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MINUTES - PUBLIC MEETING NO. 23-10-25
October 25, 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. Plouisis

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 September 13, 2023 (transcript pages 11-12).
2. By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial applications of Olumuyiwa Akintolu, John Caposello, Jr., Avonna Chapman, Dominick G. Ciro, Stephen A. Collazo, Angela L. Dase, Jonathan E. Julian, Michael R. Lomazzo, Margaret M. Nagle (*a/k/a* Margaret

M. Bergan), Guy Ohn, Marisol Romero-Norwood (*a/k/a* Marisol Romero, Marisol Gonzalez) and Dominick A. Yacovelli, II (*a/k/a* Dominick A. Yacovelli, 2nd), for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 12-13);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Kenyetta N. Fenton, for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 13-14); and

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Samira Mouhayar, for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 13-14).

3. By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted applications of Darlene Y. Abbruscato (*a/k/a* Darlene Y. Miller), Steven T. Carday, Garry S. Dieudonne, Rhonda Y. Dubose, Joseph Gianfelice, Michael J. Griggs, Ramona Hamill (*a/k/a* Ramona DiFilippo), Nancy L. Hughes, Tammy M. Interlante (*a/k/a* Tammy M. Bergeron), Robert C. Jachetti, Mark A. Lemma, Valerie R. Maffia (*a/k/a* Valerie R. Berger), Joseph J. Mangiaracina, Lauradeen R. Martin, Ryan M. Metcalf, Natasha J. North, Laura L. Palazzo, Johathan Rios, John P. Roskoph, Richard M. Saccoccia, Evonya D. Simmons, Albert R. Staffieri, Jr., Marjorie L. Tomasic (*a/k/a* Marjorie L. Duncan), Darren J. Tomlinson and Denelle M. Washington (*a/k/a* Denelle M. Bordonaro, Denelle M. Bordonaron), for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript pages 15-17);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Daniel M. McFadden and for qualification as Vice President of Finance for Ocean Walk, LLC (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 17-18); and

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Michael K. Sampson and for qualification as General Manager for HR Atlantic City, LLC and Boardwalk 1000, LLC (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 17-18).

4. Temporary casino key employee licenses were issued between September 1, 2023 and September 30, 2023, pursuant to Delegation of Authority Resolution Number 17-01-11-11-C to the following applicants: Juan Alvarado, Jr., Stephen A. Collazo, and Michael J. Santangelo, Jr. (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 20-21).
5. By a vote of 3-0, granted the requested relief and inactivated the casino key employee licenses held by Charles F. Berdinis, Vincent J. Bombara, Thomas P. Burke, Dean D. Caratola, Rajubhai A. Patel and Joann Sullivan (*a/k/a* Joanne Sullivan, Joanne Worton, Joanne Shea) (Ruling numbers 23-10-25-05-A, 23-10-25-05-B, 23-10-25-05-C, 23-10-25-05-D, 23-10-25-05-E, 23-10-25-05-F; transcript pages 21-23).
6. By a vote of 3-0, found that Anita S. Branca (*a/k/a* Anita S. Dase), Jordan D. Deifik, Excelman A. Francis, Jeffrey E. Hartmann, Christopher D. Rippy, Donald G. Rogalski,

Federico B. Silie-Reyes, Francis X. Sweeney and Bernardette C. Wilson (*a/k/a* Bernardette C. Adams), casino key employee licenses lapsed, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:41A-6.1 (f) of the regulations. (Ruling numbers 23-10-25-06-A, 23-10-25-06-B, 23-10-25-06-C, 23-10-25-06-D, 23-10-25-06-E, 23-10-25-06-F, 23-10-25-06-G, 23-10-25-06-H, 23-10-25-06-I; transcript pages 23-25).

7. Considered the initial application of Leah Calabrese, 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 Leah Calabrese, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0043-CK) (Ruling number 23-10-25-07; transcript pages 25-27).

8. Considered the initial application of Steven Marazita, 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 Steven Marazita, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0049-CK) (Ruling number 23-10-25-08; transcript pages 27-30).

9. Considered the initial application of Darren Guarino, 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 Darren Guarino, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 23-0047-CK) (Ruling number 23-10-25-09; transcript pages 30-32).

10. Considered the petition of Celina Juarez and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, grant the requested relief and Ordered that the initial application of Celina Juarez for a casino key employee license be withdrawn. Celina Juarez is prohibited from applying for or holding a casino key employee license for a period of one year from the date of the Order. (DKT 23-0057-OT) (Ruling number 23-10-25-10; transcript pages 32-34).

11. Considered the petition of Thomas Marta and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, grant the requested relief and Ordered that the initial application of Thomas Marta for a casino key employee license be withdrawn. Thomas Marta is prohibited from applying for or holding a casino key employee license for a period of one year from the date of the Order. (DKT 23-0058-OT) (Ruling number 23-10-25-11; transcript pages 34-37).

12. Considered the petition of Darmaris Rodriquez and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, grant the requested relief and Ordered that the initial application of Darmaris Rodriquez for a casino key employee license be withdrawn. Darmaris Rodriquez is prohibited from applying for or holding a casino key employee license for a period of one year from the date of the Order. (DKT 23-0059-OT) (Ruling number 23-10-25-12; transcript pages 37-39).

13. Considered the petition of Tropicana Atlantic City Corp., and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, approved the petition and issued a temporary casino key employee license to Patrick E. Sterr, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89e; and permitted Patrick E. Sterr to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Director of Food and Beverage for Tropicana Atlantic City Corp.; 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 2712304) (Ruling number 23-10-25-13; transcript pages 39-43).

14. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and issued a plenary casino key employee license to Peter A. Brattander, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b; and found Peter A. Brattander qualified to serve as Vice President, Food and Beverage for Boardwalk 1000, LLC, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1 and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6 (23-10-25-14; transcript pages 51-54).

15. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Richard J. Carretta, plenary qualified to serve as a Member of the Audit and Compliance Committees for AC Ocean Walk, 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 23-10-25-15; transcript pages 54-57).

16. Considered the joint petition of Marina District Development Company, LLC and MGM Resorts International, and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and authorized Steven Zanella, on a temporary basis and prior to plenary qualification, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of President of Operations for MGM Resorts International, pending plenary qualification, subject to the conditions contained in N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7(c) and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7(d) (PRN 2852301) (Ruling number 23-10-25-16; transcript pages 60-63).

17. Considered the petition of AC Ocean Walk, LLC, and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and authorized Patricia M. DiFlorio, on a temporary basis and prior to plenary qualification, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of a Member of the Audit and Compliance Committees for AC Ocean Walk, LLC, pending plenary qualification, subject to the conditions contained in N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6 and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7(d) of the Act (PRN 2902302) (Ruling number 23-10-25-17; transcript pages 57-60).

18. 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 Roman Rubas, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89e; and permitted Roman Rubas to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Director of I-Gaming Compliance 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. (PRN 2902303) (Ruling number 23-10-25-18; transcript pages 43-47).

19. Considered the joint petition of Harrah's Atlantic City Operating Company, LLC, Boardwalk Regency, LLC and Tropicana Atlantic City Corp., and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, approved the joint petition and issued a temporary casino key employee license to Nicholas Capriotti, 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, with a multi casino endorsement, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-91.1; and permitted Nicholas Capriotti to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President Finance, Regional for Harrah's Atlantic City Operating Company, LLC, Boardwalk Regency, LLC, and Tropicana Atlantic City Corp, 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 2902304) (Ruling number 23-10-25-19; transcript pages 47-51).

In accordance with Resolution No. 22-12-07-03, the next closed session of the Commission shall be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Offices (transcript page 63).

During the public participation portion of the meeting, Franklin Johnson, Traveler and former resident of New York, addressed the Commission.


The meeting adjourned at 11:24 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 October 25, 2023, are true and correct.



Dianna W. Fauntleroy, Esq.
Executive Secretary