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MINUTES - PUBLIC MEETING NO. 25-04-09 April 9, 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 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. 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:

- 1. By a vote of 3-0, ratified the minutes of March 12, 2025 (transcript pages 11-12).
- 2. By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial applications of Alexander T. Biros, Sebastian M. Bremer, David F. Holley, III, Fred Ereck L. Lorenzo, Lourdes J. Melendez-Ramos, Olivia A. Rosado, Michael A. Scoloveno and Michael L. Swank, for casino key employee licenses. (transcript pages 12-14);

Adjourned the initial application of Anthony G. Faranca, for a casino key employee license to the May 14, 2025 public meeting (transcript page 12); and

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Timothy J. Marks, for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-2\*; transcript pages 14-15).

3. By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted applications of Carlos F. Colon, Linda A. Cummins (a/k/a Linda A. O'Donnell), Rajesh Das, Mario Desantis, Jr., Frank M. Docchio, Christinella N. Dowe (a/k/a Christinella N. Johnson), Patricia A. Fineran (a/k/a Patricia A. Arndt), Ming M. Flesch, Diana M. Guilmartin (a/k/a Diana M. Starkey, Diana M. Schoppaul), Owen M. Homeny, Ernest Isgro, Jr., Wayne A. Kitashima, Curtis H. Lane, Jr., Frank D. Leone, Adriene M. Mitchell, Baotran L. Nguyen, Raymond C. Parker, Michael A. Petta, Franco A. Puliti, Gloria F. Riley (a/k/a Gloria F. Smith), Michelle L. Saxon (a/k/a Michelle L. Friday), Gregory A. Schaaf, Warder E. Silcott, Patricia A. Smith (a/k/a Patricia A. Bradley), John P. Spollen, Joseph A. Stickel, Richard M. Tartaglio (a/k/a Richard M. Cartaglio), Alonzo C. Tennant, Elizabeth Wenzel (a/k/a Elizabeth Wenzel-Tirado) and Keith W. Winn, for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-2\*; transcript pages 15-18);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial application of Michael E. Rodriguez, for casino key employee license, with a multi-casino endorsement, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-91.1 (Exhibit EL-1\*; transcript pages 18-19);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmission application of Christine A. Boxer (a/k/a Christine A. Visconti, Christine A. Gyetvay), for casino a key employee license, with a multi-casino endorsement, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-91.1; and for qualification as VIP Hospitality Vice President for Boardwalk Regency Corporation, LLC (d/b/a Caesars Atlantic City, LLC); Harrah's Resorts Atlantic City (d/b/a Harrah's Atlantic City Operating Company, LLC); and Tropicana Atlantic City Corp (d/b/a Tropicana Atlantic City) (Exhibit EL-3\*; transcript pages 19-21);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Peter N. Ciccone and for qualification as Director of Sales for Premier Entertainment AC, LLC (d/b/a Bally's Atlantic City) (Exhibit EL-3\*; transcript pages 21-22);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Frank G. Policastro and for qualification as Vice President of Casino Operations for Premier Entertainment AC, LLC (d/b/a Bally's Atlantic City) (Exhibit EL-3\*; transcript pages 22-23);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmission application of Michael K. Sampson, for casino a key employee license, with a multi-casino endorsement, pursuant to  $\underline{\textit{N.J.S.A.}}$  5:12-91.1; and for qualification as General Manager for Boardwalk 1000, LLC (d/b/a) Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Atlantic City) and HR Atlantic City, LLC (Exhibit EL-3\*; transcript pages 23-25); and

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Donna F. Ward (a/k/a Donna F. Fiedler) and for qualification as Vice President of Sales for HR Atlantic City, LLC (Exhibit EL-3\*; transcript pages 25-26).

- 4. Temporary casino key employee licenses were issued between March 1, 2025 and March 31, 2025, pursuant to Delegation of Authority Resolution Number 22-01-12-11-B to the following applicants: Nicole A. Blaylock (a/k/a Nicole A. Hanley), Darcey A. Borden (a/k/a Darcey A. Wass), Daniel R. Chapman, Daniel G. DiFrancesco, Joseph Gerace, 5<sup>th</sup>, Alexa C. Hart, George McClain, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Raymond E. Morales, Tammy C. Morelli (a/k/a Tammy C. Stegall), DaZhaona A. Moses, David Rolo, Corey C. Schmidt and Amy Wong (a/k/a Tak Y. Wong) (Exhibit EL-3\*; transcript pages 26-29).
- 5. By a vote of 3-0, granted the requested relief and inactivated the casino key employee license held by Jeane G. Haas (a/k/a Jeane G. Maderia, Jeane G. Garcia) and Richard M. Saccoccia (Ruling numbers 25-04-09-05-A, 25-04-09-05-B; transcript pages 29-30).
- 6. By a vote of 3-0, found that Andrew C. Buchanan, Jr., Jonathan Carrion-Martinez, Patty C. Chang (a/k/a Chiehyu Chang), Gary L. Edwards, Jr., Kerwin C. Hampton, Jr. (a/k/a Kip Hampton), Thomas J. Leonard, IV and Joseph R. Soreth, casino key employee licenses lapsed, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:41A-6.1 (f) of the regulation. (Ruling numbers 25-04-09-06-A, 25-04-09-06-B, 25-04-09-06-C, 25-04-09-06-D, 25-04-09-06-E, 25-04-09-06-F, 25-04-09-06-G; transcript pages 30-32).
- 7. Considered the initial application of Jenny Dumas, for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:
  - By a vote of 3-0, approved the stipulation of settlement between the Division of Gaming Enforcement and Applicant; and granted the initial application of Jenny Dumas, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 25-0028-SI) (Ruling number 25-04-09-07; transcript pages 32-35).
- 8. Considered the initial application of Jaden T. Mozelle, for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:
  - By a vote of 3-0, approved the stipulation of settlement between the Division of Gaming Enforcement and Applicant; and granted the initial application of Jaden T. Mozelle, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 25-0029-SI) (Ruling number 25-04-09-08; transcript pages 35-37).

9. Considered the initial application of Philip Sciarretto, for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, approved the stipulation of settlement between the Division of Gaming Enforcement and Applicant; and granted the initial application of Philip Sciarretto, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 25-0027-SI) (Ruling number 25-04-09-09; transcript pages 37-40).

10. Considered the initial application of Ashak A. Limon, for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, approved the stipulation of settlement between the Division of Gaming Enforcement and Applicant; and granted the initial application of Ashak A. Limon, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 25-0031-SI) (Ruling number 25-04-09-10; transcript pages 41-43).

11. Considered the Initial Decision in the matter of the Appeal of A.C. for Removal from the Self Exclusion List and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, adopted the Initial Decision of Hearing Examiner, Alisa B. Cooper, Vice Chairman, and found that Appellant failed to demonstrate that he did not intentionally place himself on the self-exclusion list, as required by *N.J.A.C.* 13:69G-2.2 (c); and denied his request to be removed from the self-exclusion list, prior to his March 18, 2027 expiration date (24-0063-AP) (Initial Decision) (Ruling number 25-04-09-11; transcript pages 43-47).

12. 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, adopted the Initial Decision of Hearing Examiner, Joyce Mollineaux, Commissioner, and found that Appellant failed to demonstrate that he did not intentionally place himself on the self-exclusion list, as required by *N.J.A.C.* 13:69G-2.2 (c); and denied his request to be removed from the self-exclusion list, prior to his September 19, 2028 expiration date (24-0062-AP) (Initial Decision) (Ruling number 25-04-09-12; transcript pages 47-80).

13. Considered the joint petition of Boardwalk 1000, LLC (*d/b/a* Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Atlantic City) and HR Rock Atlantic City, LLC, and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, approved the joint petition and issued a temporary casino key employee license to Francis Donaghue, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-89(b) 4, *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-89(e) and *N.J.A.C.* 19:41A-5.3; and permitted him to assume the duties and

exercise the powers of Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer for HR Atlantic City, LLC, Seminole HR Holdings, LLC, SHRE/SHRI, LLC, and Seminole Hard Rock Entertainment, Inc, pending plenary qualification; subject to the conditions contained in *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-85.1c, *N.J.A.C.* 13:69C-2.6 and *N.J.A.C.* 13:69C-2.7. Further, granted the petitioners' request to waive the residency requirement, as provided for in *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-89(b) 4 (PRN 0692503) (Ruling number 25-04-09-13; transcript pages 80-84).

- 14. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Donald Beatson, plenarily qualified to serve as Chief Technology Officer for Bally's Corporation, in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-85.1 and *N.J.A.C.* 13:69C-2.7 (Ruling number 25-04-09-14; transcript pages 84-87).
- 15. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Vince A. Rossi, Jr. plenarily qualified to serve as Vice President of Gaming for Caesars Entertainment, Inc., in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-85.1 and *N.J.A.C.* 13:69C-2.7 (Ruling number 25-04-09-15; transcript pages 87-90).
- 16. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Heather A. Rapp, plenarily qualified to serve as Senior Vice President of Regional Marketing Strategy for Caesars Entertainment, Inc., in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-85.1 and *N.J.A.C.* 13:69C-2.7 (Ruling number 25-04-09-16; transcript pages 90-94).
- 17. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Keith T. Barr, plenarily qualified to serve as an Outside Director for MGM Resorts International, in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-85.1 and *N.J.A.C.* 13:69C-2.7 (Ruling number 25-04-09-17; transcript pages 94-96).
- 18. Considered the Joint Petition of Boardwalk 1000, LLC (*d/b/a* Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Atlantic City) and HR Atlantic City, LLC, for the qualification of Boardwalk Air 1, LLC, as an entity qualifier.

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 Boardwalk Air 1, LLC and its natural persons qualifiers have complied with all requirements, regarding the submission of information necessary to the Commission and the Division to evaluate PRN 0802502;

- b) found that Boardwalk 1000 Holdings, LLC, Hard Rock Tristate AC, LLC, Tristate Partners, LLC, Hard Rock Atlantic City Investor, LLC, Seminole Hard Rock Entertainment, Inc., SHRE/SHRI, LLC and Seminole Hard Rock Holdings, LLC, remain qualified as required by N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1c(3);
- found each of the designated natural person qualifiers James F. Allen, George Goldhoff, Nanette Horner, Michael Sampson and James Tierney to have been previously found qualified by the Commission and remained qualified, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-85.1;
- d) found Boardwalk Air 1, LLC, has established compliance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-82d(7), (8) and 10; and <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-85b;
- e) found Boardwalk Air 1, LLC has established by clear and convincing evidence that that it possesses the financial stability, integrity and responsibility and the good character, honesty and integrity required by *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-84 and 85.1; and
- f) found Boardwalk Air 1, LLC, qualified as an entity qualifier of casino licensee, Boardwalk 1000, LLC;

all subject to the extent set forth in the findings and subject to the conditions in the Resolution (PRN 0802502) (Ruling number 25-04-09-18; transcript pages 96-101).

19. Considered the joint petition of Marina District Development Company, LLC (*d/b/a* Borgata Hotel casino & Spa) and MGM Resorts International, and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and authorized Donna Langley, on a temporary basis and prior to plenary qualification, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of an Outside Director for MGM Resorts International, pending plenary qualification, subject to the conditions contained in *N.J.A.C.* 13:69C-2.7 and the requirements set forth in *N.J.A.C.* 13:69C-2.7(c)3 of the Act (PRN 0902502) (Ruling number 25-04-09-19; transcript pages 101-104).

In accordance with Resolution No. 24-12-11-03, the next closed session of the Commission shall be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Offices (transcript page 104).

There being no members of the public to address the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.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 April 9, 2025, are true and correct.

Dianna W. Fauntleroy, Esq. Executive Secretary