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MINUTES - PUBLIC MEETING NO. 23-08-09
August 9, 2023 - 10:30 a.m.

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

PRESIDING: Chairman James T. Plousis

PRESENT: Vice Chair Alisa B. Cooper and Commissioner Joyce Mollineaux

In furtherance of Governor Philip D. Murphy's Executive Orders 103 (2020) and 280 (2022), the Casino Control Commission's meeting was held in-person and was accessible via remote technology. The public listened telephonically by calling the telephone number and access number provided on the Commission's website, and public comments were accepted via e-mail.

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

Chairman Plousis opened the meeting with a brief moment of silence in memory of Lt. Governor Sheila Y. Oliver, who served as the Second Lieutenant Governor of the State of New Jersey from January 16, 2018 until August 1, 2023 (transcript page 9).

1. By a vote of 3-0, ratified the minutes of July 12, 2023 (transcript pages 12-13).

2. By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial applications of Steven A. Colasurdo, Jr., Kathleen T. Fulford (*a/k/a* Kathleen T. Guerro), John F. Heims, Joseph A. Korba, Golam Mostafa, Juan A. Munoz-Serrato, Erik J. Siegert, Rebecca A. Thiry (*a/k/a* Rebecca A. Ross) and Eric Hession, for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 13-15);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial application of Audrey A. Cerniglia, for casino key employee license, with a multi-casino endorsement (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 15-16);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial application of Lynn M. Mazer (*a/k/a* Lynn M. Dembinski), for casino key employee license, with a multi-casino endorsement (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 15-16);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial application of Noel E. Stevenson (*a/k/a* Noel E. Lupo), for casino key employee license, with a multi-casino endorsement (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 15-16);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Darren Guarino, for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 16-17); and

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Steven T. Marazita, for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 16-17).

3. Temporary casino key employee licenses were issued between July 1, 2023 and July 31, 2023, pursuant to Delegation of Authority Resolution Number 17-01-11-11-C to the following applicants: Anup Chowdhury, Scott A. Duncan, Aleisha T. Perez (*a/k/a* Aleisha T. Bleshman, Aleisha T. Secreto) and Joseph Procopio (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 17-19).

4. By a vote of 3-0, granted the requested relief and inactivated the casino key employee licenses held by James Allen, Stephen S. Callender, Dominic J. D'Angelo, Craig P. DiFabio, Eric P. Fiocco, Mary P. Fox (*a/k/a* Marypatricia K. Fox), Barbara D. Jolly (*a/k/a* Barbara D. Donahue), Thomas J. Knoell, William M. Mertz, 3rd, Teresa C. Moody-Butler (*a/k/a* Teresa C. Moody), Jordan G. Palamar, Ilene B. Riddle (*a/k/a* Ilene B. Epstein, Ilene B. Rifkin), Alan J. Rivin, Christian P. Rossetti and Aida Y. Velez (*a/k/a* Aida Y. Nieves) (Ruling numbers 23-08-09-04-A, 23-08-09-04-B, 23-08-09-04-C, 23-08-09-04-D, 23-08-09-04-E, 23-08-09-04-F, 23-08-09-04-G, 23-08-09-04-H, 23-08-09-04-I, 23-08-09-04-J, 23-08-09-04-K, 23-08-09-04-L, 23-08-09-04-M, 23-08-09-04-N, 23-08-09-04-O; transcript pages 19-21).

5. By a vote of 3-0, found that Steven M. Bonner, James E. Eagen, Joseph A. Lopresti, Vipin C. Pandya (*a/k/a* Vipinchandra C. Pandya), Tammy L. Powell (*a/k/a* Tammy L. Cross), Michael A. Stadnicki and Jonathan H. Yu, casino key employee licenses lapsed, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:41A-6.1 (f) of the regulations. (Ruling numbers 23-08-09-05-A, 23-08-09-05-B, 23-08-09-05-C, 23-08-09-05-D, 23-08-09-05-E, 23-08-09-05-F, 23-08-09-05-G; transcript pages 21-23).

6. By a vote of 3-0, suspended the credential held by Kyledia M. Macon and remanded this matter to a hearing (DKT 23-0048-RC) (Ruling number 23-08-09-06; transcript pages 23-27).

7. Considered the initial application of Debra Murdock, for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, approved the stipulation of settlement between the Division of Gaming Enforcement and Applicant; and granted the initial application of Debra Murdock, for a casino key employee license (DKT 23-0028-CK) (Ruling number 23-08-09-07; transcript pages 27-29).

8. Considered the initial application of Jessica DeStefano, for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, approved the stipulation of settlement between the Division of Gaming Enforcement and Applicant; and granted the initial application of Jessica DeStefano, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0041-CK) (Ruling number 23-08-09-08; transcript pages 30-32).

9. Considered the initial application of Christian Lorenzo, for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, approved the stipulation of settlement between the Division of Gaming Enforcement and Applicant; and granted the initial application of Christian Lorenzo, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0036-CK) (Ruling number 23-08-09-09; transcript pages 32-34).

10. By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial application of Jesus Soto, for a casino key employee license (DKT 23-0045-CK) (Ruling number 23-08-09-10; transcript pages 34-37).

11. Considered the initial application of Samantha Goldberg, for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, approved the stipulation of settlement between the Division of Gaming Enforcement and Applicant; and granted the initial application of Samantha Goldberg, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0037-CK) (Ruling number 23-08-09-11; transcript pages 37-39).

12. Considered the initial application of Eddy Abellard, for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, approved the stipulation of settlement between the Division of Gaming Enforcement and Applicant; and granted the initial application of Eddy Abellard, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0039-CK) (Ruling number 23-08-09-12; transcript pages 39-41).

13. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and issued a plenary casino key employee license to Michael Palermo; and found Michael Palermo qualified to serve as Vice President Player Development Operations for AC Ocean Walk LLC, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1, N.J.S.A. 5:12-89 and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6 (Ruling number 23-08-09-13; transcript pages 41-45).

14. Considered the Amended Petition of Boardwalk 1000, LLC and HR Atlantic City, LLC, and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, approved the amended petition and issued a temporary casino key employee license to Vincent Zahn; and permitted Vincent Zahn to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Chief Financial Officer for HR Atlantic City, LLC, Seminole HR Holdings, LLC, SHRE/SHRI, LLC and Seminole Hard Rock 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. Further, granted the petitioners' request to waive the residency requirement, as provided for in N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(b) 4 (PRN 1802304) (Ruling Number 23-08-09-14; transcript pages 45-50).

15. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and issued a plenary casino key employee license to James W. Tierney, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89a and N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b; and found James W. Tierney qualified to serve as Vice President of Strategic Performance for Boardwalk 1000, LLC, in accordance with 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. (Ruling number 23-08-09-15; transcript pages 50-54).

16. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and issued a plenary casino key employee license to George Goldhoff, with a multi casino endorsement, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-91.1; and found George Goldhoff qualified to serve as Property President for Boardwalk 1000, LLC and HR Atlantic City, LLC, in accordance with 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. (Ruling number 23-08-09-16; transcript pages 54-57).

17. Considered the Joint Petition of MGM Resorts International and Marina District Development Company, LLC, and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, approved the petition and issued a temporary casino key employee license to David Addleman, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b(4), (N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(e) and N.J.A.C. 19:41A-5.3; and permitted David Addleman, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President Regional Technology for MGM Resorts International, 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. Further, granted the petitioners' request to waive the residency requirement, as provided for in N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(b) 4 (PRN 1932303) (Ruling Number 23-08-09-17; transcript pages 57-62).

18. Considered the Joint Petition of Premier Entertainment AC, LLC and Bally's Corporation, and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and authorized Donald Westcott, III, on a temporary basis and prior to plenary qualification, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Senior Vice President, Global Chief Compliance Officer for Bally's Corporation, pending plenary qualification, subject to the conditions contained in N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1 and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7 of the Act (PRN 2022302) (Ruling number 23-08-09-18; transcript pages 62-67).

19. Considered the Joint Petition of Caesars Entertainment, Inc., Harrah's Atlantic City Operating Company, LLC, Boardwalk Regency, LLC, Tropicana Atlantic City Corp., and Caesars Interactive Entertainment New Jersey, LLC, and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and authorized Rajendran Anbalagan, on a temporary basis and prior to plenary qualification, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Chief Information and Product Transformation Officer for Caesars Entertainment, Inc., pending plenary qualification, subject to the conditions contained in N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1 and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7 of the Act (PRN 2092304) (Ruling number 23-08-09-19; transcript pages 67-71).

20. Adjourned I/M/O The funds held by the Department of Treasury for redemption of Playboy Chips (PRN 1912306) (transcript page 71).
21. Considered the application for suspension in State of New Jersey v. Michael Brown, and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, adjourned the application for suspension in State of New Jersey v. Michael Brown until the September 2023 Public Meeting (DKT 23-0051-RC) (transcript pages 71-92).

In accordance with Resolution No. 22-12-07-03, the next closed session of the Commission shall be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Offices (transcript pages 92-93).

There being no members of the public to address the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:14 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 9, 2023, are true and correct.


Dianna W. Fauntleroy, Esq.
Executive Secretary