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MINUTES - PUBLIC MEETING NO. 25-08-13
August 13, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

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: Commissioners Mario Formica and Joyce Mollineaux

In furtherance of Governor Philip D. Murphy's Executive Order 103 (2020), the Casino Control Commission's meeting was held via in person and 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 2-0, Commissioner Formica abstained, ratified the minutes of July 2, 2025 (transcript pages 9-10).
2. Chairman Plousis read into the record a Resolution commending Vice Chair Alisa Beth Cooper, for her distinguished service to the Commission. The Commissioners extended their best wishes to Vice Chair Cooper upon the successful completion of her term and unanimously adopted the Resolution (Ruling Number 25-08-13-02) (transcript pages 10-21).

3. By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial applications of Reynaldo Arias, Daniel G. DiFrancesco, Dennis J. Forbes, III, George J. McClain, III, James D. Petrauskas, Anjanaben J. Trivedi and Amy Wong (*a/k/a* Tak Yi Wong), for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 21-22);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial application of Jessica K. Hall (*a/k/a* Jessica K. Worts), for casino key employee license, with a multi-casino endorsement, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-91.1 (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 22-24);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Joshua A. Cruz, for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 24-25)

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Jacqueline A. Robinson (*a/k/a* Jackie Robinson; Jacqueline Rivera; Jacqueline Freeman), for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 24-25); and

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Yesseyda M. Santana, for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 24-25).

4. By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted applications of Angela M. Bianchini (*a/k/a* Angela M. Tamn), Joseph M. Bianchini, Jr., Maura A. Buckley, Mark W. Capetola, Patrick A. Ciboldi, Heather R. Danz (*a/k/a* Heather R. Estelle), April C. Dellaringa (*a/k/a* April C. Witzke), Joseph M. DiPietro, Renee D. Nelson (*a/k/a* Renee D. Dent; Renee D. Freeman), Raymond B. Parker, Maria M. Rosario, Laura M. Tyson and Elmer A. Velasco-Canas, for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript pages 25-27);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmission application of Michael B. LaPointe, for a casino key employee license; and without the need to establish residency, as provided for in N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(b) (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript page 27-28);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the resubmission application of Cynthia H. DiBerardino (*a/k/a* Cynthia H. Gonzales; Cynthia H. DiBerardino-Gonzales), for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript pages 28-30);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the resubmission application of Mary H. Martinez, for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript pages 28-30);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the resubmission application of Susan M. Nicodemus (*a/k/a* Susan M. Elam; Susan M. Suprun), for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript pages 28-30);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Patrick H. Madamba, Jr., and for qualification as Senior Vice President and Legal Counsel for MGM Resorts International (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript page 30-31);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Philip A. Mazzone, Jr., with a multi casino endorsement, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-91.1; and for qualification as Vice President Slot Operations for Boardwalk Regency Corporation, LLC (*d/b/a* Caesars Atlantic City, LLC); and Harrah's Resort Atlantic City (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 31-32); and

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Hugh T. Turner, Jr. and for qualification as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for AC Ocean Walk, LLC (*d/b/a* Ocean Casino Resorts) (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 32-34).

5. Temporary casino key employee licenses were issued between June 25, 2025 and July 31, 2025, pursuant to Delegation of Authority Resolution Number 22-01-12-11-B to the following applicants: Ana L. Contreras-Oraco, Joseph Gerace, 5th, Jodi L. Hendrie (*d/b/a* Jodi L. Eichler), Juan Laboy (aka John Laboy), Jarred M. Mills, Lydia E. Pool, Zoe N. Rivera (*d/b/a* Zoe N. DelValle; Zoe N. Montalvo), Christopher T. Schunk and Kevin E. Sutton (Exhibit EL-4*; transcript pages 34-36).
6. By a vote of 3-0, granted the requested relief and inactivated the casino key employee licenses held by James R. Scalese, Rita D. Smith (*a/k/a* Rita D. DiPasquale and Adam S. Zengel (Ruling numbers 25-08-13-06-A, 25-08-13-06-B, 25-08-13-06-C; transcript pages 36-38).
7. By a vote of 3-0, found that Marivette Blake (*a/k/a* Marivette Velazquez), Melanie R. Gross (*a/k/a* Melanie Rooth), William S. Kosturko (*a/k/a* Bill Kosturko), Robert H. Pattillo, Jr. and Sadia Rasifzaman (*a/k/a* Sadia Khalid), casino key employee licenses lapsed, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:41A-6.1 (f) of the regulation. (Ruling numbers 25-08-13-07-A, 25-08-13-07-B, 25-08-13-07-C, 25-08-13-07-D, 25-08-13-07-E; transcript pages 38-40).
8. Adjourned the consideration of the initial application of Nareisha Washington for a casino key employee license (DKT 25-0110-SI) (transcript page 40).
9. Considered the initial application of Stephen E. Trainer for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, found Stephen E. Trainer ("Applicant"), 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 and N.J.S.A. 5:12-89; and denied Applicant's initial application for a casino key employee license (DKT 25-0068-CK) (Ruling number 25-08-13-09; transcript pages 40-43).

10. Considered the initial application of Jeffrey Bartone, 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 Jeffrey Bartone, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 25-0104-SI) (Ruling number 25-08-13-10; transcript pages 43-45).

11. Considered the initial application of Debbie Martone, 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 Debbie Martone, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 25-0103-SI) (Ruling number 25-08-13-11; transcript pages 45-48).

12. Adjourned the consideration of the initial application of Ricardo Hernandez for a casino key employee license (DKT 25-0097-SI) (transcript page 48).

13. Considered the initial application of Kyle Dodato, for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial application of Kyle Dodato, for a casino key employee license (DKT 25-0096-CK) (Ruling number 25-08-13-13; transcript pages 48-51).

14. Considered the Initial Decision in the matter of the Appeal of E.B. for Removal from the Self Exclusion List and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, adopted the Initial Decision of Hearing Examiner, Alisa Beth Cooper, Vice Chairman, and found that Appellant failed to demonstrate that he did not intentionally place himself on the self-exclusion list, as required by N.J.A.C. 13:69G-2.2 (c); and denied his request to be removed from the self-exclusion list, prior to his May 13, 2029 expiration date (25-0026-AP) (Initial Decision) (Ruling number 25-08-13-14; transcript pages 51-54).

15. Considered the joint petition of Caesars Entertainment, Inc., William Hill U.S. Holdco, 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 Elle Kim, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(b) 4, N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(e) and N.J.A.C. 19:41A-5.3; and permitted her to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President of Payments and Fraud for William Hill U.S. Holdco, Inc. and 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-2.7. Further, granted the petitioners' request to waive the residency requirement, as provided for in N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(b) 4 (PRN 1912505) (Ruling number 25-08-13-15; transcript pages 54-57).

16. Adjourned the petition of Marina District Development Company, LLC, for the issuance of a temporary casino key employee license to Alison Fogarty, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(e); and to permit her to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President of Marketing of Marina District Development Company, LLC, pending plenary qualification (PRN 1982502) (transcript page 58).

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 Luis A. Pinedo, on a temporary basis and prior to plenary qualification, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of General Counsel North America for Bally's Corporation, 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), and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7 of the Act (PRN 1952504) (Ruling number 25-08-13-17; transcript pages 58-61).

18. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Joseph D. Mause, plenary qualified to serve as Chief Financial Officer of Standard General, L.P., in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1 and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7 (Ruling Number 25-08-13-18; transcript pages 61-64).

In accordance with Resolution No. 24-12-11-03, the next closed session of the Commission shall be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Offices (transcript page 64).

During the public participation portion of the meeting, Lynne L. Kaufman, Esq., Cooper Levenson, on behalf of herself, thanked retiring Vice Chair Alisa Beth Cooper, for her service to the Casino Control Commission and the State of New Jersey (transcript pages 64-66).

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 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 August 13, 2025, are true and correct.


Dianna W. Fauntleroy, Esq.
Executive Secretary