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MINUTES - PUBLIC MEETING NO. 23-07-12
July 12, 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:

1. By a vote of 3-0, ratified the minutes of June 7, 2023 (transcript pages 10-11).
2. By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial applications of Christopher M. Drew, Assem I. Elsebaey (*a/k/a* Assem I. El-Sebaey), Thomas G. Fries, Michael H. Halvorsenv, Alejandro Leon, Domenick J. Mariano, 3rd, Donysha K. Miller and Shawna L. Thompson (*a/k/a* Shawna L. Rogers), for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 11-13);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial application of Michael J. Callaghan, for casino key employee license, with a multi-casino endorsement (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript page 13-14);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Eduardo J. Alvarado-Flores, for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 14-16);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Leah G. Calabrese, for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 14-16);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Tiana M. Harrington (*a/k/a* Tiana M. Batson), for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 14-16);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Jesus Soto (*a/k/a* Jesus Soto-Palomino), for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 14-16); and

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Lateetah N. Prescott (*a/k/a* Lateetah N. Prescott), for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 14-16).

3. By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Jason M. Lyons and for qualification as Customer Development Vice President for Marina District Development Company (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 16-17); and

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Christopher M. Rynkiewicz and for qualification as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Marina District Development Company (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 17-19).

4. Temporary casino key employee licenses and/or multi casino endorsements (MCE) were issued between June 1, 2023 and June 30, 2023, pursuant to Delegation of Authority Resolution Number 17-01-11-11-C to the following applicants: Kelly J. Agudelo-Velasquez, Saiful X. Bari (MCE), Cheryl A. DeVecco, Victoria L. King, Jill M. Morton (*a/k/a* Jill M. Costabile), Shah M. Rasifzaman, Teresa Schwartz, Tanajah T. Smith, Shiah G. Stowe and Sherice A. Valentine (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 19-21).

5. By a vote of 3-0, granted the requested relief and inactivated the casino key employee licenses held by Kevin A. Akeret, Stephen A. Breyer, Michael J. Cammarasana, Bruce A. Holcombe, Richard B. Middlesworth, Gregory J. Pocaroba, Carol A. Reyes (*a/k/a* Carol A. Nagiewicz), Anthony Roldan, Christian Roman and Steven Vanaman (Ruling numbers 23-07-12-05-A, 23-07-12-05-B, 23-07-12-05-C, 23-07-12-05-D, 23-07-12-05-E, 23-07-12-05-F, 23-07-12-05-G, 23-07-12-05-H, 23-07-12-05-I, 23-07-12-05-J; transcript pages 21-23).

6. By a vote of 3-0, found that Davida S. Fisher (*a/k/a Davida S. Hatch*), Herbert S. Gee, 3rd, Ernest W. Glidden, William J. Masland and Thomas Miraglia, casino key employee licenses lapsed, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:41A-6.1 (f) of the regulations. (Ruling numbers 23-07-12-06-A, 23-07-12-06-B, 23-07-12-06-C, 23-07-12-06-D, 23-07-12-06-E; transcript pages 23-25).

7. Considered the initial application of Cesar Torres, 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 Cesar Torres, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0024-CK) (Ruling number 23-07-12-07; transcript pages 25-27).

8. Considered the initial application of Bryan McKinnis, 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 Bryan McKinnis, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0029-CK) (Ruling number 23-07-12-08; transcript pages 27-30).

9. Considered the initial application of James Wallace, Jr., 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 James Wallace, Jr., for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0031-CK) (Ruling number 23-07-12-09; transcript pages 30-32).

10. Considered the initial application of Alfredo Chao, 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 Alfredo Chao, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0032-CK) (Ruling number 23-07-12-10; transcript pages 32-34).

11. Considered the initial application of Bryan Coane, 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 Bryan Coane, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0034-CK) (Ruling number 23-07-12-11; transcript pages 34-36).

12. Considered the initial application of James A. Garth, 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 James A. Garth, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0038-CK) (Ruling number 23-07-12-12; transcript pages 37-39).

13. Considered the resubmission application of Kevin Mason, 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 resubmission application of Kevin Mason, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0019-CR) (Ruling number 23-07-12-13; transcript pages 39-41).

14. Considered the initial application of Jeffrey Blackwell, 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 Jeffrey Blackwell, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0033-CK) (Ruling number 23-07-12-14; transcript pages 41-44).

15. Considered the initial application of Antonio Jorge 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 Antonio Jorge, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0035-CK) (Ruling number 23-07-12-15; transcript pages 44-46).

16. Considered the Division of Gaming Enforcement motion and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, granted the requested relief and Ordered that the initial application of Michael Dawkins for a casino key employee license, be transferred back to the Division of Gaming Enforcement, in order to fully complete the investigation (DKT 22-0042-CK) (Ruling number 23-07-12-16; transcript pages 46-49).

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

By a vote of 3-0, approved the petition and issued a temporary casino key employee license to Cheryl Francese, 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 Cheryl Francese, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President of Finance for Caesars Interactive Entertainment New Jersey, 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. Further, granted the petitioners' request to waive the residency requirement, as provided for in N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(b) 4 (PRN 1582301) (Ruling Number 23-07-12-17; transcript pages 49-54).

18. Considered the petition of Boardwalk 1000, LLC, and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, approved the petition and issued a temporary casino key employee license to Lynn Tran, 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 Lynn Tran, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President Asian Marketing for Boardwalk 1000, 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 1652301) (Ruling Number 23-07-12-18; transcript pages 58-60).

19. Adjourned the Joint Petition of Boardwalk 1000, LLC and HR Atlantic City, LLC, requesting permission for Vincent Zahn to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Chief Financial Officer, pending plenary qualification to the August 9, 2023 Public Meeting (PRN 1802304) (transcript page 60).

20. Considered the Joint Petition of Caesars Entertainment, Inc., Harrah 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 Nicole Solaita, on a temporary basis and prior to plenary qualification, to assume the Caesars Entertainment, Inc., subject to the conditions contained in N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1c and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7 of the Act (PRN 1812303) (Ruling number 23-07-12-20; transcript pages 54-58).

21. Chairman Plousis, on behalf of the Commission, acknowledged the passing of the Honorable James R. Hurley, the Former Member and Chairman of the New Jersey Casino Control Commission. Chairman Plousis read into the record a Resolution of the Casino Control Commission Honoring the Memory of the Honorable James R. Hurley, which was unanimously adopted (Ruling Number 23-07-12-21; transcript pages 61-65).

In accordance with Resolution No. 22-12-07-03, the next closed session of the Commission shall be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Offices (transcript page 65).

There being no members of the public to address the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:17 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 July 12, 2023, are true and correct.



Dianna W. Fauntleroy, Esq.
Executive Secretary