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MINUTES - PUBLIC MEETING NO. 26-01-14  
January 14, 2026 - 10:30 p.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 C. 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 remote technology, as well as 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 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:

Commissioner Formica, on behalf of the Commission, recognized and congratulated Chairman Plousis and Commissioner Mollineaux upon their confirmations by the New Jersey Senate for reappointment to the Casino Control Commission (transcript page 10-11).

1. By a vote of 3-0, ratified the minutes of December 10, 2025 (transcript pages 12-13).

2. By a vote of 3-0, granted the initial applications of Sazia Hasnin (*a/k/a* Sazia Hasnin Shams), Jared A. Hastings and Zoe N. Rivera (*a/k/a* Zoe N. DelValle, Zoe N. Montalvo), for casino key employee licenses (transcript pages 13-14).
3. By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted applications of Craig G. Cipa, Hector L. Garcia, Charles Otto, Sweta V. Pandya (*a/k/a* Swetaben Vipulkumar Pandya), Ross J. Ryan, Domenico Sframeli, Timothy J. Sweeney and Kevin A. White, for casino key employee licenses. (Exhibit EL-1\*; transcript pages 14-16);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmission application of Harry A. Holbrook, for casino key employee license, with a multi-casino endorsement, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-91.1 (transcript page 16-18);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmission application of Thomas M. Lilly, for casino key employee license, with a multi-casino endorsement, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-91.1 (transcript page 16-18);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmission application of Mary L. Spatola (*a/k/a* Mary Louise Rockwell), for casino key employee license, with a multi-casino endorsement, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-91.1 (transcript page 16-18);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the resubmitted application of Shanelle L. Lett, for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-2\*; transcript page 18-19);

By a vote of 3-0, remanded the resubmitted application of Chastity Muniz (*a/k/a* Chastity Bethea, Chastity Eakins ), for a casino key employee license to a hearing (Exhibit EL-2\*; transcript page 18-19);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Ralph V. D'Ambrosio and for qualification as Vice President National Marketing for Golden Nugget Atlantic City, LLC (*d/b/a* Golden Nugget Atlantic City) (Exhibit EL-3\*; transcript pages 19-21);

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Gerald J. Del Prete; and for qualification as Chief Operating Officer for Fertitta Entertainment, LLC; and waived the residency requirement, as provided for in N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(b) (Exhibit EL-3\*; transcript pages 21-22); and

By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmitted casino key employee license application of Michael A. Donovan for two license cycles ( June 2019 to June 2024 & June 2024 through June 2029 ); and for qualification as Senior Vice President Chief Marketing Officer Casino Operations for Premier Entertainment AC, LLC (*d/b/a* Bally's Atlantic

City); and waived the residency requirement, as provided for in *N.J.S.A. 5:12-89(b)* (Exhibit EL-3\*; transcript page 22-24).

4. Temporary casino key employee licenses and multi casino endorsements (MCE) were issued between December 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025, pursuant to Delegation of Authority Resolution Number 22-01-12-11-B to the following applicants: Robert J. Braun, 3rd and James T. Smith (MCE) (Exhibit EL-3\*; transcript pages 24-26).
5. By a vote of 3-0, granted the requested relief and inactivated the casino key employee license held by Dennis J. Gallagher (Ruling numbers 26-01-14-05; transcript pages 26-27).
6. By a vote of 3-0, found that James L. Davis, casino key employee license lapsed, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 19:41A-6.1* (f) of the regulations. (Ruling numbers 26-01-14-06; transcript pages 27-29).
7. Considered the resubmission application of Cynthia Diberardino, for a casino key employee license and issued the following ruling:  
  
By a vote of 3-0, granted the resubmission application of Cynthia Diberardino, for a casino key employee license (DKT 25-0112-CR) (Ruling number 26-01-14-07; transcript pages 29-32).
8. Considered the resubmission application of Hipolito Reyes, Jr., 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 resubmission application of Hipolito Reyes, Jr., for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 25-0201-SR) (Ruling number 26-01-14-08; transcript pages 32-35).
9. Considered the initial application of Nicole A. Blaylock, 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 Nicole A. Blaylock, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and

conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 25-0164-CK) (Ruling number 26-01-14-09; transcript pages 35-37).

10. Considered the initial application of Topaz Watkins, 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 Topaz Watkins, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 25-0194-SI) (Ruling number 26-01-14-10; transcript pages 37-40).

11. Considered the resubmission application of Stephen Carter, 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 resubmission application of Stephen Carter, for a casino key employee license, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the stipulation (DKT 25-0094-CR) (Ruling number 26-01-14-11; transcript pages 40-42).

12. Considered the Initial Decision in the matter of the Appeal of D.V. 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 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 February 16, 2029 expiration date (DKT-25-0157-AP) (Initial Decision) (Ruling number 26-01-14-12; transcript pages 43-46).

13. Considered the Initial Decision in the matter of the Appeal of J.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, 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 her October 29, 2029 expiration date (DKT-25-0142-AP) (Initial Decision) (Ruling number 26-01-14-13; transcript pages 46-48).

14. By a vote of 3-0, remanded the initial application of Albert C. Parker, Jr., for a casino key employee license to a hearing (transcript page 48-72).
15. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Paige F. Fertitta, plenary qualified to serve as Director and President for Fertitta Entertainment, Inc., in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1, N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7 (Ruling Number 26-01-14-15; transcript pages 72-76).
16. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Theodosios Papapostolou, plenary qualified to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors for Caesars Entertainment, Inc., in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1, N.J.S.A. 5:12-89b and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7 (Ruling Number 26-01-14-16; transcript pages 76-79).
17. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and issued a plenary casino key employee license to Whit Armstrong, without the requirement to establish residency, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-89; and found Mr. Armstrong qualified to serve as Chief Information Security Officer for GNAC Holdings, LLC, in accordance with the provisions contained in N.J.S.A. 5:12-85.1 and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-2.7 (26-01-14-17; transcript pages 85-90).
18. By a vote of 3-0, adopted the draft resolution and found Jesse A. Lynn, plenary qualified to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors 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 26-01-14-18; transcript pages 79-85).

In accordance with Resolution No. 25-12-10-03, the next closed session of the Commission shall be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Offices (transcript page 90).

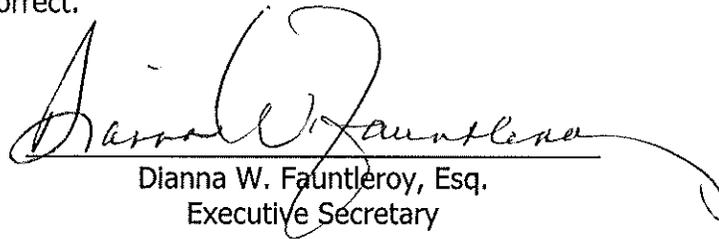
There being no members of the public to address the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

\*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 January 14, 2026, are true and correct.

  
Dianna W. Fauntleroy, Esq.  
Executive Secretary