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MINUTES - PUBLIC MEETING NO. 23-06-07 June 7, 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 May 17, 2023 (transcript page 10).
- 2. By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial application of *Victoria H. Larcombe* (a/k/a Victoria H. Holladay), for a casino key employee license (Exhibit EL-1\*; transcript pages 10-11);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Eddy Abellard, for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1\*; transcript pages 12-13); and

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Jessica T. DeStefano (a/k/a) Jessica T. Tran), for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1\*; transcript pages 12-13).

3. By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted applications of Mohammad S. Chowdhury, Kathleen Devlin (a/k/a Kathleen Connor), Kevin A. McShane, Steven A. Pacentrilli, Vipul R. Pandya, Richard S. Polizzi, Michael R. Rodriguez, Brenda Shafman (a/k/a Brenda Gonzales), John E. Vitale and Paul L. Wilson, for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-2\*; transcript pages 13-15); and

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmission application of David Powell, for casino key employee license, with a multi-casino endorsement (Exhibit EL-2\*; transcript page 15-16).

- 4. Temporary casino key employee licenses and/or multi casino endorsements (MCE) were issued between May 1, 2023 and May 31, 2023, pursuant to Delegation of Authority Resolution Number 17-01-11-11-C to the following applicants: Warren M. Bader, Craig A. Burke, Avonna R. Chapman, Dominick G. Ciro, Angela L. Dase, Ari Juarez, Donald C. Krinic, Kyledia M. Macon and Jorge H. Torres (a/k/a Jorge H. Torres-Pagan) (MCE) (Exhibit EL-3\*; transcript pages 16-18).
- 5. By a vote of 3-0, granted the requested relief and inactivated the casino key employee licenses held by Richard A. Gibson, Jr., Imran Khan, Martin J. Majcher, 3rd, Laurette Pitts (aka Laurette Esposito), Liz E. Quinones (a/k/a Liz E. Povolny,\_Liz E. Quinones-Rosas) and Shannon L. Snyder (Ruling numbers 23-05-17-05-A, 23-06-07-05-B, 23-06-07-05-C, 23-06-07-05-D, 23-06-07-05-E, 23-06-07-05-F; transcript pages 18-20).
- 6. By a vote of 3-0, found that Ruth N. Felty (a/k/a Ruth N. Garcia), Thomas J. Gispanski, Melwyn J. Gomez, Matthew A. Harkness, Khurram J. Khan and Tiffany R. Spearance, casino key employee licenses lapsed, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:41A-6.1 (f) of the regulations. (Ruling numbers 23-06-07-06-A, 23-06-07-06-B, 23-06-07-06-C, 23-06-07-06-E, 23-06-07-06-F; transcript pages 20-22).
- 7. Considered the initial application of Michael Theiss, 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 Michael Theiss, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0022-CK) (Ruling number 23-06-07-07; transcript pages 22-24).

8. Considered the petition of Jose Maldonado and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, grant the requested relief and Ordered that the initial application of Jose Maldonado for a casino key employee license be withdrawn. Jose Maldonado is prohibited from applying for or holding a casino key employee license for a period of five years from the date of the Order. Further, Jose Maldonado is subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the Order (DKT 23-0027-OT) (Ruling number 23-06-07-08; transcript pages 24-27).

9. Considered the initial application of Tasshi Thomas, 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 Tasshi Thomas, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0026-CK) (Ruling number 23-06-07-09; transcript pages 27-29).

10. Considered the initial application of Cynthia Knox, 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 Cynthia Knox, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0025-CK) (Ruling number 23-06-07-10; transcript pages 29-31).

11. Considered the resubmission application of Mark Capetola, 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 Mark Capetola, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0014-CR) (Ruling number 23-06-07-11; transcript pages 31-33).

12. Considered the resubmission application of Jeremy S. Edwards 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 Jeremy S. Edwards, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0016-CR) (Ruling number 23-06-07-12; transcript pages 33-35).

13. 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 John Gunnels, III, 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 John Gunnels, III, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President Player Development 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 1422301) (Ruling Number 23-06-07-13; transcript pages 36-38).

- 14. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and issued a plenary casino key employee license to Shawn A. Bailey, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-89b; and found Shawn A. Bailey qualified to serve as Senior Vice President and Chief financial Officer for Caesars Interactive Entertainment New Jersey, LLC, in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-85.1, and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 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 (23-06-07-14; transcript pages 38-45).
- 15. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and issued a plenary casino key employee license to Trent M. Striplin, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-89; and found Trent M. Striplin qualified to serve as Vice President Payments and Fraud for Caesars Interactive Entertainment New Jersey, LLC, in accordance with *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 (23-06-07-15; transcript pages 45-51).
- 16. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and issued a plenary casino key employee license to Matthew Sunderland, without the need to establish residency; and found Matthew Sunderland qualified to serve as Senior Vice President iGaming for Caesars Entertainment, Inc., in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-85.1, *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-89, and *N.J.A.C.* 13:69C-2.7 (23-06-07-16; transcript pages 51-56).
- 17. Considered the joint petition of Premier Entertainment AC, LLC and Bally's Corporation, and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and authorized Marcus Glover, on a temporary basis and prior to plenary qualification, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Bally's Corporation, 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), and *N.J.A.C.* 13:69C-2.7 of the Act (PRN 1422303) (Ruling number 23-06-07-17; transcript pages 56-60).

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In accordance with Resolution No. 22-12-07-03, the next closed session of the Commission shall be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Offices (transcript page 60).

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 June 7, 2023, are true and correct.

Dianna W. Fauntleroy, Esq. Executive Secretary