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LINDA M. KASSEKERT
Chair

Linda M. Kassekert was appointed Chair of the New Jersey Casino Control Commission in November 2002 and reappointed by Governor Corzine to a second five-year term in June 2007. Her tenure on the Commission has coincided with significant changes in Atlantic City and the gaming industry.

Consistent with the tone established by her predecessors, Chair Kassekert is committed to ensuring the integrity of the industry while promoting growth and development of the gaming industry and its venues for entertainment and is equally committed to ensuring Atlantic City's competitive edge in the face of growing competition.

Under her leadership, Atlantic City's first new property in 13 years, the Borgata, opened in 2003; the Quarter at Tropicana, a themed retail and entertainment complex opened in 2004; the House of Blues at Showboat, a multi-level music hall, restaurant, and themed casino opened in 2005. Chair Kassekert has also presided over the opening of a new hotel tower at Resorts; the expansion of the beach bar concept around the city; the sale of the Atlantic City Hilton to Colony Capital; the acquisition of Caesar's Entertainment by Harrah's Entertainment; and the reorganization of Trump Entertainment.

Chair Kassekert serves as the Commission's representative on the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority and holds a board membership on Cooper Hospital Health Systems. Chair Kassekert was the first woman to be named chair of the Commission.

Prior to joining the Commission, Chair Kassekert was the Associate Director of Government Relations for the New Jersey Education Association and also had 12 years of experience in various positions in state and county government. While at the NJEA, Chair Kassekert served as a lobbyist for the 179,000-member labor union which represents active and retired teachers and other professionals in the education community in the state.

Chair Kassekert spent a year as an Assistant County Counsel in Camden County in 1994 and 1995. In that position she represented the county in the state courts in litigation dealing with employment law, contracts and other governmental matters. She also represented the county on a variety of matters before bodies such as the State Merit System Board, the Office of Administrative Law and the State Public Employees Relations Commission. Between 1990 and 1994, Chair Kassekert was the Deputy Commissioner in the New Jersey Department of Personnel in Trenton and served for a period as Acting Commissioner.

Chair Kassekert holds a bachelor of science degree in political science from Gettysburg College, a masters degree in public policy from Rutgers University and a law degree from Widener University School of Law. She is admitted to practice law in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

A native of Maple Shade, she currently lives in Pennsauken.



MICHAEL C. EPPS
Vice Chair

Commissioner Michael C. Epps was appointed to the Casino Control Commission by Acting Governor Donald DiFrancesco and was sworn into office on January 4, 2002. In December 2006, Gov. Jon S. Corzine reappointed Commissioner Epps to a second five-year term. In 2005 Commissioner Epps served as Vice Chair of the Commission. The Commissioners elected him to serve again as Vice Chair in 2009. His current term expires in 2011.

Prior to his appointment, Commissioner Epps served as general counsel for the Atlantic City Board of Education. In that capacity, he was responsible for drafting and reviewing contracts, bids and proposals for the school board and for handling litigation in the Superior Court, Office of Administrative Law and before the Commissioner of Education. In addition, his responsibilities included ensuring that the board complied with all relevant state statutes. Prior to joining the Board of Education, Commissioner Epps was an associate with the law firms of Horn, Goldberg, Gorney, Plackter, Weiss & Perskie in Atlantic City and the Absecon firm of Savio, Reynolds & Drake.

The first Atlantic City native to serve on the commission, Commissioner Epps, a graduate of Atlantic City High School, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism from the University of Maryland in 1988. He graduated from the Howard University School of Law in 1994 and was admitted to the New Jersey Bar that same year. He is also admitted to the bar in Pennsylvania.

Commissioner Epps is a member of the American, New Jersey and Atlantic County Bar Associations. He serves as a Commissioner on the Atlantic County Utilities Authority, sits on the Advisory Board of the First Tee of Greater Atlantic City, and serves as the Commission's representative on the board of the Atlantic City Special Improvement District. He is also a member of the Vincent S. Haneman American Inns of Court, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and legal fraternity Sigma Delta Tau. He currently resides in Galloway Township with his wife and daughter.



WILLIAM T. SOMMELING
Commissioner

Commissioner William Sommeling was appointed to the Casino Control Commission by Governor Christine Todd Whitman in November, 2000. He served as vice chair during 2004. He was reappointed by Gov. Richard Codey in 2005 and currently serves as vice chair. His term expires in 2010.

Prior to joining the commission, he served as Undersheriff in Ocean County for 11 years and has more than 35 years of experience in law enforcement. As Undersheriff, Commissioner Sommeling was responsible for much of the day-to-day management and operation of the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Sommeling started his career in public service when he went to work for the city of Seaside Heights in 1955. He served in the Police Department there as patrolman, investigator, undercover agent and sergeant until 1967 when he moved to the larger Dover Township Police Department. He also rose to the rank of sergeant there after serving as a patrolman, detective, and investigator. He also was the department's planning officer and project director for several programs that were funded through state and federal grants. In both municipalities, he did extensive undercover work on narcotics cases. He was also assigned to the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office and served as the Deputy Director of the Ocean County Narcotics Bureau where he was in charge of all of its field operations.

After leaving the police department in 1981, Commissioner Sommeling held several positions in casino surveillance departments in Atlantic City. He was a surveillance shift supervisor and monitor room manager at the Claridge Casino Hotel in 1981-1982. He then joined the Tropicana Hotel Casino as assistant director of surveillance and was promoted to director of surveillance in 1984. He remained with Tropicana until 1989 when he was appointed Undersheriff in Ocean County.

Active in politics for years, Commissioner Sommeling was the president and chairman of the board of trustees of the Toms River Regular Republican Organization. He also has served as a member of the Dover Township Committee, chairman of the Dover Township Board of Adjustment and the Dover Township Municipal Utilities Authority and was a member of the Ocean County Utilities Authority and chaired its Administration Committee.

Commissioner Sommeling graduated from Trenton State College with a degree in criminal justice and received a masters in administration from Rider University. He also received an associates degree from Ocean County College, a certificate in Police Science and Administration from Temple University and completed post graduate courses at Cornell University and the University of Virginia. He also received professional training at the New Jersey State Police Academy, the FBI National Academy and the National Sheriff's Institute and attended numerous other courses offered by state and national law enforcement agencies. He also served in both the New Jersey National Guard and the United States Marine Corps Reserves. Commissioner Sommeling is or has been active in a number of professional and civic organizations, including: International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Sheriff's Association, United States Marine Corps League, New Jersey State PBA, Police Superior Officer's Association, American Society of Industrial Security, FBI National Academy Association, Lambda Alpha Epsilon, Toms River Yacht Club, Emerald Society of New Jersey and Ducks Unlimited.



MICHAEL A. FEDORKO
Commissioner

Gov. Christine Todd Whitman nominated Michael Arthur Fedorko to the Casino Control Commission upon his retirement from the State Police on November 1, 1999. He was approved by the New Jersey Senate and sworn in on November 17, 1999. In May 2004, Commissioner Fedorko was re-nominated for another five year term with the Casino Control Commission by Governor James E. McGreevey. He was confirmed by the New Jersey Senate in June 2004. His term expires in 2009.

In 1966, before joining the State Police Commissioner Fedorko enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was wounded in action at Khe Sanh, Republic of Viet Nam on March 24, 1967. He is featured in the book "Above and Beyond" about Marines who have had noteworthy civilian careers.

He joined the New Jersey State Police as a member of the 77th State Police class on February 7, 1969. In October 1993, he was assigned to the State Police Academy as Commandant. In December 1995, he was transferred to the Division Staff Section as section supervisor and was subsequently promoted to major. He was transferred to the Administration Section as section supervisor in November 1996 and assumed the position of chief administrative officer for the Division of State Police. In May 1997, he was assigned to the position of executive officer and was subsequently promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. His climb through the ranks led to his appointment to the position of deputy superintendent. Gov. Whitman appointed him to the position of Acting Superintendent on February 28, 1999.

He has served on numerous boards, commissions and organizations including: IACP State & Provincial Division; New Jersey State Police Advisory Board; NJSP Training Committee; NJSP Search and Seizure Training Committee; DARE NJ, Board of Directors; N.J. Police Training Commission, Office of the Attorney General; N.J. Police Academy Directors Association; and the State Police & Provincial Academy Directors. He also served as a Research Center associate for the Kennedy Schools Program in Criminal Justice for Policy and Management at Harvard University; and on the Advisory Panel to the Criminal Justice Department of Brookdale College. Additionally, he was hearing officer for State Police court martial cases; served on the Promotional Board for the Connecticut State Police for promotion of captains and the N.Y. State Police Inspection Bureau. He assisted with the evaluation of the NYSP Executive Protection Group as well as the N.Y. State House security. He also served on the New Jersey Attorney General's ad hoc Committee for State Police Helicopter acquisitions and was a member of the Multi-Agency Committee of Executive Protection and Physical Security of the 1986 Statue of Liberty Centennial Ceremony. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation, the McGuire Memorial Foundation, the New Jersey Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, the Atlantic City Regional Mainland Chamber of Commerce, the First Tee of Greater Atlantic City, and the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority. On May 5, 2006, Commissioner Fedorko was appointed to be the New Jersey Liaison to the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

Commissioner Fedorko was born in Lakeland, Florida but has lived in the Trenton area all but one year of his life. He was educated in Trenton area schools. He completed his undergraduate studies at Trenton State College, earning a B.S. in Criminal Justice. He earned a Masters in Governmental Administration from the University of Pennsylvania. He also attended the Management Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University