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MINUTES - PUBLIC MEETING NO. 20-08-12
August 12, 2020 - 10:30 a.m.

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

PRESIDING: Chairman James T. Plouisis

PRESENT: Commissioner Alisa B. Cooper

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

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

1. By vote of 2-0, ratified the minutes of July 15, 16 and 17, 2020 (transcript pages 8-9).
2. Chairman Plouisis read into the record a Resolution commending Vice Chair Sharon Anne Harrington for her distinguished service to the Commission. The Commissioners extended their best wishes to Vice Chair Harrington upon the successful completion of her term and unanimously adopted the Resolution (20-08-12-02) (transcript pages 11-17).

3. By a vote of 2-0, granted the initial applications of Cassandra M. Garcia, Ryan T. Marchese, Stephen D. Paris, James R. Scalsese and Rita D. Smith (*a/k/a* Rita Dipasquale) for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 17-21).
4. By a vote of 2-0, granted the resubmitted applications of Robert J. Costello, Lawrence H. Kelder, Thomas J. Knoell, Justin J. Kususky, Linda A. McCarthy (*a/k/a* Linda A. Halligan), Robert J. Monteverde, Prashant A. Parikh, Paul Spissinger, Aida Y. Velez (*a/k/a* Aida Y. Nieves) and Michael A. Viviano for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript pages 21-22).
5. Temporary casino key employee licenses and multi casino endorsements (MCE) were issued between July 13, 2020 and August 5, 2020, pursuant to Delegation of Authority Resolution Number 17-01-11-11-C to the following applicants Michael K. Sampson (MCE), Robert E. Seaman, Jr. (MCE), Armani C. Stewart and Jeffrey G. Wray (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 22-23).
6. By a vote of 2-0, granted the requested relief and inactivated the casino key employee license held by Melissa K. Cirigliano, Joseph A. Giorno and Kevin M. Mason (Ruling numbers 20-08-12-06-A, 20-08-12-06-B, 20-08-12-06-C; transcript pages 23-24).
7. By a vote of 2-0, found that Kevin W. Brady, Sharee M. Daste and Miguel A. Perez casino key employee licenses lapsed, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:41A-6.1 (f) of the regulation. (Ruling numbers 20-08-12-07-A, 20-08-12-07-B, 20-08-12-07-C; transcript pages 24-26).
8. Considered the initial application of Adam S. Zengel, for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 2-0, approved the stipulation of settlement between the Division of Gaming Enforcement and Adam S. Zengel; and granted the initial application of Mr. Zengel, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DTK 20-0011-CK) (Ruling number 20-08-12-08; transcript pages 26-28).
9. Considered the initial application of James C. Keaton, for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 2-0, approved the stipulation of settlement between the Division of Gaming Enforcement and James C. Keaton; and granted the initial application of Mr. Keaton, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DTK 20-0019-CK) (Ruling number 20-08-12-09; transcript pages 28-30).

10. Considered the initial application of Arjet Suka, for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 2-0, approved the stipulation of settlement between the Division of Gaming Enforcement and Arjet Suka; and granted the initial application of Mr. Suka, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DTK 20-0020-CK) (Ruling number 20-08-12-10; transcript pages 30-31).

11. Considered the petition of AC Ocean Walk, LLC and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 2-0, approved the petition and issued a temporary casino key employee license to Kelly Burke, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(e) and N.J.A.C. 19:41A-5.3 (d); and permitted her to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Chief Marketing Officer and Senior Vice President of AC Ocean Walk, LLC, pending plenary qualification, subject to the conditions contained in N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1; N.J.S.A. 5:12-89; and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6 (PRN 2062006) (20-08-12-11; transcript pages 31-35).

12. Considered the petition of AC Ocean Walk, LLC and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 2-0, approved the petition and issued a temporary casino key employee license to Nicole Powers, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(b)4, and N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(e); and permitted her to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President of Database and Events Marketing of AC Ocean Walk, LLC, pending plenary qualification, subject to the conditions contained in N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1; and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6 (PRN 2182002) (20-08-12-12; transcript pages 35-38).

13. Considered the joint petition of Caesars Entertainment, Inc., Harrah's Atlantic City Operating Company, Bally's Park Place, LLC, Boardwalk Regency, LLC and Tropicana Atlantic City Corp., and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 2-0, approved the petition and issued a temporary casino key employee license to Brad Eilert, N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(b)4, and N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(e); and permitted him to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President of Operations of Caesars Entertainment, Inc, pending plenary qualification, subject to the conditions contained in N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1; N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6; and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7 (PRN 2172001) (20-08-12-13; transcript pages 38-41).

14. Considered the joint petition of Caesars Interactive Entertainment, LLC and Caesars Interactive Entertainment New Jersey, LLC and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 2-0, adopted the drafted resolution and issued a casino key employee license to Ty T. Stewart, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(b)4, and N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(e); and found Mr. Stewart qualified to serve as Senior Vice President and Executive Director of Caesars Interactive Entertainment, LLC and Caesars Interactive Entertainment New Jersey, LLC, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1c; N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b(1), N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b(2), N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6; and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7 (Ruling number 20-08-12-14; transcript pages 41-45).

15. Consideration of the Initial decision in the matter of the Appeal in Troy B. Williams v. The State of New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement Jersey and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 2-0, adopted the Initial Decision of Hearing Examiner, Alisa B. Cooper, Commissioner, and granted the petition of Troy B. Williams; and waived the one-year ban prohibiting him from returning to Ocean Casino Resort's Table Games Department (DKT-19-0044-AP) (Initial Decision) (Ruling number 20-08-12-15; transcript pages 45-48).

In accordance with Resolution No. 19-12-11-03, the next closed session of the Commission shall be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Offices (transcript page 48).

The Public submitted comments to public.comments@ccc.state.nj.us from the beginning and anytime throughout the meeting, ending at the time of adjournment. During the public participation portion of the meeting the following comments were read into the record:

Sebastian Pignatello, What specifically are the CCC protocols for testing casino employees for the virus? To date, how many casino employees have tested positive for the virus? Will the CCC be releasing positive test results for casino employees when they occur? (transcript page 48).

Chairman Plousis, on behalf of the Commission, addressed the public concerns with these comments:

The Governor's Office, the Casino Control Commission and the Division of Gaming Enforcement has done its due diligence, to make sure that everyone that works in the Casinos, as well as our Visitors, are safe and secure.

There is testing available through Local Unite 54, as well as the City, for people who want to be tested. So, I am confident that we are taking all the necessary steps to insure the safety of everyone, the employees, as well as the visitors, that are coming to the casinos (transcript page 48-49).

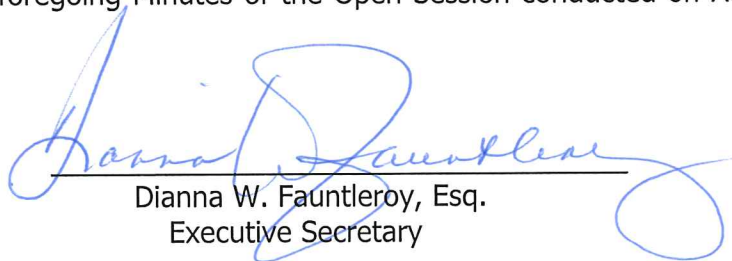
The meeting adjourned at 11:17 p.m.

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

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

CERTIFICATION

I, Dianna W. Fauntleroy, Executive Secretary of the New Jersey Casino Control Commission, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Minutes of the Open Session conducted on August 12, 2020, are true and correct.



Dianna W. Fauntleroy, Esq.
Executive Secretary