

NEW JERSEY CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION

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***Plousis takes oath as eighth chairman
Of Casino Control Commission***

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***James T. Plousis Sworn In as CCC
Chairman***

ATLANTIC CITY - James T. Plousis, who has served in law enforcement for more than four decades, was sworn in Tuesday as the eighth chairman of the New Jersey Casino Control Commission.

“I want to thank Gov. Christie for giving me this opportunity and I promise him, Governor-elect Murphy and the people of the state of New Jersey that I will do my utmost to maintain the high standards of integrity for which the commission is known,” Plousis said.

“This is a crucial time for Atlantic City and its gaming industry which is so important to the economy and social well-being of the city, the region and the entire state. I want to work closely with the industry, the Division of Gaming Enforcement and the entire community to help move Atlantic City forward,” he added.

Plousis resigned from his position as Chairman of the State Parole Board prior to taking the oath of office as Casino Control Commission chairman.

The commission is the state agency that licenses casinos in Atlantic City and their key employees. It also holds hearings on appeals of decisions by the director of the Division of Gaming Enforcement.

Plousis' career in law enforcement started in 1975 as a police officer in Woodbine and later in Ocean City where he still resides. In 1984 he was elected Sheriff in Cape May County and repeatedly won reelection to that position until 2002. As Sheriff, he was responsible for the county jail, boot camp and fugitive apprehension. He instructed more than 200 law enforcement agencies in community policing, assisted in writing the US Justice Department's community policing curriculum, and served on the Board of Directors of the National Sheriffs' Association. In 1994 he started New Jersey's first youth academy for juvenile offenders. He served on the State Correction Commission, State Fugitive Committee and Victim Witness Commission.

In 2002, President George W. Bush appointed Plousis as U.S. Marshal for New Jersey. In that position, he was responsible for the security of federal judges and the staff of the US Attorneys' Office in Newark, Trenton and Camden. He coordinated the New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force that serves as a national model for the apprehension of wanted persons. He established the Gang Education and Awareness Program in Jersey City, one of five pilot programs in the nation. He established New Jersey's Fugitive Safe Surrender program that led to the nation's second- and third-highest peaceful turnouts of wanted fugitives, in Camden and Newark.

Gov. Christie appointed Plousis to be chairman of the New Jersey Parole Board in 2010. In that position, he headed New Jersey's lead reentry agency, and works to ensure ex-prisoners return to society as law-abiding citizens. The State Parole Board is New Jersey's primary law enforcement agency responsible for sex offender supervision and its officers actively participate with multiple Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies and task forces. Members of the Parole Board and its staff conduct also more than 20,000 hearings a year for inmates seeking release from the state's 15 correctional facilities and its sworn officers supervise more than 15,000 offenders across the state.