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MINUTES - PUBLIC MEETING NO. 24-11-13 November 13, 2024 - 10:30 p.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, as well in person. The public listened telephonically by calling the telephone number and access number provided on the Commission's website, and public comments were accepted via email.

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:

- 1. By a vote of 3-0, ratified the minutes of October 9, 2024 (transcript pages 9-10).
- 2. By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial applications of Ivan Fernandez, Jodie C. Lash (a/ka Jodie C. Wright), Jacob E. List, Norbert Noa, Shireen A. Siddique, Alannah J. Wiggins and Michelle L. Worley, for casino key employee licenses (transcript pages 10-12).

3. By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted applications of Nilesh H. Acharya, David E. Johnson, John M. Legrand, Robert J. Monteverde, Mariela Pabon (a/k/a Mariela Pabon-Rivera), Rajendra N. Paul, Ronald J. Rodriguez, Paul E. Russo, Matthew J. Septynski, Deborah A. Sirolli and Joseph P. Totoro, for casino key employee licenses. (Exhibit EL-1\*; transcript pages 12-13);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Mark Giannantonio and for qualification as President and Chief Executive Officer for DGMB Casino, LLC (d/b/a Resorts Atlantic City) (Exhibit EL-3\*; transcript pages 13-15); and

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Eric J. Matejevich; and for qualification as Chairman of the Compliance Committee and Member of the Audit Committee for AC Ocean Walk, LLC (d/b/a Ocean Casino Resorts); and waived the residency requirement, as provided for in *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-89(b) 4 (Exhibit EL-2\*; transcript page 15-16).

- 4. Temporary casino key employee licenses and multi casino endorsements (MCE) were issued between October 1, 2024 and October 31, 2024, pursuant to Delegation of Authority Resolution Number 22-01-12-11-B to the following applicants: James J. Carr, Daniel D. Charlton, Jose D. Morillo, Steven J. Rao, Michael A. Scoloveno, Michael L. Swank, Brian E. Tyndall and David P. Vallone (MCE) and Kristian P. Wesley (Exhibit EL-4\*; transcript pages 17-19).
- 5. By a vote of 3-0, granted the requested relief and inactivated the casino key employee licenses held by Gary C. DiBartolomeo, Aziza Farmer (a/k/a Aziza Eastwood, Aziza Atwa), Hilda J. Gonzalez (a/k/a Hilda J. Andujar; Hilda J. Mercado), Mark W. Ludwick, Robert L. Smith, Jr., Michael B. Straub and Deborah S. Weiss (a/k/a Deborah S. Ruth) (Ruling numbers 24-11-13-05-A, 24-11-13-05-B, 24-11-13-05-C, 24-11-13-05-D, 24-11-13-05-E, 24-11-13-05-F, 24-11-13-05-G; transcript pages 19-21).
- 6. By a vote of 3-0, found that Richard A. Cook, Jason L. Gregorec, Michel C. Hendrie, William E. Knauf, Jr. and Kate L. Warden, casino key employee licenses lapsed, pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 19:41A-6.1 (f) of the regulations. (Ruling numbers 24-11-13-06-A, 24-11-13-06-B, 24-11-13-06-C, 24-11-13-06-D, 24-11-13-06-E; transcript pages 21-23).
- 7. Considered the initial application of Kayla A. Cimadori, for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, found Kayla A. Cimadori, disqualified, pursuant to  $\underline{\textit{N.J.S.A.}}$  5:12-80(b),  $\underline{\textit{N.J.S.A.}}$  5:12-80(d),  $\underline{\textit{N.J.S.A.}}$  5:12-86,  $\underline{\textit{N.J.S.A.}}$  5:12-89; and denied Kayla A. Cimadori initial application for casino key employee license (DKT 24-0027-CK) (Ruling number 24-11-13-07; transcript pages 23-25).

8. Considered the initial application of Thomas Vanseters, for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, found Thomas Vanseters, disqualified, pursuant to  $\underline{\textit{N.J.S.A.}}$  5:12-80(b),  $\underline{\textit{N.J.S.A.}}$  5:12-80(d),  $\underline{\textit{N.J.S.A.}}$  5:12-86,  $\underline{\textit{N.J.S.A.}}$  5:12-89; and denied Thomas Vanseters initial application for casino key employee license (DKT 24-0028-CK) (Ruling number 24-11-13-08; transcript pages 26-28).

9. Considered the Initial Decision in the matter of the Appeal of M.W. for Removal from the Self Exclusion List and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, found good cause, and granted the requested relief, pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 1:1-18.6; and

- a) granted the Division of Gaming Enforcement motion to supplement the record;
   and modified the Initial Decision to reflect that PointsBet does not have a "self-exclusion" option in New Jersey, but instead permit a cooling off period;
- b) found that Appellant demonstrated that he did not intentionally place himself on the Division's self-exclusion list, as required by *N.J.A.C.* 13:69G-2.2 (c );
- c) granted his request to be removed from the Division's self-exclusion list, prior to the imposed December 12, 2028 expiration date; and

adopted the Initial Decision as modified (DKT-24-0019-AP) (Initial Decision) (Ruling number 24-11-13-09; transcript pages 28-45).

- 10. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and issued a plenary casino key employee license to Niklas T. Rytterstrom, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-89b; and found Niklas T. Rytterstrom qualified to serve as President and Chief Operating Officer for Marina District Development Company, LLC (*d/b/a* Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa), in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-85.1 and *N.J.A.C.* 13:69C-2.6 (24-11-13-10; transcript pages 45-50).
- 11. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and issued a casino key employee license to Alan Greenstein, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-89b; and found Alan Greenstein qualified to serve as Vice President of Finance for Premier Entertainment AC, LLC (d/b/a Bally's Atlantic City), in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-85.1 and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 13:69C-2.6 (24-11-13-11; transcript pages 53-56).
- 12. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Timothy Dawson, plenarily qualified to serve as Chief Information Security Officer for Caesar Entertainment, Inc., in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-85.1 and *N.J.A.C.* 13:69C-2.7 (Ruling number 24-11-13-12; transcript pages 56-60).

- 13. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Stephen Harrison, plenarily qualified to serve as Senior Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer for MGM Resorts International, in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-85.1 and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 13:69C-2.7 (Ruling number 24-11-13-12; transcript pages 50-53).
- 14. Considered the Joint Petition of Caesars Interactive Entertainment New Jersey, LLC and Caesars Entertainment, Inc, requesting the qualification of a New Holding Company and for various other rulings, in connection therewith and issued the following rulings:

The commission considered the written submission, petition, exhibits and oral arguments presented and issued the following rulings:

By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and granted the relief requested in the petition, and

- a) found Digital Holdco and its natural person qualifiers have complied with all requirements, regarding the submission of information necessary to the Commission and the Division to evaluate PRN 1232401;
- b) found each of the designated natural person qualifiers: Anthony Carano, Eric Hession, Edmund Quatmann, Thomas Reeg; and Bret Yunker, to have been previously found qualified by the Commission and remain qualified, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-85.1;
- c) Digital HoldCo has established compliance with N.J.S.A. 5:12-82d(7), N.J.S.A. 5:12-82d(8), N.J.S.A. 5:12-82d(10) and N.J.S.A. 5:12-85(b);
- d) Digital HoldCo, has established by clear and convincing evidence, that it possess the financial stability, integrity and responsibility and the good character, honesty and integrity, required by *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-84 and *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-85.1;
- e) found Digital HoldCo, plenarily qualified as the new intermediary holding company of casino licensee, Caesars Interactive Entertainment New Jersey, LLC, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-85.1; and

subject to the extent set forth in the Resolution (PRN 1232401) (ruling number 24-11-13-14; transcript pages 60-66).

In accordance with Resolution No. 23-12-06-03, the next closed session of the Commission shall be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Offices (transcript page 66).

There being no members of the public to address the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

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\*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.

## <u>CERTIFICATION</u>

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 November 13, 2024, are true and correct.

Dianna W. Fauntleroy, Esq.

Executive Secretary