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Levinson takes oath as seventh chairman Of Casino Control Commission

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ATLANTIC CITY -- Matthew B. Levinson became the seventh chairman of the Casino Control Commission Monday.

"I am honored the Gov. Christie has chosen me to lead the commission during this critical time in the history of Atlantic City," Levinson said. "While there are challenges ahead, I look forward to working with the industry, the city, other government entities and all of the stakeholders to build Atlantic City into the world-class destination resort that it can be."

State Superior Court Judge Bernard E. DeLury Jr., administered the oath of office in a private ceremony at the commission offices before a small group of Levinson's family and friends and commission staff. Levinson was nominated by Gov. Chris Christie and approved by the New Jersey State Senate in June.

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. The chairman also serves as the agency's chief executive officer. The members are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the State Senate.

A resident of Linwood, Levinson was born and raised in Atlantic County and, except for a few years right after college, lived and worked here his entire life.

Levinson served as Chief Financial Officer of SOSH Architects where he was responsible for all accounting and finance operations for the firm's offices in Atlantic City and in New York City. His duties there also included handling Human Resources, Information Technology, Business Development and Marketing.

The new chairman has been a member of Linwood City Council, a position he vacated prior to taking his commission post. He served as chairman of the council's Finance Committee and he was a member of the Board of School Estimate.

Previously, Levinson worked as Casino Accounting Manager at Resorts International Hotel Casino, managing the Casino Accounting Department and developing and preparing a variety of financial reports that the casino had to file with the commission. He also worked for the Philadelphia accounting firm of Matson, Driscoll & Damico, LLP after college.

Levinson is a 2002 graduate of Villanova University where he majored in accounting and minored in finance. While in college, he interned at the Tropicana Casino and Hotel in the accounting and finance department and also at the Philadelphia Investment Banking Co.

He has been active in a variety of civic, professional and charitable organizations.