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MR. NANCE: Good morning. I'd like to read an opening statement:

This is to advise the general public that in compliance with Chapter 231 of the public laws of 1975 entitled "Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meeting Act," the New Jersey Casino Control Commission on December 10th, 2025, filed with the Secretary of State at the Statehouse -- Statehouse in Trenton an annual meeting schedule.

On December 10th, 2025, copies were mailed to subscribers.

The use of cell phones in the public meeting room while the Commission is in session is prohibited.

Any member of the public who wish to address the Commission will be given the opportunity to do so before the Commission adjourns for the day.

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Welcome everyone who is joining us in person and remotely today.

Meeting participants who wish to do so can continue to address the Commission through remote technology. We are also permitting in-person participation and the public meeting room is therefore open.

We will, however, continue to stream our public meetings. The public is able to listen through access provided on the Commission website as well as through our YouTube channel.

We will accept public comments via e-mail. Public comments can be sent to public.comments@ccc.nj.gov beginning now. I will repeat that. Public comments can be sent to public.comments@ccc.nj.gov beginning now and any time throughout the meeting ending at the time of adjournment.

This meeting is being transcribed as well as recorded, and minutes will be available on our website in due course.

To meeting participant callers, I ask that you follow the instructions provided with the web link or audio call-in code and place your phones on mute until your matter is called. Also when your matter is called,

please turn on your camera and identify yourself before speaking.

MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you. Good morning.

Please answer when I call your name for roll please.

Commissioner Formica?

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Here.

MS. FAUNTLEROY: Vice Chair Mollineaux?

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Present.

MS. FAUNTLEROY: And Chairman Plousis?

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Present.

Before we proceed with the regular agenda, I would like to take a moment to make an important presentation.

Recently the Casino Control Commission issued its annual report to the Governor and the Legislature. The report includes a feature called "Spotlight on Atlantic City" which recognizes a nonprofit group that has worked diligently, often behind the scenes, to improve the City -- to improve the City for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. This year we've recognized the Historic Organ Restoration Committee.

Joining us today to represent the Committee is Scott Banks, Director of the Development, along with several of his team members.

For over 22 years this committee has been restoring, promoting, and preserving the two historic pipe organs at Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City.

The main organ in each hall was constructed during the height of the Great Depression. It is the largest pipe organ in the world and has been made playable again with the help of volunteers. Thousands of guests per year are now enjoying these organs during exhibits and tours.

This Committee's commitment has brought one of Atlantic City's finest assets back to life, enhancing the culture and the liveliness of the city for both residents and visitors.

It is our pleasure and honor to Spotlight the Historic Organ Restoration Committee and its positive work both in our annual report and here again today.

It is now my pleasure to read the following letter into the record:

Dear friends, on behalf of the State of New Jersey, I am pleased to join the New Jersey Casino Control Commission in recognizing the Historic Organ Restoration Committee at today's public meeting.

Since its inception in 2004, the Committee has been committed to restore and to preserve the two pipe organ instruments at the historic Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall through physical restoration and public education. Additionally, the Committee has fostered community and as it has enriched the Atlantic City vibrancy through concerts, shows, and tours from April through December. It is because of organizations like yours that we can understand the importance of organ instruments and work as a community to restore them and spread awareness and enjoy creative projects.

As Governor I offer my sincerest appreciation for your dedication to your community and your work, and applaud the New Jersey Casino Control Commission for highlighting this incredible committee.

Congratulations again on this wonderful accomplishment, and best wishes for continued

success.

Sincerely, Mikie Sherrill, Governor, State of New Jersey.

Scott, do you have a few comments here for the Commission?

MR. BANKS: Chairman Plousis, thank you very much.

And again, we were founded in 2004 to restore these instruments. And it's kind of hard to understand when they're hidden behind the walls of the building what they represent to Atlantic City, but not only the industry of workers during the Great Depression and the greatest pipe organ ever created sitting here in New Jersey as part of New Jersey's musical heritage.

We've brought the instruments from unplayable in the beginning of 2000s to operational by 2014 when Miss America returned to Atlantic City. We welcomed the Organ Historical Society in 2016 and brought a section of the organ on line that has not been heard since the 1970s. Now bringing into the 2020 decade, we welcome the American Institute of Organ Builders in 2022 and brought yet

another chamber on line after nearly 60 years of silence.

Currently we're working on bringing another chamber on line in 2027, marking four of the eight chambers brought back to life since we founded the organization. The organization has grown from a mere 150 donors in 2015 to nearly 2,000 individuals from around the country and around the world that are now contributing to these instruments' success. This is our first year of raising over a million dollars for the project from individual donors, grants, and foundations.

The Anna Lapwood concert we hosted on May 1st had nearly 6,000 attendees and represented more than $2 million in economic impact to Atlantic City. More recently at the beginning of last month, Phish did a three-day feature at Boardwalk Hall. And for the first time in the history of the instrument, a major musical act in Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall incorporated the instruments as part of their program. So it's been a year of a great number of firsts for us. We're extremely excited.

And I just want to introduce some of the

staff.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Please.
MR. BANKS: That leads the volunteers here. Carl Hersom is our curator of organs and in the 97-year history of Boardwalk Hall only the sixth curator of organs.
Nick Myers is our tunnel director.
Chuck Gibson is the professional assistant to the curator as well as the Board Treasurer.
Pat Weeks is the tunnel assistant.
Dylan David Shaw is the development clerk.
And Brett Miller is the stop assistant.
And you can see there's some young faces here leading this industry into the future.
We cannot thank you enough for the acknowledgment, and we hope to work with Atlantic City to make sure these instruments stay functional and vibrant for many years into the future.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you, Scott. That was a great overview of what you guys have accomplished. And again, we know Atlantic City offers a lot more than just casino gaming, and

it's great that we can highlight the great work that all you guys are doing. And we do appreciate it as a commission. So I want to congratulate you.
And I want to open the floor up to my Vice Chair as well our other commissioner.
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Good morning. As I said to you earlier, I'm so glad to see young people with you. Because what you're doing is very good work. And I'm just happy to see the work you've done for our community as well as for around the world.
So thank you so much for your work.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you.
Commissioner Formica?
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Again, I'm Mario Formica. I talked to you guys outside a little bit. I was born and raised in Atlantic City like I told you. I don't want to say I grew up in Convention Hall, but I -- it has such personal historical impact to me. I remember when I was kid, 1964 the Beatles came here. I was too young to go, but my brothers went. I graduated Holy Spirit High School. We used to do our graduation at the Convention Center.

Thanksgiving Day, Holy Spirit Atlantic City rivalry was always there. My brother -- my brother -- my Uncle, Mike Cesario, played ice hockey for the Atlantic City Seagulls there in the '50s before I was born. So I was told about and taught to revere not only Convention Hall but the organ that was there. And it is just tremendous that you guys are continuing with this legacy, with this national treasure. And I thank you very much.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you, guys.
(Applause.)
CHAIR PLOUSIS: And you're free to go. You don't have to stay for the whole meeting unless you want to.
MR. BANKS: Oh, thank you.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you.
We will return to the regular agenda now. Miss Fauntleroy?
MS. FAUNTLEROY: Okay. Matters discussed in closed session this morning included employee key license applications and a litigation update in the matter of Roney Beal versus Casino Control Commission and Division of Gaming Enforcement.

ITEM NO. 1
Agenda Item No. 1 is the ratification of the minutes of October 7, 2026, public meeting.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions for counsel or corrections?
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a motion?
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman.
At any time I moved to ratify the minutes of October 7, 2026, public meeting.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second?
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, I second the motion.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion?
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, all in favor, say aye?
(Ayes.)
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed?
(No response.)
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it.

ITEM NO. 2

MS. FAUNTLEROY: Item No. 2 are applications for initial casino key employee licenses and/or for qualification.

They include: Lisa J. Bennett, Steven M. Bergman, David F. Chaves, Kristina P. James, Brandon V. Miral, Zaheer I. Owens, Ester A. Perez, also known as Ester A. Green, and Marlene Vargas-Toledo.

With respect to the matter of Kristina P. Jones [sic], number d, we'll call that matter separately.

The remaining applicants, their application have been reviewed by the Division of Gaming Enforcement with no objection raised, as well as Commission staff with a recommendation that those initial casino key employee licenses totally seven be granted.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions regarding any of these matters?

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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I've reviewed Assistant Director Ealer's memo, the Division's responses, and at this time I move to grant the seven initial casino key employee licenses as listed by General Counsel.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second?

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, I second the motion.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion?

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, all in favor, say aye?

(Ayes.)

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it.

MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you.

Item 2d, which Kristina B. Jones [sic], that matter has been reviewed. The Division has requested that that matter be referred to conference. Staff concurs and recommended that that matter be remanded to the contested-case process.

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CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions regarding this matter?

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Again I reviewed Assistant Director Ealer's memo and the Division's response. And at this time I move to remand for a hearing the initial casino key employee license application of Kristina P. James.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second?

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, I second the motion.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion?

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, all in favor, say aye?

(Ayes.)

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it.

MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you.

ITEM NO. 3

Item No. 3, applications for resubmitted casino key employee licenses and/or for qualification.

They include: Bart A. Algozzini, Tamara K. Brown, Rhonda Y. Dubose, David Eng, Rafael A. Figueroa III, Kelly E. Gilbert, Guy T. Grimm, Cory C. Gross, Kayla C. Marshall, Kyle D. Picinic, Vera L. Robinson, William Rodriguez, also known as William Rodriguez-Ayala, Matthew J. Sobieski III, Alfred -- Albert R. Staffieri, Jr., Emmanuel O. Udoh, and Robert F. Wagner.

With respect to the matters of Tamara K. Brown, Rafael Figueroa III, and Cory C. Gross, those matters will be called separately.

The remaining 13 resubmitted casino key employee license applications have been reviewed by the Division with no objection raised, and by Commission staff with a recommendation that those 13 resubmitted casino key employee licenses be granted.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions regarding any of these matters?

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.

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VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a motion?
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
Again I reviewed Assistant Director Ealer's memo, the Division's reports. And at this time I move to grant the 13 resubmitted casino employee -- casino key employee licenses as listed by General Counsel.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second?
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, I second the motion.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion?
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, all in favor, say aye?
(Ayes.)
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed?
(No response.)
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it.
MS. FAUNTLEROY: The item Tamara K. Brown, 3b, that matter has also been reviewed

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by the Division of Gaming Enforcement and Commission staff with a recommendation that her resubmitted casino key employee license application with an MCD -- with a multi-casino endorsement to serve as Director i-Gaming Compliance Hard Rock and Boardwalk 1000 be granted.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions regarding this matter?
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a motion?
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
At this time I move to grant the resubmission application of Tamara K. Brown for a casino key employee license with a multi-casino endorsement pursuant to NJSA 5:12-91.1 with the conditions as detailed by General Counsel.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second?
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, I second the motion.

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CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion?
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, all in favor, say aye?
(Ayes.)
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed?
(No response.)
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it.
MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you.
3e, Rafael A. Figueroa III, and 3h, Cory C. Gross. Those matters have been reviewed by the Division with a recommendation that they be referred to conference.
Commission staff agrees and recommends that you remand those two initial casino key employee resubmissions be remanded to the contested-case process.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions regarding any of these matters?
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a motion?

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COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
Again I've reviewed Assistant Director Ealer's memo, the Division's responses. At this time I move to remand for a hearing the two initial casino key employee license applications, that would be for Rafael Figueroa and Cory C. Gross.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second?
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, I second the motion.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion?
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, all in favor, say aye?
(Ayes.)
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed?
(No response.)
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it.
MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you.
Item No. 4 are approvals through Delegation of Authority between October 1, 2026, and October 28, 2026, pursuant to

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Resolution No. 26-02-11-16-D.
We have Manager Harry Givas here to review those matters with you. However, no action is required by the Commission at this time.
MR. GIVAS: Good morning, Chairman and Commissioners.
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Good morning.
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Good morning.
MR. GIVAS: For the record, I'm Harry Givas, Manager of the Commission's Licensing and Financial Evaluation Unit.
Between October 1st and October 28th, the staff of the Commission's Regulatory Affairs Division granted the following approvals via its Delegated Authority.
On October 7th a temporary casino key employee license was granted to Alfredo Trinidad for a count room lead position the Bally's.
On October 15th, temporary key licenses were granted to Gergana V. Georgieva, also known as Geri Georgieva, for a casino cashiering supervisor position at Ocean, and

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Kristina P. James for a security operations manager position at Tropicana. This was a title change, and the expiration date of the temporary casino key employee license remains the same as the original temporary casino key employee license that was approved on April 6th -- sorry -- April 9th, 2026.
On October 22nd, temporary casino key employee licenses were granted to Steven L. Foster for a dual-rate casino supervisor/ assistant supervisor shift manager at Golden Nugget, and Ryan G. Spencer for a casino cashiering supervisor position at Ocean.
And on October 26, temporary casino key employee licenses were granted to Chabeliz Gonzalez and Shaurice N. Ramos for a dual-rate supervisor slot services/shift manager positions at Tropicana.
This memorializes the approvals that were granted by the Commission's Delegated Authority during this period. No further Commission action is required.
Thank you.
MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you.

ITEM NO. 5
Item No. 5 are request for inactivation of casino key employee license employees licenses.
Again we have Manager Harry Givas who will review those matters with you.
MR. GIVAS: Thank you.
In lieu of filing a casino key employee license review application, John R. Howard III, Michael O'Sullivan, and Sung H. Park have requested to be placed on the casino key employee license approved inactive list.
If the requests are granted, these individuals may remain on the approved inactive list for a period of up to five years.
Commission staff has reviewed the request and recommends that you grant the requested relief.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions regarding any of these matters?
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a motion?
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank

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you, Mr. Chairman.
I have reviewed Mr. Givas' memo. And at this time I move to grant the requested relief and order that the three casino key employee licenses as listed by Mr. Givas be inactivated.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second?
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, I second the motion.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion?
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, all in favor, say aye?
(Ayes.)
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed?
(No response.)
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it.
MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you.
Item No. 6 are consideration of the lapsing of the casino key employee licenses.
Again Manager Harry Givas will review those with you.
MR. GIVAS: Thank you.
For your consideration is the lapsing of

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the casino key employee licenses of the following individuals for failure to file a casino key employee license review application or request to be placed on the casino key employee license approved inactive list: Vincent C. Alonge, Jr., and Michael Edwards, Jr.

In each case the due date for filing a casino key employee license has passed.

Based on staff's review, we recommend that the casino key employee licenses of the noted individuals be deemed to have lapsed.

Thank you.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions regarding any of these matters?

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Again, I reviewed Mr. Givas' memo. And at this time I move to find that the two casino key employee licenses, Mr. Alonge and Mr.

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Edwards, have lapsed pursuant to NJAC 19:41-A -- I'm sorry -- 41A-6.1(f) of the regulation.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second?

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, I second the motion.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion?

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, all in favor, say aye?

(Ayes.)

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it.

MS. FAUNTLEROY:

MR. GIVAS: Thank you.

MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you.

MR. GIVAS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Thank you.

MS. FAUNTLEROY: Item No. 7 is consideration of the resubmission application of John Vitale for a casino key employee license. That's identified as Docket No.

ITEM NO. 7
26-0153-SR.

We have Senior Counsel Teresa Pimpinelli here to address that matter with you.

MS. PIMPINELLI: Good morning, Chairman and Commissioners. Teresa Pimpinelli, Senior Counsel, appearing for the Commission.

For your consideration is the stipulation of settlement for the resubmission application of John Vitale for his casino key employee license. If approved, Mr. Vitale will be licensed through March of 2030.

You have staff's memo and recommendation for this matter.

Mr. Vitale was notified of today's proceedings and is present by Zoom.

I would ask counsel for the Division to enter their appearance and proceed.

MS. FIETKIEWICZ: Good morning, Chairman and Commissioners. Jocelyn Fietkiewicz, Deputy Attorney General, on behalf of Division of Gaming Enforcement.

You have the Division's report along with the stipulation of settlement that has been entered with John Vitale.

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The Division respectfully requests that the stipulation be approved as submitted and recommends the continued casino key employee licensure of John Vitale subject to the terms and conditions of the stipulation.

And we request that if Mr. Vitale wishes to speak that he be sworn in prior to doing so.

Thank you.

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: I'm sorry. What was the last thing you said? About Mr. Vitale?

MS. FIETKIEWICZ: If he wishes to speak on the record that we request that he be sworn prior to speaking.

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Oh, okay.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Mr. Vitale, would you like to make a statement?

MR. VITALE: No. I approve of everything that the DGE has submitted and look forward to everything I need to do to satisfy the DGE's requirements of my wife's tax burdens in March of 2027.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Thank you.

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Is he supposed

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to be sworn in?
MR. NANCE: Yes. Mr. Vitale --
MS. FAUNTLEROY: He didn't really say anything of a substantive nature.
MR. NANCE: Okay.
MS. FAUNTLEROY: I think it's fine.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions regarding this matter?
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: No? Hearing none, is there a motion?
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
I reviewed Senior Counsel's memo, the Division's reports, Miss Fietkiewicz, the proposed stipulation. And at this time I move to approve the stipulation of settlement between the Division and Mr. Vitale, grant him his resubmission application of John Vitale for a casino key employee license subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second?

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VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, I second the motion.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion?
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, all in favor, say aye?
(Ayes.)
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed?
(No response.)
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it.
Good luck, Mr. Vitale.
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Good luck.
MR. VITALE: Thank you.
MS. FAUNTLEROY: Item No. 8 is the consideration of the initial application of Anthony V. Santiago for a casino key employee license. That matter is identified as Docket No. 26-0156-SI.
Again we have Senior Counsel Pimpinelli that will -- who will review that matter with you.
MS. PIMPINELLI: Chairman and Commissioners, Teresa Pimpinelli, Senior Counsel, appearing for the Commission.

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For your consideration is the stipulation of settlement for the initial application of Anthony Santiago for his casino key employee license. If approved, Mr. Santiago will be licensed through November of 2031.
You have staff's memo and recommendation for this matter.
Mr. Santiago was notified of today's proceedings.
I would just ask counsel for the Division to enter their Division and proceed.
MS. FIETKIEWICZ: Chairman and Commissioners, Jocelyn Fietkiewicz, Deputy Attorney General, on behalf of Division of Gaming Enforcement.
You have the Division's report along with the stipulation of settlement that has been entered with the Applicant.
The Division respectfully requests that the stipulation be approved as submitted and recommends the granting of the Applicant's casino key employee license subject to the terms and conditions of the stipulation.

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Thank you.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: And for the record, the Applicant is not here?
MS. PIMPINELLI: Correct.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Okay. Are there any questions regarding this matter?
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there motion?
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
I have reviewed Senior Counsel Pimpinelli's memo, the Division's reports authored by Miss Fietkiewicz, the proposed stipulation. And at this time I move to approve the stipulation of settlement between the Division and the Applicant and grant the initial application of Anthony V. Santiago for a casino key employee license subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second?
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, I

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second the motion.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion?
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman?
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Yes.
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: I do want to thank Mr. Santiago for his service. I read that he did serve, and we thank him for his service.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: All in favor, say aye?
(Ayes.)
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed?
(No response.)
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it.
MS. FAUNTLEROY: Item No. 9 is consideration of the initial application of Ksenia Lees for a casino key employee license. That's Docket No. 26-0140-CK.
Again we have Senior Counsel Teresa Pimpinelli to review it with you.
MS. PIMPINELLI: Chairman and Commissioners, Teresa Pimpinelli, Senior Counsel, appearing for the Commission.
For your consideration is the

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stipulation of settlement for the initial application of Ksenia Lees for her casino key employee license. If approved, Miss Lees will be licensed through November of 2031.
You have staff's memo and recommendation for this matter.
Miss Lees was notified of today's proceedings.
I would just ask counsel for the Division to enter their appearance and proceed.
MS. FIETKIEWICZ: Chairman and Commissioners, Jocelyn Fietkiewicz, Deputy Attorney General, on behalf of the Division of Gaming Enforcement.
The Division has nothing further on this matter and respectfully requests that the stipulation be approved as submitted.
Thank you.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Again, for the record, the Applicant is not present?
MS. PIMPINELLI: Correct.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you.
Are there any questions regarding this matter?

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COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a motion?
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
Again I reviewed Senior Counsel's memo, the Division's reports authored by Miss Fietkiewicz, and the stipulation. And at this point I move to approve the stipulation of settlement between the Division and the Applicant and grant the initial application of Ksenia Lees for a casino key employee license subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second?
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, I second the motion.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion?
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, all in favor, say aye?
(Ayes.)

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CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed?
(No response.)
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it.
MS. FAUNTLEROY: Item No. 10 is consideration of the initial application of Brittany Hall for a casino key employee license. That matter is reflected as Docket No. 26-0157-SR [sic].
Again we have Senior Counsel Pimpinelli to address it with you.
MS. PIMPINELLI: Good morning, Chairman and Commissioners. Teresa Pimpinelli, Senior Counsel for the Commission.
I would just like to correct for the record, the docket number should be 26-0157-SI.
MS. FAUNTLEROY: Say that again? Sorry.
MS. PIMPINELLI: SI.
MS. FAUNTLEROY: SI. Oh, okay. Thank you.
MS. PIMPINELLI: For your consideration is a stipulation of settlement for the initial application of Brittany Hall for her casino key license. If approved, Miss Hall will be licensed through November of 2031.

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You have staff's memo and recommendation for this matter.

Miss Hall was notified of today's proceedings.

And I would just ask counsel for the Division to enter their appearance and proceed.

MS. FIETKIEWICZ: Chairman and Commissioners, Jocelyn Fietkiewicz, Deputy Attorney General, on behalf of Division of Gaming Enforcement.

You have the Division's report along with the stipulation of settlement that has been entered with the Applicant.

The Division respectfully requests that the stipulation be approved as submitted and recommends the granting of the Applicant's casino key employee license subject to the terms and conditions of the stipulation.

Thank you.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Again for the record, the Applicant is not present?

MS. PIMPINELLI: Correct.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions regarding this matter?

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VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I have again reviewed Senior Counsel's memo, the Division's report which looks like it was authored by Mr. Mr. Lolli, although Miss Fietkiewicz is here, and the proposed stipulation of settlement. And I move to approve the stipulation of settlement between the Division and the Applicant, grant the initial application of Brittany Hall for a casino key employee license subject to compliance with the terms, conditions as provided for in the stipulation.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second?

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, I second the motion.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion?

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, all in favor, say aye?

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(Ayes.)

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it.

MS. FAUNTLEROY: Item No. 11 is consideration of the initial decision in the matter of the appeal of TW for removal from the Self-Exclusion List reflected by Docket No. 26-0131-AP.

Again Senior Counsel Pimpinelli will address that matter with you.

MS. PIMPINELLI: Chairman and Commissioners, Teresa Pimpinelli, Senior Counsel, appearing for the Commission.

For your consideration is the September 28th, 2026, initial decision of Hearing Examiner Formica in this matter.

This matter is an appeal from a July 29, 2026, final Agency action of the Division denying TW's request to be removed from the Self-Exclusion List prior to the expiration of the five-year term for which they enrolled.

After considering all the available evidence, Hearing Examiner Formica found that

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Appellant failed to demonstrate they should be removed from the Self-Exclusion List prior to the expiration of the five-year expiration term.

You have the complete record in this matter, all of which is subject to the applicable confidentiality and privacy requirements.

Appellant was notified of today's meeting and is present by Zoom.

I would ask both parties to enter their appearance and proceed. I would note that Appellant may refer to themselves using only their initials. And I respectfully remind all parties that Appellant's identity is confidential.

MS. McKELVEY: Thank you, good morning. Deputy Attorney General Jamie McKelvey appearing on behalf of Division of Gaming Enforcement.

MS. PIMPINELLI: TW? There you go.

TW: Yes. Good morning, Commissioners.

(Overlapping voices.)

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Sir, before we begin,

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you have to be sworn in.
TW: Oh, I'm sorry.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Daryl?
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T W , having first been sworn remotely, testified as follows:
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MS. PIMPINELLI: You can turn off your camera.
TW: Okay.
MR. NANCE: You may proceed.
TW: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission. My name is TW, and I'm appearing before you today on my own. Please excuse my raspy voice as I'm just recovering from bronchitis.
To be completely honest, I am a bit nervous standing before you and the Commission today, which is why I want to make sure I am completely accurate before I begin. May I please have permission to look at my prepared notes?
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Yes, sir.
TW: Thank you.

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Chairman, members of the Commission, thank you for letting me speak today. I am here to ask you to look at my situation fairly and to take my name off the Self-Exclusion List based on a simple mistake on a phone app.
I want to say clearly from the start, this isn't a case of me changing my mind or regretting a choice. I'm here because of a confusing app layout on the BetMGM mobile application.
On October the 13th of 2025, my goal was a routine digital cleanup. I logged into my gaming accounts to protect my personal financial data and permanently delete my saved credit cards. My only plan was a standard account closure and to step away from the app.
The proof of how confusing this app is is right on Page 4 of the initial decision. The findings confirmed that the Division's own screenshots show absolutely no direct button or clear instruction under the normal profile settings to remove a credit card. Because the app lacked a simple button, it routed me through other means just to clear my financial

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data. I checked those security boxes under the belief that I was fulfilling a standard corporate data identity verification step, exactly like entering my birthday or social security number to verify my identity on the New Jersey Motor Vehicle website.
Because the app's built into the State's registry system directly into their interface, checking those boxes silently pushed my identity into the database without any warning that my data was leaving the app. There was no true meetings of the minds.
The proof of what I originally wanted to do is my immediate paper trail. I contacted the Division on October the 20th and the 22nd the very moment I realized that the mistake had happened to report the error.
As of October the 14th of 2026, I completed over one full year of perfect compliance. I respected all the rules completely, and I haven't broken a single one. Taking my name off the list now corrects a bad app design for someone who has acted in complete good faith.

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I respectfully request that you would consider my one year of compliance as time served and remove my name from the Self-Exclusion List as this will not go against the integrity of the program that it was designed for.
Thank you.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you, Mr. -- or TW. Division?
MS. McKELVEY: Thank you.
The Division respectfully requests the Commission adopt the September 28th, 2026, initial decision and affirm the denial of the Appellant's request for early removal from the Self-Exclusion List.
On October 13th, 2025, the Appellant enrolled in the New Jersey Self-Exclusion List through the BetMGM app for a five-year term. Throughout the Division's investigation in these proceedings, the Appellant has offered several inconsistent explanations for his enrollment. At various points he claims that he wanted a limited break from gambling, that he thought he was closing his account, that he

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believed he was entering into a cool-off period, and that he was simply attempting to remove his payment method from his account. These are materially different explanations, and the Hearing Examiner specifically found that these shifting explanations undermined the Appellant's credibility and weighed against his claim that he did not intend to self exclude.

The enrollment process itself supports the initial decision. The BetMGM self-exclusion process includes 13 steps, including multiple acknowledgments which explain the terms and consequences of enrollment.

The Appellant was asked twice to select a self-exclusion term. And as a final step the patron was required to enter his date of birth and the last four digits of his Social Security number before selecting confirm self exclusion.

The Appellant affirmatively selected a five-year term and acknowledged the consequences of self exclusion, including the possibility that casino companies may impose additional restrictions on their land-based

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properties, including properties outside of New Jersey.

The Appellant's exceptions largely reiterate the arguments already considered by the Hearing Examiner. The record establishes that he voluntarily completed the process and selected the five-year term. His failure to read the acknowledgements does not establish that his enrollment was unintentional.

The Appellant also asks the Commission to reduce the self-exclusion term to one year or alternatively remand the matter for another hearing. However, the record establishes that he was presented with the option of selecting either a one-year or a five-year term and affirmatively selected five years.

The Appellant also had multiple opportunities to explain his position in written submissions, and he waived his opportunity to present oral argument before the hearing examiner who considered his written submissions in reaching the initial decision. This disagreement with that decision does not warrant another hearing. The Division submits

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that the record supports the Hearing Examiner's findings and conclusions.

Accordingly, the Division respectfully requests that the Commission adopt the September 28, 2026, initial decision and affirm the denial of the Appellant's request for early removal from the Self-Exclusion List.

Thank you.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions for TW or the Division?

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No.

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: No? Hearing none, is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

As you know this is my matter. I acted as the Hearing Examiner, so I've reviewed Senior Counsel's memo. Of course I reviewed the items of evidence that I had before me. I reviewed the transcript, and I reviewed the exceptions that were sent in by Mr. TW. I reviewed the Division's response, Miss DeAnnuntis. And at this point I move to adopt

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the initial decision and find that the Appellant has failed to demonstrate that he did not intentionally place himself on the Division's Self-Exclusion List as required by NJAC -- oh, excuse me -- there was no transcript in this. Sorry about that. And deny his request to be removed from the Division's Self-Exclusion List prior to his October 10th, 2030, expiration date.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second?

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, I second the motion.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion?

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.

TW: May I --

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, all in favor, say aye?

(Ayes.)

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it. Thank you.

TW: I don't have a say?

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CHAIR PLOUSIS: No, sir, thank you.

TW: Sir? Sir, I don't have a say?

MS. FAUNTLEROY: Your matter is concluded, TW. You can leave if you wish.

Item No. 12 is Petition of HR Atlantic City, LLC, for the issuance of a temporary casino key employee license to Anthony Colarcurio pursuant to NJSA 5:12-89(e) and to permit him to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President of Marketing for HR Atlantic City, LLC, pending plenary qualification.

This matter was initiated by e-Petition PRN 2802601 dated September 28, 2026, as indicated, by casino licensee HR Atlantic City, LLC, doing business as Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Atlantic City, seeking the temporary approval of Mr. Colarcurio to perform the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President of Marketing as well as temporary key licensure.

I believe we have counsel for Hard Rock available via Zoom, as well as counsel for the Division present. And I ask with your

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permission, Mr. Chairman, that they enter their appearances and address the matter to the Commission directly.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Yes.

MS. HORNER: Good morning, Chairman and Commissioners. My name is Nanette Horner. I'm VP, General Counsel, for HR Atlantic City, LLC, and Boardwalk 1000, LLC, doing business as Hard Rock Atlantic City.

I am here on behalf of Anthony Colarcurio for his temporary qualification to assume the position of Vice President of Marketing and also for the issuance of a temporary casino key employee license for Mr. Colarcurio.

I believe that the petition was filed by Boardwalk 1000, LLC, which is the operating entity, not by HR Atlantic City, LLC, which is the management company.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you.

MS. DeARAUJO: Good morning, Chairman and Commissioners. Paulina DeAraujo, Deputy Attorney General, on behalf of Division of Gaming Enforcement.

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The Division submitted a response on October 19th of no objection to the request of a temporary casino key employee licensure and temporary qualification of Mr. Colarcurio.

The Division also reviewed the draft resolution and has no objection.

Thank you.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions for counsel on this matter?

MS. FAUNTLEROY: Mr. Chairman, I would note -- I don't know if you want to correct the record, Miss Horner, but the e-Petition is identified as petition of HR Atlantic City, LLC. So you may want to revisit that.

MS. HORNER: Very good. I will address that.

MS. FAUNTLEROY: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Again, are there any questions for counsel?

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank

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you, Mr. Chairman.

I've reviewed the e-Petition which is the e-Petition of HR Atlantic City and General Counsel's memo, the Division's e-mail voicing no objection, the response of Mr. -- Ms. DeAraujo and the proposed resolution, and at this time I move to approve the Petition, issue a temporary casino key employee license to Anthony Colarcurio pursuant to NJSA 5:12-89b(4), NJSA 5:12-89e, and NJAC 19:41A-5.3, and permit him to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President Marketing for HR Atlantic City, LLC, pending plenary qualification. And that's all in accordance with conditions contained in NJSA 5:12-85.1 and NJAC 13:69C-2.6.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second?

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, I second the motion.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion?

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, roll call vote?

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MS. FAUNTLEROY: Commissioner Formica?

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes.

MS. FAUNTLEROY: Vice Chair Mollineaux?

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Yes.

MS. FAUNTLEROY: And Chairman Plousis?

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Yes.

MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you.

Item No. 13 is the Petition of -- excuse me -- Item No. 13 is the consideration of the initial casino key employee licensure and plenary qualification of Li F. "Ada" Wong to serve as Vice President, Player Development Asian Marketing for Tropicana Atlantic City Corp.

This matter was originally initiated by Joint Petition PRN 0862605 dated March 27, 2026, by casino licensees Boardwalk Regency, LLC, doing business as Caesars Atlantic City, Harrah's Atlantic City Operating Company, doing business as Harrah's Atlantic City, Tropicana Atlantic City Corp., doing business as Tropicana Atlantic City, which sought temporary casino key employee licensure with a multi-casino endorsement for Miss Wong to serve

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as Executive Director of Asian Marketing Regional for Caesars AC, Harrah's AC, and Tropicana AC.

That request was granted by Delegated Authority by Commission Director Fehon, by letter dated April 6, 2026.

Subsequently a separate petition was filed PRN 2082603, dated July 27, 2026, which also sought Miss Wong's qualification based on a promotional opportunity which would be to serve as Vice President, Player Development Asian Marketing.

The Commission considered that request at its August 12, 2026, public meeting which was granted reflected in Resolution 26-08-12-11, but for the same time period as the temporary casino key employee licensure.

So today now before you, you have consideration of the initial casino key employee licensure and the plenary qualification of Miss Wong to serve as Vice President, Player Development Asian Marketing for Tropicana Atlantic City.

You have counsel for Caesars

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Entertainment via Zoom, Miss Sacco. And you have counsel for the Division present. And with your permission, Mr. Chairman, I ask that they address the Commission directly.

MS. SACCO: Good morning.

MS. FAUNTLEROY: Good morning.

MS. SACCO: Bess Sacco, Vice President, Chief Counsel, Regional Operations for Caesars Entertainment appearing for Tropicana Atlantic City.

As General Counsel Fauntleroy stated, the history of this matter, Miss Wong's casino -- her temporary casino key employee license was pending at the time she received a promotion as Vice President, Player Development Asian Marketing for Tropicana Atlantic City. We appeared before you on August 12th, and she was granted her temporary qualification and this is for her -- obviously her plenary qualification and plenary casino key employee license.

I've reviewed the resolution, and I find it to be acceptable. And I would respectfully request that the relief be entered and that she

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be approved as the Vice President of Asian -- Vice President, Player Development Asian Marketing for Tropicana Atlantic City.

Thank you.

MS. DeARAUJO: Chairman and Commissioners, Paulina DeAraujo, Deputy Attorney General, on behalf of the Division of Gaming Enforcement.

The Division submitted a report on October 9th recommending plenary casino key employee licensure and qualification of Miss Wong.

The Division has also reviewed the draft resolution and has no objections.

Thank you.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions for counsel?

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I've reviewed the joint petition,

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General Counsel's memo, the Division's report -- I believe it was authored by Miss Richardson -- proposed resolution. And at this time I move to adopt the draft resolution and grant an initial casino key employee license to Li F. "Ada" Wong pursuant to NJAC 5:12-89 and find Li F. "Ada" Wong qualified to serve as Vice President, Player Development Asian Marketing for Tropicana Atlantic City, doing business as Tropicana Atlantic City. I'm sorry. For Tropicana Atlantic City Corporation, doing business as Tropicana Atlantic City. In accordance with the conditions contained in NJSA 5:12-85.1 and NJAC 13:69C-2.6.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second?

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, I second the motion.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion?

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, roll call vote?

MS. FAUNTLEROY: Commissioner Formica?

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COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes.

MS. FAUNTLEROY: Vice Chair Mollineaux?

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Yes.

MS. FAUNTLEROY: And Chairman Plousis?

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Yes.

MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you.

MS. DeARAUJO: Thank you.

MS. SACCO: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Thank you.

MS. FAUNTLEROY: Item No. 14 is consideration of the plenary qualification of Joseph J. Hasson to serve as Manager and President of MGA Holding New Jersey, LLC.

This matter was initiated by Petition PRN 0122601 dated January 9, 2026, by casino licensee DGMB and MGA Holding, which is a -- holds equity interest in the casino licensee, seeking the temporary qualification of Mr. Hasson to serve as Manager and President of the MGA Holding.

You considered that matter at your February 11, 2026, public meeting. His temporary qualification was granted. And that is reflected in Commission Resolution No.

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26-02-11-17. Now before you is his plenary qualification.

You have both counsel present, counsel for DGMB and counsel for Division, and I ask that they enter their appearance and address the matter directly.

MS. KAUFMAN: Good morning, Chair, Vice Chair, Commissioner. Lynne Levin Kaufman, Cooper Levenson, on behalf of MGA Holding and DGMB Casino also known as Resorts Casino Hotel.

As mentioned, MGA Holding is an indirect ten percent owner of Resorts, and that is why this matter is here before you today. Also stated, a petition was filed seeking temporary qualification for Mr. Hasson to serve as Manager and President of the MGA Holdings pending plenary qualification.

We're appearing before you today -- his temporary qualification was granted. We're appearing before you today to request his plenary qualification.

Thank you.

MS. FIETKIEWICZ: Chairman and Commissioners, Jocelyn Fietkiewicz, Deputy

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Attorney General, on behalf of Division of Gaming Enforcement.

The Division filed a report recommending the plenary qualification of Joseph Hasson. The Division has also reviewed the draft resolution and has no objections.

Thank you.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any questions for counsel on this matter?

VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.

CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

General Counsel, is there a copy of the Petition in our papers here? I didn't see it.

MS. FAUNTLEROY: There would not have been.

COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Okay.

MS. FAUNTLEROY: For the plenary.

MS. KAUFMAN: I have a copy of the temporary qualification petition if you'd like to see that.

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COMMISSIONER FORMICA: That's okay. I just want to mean what I say. So I didn't review the Petition but I did review the General Counsel's memo --
MS. FAUNTLEROY: Okay.
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: -- the reports as identified by Miss Fietkiewicz, and a draft resolution. And at this point I move to adopt the draft resolution, find Joseph Hasson qualified to serve as Manager and President for MG -- MGA Holding NJ, LLC, in accordance with NJSA 5:12-85.1, and NJAC 13:69C-2.7.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second?
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, I second the motion.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion?
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, roll call vote?
MS. FAUNTLEROY: Commissioner Formica?
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes.
MS. FAUNTLEROY: Vice Chair Mollineaux?
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Yes.

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MS. FAUNTLEROY: And Chairman Plousis?
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Yes.
MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you.
MS. KAUFMAN: Thank you.
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Thank you.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you.
MS. FAUNTLEROY: Item No. 15 is adjourned.
In accordance with Resolution 25-12-10-03, the next closed session shall be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in Commission offices.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: This is the public participation portion of the meeting.
Is there anyone from the public who wishes to speak?
(No response.)
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Miss Fauntleroy, do we have any --
MS. FAUNTLEROY: There are no electronic --
CHAIR PLOUSIS: No electronic comments?
MS. FAUNTLEROY: -- comments.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: With that, the public participation of this meeting is now closed.
Do I have a motion to adjourn?
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
I make a motion to adjourn our public meeting at this time.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Do I have a second?
VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, I second the motion.
CHAIR PLOUSIS: All in favor, say aye?
(Ayes.)
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed?
(No response.)
CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it.
Meeting is now adjourned. Thank you.
COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Thank you, everyone.
(Public Meeting 26-11-04, was adjourned at 11:23 p.m.)
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I, M. DARLENE ENGEL, a Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public of the State of New Jersey, certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings.

I further certify that I am neither attorney, of counsel for, nor related to or employed by any of the parties to the action; further that I am not a relative or employee of any attorney or counsel employed in this case; nor am I financially interested in the action.

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