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MINUTES - PUBLIC MEETING NO. 24-02-14
February 14, 2024 - 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:

1. By a vote of 3-0, ratified the minutes of January 17, 2024 (transcript pages 11-12).
2. By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial applications of Geno J. Cantell, Kenneth K. Cheung, Anup Chowdhury, Franco L. Decandia, Scott A. Duncan, Alfredo A. Filice, Jr., Ashley B. Gibson, Sanjib Karki, Renata Shulevich (*a/k/a* Renata Fishman) and Lesley A. Wright (*a/k/a* Lesley A. Wilkens), for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 12-13); and

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Oneisha T. Noble (*a/k/a* Oneisha T. Noble), for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript page 13-14).

3. By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted applications of Mark R. Bangis, Dawn M. Celli (*a/k/a* Dawn M. Argentiero), Michelle R. Coleman-Robinson (*a/k/a* Michele R. Alston, Michele R. Butler), Rosemarie A. Cook (*a/k/a* Rosemarie A. Moschella, Rosemarie A. Lynn), Brian P. Flesch, Jane L. Goble (*a/k/a* Jane L. Boore), John M. Hlifka, Lynette A. Holcomb, Bruce D. Johnson, Pawel M. Ledwold, Antonio Maldonado, Christopher M. Matuson, Melissa Melchionne (*a/k/a* Melissa Guzman), Octavio Mendez (*a/k/a* Octavio Mendez-Gutierrez), Felipe A. Mitchell, Divakar Nethagani (*a/k/a* Divakar Nimma), Tisha T. Roberts, Adrianna M. Samuels (*a/k/a* Adrianna M. Cuccinello), John A. Scalera, Gerald Schafer and, for casino key employee licenses. (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript pages 14-16);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Angela Caprio and for qualification as Vice President Casino Marketing for DGMB Casino, LLC (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 16-18); and

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Mary Tindall (*a/k/a* Mary O'Mara) and for qualification as Vice President Marketing for DGMB Casino, LLC (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 18-19).

4. Temporary casino key employee licenses and multi casino endorsements (MCE) were issued between January 1, 2024 and January 31, 2024, pursuant to Delegation of Authority Resolution Number 22-01-12-11-B to the following applicants: Lamar D. Brown (MCE), Joseph V. Casale, Renae Jones (*a/k/a* Renae Howard), Nicholas J. Kowalski, Thomas M. Lilly (MCE), Kertisha X. Marcus (*a/k/a* Tisha Abdullah), Flor S. Palomino, Martin R. Salway (MCE) and Felicia Scott (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 19-22).
5. By a vote of 3-0, granted the requested relief and inactivated the casino key employee licenses held by Florika B. Chowdhury (*a/k/a* Florika B. Patel), William H. Clark, III, Christine M. Critelli (*a/k/a* Christine M. Tartaglio, Christine M. Dougherty), James A. Dunn, John W. Fox, Jr., Danh P. Nguyen, Dianne S. Simpson, Gunther L. Taberne and David P. Vatthanavong (*a/k/a* Pasith Vatthanavong) (Ruling numbers 24-02-14-05-A, 24-02-14-05-B, 24-02-14-05-C, 24-02-14-05-D, 24-02-14-05-E, 24-02-14-05-F, 24-02-14-05-G, 24-02-14-05-H, 24-02-14-05-I; transcript pages 22-23).
6. By a vote of 3-0, found that Michelle Y. DeMarino (*a/k/a* Michelle Y. DiFlavis, Michelle Y. Perlstein), Christie A. Fabiano (*a/k/a* Christine A. Fabiano), Steven J. Felice, Mitchell A.

Freedman, Eric R. Kaulback, Anthony M. Limone, Joseph Paccapaniccia, Hal Tendler, Mary E. Titus (*a/k/a* Mary E. McAdams), Joanne Zoda (*a/k/a* Joanne Mercurio) and Harry Klaiss, Jr., casino key employee licenses lapsed, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:41A-6.1 (f) of the regulations. (Ruling numbers 24-02-14-06-A, 24-02-14-06-B, 24-02-14-06-C, 24-02-14-06-E, 24-02-14-06-F, 24-02-14-06-G, 24-02-14-06-H, 24-02-14-06-I, 24-02-14-06-J, 24-02-14-06-K; transcript pages 24-26).

7. Considered the initial application of Timothy McCray, 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 Timothy McCray, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0078-SI) (Ruling number 24-02-14-07; transcript pages 26-28).

8. Considered the initial application of Sherice Valentine, 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 Sherice Valentine, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0073-SI) (Ruling number 24-02-14-08; transcript pages 28-30).

9. Considered the initial application of Shiah Stowe, 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 Shiah Stowe, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0075-SI) (Ruling number 24-02-14-09; transcript pages 31-33).

10. Considered the initial application of Bryce D. Martin for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, found Bryce D. Martin, disqualified, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-80(b), N.J.S.A. 5:12-80(d), N.J.S.A. 5:12-86, N.J.S.A. 5:12-89; and denied Bryce D. Martin initial application for a casino key employee license (DKT 23-0055-CK) (Ruling number 24-02-14-10; transcript pages 33-36).

11. Considered the initial application of Ta’Najah Smith, 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 Ta’Najah Smith, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0074-SI) (Ruling number 24-02-14-11; transcript pages 36-38).

12. Considered the initial application of Jason Ballard, 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 Jason Ballard, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0077-SI) (Ruling number 24-02-14-12; transcript pages 38-41).

13. Considered the initial application of Anthony Desessa, 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 Anthony Desessa, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0072-SI) (Ruling number 24-02-14-13; transcript pages 41-43).

14. Considered the initial application of Ryan Wares, 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 Ryan Wares, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0076-SI) (Ruling number 24-02-14-14; transcript pages 43-46).

15. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Nicole L. Solaita, plenary qualified to serve as Senior Vice President and Chief Audit Executive for Caesars Entertainment, Inc., in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1 and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7 (Ruling number 24-02-14-15; transcript pages 76-80).

16. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and issued a plenary casino key employee license to Cheryl Francese, with a waiver of the residency requirement, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b; and found Cheryl Francese plenary qualified to serve as Vice President of Finance for Caesars Interactive Entertainment New Jersey, 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 24-02-14-16; transcript pages 80-83).
17. Considered the Joint Petition of Caesars Entertainment, Inc., Boardwalk Regency, LLC, Harrah's Atlantic City Operating company, LLC and Tropicana Atlantic City Corp. requesting approval to dissolve the Trust Account, terminate the Trust Agreement and discharge the Trustee.

The Commission heard presentation of the applicant and the testimony of John Farmer, Jr., Trustee and John Koster, Regional President of Caesars Entertainment, Inc.

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

By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and granted the relief requested in the petition, and

- a) approved the dissolution of the Trust Account and authorized the release of all residual interest in the Trust Account to Caesars Entertainment, Inc;
- b) approved the termination of the Trust Agreement dated July 20, 2020, between Caesars Entertainment, Inc., and Caesars Resort Collection, LLC, with John J. Farmer, Jr., as Trustee; and
- c) discharged the Trustee, John J. Farmer, Jr.

all subject to the extent set forth, as well as the conditions provided for, in the Resolution (PRN 0112402) (ruling number 24-02-14-17; transcript pages 46-76).

In accordance with Resolution No. 23-12-06-03, the next closed session of the Commission shall be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Offices (transcript page 83).

During the public participation portion of the meeting, Franklin D. Johnson, Traveler and former resident of New York, addressed the Commission (transcript pages 84-86).

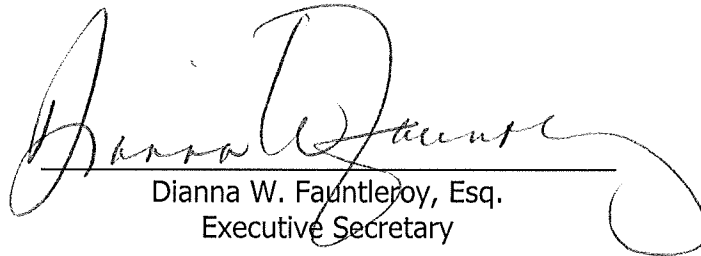
The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

*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 February 14, 2024, are true and correct.



Dianna W. Fauntleroy, Esq.
Executive Secretary