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MINUTES - PUBLIC MEETING NO. 22-03-09
March 9, 2022 - 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 Order 103 (2020), the Casino Control Commission's meeting was held via remote technology. The public listened telephonically by calling the telephone number and access number provided on the Commission's website, and public comments were accepted via e-mail.

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

Chairman Plousis opened the meeting with a brief moment of silence for the Nation of Ukraine and the People of Ukraine (transcript page 8).

1. By votes of 3-0, ratified the minutes of February 9, 2022 (transcript page 18).

2. By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial applications of Jahera J. Ahmed, Robert J. Deluce, Milton E. Hendrix, Hetal G. Mistry, May Montemayor, Monica Panico, Jonathan D. Rincon and Charles Washington, Jr., for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 18-19);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Lottrane Gunter, for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript page 20);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Gerald R. Lake, for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript page 20);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Simon N. Mei, for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript page 20); and

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Gerard P. Mills, for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript page 20).

3. By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted applications of Susan M. Ciboldi, James Ford, Sr., Leonora E. Insinger, Khurram J. Khan, Normand J. Mullan, Stephen L. Robinson and Timothy J. Shortall, for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript pages 21-22);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the resubmitted application of Antonietta M. Ruch (*a/k/a* Antonietta M. Ruccitto) for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript page 22);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the resubmitted application of Eva L. Santiago for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript page 22); and

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmission application of Michael T. Salmon, for a casino key employee license; and waived the residency requirement, as provided for in *N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(b) 4*, through June 15, 2022. Further, the residency waiver may be extended by request of the applicant for good cause, and granted delegated authority to Chairman Plousis to make that determination (Exhibit EL-2*) (Ruling numbers 22-03-09-03-J; transcript pages 23-25).

4. Temporary casino key employee licenses were issued between February 1, 2022 and February 28, 2022, pursuant to Delegation of Authority Resolution Number 17-01-11-11-C to the following applicants: Christopher J. Deangelis, Melissa C. Dischert, Brian Fogler, Kevin J. Gil-Clara, Patrick A. Glose, Zhuan Al Mai and Girard J. Tell, 3rd (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 25-27).

5. By a vote of 3-0, granted the requested relief and inactivated the casino key employee license held by Bothaina Z. Deighan (*a/k/a* Bothaina Z. Abraham), Steven Fayne, Nadine Graca (*a/k/a* Nadine Vitrano), Alan J. Greenstein, Abdullah H. Jewayni, Charles E. Laird, Joseph Mastrolia, Michael Randazzo Patricia A. Richter (*a/k/a* Patricia A. Foley) and Francis V. Fitzpatrick, 3rd (Ruling numbers 22-03-09-05-A, 22-03-09-05-B, 22-03-09-05-C, 22-03-09-05-D, 22-03-09-05-E, 22-03-09-05-F, 22-03-09-05-G, 22-03-09-05-H, 22-03-09-05-I, 22-03-09-05-J; transcript pages 27-28).

6. By a vote of 3-0, found that Nicholas P. Albano, Sean P. Callahan, James C. Esher and Maryann Matos (*a/k/a* Maryann Shah, Maryann Temple, Maryann Sherban), casino key employee licenses lapsed, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:41A-6.1 (f) of the regulations. (Ruling numbers 22-03-09-06-A, 22-03-09-06-B, 22-03-09-06-C, 22-03-09-06-D; transcript pages 28-30).

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

By a vote of 3-0, found Jakia Bright, disqualified, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-80 (b), N.J.S.A. 5:12-80 (d), N.J.S.A. 5:12-89 (b)(1) and N.J.S.A. 5:12-89 (b)(2); and denied her initial application for a casino key employee license (DKT-15-0013-CK) (Ruling number 22-03-09-07; transcript pages 30-33).

8. Considered the initial application of Noah A. West, 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 Noah A. West; and granted the initial application of Mr. West, for a casino key employee license (DKT 21-0001-CK) (Ruling number 22-03-09-08; transcript pages 33-34).

9. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and issued a plenary casino key employee license to John Koster, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b; and found Mr. Koster qualified to serve as Regional President – Eastern Region of Caesars Entertainment Inc., in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1, N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b, N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6 and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7 (22-03-09-09; transcript pages 34-40).

10. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Tilak Mandadi, plenary qualified to serve as Chief Strategy, Innovation & Technology Officer of MGM Resorts International, 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 22-03-09-10; transcript pages 40-42).

11. Considered the petition of 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 Richard J. Berninger, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b(4), N.J.S.A. 5:12-89e and N.J.A.C. 19:41A-5.3; and permitted him to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President Human Resources for Marina District Development Company, 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 0542201) (22-03-09-11; transcript pages 42-46).

12. Adjourned the Petition of Golden Nugget Atlantic City, LLC, requesting the qualification of Fertitta Entertainment Finance Co., Inc. as a Financial Backer, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1 and for various other rulings in connection therewith (PRN 0402202) (transcript page 46).

13. Chairman Plousis read into the record a Resolution of the Casino Control Commission acknowledging March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month, which was unanimously adopted. The Commission also recognized Felicia Grondin, Executive Director of the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey and Hotline 1-800-GAMBLER; MaryJo Flaherty, Assistant Attorney General, New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement; and Joe Lupo, President of the New Jersey Casino Association (Ruling Number 22-03-09-13; transcript pages 10-17, 46, 55).

14. Considered the application for suspension in State v. Lamont Bradford and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, adjourned this matter to the April 13, 2022 Public Meeting (DKT 22-011-CK) (transcript pages 46-53).

In accordance with Resolution No. 21-12-08-03, the next closed session of the Commission shall be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Offices (transcript page 53).

During the public participation portion of the meeting, David L. Rebeck, Director, New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement, on behalf of himself and the Division, acknowledged the passing of Paul M. O’Gara, and offered his deepest condolences to his family (transcript pages 53-55).

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 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 9, 2022, are true and correct.



Dianna W. Fauntleroy, Esq.
Executive Secretary