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MINUTES - PUBLIC MEETING NO. 25-11-12
November 12, 2025 - 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: Commissioners Mario Formica and Joyce Mollineaux

In furtherance of Governor Philip D. Murphy's Executive Order 103 (2020), the Casino Control Commission's meeting was held via in person and 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 October 8, 2025 (transcript pages 10-11).
2. By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial applications of Cherrice M. Brown (*a/k/a* Cherrice M. Needham), Francis A. Ferrara (*a/k/a* Frank A. Ferrara, Frankie A. Ferrara, Renae Jones (*a/k/a* Renae Howard), Christopher J. Mahaffey, Tammy C. Morelli (*a/k/a* Tammy C. Stegall), Wesley Perla-Melgar, Darren C. Printz, Christopher R. Robbins, Christopher Schunk, Tyler P. Schwartz (*a/k/a* Tyler P. Meehan) and Wojciech M. Trojanowski, for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-1*; transcript pages 11-13);

3. By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted applications of John Bitzberger, Walter J. Cox, 3rd, Vong T. Doan, Timothy M. Feeley, Joseph Fierro, Jennifer Garcia, Joan Hance (a/k/a Joan Blanche), Timothy J. Pickett, Luz M. Santos (a/k/a Luz M. Torres), James S. Towe and Michael D. Young, for casino key employee licenses (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript pages 13-15);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmission application of Suzanne M. Wuest (a/k/a Suzanne M. McAllister), for a casino key employee license, with a multi-casino endorsement, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-91.1 (Exhibit EL-2*; transcript page 15-16);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Joseph R. Giunta and for qualification as Senior Vice President and General Manager for Tropicana Atlantic City Corp (d/b/a Tropicana Atlantic City) (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 16-17); and

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Christopher M. Rynkiewicz (a/k/a Buzz M. Rynkiewicz) and for qualification as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Marina District Development Company, LLC (d/b/a Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa) (Exhibit EL-3*; transcript pages 17-19).

4. Temporary casino key employee licenses were issued between October 1, 2025 and October 31, 2025, pursuant to Delegation of Authority Resolution Number 22-01-12-11-B to the following applicant: Jieyan M. Cruz (Exhibit EL-4*; transcript pages 19-20).
5. By a vote of 3-0, granted the requested relief and inactivated the casino key employee license held by Syeda R. Nahar (Ruling number 25-11-12-05; transcript pages 20-22).
6. By a vote of 3-0, found that Steven T. Carday (a/k/a Steven M. Truocchio), casino key employee license lapsed, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:41A-6.1 (f) of the regulation. (Ruling numbers 25-11-12-06; transcript pages 22-23).
7. Considered the initial application of Nareisha Washington for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, granted the requested relief and Ordered that the initial application of Nareisha Washington for a casino key employee license be withdrawn. Nareisha Washington is prohibited from reapplying for a casino key employee license, until after November 12, 2026 (DKT 25-0177-CK) (Ruling number 25-11-12-07; transcript pages 23-26).

8. Considered the initial application of Ricardo Hernandez for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, granted the requested relief and Ordered that the initial application of Ricardo Hernandez for a casino key employee license be withdrawn. Ricardo Hernandez is prohibited from reapplying for a casino key employee license, until after November 12, 2026 (DKT 25-0176-CK) (Ruling number 25-11-12-08; transcript pages 26-28).

9. Considered the initial application of Kenneth Purnell, Jr., for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, found Kenneth Purnell, Jr. ("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 and N.J.S.A. 5:12-89; and denied Applicant's initial application for a casino key employee license (DKT 25-0143-CK) (Ruling number 25-11-12-09; transcript pages 28-31).

10. Considered the initial application of Alexa Hart, 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 Alexa Hart, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 25-0165-SI) (Ruling number 25-11-12-10; transcript pages 31-34).

11. Considered the Initial Decision in the matter of the Appeal of P.M. 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 demonstrated that she did not intentionally place herself on the self-exclusion list, as required by N.J.A.C. 13:69G-2.2 (c); and granted her request to be removed from the self-exclusion list, prior to her April 12, 2028 expiration date (DKT-25-0063-AP) (Initial Decision) (Ruling number 25-11-12-11; transcript pages 34-58).

12. Considered the Initial Decision in the matter of the Appeal of M.S. 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, Mario C. Formica, Commissioner, and found that Appellant failed to demonstrate that she did not

intentionally place herself on the self-exclusion list, as required by N.J.A.C. 13:69G-2.2 (c); and denied her request to be removed from the self-exclusion list, prior to her March 25, 2026 expiration date (DKT-25-0124-AP) (Initial Decision) (Ruling number 25-11-12-12; transcript pages 58-61).

13. Considered the petition of Marina District Development Company, LLC (d/b/a Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa) and issued the following ruling:

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Travis T. Truong, for a casino key employee license and qualification to a hearing; and granted the requested relief and extended Travis T. Truong's casino key employee license and qualification, for ninety days, or upon the resolution of the contested case proceedings, whichever occurs first (PRN 3622402) (Ruling number 25-11-12-13; transcript pages 87-115).

14. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and issued a plenary casino key employee license to Francis T. Donaghue, with a waiver of the residency requirement, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b; and found Francis T. Donaghue plenary qualified to serve as Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer for HR Atlantic City, LLC, Seminole HR Holdings, LLC, SHRE/SHRI, LLC and Seminole Hard Rock Entertainment, Inc., in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1, N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.6 and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7 (Ruling number 25-11-12-14; transcript pages 61-68).

15. 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 Ayesha Molino, on a temporary basis and prior to plenary qualification, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Chief Operating Officer for MGM Resorts International, pending plenary qualification, subject to the conditions contained in N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7(c)3 and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7(d) of the Act (PRN 2962504) (Ruling number 25-11-12-15; transcript pages 68-71).

16. Considered the petition of Golden Nugget Atlantic City, LLC (d/b/a Golden Nugget Atlantic City), and issued the following ruling:

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

powers of Vice President of Strategic Marketing and Analysis of Golden Nugget Atlantic City, 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 (PRN 3002502) (Ruling number 25-11-12-16; transcript pages 75-79).

17. Chairman Plousis read into the record a Resolution of the Casino Control Commission acknowledging the U.S. Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission's 30th Anniversary, which was unanimously adopted.

The Commission also recognized Lloyd Levenson, Esq., Chief Executive Officer of Cooper Levenson Attorneys at Law (Ruling Number 25-11-12-17; transcript pages 79-87).

18. 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 Brandon Dardeau, on a temporary basis and prior to plenary qualification, to assume the duties and exercise the powers of Regional President of Operations of MGM Resorts International, pending plenary qualification, subject to the conditions contained in N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7(c) and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7(d) of the Act (PRN 3092501) (Ruling number 25-11-12-18; transcript pages 72-75).

In accordance with Resolution No. 24-12-11-03, the next closed session of the Commission shall be held on Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Offices (transcript page 115).

During the public participation portion of the meeting, Carmen Turner, Atlantic County resident, addressed the Commission regarding a slot machine incident at Bally's Casino (transcript pages 117-130).

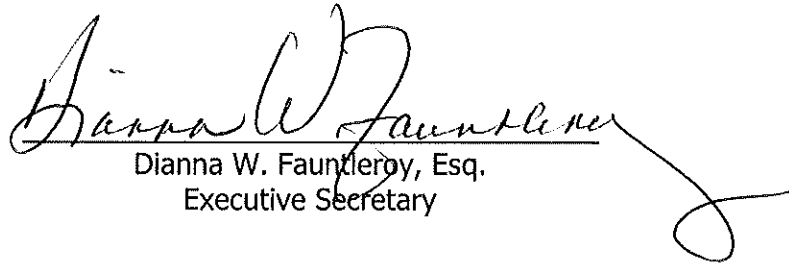
The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

*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 November 12, 2025, are true and correct.



Dianna W. Fauntleroy, Esq.
Executive Secretary