.

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- 2 performance there.

- 3 As to the brick-and-mortar properties
- 4 that George walked through previously, I can tell you
- 5 that -- that without exception, every single one that
- 6 we have acquired since 2014 in this company -- and
- 7 there have been a lot, and particularly in 2020 and 8 2021 -- every single one is cash-flow positive. And I
- 9 say that about Bally's Atlantic City, as George
- 10 mentioned, because it turned cash-flow positive in
- 11 July of this year.
- Yes, we have been in a rebuilding mode
- 13 with regard to that very fine property as -- as
- 14 testimony earlier suggests. There's some capital
- 15 expenditure required there to bring that property up
- 16 to a competitive position. We have started to turn
- 17 the corner with some of that investment. More
- 18 importantly, transitioning away from its predecessor
- 19 ownership into Bally's portfolio after a number of
- 20 months of unprofitable operations. As George
- 21 mentioned, it was profitable in July. So -- so, yes.
- 22 Every single property we have acquired -- casino
- 23 property -- is period to period now cash-flow
- 24 positive.
- Q. Okay. And keeping on that positive

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 - Notwithstanding that, we did report
- 3 record revenues and record cash flows for the second
- 4 quarter, and we are on a trajectory to continue
- 5 that -- that positive circumstance.
 - Q. Okay. And, Steve, to -- as followup on
- 7 something that Jordan had asked George about, which is
- 8 the -- the future of the land-based casinos and
- 9 Bally's commitment to it. You know, from my novice
- 10 looking --
- 11 (There was a noise interruption.)
- 12 MR. LEVENSON: Sorry.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Lynne, you just got
- 14 strafed, I think.
 - MS. KAUFMAN: That's why I felt I needed
- 16 to say something in advance. So that -- I'm a
- veteran of this.
- 18 MR. LEVENSON: They broke the sound
- 19 barrier, I think.
 - THE WITNESS: Thanks for the heads-up.
- Yes. That's good to know.
 - A. Yes. Listen, we are 100 percent
- 23 comitted to the brick-and-mortar, land-based business.
- 24 It contributes today virtually 100 percent of Bally's
- 25 Corporation profitability. As I said, our interactive

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2 business is -- is massive and requires --

3 (There was a cell phone interruption.)

4 THE WITNESS: Sorry about that.

5 A. It requires additional investment and --

6 and focus. But the brick-and mortar business, which

is what this company has been historically since day

8 one is -- is critical and a very important focus of

9 ours, which George will be -- will be at the head of

10 on a go-forward basis as always. So, yeah. We are --

11 we are fully committed.

12 Q. Thank you.

Related to the brick and mortar and

14 another kind of question that -- that Jordan had is,

15 could you talk a little or kind of confirm what George

16 said about REITs and your -- your plans for Bally's

17 Atlantic City not to be in REIT and kind of in the

18 future in general?

19 A. Indeed. And that's actually a very good

20 question. We're -- we take a different view of the

21 REIT. That -- that's short for real estate investment

22 trust. We take a different view of the usefulness of

23 that particular financing tool from Wall Street. Some

24 of our peers have used it to raise lots of money and

25 adopt an asset-light or asset-free model and become

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2 George mentioned, we -- we have no current plans for a

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3 sale lease-back of the Bally's Atlantic City property.

4 We have -- I know Nick and Mike Monty will get into

5 this in a little bit. We are solely focused right now

6 on this asset, about capital investment and

7 operational improvement. And that gets to -- and

8 then, of course, both of those things are inextricably

9 related to the customer experience. Capital drives

10 customer experience and the customer experience drives

11 the performance at the property. And that's the sole

12 focus. It's not about any other financing related to

13 the Bally's property at this time.

14 Q. Okay. Thank you.

Next I'm going to ask a question --

16 after this flyby.

17 I'm going to ask a question that I ask

18 my now adult children; and that is, you have this

19 Gamesys transaction and how are you going to pay for

20 it?

A. Well, we've been working pretty hard to

22 answer that question, Lynne. And I'm very pleased to

23 say that we have a complete answer at this point. All

24 of the capital has been raised for the -- for the25 Gamesys financial. And we've announced that just very

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2 purely operating companies. As George mentioned,

3 we -- we have a portfolio of a significant amount of

4 land-based casinos still. But we have used some of

5 that real estate to -- and leased that up through the

6 REIT product for strategic advantages.

7 George mentioned we -- we did commit 8 Dover -- Dover Downs in Delaware to the REIT structure

9 in order to free up some capital and the opportunity

10 to acquire Tropicana Evansville, Indiana. So we

11 acquired a land-based footprint in a brand new state.

12 And with that we acquired the sports betting rights in

13 that state as well.

He also mentioned that we have committed

15 sales lease-back transactions for both Jumer's in

16 Illinois and the Black Hawk three casinos that we own

17 in order to finance the acquisition of the operating

18 assets of Tropicana Las Vegas.

So, in all of these REITs we

20 participated in, it wasn't so much about raising the

21 capital, although that's important. It was more about

22 creating strategic opportunity for us in -- in

23 acquiring operations in additional states and

24 important locations.

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As it relates to Atlantic City, as

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2 recently in the last couple weeks. That's a

3 combination of equity proceeds, Bally common stock,

4 and -- and some additional debt that we raised just

5 recently. As we stand here today, that transaction is

6 100 percent financed with the combination of equity

7 and debt.

8 Q. Okay. And how much -- how much debt are

9 you talking about?

10 A. Well, in the sources and uses of -- that

11 I believe the commissioners have -- have seen, we are

12 raising approximately \$3.5 billion of funded debt to

13 finance the acquisition. That's in addition to

14 approximately -- I'm using a -- I'm using a -- a gross

15 number of -- of cash equity of \$745 million that we

16 raised through a combination of a public -- of a

17 common stock offering as well as an investment from

18 Sinclair Broadcasting of \$50 million to purchase penny

19 warrants.

20 And that's -- and that \$740 million is

21 in addition to -- Jordan raised this with George

22 Papanier -- approximately \$450 million of Bally's

23 common stock that will be used to purchase 26 percent

24 of the Gamesys shares.

25 So the 3.5 -- the \$3.54 billion of debt,

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- 2 to be a bit more precise, is compared to the debt of
- 3 both companies today added together of right about
- 4 \$2.1 billion. So the debt's increasing from 2.1 to
- 5 about 3.5. That's about a 67 percent increase. That
- 6 might sound like a big number but, in fact, we're
- 7 doubling the cash flow of these companies. As -- as
- 8 Bally's and Gamesys combine, our collective pro forma
- 9 cash flow essentially doubles to about \$625 million as
- 10 a combined entity.

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- And so we're using a combination of
- 12 existing cash on the balance sheet, all of the equity
- 13 that we placed, the debt that we've placed. And on
- 14 the other side of that, we believe we'll have a very
- 15 healthy capital structure of that amount of debt and
- 16 that amount of cash flow. And we believe that's a
- 17 very reasonable capital structure.
- 18 O. So I guess I'm putting it in simpler
- 19 terms, the -- while, if you were just looking at
- 20 Bally's, the amount of debt is -- looks like it's
- 21 higher than 60-some percent, it -- and it may look
- 22 like it's several times higher. Actually, you have to
- 23 look at the company's combined pro forma and, you
- 24 know, all sides of it, the debt and the income side,
- 25 to realize that the increase in debt is, you know, not

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- 2 you talk a little about your cushion?
- 3 A. Yes. We have a very large -- I think
- 4 you're getting to liquidity, Lynne? You mentioned --

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- 5 Q. Yes.
- 6 A. We have -- we have built into the
- 7 capital structure of the combined company a very
- 8 significant amount of -- of liquidity cushion. We
- 9 will have at the closing -- and this is all pro forma
- 10 of course. When the companies come together, they
- 11 will have -- they will be reflective of the most very
- 12 recent operations. So the cash balance -- we can't
- 13 know exactly what those are, but we do believe those
- 4 will be in the several-hundred-million dollars range
- 15 day one of closing cash.
- In addition -- and, of course, there's
- 17 free cash flow generating -- generation going on by
- 18 both companies individually as we move into the future
- 19 on a post combination basis. But in addition to those
- 20 cash sources, as part of the -- the debt facilities
- 21 that we just placed into the credit markets, we also
- 22 did sign up a \$620 million revolving credit facility.
- 23 Which is, of course, like a checkbook. We do intend
- 24 to increase that going forward up to about \$750
- 25 million. And so that -- that amount as it exists --

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- 2 as -- as such as it may appear just looking at Bally's
- 3 debt.
- 4 A. I think that's right, Lynne. And I
- 5 would highlight the fact that we had a very positive
- 6 reception in the credit markets. The loan market,
- 7 that's the institutional loan market, and the -- and
- 8 the unsecured -- the senior unsecured market for bonds
- 9 as well. That's a pretty good barometer that the
- 10 markets also believe. And these are, of course -- are
- 11 the investors who -- who subscribe both the loan that
- 12 we placed and the senior unsecured notes that we
- 13 placed, that the capital structure that we're merging
- 14 with on a combined basis is appropriate and
- 15 reasonable. Because that debt offering that we just
- 16 executed went very -- went very well in fact.
- 17 Q. Despite that, we do -- we read the
- 18 public filings. And, you know, they are -- it
- 19 mentions risks. I mean, there's covid. There's your
- 20 rough roads, some of the things that you have
- 21 mentioned. I'm not going to invoke my grandmother
- 22 and, you know, the mad money stash again. Because
- 23 when I came from the ICA hearing, somebody had already
- 24 tipped my husband off. And he asked me, you know,
- 25 where was I hiding extra free cash. But where -- can

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- 2 committed today increasing into the future will also
- 3 be available for a liquidity cushion for capital
- 4 allocation purposes, be that capital expenditures,
- 5 financing operations, or the like.
- 6 But bear in mind that the free-cash flow
- 7 generation of these two companies is -- is a very
- 8 large percentage of gross cash flow produced by the
- 9 companies, and that's a very strong credit criteria,
- 10 if you will for the combined comment
- 10 if you will, for the combined company.
- 11 Q. So you -- for this revolver, you don't
- 12 have anything in mind? It's not committed yet.
- 13 A. That is correct. That's purely excess 14 liquidity.
 - Q. Right. Thank you.
- 16 Turning to Atlantic City, Mike Monty is
- 17 going to talk about capex and the plans. Are you
- 18 aware of --

- 19 (There was a noise interruption.)
- Q. Are aware of the condition and the capex 21 commitment and --
- A. Yes. Indeed, Lynne. We -- we are
- 23 agreeable to the \$100 million capital expenditure
- 24 overall investment amount. We are aware that 85
- 25 million of that must -- you know, will be expended in

70 72 1 STEPHEN H. CAPP STEPHEN H. CAPP 2 the first three years, that 35 of debt will be 2 translates into lower financing rates than would rededicated to room refurbishments. The balance of likely otherwise be the case. 4 the 65 will be for nonroom upgrades to the property. We also believe that with credit markets 5 We think that's a -- a terrific amount of investment as strong as they have been now for a couple of years, and will result in the transformation of this property 6 that it's -- it's a bit more opportunistic to execute pure loans and senior unsecured financing for -- for along the way. 8 Q. Okay. Also, we spoke about this last debt versus the REIT structure just because the credit markets are so hungry right now. That said, as 9 time, there are five factors that a property needs in 10 order to prove financial stability and obtain and 10 mentioned, we --11 maintain a casino license. And they are having an 11 (There was a cell phone interruption.) 12 adequate casino bankroll, being able to pay operating 12 THE WITNESS: We -- excuse me. 13 expenses, being able to pay your taxes, paying debts 13 A. That said, as mentioned we -- we -- we 14 when due, and capital maintenance expenditures. Are 14 have used and again could use in the future some of 15 you familiar with the condition that -- the our real estate assets in the form of a REIT financing 16 recommended condition that Bally's Corporation to generate additional strategic opportunities. There is no such intention at this time. In fact our -- our 17 continues to commit to any advances necessary in the 18 event there is a shortfall, as there has been now, for board policy, if you will, is to maintain a real -- a 19 Bally's Atlantic City to continue which would be and balance of refinancings and traditional financings and 20 continue to be financial stable? 20 maintain a significant amount of real estate ownership 2.1 A. Yes, I am aware of those conditions. 2.1 into the future. 22 Lynne. And, yes, we are quite prepared to continue 22 As you've confirmed to Lynne's question, 23 supporting Bally's Atlantic City toward its 23 there's no plans for the AC property to be put into a 24 transformation and continue -- and long-term 24 REIT; is that correct? 25 profitability. 25 A. Yes, sir. That's correct. 71 73 1 STEPHEN H. CAPP 1 STEPHEN H. CAPP 2 Thank you. 2 Q. Thank you. 3 MS. KAUFMAN: I don't have any more 3 I want to turn to a little bit of historical debt structure just so we have some 4 direct now. CHAIR PLOUSIS: Excellent. Thank you. 5 5 context -- context for some of the questions and your 6 Mr. Hollander, your witness. 6 7 MR. HOLLANDER: Thank you, Chairman. Is it true that as of December 31, 2020. 8 8 Bally's Corporation maintained approximately 1.13 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. HOLLANDER: 9 billion in debt? 10 Good morning, Mr. Capp. 10 A. Yes. Q. 11 Good morning. 11 And that figure includes the \$570 A. 12 I appreciate from that explanation and 12 million term loan? 13 followup as to the REIT structure or the use of REITs 13 A. Yes. As well as 525 million in senior notes? 14 by Bally's Corporation. So is it fair to say that 14 O. 15 Bally's Corporation won't rule out the use of REITs in 15 A. 16 future transactions, but as a company sort of policy, 16 And finally, approximately 35 million 17 they are not the preferred financial tool as other 17 outstanding on an existing revolving credit facility? 18 companies may see it? 18 A. Yes. 19 A. Yes. That's a fair represent --19 And during 2021, there is a projected 20 summation, I would say. You know, we -- we really \$223 million increase in that existing revolving 21 feel like a more traditional capital structure is credit facility as a result of the acquisitions of 21 22 better for our business model. And what I mean is Jumer's Casino in Illinois and Bet. Works; is that 23 that maintaining some significant amount of real 23 correct? 24 estate ownership, we believe, brings comfort to 24 Yes, it is. Α. 25 creditors, both secured and unsecured, that which 25 Is it also true by year end 2021 Bally's

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- 2 Corporation's total long-term debt is expected to
- 3 increase by 217 million before accounting for the
- 4 Gamesys transaction? Approximately?
- 5 A. Jordan, is that included in the increase
- 6 you mentioned in your prior question? So that --
 - O. Yes. Sorry.

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- 8 A. So that the revolver is approximately
- 9 \$275 million or so. Yes, sir. That's correct.
- 10 Q. All right. Thank you.
 - And at the time of the closing of the
- 12 Gamesys acquisition, Bally's Corporation intends to
- 13 satisfy that bridge loan and refinance all of its
- 4 existing debt; is that correct?
- 15 A. Yes, sir. It is. And refinancing all
- 16 the debt on both -- for both purposes of Gamesys'
- 17 existing debt and Bally's existing debt. The entire
- 18 debt stack. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. And has the new debt for the Gamesys
- 20 transaction been finalized?
- 21 A. Yes, it has. In its terms, it is
- 22 scheduled to fund on Friday of this week.
- Q. And just so you confirm the details for
- 24 the record, are they the same components of interest
- 25 rates as those contained in the Division's report?

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- 2 you just described for the 2029 bonds and the 2031

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- 3 bonds are higher than previously anticipated; is that
- 4 correct?
- 5 A. Well, we launched at -- yes. We
- 6 launched at -- I think five and-a-quarter and five
- 7 and-a-half percent respectively. And the market -- we
- 8 hit a bit of a market rough patch with some of the
- 9 concern about the impact of the Delta variant on
- 10 economic conditions. So, yes. The interest rates did
- 11 move up by the difference in those numbers just
- 12 mentioned.
- But, you know, under six percent for
- 14 senior unsecured notes for a -- although call it a low
- 15 single bid issuer such as Bally's Corporation, it's
- 16 actually very strong execution. We are quite pleased.
- 17 Q. And overall, the projection is for a
- 18 total of 3.45 billion in total debt following the
- 19 Gamesys transaction; is that correct?
- A. Of -- of funded debt at the closing
- 21 date. Yes, it is.
- Q. That is the same total as previously
- 23 been set forth in the Bally's projections that had
- 24 been provided to the Division; is that correct?
- 25 A. It's -- it's very close. Yes, it is.

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- A. Not precisely. They are very -- they
- 3 are quite similar. But there has been a bit of a
- 4 difference. We actually -- we actually flipped the
- 5 relative amounts of each of the debt components. So
- 6 we had originally -- we had originally suggested or
- 7 approached the markets for \$2 billion of senior
- 8 unsecured notes and about \$1.5 billion of Term Loan B.
- 9 We essentially flipped those, given market conditions
- 10 and the relatively higher level of investor interest
- 11 in the loan -- the loan facility. So we actually
- 12 raised 1. -- round numbers 1. -- well, specific
- 13 numbers, \$1.945 billion of the Term Loan B and \$1.5
- 14 billion of the senior unsecured notes.
 - The -- the LIBOR spread on the Term Loan
- 16 B is 3.25 percent. And the interest -- the coupon on
- 17 the -- and excuse me, that billion-five of senior
- 18 unsecured notes is divided into two tranches. There's
- 19 an eight-year tranche of \$750 million and a ten-year
- 20 tranche of \$750 million. The interest -- the coupon
- 21 payable by Bally's Corporation on the eight-year
- 22 tranche is 5.625 percent. And the coupon on the
- 23 ten-year tranche is 5.875 percent. Those are the --
- 24 those are the changes.
- Q. And each of those interest rates that

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- Q. Do you view any of these changes as
- 3 material overall?
- 4 A. No. Do not.
- 5 Q. Has the post closing cash balance and
- 6 credit line availability changed from those figures
- 7 contained in the Division's report?
- 8 A. Our view of them has not changed. As
- 9 mentioned in my discussion -- in our discussion with
- 10 Lynne, cash balances change all the time. So, of
- 11 course, we can't know those numbers. But our
- 12 expectation is that they have not changed materially.
- 13 No.
- 14 Q. So the expectation is that there'll be a
- 15 cash balance of 580 million; is that correct?
- 16 A. Yes. Again subject to cash generation.
- 17 I mentioned several hundred million dollars of cash
- 18 balances. Yes. That is -- that is still in essence
- 19 our expectation.
- Q. And that cash balance will serve as a
- 21 key financial resource for the company following the
- 22 acquisition; is that right?
- 23 A. Indeed it will. Yes.
- Q. And is it also correct that in addition
- 25 to that cash flow, there will also be a \$620 million

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- 2 revolver?
- 3 A. Yes. That has been committed to at this
- 4 point. Yes.

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- 5 Q. Uh-hum. With the ability to upsize to
- 6 approximately 750 million post closing; correct?
 - A. That's correct.
- 8 O. And are these amounts sufficient to
- 9 provide Bally's Corporation with the financial
- 10 flexibility it will need following the acquisition?
 - A. We believe so. Yes.
- 12 Q. And following the closing of the
- 13 proposed Gamesys transaction, will any of the revolver
- 14 remain outstanding or will it be fully available
- 15 without any outstanding borrowing?
- 16 A. Our expectation is that the revolver
- 17 will remain unfunded at close. It will be fully
- 18 available thereafter for usage in the business.
- 19 Q. And at what point will the Bally's
- 20 Corporation operation be focused on revenue and
- 21 profitability rather than on the transactions?
- A. Well, we're focused on both at this
- 23 time. I think it's -- as George mentioned, we have --
- 24 we really have kind of a tale of two worlds going on
- 25 right now with investment and focus on our interactive

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- 2 steps anticipated?
- 3 A. Yes. Although -- although unknown in
- 4 specifics, we do have an open eye of opportunism to
- 5 continue to build the business both from a
- 6 brick-and-mortar standpoint and potential market
- 7 access into new states as we create this national
- 8 footprint of -- of omnichannel and Bally's branded
- 9 entertainment products. But also -- and, look. To be
- 10 candid, the Gamesys acquisition completes most of
- 11 the -- most of the puzzle that we're trying to pull
- 12 together here. There might be some additional tuck-in
- 13 acquisitions, like the Association of Volleyball
- 14 Professionals on one hand, or the Telescope
- 15 acquisition we just announced a couple weeks ago. As
- 16 we look to bring in more content and more digital
- 17 expertise for customer engagement that -- as part of
- 18 the entire omnichannel model that we're building. But
- 19 there -- I think that they'll be small in nature, and
- 20 we don't have any others that are on the radar screen
- 21 at the moment, but we'll continue to be opportunistic.
- Q. Okay. Thank you.
 - Now, during 2020 Bally's Corporation had
- 24 a total of approximately 58 million in interest
- 25 payments; is that correct?

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- 2 team on the building of the interactive business.
- 3 That, of course, includes online sports betting and
- 4 i-casino products and customer engagement through
- 5 content, sports entertainment, and the like utilizing
- 6 the Sinclair broadcasting partnership that we have on
- 7 the one side.
- 8 And then George's specific world is the
- 9 brick-and-mortar casino side of this, as we have not
- 10 deflected any attention or focus from that at all.
- 11 As previously mentioned, every time we
- 12 pick up a property or a company, we pick up a
- 13 management team as well as part of the acquisition.
- 14 We've become reasonably adept as incorporating and
- 15 including new managers and employees into Bally's
- 16 operation to help us manage the new acquisitions on
- 17 either side of that -- those two worlds I just
- 18 mentioned. Over time we will look to integrate those
- 19 worlds, and we will become more of an omnichannel
- 20 provider of casino entertainment products. But I
- 21 can -- I can assure you that our focus on both sides
- 22 of the business is not distracted, and we are focused
- 23 on revenue generation and profitability today as we
- 24 speak.
- Q. Are additional developments and growth

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- 2 A. I'm sorry. For which period of time?
- 3 Q. During 2020.
- 4 A. Yes. I believe that's correct.
- 5 Q. And assuming that the various
- 6 acquisitions and transactions anticipated by Bally's
- 7 Corporation are completed during 2021, interest
- 8 expense and lease payments are expected to increase to
- 9 approximately 229 million for 2022; is that correct?
- 10 A. Yes. I believe that's just about --
- 11 that is correct.
- 12 Q. And this includes an expected increase
- 13 of interest payments by a-hundred-three million due
- 14 primarily to the borrowing needed to fund certain
- 15 acquisitions, and in particular, the Gamesys
- 16 acquisition; correct?
- 17 A. Yes.
 - O. And moreover, it includes an estimated
- 19 \$68 million increase in lease payments for 2022; is
- 20 that correct?

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- 21 A. That is correct.
 - Q. And will Bally's Corporation generate
- 23 sufficient EBITDA to fund these increased levels of
- 24 interest and lease payments?
- 25 A. We -- I certainly believe so. Yes.

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- Q. I want to turn to the Atlantic City
- 3 property now. I know some of this has been covered.
- 4 So, but I just want to go through these quickly for
- 5 the record.
- 6 Bally's has incurred operating losses.
- 7 Is that -- Bally's AC has incurred operating losses;
- 8 is that correct?
- 9 A. Since the time of our acquisition of it
- 10 late last year, that's correct. Through the June --
- 11 the month of June of this year.
- O. Correct.
- 13 And is it correct that Bally's AC had an
- 14 operating loss of 5.9 million from acquisition in
- 15 November 2020 through the end of 2020?
 - A. I don't have that specific number in
- 17 front of me. What -- Jordan, your time frame was what
- 18 again? Sorry.
- 19 Q. From acquisition through the end of
- 20 2020.
- 21 A. That -- that sounds correct to me. I
- 22 don't have it in front of me. But -- but, yes, I
- 23 believe so.
- Q. Okay. Thank you.
- And for the first three months of 2021,

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- 2 period of this year. Of course, colder weather months
- 3 are always more challenging in this market. But, yes.
- 4 We absolutely have aspirations for improved revenues
- 5 and profitability on a go-forward basis.
 - Q. Will Bally's AC become self-sufficient?
 - A. We certainly believe so. Yes.
- 8 Q. All right. And what time frame do you
- 9 anticipate that?
- 10 A. Well, I'll let -- I'll let Mr. Polcino
- 11 and Monte comment on this. I would expect we would
- 12 continue to run profitably through -- as I mentioned,
- 13 through the fall months of this year. You know,
- 14 November, December can be a bit more challenging. Of
- 15 course, the Atlantic City market is challenging in the
- 16 sense that most of the -- most of the revenues are
- 17 generated in the seasonally warmer months when people
- 18 would prefer to be at the beach. And so typically --
- 19 you know, there may be some negative profitability
- 20 months in -- in any given year. It's hard to say. We
- 21 do believe, however, going forward that as of -- as a
- 22 whole on an annual basis that Bally's Atlantic City
- 23 will be profitable from certainly from '22 -- 2022
- 24 year moving forward.
- Q. And will Bally's Corporation continue to

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- 2 is it correct that Bally's AC has an operating loss of
- 3 approximately 6.5 million?
- 4 A. Yes. That's correct.
- 5 Q. And finally, for the second quarter
- 6 ending June 30th, 2021, it's estimated Bally's AC had
- 7 another 3.4 million operating loss; is that correct?
- 8 A. Yes. That's correct.
- 9 O. So that totals from acquisition in
- 10 November 2020 through June of 2021, Bally's AC has had
- 11 an estimated 15.8 million in operating losses; is that
- 12 correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And during that time, is it correct that
- 15 Bally's AC has relied upon financial support from
- 16 Bally's Corporation?
- 17 A. It is. That is correct.
- 18 Q. And do you have any plans to return the
- 19 property to profitability?
- 20 A. Yes, we -- we most certainly do. Mr. --
- 21 Nick Polcino and Mike Monty will comment a little
- 22 further on this. But, of course, as mentioned, the
- 23 property did turn the corner of profitability for the
- 24 month of July. We have similar expectations certainly
- 25 through the -- the end of the -- of fairer weather

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 - 2 financially support it unless Bally's AC becomes

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- 3 self-sufficient? Until it becomes.
- 4 A. Yes. That is certainly our intent.
- 5 Q. And in particular and if needed, will
- 6 Bally's Corporation continue to support Bally's AC
- 7 with addressing any cash shortfalls and operating
- 8 expenses?

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- A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And that includes funding for capital
- 11 expenditure requirements; correct?
- 12 A. It does.
- 13 Q. Also, will Bally's Corporation fund any
- 14 unforeseen needs of Bally's AC?
 - A. That is -- that is our intent. Yes.
- 16 Q. And since Bally's Corporation financial
- 17 projections rely on significant growth in the online
- 18 gaming areas, are there risks and challenges in
- 19 obtaining those projected results?
- A. Well, of course there's no guaranties in
- 21 the future. But part of the -- part of the wisdom we
- 22 believe behind the combination with Gamesys is the
- 23 acquisition of the management team at Gamesys that
- 24 brings with it a -- very deep résumé -- collection of
- 25 very deep résumés in the interactive business. It's

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- 2 been so successful as operated by that team in the UK
- 3 up to this time. So although there are risks, we are
- 4 highly confident. And our track record suggests that
- 5 the merger and acquisition activity we have
- 6 participated to date has been highly profitable. So
- 7 there are always risks.
- 8 But as mentioned, as we acquired
- 9 Gamesys, you know, we're folding in approximately \$300
- 10 million of interactive cash flow on day one on an
- 11 annualized basis. So we are -- we are optimistic that
- 12 the entire operation will be profitable, and we will
- 13 build into profitability on the interactive division
- 14 in the next one or two years.
- 15 Q. And if the projected financial results
- 16 do not occur, does the Bally's Corporation have the
- 17 financial flexibility or other resources to address
- 18 any shortfalls from those unanticipated results?
- 19 A. Yes. I do. As I mentioned, we'll be
- 20 combining these companies on day one with an excess of
- 21 \$600 million of cash flow with which to support the
- 22 balance sheet and the capital expenditure plans that
- 23 are in your -- the DGE report presented here today.
- 24 That capital structure, even without reliance on
- 25 significant profitability from our new interactive

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- 2 prosper in the future and weather any difficulties
- 3 that -- that could be coming.
 - Q. And does that anticipated financial
- 5 flexibility include accounting for unexpected costs
- 6 with integrating and other issues and facts in recent
- 7 acquisitions by Bally's Corporation to realize those
- 8 unanticipated benefits?
 - A. It does. Yes.
- 10 O. Moreover, does it also include the risks
- 11 associated with customer employee retention and
- 12 integration associated with Bally's Corporation's
- 13 recent rapid growth?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And this -- does this also include the
- 16 risks associated with the impact of i-gaming on
- 17 Bally's land-based casino operations?
 - A. Yes, indeed.
- 19 Q. And finally, does this also include the
- 20 risks with expansion into i-gaming and sports
- 21 wagering, which are highly competitive and rapidly
- 22 evolving areas?
- A. It does -- it does include. Yes.
- Q. Have you reviewed the Division's report?
- A. Yes, I have.

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- 2 expectations, would be -- would be sufficient to
- 3 maintain -- excuse me -- the capital allocations and
- 4 the capital expenditures that we have discussed here
- 5 today.
- 6 Q. And does that financial flexibility
- 7 include uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19
- 8 pandemic, operations, and customer attitudes and
- 9 general economic conditions?
- 10 A. Of course, you know, a shutdown of
- 11 operations as we saw in 2020 and a zero revenue
- 12 environment is not what anybody wants or expects.
- 13 That was a rather dramatic impact on the industry.
- 14 Barring an extreme environment like that, we've
- 15 actually learned a lot about our businesses of
- 16 shutting down properties, reopening them on a more
- 17 efficient basis from a cost standpoint. We feel
- 18 better -- much better today about the ability to
- 19 manage challenging circumstances in the future than we
- 20 even felt in 2020. So I -- I don't have an accurate
- 21 crystal ball to predict the future, but I do believe
- 22 with our cash -- our cash balance as expected, the
- 23 cash flow generation of the company, the financial
- 24 resources we have through the revolver that we will
- 25 have access to, that we're in an excellent position to

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- Q. Have you read and are you familiar with
- 3 the Division's recommended conditions to be imposed in
- 4 connection with this proceeding as set forth in
- 5 Exhibit F to the Division's report?
 - A. I am aware. Yes.
- 7 Q. Do you agree to abide by the conditions?
- 8 A. I do. Yes. We do.
- 9 Q. And will Bally's Corporation -- thank
- 10 you.

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- 11 Will Bally's Corporation comply by the
- 12 conditions?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And in particular, will Bally's
- 15 Corporation comply with those related to capital
- 16 expenditures?
 - A. Yes
 - Q. And those related to supported cash
- 19 needs of the Bally's AC property?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. And those related to staffing levels and
- 22 reporting?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Thank you very much. I have no further
- 25 questions at this time.

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90 92 1 STEPHEN H. CAPP 1 STEPHEN H. CAPP 2 2 carpet this section or we're going to paint A. Thank you. 3 3 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Miss Kaufman, redirect? this. Is there money there to keep those 4 MS. KAUFMAN: I have no redirect. 4 expenditures going to make this property up to 5 5 I just do want to make a comment that par, make it -- you know, as -- you know, 6 when the forecasts and the information on 6 competitive in the Atlantic City market? So 7 sources and uses of funds and the debt changed, 7 could you just give me a little more 8 we did provide the new numbers to the Division. 8 confirmation or validation to my concerns? 9 9 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you. THE WITNESS: Commissioner Cooper, 10 Commissioners, any questions? 10 that's a very good and fair question. And VICE CHAIR COOPER: Yes. 11 11 you've obviously had had experience in dealing 12 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Commissioner Cooper? 12 with old properties. You tend to discover 13 VICE CHAIR COOPER: Thank you. 13 things along the way that might not be pleasant 14 Mr. Capp, once again, thank you for 14 surprises. But suffice it to say that we 15 participating today. 15 believe that old -- that older building has 16 I did have some questions, and actually 16 excellent bones and needs -- but needs you answered -- answered most of them. I just 17 17 substantial attention. 18 might ask you for a little bit more information 18 As mentioned in the prior testimony 19 or just clarification on a couple things. 19 with -- earlier, we -- we do anticipate in 20 There's no question you have -- you have 20 excess of \$600 million of cash flow. And when 21 a large financial obligation from -- in that 21 I say "cash flow," I'm talking about EBITDA. 22 whole big picture. I suppose the two things 22 So we still do have debt service and tax -- and 23 I'm looking at right now are the capital 23 tax payment obligations out of that -- out of 24 expenditures. And I know Mr. Monte will be 24 that number. But historically the free cash 25 focusing on that. And also the \$3.4 billion 25 flow available to each of Bally's and Gamesys, 91 93 1 STEPHEN H. CAPP 1 STEPHEN H. CAPP 2 Gamesys transaction. Looking at those two 2 if you look at the historical financials, has 3 things. 3 been about 90 percent of that \$600-plus million 4 number -- has been in the form of what we will 4 First looking at the hundred million on 5 capital expenditures -- and I say this next 5 call free cash flow. And free cash flow is piece with no disrespect. I just need some 6 6 defined by Wall Street as that EBIDTA number 7 7 sort of additional confirmation that once the less maintenance capex. So sorry to get 8 8 technical about it, but the residual of that -capital expenditures gets under way that you 9 will have the sufficient resources. And I know 9 and I won't do the math here -- is the 10 you've mentioned cushion, cash flow, liquidity. 10 availability of -- of few or several hundred I understand everything. But maybe in layman's million dollars of pure investable free cash 11 11 12 terms that, you know, let's say you're getting 12 flow which presents us with a very large 13 under way, the projects are going and you run a 13 opportunity for capital allocation year in and little short on money. Keep in mind, this is a 14 year out. And -- when we combine that with the 14 15 segmented approach or the moderated approach of 15 building that's over 40 years old. I don't say 16 with any disrespect. It was opened in 1979. I 16 the capital that will -- will be employing into 17 know over the years improvements have been 17 Bally's Atlantic City as outlined in the DGE 18 made, updates, et cetera. But it's still 40 18 report, \$25 million in 2021, \$35 million in 19 19 2022, \$85 million total by the end of year years old. It's a big building. And you can 20 look at the palaces in Europe. But we're 20 three at a minimum, those are bite-sized 21 looking at Bally in Atlantic City. 21 numbers in the context of the overall cash flow 22 22 My concern is, moving forward, do you generation of this company. 23 have sufficient resources to -- if you run a 23 Yes, we do have some capex opportunities 24 little short on the capital expenditures that, 24 we would like to seize in other properties. 25 you know, it's not okay, we're only going to 25 Kansas City and Rhode Island, to mention the

94 96 1 STEPHEN H. CAPP 1 STEPHEN H. CAPP 2 other two specifically. But they are all of 2 resources would be? Again, make me feel 3 3 measurable amounts of 15, 20, \$25 million per comfortable that money will be there if you run 4 year. In -- in the sum total of all that, I 4 a little short in at -- in regard to the 5 believe that's a very manageable commitment 5 Atlantic City property. 6 and -- and opportunity for Bally's Corp. going 6 THE WITNESS: Yes. And I'll -- I'll 7 forward given the large base of cash flow with 7 keep this response a little bit shorter and, 8 which we have to work. 8 hopefully, a little more concise. But we -- we 9 9 To answer your question specifically, anticipate -- I anticipate maintaining a 10 10 nine -- a nine-digit number of cash within the though, as a relatively conservative balance sheet manager, I do prefer and always been able 11 company in excess of one or \$200 million or 11 12 to convince a board that the high levels of 12 \$300 million in cash in the company on the 13 liquidity and large amounts of unfunded 13 balance sheet in addition to a six to \$700 14 revolving credit facility are things that 14 million unfunded revolver. That's almost 15 enable opportunism, as we demonstrated last 15 approaching a billion dollars of available 16 year in 2020 even under very difficult 16 liquidity. So if we ran a little bit short of 17 circumstances. And also the bringing of 17 our expectations for the profitability of 18 comfort to creditors who are also very much 18 Bally's Atlantic City, that we will have 19 wanting to see an abundance of liquidity in the 19 sufficient funding for the capital expenditures 20 business. So liquidity is, quite frankly, 20 for the -- for the five-year period that we're 2.1 probably my first and most important 21 targeting here. I say that with -- with high 22 responsibility as a CFO. And having excess 22 confidence. 23 liquidity is the way you kind of sleep-at-night 23 VICE CHAIR COOPER: Okay. Mr. Capp, 24 24 construct of a balance sheet. thank you very much. 25 So to answer your question, yes. I 25 Mr. Chairman, I'm fine with regard to 95 97 1 STEPHEN H. CAPP 1 STEPHEN H. CAPP 2 believe we will have sufficient reserves even 2 the questions. 3 if, you know, there's a rough patch here or 3 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Commissioner Mollineaux? there. Of course, that's the nature of having 4 4 Any questions? 5 5 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Not at this excess cash in a very large revolving credit 6 6 facility is the insurance policy that backs up time, Mr. Chairman. 7 the liquidity needed for capital expenditures 7 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Mr. Capp, I just have 8 8 at Bally Atlantic City. I think we'll be just one question. 9 fine. 9 You committed a hundred million dollars 10 VICE CHAIR COOPER: Okay. And I'm going 10 for the capital improvements. To date, how 11 to say actually almost like a second part to 11 much have you spent of that hundred million? 12 12 THE WITNESS: I don't have the specific that -- and again, I want -- I know I say this 13 sometimes, but with no disrespect to your other 13 answer to that question, Mr. Chairman. We have 14 14 been -- we have been busy. Our capex team has properties, your other casinos in other states. 15 My concern, my passion, of course, is Atlantic 15 been busy. I've been approving the invoices 16 City. I would just like a little more 16 and the purchase orders repeatedly for Atlantic 17 confirmation if you would. If you run a little 17 City. I don't have that sum total number. 18 short in Atlantic City with the Bally's 18 Mike -- Mike Monty might have that at his 19 19 fingertips. But if not, I will -- I will find Atlantic City property, I know you've mentioned 20 again the cushion, liquidity, this, that. 20 that number before the end of this meeting. 21 Again could you in layman's terms, if you run a 21 It's a fair question. 22 little short -- and I know there will be 22 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you. I -- just as 23 stipulations and requirements and how much 23 a footnote, I was there yesterday. I toured 24 money is necessary to keep on hand. But can 24 your facility. And I know you're doing 25 25 you guarantee or elaborate what your funding improvements throughout the building. So I was

98 100 1 MICHAEL MONTY MICHAEL MONTY 2 just curious on how much you've expended so 2 I -- I was born in rural Upstate New York. I -- I 3 3 went to West Point for my undergraduate education. I far. So. 4 Miss Kaufman? Any other followup? served five years in the Army as an active duty 5 MS. KAUFMAN: No. No, sir. infantry officer. After leaving the Army, I went to 6 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Mr. Hollander? the Yale School of Management to get my MBA. 7 7 MR. HOLLANDER: No addition questions My first foray into the gaming market 8 from the Division. Thank you. 8 was -- was in the interim between the first and second 9 CHAIR PLOUSIS: At this time we will year of the business school where I interned for MGM 10 recess till 1:00, and then we'll continue the 10 out in Las Vegas. After that I got a job in finance 11 where I worked for an investment management firm in 11 proceedings at 1:00 today. 12 THE WITNESS: Thank you. Connecticut for a period of time before I joined then 13 Twin River Worldwide Holdings in Providence, Rhode MR. LEVENSON: Thank you. 14 (A recess was taken from 12:02 to 1:03 14 Island, to focus on the growth initiatives and 15 acquisitions of the brick-and-mortar casinos p.m.) CHAIR PLOUSIS: Good afternoon. We are 16 throughout the country. As other testimony has indicated, we've done a lot of acquisitions. 17 going to reconvene our hearing today. 17 18 Mr. Levenson, your next witness, please. 18 And then during the -- during my time 19 MR. LEVENSON: Yes, sir. 19 here -- and then really after several years of doing 20 Mike Monty, please. 20 that, I was offered the opportunity to move down to 2.1 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Mr. Nance, will you 21 New Jersey, join Bally's Atlantic City, get 22 swear in Mr. Monte? operational experience as the Assistant General 23 23 Manager down in Bally Atlantic City where I've been 24 MICHAEL MONTY, having been first duly doing that since the start of this year. 24 25 sworn remotely, testified as follows: 25 Q. So that's your position with Bally's, 99 101 1 MICHAEL MONTY MICHAEL MONTY 2 - - -Assistant General Manager, Bally's AC? 3 MR. NANCE: Please state your name for 3 A. That's correct. 4 4 And just give us a snapshot, also, your the record. THE WITNESS: Michael James Monty. 5 duties as Assistant General Manager. 5 MR. NANCE: Thank you. A. So as the right-hand man to Nick 6 6 EXAMINATION BY MR. LEVENSON: 7 Polcino, who is the General Manager, I -- I do what he Q. Hi. Mike, just thought I'd start by tells me in many regards, but it's focusing on 9 telling the commissioners and the DGE that this is a providing direction, motivation to the directors and 10 good news, bad news day for the Monte family. Mike is 10 staff throughout the property. 11 now -- and his family -- a resident of the County of 11 I'm heavily involved in contract 12 Atlantic. That's the good news. The bad news is the 12 negotiations with both our lease tenants. And to a 13 moving people are at his house moving in, and his wife lesser extent at this point, but handling labor 14 and two kids are there and he's here. So bad news for 14 relations with our union leadership throughout --15 Mrs. Monte, certainly. 15 throughout the -- throughout our labor staff. 16 But, Mike, other than the three -- the 16 I also facilitate some of the analysis 17 three other witnesses testified at the prior hearing 17 and strategy and decision-making that goes in the 18 and you did not. So you're -- you're new to them. So property. But really -- really involved in everything 19 we certainly need to go a little deeper into your 19 and learning a lot from Nick and his 40 years in the 20 background than maybe some of the others who heard 20 industry. 21 about their background and employment history 21 Q. And have you had an opportunity to 22 become familiar with Marc Crisafulli's testimony back 22 previously. But so, give us a snapshot of your 23 personal background first. 23 at the ICA hearing on November 4th? 24 A. Yeah. Sure, Lloyd. 24 A. I have. I heard it at the time, and I 25 So again, my name is Michael Monty. 25 reread it to refresh my memory.

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- 2 Q. And during that period of time and up to
- the present, were you involved at all with the issue
- of how much money would be spent on Bally's AC, also
- known as capital expenditures?
- A. Yes. I've been involved with it from
- even prior to our announcement of this transaction,
- 8 forecasting capex of the Atlantic City property.
- All right. So despite the fact that
- 10 Marc testified on November 4, you were involved as of
- 11 then with the issue of how much needed to be spent on
- 12 the property?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 And with Marc going out, unfortunately,
- 15 on medical leave, did you become actually more
- involved at that time? From that time?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 O. Okay. So since the testimony at the ICA
- 19 hearing, have there been any changes to what was
- 20 anticipated and agreed to that would be spent when it
- 21 comes to capex?
- 22 So, fundamentally, no, in the sense that
- 23 we -- we continue to do everything that we had
- 24 previously stated that we would do. The timing and
- 25 scale of some of those items have -- have been

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- 2 other three -- two, three, and four -- are reporting
- ones in the future. Have you read all three of those?
 - Yes.
- And do they comport with what our
- 6 understanding was with the Division of Gaming
- 7 **Enforcement?**
 - A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Can you tell us what your understanding
- 10 is of how the minimum of a hundred million dollars
- over five years will be spent? 11
- 12 A. Yes. So fundamentally we're committed
- 13 to spend 35 million, a minimum of 35 million on the
- 14 hotel. A minimum of 65 million elsewhere at the
- property. From a timing perspective, there will be 16 \$25 million spent in year one, a cumulative of \$55
- 17 million. So an additional \$30 million by the end of
- 18 year two. And then additional \$30 million -- \$85
- million by the end of year three. But the remaining
- 20 \$15 million to be spent in the year five.
- 21 Q. And the \$35 million to be spent on hotel
- 22 rooms, if you spend -- see that you are going to spend
- more than the 25 million, that does not reduce the 65
- 24 that you agree to spend on other projects; is that
- 25 correct?

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- 2 modified as our priorities have changed and continue
- to change and as discovery occurs at the property of
- 4 issues not necessarily known or known to a lesser
- 5 scale or opportunities arise for additional
- partnerships or investment that are creative to
- 7 incremental revenue at the property.
 - Q. So the projects that were testified to
- 9 earlier, they're still going to be done over the five
- 10 year period. It's just that a timing and the amount
- 11 of money to be spent on each may have changed; is that
- 12 correct?
- 13 That's correct. A.
- Have we reached an agreement with the
- 15 Division of Gaming Enforcement regarding the amount of
- 16 money -- the minimum amount of money -- that Bally's
- 17 AC will spend on capital expenditures?
- 18 We have. Α.
- 19 And were you part of that discussion? Q.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Along with myself?
- 22 A. Yes
- 23 And in the Exhibit F to the Division's
- 24 report, the first four conditions deal with capital
- 25 expenditures. The first one is substantive. The

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- 2 A. Yes. Understood. The 35 is -- is the
- minimum, and it's the contribution to the hundred
- million. Just as the 65 is on the nonhotel
- 5 renovations.
 - And -- right. O.
- 6 7 And tell us about those hotel room
- 8 renovations. What -- when do you expect to do
- 9 them and what -- what is going to be done to them?
- 10 A. So it's starting within the next 30
- days. In September we are going to be initiating our
- 12 investment, which is -- start off with a focus on the
- 13 Bally's Tower. There -- we're going to be adding 16
- new penthouse suites. We're really -- found that in
- 15 that regard focusing on the high-end customers. Our
- 16 penthouses are great right now, and we're adding more.
- We're going to have -- we're going to be adding really
- 18 the best-in-class cornered suites. We have the modern
- rooms up now, and we finalized the FF&E in those --
- and those will be a strong -- a strong offering
- through -- for -- within the market for an ocean view 21
- 22 room in the corner.
- 23 Really kind of across the board,
- porcelain tile floors. New finishings. New flooring.
- 25 We'll be adding 50-inch TVs, new bed frames, new

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- 2 lighting. The plumbing fixtures will be switched out.
- 3 And it's -- it's a dated view right now that you can
- 4 see. The rooms are clean, and they're neat, but
- 5 they're not modern or inviting. And we're really --
- 6 we're going to be starting the Bally's Tower, but
- 7 really spread throughout the property. But and that
- 8 starts in September.
- 9 Q. Why -- why are the rooms to be redone an 10 important feature of moving forward at Bally's?
- 11 A. So it's -- it's important for a few
- 12 reasons. One of the things we're adding to the room
- 13 are -- are desks. Because it's -- as we've built out
- 14 the room product, it will allow us to open up business
- 15 lines that previously have been neglected at the
- 16 property. In this instance, the convention business.
- 17 As George alluded to, the offseason convention is
- 18 important to our business plan going forward, and it
- 19 really should be important to all of Atlantic City.
- 20 But part of that is offering a room product that can
- 21 accommodate and meet business-type visitors.
- Additionally, the gaming customer likes
- 23 a nice -- likes a nice room. And we're competing
- 24 with -- with not only throughout the AC market but for
- 25 visitors to go elsewhere in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

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- 2 on the Boardwalk from any direction, or if you were
- 3 driving in to Atlantic City on the Expressway, you
- 4 would see a tower of red mixed with -- with miscolored
- 5 windows that were blue or mirrored color. So it was
- 6 Phil's priority from the beginning, as someone who
- 7 walks along the Boardwalk on a daily basis on his
- 8 five- or six-mile walk to not see that anymore.
- 9 Because that's what the customers see. And so we --
- 10 we immediately started that transition. We acquired
- 11 the proper colored glass. It's in testing to make
- 12 sure it will look right when we put it on.

13 And, you know, we -- we fixed that

- 14 glass. But on a smaller level, you know, if you ever
- 15 walked around the property with Nick, he doesn't walk
- 16 by a piece of trash, no matter how small. He throws
- 17 it -- throws it away. And if -- if he sees that, the
- 18 customers are more likely to follow by not throwing
- 19 trash on the ground. The employees see that, and they
- 20 don't allow it, either. So it's really symbolic of
- 21 how we do business. Attention to detail, taking care
- 22 of the little things, and showing the customer that we
- 23 care.
- $\begin{tabular}{ll} 24 & Q. & And now for some of the more fun aspects \\ \end{tabular}$
- 25 of your testimony.

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- 2 So that's important for us to be able to offer a
- 3 quality product from the gaming customer perspective.
- 4 And then really you -- you know, one
- 5 thing Nick has taught me is that customers -- they
- 6 like things to be bright and secure. So just the --
- 7 the refinishing of the hallways in the hotel -- in the
- 8 hotels -- hotel tower is important. And it's
- 9 really -- I think is a big difference as you're
- 10 walking towards a lot of rooms where we've already
- 11 fitted out the hotel hallway renovation. And that
- 12 will really brighten up and make it more amicable to
- 2 will really originess up and make it more anneaded to
- 13 customers.
- 14 Q. All right. And Phil Juliano will kill
- 15 me if I don't ask this question. I woke him up.
- 16 There we are.
- 17 If -- the glass on the outside of the
- 18 tower, what -- what happened with that?
- 19 A. So the glass has turned into a -- a
- 20 symbolic and a literal emblem of our transition.
- 21 Whereas we -- we are focused on doing the little
- 22 things right because we feel strongly that that allows
- 23 the larger parts of the operation to take care of
- 24 themselves.
- 25 So in this case, whether you're walking

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- 2 The Division has asked that we discuss
- 3 your strategy, the company's strategy to have Bally's
- 4 AC become competitive and profitable in the AC market.

- 5 I think one of the questions left over from the last
- 6 witness was how much was spent thus far, whether you
- 7 can estimate that amount that has been spent thus far
- 8 to improve the capital structure.
 - A. Yeah. So, you know, there's a couple
- 10 different ways to count capital. You can count when
- 11 it is written. You can count when the check goes out
- 12 the door. Or you can count when the product is put
- 13 into place. But, you know, we're \$10 million out
- 14 right now. As of the end of July, just under \$10
- 15 million. That number will greatly accelerate. Most
- 16 of this year's capital number is in the hotel rooms.
- 17 Starting September 17th, you're going to -- by the
- 18 time we report that next, it will be increasing at an
- 19 increased rate.
- Q. All right. So some of the things that
- 21 you're doing at the hotel, new things, I expect you to
- 22 believe that they will make you more competitive and
- 23 profitable. So why don't you tell us about some of
- 24 the areas that you are spending money on which,
- 25 hopefully, will make Bally's AC more profitable and

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- 2 competitive?
- A. Yeah. Definitely. So fundamentally 3
- 4 I'll talk about, you know, the more customer-centric
- stuff. Not that the maintenance stuff isn't
- important, but, you know, I really want to tout some
- of things in the short time we've owned the property.
- 8 So from a restaurant perspective, we
- 9 turned a previously vacant site called Arturo's, which
- 10 had a great view of the water, but it was just an
- 11 empty restaurant. We turned that into a place through
- 12 a multimillion-dollar investment, a place called Jerry
- 13 Longo's Meatball & Martinis. Now, this is a
- 14 restaurant product we have in Dover, Delaware. It's
- 15 been a great success. Also in Lincoln, Rhode Island.
- 16 So if you -- if you ever go there, or if you're lucky
- 17 enough to be able to get a table there, you'll see
- 18 there's a line out the door. They have blackjack
- 19 tables established right at the entrance. And
- 20 there's -- there's the DJ that comes in on weekends,
- 21 after 9 or 10:00 at night. The music turns up a
- 22 little bit. And, you know, you can't even get a seat
- 23 at the bar. It's really an energetic environment.
- 24 It's really activated our sixth-floor space.
- 25 So we have a Guy -- Guy Fieri's

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- 2 our food court, which we call it Taste of the Shore
- next to Sac O' Subs if you know the location.
 - Also right on the other side of Sac O'
- 5 Subs, we just opened another -- another local vender,
- 6 Carluccio's Pizza just opened up. And, you know,
- 7 we're -- where we were investing and redoing the
- 8 tables and chairs in that space to really liven it up.
- q So all of that is -- is indicative of
- our food and beverage investment. And I did mention
- the sixth floor, because, you know, we created this
- 12 idea of Dining on the Six where you can eat at the
- restaurant of your choice but sit out in the open area
- 14 in front of the piano and listen to music, and you can
- get served from any one of those sixth-floor 15
- 16 restaurants.
- 17 So that ties in well to the
- 18 entertainment aspect which was previously nonexistent
- in the property. And it was important to us to -- to
- 20 start entertaining because that is also on the sixth
- 21 floor, to both energize the dining establishments but
- 22 just to energize the entire building.
- 23 So if you have not seen the billboard
- 24 coming in the AC Expressway, take a look up to the
- 25 right next time you come in. We've had a Motown show

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- 2 Chophouse which was there previously but, you know, in
- consultation with the brand, the Guy Fieri brand,
- we're doing revenue numbers that they had not seen
- previously ever in that spot. And this is all on the
- 6 sixth floor of the escalator.
- And so I would be remiss not to mention
- 8 Water Dog which opened yesterday. That's a little
- 9 Ventnor-based restaurant which is making its first
- 10 foray into a second location in our casino. And it's
- 11 really kind of an avant-garde Jewish deli but very
- 12 modern. And it's fun. It's got a bar. We're in day 13 two right now, but that will be our three-meal-a-day
- 14 food establishment. And drink establishment. And
- 15 we're really excited about that. And again, that's
- 16 all -- that's all in the sixth floor in space that
- 17 was -- some of it was either completely inactive or,
- 18 you know, not open every day a week for sure.
- 19 We have a lease signed with an Asian
- 20 restauranteur from Flushing, New York, to provide
- 21 authentic Asian cuisine in -- in a previously vacant
- 22 space on the Boardwalk which is right now vacant. So
- 23 we're going to be investing significant amount of
- 24 money there. That same vendor is also putting in an
- 25 Asian bakery to get both tea and Asian baked goods in

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- 2 running since July 4th. We've just recently extended
- that through October. You know, this is an
- entertainment offering in the ballroom there that
- has -- has not existed in -- in years at the property.
- 6 So we have -- you know, anecdotally, we have people
- coming in from Philadelphia. They come in for the
- 8 4:00 show and they stay for the 8:00 show. And they
- get some dinner at Longo's in between. You know, they
- 10 hadn't planned to stay for the 8:00 show. But, you
- know, it was a conversation we had with customers. 11
- 12 We -- I got more entertainment going
- 13 this Fall. We've got a Bee Gees show, a Bee Gees
- cover band coming. We have a Jackson cover band
- coming. We have the lead singer of Journey will be
- 16 here in October. And we are -- are constantly looking
- 17 for developing those weekends. And we're assessing
- this week and the next week what our summer-long show
- 19 will be next year.
- 20 So we're excited about that, and that's
- 21 all stuff -- I've not even mentioned the gaming stuff
- 22 yet. So I can tell about the hotel rooms. Those will
- 23 continue to be built out. But from a casino floor
- 24 perspective, you know, we have -- you walk around, you
- 25 see the aesthetic has changed things that don't really

114 116 1 MICHAEL MONTY 1 MICHAEL MONTY Mr. Hollander, your witness. 2 cost money but make a difference to customers. Sight 2 3 lines and lighting and cleanliness. MR. HOLLANDER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. 4 But, you know, the -- we've added slot 4 5 machines. And we'll have more coming next year. From 5 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. HOLLANDER: 6 the high limit room, that project will start at the 6 Good afternoon, Mr. Monty. 7 end of this month. We're making a million dollar Good afternoon. investment, expanding the high limit room to allow for 8 At the time ICA was granted to Bally's 9 AC with the Premier, the Commission imposed certain more table games. On this -- on the docket for late this 10 conditions related to capital expenditures; is that 11 correct? 11 year, next year is the lobby bar to really add the 12 sense of arrival. We really hope to do -- it will be 12 A. Yes. 13 designed forthcoming. But that will be an electric 13 Q. And in particular, those conditions 14 type area to feed into this energy that I alluded to. 14 required Bally's to invest a minimum of \$90 million in capital expenditures exclusive of the retail 15 And the -- not only the front desk area but also the 16 entrances up to the front desk will be added and made sportsbook during the first five years of ownership; 17 is that correct? 17 more aesthetically pleasing. If you look out -- if you've ever looked 18 A. 19 out at the beach bar this summer, we spent half a 19 Q. And importantly, this amount is subject 20 million dollars improving those amenities, umbrellas, 20 to increase based on further review and analysis of 21 cabanas, chairs, tables to really make that a focus the needs of the property; right? 22 22 point for the summer traveler. And we -- we really A. Yes. 23 23 enjoyed how it turned out, and we hope to expand on O. And is it true that Bally's Corporation 24 negotiated an agreement whereby the prior owners of 24 that for more a permanent beach bar in the coming 25 years. 25 the Bally's AC property agreed to reimburse Bally's 115 117 1 MICHAEL MONTY 1 MICHAEL MONTY 2 So I've talked the casino. I've talked Corporation for a portion of the required capital 3 the restaurants. I've talked entertainment. And 3 expenditures? 4 I've -- I've -- you know, very important but not 4 A. Yes. 5 5 really customer-facing is all the this stuff. And And this amount of reimbursement, as has 6 then, as you mentioned -- as was mentioned earlier, 6 been negotiated, is currently \$30 million; is that this 40-year-old building. There's a lot of stuff 7 correct? 8 that is -- requires intense capital investment that, 8 A. Yes. 9 you know, you don't really ever notice. From switches 9 And following the ICA hearing, did 10 and air handlers and, you know, storm and sanitary --10 Bally's comply with the condition requiring it to 11 and storm items, curtain walls, gaskets. You know, I 11 submit a detailed capital expenditure plan? 12 A. 12 have my whole list. But needless to say, there's Yes. 13 investment going into parts of the property that you 13 Q. So I'm just going to go through some of 14 and I will never see. So, but it's very important to 14 the details of that just to get the details of that 15 the functioning of the building. 15 plan on the record. 16 So all of that in totality, combined 16 This plan included a total of 26.1 17 million in hotel room renovations and upgrades; is 17 with our seasoned marketing team and their marketing that correct? 18 18 strategy, is really how we get the property to be 19 A. 19 competitive. And we've already started to that end, 20 And it also included 16.2 million in 20 and we continue to grow and the momentum gained in the 21 casino floor enhancement and technology upgrades; 21 past couple of months even given all the obstacles we 22 face. We have covid and the changeover and the 22 correct? 23 A. Yes. 23 transition period. 24 Q. Moreover, it included 10.9 million in 24 Q. I have no further questions.

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CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you.

25 HVAC and transportation upgrades; correct?

118 120 1 MICHAEL MONTY MICHAEL MONTY 2 Yes. 2 expend \$85 million on capital expenditures during its Α. first three years of its ownership of the Bally's AC 3 And the submitted plan also included a proposed \$10.5 million for food and beverage projects; property; correct? 5 is that correct? A. Yes. A. 6 And this also includes a commitment to 6 Q. And additionally, the plan called for \$9 invest a minimum of \$35 million in hotel room 8 million for a new spa and fitness center; is that 8 refurbishments over the initial five-year period; is correct? 9 that correct? 10 A. Yes. 10 A. Yes. It also included \$8.8 million for 11 Q. And the commitment further includes \$65 11 Q. 12 updates to the arrival and front desk area, Boardwalk 12 million to be expended on nonroom capital expenditure 13 facade and replacement of the exterior glass; is that projects; is that right? 13 14 correct? 14 A. Yes. 15 15 And if more than \$35 million is expended A. The plan further included \$4 million in on hotel room refurbishments, Bally's Corporation 16 Q. garage repairs and upgrades as well; right? agrees that the 65 million for the nonroom projects 17 A. will not be reduced; is that right? And finally, the plan also included 4.5 19 19 Α. That's correct. Q. 20 20 million in improvements to convention, meeting, and Q. And similarly, Bally's Corporation banquet space; is that right? 21 further agrees that if more than 65 million is 22 A. Yes. expended on the nonroom projects, the \$35 million 23 So the total of capital expenditure plan minimum amount for the hotel room projects will not be Q. 24 as submitted by Bally's Corporation of \$90 million was 24 reduced; is that right? 25 less than the amount of capital expenditure projects 25 A. Yes. 119 121 MICHAEL MONTY 1 MICHAEL MONTY that had been identified by Bally's AC's prior owner; 2 Q. Thank you. is that right? 3 I know you've gone into this a little 3 4 Yes. bit in your response to Lloyd's questioning. Are A. 5 Q. And the prior plan by the prior owner 5 there any other significant changes that have been 6 had identified approximately \$118 million in preferred made to the gaming areas of the property that you 6 capital projects; is that right? 7 would like to highlight? 8 A. Yes. 8 A. I mean, so -- I can give a little more 9 So the difference in those two plans is detail about some stuff we've done on the gaming 10 approximately \$28 million, which is similar to the 10 floor. As I mentioned, the high limit room project is 11 amount that Bally's Corporation expects to receive in slated to start in the next couple of weeks. We've 12 financial arrangements with its prior property owners; done everything from little to big. You know, we've 12 13 is that right? realigned the gaming floor for sight lines. We've 14 A. Yes. added electronic roulette games which, you know, the 15 And as noted, the \$90 million figure was 15 customers tend to like, and it makes it easier for the 16 only a floor which could be increased upon further dealer and surveillance team. We've added new felts review; correct? 17 that highlight our brand but are well needed. 18 Yes. 18 You know, from the noncapital items, we A.

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cleaned the chandelier in the high limit room. And

been since it had been cleaned. So from -- from

25 any day now. And, you know, there'll be another batch

little to big, those are a quick flash of items.

employees and customers alike asked if -- asked when

we got a new chandelier, indicative of how long it had

We got 60-some-odd slot machines coming

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23 right?

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And then following the discussion with

And Bally's Corporation has agreed to

20 the Division and further review of the needs of the

22 of a hundred million dollars is appropriate; is that

21 company, the Bally's Corporation has agreed a minimum

122 124 1 MICHAEL MONTY MICHAEL MONTY 2 the Division's recommended conditions to be imposed in 2 coming in the offseason in time for next summer. You know, we're looking to put in connection with this proceeding as set forth in 3 Exhibit F to the Division's report? 4 e-bonusing and the wiring to support that on the 5 gaming floor. One aspect of the e-bonus, the customer A. Yes. sees, is the wiring which no one sees. But it's O. Do you agree to abide by those 7 conditions? important as we modernize our gaming floor. So the gaming floor has changed. We've 8 A. Yes. 9 9 reduced the count in the high limit room. We've Q. And will the Bally's entities comply 10 realigned it to make it more welcoming. So we've 10 with the conditions and, in particular, the conditions 11 done -- we have done things that cost a lot of money pertaining to the capital expenditure required to be 12 and things that cost a little bit of money, but they made at the Bally's AC property and related reporting 13 all tend to make a difference to the customer 13 requirements? 14 cumulatively. 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. And in a similar vein, significant 15 Q. Thank you very much. I have no further 16 changes were made to the hospitality and entertainment 16 questions. CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you, Mr. 17 and convention areas of the property that you would 17 18 18 feel important to highlight? Hollander. 19 A. I think I covered most of them in my 19 MR. LEVENSON: I have no other 20 20 conversation with Lloyd. questions. 21 Q. Did those changes result in a positive 21 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Nothing? 22 effect on Bally's AC's financial performance? 22 Thank you, there, Mr. Levenson. A. Yeah. I mean, I would say overall we're 23 Vice Chair? The floor is yours. 24 getting better every month. For instance, in June 24 VICE CHAIR COOPER: I have questions. 25 slots grew 49 percent while the market grew just 35 25 Mr. Monty, again thank you for being 123 125 MICHAEL MONTY 1 MICHAEL MONTY percent. In -- in July we moved out of nine out of 2 here. nine in net land-based revenue by heading off one of 3 I'm going to work backwards. Actually, 4 our competitors. So we're making incremental 4 you answered some of my questions, so I'm going 5 to work backwards. And instead of starting progress. Part of it's the marketing plan. Part of 6 it is stuff that we're doing to the property. You with a question, I'm actually going to start know, that's what really gives us a positive outlook 7 with a compliment or something that makes me 8 happy that you just mentioned. And there were going forward. Because, like I said, we spent \$10 million. We've got at least \$90 million more to 9 two areas, actually. spend. We haven't even touched the hotel rooms yet. 10 You were talking about the sixth floor 10 11 So as our capital plan starts to really 11 which is going to be focusing on the food, and 12 fully unfold, the gaming revenue will drive. The 12 you mentioned the different types of food. The 13 energy of the property will continue to increase. The 13 national brands that you mentioned, very happy 14 restaurants will be packed. It will be good for the 14 with that. But also very, very, very pleased 15 employees, good for the customers, and you'll see it 15 to see that you've incorporated some of the 16 in the revenue reports on a monthly basis. 16 fine local restaurants right here in Atlantic Q. So it's your expectation that those 17 City or Atlantic County. You mentioned 17 additional investments that you just detailed will be Carluccio's, Water Dog. Great, great places. 18 19 able to -- will be able to continue the financial And as I said, it's good to have the national turnaround performance of the casino? 20 brands or brands that are known with your 21 21 Yeah. Yes. company, but very, very pleased to see that 22 Have you reviewed the Division's report 22 you're, you know, welcoming some of the local

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restaurants that we have. And those are two

of -- two great, great property -- restaurants.

You mentioned entertainment. And I was

23 filed in this matter?

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Yes.

Have you read it? Are you familiar with

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126 128 1 MICHAEL MONTY 1 MICHAEL MONTY 2 in the entertainment business many, many years 2 scale type band we can go. You know -- excuse 3 3 ago. And one of the questions I always like to me -- that will be based on, you know, as 4 ask is, what are your entertainment plans? And 4 entertainment grows and the ability to sell out 5 5 you just mentioned the Motown review. Some of and pay for those types of shows will drive 6 my friends happen to be the musicians 6 that. But I -- I assure you that, you know, we 7 performing in there, and I heard the review 7 are committed to entertainment at the property. 8 show is fabulous. You mentioned a show 8 And we are committed to getting as -- as most 9 9 featuring, you know, the music, the Bee Gees attractive type entertainer as we can to get 10 coming up, Michael Jackson. This is great. 10 the most amount of people there. And if the If you would -- and again, I'm always show pencils financially, we'll be able to do 11 11 12 happy to hear about entertainment, live 12 it and we would. And we demonstrated 13 entertainment, just any type of entertainment. 13 throughout our portfolio to -- you know, Phil 14 Could you expand on what some of the plans are 14 Juliano is on the call. From an entertainment for your property -- anything that you've got 15 15 perspective, we've done those large shows 16 planned. And might you be looking at down --16 throughout our portfolio and not shy to do so down the road -- and again -- I know the layout 17 17 when they can make sense for you. 18 of Bally. They don't have a big theater, per 18 VICE CHAIR COOPER: Okav. I just want 19 se, a theater that can hold a thousand or 2,000 19 to again -- you've answered the question. 20 people. But down the line, are you planning 20 Again, I just -- I suppose I want a little more 21 any, shall we say, big name entertainment? 21 confirmation. I'm going to go back to the 22 So at this point tell us what you've 22 capital expenditure just for one moment if you 23 got -- or tell us what you've got planned for 23 would. 24 entertainment in the future. 24 You've mentioned you've got 16 penthouse 25 THE WITNESS: Yeah. So I would be --25 suites. How many rooms do you have all -- at 127 129 1 MICHAEL MONTY 1 MICHAEL MONTY 2 I'd want a mention a couple things. One, you 2 Bally? Regular hotel rooms. 3 know, we've -- you know, with working with the 3 THE WITNESS: Right around 1200. 4 seating plan, we can include about 1300 in that 4 VICE CHAIR COOPER: Okay. With the 5 5 auditorium. So there is an opportunity for capital expenditures -- and I know -- as I 6 6 mid-to-large scale shows. Also, I didn't said, I know you've answered it, but so let's 7 mention that the beach bar. We -- you know, we 7 say 1200. Once you start renovating the rooms, 8 8 had live and local entertainment, both bands as I mentioned -- or I asked this before of Mr. 9 and DJs, throughout the summer. And we've 9 Capp -- and I'm going to say it again with no 10 invested a lot in that. And in the lobby, even 10 disrespect. It's an old property. You start 11 without the lobby bar, we run entertainment on 11 something and you found out there's a problem, 12 Fridays and Saturday nights. 12 whether it be air-conditioning or heating or 13 But -- but in addition to what I've 13 something and you run into a problem. I know 14 mentioned, we would be pleased to have 14 what you've allocated for room or nonrooms. 15 entertainment offerings on a weekly basis. We 15 Can you reassure me -- or reassure my 16 like the energy that it brings into the -- into 16 colleagues that there will be money. So we're 17 the property. To go, as we're going, into the 17 not like -- again, I know you've said 65, 35. 18 offseason to make a destination for folks, you 18 What you can take, what you can't take and that 19 know, that are likely to travel to go see a 19 such. Just can you reassure me and my 20 show. Again, as I also mentioned, next summer 20 colleagues that these capital improvements will 21 we're looking for another ten-week show to --21 be done on a timely fashion to get this 22 to focus on just getting more customers to the 22 property -- competitive as soon as possible? 23 property. 23 When I say "competitive," top to bottom, 1200 24 I -- I can't really speak to what our 24 rooms as soon as -- I mean, what is a proper 25 appetite is exactly for -- for how large of a 25 time frame. Do you have access to that money

130 132 1 MICHAEL MONTY 1 MICHAEL MONTY 2 2 we're glad to see that you're headed in that should you start to run short? 3 3 direction and where -- what you're doing with THE WITNESS: Yes. Fifteen million --4 that's one of the benefits of being backed by 4 the local community. 5 5 Bally's and its robust portfolio properties What do you have planned -- do you have 6 that, you know, we're not a standalone property 6 any thoughts about engaging the -- the 7 7 that has to fund these itself. It allows us to community, the Atlantic City community, in your 8 make the investment versus the benefits over 8 involvement? Have you spoken to anyone or do 9 9 you have a plan for that? time. And I would say you must have been 10 10 THE WITNESS: Yes. Yeah. Definitely, talking to our facilities personnel because 11 Commissioner. And I think Nick, Jim will even 11 we -- we cannot do anything at the property 12 without uncovering one or two other problems 12 highlight this a little bit more. I can 13 13 speak -- I can speak for myself. And, you that require focus, time, and money. 14 VICE CHAIR COOPER: Okay. As I said, 14 know, as late as last -- last weekend, we --15 I'm going to reminisce for 10 seconds, 20 15 Carluccio's, who is a local pizza joint we just 16 seconds. The old, you know, Bally, the history 16 put into the property, you know, we -- worked 17 of it, it was the olden Dennis, the old 17 with them and we donated 60 pizzas over to 18 Marlborough-Blenheim. The Dennis, I believe. 18 the -- you know, AtlantiCare. And that's just 19 is still there, the Dennis Lounge. I go back 19 a little thing. And a couple weeks ago it was 20 many, many years. And it was an old 20 National Hotdog Day. I didn't know there was a 21 magnificent grand hotel in Atlantic City. I 21 need for that but there is. And, you know, we 22 realize everything that is old is new again, 22 had an abundance, you know -- we order a lot of 23 23 hotdogs for the -- for the beach bar. And, you that cliche. I'm just excited to see -- we've 24 24 know, we brought -- we brought those -- we heard a lot today. I'm particularly excited to 25 hear what you're doing, what you're planning 25 donated a bunch of hotdogs to the Boys & Girls 131 133 MICHAEL MONTY 1 1 MICHAEL MONTY 2 with the capital expenditures, most -- most 2 Club in Atlantic City. 3 importantly to make it competitive in the 3 And Nick -- Nick will touch on this 4 4 Atlantic City market. more. But, you know, we're -- we are actively 5 5 With that being said, thank you again looking for opportunities to engage the 6 for your answers, for your explanations. 6 community? You know, it's -- sometimes it's --7 7 it's -- you know, there's a donation and that's Mr. Chairman? 8 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you, Commissioner 8 meaningful and that's helpful, but we also 9 Cooper. 9 enjoy the opportunity to take ourselves and 10 Commissioner Mollineaux? 10 employees and maybe some of our resources to a 11 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Thank you, Mr. 11 local state or nonprofit that can benefit for 12 12 Chairman. it. We think it's good for the community. 13 Good afternoon, Mr. Monty. 13 It's good for us, gets us out of the office. 14 THE WITNESS: Good afternoon. 14 Those are just two anecdotes. You know, we're 15 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: First, I want 15 continuing to do a lot more. We've done more 16 to thank you for serving. 16 than that, but that's important to us. 17 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: And the casino 17 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 18 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Second, I want 18 itself is an old casino. So some of the 19 19 to welcome you to Atlantic County. statements you stated concerning the little 20 20 THE WITNESS: I'm glad -- glad to be small things that you were going to be involved 21 there. 21 in fixing, that makes me feel better. Because 22 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: I welcome the 22 it's the little, small things that people don't 23 statements that my colleague just made 23 really pick up on. But when the -- when 24 24 concerning local restaurants. Ones that you someone is coming into the casino, they do see 25 25 have chosen there are very recommendable. So it. I came from the Construction Department,

134 136 1 MICHAEL MONTY 1 MICHAEL MONTY 2 so -- in Atlantic City. So I know what you're 2 what their birthday is. So, it's -- it's --3 saying. Those type of small areas do need to 3 it's the one card system. We'll further 4 be taken care of. So we do welcome your 4 improve the momentum of the things we're 5 5 comments and the things that you are going to already doing which is cross-pollinating, to 6 be doing with that is quite welcome. 6 use your words, the customers throughout the 7 7 Thank you. portfolio. 8 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 8 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you. That 9 9 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you, Commissioner answered my question thoroughly. 10 10 That's all I have for you, Mr. Monty. Mollineaux. 11 Mr. Monty, by now your company intends 11 Thank you for your testimony today. And again, 12 shortly -- as you state you'll be in 11 states. 12 thank you for your service to our country as 13 What kind of cross-pollinization are you going 13 well. 14 to do with your other properties around the 14 THE WITNESS: Thanks a lot. country to bring people to Atlantic City or CHAIR PLOUSIS: Mr. Levenson? Your next 15 15 16 vice versa? 16 witness, please? MR. LEVENSON: I turn it over to Miss 17 THE WITNESS: So I would say we're 17 18 already doing it. We have an opportunity --18 Kaufman. 19 you know, we're proud of this property. And 19 MS. KAUFMAN: Chair, commissioners, my 20 the rooms need to be updated but, frankly, that 20 next witness is the General Manager, Nick 21 you put -- if you go up to the top floor and 21 Polcino. 22 you look out in the ocean, you know, there's 22 And I will remember to have him sworn 23 probably not a better view in the portfolio. 23 in. 24 24 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Mr. Nance? So I will tell you even just this 25 upcoming weekend, we have customers coming from 25 135 137 1 MICHAEL MONTY NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR. 2 the Biloxi property. We have customers coming 2 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR., having 3 down from New England to visit this property. 3 been first duly sworn remotely, testified as follows: 4 And we're facilitating that. And we look at it 4 5 5 as a second -- a second amenity for -- for our MR. NANCE: Please state your name for 6 portfolio property customers. Something that 6 the record. 7 it's good for them. It's good for us. 7 THE WITNESS: Nicholas Joseph Polcino, 8 8 Jr. Additionally, we're implementing a one 9 card system. You know, it's already started to 9 MR. NANCE: Thank you. 10 roll out in our portfolio. And we -- we are --10 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. KAUFMAN: 11 we're going to be rolling that out in 11 O. Good afternoon. September. So there is going to be a one card 12 12 A. Good afternoon. 13 13 Bally's that's active throughout the entire I would like you to start by introducing 14 portfolio. Over time there's a few properties 14 yourself by not only your title but your personal 15 experience at Bally's. Meaning, you know, your job 15 that are already rolled out but, you know, 16 you'll be able to get your points and use them 16 history and happy story. 17 throughout the portfolio. And we're also 17 A. My name is Nick Polcino. I'm the Vice 18 implementing a system that allows us to track 18 President and General Manager and probably executive 19 what our customer likes. So, you know, the 19 gaming -- gaming executive on property here. 20 customer who is in -- in Nevada or customer 20 I started my career in Atlantic City a 21 that's that Rhode Island or Biloxi when they 21 very long time ago, 41, 42 years ago now. I started 22 come to our property when we check in, we 22 on this very property as a craps dealer in 1979 with 23 will -- we will know what restaurants they 23 Bally Corporation. And worked my way through the 24 like, what -- you know, what games they play. 24 city. And up to 18 years ago I left. And eight years 25 What kind of room they enjoy. Who -- you know, 25 ago I was picked up by Twin River, which is now Bally

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- 1 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR.
- 2 Corporation, with their Hard Rock property in Biloxi
- 3 and was asked to be the GM at Dover Downs in Delaware.
- 4 And I was excited when I was asked to
- 5 come back to Atlantic City where it all started. My
- 6 family is very happy about that. Knowing what I was
- 7 getting into, a property that's been depressed over
- 8 these years, but I feel very confident in wanting to
- 9 bring it back.
- The two properties prior to me coming
- 11 here were successful in different areas. I was able
- 12 to do certain things with the help of the corporate
- 13 structure to get things done. And so far that's
- 14 happening here in Atlantic City.
- 15 Q. Thank you.
- Mike mentioned something that, to me, is
- 17 the true sign of a leader. Because obviously you have
- 18 led by example.
- 19 MS. KAUFMAN: I'm waiting for this --
- Q. By showing, you're teaching him just by
- 21 watching you how important the little details are that
- 22 don't require a lot of money put into the property,
- 23 keeping the property clean and well lit and really
- 24 inspiring others. Can you talk about your philosophy?
- 5 A. Well, the property can't exist without

- NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR.
- 2 Dover Downs is now our Executive Director of all

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- 3 things gaming here in Atlantic City. And we also
- 4 brought Catherine Grasso as our casino manager here.
- 5 Both have done great things on the casino floor with
- 6 putting new games in and getting us up to speed with
- 7 the rest of the city.
- 8 Since we've taken over in November, the
- 9 toke rate is up over \$10 for the dealers from, you
- 10 know, sub \$10 rate to some weeks 18, \$19 an hour,
- 11 which is, you know, credited to those folks and what
- 12 they do in those departments.
- 13 Q. And have you made any other hire --
- 14 hires in any other departments that have been -- seen
- 15 some change.
- 16 A. Personally I have not made the hires.
- 17 But we have made hires in the Asian department. Gary
- 18 Ng, who represents Asian marketing for our company,
- 19 has done an excellent, outstanding job with us here in
- 20 Atlantic City along with Anthony Speziale, who is our
- 21 Domestic Executive Director of Player Development,
- 22 which Mike alluded to, a few things we already
- 23 started.
- 24 This week there are people coming from
- 25 Rhode Island and Biloxi. And the folks coming from

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- NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR.
 Biloxi have never been to Atlantic City before. So
- 3 we're opening up our Atlantic City cuisine. We're
- 4 going to introduce them to some soft water taffy and
- 5 soft pretzels, and those kinds of things.
 - Q. Okay. Mike talked a little about the
- 7 tie-in between the capex improvements you'll be making
- 8 and how that ties into your marketing efforts and kind
- 9 of how that's hampered you so far. Can you just
- 10 elaborate a little on that?
- 11 A. Well, you know, they go hand in hand.
- 12 You can't have one without the other. The property
- 13 was depressed. A lot of folks didn't want to come
- 14 here because it was dirty. You know, the little
- 15 things that you can do. And it was old. And each
- 16 time -- we've seen improvement each time we've
- 17 invested our capital. So here, the capital in
- 18 Longo's, we saw some residual play on the casino
- 19 floor, which helps. Every time -- I think the same
- 20 thing will happen when we open -- we just opened Water
- 21 Dog. And I think that will help the locals get back
- 22 here. Because the local market is important to us,
- 23 especially during the week. So, but you can't have
- 24 robust marketing program without developing some kind
- 25 of capital projects.

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- both parties. I mean, Mike has been very helpful to
- 3 me on a contractual side of things and certainly has
- 4 the education and forthwith to keep me out of trouble
- 5 in those areas. But for me it's always been about the
- 6 detail. It's always been my ability to build teams
- 7 and to get the right people in the right spots.
- 8 I spoke back in November about the pride
- 9 in the city that I thought was lost. And in order to
- 10 bring pride back, it starts with one property, one
- 11 individual. And I kind of started that here. The
- 12 process has been a little slower because of covid.13 But I think we're winning people over one at a time,
- 14 one customer at a time, one employee at a time.
- 15 There's definitely pride here. There's a lot of
- 16 long-term employees here that I'm capitalizing on.
- 17 And again, I try to lead by example and get my
- 18 executive team to do the same.
- 19 Q. Speaking of your executive team, at the
- 20 ICA hearing you did talk about wanting to bring some
- 21 of your Dover Downs team with you who had experience
- 22 in Atlantic City and knew the customers, combine them23 with the talent you already had at the property?
- A. That's correct. We had Frank
- 25 Policastro, who was our Director of Gaming in the

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- 2 Q. Speaking of capital projects, you have a
- 3 beautiful sportsbook. Can you talk a little about
- 4 that and what your hopes are for it?
- 5 A. Well, the sportsbook is certainly a
- 6 beautiful area. We cleaned that area up at the
- 7 casino. That was one of the first things we did when
- 8 we got here. A lot of conversation was said about it.
- 9 The food is very good in there. We have a great
- 10 sports menu. Off to -- it was off to a little bit
- 11 slow start because of the season we brought it up in.
- 12 Certainly football season will tell the story for our
- 13 sportsbook. And we already have people wanting to
- 14 visit us on weekends and making reservations for spots
- 15 in the sportsbook.
- 16 Q. The Division had expressed concerns, you
- 17 know, about the staffing levels under prior ownership.
- 18 And at the ICA hearing, you had discussed your -- all,
- 19 actually, the witnesses expressed their intention to
- 20 hire or reallocate employees as you added these
- 21 amenities that are tied in as well to your capex
- 22 expenditures. I know that obviously that --
- 23 (There was a noise interruption.)
- 24 MS. KAUFMAN: I'll wait until this goes
- by. It's very exciting here in Atlantic City.

- 1 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR.
- Q. Okay. Are you familiar with the
- 3 conditions in the DGE report regarding putting
- 4 unemployment plan together, comparing precovid numbers
- 5 over the years to your projected numbers and, you
- 6 know, providing an explanation if during any month
- 7 there is more than a 50 employee drop?
- 8 A. Yes. I am.
- 9 Q. And are you prepared to comply with that
- 10 condition?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Mike Monty touched on something that's,
- 13 I know, very important to you as well, community
- 14 involvement. Can you talk about Bally's community
- 15 involvement and, you know, I know you've been active
- 16 as well personally. So --
- 17 A. You know, along with the 501(c) people
- 18 that we donate to, you know -- you know, Mike had
- 19 mentioned the money is just as important. We do that.
- 20 And he mentioned the Boys & Girls Club and the
- 21 Carluccio's pizza. But also through the Red Cross, we
- 22 do Tots for -- you know, Toys for Tots. We got that
- 23 in. We're in the back-to-school drive now for the --
- 24 to support the Atlantic City school systems. The
- 25 Lion's Club, we did a recycling of glasses, which was

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- Q. I know that there has been -- obviously
- 3 everyone has had a decrease since -- over the precovid
- 4 numbers. But I'm sure you were very pleased to see
- 5 that your -- that the decrease in the number of
- 6 Bally's employees as compared to the industry was the
- 7 lowest in the industry. Can you talk about your
- 8 philosophy and why?

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- 9 A. Sure. You know, we're pleased in our
- 10 ability to maintain that all during the pandemic and
- 11 the challenges that that, you know, put forth to us.
- 12 But, you know, not only are the number of employees up
- 13 but the number of employees that were furloughed are
- 14 less. So we brought those people back when we could.
- 15 And we've probably increased the workforce some
- 16 hundred and 20 employees. And I believe that's17 without the count of the new restaurant, Water Dog,
- 18 which is some 120 employees in itself.
- 19 Q. Right. Which I believe is well more
- 20 than the previous establishment that was not operating
- 21 full time --
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. -- or serving three meals a day.
- A. Yes. This will be three meals a day,
- 25 seven days a week.

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- 2 big for us. And also, we received an award from the
- 3 American Legion for our veterans. We volunteered for

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- 4 veterans to be hired. That's what we've done so far.
- 5 O. Okay.

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- A. We try -- our plan is to do one
- 7 community event a month. Or be -- participate in
- 8 something at least once a month.
- 9 Q. Right.
- 10 A. That's what we try to do.
- 11 Q. And then it's my understanding that you
- 12 also encourage employee community involvement to help
- 13 build, you know, a really Bally employee through
- 14 community?
- 15 A. Along with the corporate mandate, you
- 16 know, we volunteer many hours and we volunteer a lot
- 17 of our property to local people to get things done in
- 18 a community to, you know, have seminars about things.
- 19 So, you know, yes, we -- very involved.
- 20 Q. I -- I know that you worked with our
- 21 head of human resources, Monique Tarves, on our EEOC
- 22 and then the new requirement, which we know -- as a
- 23 company many of the required items you are doing
- 24 already. But the plan prohibiting harassment and
- 25 discrimination that, you know, we call that PPHD.

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- 1 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR.
- 2 Could you tell us about your involvement and --
- 3 A. Well, right now my involvement is on two
- 4 levels. And the first level is to build something
- permanent on property through the HR and corporate HR.
- 6 But more recently my other involvement in it is, every
- orientation that we have once a week here on property
- with new hires, I spend 20 minutes to a half hour
- going over the harassment policy as its written by New
- 10 Jersey. And ask for any questions by anyone and to
- 11 kind of explain to them what the responsibilities are
- 12 of them. That we have a zero tolerance for this type
- 13 of behavior. And that moving forward, I give them the
- 14 opportunity to speak and tell them where to go if
- 15 there's an issue.
- Q. Okay. And on the EEOC, have you -- what
- 17 have you seen with your hiring in minorities, females,
- 18 local residents? How -- how are you doing? How do
- 19 you feel that you're doing?
- Well ---20 A.
- 21 O. Some things are hard to measure.
- 22 A. Well, it's hard to measure because a lot
- 23 of employees do not state on the application. You
- 24 know, they tend to withdraw from answering those
- 25 questions. But the ones that answer the questions

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 - Q. Well, very good recruiter.
- 3 Now we are nine months later, and they

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- 4 are -- I know that it's been challenging. But how are
- you feeling?
- 6 A. Well --
 - Tell us you're not running away.
 - No. No. I'm -- first of all, my
- 9 children won't let me do that, number one. And,
- number two, I'm very optimistic about the property. I
- wouldn't have took the position with the company if I 11
- 12 didn't feel I could add some value to what the company
- is trying to do here in Atlantic City. And, of
- 14 course, what I said earlier, you know, starting here
- 15 at the bottom rung in the casino industry and then
- arriving at this late time in my life or the twilight
- of my life, whatever you want to call it, to be Vice 17
- 18 President and General Manager of the very same
- 19 property and some of the employees that I started with
- 20 are still here in various departments. Even in the
- 21 gaming department. They've been here 40 years.
- 22 So the difficult part for me is, again,
- 23 the pride issue. And I think the pride on the
- 24 property is moving in the direction and, hopefully, if
- 25 our property can help other properties move into the

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- pride of Atlantic City, that's I think sorely missing
- when it comes to being proud of where you work and
- what you do. And I instill that in every orientation.
- If you can't be proud of what you do, there's no sense
- 6 in doing it. Move on, so.
- O. Well, you know that I -- I have a
- 8 bias -- and Lloyd's going to make fun of me because
- 9 he's saying, wow, she hasn't mentioned where she came
- 10 from. I would -- I would say that I'm very pleased
- about the capital expenditures because I hadn't been
- in my office in the legal department for 23 years, and 12
- nothing had changed. Other -- including every --
- including, you know, my old work still being there.
- 15 But I am -- I've just seen the difference now and
- already what you're doing. And I know even the back
- of the house improvement -- back of the house 17
- 18 improvement so far, you know, I know helps employee
- 19 morale and goes very far.
- 20 A. I know one of the commissioners
- 21 mentioned the small things, and part of my mantra is
- you know, the attention to some of those details. And
- 23 so far everybody's buying in. You know, there's
- 24 always the few people that won't. But, you know, they
- 25 get it. If the majority buys in, the rest -- the rest

- about minority and gender status, we're running pretty
- much with what the corporate initiative is right now
- 4 or where we are corporately. About 47 percent, you
- 5 know, minorities and females -- or 30 percent
- minorities and 37 percent female on our property. So
- we're running close to those numbers. And we have
- 8 about -- as I recall, about 20 percent or 18 percent
- 9 that are in leadership positions. Out of that group.
- 10 Q. Okay. And I was looking over some 11 numbers, and just verify this for or me, but it looks
- 12 like our percentage of applicants to hiring is -- if
- 13 it's not even across the board that actually our 14 minority percentage is higher than some other
- 15 categories suggest.
- 16 A. Yes. Yes. Yeah. The gender piece is
- 17 almost 50 percent. The minority piece still runs
- around 25, 30 percent.
- 19 And also, Atlantic City residents -- I 20 think that was part of your question. Right now we
- 21 have just south of 400 AC residents that work here on
- 23 Which is -- I mean, I was --
- 24 Including our hotel director. Our hotel

22 property. At all -- in all different departments.

25 director lives here in Atlantic City.

150 152 1 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR. 1 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR. 2 will follow. 2 A. Yes, it is. 3 Okay. Thank you. I have no more 3 And is there any specific to attract 4 direct. nongaming patrons? 5 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you, Miss Kaufman. 5 Well, our restaurant products. That's 6 Mr. Hollander, your witness. 6 for sure. I mean, we have the best. We have, you 7 MR. HOLLANDER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. know, Water Dog and Longo's Meatballs & Martinis. I 8 mean, have been both -- two days for Water Dogs, but CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. HOLLANDER: 9 Longo's has been a huge, huge success for us. 10 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Polcino. Q. And you mentioned the integrated Bally's 10 Good afternoon. 11 rewards card. When is that planned to be rolled out 11 A. 12 I know you've touched on the business on 12 at the property? 13 the questioning. Do you anticipate Bally's AC being a 13 A. Probably in the next 30 to 40 days I 14 partner to the greater Atlantic City community? 14 believe. 15 A. Yes, I do. 15 Q. Is there any concern for cannibalization 16 And from a corporate perspective, that's 16 of the current market? 17 something that's very important to Bally's Corporation A. There always is. We're in a very 17 18 and to Bally's AC? 18 competitive market. And, you know, it's our job, my 19 A. Yes, it is. job, to grow the market with all the tools that we have to make it grow, and I think we'll do that. 20 Q. In your view, is the greatest 20 21 opportunity in the Atlantic City market in the areas 21 Q. And what tools or specific ideas do you 22 of i-gaming and sports wagering? 22 have to anticipate growing the market? 23 A. I would say it's the future. Yes. 23 A. Well, as I said, we have a player 24 All right. Given that -- and I know 24 development program throughout the country, and those 25 we've touched to this with other witnesses, the retail 25 player development folks talk to one another. We move 151 153 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR. NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR. brick-and-mortar side is still an integral part of the 2 people here -- not move people here, but we try to get operations; correct? people to travel here to our major events like our 3 4 A. Yes. 4 beach concert this weekend. The Air Show. And then 5 Thank you. we share our customers within our company with the 6 Are there any strategies in place to -things that they do in their jurisdictions. 6 or planned -- to attract new and retain existing 7 Q. And what role will i-gaming and sports customers to and with the property? 8 wagering play in growing the market? A. Well, Mike touched upon our one card A. Just by building a database for us. A 10 issuance. And we -- we're presently getting ready to 10 chance to get into the database. Database is 11 roll out our tier system with new cards that everybody important for all. 11 12 will be proud to see when we finally hit the market. 12 Q. In light of the covid pandemic, has it 13 And along with that, you know, the 13 been a challenge to bring back patrons into the 14 i-gaming databases and the things that we can 14 facility since reopening? 15 withdraw -- draw from those entities is going to help 15 A. I think -- I think the more -- the 16 brick and mortar here. We've already started to --16 bigger question is to bring employees back. The 17 again, to Mike's thing with PD and moving players from patrons are coming. And we're having a tough time, 18 other parts of the country to us. As I said, there's you know, keeping people on and getting people to come 19 going to be 30 or 40 people on property for three days back. Although we've done a great job at that, it's 20 from Biloxi of which 20 of them have never been to 20 still, you know -- it's still a very difficult 21 this property or in Atlantic City. 21 situation. And this strategy and these -- what 22 I'm glad you brought up the employees.

23 you're doing to attract these new customers and

25 online sports wagering patrons?

24 retaining existing customers, that's both retail and

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25 just put a context on everything.

23 That's a good segue into my next line of questioning.

24 I just wanted to go over some historical numbers to

154 156 1 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR. 1 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR. 2 Is it accurate that at the end of 2 employees, that gentleman fell through the cracks. 3 February 2021, Bally's AC reported 1,257 full-time and 3 Came to work without his key license being -- being part-time employees, which represents a decrease of honored, I guess is the right word. But we've taken steps now through HR with all the programs, that approximately 18.1 percent of the workforce when 6 compared to February 2020? 6 that's initiated on every board, on our hiring boards. So that -- and then we have steps to make sure that A. I would say yes. And as of May 31st, 2021, Bally's the person doesn't return to work until the key 9 reported 1,325 full- and part-time employees; is that license is activated. 10 correct? 10 Q. Okay. Thank you. 11 Does Bally's AC maintain a culture of 11 A. Yes. 12 And Bally's AC anticipates growing 12 compliance as part of a closely regulated industry 13 employment by an estimated 278 positions over the next where compliance is a key component in maintaining the 14 three years; is that correct? public's confidence and trust? A. Yes. We're probably at 1700 right now. 15 A. It does. 15 And is that level of staffing sufficient 16 And has Bally's AC committed to 16 17 to be competitive in the AC market? compliance with all applicable laws and regulations? 17 18 A. I say yes. We could always use more 18 19 help. 19 Q. Have you read the Division's report? 20 20 You touched on this a little bit before. A. I have. 21 Has it been a challenge to retain employees? 21 Have you read and are you familiar with 22 the conditions the Division recommended be imposed in 22 It has. 23 And has Bally's AC employed any connection with this proceeding set forth in Exhibit F 24 strategies for improving employee recruitment and 24 to the Division's report? 25 retention? 25 A. Yes. 155 157 1 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR. 1 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR. 2 A. Well, we have. I mean, just like I said 2 And in particular, have you read those 3 earlier, making the toke rate -- the tip rate for the 3 conditions related to employee staffing and reporting requirements? 4 dealers higher, that's helped on the gaming side to 4 5 keep people here from moving on. And also we've 5 A. I have. 6 created some hiring strategies in the form of 6 And will Bally's AC comply with those bonus-type structure to get people in different areas 7 conditions if they are imposed? 8 to work. 8 A. We will. 9 O. And have you seen positive results from 9 Q. Thank you very much. I have no further 10 those so far? 10 questions. 11 Not as positive as I would like. No. 11 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Mr. Hollander. A. 12 On February 11th, 2021, the Division 12 Miss Kaufman? 13 sent a warning letter to Bally's AC for a lack of 13 MS. KAUFMAN: No further questions. 14 compliance with regulatory requirements under the 14 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Commissioners? 15 Casino Control Act by employing individuals without 15 Commissioner Cooper? 16 first ensuring they hold the proper level of 16 VICE CHAIR COOPER: I have questions. 17 credential. Are you familiar with that warning 17 Mr. Polcino, thank you for being here. 18 letter? 18 Actually, some of my questions you've already 19 19 A. Yes, I am. answered, so I'm going to move on. 20 Have you read it? 20 There's -- no doubt you have a longtime Q. 21 Yes, I have. 21 history, affiliation, connection to Atlantic A. 22 And has Bally's AC taken steps to 22 City as you mentioned. You started at Bally in 23 prevent such a situation from occurring? 23 1979. In addition to what we've heard about

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the property, what we've heard, you know, about

Bally as it exists right now, you mentioned,

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We have. We've -- unfortunately, at

25 that time with a new HR department and the influx of

158 160 1 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR. 1 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR. 2 let's say, there's a group coming here -- for 2 And I know convention services -- there're 3 3 example, there's a group coming in from Biloxi different, you know, components or different 4 and 30 or 40 people who have never been to parts of an operation that would work on, you 5 Atlantic City before. When they arrive, let's 5 know, trying to secure national convention. 6 say you're going to be greeting them. What 6 But let's say you're appearing at a convention. 7 would be the first five or ten things you would 7 What would you say to entice -- to encourage a national convention to think about Atlantic 8 highlight and tell them as they -- as 8 9 9 they're -- this is their first experience to City or to -- not to think about, to consider 10 Atlantic City. In your -- I'm going to say in 10 coming to Atlantic City for a three, four, 11 your estimation, what are the highlights that five-day convention? What would you promote? 11 12 you would focus on to a group of people --12 What would you emphasize? 13 particularly from Mississippi because the South 13 THE WITNESS: I would promote the 14 is -- I don't want to say Mississippi is much 14 easiness to navigate throughout the city. You 15 different from Jersey, location. It's the 15 know, it's not a huge metropolitan city. It's 16 South versus the East. What would you tell 16 easy to navigate from one end of town to 17 them as you welcome them to Atlantic City? 17 another. If you're interested in walking from 18 THE WITNESS: When they welcomed me to 18 one end of the town to the other, you can. But 19 Biloxi it was always the food issue. 19 utilizing our boardwalk. And there's going to 20 VICE CHAIR COOPER: Okay. 20 be tons of entertainment somewhere for your 21 THE WITNESS: Food would be the first 21 enjoyment. 22 22 I mean, I -- you know, I'm not the exact thing here. We have a lot of local products in 23 our submarine sandwiches and pizza and 23 convention guy to be out there selling 24 everything else we have to offer with the 24 conventions, so I would rely on my convention 25 saltwater taffy that got mentioned earlier. 25 staff to do that. But to talk to me, it would 159 161 1 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR. 1 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR. 2 And they will be getting those as parting 2 be always about the Boardwalk and how easy it 3 gifts, the saltwater taffy, as they leave the 3 is to navigate the city. 4 VICE CHAIR COOPER: I love it. It's 4 property. I'll also talk about the Boardwalk 5 and, you know, I'll talk about my history with 5 just, and what you said, it's -- it's 48 6 the Boardwalk with them because it's not -- as 6 blocks, 47 blocks. It's the beach, the 7 it was when I was a young person and try to 7 Boardwalk. So many natural attributes. And as 8 8 bring them up to speed with where we are now. you've said, you got the convention services 9 We also have beautiful beaches. And I 9 people to do that. But you as the -- as an 10 don't know what else to say. When you mention 10 executive. 11 Atlantic City to me, my first thought is the 11 One other thing that -- it's not a 12 Atlantic City Boardwalk and the beach. So 12 question, but I would just like to comment. I 13 13 comment and compliment and maybe you might be there's not -- that would be the first ten able to expand on it, although you've answered 14 minutes of my speech. Enjoy the Boardwalk. 14 15 it magnificently today. And I'm particularly 15 Enjoy the ocean. Don't lose your teeth on the 16 taffv. 16 happy, and Miss Kaufman had asked you about 17 VICE CHAIR COOPER: And the salt water 17 your community -- about your community 18 18 involvement, your philanthropic activities. air. 19 Let's say we're going from that 20, 30 19 And what you mentioned previously. I'm very, 20 people from Biloxi and small crowd. Now let's 20 very pleased. You know, the big picture with 21 21 everything is always important, but, you know, just change the dynamics of a presentation. 22 Let's say you are speaking at a seminar or 22 it's still Atlantic City. We still have people 23 convention of about a thousand people, trying 23 here. It's Atlantic City. It's Atlantic 24 to get them -- trying to get an organization or 24 County. There are -- these are challenging 25 a national convention to come to Atlantic City. 25 times. I mean, children are getting ready to

162 164 1 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR. 1 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR. 2 2 go back to school. We're still in the midst of you want to speak of that a little. Or just 3 3 wants to remind you or tell you, Vice Chair, this covid. 4 4 that we do have, you know, these things on the You know, so as I said, what you've 5 horizon. 5 mentioned I'm very, very pleased about. What 6 you're doing. Is there anything additional 6 VICE CHAIR COOPER: This is -- this is 7 7 that you might not have mentioned with regard very, very -- this is great to hear. I'm very 8 to Bally's civic and philanthropic activities 8 pleased. 9 9 and what you might be planning for the future? Thank you, Miss Kaufman. 10 10 THE WITNESS: Thank you. Is there anything else you'd like to add? THE WITNESS: No. Not at this time. 11 11 MS. KAUFMAN: Thank you. 12 No. But we're always looking for 12 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Commissioner Mollineaux? 13 opportunities. And they always come to us 13 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Thank you, Mr. 14 through different -- different groups, whether 14 Chairman. 15 it be Cancer Association or the Red Cross or 15 Good afternoon. 16 the March of Dimes. Everything -- everything THE WITNESS: Good afternoon. 16 17 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: They told me I comes to us. 17 18 You know, on a personal level, I'm 18 had to wait for you. 19 involved in the ALS situation. I lost a family 19 Concerning -- concerning the employment 20 member to that. So, you know, being involved 20 issues, throughout my reading, I -- I saw all 21 in community stuff is big for me. And it's big 21 this there. So you're saying that you have 22 for this company. 22 1700 employees. 23 VICE CHAIR COOPER: That's very, very 23 THE WITNESS: Yeah. About that. 24 encouraging, very reassuring. I know you 24 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Is that right? 25 mentioned that you tried to do one event a 25 THE WITNESS: About that. That's 163 165 1 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR. 1 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR. 2 month. And again, I wouldn't expect you to 2 including the people that are on -- still on 3 have a year's calendar, that, you know, 3 leave. Some of those people are on leave, 4 medical leaves on there, but they are still on 4 something could come up. It might not be that 5 5 particular monthly. It could be something down my payroll. the line. Something that unexpectedly happens. 6 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: But they are 6 7 7 But again, I must compliment and tell you that not actually working now? 8 8 THE WITNESS: There are 16 -- 1600, just I'm very happy with what I've heard regarding, 9 as I said, your civic and philanthropic 9 under 1700 still actively working. 10 activity. 10 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Okay. So the 11 Everything else you answered. So I'm 11 employee is a benefactor in the casino in 12 going to thank you for being here and 12 Bally's. And but what -- what are you -- what 13 participating. 13 are your plans to get more employees hired at 14 MS. KAUFMAN: Commissioner Cooper? 14 this casino? Have you -- have you -- I know 15 VICE CHAIR COOPER: Yes. 15 you're saying you reached out to the community 16 MS. KAUFMAN: May I just add that one of 16 for employment. You're -- you're doing that 17 the -- I think one of the upcoming events that 17 part of it. Have you -- have you thought about 18 Nick may have slipped his mind at the moment 18 reaching out to -- well, I guess my question 19 19 really is, have you hired -- how many 20 THE WITNESS: Bicycle event. 20 disability people do you have working for you? 21 MS. KAUFMAN: Yeah. Bicycle event. 21 You have the quota, I'm sure. But --22 THE WITNESS: Bicycle event. How could 22 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I don't have the 23 I his miss that? 23 exact amount, but we do have a commitment to a 24 MS. KAUFMAN: Right. Which actually 24 diverse workforce. And we do have employees 25 we've received some nice press about it, and if 25 that self-identified being disabled that we've

166 168 1 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR. 1 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR. 2 hired. But I don't have the exact number of 2 when we heard we were having this hearing, they 3 3 how many disabled we hired. asked if you were bringing back boxing. 4 We are involved with the Chamber of 4 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure if we're 5 5 Commerce and partnering up with PathStone for bringing back boxing, but we -- we are looking 6 the support of grant that would give 6 into it. It is part of -- you know, it could 7 7 be part of the marketing strategy. You know, students -- disabled students an opportunity to 8 enter the workforce. 8 it all has to make sense to the bottom line. 9 9 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: That's the key But we are talking about it. 10 right there. That's the word I was looking 10 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Well, I know you -- you for, "students." And I'm glad to hear that. know, you being there 40 years, you know the 11 11 12 Really glad to hear that because --12 great history you've had there historically. 13 13 THE WITNESS: And --The other question is, and I've asked 14 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Go ahead. 14 this of every -- every group that came in for 15 15 licensing, and I asked it earlier. What THE WITNESS: To go back, Commissioner, 16 to a statement that I made earlier, that is one 16 strategy do you have specifically not to 17 17 cannibalize the market but to grow the market? of the bigger problems in Atlantic City is to get younger people involved in the casino 18 18 And to give an example, we've had other 19 business as this workforce is getting older. 19 licensing applicants come in saying that we're going to focus on entertainment. We had other 20 Not me. Not Lloyd. 20 2.1 ones say we're going to focus on Top Golf and 21 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Me, either. 22 Yeah. I'm actually very glad you put that word 22 some other amenities. What -- what niche are 23 23 you guys going to go after to grow the market? 24 THE WITNESS: I personally believe that 24 THE WITNESS: Other people just don't 25 25 it's our food and beverage offerings. But I want to become involved. 167 169 1 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR. 1 NICHOLAS J. POLICINO, JR. 2 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Yeah. I'm 2 don't know how much that's going to grow the 3 actually glad that you put that word "student" 3 market. But a bigger part of it is, is making 4 4 in there. Because they seem -- everywhere employees believe or feel part of the whole 5 5 there seem to be overlooking that particular marketing program from the guy at the bottom to 6 6 me. And that's the pride factor and that -aspect of it, as students with disabilities. 7 So I'm -- I'm really glad to hear you -- that 7 that builds. That gets out there and builds 8 8 you're doing that. energy and brings people to the market. It 9 But your employment issue, if you have 9 brings people to your property. Will that 10 17 or 1600 employees, and they are the person 10 cannibalize other properties? Maybe. But I 11 that comes in and greet everybody that's coming 11 think overall we need to create a whole pride 12 12 to develop a new market in Atlantic City. in, they are an employee. I'm sure that some CHAIR PLOUSIS: Excellent. Thank you. 13 of them are working overtime and -- because you 13 14 don't -- you only have 16. You should have 17. 14 That's all I have, Mr. Polcino. 15 15 Even though you have 17, but you have 16. So Miss Kaufman, did you have any other 16 some of them are working overtime. So you 16 questions or comments? 17 MS. KAUFMAN: No, Chair. I do not. 17 might want to look -- look into that function 18 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Okay. Mr. Hollander? 18 and really try reaching out a little harder to 19 MR. HOLLANDER: No, Mr. Chairman. I do 19 get more employees on your staff. 20 not. Thank you. 20 THE WITNESS: Will do. 21 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Thank you. MS. FAUNTLEROY: This is an opportunity 21 22 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you, Commissioner 22 to go back to the sealing requests and the 23 23 exhibits. Mollineaux. 24 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Okay. 24 Mr. Polcino, I just have two questions. 25 MR. LEVENSON: Just for the record, 25 One -- one of my staff earlier this week

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2	that's the extent of our witnesses. So we	2	(Ayes.)
3	rest.	3	CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed?
4	CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you, Mr. Levenson.	4	(No response.)
5	MS. FAUNTLEROY: Just for the record,	5	CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it. D-1 and
6	the Division, I did not anticipate any	6	D-2 will be redacted. Thank you.
7	witnesses being called; is that correct, Mr.	7	We'll move into closing statements.
8	Hollander?	8	MS. FAUNTLEROY: Do you want to take,
9	MR. HOLLANDER: That is correct.	9	Mr. Chairman, just a ten-minute break just to
10	MS. FAUNTLEROY: Okay. So I think at	10	allow the attorneys to clear their desk and
11	the beginning, we did indicate that there was	11	move into closing statements?
12	C-1 just for identification. There was	12	COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Yeah. Yes.
13	however, D-1, which Mr. Nance reflected was the	13	CHAIR PLOUSIS: We'll take a ten-minute
14	plenary report. And D-2 was the report on the	14	break and be back here at quarter to three for
15	two Standard entities. The sealing request was	15	closing statements.
16	pending.	16	COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Thank you.
17	During the break, Mr. Chairman, I did	17	(A recess was taken from 2:33 to 2:51
18	receive a copy of the Petitioner's sealing	18	p.m.)
19	request with respect to those two documents.	19	MR. HOLLANDER: Are we ready to proceed
20	It appears that the Division has consented to	20	to closing?
21	them. I have reviewed it, and I do recommend	21	CHAIR PLOUSIS: Yes, we are. Yes.
22	that it be granted. But I would defer to	22	Thank you.
23	counsel to put their respective positions on	23	MR. HOLLANDER: Thank you very much.
24	the record.	24	The Division has reported upon its
25	MS. KAUFMAN: I'll go first.	25	investigation of the qualifications of Premier
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2	We submitted our sealing request, and I	2	Entertainment AC, LLC, its holding companies,
3	think the Division is in agreement with us, and	3	entity qualifiers, security holder, and
4	we would respectfully request that it be	4	individual qualifiers and key qualifiers.
5	granted.	5	The Division examined Premier and
6	CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you.	6	Bally's Corporation and provided an update
7	Mr. Hollander?	7	regarding operations at the Bally's AC
8	MR. HOLLANDER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.	8	property, including a review of its financial
9	As counsel has indicated, we've had	9	stability.
10	extensive discussions regarding the redactions	10	Since ICA was granted, Bally's
11	to be made to D-1 and D-2, and we have come to	11	Corporation has grown significantly and
12	an agreement as to consensual redactions to	12	continues to expand. With that rapid growth
13	those documents. And so we would have no	13	comes associated risks and increased debt
14	objection the Division has no objection to	14	service requirements. Given the recent
15	the sealing request and would ask that D-1 and	15	expansion, Bally's Corporation's long-term debt
16	D-2 be moved into evidence at this time.	16	is expected to increase significantly.
17	Thank you.	17	In the Division's view, if Bally's
18	CHAIR PLOUSIS: Do I have a motion to	18	Corporation achieves its revenue forecast, it
19	move D-1 and D-2?	19	will be able to withstand any lingering impacts
20	VICE CHAIR COOPER: I'll make the	20	of the COVID-19 pandemic and generate excess
21	motion, Mr. Chairman.	21	cash flow. However, if those levels are not
22	CHAIR PLOUSIS: Do I have a second?	22	achieved, there could be a substantial impact
23	COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman,	23	on Bally's financial stability.
24	I second the motion.	24	Since its acquisition by Bally's
25	CHAIR PLOUSIS: All in favor, say aye?	25	Corporation, the Bally's AC property had
20 21 22 23 24	VICE CHAIR COOPER: I'll make the motion, Mr. Chairman. CHAIR PLOUSIS: Do I have a second? COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, I second the motion.	20 21 22 23 24	of the COVID-19 pandemic and generate excash flow. However, if those levels are not achieved, there could be a substantial impact on Bally's financial stability. Since its acquisition by Bally's

174 176 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 stability of the operations of the Bally's AC 2 reported operating loses through June 2021, 3 3 although results in July 2021 were positive. property. The Division submits that in order for 4 Moreover, the Division has concerns regarding 5 5 capital expenditures plans and employment Premier to be found plenary licensed and its 6 levels at Bally's AC. 6 affiliated entities be qualified today, the 7 7 conditions in the report need to be imposed. As set forth in its report, it is the 8 Division's position that Bally's Corporation 8 Finally, the Division notes that the ICA 9 9 will need to invest a higher amount into Trust Agreement provides that the ICA Trust to 10 capital expenditures than had been required 10 terminate automatically upon the grant of the following ICA in order to make the property 11 casino license and qualification. 11 12 competitive in the AC market and a first-class 12 If necessary for the Commission's ruling 13 facility. And the Bally's Corporation has 13 today, and if the Commission finds Premier to 14 committed to a revised minimum expenditure of a 14 be plenarily licensed and its affiliated 15 hundred million dollars. 15 holding companies and entries associated 16 Additionally, the Division has 16 individuals to be qualified, the Division 17 consents to the dissolution of the ICA Trust 17 recommended conditions relating to employee 18 staffing levels and reporting and related to 18 Agreement and the discharge of Justice Zazzally 19 overall continued financial support of the AC 19 as Trustee. 20 property by Bally's Corporation as needed. 20 Thank you very much. 2.1 Based on the Division's reports, the 21 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you, Mr. 22 exhibits in evidence, and the testimony you 22 Hollander. 23 heard today, the Division submits that Premier 23 Mr. Levenson? 24 has met its burden of proof in demonstrating 24 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Your mic is off, Lloyd. 25 25 that it meets the statutory criteria for a MR. LEVENSON: Yeah. I was waiting for 175 177 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 casino license, and that Bally's Corporation 2 the B52 to get by us, so. 3 and Twin River Management Group, Inc., have met 3 So I learned early in my career, very 4 4 the standards for qualification as holding early, the following --5 5 companies. (There was a noise interruption.) 6 6 Based on separately filed reports, the MR. LEVENSON: Can you hear me? 7 7 Division further submits that Standard RI has CHAIR PLOUSIS: Yeah. We can hear you. 8 8 demonstrated that it meets the criteria of the MR. LEVENSON: The following which --9 qualification as an entity qualifier and 9 all right. The following which I've lived by, 10 security holder and that Standard General has 10 and it's the following. It's that when you 11 demonstrated that it meets the standards for 11 stand well, you stand still. 12 qualification as an entity qualifier in 12 Having heard the Division of Gaming 13 13 connection with Premier. Enforcement state that we have met our burden 14 Moreover, the Division submits that the 14 of proof to be awarded a casino license, I 15 15 natural person qualifiers and key qualification don't believe there's any further argument that 16 of Premier have demonstrated that they meet the 16 I would need to make or want to make. 17 criteria for individual qualification and 17 I want to just make a couple of comments 18 licensure as applicable under the Act. 18 outside of that. One is to thank the 19 19 In its report, the Division recommended Commission, Chairman, Commissioner Cooper and 20 the Commission impose certain conditions as 20 Commissioner Mollineaux -- and again, welcome, 21 21 part of today's ruling, primarily related to Commissioner Mollineaux to -- to the 22 capital expenditures, regulatory reporting, 22 Commission. Thank the Division of Gaming 23 employee staffing, and continued financial 23 Enforcement, Mary Jo Flaherty and Tracy 24 support as needed which will assist the 24 Richardson and Chris Glaum who has been behind 25 Division in continuing to assure the financial 25 the scenes throughout these last nine months

178 180 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 2 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: But I would 2 and has been a pleasure to work with. Also 3 3 want to thank Dianna and Daryl for always being like to make a comment. 4 4 right there when we need that. CHAIR PLOUSIS: We're going to recess, 5 5 And last but not least, I'd like to and then when we come back, you can comment. 6 commend Jordan, because Jordan came on late in 6 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Okay. 7 7 the game here. There was, as everybody knows, MS. FAUNTLEROY: Mr. Chairman, five 8 8 a prior deputy who was handling this matter for minutes for a brief consultation before you 9 9 most of the time period. He came on late in deliberate and render your decision. 10 10 the game and picked it up like he had been the CHAIR PLOUSIS: Yes. Okay. So we'll recess for five minutes, and we'll come back at deputy attorney general from the very 11 11 12 beginning. 12 five after three. MS. FAUNTLEROY: Don't go too far. 13 13 And one more person who never gets any (A recess was taken from 2:59 to 3:02 14 kind of -- much accolades but Lynne has been 14 15 working with him day and night, and that's Tim 15 p.m.) CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any other 16 Ficchi from the Division with regard to 16 17 matters that need to be brought to our 17 alcoholic beverages issues all along. 18 18 The one thing I'll say about this client attention? 19 and this purchase that I've seen -- and I think 19 Commissioners, any other comments or any 20 other questions? 20 the Chairman may have picked it up also during 21 his tour -- there's another -- it's a sign in 21 (No response.) 22 22 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, I'll make my office which says: You never get a second 23 chance to make a good first impression. And I 23 my remarks. 24 24 On November 4th, 2020, we granted an think the executives with this hotel casino 25 interim casino authorization, referred to as an 25 right from the very beginning with the glass --179 181 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 because I know I noticed that for years, that 2 ICA, to Premier Entertainment AC, LLC, and 3 the glass was mismatched and, you know, people 3 related entities to own and operate Bally's 4 see that. You see -- and you see signs that, 4 Atlantic City Hotel and Casino subject to the 5 you know, the E is not lit up or whatever. It 5 conditions set forth in the resolution. 6 gives you a sense that the people don't care. 6 The ICA was effective as of the date of 7 These people care, from the glass to the front 7 the consummation of the asset purchase 8 8 desk which is going to be redone to the rooms. agreement and the real estate purchase and sale 9 And that's the way to success, is that first 9 agreement which was on November 18th, 2020. 10 impression and then keep it going as you move 10 Pursuant to the Casino Control Act, we are 11 along to the rest of the property. 11 required to hold a hearing and render a 12 12 decision on the casino licensure of Premier and So on behalf of Lynne and myself, Lucas, 13 we thank the Commission for hearing this matter 13 the qualifications of its related entities and 14 and, hopefully, you'll agree with the 14 individuals within nine months after an ICA is 15 Division's position that we've met our burden 15 granted. 16 of proof and issue us a plenary casino license. 16 We must now determine whether Premier 17 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you, Mr. Levenson. 17 and related entities and individuals have established by clear and convincing evidence 18 Commissioner Cooper, any other questions 18 19 19 that they meet the essential criteria for or any anything for counsel? 20 20 casino licensure; and they are financial VICE CHAIR COOPER: No questions. Very 21 21 stability, integrity, and responsibility, good satisfied with what I've heard. 22 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Commissioner Mollineaux. 22 character, honesty, and integrity, and 23 any other questions or --23 sufficient business ability and casino 24 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: No questions. 24 experience to establish the likelihood of 25 25 maintaining a successful and efficient casino CHAIR PLOUSIS: No questions.

182 184 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 2 results were very positive. operation. 3 3 The acquisition of Bally's during a As was noted during the ICA proceeding, 4 Twin River, once a regional operator, pandemic with operating restrictions, the loss 5 5 aggressively pursued a growth strategy, of Caesars rewards program, the loss of Wild 6 continuously increasing its portfolio of casino 6 West -- the Wild West section of the property, 7 7 properties and gaming assets across multiple and the need for added critical capital 8 regions. Over a three-year span, Twin River, 8 improvements contributed to Bally's operating 9 9 now known as Bally's Corporation, acquired 11 10 different properties. As reported by the 10 Mr. Capp testified that Bally's Division, as of June 30th, 2021, Bally's owned, 11 Corporation is committed to ensuring the 11 12 operated, or managed 14 casinos across 10 12 success and ongoing financial stability of states, a horse track -- horse racetrack and 13 13 Bally's AC and will provide any advances needed 13 14 OTB licensed operations in Colorado. 14 to offset any operating losses, address any unanticipated cash need, and complete capital 15 With the completion of the pending 15 16 purchase of the Tropicana Las Vegas and the 16 improvement requirements. 17 construction of a Category 4 Pennsylvania 17 The Division has recommended that the 18 casino, Bally's will own or manage 16 casinos 18 commitment be imposed by the Commission as a 19 across 11 states as well as horse racing -- a 19 condition of the licensure. I believe that the 20 20 horse racing track in Arapahoe Park in condition to be reasonable and appropriate 21 Colorado. 2.1 under the circumstances. 22 22 Bally's also is heavily invested in As noted, Bally's growth strategy has 23 expanding its horse racing and internet 23 been very aggressive. Recent and pending 24 operations, including the pending acquisition 24 acquisitions will ultimately more than double 25 of Gamesys, a \$3.4 billion transaction. 25 its long-term debt load. It is worth noting 183 185 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 As one of the first casinos in Atlantic 2 that Bally's financing vehicles provide some 3 City, Bally's has a historic significance to 3 flexibility should Bally's AC not meet its 4 the city and the state and its prominent 4 anticipated operating results. Nonetheless, 5 location at Park Place on the Boardwalk is 5 the additional assurance that Bally's will 6 known throughout the world. To many 6 honor its commitment to Bally's AC is 7 generations Bally's is an iconic brand, and its 7 warranted. 8 8 presence in Atlantic City an integral part of It is clear that a significant component 9 the history of the city. 9 of Bally's growth strategy is to build out its 10 Several of Bally's executives were part 10 sports wagering and internet gaming operations. 11 of that history and are not strangers to 11 Despite pandemic operational challenges and 12 Atlantic City. Mr. Papanier, Bally's 12 challenges inherent with ownership transitions, 13 Corporation's CEO, Phil Juliano, Bally's 13 Bally's was successful in opening its FanDuel 14 Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing 14 sportsbook permanent site in 2021. Bally's 15 Officer, and Nick Polcino, Bally's AC General 15 also has agreements with other entities to 16 Manager and Chief Gaming Executive, all started 16 provide internet gaming and online sports 17 their gaming careers here in Atlantic City. 17 wagering service, which have only recently 18 That personal history is important, and 18 become operational. 19 19 I hope it provides added motivation to Bally's For many of our casino licensees, there 20 commitment to return Bally's AC to its 20 are only -- their online gaming operations 21 prominence and ensure that it operates as a 21 offered a lifeline during the pandemic. 22 first-class facility as required by the Act. 22 However, as we begin to emerge, a significant 23 Although Bally's AC operating results 23 part of Atlantic City's future is the ability 24 during the ICA period were disappointing, Mr. 24 of its gaming industry to grow its customer 25 Capp testified that the July's operating 25 base and thereby bring visitors and new

186 188 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 customers to this market. 2 Polcino is well equipped to manage Bally's AC 3 3 Capital improvements at Bally's AC are and ensure it is adequately staffed. 4 critical to improve its quality and enhance its At the ICA hearing, we emphasized that a 5 5 customer appeal. Bally's has shown a seamless transition to a new ownership was not 6 willingness to invest in Bally's AC to make it 6 only critical to us as regulators but essential 7 7 for the gaming public and the many employees more attractive, more competitive, and more 8 profitable. It is now committed to investing a 8 who rely on the property for their livelihood. 9 9 hundred million dollars in capital improvements We believe that the case was made that Twin 10 to the property over the next five years. 10 River, now Bally's, was the right owner at the 11 The Division recommends that we 11 right time. No doubt the pandemic certainly 12 memorialize this commitment and impose specific 12 created unprecedented challenges which impacted 13 conditions to the casino licensure. We heard 13 the transaction. 14 today that Bally consents to the imposition of 14 However, it is essential that Bally's 15 these conditions. I, for one, agree Bally 15 and Premier readies Bally's AC for post 16 needs to make a significant investment in a 16 pandemic operations. Bally's has a number of capital improvement program, upgrade its rooms, new projects unfolding simultaneously across 17 17 18 and more other notable changes to reverse its 18 the country. We expect Bally AC to remain a 19 decline in gaming revenue and improve its 19 priority and anticipate an aggressive campaign 20 competitive issue. To that end, the imposition 20 to reinduce -- reintroduce the property to the 21 of conditions is appropriate. 2.1 market and create an atmosphere of excitement, 22 We also heard testimony today regarding 22 energy and rebirth. 23 Bally's employment levels. The Division 23 Through its strategic acquisition, 24 24 acknowledges that Bally's decrease in Bally's has the capacity to create synergies 25 employment levels, both full and part time, as 25 between its Atlantic City operations and other 189 187 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 a result of the pandemic restrictions was less 2 regional properties. We look forward to seeing 3 than that of its competitors. However, the 3 the benefits of Bally's cross-property 4 Division maintains that under Caesars 4 marketing strategies. 5 Entertainment ownership, Bally's AC employment 5 It should be noted that Atlantic City's 6 levels were deficient in comparison and that a 6 recent revenue results are encouraging or 7 commitment to exceed Caesars' staffing levels 7 showing signs of post pandemic recovery. We 8 post pandemic and a longer-term basis is 8 expect Bally's and Premier to positively 9 necessary to remain competitive. 9 contribute to the market recovery and support 10 The Atlantic City casino industry has 10 Atlantic City's continued resurgence. Today we been a powerful economic engine and job creator 11 11 must decide whether the casino license 12 for the state since its inception. Ensuring 12 Applicant, Premier, has met its burden to 13 that the casinos maintain adequate staffing 13 demonstrate to the Commission by clear and 14 levels to safeguard gaming integrity is a 14 convincing evidence that it meets each 15 critical regulatory function. 15 qualification standard set forth in the Act. 16 Mr. Polcino testified to Bally's 16 Has Premier established itself financially 17 commitment to maintaining appropriate staffing 17 stable, integrity, and responsibility, good 18 levels and envision -- envisions enhanced 18 character, honesty, and integrity, and has 19 19 opportunities for employment as it implements shown sufficient business ability and casino 20 its capital improvement plan. Mr. Polcino has 20 experience to establish the likelihood of 21 an extensive background in gaming operations, 21 maintaining a successful and efficient casino 22 and as I mentioned, starting his career in 22 operation? 23 gaming as a craps dealer nearly 40 years ago. 23 The Division reported to us the results 24 I wholeheartedly believe that with the 24 of a plenary investigation and qualification of 25 support of the Bally entire executive team, Mr. 25 the casino license applicant, Premier, its

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3	its intermediary holding company, Twin River	3	Thank you.
4	Management Group, and by separate report it's	4	CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you.
5	qualifying entities, Standard Rhode Island,	5	Commissioner Cooper?
6	LTD, and Standard General, LP, as well as it's	6	VICE CHAIR COOPER: Oh.
7	individual qualifiers and key qualifiers.	7	MS. FAUNTLEROY: One second. You
8	Based upon the Division's reports and	8	seconded?
9	the considering of the entire record of this	9	VICE CHAIR COOPER: I yes.
10	proceeding, including the testimony of today's	10	CHAIR PLOUSIS: Roll call vote, please?
11	witnesses, I am satisfied that the Applicant	11	MS. FAUNTLEROY: Commissioner
12	has met its burden of establishing by clear and	12	Mollineaux.
13	convincing evidence that it meets the criteria	13	COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Yes.
14	for the issuance of a casino license.	14	MS. FAUNTLEROY: Vice Chair Cooper?
15	I want to thank Justice Zazzally for	15	VICE CHAIR COOPER: Yes.
16	serving as Trustee for Premier. We appreciate	16	MS. FAUNTLEROY: And Chairman Plousis?
17	his service during the ICA period.	17	CHAIR PLOUSIS: Yes.
18	That being said, I move that we adopt	18	MR. LEVENSON: MR. Chairman, may I just
19	the resolution and issue a casino license to	19	say one thing before we adjourn? I neglected
20	Premier and grant plenary qualifications to its	20	to acknowledge the Division of Gaming
21	holding company, intermediary holding company,	21	Enforcement Director Dave Rebuck. It was under
22	and entity qualifiers, Bally's Corporation,	22	his leadership that all of the Division of
23	Twin River Management Group, Standard Rhode	23	Gaming Enforcement works for, and he's a very
24	Island, LTD, and Standard General, LP, as well	24	involved individual and does a magnificent job.
25	as its individual and casino key qualifiers	25	So I just wanted to acknowledge his his
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3	And to my young son, who is just	3	commissioners, Jordan Hollander on behalf of
4	starting out and some day will have gray hair	4	the Division of Gaming Enforcement.
5	like me. I hope this was a tremendous learning	5	As counsel just set forth, we have
6	experience for you. And he was very helpful to	6	entered into a stipulation of settlement
7	both Lynne and me.	7	pertaining to Mr. Monty's establishing
8	Thank you all. That's all I have to	8	residency in New Jersey.
9	say.	9	We have nothing further to add to the
10	CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you.	10	stipulation and request that it be approved as
11	Congratulations.	11	submitted.
12	MS. FAUNTLEROY: For the record, Mr.	12	The Division has also reviewed the draft
13	Chairman, the matter of the	13	resolution and in regard to the stipulation and
14	MR. LEVENSON: The sad part of all of	14	has no objection to it.
15	this is when this kind of end happens, we're	15	Thank you very much.
16	all together and we walk up to the dais and we	16	CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you.
17	shake hands and we talk and we tell stories and	17	Do I have a motion on the action?
		18	VICE CHAIR COOPER: Mr. Chairman, I move
18 19	whatever. Come on. This covid stuff's got to	19	to approve the stipulation of settlement
	end.	20	between the Division and Applicant and:
20	CHAIR PLOUSIS: We're in agreement	20	A, grant an initial casino key employee
21	there, Mr. Levenson.	22	license to Michael Monty;
22	MS. FAUNTLEROY: Almost there.	23	And, B, find Mr. Monty qualified to
23	One more matter, Mr. Chairman. Your		
24	indulgence. The matter of an application for a	24	serve as Assistant General Manager for Premier
25	casino key employee license and for	25	Entertainment AC, LLC, in accordance with NJSA
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3	This matter is called separately.	3	NJAC 13:69C-2.6 subject to compliance with the
4	There's a stipulation that surrounds Mr.	4	terms and conditions as provided for in the
5	Monty's current move to New Jersey and	5	stipulation.
6	documentation with respect to his ultimate	6	CHAIR PLOUSIS: Do I have a second on
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           MS. FAUNTLEROY: Mr. Chairman, I have
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       been informed that there are none.
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           CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing that, do I have
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       a motion to adjourn?
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           VICE CHAIR COOPER: Mr. Chairman, I'll
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       make that motion.
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           CHAIR PLOUSIS: Do I have a second?
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           COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Second.
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           CHAIR PLOUSIS: All in favor?
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           (Ayes.)
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           CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed?
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           (No response.)
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           CHAIR PLOUSIS: The ayes have it.
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           The meeting is now adjourned.
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           MS. KAUFMAN: Thank you.
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           MR. LEVENSON: Thank you.
           MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you. Have a good
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       one, everybody. Enjoy the real air show
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       tomorrow.
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       adjourned at 3:23 p.m.)
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