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CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION TENNESSEE AVENUE AND BOARDWALK Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401

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ALISA BETH COOPER JOYCE MOLLINEAUX Commissioners

MINUTES - PUBLIC MEETING NO. 23-01-11 January 11, 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 Order 103 (2020), the Casino Control Commission's meeting was held 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:

The Commission recognized Ralph Hunter, Founder and President of the African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey. Mr. Hunter's accomplishments were featured in a dedicated section of the Commission's 2021 Annual Report, entitled, Spotlight on Atlantic City. This section of the annual report features a nonprofit group that works diligently to approve Atlantic City for the benefit of the residents and visitors. The Chairman and Commissioners thanked and commended Mr. Hunter for his hard work and commitment to the ongoing operation of the African American Heritage Museum. The Museum is located at the Noyes Art Garage of Stockton University in Atlantic City, NJ. (annex) and Newtonville, NJ (main site) (transcript pages 10-13).

- 1. By a vote of 3-0, ratified the minutes of December 7, 2022 (transcript page 14).
- 2. By a vote of 3-0, Alisa Beth Cooper was elected Vice Chair of the Commission until the Reorganization Meeting in January 2024 (ruling number 23-01-11-02; transcript pages 14-15).
- 3. By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial applications of Vincent E. Carlisle, Robert V. Cavotto, Christopher D. Crane, James W. Goodwin, Christina Perez (a/k/a Christina Perez-Rios), Noah C. Siciensky and Lydia E. Waters (a/k/a Lydia E. Rios), for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-1\*; transcript pages 15-16);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Ina Boateng-Gyimah, for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1\*; transcript pages 16-17).

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Arnold D. DeMarco, for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1\*; transcript pages 16-17).

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Thomas J. Fulmer, for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1\*; transcript pages 16-17); and

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Nicholas S. Pera, for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1\*; transcript pages 16-17).

4. By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Bessie A.Sacco (a/k/a Bessie A.Varsalona) and for qualification as Operations Vice President and Chief Counsel, Regional for Caesars Entertainment, Inc. (Exhibit EL-3\*; transcript pages 17-19); and

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Joseph C. Watson and for qualification as Senior Vice President of National Marketing for Boardwalk 1000, LLC (Exhibit EL-3\*; transcript pages 19-20).

5. Temporary casino key employee licenses were issued between December 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022, pursuant to Delegation of Authority Resolution Number 17-01-11-11-C to the following applicants: Eduardo J. Alvarado-Flores, Leah G. Calabrese, Jessica T. DeStefano (a/k/a Jessica T. Tran), Tiana M. Harrington, Frederick W. Hoffman, Victoria H. Larcombe, Kevin Mason (nunc pro tunc) and Shawna L. Thompson (a/k/a Shawna L. Rogers) (Exhibit EL-3\*; transcript pages 20-22).

- 6. By a vote of 3-0, granted the requested relief and inactivated the casino key employee license held by Jocelyn A. Allison (a/k/a Jocelyn Mari Agnellini), Leonard R. Dolson, Jr., Debora S. Evans (a/k/a Debora S. Doe), Mark J. Evans and Kathleen M. McSweeney (a/k/a Kathleen M. Kuhn) (Ruling numbers 23-01-11-06-A, 23-01-11-06-B, 23-01-11-06-C, 23-01-11-06-D, 23-01-11-06-E; transcript pages 22-23).
- 7. By a vote of 3-0, found that Paul A. Ferro and Ishrat Jahan, casino key employee licenses lapsed, pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 19:41A-6.1 (f) of the regulations. (Ruling numbers 23-01-11-07-A, 23-01-11-07-B; transcript pages 23-25).
- 8. Considered the initial application of Marjorie Najera, 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 Marjorie Najera, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DTK 22-0040-CK) (Ruling number 23-01-11-08; transcript pages 25-27).

9. Considered the initial application of Douglas E. Morrell, 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 Douglas E. Morrell, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 22-0046-CK) (Ruling number 23-01-11-09; transcript pages 27-29).

10. Considered the initial application of Thomas Schafer, 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 Thomas Schafer, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 22-0041-CK) (Ruling number 23-01-11-10; transcript pages 29-31).

11. Considered the initial application of Reyni Broomes, 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 Reyni Broomes, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 22-0039-CK) (Ruling number 23-01-11-11; transcript pages 31-33).

12. Considered the initial application of Serena McBall, 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 Serena McBall, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 22-0047-CK) (Ruling number 23-01-11-12; transcript pages 33-35).

13. Considered the initial application of Jacob Scanlon, 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 Jacob Scanlon, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 22-0049-CK) (Ruling number 23-01-11-13; transcript pages 35-37).

- 14. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and issued a plenary casino key employee license to Raymond Stefanelli, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-89b; and found Raymond Stefanelli qualified to serve as Vice President, Online Gaming Marketing for AC Ocean Walk 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 (23-01-11-14; transcript pages 37-40).
- 15. Considered the joint petition of Boardwalk 1000, LLC and HR Atlantic City, LLC, and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, approved the petition and issued a temporary casino key employee license to George Goldhoff, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-89b, *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-89e 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 George Goldhoff to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Property President for Boardwalk 1000, LLC and HR Atlantic City, LLC, subject to the conditions contained in *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 (PRN 3562201) (23-01-11-15; transcript pages 43-46).

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

By a vote of 3-0, approved the petition and issued a temporary casino key employee license to Michael G. Palermo, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-89b(4), <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-89e and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 19:41A-5.3; and permitted Michael G. Palermo to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President Player Development for AC Ocean Walk LLC; pending plenary qualification; subject to the conditions contained in <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-85.1 and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 13:69C-2.6. (PRN 3402201) (23-01-11-16; transcript pages 40-43).

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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 Kim Barker Lee, on a temporary basis and prior to plenary qualification, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer for Bally's Corporation, pending plenary qualification, subject to the conditions contained in *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-85.1, *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 3482203) (Ruling number 23-01-11-17; transcript pages 46-49).

18. By a vote of 3-0, suspended the credential held by Marshall Davis and remanded this matter to a hearing (DKT 22-0004-RC) (Ruling number 23-01-11-18; transcript pages 49-59).

In accordance with Resolution No. 22-12-07-03, the next closed session of the Commission shall be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Offices (transcript page 59).

There being no members of the public to address the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:16 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 January 11, 2023, are true and correct.

Dianna W. Fauntleroy, Esq. Executive Secretary