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MINUTES - PUBLIC MEETING NO. 19-03-06  
March 6, 2019 - 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 Sharon Anne Harrington

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

1. By votes of 3-0, ratified the minutes of February 6, 2019 (transcript pages 10-11).
2. By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial applications of Edward G. Carlson, Paul S. Caywood, Rubayet H. Chowdhury, Carol A. Conroy, Sarah T. Donegan, Ming M. Flesch, Fidele Ishimwe, Khanthaly L. Johnson, Charlotte A. Kazantzoglou, Victor Nieves, Indalecsio Ortiz, Nikul H. Patel, Sonal S. Patel, Ashley Polo, Colin G. Watson and Joseph G. Yost for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-1\*; transcript pages 11-12);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Mario DeSantis for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1\*; transcript pages 12-13); and

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Tahja M. Martinez for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1\*; transcript pages 13-14).

3. By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted applications of Claudean V. Burke, Joseph Daigle, Shannon L. Daviso, Robert Deluce, Paul A. Ferro, Michael W. Hesser, Benjamin Koss, Glenn L. Novakoff, Kinnari J. Patel, Paul E. Russo, Shannon L. Snyder, Michael A. Stadnicki, Gilda A. Still, Phillip E. Terry, Joseph P. Ventura, Michael R. Weidlich, David B. Westervelt, Bernardette C. Wilson and Cheryl E. Yap for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-2\*; transcript pages 14-15).
4. Temporary casino key employee licenses and multi casino endorsements (MCE) were issued between February 1, 2019 and March 1, 2019, pursuant to Delegation of Authority Resolution Number 17-01-11-11-C to the following applicants: Elliot W. Adkisson Jr., Gloria D. Brown, Markita A. Carmichael, Rosemarie A. Cook (MCE), Michael S. Dash, Marco Diana, Ramon Duarte-Sena, Aziza Eastwood, Lance M. Weekes (Exhibit EL-3\*; transcript pages 15-16).
5. By a vote of 3-0, granted the requested relief and inactivated the casino key employee license held by Agostino M. Cipollini and Lorraine M. Hudgins (Ruling numbers 19-03-06-05-A, 19-03-06-05-B; transcript pages 16-18).
6. By a vote of 3-0, found that Kevin Benitez, Michael W. Campbell, Donald R. Clark, Frank J. Papandrea, Frank D. Speranze, Joseph E. Thomas, Jr., Steven Tirado and Jimmie D. Wooding casino key employee licenses lapsed, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:41A-6.1 (f) of the regulation (Ruling numbers 19-02-06-07-A; 19-02-06-07-B; 19-02-06-07-C; transcript pages 18-19).
7. The petition of AC Ocean Walk, LLC for the issuance of a temporary casino key employee license to Lori Loveland, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(e), and to permit her, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Executive Director HR, pending qualification, was withdrawn at the request of the petitioner (PRN 0291901) (transcript page 19).
8. By a vote of 3-0, approved the stipulation of settlement between the Division of Gaming Enforcement and Barry G. Larro; and granted the initial application of Mr. Larro, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with certain financial and reporting conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT-19-0001-CK) (Ruling number 19-03-06-08; transcript pages 19-21).

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

By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and issued an initial casino key employee license to Jason D. Rood, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(a) and N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(b); and found Mr. Rood qualified to serve as Vice President of Race & Sports for Marina District Development Company, LLC, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1 (c), N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1 (d ), and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6 (Ruling number 19-03-06-09; transcript pages 21-24).

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

By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and authorized Billy B. Rose, Jr., on a temporary basis and prior to his plenary qualification, to assume the duties and exercise the powers as Interim Chief Information Officer of MGM Resorts International, pending plenary qualification, subject to the conditions contained in N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1 (c ) and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7 of the Act (PRN 0561904) (Ruling number 19-03-06-10; transcript pages 24-27).

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

By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and authorized Keith Meister, on a temporary basis and prior to his plenary qualification, to assume the duties and exercise the powers as Outside Director of MGM Resorts International, pending plenary qualification, subject to the conditions contained in N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1 (c ), and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7 of the Act (PRN 0561903) (Ruling number 19-03-06-11; transcript pages 27-29).

12. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Donna M. Florin (*a/k/a Donna Lukowicz & Donna Graham*), qualified to serve as a Member of the Audit Committee of Boardwalk 1000, LLC and HR Atlantic City, LLC, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1 (c ), and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6 of the Act (PRN 0441902) (Ruling number 19-03-06-12; transcript pages 30-32).

13. Considered the petition of HR Atlantic City, LLC, Seminole HR Holdings, LLC, SHRE/SHRI, LLC, Seminole Hard Rock Entertainment, Inc., HR Atlantic City Investor, LLC and HR Atlantic City Lender, LLC and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, approved the petition and issued a plenary casino key employee license to John R. Eder, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(a) and N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(b); and found Mr. Eder qualified to serve as Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer for HR Atlantic City, LLC, Seminole HR Holdings, LLC, SHRE/SHRI, LLC, Seminole Hard Rock Entertainment, Inc., HR Atlantic City Investor, LLC and HR Atlantic City Lender, LLC, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1b; N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1c; N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b; N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6 and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7 (19-03-06-13; transcript pages 32-35).

14. Adjourned the consideration of the plenary qualification of Stephen W. Morro to serve as a Member of the Audit Committee and Compliance Committee of AC Beachfront, LLC (transcript page 35).

15. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Cory H. Morowitz, qualified to serve as a Member of the Audit Committee of AC Beachfront, 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) and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7 (Ruling number 19-03-06-15; transcript pages 35-37).

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

By a vote of 3-0, approved the petition and issued a plenary casino key employee license to Joyce L. Hall, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(a) and N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(b); and found Ms. Hall qualified to as Vice President of Information Technology of AC Ocean Walk, LLC, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1b; N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6 (19-03-06-16; transcript pages 38-44).

17. Considered the petition of AC Ocean Walk, LLC and issued the following rulings:

By a vote 3-0, found good cause, and grant the requested relief until July 21, 2019; and authorized Loretta M. Pickus, to continue to perform the duties and exercise the powers as Senior Vice President Legal and General Counsel for AC Ocean Walk, LLC, pending qualification and licensure, subject to the conditions in N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1c, N.J.S.A. 5:12-89a; N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b; and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6 (PRN 0591802) (Ruling number 19-03-06-17; transcript pages 40-44).

18. Considered the Joint petition of Eldorado Resorts, Inc., Tropicana Entertainment, Inc., and Tropicana Atlantic City Corp. for (i ) a declaratory ruling, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:40A-3.7 determining the licensing status of Tropicana Entertainment, Inc., to enter into an intracompany sublease with Tropicana Atlantic City Corp.; (ii ) approval of the intracompany sublease by and between Tropicana Entertainment, Inc., as Sub-Landlord and Tropicana Atlantic City Corp., as Sub-Tenant; and

(III) approval of an amendment to the Master Lease by and between GLP Capital, L.P., as Landlord and Tropicana Entertainment, Inc., as Tenant.

The Commission considered the petition, written submissions, and oral arguments presented, and issued the following rulings:

By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found that:

- a) Tropicana Entertainment, Inc. is required to hold a casino service industry enterprise license pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-82c, in connection with it serving as Sub-landlord in an intracompany sublease with Tropicana Atlantic City, Corp. as Sub-tenant;
- b) Approved the intracompany sublease by and between Tropicana Entertainment, Inc. as Sub-landlord and Tropicana Atlantic City Corp., as Sub-tenant; and
- c) Approved the "First Amendment" to the Master Lease by and between GLP Capital, L.P. as Landlord and Tropicana Entertainment, Inc., as Tenant

all subject to the extent set forth in the findings and rulings, and subject to the conditions provided in the resolution (PRN 0571901) (ruling number 19-03-06-18 transcript pages 47-53).

19. Alisa B. Cooper, Vice Chair, read into the record a Resolution of the Casino Control Commission acknowledging March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month, which was unanimously adopted. (Ruling Number 19-03-06-19; transcript pages 54-57).

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

By a vote of 3-0, approved the petition and issued a temporary casino key employee license to Mark Ludwick, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(e); and permitted him to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President Risk Management 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 0521901) (Ruling number 19-03-06-20; transcript pages 44-47).

In accordance with Resolution No. 18-12-05-03, the next closed session of the Commission shall be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Offices (transcript pages 57).

During the public participation portion of the meeting, Daniel Heneghan, Atlantic City Lighthouse Keeper (part-time), addressed the Commission regarding its continued support for Problem Gambling Awareness Month. (transcript pages 57-58).

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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

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 March 6, 2019, are true and correct.



Dianna W. Fauntleroy, Esq.  
Executive Secretary