

NEW JERSEY CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION

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Cooper sworn in to Casino Control Commission

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ATLANTIC CITY -- Alisa Cooper was sworn in Wednesday as the newest member of the Casino Control Commission.

"This is a great honor for me," Cooper said after being sworn in by Superior Court Judge Patricia Wild. "I was born and raised in Atlantic City and I look forward to playing a greater role in helping to shape its future."

Cooper was nominated by Gov. Chris Christie and approved by the New Jersey State Senate in June to fill a seat vacated by Commissioner Edward Fanelle. The Casino Control Commission licenses casinos in Atlantic City and all of their key employees. It also hears appeals of decisions by the Director of the Division of Gaming Enforcement. The commission is made up of three members - a chairman and two commissioners. They are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the State Senate. The commission has a staff of approximately 60 people.

Cooper graduated from Atlantic City High School and then earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education at the University of Maryland. She went on to a career in music and education and owned "Alisa Cooper Orchestras." With her trio and orchestra, she performed in a volunteer capacity for numerous organizations and charities, including the American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, American Heart Association, South Jersey AIDS Alliance, Gilda's Club and the Food Bank of South Jersey, as well as area hospitals, veterans groups and nursing homes. In 2008, Cooper was named a member of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, giving her an opportunity to promote music and all the arts throughout the state. Cooper's lifelong passion for music and the arts led to

an long career teaching Music Education, most recently, in the Egg Harbor Township School District.

In 2005, Cooper followed in her late mother's footsteps – Assemblywoman Dolores Cooper - and entered public service, winning an at-large seat on the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders. She was re-elected in 2008. While a freeholder, she chaired the Education and Schools Committee and served as a member of the Tourism, Gaming and Marketing Committee, Public Health and Environment Committee, Library Committee, Commission on Women and the Local Advisory Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

Cooper is a member of the Board of Directors of Robin's Nest, a non-profit organization promoting the safety, education and other in-home services for children. She is an advocate for animal-rights causes and has backed several initiatives that have helped the Atlantic County Animal Shelter. Throughout her career as an entertainer and educator, she has been the recipient of numerous awards for her charitable activities donating her time, energy and talents for many causes and organizations throughout Atlantic County. Cooper was the recipient of the 2009 "Humanitarian of the Year" by the Columbus Day Committee of Atlantic County and in 2010, was honored by the Atlantic County Composite Squadron in recognition for outstanding assistance to the Civic Air Patrol. Her dedication and commitment to Atlantic County is well-known as she has sponsored fundraisers raising thousands of dollars for The Food Bank of South Jersey and the Atlantic County Animal Shelter.

Cooper lives in Linwood with her husband Doug Little and their son David.