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MINUTES - PUBLIC MEETING NO. 18-05-09
May 9, 2018 - 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. Plouisis

PRESENT: Vice Chair Sharon Anne Harrington and Commissioner Alisa B. Cooper

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:

Chairman Plouisis, on behalf of the Commission, congratulated Tony DiFlorio, a retiring employee, for his 38 years of dedicated service to the Commission (transcript pages 201-202)

1. By a vote of 3-0, ratified the minutes of April 11, 2018 public meeting (transcript pages 17-18).
2. By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial of applications Liz E. Quinones and Tiffany R. Spearance for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 18-19).

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Joseph A. Lopresti for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 19-20).

3. By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted applications of Michael Decarlo, Steven J. Ebner, Harry Flores, Phyllis J. Guerra, Charles R. Helder, Jr., Patricia L. Hollie, Grant R. Lindle, David E. Manning, Gerald J. McGowan, Patricia M. O'Brien, Melissa Ortiz, Michael E. Rinehart, Christopher J. Shea and Manuela S. Zingarelli for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript pages 20-21); and

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the resubmitted application of John Leach, Jr. for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 21-22).

4. By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Domenic R. Palmiere and for qualification as Vice President of Marketing for Tropicana Atlantic City Corp. (transcript pages 22-23);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Mark J. Sachais and for qualification as Vice President of Hotel Operations for DGMB; and Resorts Casino, LLC (transcript pages 23-24); and

Adjourned the resubmitted casino key employee license application and qualification of Alan J. Greenstein (transcript page 22).

5. Temporary casino key employee licenses were issued between April 9, 2018 and May 7, 2018, pursuant to Delegation of Authority Resolution Number 17-01-11-11-C to the following applicants: Dennis C. Dereglia, Wayne A Kitashima, Charles Otto, Christine T. Slick and Jonathan H. Yu (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 24-25).

6. By a vote of 3-0, granted the requested relief and inactivated the casino key employee licenses held by Mark S. Berardi, John D. Durney, Jr., Laurie A. Hale, Matthew P. Hosford, Kevin S. Hunt, Eric J. Matejevich, Richard W. Ostrander, Noemi Pagan, Maggie Rohe-Miller, Allison Sica, Suzzanne M. Sylvia, Kevin L. Walls and Dinel V. White (Ruling numbers 18-05-09-06-A, 18-05-09-06-B, 18-05-09-06-C, 18-05-09-06-D, 18-05-09-06-E, 18-05-09-06-F, 18-05-09-06-G, 18-05-09-06-H, 18-05-09-06-I, 18-05-09-06-J, 18-05-09-06-K, 18-05-09-06-L, 18-05-09-06-M; transcript pages 25-26).

7. By a vote of 3-0, found that Joseph D. Bowen, Jr., Richard J. Byrne, Carlos Solorzano, Michael Vitale and Bathsheba Z. Zareno's casino key employee licenses lapsed, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:41A-6.1 (f) of the regulation. (Ruling numbers 18-04-11-07-A; 18-04-11-07-B; 18-04-11-07-C, 18-05-09-07-D, 18-05-09-07-E; transcript pages 26-28).

8. Considered the initial application of La-Quai McKinnis for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, found La-Quai McKinnis, 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 (b), N.J.S.A. 5:12-89 (b); and denied his initial application for a casino key employee license (DKT 18-0003-CK) (Ruling number 18-05-09-08; transcript pages 28-29).

9. By a vote of 3-0, approved the stipulation of settlement between the Division of Gaming Enforcement and Svapnil S. Desai; and granted the initial application of Mr. Desai, for a casino key employee license (DKT 14-0004-CK) (Ruling number 18-05-09-09; transcript pages 30-31).

10. By a vote of 3-0, approved the stipulation of settlement between the Division of Gaming Enforcement and Rockelle D. Grant; and granted the initial application of Ms. Grant, for a casino key employee license (DKT 14-0006-CK) (Ruling number 18-05-09-10; transcript pages 31-33).

11. By a vote of 3-0 suspended the credential held by Carmen Martinez and remanded this matter to a hearing (DKT 18-0009-RC) (ruling numbers 18-05-09-11; transcript pages 33, 202-227).

12. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Matthew J. Ferko, qualified to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors and Audit Committee of Caesars Entertainment Corporation, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1c, N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1d, 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 18-05-09-12; transcript pages 33-36).

13. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Melvin Gomez, qualified to serve as Vice President Hotel Operations of Bally's Park Place, Inc. and Boardwalk Regency Corporation, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1c, N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1d, 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 18-05-09-13; transcript pages 36-38).

14. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Scott L. Howitt, qualified to serve as the Senior Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer of MGM Resorts International, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1c, N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1d, 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 18-05-09-14; transcript pages 38-41).

15. Considered the petition of HR Atlantic City, LLC and Boardwalk 1000, LLC, applicants for a casino license, for the issuance of temporary casino key employee licenses and for permission for the following individuals to assume the duties and exercise the powers of their respective positions, pending qualification:

By a vote of 3-0, issued a temporary casino key employee license to Calvin Abercrombie, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(e), with a multi casino endorsement, pursuant to N.J.A.C 19:41A 5.4; and permitted him to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President of Security, pending plenary qualification; subject to the conditions contained in N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1c; and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6 (transcript pages 47-48).

By a vote of 3-0, authorized Grace Chow, on a temporary basis and prior to her plenary qualification, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President of Food and Beverage, 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-2.6 of the Act (transcript pages 48-49).

By a vote of 3-0, authorized Bernard Dillon, on a temporary basis and prior to his plenary qualification, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President of Purchasing and Retail, 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-2.6 of the Act (transcript page 49).

By a vote of 3-0, authorized Robert Lee, on a temporary basis and prior to his plenary qualification, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President of Community Relations and Government Affairs, 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-2.6 of the Act (transcript pages 49-50).

By a vote of 3-0, authorized Todd Moyer, on a temporary basis and prior to his plenary qualification, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Senior Vice President of Marketing, 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-2.6 of the Act (transcript pages 50).

By a vote of 3-0, issued a temporary casino key employee license to David Polizzi, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(e), with a multi casino endorsement, pursuant to N.J.A.C 19:41A 5.4; and permitted him to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President of Slots, pending plenary qualification; subject to the conditions contained in N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1c; and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6 (transcript pages 50-51).

(PRN 1011805) (These votes are incorporated in ruling number 18-05-09-17; transcript pages 45-51)

16. Considered the qualification of the following Individuals in connection with the petition of HR Atlantic City, LLC and Boardwalk 1000, LLC for the issuance of Casino Licenses (PRN 1011805):

By a vote of 3-0, found James F. Allen, qualified as a key qualifier having previously been found qualified, remained qualified to serve as Chief Executive Officer of Seminole HR Holdings, LLC, SHRE/SHRI, LLC, HR Atlantic City Lender, LLC, HR Atlantic City Investor, LLC, Seminole Hard Rock Entertainment, Inc., HR Atlantic City, LLC, Boardwalk 1000, LLC; President of Seminole HR Holdings, LLC; Member of the Board of Managers of Seminole HR Holdings, LLC, SHRE/SHRI, LLC, HR Atlantic City Investor, LLC, Seminole Hard Rock Entertainment, Inc., Hard Rock TriState AC, LLC and HR Atlantic City, LLC; and Manager of Boardwalk 1000, LLC. The Commission also granted the petitioners' request to waive the residency requirement, as provided for in N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b-4 (transcript pages 58);

By a vote of 3-0, found Robert Allen, qualified to serve as Vice President of Finance for Boardwalk 1000, LLC (transcript pages 58-59);

By a vote of 3-0, found Diane Dixon, qualified to serve as Vice President of Purchasing and Retail for Boardwalk 1000, LLC (transcript pages 59-60);

By a vote of 3-0, found Frank E. DiCola, Jr., qualified to serve as Managing Member and President of JJSAC, LLC (transcript pages 60-61);

By a vote of 3-0, found Robert J. Ellis, III, qualified, to serve as Vice President of Human Resources; and Equal Employment Opportunity Officer for Boardwalk 1000, LLC, with multi casino endorsement (transcript pages 61);

By a vote of 3-0, found Robert L. Gips, qualified as a key qualifier, having previously been found qualified, remained qualified to serve as Member of the Board of Managers of Seminole HR Holdings, LLC, SHRE/SHRI, LLC, HR Atlantic City Lender, LLC, HR Atlantic City Investor, LLC, Seminole Hard Rock Entertainment, Inc., HR Atlantic City, LLC; Member of the Audit Committee and Member of the Compliance Committee for HR Atlantic City, LLC; and Boardwalk 1000, LLC (transcript pages 61-62);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the casino key employee license application of Thomas J. Gispanski and for qualification as Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Seminole HR Holding, LLC, SHRE/SHRI, LLC, HR Atlantic City Lender, LLC, HR Atlantic City Investor, LLC, Seminole Hard Rock Entertainment, Inc.; and HR Atlantic City, LLC. The Commission also granted the petitioners' request to waive the residency requirement, as provided for in N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b-4 (transcript pages 62-63);

By a vote of 3-0, found Carla A. Gopher, qualified as a key qualifier, having previously been found qualified, remained qualified to serve as Member of the Board of Managers of Seminole HR Holdings, LLC, SHRE/SHRI, LLC, HR Atlantic City Lender, LLC, HR Atlantic City Investor, LLC, Seminole Hard Rock Entertainment, Inc., and HR Atlantic City, LLC (transcript pages 63-64);

By a vote of 3-0, found Matthew A. Harkness, qualified to serve as President and General Manager for Boardwalk 1000, LLC (transcript pages 64-65);

By a vote of 3-0, found Henry W. Hornbostel, qualified to serve as Member of the Board of Managers of Seminole HR Holdings, LLC; SHRE/SHRI, LLC, HR Atlantic City Lender, LLC; HR Atlantic City Investor, LLC, Seminole Hard Rock Entertainment, Inc. and HR Atlantic City, LLC; Audit Committee Member of HR Atlantic City, LLC and Boardwalk 1000, LLC; and Compliance Committee Member of Boardwalk 1000, LLC (transcript pages 65);

By a vote of 3-0, found Michael D. Jingoli, qualified to serve Board Managers of Hard Rock Tristate AC, LLC; Managing Member and Chief Financial Officer of JJSAC, LLC; and Managing Member of TriState Partners, LLC (transcript pages 65-66);

By a vote of 3-0, found Joseph R. Jingoli, Jr., qualified to serve as Managing Member and Chief Executive Officer of JJSAC, LLC; and Managing Member of TriState Partners, LLC (transcript pages 66-67);

By a vote of 3-0, found Paul Juliano, qualified to serve as Vice President of Hotel Operations for Boardwalk 1000, LLC (transcript pages 67-68);

By a vote of 3-0, found Alexander P. Johns, qualified to serve as Member of the Board of Managers of Seminole HR Holdings, LLC, SHRE/SHRI, LLC; HR Atlantic City Lender, LLC, HR Atlantic City Investor, LLC, Seminole Hard Rock Entertainment, Inc.; and HR Atlantic City, LLC (transcript page 68);

By a vote of 3-0, found Donald Kneisel, II, qualified, to serve as Vice President of IT for Boardwalk 1000, LLC, with multi casino endorsement (transcript pages 68-69);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the casino key employee license application of Jon S. Lucas and for qualification as Chief Operating Officer of HR Atlantic City Investor, LLC; and HR Atlantic City, LLC; Board of Manager of Hard Rock Tristate AC, LLC; and Chief Compliance Officer of HR Atlantic City, LLC. The Commission also granted the petitioners' request to waive the residency requirement, as provided for in N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b-4 (transcript pages 69-70);

By a vote of 3-0, found Jack Morris, qualified to serve as Board of Managers of Tristate AC, LLC; Managing Member of JMACI, LLC and TriState Partners, LLC; and Manager of Boardwalk 1000, LLC (transcript pages 70-71);

By a vote of 3-0, found Agnes Billie-Motlow, qualified as a key qualifier, having previously been found qualified, remained qualified to serve Member of the Board of Managers of Seminole HR Holdings, LLC; SHRE/SHRI, LLC; HR Atlantic City Lender, LLC; HR Atlantic City Investor, LLC; Seminole Hard Rock Entertainment, Inc.; HR Atlantic City, LLC; and Compliance Committee Member of HR Atlantic City, LLC (transcript pages 71-72);

By a vote of 3-0, found Michael D. Rumbloz, qualified as a key qualifier, having previously been found qualified, remained qualified to serve as Member of the Board of Managers of Seminole HR Holdings, LLC, SHRE/SHRI, LLC, HR Atlantic City Lender, LLC, HR Atlantic City Investor, LLC, Seminole Hard Rock Entertainment, Inc., and HR Atlantic City, LLC; and Audit Committee Member and Compliance Committee Member of HR Atlantic City, LLC and Boardwalk 1000, LLC (transcript page 72);

By a vote of 3-0, found Michael Sampson, qualified to serve Vice President of Player Development for Boardwalk 1000, LLC (transcript pages 73);

By a vote of 3-0, found Jim Shore, qualified as a key qualifier, having previously been found qualified, remained qualified to serve as Member of the Board of Managers of Seminole HR Holdings, LLC, SHRE/SHRI, LLC, HR Atlantic City Lender, LLC, HR Atlantic City Investor, LLC, Seminole Hard Rock Entertainment, Inc., Hard Rock Tristate AC, LLC, and HR Atlantic City, LLC; and Compliance Committee Member of HR Atlantic City, LLC (transcript pages 73-75);

By a vote of 3-0, found Joseph Watson, qualified to serve as Senior Vice President of National Marketing for Boardwalk 1000, LLC (transcript pages 75);

By a vote of 3-0, found Connie Whidden, qualified as a key qualifier, having previously been found qualified, remained qualified to serve as Member of the Board of Managers of Seminole HR Holdings, LLC, SHRE/SHRI, LLC, HR Atlantic City Lender, LLC, HR Atlantic City Investor, LLC, Seminole Hard Rock Entertainment, Inc., and HR Atlantic City, LLC; and Compliance Committee Member of HR Atlantic City, LLC (transcript pages 75-76);

(PRN 1011805) (These votes are incorporated in ruling number 18-05-09-17; transcript pages 51-76)

17. Considered the petition of HR Atlantic City, LLC and Boardwalk 1000, LLC for the issuance of Casino Licenses and for various rulings in connection therewith (PRN 1011805):

The Commission received into evidence exhibits D-1 to D-7 from the Division of Gaming Enforcement and exhibits P-1 to P-30 from the Applicant.

By a vote of 3-0, approved the applicants sealing request and redacted portions of exhibits D-1, D-2, D-3 and D-4.

The Commission heard presentations of the applicant and the testimony of James F. Allen, Chief Executive Officer of Boardwalk 1000; and Chief Executive Officer of HR Atlantic City; and Matthew Harkness, President and General Manager of Boardwalk 1000.

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

By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and issued a casino license to HR Atlantic City, LLC and Boardwalk 1000, LLC, based upon the findings and rulings and subject to the conditions specified in the resolution (ruling number 18-05-09-17; transcript pages 77-202).

18. Considered the petition of Golden Nugget Atlantic City, LLC and Fertitta Entertainment, Inc., and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, approved the petition as stated on the record and issued a temporary casino key employee license to Donna F. Ward, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(e); and permitted her to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President of Sales of Golden Nugget Atlantic City, LLC, pending plenary qualification; subject to the conditions contained in N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1c; N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b(1); N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b(2); N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7 (c) and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7 (d) (PRN 1231801) (Ruling number 18-05-09-18; transcript pages 41-45).

19. Vice Chair Harrington read into the record a Resolution of the Casino Control Commission acknowledging the American Legion as CO-Sponsor of the Veteran's Casino Career Fair hosted by the Commission on April 19, 2018. The Commission also recognized Robert Looby, Veterans Affairs Coordinator, Community Programs Division (ruling number 18-05-09-19; transcript pages 12-17)

In accordance with Resolution No. 17-12-19-03, the next closed session of the Commission shall be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Offices (transcript pages 226).

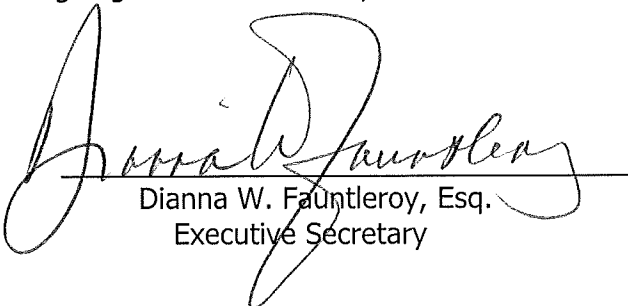
There being no members of the public to address the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

*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 May 9, 2018, are true and correct.



Dianna W. Fauntleroy, Esq.
Executive Secretary