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MINUTES - PUBLIC MEETING NO. 20-05-06
May 6, 2020 - 10:30 a.m.

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 Sharon Anne Harrington and Commissioner Alisa B. Cooper

In furtherance of Governor Philip D. Murphy's Executive Order 103 (2020), the Casino Control Commissions' meeting was held via remote audio technology. The public listen 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 opened the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of the thousands of our relatives, friends, and neighbors in New Jersey, and across the United States, who have lost their lives during this serious pandemic.

Chairman Plousis, on behalf of the Commission, acknowledged our neighbors who work in this industry and in vital hospitality jobs in our region.

Finally, The Chairman thanked Commission staff, the New Jersey Office of Information Technology, who went above and beyond to make this meeting possible. He also thanked the Division of Gaming Enforcement and all meeting participants for their willingness to be flexible so that this meeting could move forward. (transcript pages 8-11).

1. By vote of 3-0, ratified the minutes of March 11, 2020 (transcript page 12).

2. By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial applications of Iris L. Aquino, Dawn M. Durham, William M. Fritz, Nicholas Girault, Kevin J. Hendry, Brian M. Hess, Vadim Ivanyushchenko, Diamon R. Johnson, David A. Kening, Kenneth C. Klotz, Frederick E. Kramer, III, Chau K. Lam, Edward Machinski, Brian T. McManus, Styliani I. Otheitou (*a/k/a Styliani I. Haritopoulos*), Robert H. Pattillo, Jr., Frank J. Porters, Jr., Roberto Rotgers (*a/k/a Roberto Maldonado, Roberto Rotgers-Maldonado, Roberto Rosada-Maldonado, Roberto Rosado-Maldonado*) and Leonard Zaccone for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 12-14); and

   By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial applications of Thomas Alvord, Andre E. Harvey, Edward Machinski, ,Matthew M. Madensky and Robert H. Pattillo, Jr., for casino key employee licenses to a hearing (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript pages 14-15).

3. By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial applications of Yodit Alemu-Denekew, Michael L. Baldino, Lewis I. Bonham, Christopher C. Coyle, Jr. (*a/k/a Cornelius C. Coyle, Jr.*), Franco D'Angelo, James M. Direnzo, Nicholas Ferraro, Lawrence Garzarelli, William C. Hoffman, Bruce A. Holcombe, Molly B. Iavaroni (*a/k/a Molly B. McNamee, Molly B. Fleming, Molly B. O'Donnell*) , Ernest Isgro, Jr., Barbara D. Jolly, William M. Merz, 3rd, Himanshu Modi, Ian G. Nebbett, Victoria L. O'Donovan (*a/k/a Victoria L. Lyn*), Gloria E. Osnato (*a/k/a Gloria E. Fortach*), Vipin C. Pandya (*a/k/a Vipinchandra C. Pandya, Vipinchandra C. Vipin*), Rajubhai A. Patel, David S. Perna, David P. Petruzzi, Frank T. Pino (*a/k/a Francis T. Pino*), Gregory J. Pocoroba, Michael B. Richter, Gloria F. Riley, Carolyn M. Rogers (*a/k/a Carolyn M. Disney, Carolyn M. Messick*), Leo E. Troy, Ramona Velazquez and Michael P. Zippelfor casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript pages 15-16).

4. Temporary casino key employee licenses and multi casino endorsements (MCE) were issued between March 7, 2020 and May 1, 2020, pursuant to Delegation of Authority Resolution Number 17-01-11-11-C to the following applicants Melina Villegas and Zachary C. Zarnoch (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 16-17).

5. By a vote of 3-0, granted the requested relief and inactivated the casino key employee license held by James E. Duffy and Christy J. Rodriguez (Ruling numbers 20-05-06-05-A, 20-05-06-05-B; transcript pages 17-19).

6. By a vote of 3-0 suspended the credential held by Keinia Y. Blakeley and remanded this matter to a hearing (DKT 20-0012-RC) (ruling numbers 20-05-06-06; transcript pages 19-25).

7. Considered the initial casino key employee licensure and qualification of Jerome Persiano and issued the following ruling:

   By a vote of 3-0, approved the stipulation of settlement between the Division of Gaming Enforcement and Jerome Persiano; and issued an initial casino key employee license to Jerome Persiano, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-89 and *N.J.A.C.* 19:41A-5.3; and found Mr. Persiano qualified to serve as Vice President, Player Development for AC Ocean Walk, LLC, in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-85.1 c, and *N.J.A.C.* 13:69C-2.6, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions, as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 20-0010-CK) (Ruling number 20-05-06-07; transcript pages 25-28).

8. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Cynthia M. Vollmer, qualified to serve as Vice President Enterprise Risk Management for MGM Resorts International, 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 20-05-06-08; transcript pages 28-31).

9. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found good cause, *sua sponte,* pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 13:69C-2.7(d)(2), and extended Timothy J. Reeves', temporary qualification and temporary casino key employee license from April 10, 2020 to May 6, 2020, to serve as Vice President of Casino and Hotel Technologies for Golden Nugget, LLC, 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); *N.J.A.C.* 13:69C-2.7. Further, issued Mr. Reeves an initial casino key employee license, for which residency is not required, in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-89 (b) 4; *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-89e; and *N.J.A.C.* 19:41A-5.3 (Ruling number 20-05-06-09; transcript pages 31-34).

10. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Janis Lavery Jones Blackhurst, qualified to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of Caesars Entertainment 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 20-05-06-10; transcript pages 34-37).

11. Considered Petition for the Qualification of Landry's Finance Acquisition Co., a New Entity Qualifier and Financial Source of Golden Nugget Atlantic City, LLC, and issued the following ruling:

   By a vote of 3-0, found Landry's Finance Acquisition Company, qualified, nunc pro tunc, to April 28, 2020; and found each of the designated natural person qualifiers,

Tilman J. Fertitta, Steven L. Scheinthal, Richard H Liem and Thomas J. Winter, to have been previously found qualified or licensed by the Commission to remain qualified or licensed, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-85.1, *nunc pro tunc*, to April 28, 2020; subject to the extent set forth, as well as the conditions provided for, in the Resolution. (PRN 1072001) (ruling number 20-05-06-11; transcript pages 37-45).

12. Considered the petition of Caesars Interactive Entertainment New Jersey, LLC, and Caesars Interactive Entertainment, Inc., and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and authorized Zachary Zarnoch, on a temporary basis and prior to his plenary qualification, to assume the duties and exercise the powers Senior Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer for AC Ocean Walk, 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 of the Act (PRN 0501602) (Ruling number 20-05-06-12; transcript pages 45-48).

13. Considered the Plenary Qualification of Luxor Capital Group, LP as a Holding Company of AC Ocean Walk LLC (*d/b/a Ocean Casino Resort*) and its Related Entities and Natural Person Qualifiers.

The Commission received into evidence exhibit D-1 from the Division of Gaming Enforcement, and exhibits A-1, A-2 and A-3 from the Applicant.

By a vote of 3-0, approved the applicants' sealing request and redacted portions of exhibit D-1.

The Commission heard presentations of the applicant and the testimony of Michael Conboy, Partner, Luxor Capital Group LP; and Theresa Glebocki, Chief Executive Officer, Ocean Casino Resort through cross-examination by Counsel for the Division of Gaming Enforcement.

The Commission considered the written submissions, exhibits and oral arguments presented.

By a vote of 3-0 adopted the draft resolution and granted plenary qualification to Luxor Capital Group, L.P., as set forth in the findings and rulings and subject to the conditions in the Resolution (Ruling number 20-05-06-13; transcript pages 49-101).

In accordance with Resolution No. 19-12-11-03, the next closed session of the Commission shall be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Offices (transcript page 101).

The Public submitted comments to public.comments@ccc.state.nj.us from the beginning and anytime throughout the meeting, ending at the time of adjournment. During the public participation portion of the meeting the following comments were read into the record:

Scott Heath, Room Service Attendant, Caesars Palace, and Member of UNITE-HERE, Local 54, submitted comments to the Commission stating that there need to be a partnership between the regulators, casinos and UNITE-HERE, Local 54, in establishing safety procedures for the reopening of the Atlantic City Casinos (transcript page 102);

Elaine Malloy, Cocktail Server in the industry for 29 years, and Member of UNITE-HERE, Local 54, submitted comments to the Commission stating that the Casino Workers need to be considered in the re-opening plans of the Atlantic City Casinos. (transcript page 103), and

Elizabeth Martin, Bartender, Borgata, and Member of UNITE-HERE, Local 54, submitted comments to the Commission stating that the Casino Control Commission should make sure that the safety plans do not just come from the Executive offices. The Casino Workers need to be part of the solution, and plans to figuring out how to re-open Atlantic City Casinos safely (transcript page 104).

Chairman Plousis, on behalf of the Commission, addressed the public concerns with these comments:

I think that Governor Murphy has shown caution, as we are a State under his leadership. Governor Murphy stated in this press conference, that in any reopening of the Casinos', there would be due diligence in regard to the regulatory people involved, the Casino Control Commission, the Division of Gaming Enforcement, as well as through the Governors' Office.

Safety is the priority, So I'm confident that we will use the best practices from the Center of Disease Control, our State Department of Health, as well as the American Gaming Association. And when we say Atlantic City is open for business, it will be safe for our employees, as well as all our Visitors and our Residents (transcript pages 105-106).

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.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 May 6, 2020, are true and correct.

Dianna W. Fauntleroy, Esq.
Executive Secretary