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MINUTES - PUBLIC MEETING NO. 24-03-13
March 13, 2024 - 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:

Chairman Plousis, on behalf of the Commission, congratulated former Division Director David Rebeck who retired on March 1, 2024, for his 13 years as Director of the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement. The Chairman and Commissioners wished Mr. Rebeck a healthy and happy retirement; and

Chairman Plousis also congratulated Assistant Attorney General, MaryJo Flaherty on her appointment as Interim Director of the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement and looked forward to working with her going forward (transcript pages 10-12).

Commissioner Mollineaux acknowledged March as International Women's History Month and thanked all the women in the Casino Industry for their dedication, hard work, and determination. Commissioner Mollineaux also congratulated Assistant Attorney General, MaryJo Flaherty on her appointment as Interim Director of the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement; and

Vice Chairman Cooper also acknowledged International Women's History Month; and extended her best wishes to Assistant Attorney General, MaryJo Flaherty as Interim Director of the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement (transcript pages 86-87).

1. By a vote of 3-0, ratified the minutes of February 14, 2024 (transcript pages 29-30).
2. By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial applications of Daniel R. Gollin, Timothy P. Kurpat, Douglas M. Mahaffey, Jr., William P. Marro, Samuel P. Meahan, Sivoston L. Messam, Angelo V. Napoli, Ngoctuyen T. Nguyen (*a/k/a* Ngoc T. Nguyen), Mitesh R. Patel, Richelle Y. Ruemeli (*a/k/a* Richelle Y. Csocsan), and Michael J. Santangelo, Jr., for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 30-31);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial application of Bethany A. Miller, for a casino key employee license; and waived the residency requirement, as provided for in *N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(b) 4* (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript page 31-33);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Brienjohn C. Latumbo (*a/k/a* Brien John C. Latumbo), for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript page 33-34);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Tien-Li Sung, for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript page 33-34); and.

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of My'Nasha Q. White, for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript page 33-34).

3. By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted applications of Thomas W. Bordogna (*a/k/a* Thomas W. Cordogna), Peggy A. Bunch-Morgan (*a/k/a* Peggy A. Morgan; Peggy A. Bunch), Sean A. Carroll, Richard L. Graham, Kathy J. Jennings (*a/k/a* Kathy J. Pimpinelli), Crystal L. Johnson, Sherry A. Larro (*a/k/a* Sherry A. Larro-Hoover), Jaswantkumar G. Patel, Jarret M. Roth, Glenn K. Rothstein, Denine M. Shapiro (*a/k/a* Denine M. Kancy, Denine M. Connolly), Wylie R. Sheppard, Tabitha A. Solorzano (*a/k/a* Tabitha A. Levin), Cynthia J. Sturdivant (*a/k/a* Cynthia J. Cates), Elizabeth I. Tenorio-Gravesande, Sheree A. Toole, Jorge H. Torres (*a/k/a* Jorge H. Torres-Pagan), Gregory A. Traub and Antoinette Woods, for casino key employee licenses. (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 34-36).

4. Temporary casino key employee licenses were issued between February 1, 2024 and February 29, 2024, pursuant to Delegation of Authority Resolution Number 22-01-12-11-B to the following applicants: Gisselle C. Almonte-Batista, Raymond O. Galarza, Thomas M. Keemer, and Craig B. Lerman (Exhibit EL-4*; transcript pages 36-38).
5. By a vote of 3-0, granted the requested relief and inactivated the casino key employee licenses held by Katherine O. Arambulo, Agostino Cipollini, Carol A. Conroy (*a/k/a* Carol A. Oliveras), John R. Eder, Jason D. Rood, Robert Sidote and Johanna Torres (*a/k/a* Johanna V. Llerena) (Ruling numbers 24-03-13-05-A, 24-03-13-05-B, 24-03-13-05-C, 24-03-13-05-D, 24-03-13-05-E, 24-03-13-05-F, 24-03-13-05-G; transcript pages 38-39).
6. By a vote of 3-0, found that Rosener Cesar, Robert C. Donnelly, Michael P. Doyle, Traci D. Johnson (*a/k/a* Traci D. Sturdiuart), Heidi Kirvay (*a/k/a* Heidi Liljestrand), Vincent L. Math (*a/k/a* Vichaca Math), Michael D. Pearsall, III and Dominique P. Wilkins, casino key employee licenses lapsed, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:41A-6.1 (f) of the regulations. (Ruling numbers 24-03-13-06-A, 24-03-13-06-B, 24-03-13-06-C, 24-03-13-06-D, 24-03-13-06-E, 24-03-13-06-F, 24-03-13-06-G, 24-03-13-06-H; transcript pages 39-41).
7. Considered the initial application of Ronald Rydell, 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 Ronald Rydell, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 24-0007-SI) (Ruling number 24-03-13-07; transcript pages 53-55).
8. Considered the initial application of Michael A. Dawkins, 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 Michael A. Dawkins, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 24-0011-SI) (Ruling number 24-03-13-08; transcript pages 55-58).
9. Considered the initial application of Kelly Agudelo-Velasquez, 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 Kelly Agudelo-Velasquez, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 24-0005-SI) (Ruling number 24-03-13-09; transcript pages 58-60).

10. Considered the initial application of Cheryl Devecco, 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 Cheryl Devecco, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 24-0004-SI) (Ruling number 24-03-13-10; transcript pages 60-63).

11. Considered the initial application of Lawrence Frasier, 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 Lawrence Frasier, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 24-0001-SI) (Ruling number 24-03-13-11; transcript pages 63-65).

12. Considered the initial application of Donte Dean, 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 Donte Dean, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 24-0002-SI) (Ruling number 24-03-13-12; transcript pages 65-68).

13. Considered the initial application of Erik Creek for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, found Erik Creek, 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, N.J.S.A. 5:12-89; and denied Erik Creek initial application for a casino key employee license (DKT 22-0037-CK) (Ruling number 24-03-13-13; transcript pages 68-71).

14. Considered the initial application of Ross Barth, 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 Ross Barth, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 24-0008-SI) (Ruling number 24-03-13-14; transcript pages 71-73).

15. Considered the Initial Decision in the matter of the Appeal of J.D. 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 B. 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 June 22, 2028 expiration date (23-0070-AP) (Initial Decision) (Ruling number 24-03-13-15; transcript pages 73-77).

16. Considered the Initial Decision in the matter of the Appeal of F.M. 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 B. 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 November 18, 2026 expiration date (23-0071-AP) (Initial Decision) (Ruling number 24-03-13-16; transcript pages 77-85).

17. Considered the petition of Marina District Development Company, LLC (*d/b/a* Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa), and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, approved the petition and issued a temporary casino key employee license to Niklas Rytterstrom, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b(4), N.J.S.A. 5:12-89e and N.J.A.C. 19:41A-5.3; and permitted Niklas Rytterstrom to assume the duties and exercise the powers of President and Chief Operating Officer for Marina District Development Company, LLC; pending plenary qualification; subject to the conditions contained in N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1 and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6. (PRN 0242404) (Ruling number 24-03-13-17; transcript pages 42-45).

18. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Donald E. Westcott, III, plenary qualified to serve as Senior Vice President, Global Chief Compliance Officer for Bally's Corporation, in accordance with 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 (Ruling Number 24-03-13-18; transcript pages 45-49).

19. Considered the petition of Premier Entertainment AC, LLC (*d/b/a* Bally's Atlantic City), and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, approved the petition and issued a temporary casino key employee license to Alan Greenstein, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b(4), N.J.S.A. 5:12-89e and N.J.A.C. 19:41A-5.3; and permitted Alan Greenstein to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Vice President of Finance for Premier Entertainment AC, LLC; pending plenary qualification; subject to the conditions contained in N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1 and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6. (PRN 0662401) (Ruling number 24-03-13-19; transcript pages 49-52).

20. Chairman Plousis, on behalf of the Commission, recognized March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in the State of New Jersey. The Commission applauded the efforts of the Council on Compulsive Gambling; and the Division of Gaming Enforcement Responsible Gaming Initiative, for promoting responsible gaming throughout the State, and Nationally;

The Commission recognized Felicia Grondin, Executive Director of the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey; Jamie McKelvey, Deputy Attorney General, Division of Gaming Enforcement Responsible Gaming Coordinator; and Mark Giannantoni, President and Chief Executive Officer of Resorts Casino Hotel; and President of the New Jersey Casino Association; and

Vice Chairman Cooper read into the record a Resolution of the Casino Control Commission acknowledging March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month, which was unanimously adopted. (Ruling Number 24-03-13-20; transcript pages 12-29).

In accordance with Resolution No. 23-12-06-03, the next closed session of the Commission shall be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Offices (transcript page 85).

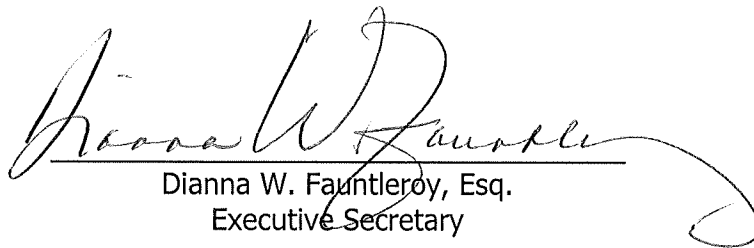
There being no members of the public to address the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

*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 March 13, 2024, are true and correct.


Dianna W. Fauntleroy, Esq.
Executive Secretary