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CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION TENNESSEE AVENUE AND BOARDWALK Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401 JAMES T. PLOUSIS *Chairman*

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MINUTES - PUBLIC MEETING NO. 25-02-14 February 14, 2025 - 10:30 a.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

ABSENT:

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. The public listened 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, on behalf of the Commission, recognized Governor Murphy enacted legislation that gave the Commission discretion to issue casino key employee licenses to Recovery Court Graduates. This law also requires the Commission to coordinate with non-profit reentry organizations and collaborate with government partners and others, to help rehabilitated people overcome barriers.

Chairman Plousis announced that Patrick Ealer has been promoted to the position of Assistant Director of Regulatory Affairs. He will be leading the Commission's reentry efforts as he continues to oversee licensing functions. This action is reflective of the Commission's commitment to this critically important initiative. We continue to pledge our support as we build more connections and partnerships to improve the lives of New Jersey residents. Chairman Plousis and Vice Chair Cooper congratulated Patrick Ealer in his new position as Assistant Director of Regulatory Affairs. (transcript pages 9-12).

- 1. By a vote of 2-0, ratified the minutes of January 8, 2025; and the Special Meeting of January 17, 2025 (transcript pages 12-13).
- 2. By a vote of 2-0, granted the initial applications of Dennis E. Adams (a/k/a Dennis E. McGee, Jr.), Paul A. Adelaja, Zackary A. DiCroce, William J. Herflicker, IV, Tracy L. Jefferson (a/k/a Tracy L. Smith), Kevin A. Jones, Angelyz M. Malave, Richard A. Rellosa, Bryan M. Zamora-Guardado and David Zimmer, for casino key employee licenses (transcript pages 13-15).
- 3. By a vote of 2-0, granted the resubmitted applications of Harris J. Albert, Theresa M. Burke (a/k/a Theresa M. Staffiera-Mulroy; Theresa M. Staffiera), Angel S. Flores, Jr. (a/k/a Angel S. Flores-Vega), Lawrence J. Garzarelli, Leanora E. Insinger, Francis M. Jakimowicz, Himanshu K. Modi, Ian G. Nebbett, Craig W. Reynolds and Stephen L. Robinson, for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript pages 15-16);

By a vote of 2-0, remanded the resubmitted application of Margarita Rivera (a/k/a Margarita Garcia), for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript pages 16-17);

By a vote of 2-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of James P. Byrnes and for qualification as Senior Vice President of Casino Marketing for Golden Nugget Atlantic City, LLC (d/b/a Golden Nugget Atlantic City) (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 17-19);

By a vote of 2-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Lisa M. Rubin (a/k/a Lisa M. Baldwin); and for qualification as Vice President Credit and Collections for Caesars Entertainment, Inc; and waived the residency requirement, as provided for in N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(b) 4 (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript page 19-20).

By a vote of 2-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Michael R. Woodside and for qualification as Vice President, Entertainment and Marketing Services for Hard Rock Atlantic City, LLC (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 20-21).

By a vote of 2-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Mark E. Vanderwielen and for qualification as Vice President, Hotel Operations for Hard Rock Atlantic City, LLC (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 21-22).

- 4. Temporary casino key employee licenses were issued between December 26, 2024 and January 31, 2025, pursuant to Delegation of Authority Resolution Number 22-01-12-11-B to the following applicants: Joshua A. Cruz, Andrew J. Koch, Anirudh D. Parmar, Kenneth A. Purnell, Jr., Yesseyda M. Santana and Jackie N. Trower (a/k/a Noni N Trower; Flaco N. Trower) (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 22-24).
- 5. By a vote of 2-0, granted the requested relief and inactivated the casino key employee license held by Dennis R. Coyle (Ruling number 25-02-14-05; transcript pages 24-25).
- 6. By a vote of 2-0, found that Nicholas B. Devens, Richard D. Jones, Christopher J. Lent, Patricia McDonnell and Michael J. Silberling, casino key employee licenses lapsed, pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 19:41A-6.1 (f) of the regulation. (Ruling numbers 25-02-14-06-A, 25-02-14-06-B, 25-02-14-06-C, 25-02-14-06-D, 25-02-14-06-E; transcript pages 25-27).
- 7. Considered the resubmission application of Lilliam Troche for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:
 - By a vote of 2-0, found Lilliam Troche, 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 and $\underline{\textit{N.J.S.A.}}$ 5:12-89; denied Lilliam Troche's resubmitted application for a casino key employee license; and revoked Lilliam Troche's casino key employee license (DKT 24-0070-CR) (Ruling number 25-02-14-07; transcript pages 27-30).
- 8. Considered the initial application of Vincent Marra for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:
 - By a vote of 2-0, found Vincent Marra ("Applicant"), disqualified, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-80(b), <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-80(d), <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-86, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-89; and denied Applicant's initial application for a casino key employee license (DKT 24-0068-CK) (Ruling number 25-02-14-08; transcript pages 30-33).
- 9. Considered the initial application of George Williams for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 2-0, found George Williams ("Applicant"), disqualified, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-80(b), *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-80(d), *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-86, *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-89; and denied Applicant's initial application for a casino key employee license (DKT 24-0069-CK) (Ruling number 25-02-14-09; transcript pages 33-35).

10. Considered the initial application of Earl McClinton for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 2-0, found Earl McClinton ("Applicant"), disqualified, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-80(b), <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-80(d), <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-86, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-89; and denied Applicant's initial application for a casino key employee license (DKT 24-0095-CK) (Ruling number 25-02-14-10; transcript pages 35-38).

11. Considered the resubmission application of Stacey Igeleke, for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 2-0, approved the stipulation of settlement between the Division of Gaming Enforcement and Applicant; and granted the resubmission application of Stacey Igeleke, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 24-0105-SR) (Ruling number 25-02-14-11; transcript pages 38-40).

12. Considered the initial application of Tunde Dada, for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 2-0, approved the stipulation of settlement between the Division of Gaming Enforcement and Applicant; and granted the initial application of Tunde Dada, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 25-0003-SI) (Ruling number 25-02-14-12; transcript pages 40-43).

13. Considered the initial application of Richard Williams, for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 2-0, approved the stipulation of settlement between the Division of Gaming Enforcement and Applicant; and granted the initial application of Richard Williams, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 25-0014-SI) (Ruling number 25-02-14-13; transcript pages 43-45).

14. Considered the initial application of Keith Purnell, for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 2-0, approved the stipulation of settlement between the Division of Gaming Enforcement and Applicant; and granted the initial application of Keith Purnell, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 25-0015-SI) (Ruling number 25-02-14-14; transcript pages 45-48).

15. Considered the Division of Gaming Enforcement motion and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 2-0, granted the requested relief and Ordered that the initial application of Marshall Davis for a casino key employee license, be transferred back to the Division of Gaming Enforcement, in order to fully complete the investigation (DKT 22-0055-CK; DKT 23-0004-RC) (transcript pages 48-51).

- 16. By a vote of 2-0, adopted the draft resolution and issued a plenary casino key employee license to David B. Zerfing, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-89; and found David B. Zerfing qualified to serve as Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Golden Nugget Atlantic City, LLC (*d/b/a* Golden Nugget Atlantic City), in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-85, *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-89 and *N.J.A.C.* 13:69C-2.6. (Ruling number 25-02-14-16; transcript pages 58-61).
- 17. By a vote of 2-0, adopted the draft resolution and issued a plenary casino key employee license to Diana Castrillon, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-89b; and found Diana Castrillon qualified to serve as Vice President of Human Resources of 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 (Ruling number 25-02-14-17; transcript pages 55-58).
- 18. By a vote of 2-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Dona H. Cornell, plenarily qualified to serve as a Member of the Audit Committee of GNAC Holdings. LLC, in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-85.1 and *N.J.A.C.* 13:69C-2.7 (Ruling number 25-02-14-18; transcript pages 51-55).
- 19. By a vote of 2-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Kim Harris Jones, plenarily qualified to serve as a Director and Audit Committee Member of Caesars Entertainment, Inc, in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-85.1 and *N.J.A.C.* 13:69C-2.7 (Ruling number 25-02-14-19; transcript pages 61-64).
- 20. Considered the joint petition of Caesars Entertainment, Inc., William Hill US Holdco, Inc. and Caesars Interactive Entertainment New Jersey, LLC, and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 2-0, adopted the draft resolution and authorized James Moody, on a temporary basis and prior to plenary qualification, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Senior Vice President Digital Technology of William Hill US Holdco, Inc, pending plenary qualification, subject to the conditions contained in *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-85.1 and *N.J.A.C.* 13:69C-2.7 of the Act (PRN 0282501) (Ruling number 25-02-14-20; transcript pages 64-67).

21. By a vote of 2-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Vince C. Agro, plenarily qualified to serve as Senior Vice President Customer Experience of William Hill US Holdco, Inc, in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-85.1 and *N.J.A.C.* 13:69C-2.7 (PRN 0282502) (Ruling number 25-02-14-21; transcript pages 68-70).

In accordance with Resolution No. 24-12-11-03, the next closed session of the Commission shall be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Offices (transcript page 71).

There being no members of the public to address the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.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 February 14, 2025, are true and correct.

Dianna W. Fauntleroy, Esq. Executive Secretary