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MINUTES - PUBLIC MEETING NO. 19-06-11
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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 Sharon Anne Harrington

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:

1. By a vote of 3-0, ratified the minutes of May 8, 2019 Public Meeting (transcript pages 11-12).
2. By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial applications of Mark E. Bistyga, David S. Breslin, Anthony C. Buchanico, III, Alexis A. Gonzalez, Rosemarie A. Howard, Michael Krol, Patrick B. Porada, James S. Towe and Jacob D. Witmer, for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript pages 12-13);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial applications of Michael T. Kurasz and Kathaleen L. Wilkins, for casino key employee licenses with multi-casino endorsements (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript page 13-14);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial applications of Robert W. Beckley, Jr., Georgina J. D'Alessandro, Brandy L. Dunne, David R. Edwards, Jesse R. Goldich, Mark S. Nelson and Andre M. Weston, for casino key employee licenses to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 14-15); and

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Lan Lin for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Ruling number 19-06-11-10; transcript pages 12; 25-31).

3. By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted applications of Tricia L. Menz and Michael Moreno for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript pages 15-16).
4. Temporary casino key employee licenses were issued between May 6, 2019 and June 7, 2019, pursuant to Delegation of Authority Resolution Number 17-01-11-11-C to the following applicants: Naomi D. Barnes, Brittany C. Cartagena, Nicholas B. Devins, Gerald Lee, Shanique R. Moore, Gavin M. Powell, Angelica M. Troche, Jonathan P. Yankovich and Charlotte M. Zappile (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 16-17).
5. By a vote of 3-0, granted the requested relief and inactivated the casino key employee license held by Michelle L. Campanelli, Marie E. Campbell, Nicholas V. Carollo, Victor J. Collucci, Nilsa Gonzalez-Zhechev, Steven C. Pruden and Joseph L. Tortoreto (Ruling numbers 19-06-11-05-A, 19-06-11-05-B, 19-06-11-05-C, 19-06-11-05-D, 19-06-11-05-E, 19-06-11-05-F, 19-06-11-05-G; transcript pages 17-18).
6. By a vote of 3-0, found that Ronald E. Auer, Judy Banning, Robert L. Boughner, Joseph J. Garber, Felix Kogan, Luis N. Lozano, Ricky S. Mazer, Nicole E. McTague, Jacqueline T. Morrison and John J. Wolf casino key employee licenses lapsed, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:41A-6.1 (f) of the regulations' (Ruling numbers 19-06-11-06-A; 19-06-11-06-B; 19-06-11-06-C, 19-06-11-06-D, 19-06-11-06-E, 19-06-11-06-F, 19-06-11-06-G, 19-06-11-06-H, 19-06-11-06-I, 19-06-11-06-J; transcript pages 18-20).
7. By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial application of Tahja M. Purnell Martinez (*a/k/a* Tahja Quince), for a casino key employee license (DKT 19-0011-CK) (Ruling number 19-06-11-07; transcript pages 20-21).
8. By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial application of Luz M. Santos, for a casino key employee license (DKT 19-0006-CK) (Ruling number 19-06-11-08; transcript pages 22-23).
9. By a vote of 3-0, approved the stipulation of settlement between the Division of Gaming Enforcement and Edward Weeks; and granted the initial application of

Mr. Weeks, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with certain financial and reporting conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 19-0014-CK) (Ruling number 19-06-11-09; transcript pages 23-25).

10. Considered the Complaint in State v. Lan Lin and issued the following rulings:

By a vote of 3-0, Adjourned the Division of Gaming Enforcement application to suspend Lan Lin casino key employee license to the July 10, 2019 Public Meeting; and remanded this matter to a hearing. Further, approved the sealing request and sealed exhibits B and C of the Complaint in State v. Lan Lin (DKT 19-0022-RC) (Ruling numbers 19-06-11-10; transcript pages 25-31)

11. Considered the joint petition of Caesars Entertainment Corporation, Caesars Entertainment Operating Company, LLC, Caesars Resorts Collection, LLC, Harrah's Atlantic City Operating Company, LLC, Bally's Park Place, LLC, Boardwalk Regency, LLC and Caesars Interactive Entertainment New Jersey, LLC and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and authorized Michelle L. Bushore, on a temporary basis and prior to his plenary qualification, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of of Acting General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer for Caesars Entertainment Corporation, 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-2.7 of the Act (PRN 1351901) (Ruling number 19-06-11-11; transcript pages 31-35).

12. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Denise M. Clark, qualified to serve as Director and Member of the Audit Committee for Caesars Entertainments Corporation, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1c; N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1d; N.J.S.A. 5:12-89a; N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b; and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7 (Ruling number 19-06-11-12; transcript pages 35-37).

13. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and issued a plenary casino key employee license to Shawn D. Young, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(a) and N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(b); and found Mr. Young qualified to serve as Director of Information Technology of Tropicana Atlantic City Corp., in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1b; and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6 (19-06-11-13; transcript pages 37-40).

14. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and issued a resubmitted casino key employee license to Loretta M Pickus, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(a) and N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(b); and found Ms. Pickus qualified to serve as Senior Vice President Legal and General Counsel for AC Ocean Walk, LLC, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1c; and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6 (19-03-06-14; transcript pages 40-43).

15. Considered the petition of Marina District Development Company, LLC and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, approved the petition and issued a temporary casino key employee license to Jeffrey M. Shrader, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(e) and N.J.A.C. 19:41A-5.3(d); and permitted him to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President, Legal Counsel and Assistant Secretary for Marina District Development Company, LLC, pending plenary qualification, , subject to the conditions contained in N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1; N.J.S.A. 5:12-89; and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6. Further, granted the petitioners' request to temporarily waive the residency requirement, as provided for in N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(b) 4 (PRN 1481906) (19-06-11-15; transcript pages 43-46).

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 Atif Rafiq, on a temporary basis and prior to his plenary qualification, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of President Commercial & Growth for MGM Resorts International, pending plenary qualification, subject to the conditions contained in N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1c; N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7(c); and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7(d) of the Act (PRN 1491903) (Ruling number 19-06-11-16; transcript pages 46-49).

17. 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 Theodore Whiting, on a temporary basis and prior to his plenary qualification, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President Corporate Surveillance for MGM Resorts International, 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) of the Act (PRN 1481907) (Ruling number 19-06-11-17; transcript pages 49-51).

18. Adjourned the Joint petition of Golden Nugget Atlantic City, LLC and Fertitta Entertainment, Inc., for the issuance of a temporary casino key employee license to Timothy J Reeves, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(e) and to permit him to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President of Casino and Hotel Technologies, pending plenary qualification (PRN 1501901) transcript page 51).

19. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and issued an initial casino key employee license to William F. MacDonald, Jr., pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(a) and N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(b); and found Mr. MacDonald qualified to serve as Vice President of Hotel Operations for Boardwalk 1000, LLC, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1b; N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b; and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6 (19-06-11-19; transcript page 51-54).

20. Considered the qualification of the following Individuals in connection with the plenary qualification of Eldorado Resorts, Inc. as Parent Holding Company of casino licensee Tropicana Atlantic City Corp (PRN 1351803):

By a vote of 3-0, found Bonnie S. Biumi, qualified to serve as a Member of the Audit Committee for Eldorado Resorts, Inc. (transcript pages 55-56);

By a vote of 3-0, found Peter H. Broughton, qualified to serve as Senior Vice President of Information Technology for Eldorado Resorts, Inc. (transcript page 56);

By a vote of 3-0, found Anthony L. Carano, qualified to serve as President, Chief Operating Officer, and a Member of the Compliance Committee for Eldorado Resorts, Inc. (transcript pages 56-57);

By a vote of 3-0, found Gary L. Carano, qualified to serve as Executive Chairman of the Board for Eldorado Resorts, Inc. (transcript pages 57-58);

By a vote of 3-0, found Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., qualified, to serve as Director and Member of the Compliance Committee for Eldorado Resorts, Inc. (transcript pages 58-59);

By a vote of 3-0, found Matthew John J. Frankovich A. Harkness, qualified to serve as Independent Trustee of Carano Family Trusts (transcript pages 59-60);

By a vote of 3-0, found James B. Hawkins, qualified to serve as Director and Member of the Audit Committee for Eldorado Resorts, Inc. (transcript page 60);

By a vote of 3-0, found Jeffrey P. Hendricks, qualified to serve as Vice President of Compliance and Compliance Officer for Eldorado Resorts, Inc. (transcript pages 60-61);

By a vote of 3-0, found Alvin J. Hicks, qualified to serve as Chairman of the Compliance Committee for Eldorado Resorts, Inc. (transcript pages 61-62);

By a vote of 3-0, found Gregory J. Kozicz, qualified to serve as Director for Eldorado Resorts, Inc. (transcript pages 62-63);

By a vote of 3-0, found Stephanie D. Lepori, qualified to serve as Chief Administrative Officer for Eldorado Resorts, Inc. (transcript page 63);

By a vote of 3-0, found Michael E. Pegram, qualified to serve as Director and Member of the Audit Committee for Eldorado Resorts, Inc. (transcript page 64);

By a vote of 3-0, found Edmund L. Quatmann, Jr., qualified to serve as Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer and Secretary for Eldorado Resorts, Inc.; and granted the casino key employee license application of Mr. Quatmann as Secretary for Tropicana Atlantic City Corp (transcript pages 64-65);

By a vote of 3-0, found Thomas R. Reeg, qualified to serve as Chief Executive Officer for Eldorado Resorts, Inc. (transcript pages 65-66);

By a vote of 3-0, found David P. Tomick, qualified, to serve as Director and Chairman of the Audit Committee for Eldorado Resorts, Inc. (transcript pages 66-67);

By a vote of 3-0, found Roger P. Wagner, qualified to serve as Director for Eldorado Resorts, Inc. (transcript pages 67-68);

(PRN 1351803) (These votes are incorporated in ruling number 19-06-11-21; transcript pages 54-68)

21. Considered the plenary qualification of Eldorado Resorts, Inc. as Parent Holding Company of casino licensee Tropicana Atlantic City Corp (PRN 1351803):

The Commission received into evidence exhibits D-1 from the Division of Gaming Enforcement; and exhibit A-1 from the Applicant.

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

The Commission heard presentations of the applicant and the testimony of Thomas R. Reeg, Chief Executive Officer of Eldorado Resorts, Inc.; Anthony Carano, Chief Operating Officer of Eldorado Resorts, Inc.; and Stephen Callender, Senior Vice President of Regional Operations of Eldorado Resorts, Inc.

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

By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Eldorado Resorts, Inc., and its Entity and Individual Qualifiers, plenary qualified, as the new parent holding company of casino licensee, Tropicana Atlantic City Corp, based upon the findings and rulings and subject to the conditions specified therein (ruling number 19-06-11-21; transcript pages 54-149).

In accordance with Resolution No. 18-12-05-03, the next closed session of the Commission shall be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Offices (transcript page 150).

There being no members of the public to address the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:57 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 June 11, 2019, are true and correct.



Dianna W. Fauntleroy, Esq.
Executive Secretary