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7 1 (Public Meeting 26-08-12 was commenced 2 at 10:30 a.m.) 3 MR. NANCE: Good morning. I'd like to 4 read an opening statement: 5 This is to advise the general public 6 that in compliance with Chapter 231 of the 7 public laws of 1975 entitled "Senator Byron M. 8 Baer Open Public Meeting Act," the New Jersey 9 Casino Control Commission on December 10th, 10 2025, filed with the Secretary of State at the 11 Statehouse in Trenton an annual meeting 12 schedule. 13 On December 10th, 2025, copies were 14 mailed to subscribers. 15 The use of cell phones in the public 16 meeting room while the Commission is in session 17 is prohibited. 18 Any member of the public who wish to 19 address the Commission will be given the 20 opportunity to do so before the Commission 21 adjourns for the day. 22 Please stand for the Pledge of 23 Allegiance. 24 (The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.) 25 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Welcome, everyone who is	9 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 please turn on your camera and identify 3 yourself before speaking. 4 Thank you. 5 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you. 6 Good morning. Please answer when I call 7 your name for the roll please. 8 Commissioner Formica? 9 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Here. 10 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Vice Chair Mollineaux. 11 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Present. 12 MS. FAUNTLEROY: And Chairman Plousis. 13 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Here. 14 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Matters discussed in 15 closed session this morning included employee 16 key license application matters as well as 17 approval of July 8, 2026, closed-session 18 minutes. 19 The first matter for your consideration 20 on the public agenda is ratification of the 21 minutes of July 8, 2026, public meeting. 22 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions 23 for counsel or corrections? 24 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 25 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.

10 1 ITEM NO. 2 2 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a 3 motion? 4 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank 5 you, Mr. Chairman. 6 I move to ratify the minutes of July 7 8th, 2026, public meeting. 8 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second? 9 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, 10 I second the motion. 11 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion? 12 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 13 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 14 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, all in 15 favor, say aye? 16 (Ayes.) 17 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed? 18 (No response.) 19 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it. 20 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Item No. 2 are 21 applications for initial casino key employee 22 licenses and/or for qualification. 23 They include James M. Caputo, Salma J. 24 Chedraui-Aquim, Kurt Ferry, Neil W. Harrington, 25 Amanda L. Jagdeo, also known as Latchmie	12 1 ITEM NO. 2 2 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion? 3 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 4 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 5 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, all in 6 favor, say aye? 7 (Ayes.) 8 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed? 9 (No response.) 10 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it. 11 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you. 12 The two remaining items, Neil W. 13 Harrington, and Amanda L. Jagdeo, objections 14 have been raised. Commission staff has 15 reviewed as well and recommend that those two 16 matters be remanded to the Commission's 17 contested-case hearing process. 18 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions 19 regarding any of these matters? 20 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 21 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 22 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a 23 motion? 24 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank 25 you, Mr. Chairman.
11 1 ITEM NO. 2 2 Jagdeo, Jennifer Lopez-Gonzaga, and Connor D. 3 Pickett. 4 The first matters there have been 5 reviewed by the Division and Commission staff 6 with a recommendation that they be granted. 7 They include: James Caputo, Salma 8 Chedraui-Aquim, Kurt Ferry, Jennifer 9 Lopez-Gonzaga, and Connor D. Pickett. 10 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions 11 regarding any of these matters? 12 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 13 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 14 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a 15 motion? 16 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank 17 you, Mr. Chairman. 18 At this time -- let's see. I've 19 reviewed Assistant Director Ealer's memo, the 20 Division's reports, and at this time I move to 21 grant the five initial key employee licenses as 22 listed by General Counsel. 23 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second? 24 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, 25 I second the motion.	13 1 ITEM NO. 3 2 Again, after reviewing Assistant 3 Director Ealer's memo and the Division's 4 reports, I move to remand for a hearing the two 5 initial casino key employee license 6 applications of Harrington and Jagdeo. 7 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second? 8 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, 9 I second the motion. 10 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion? 11 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 12 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 13 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, all in 14 favor, say aye? 15 (Ayes.) 16 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed? 17 (No response.) 18 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it. 19 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you. 20 Item No. 3 are applications for 21 resubmitted casino key employee licenses and/or 22 for qualification. 23 They include: Miligros Carrion-Cohen, 24 also known as Milagros Arroyo, Milagros 25 Carrion, Milagros Carrion-Arroyo, Helen R.

14 1 ITEM NO. 3 2 Cintron, also known as Helen R. Hartman, 3 Melissa K. Cirigliano, also known as Melissa K. 4 Case, Melissa K. Swearingen, Joseph Gianfelice, 5 David S. Helveston, Joshua K. Jones, also known 6 as Josh K. Jones, Joanna Martinez, Daisy 7 Nieves-Robles, Kayla M. O'Connor, Steven A. 8 Pacentrilli, Kenneth J. Szemis, Steffan J. Van 9 Der Molen, also known as Steve J. Van Der 10 Molen. 11 With respect to ten, that's 12 Carrion-Cohen, Cintron, Cirigliano, Gianfelice, 13 Helveston, Martinez, Nieves-Robles, O'Connor, 14 Pacentrilli, and Szemis. Those ten 15 resubmissions have been reviewed by the 16 Division with a recommendation that they be 17 granted. 18 Commission staff concurs and recommends 19 that you grant those ten resubmitted casino key 20 employee licenses. 21 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions 22 regarding any of these matters? 23 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 24 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 25 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a	16 1 ITEM NO. 3 2 the Division with a recommendation that it be 3 granted. 4 Commission staff concurs and recommends 5 that you grant the resubmitted key license with 6 continued qualification without the need to 7 establish residency to Joshua K. Jones. 8 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions 9 regarding this matter? 10 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 11 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 12 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a 13 motion? 14 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank 15 you, Mr. Chairman. 16 At this time I move to grant the casino 17 key employee license without the need to 18 establish residency, as provided for in NJSA 19 5:12-89(b), and qualification of Joshua K. 20 Jones. 21 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second? 22 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, 23 I second the motion. 24 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion? 25 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.
15 1 ITEM NO. 3 2 motion? 3 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Thank you, Mr. 4 Chairman. 5 I've reviewed Assistant Director Ealer's 6 memo on these and the Division's reports. And 7 with regard to the ten, I move to grant the ten 8 resubmitted casino key employee licenses. 9 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second? 10 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, 11 I second the motion. 12 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion? 13 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 14 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 15 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, all in 16 favor, say aye? 17 (Ayes.) 18 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed? 19 (No response.) 20 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it. 21 MS. FAUNTLEROY: 3f, Joshua K. Jones is 22 a resubmission request and continued 23 qualification to serve as Chief Marketing 24 Officer for Caesars Entertainment, Inc. 25 Again, that matter has been reviewed by	17 1 ITEM NO. 3 2 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 3 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, roll call 4 vote? 5 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Commissioner Formica? 6 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes. 7 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Vice Chair Mollineaux? 8 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Yes. 9 MS. FAUNTLEROY: And Chairman Plousis? 10 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Yes. 11 MS. FAUNTLEROY: 3l, Steffan J. Van Der 12 Molen. Again, this is a resubmission request 13 and continued qualification for Mr. Van Der 14 Molen to continue to serve as Vice President of 15 Catering and Conventions for Boardwalk Regency, 16 LLC, Harrah's Resort Atlantic City, and 17 Tropicana Atlantic City Corp. 18 The Division has recommended that the 19 continued key -- resubmitted key and continued 20 qualification be granted. 21 Commission staff concurs, with a 22 recommendation that you grant Mr. Van Der 23 Molen's resubmitted casino key employee license 24 with a multi-casino endorsement and continued 25 qualification.

18 1 ITEM NO. 3 2 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions 3 regarding this matter? 4 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 5 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 6 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a 7 motion? 8 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank 9 you, Mr. Chairman. 10 At this time I move to grant the 11 resubmitted key license with a multi-casino 12 endorsement pursuant to NJSA 5:12-91.1 and 13 qualification to Steffan J. Van Der Molen. 14 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second? 15 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, 16 I second the motion. 17 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion? 18 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 19 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 20 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, roll call 21 vote? 22 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Commissioner Formica? 23 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes. 24 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Vice Chair Mollineaux? 25 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Yes.	20 1 ITEM NO. 5 2 position at Resorts, John P. Maravilla for a 3 dual-rate casino game supervisor/poker shift 4 manager position at Tropicana, and Jasmine S. 5 Stone, for a casino cashiering supervisor 6 position at Ocean. 7 And on July 28th a temporary casino key 8 employee license was granted to Amir K. 9 Salahuddin-Gibson, also known as Amir K. 10 Gibson, for a dual-rate security supervisor/ 11 security shift manager position at Ocean. 12 This memorializes the approvals that 13 were granted by the Commission's Division of 14 Regulatory Affairs via its Delegated Authority 15 during this period. 16 No further Commission action is 17 required. 18 Thank you. 19 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Thank you. 20 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you. 21 Item No. 5 are requests for inactivation 22 for casino key employee licenses. 23 Again, you have Manager Harry Givas here 24 to review those actions with you. 25 MR. GIVAS: Thank you.
19 1 ITEM NO. 4 2 MS. FAUNTLEROY: And Chairman Plousis? 3 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Yes. 4 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Item No. 4 are 5 approvals through Delegation of Authority 6 between July 1, 2026, and July 31, 2026, 7 pursuant to Resolution No. 26-02-11-16-D. 8 We have Manager Harry Givas here to 9 review those actions with you; however, no vote 10 is required from the Commission at this time. 11 MR. GIVAS: Good morning, Chairman and 12 Commissioners. 13 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Good morning. 14 MR. GIVAS: For the record, I'm Harry 15 Givas, Manager of the Commission's Licensing 16 and Financial Evaluation Unit. 17 Between July 1st and July 31st, the 18 staff the Commission Regulatory Affairs 19 Division granted the following approvals 20 through its Delegated Authority. 21 On July 14th temporary licenses were 22 granted to Evan M. Baldwin for a sportsbook 23 shift manager position at Ocean, Sherri L. 24 Bartolone, also known as Sherri L. Greiss or 25 Sherri L. Kline, for a slot shift manager	21 1 ITEM NO. 5 2 In review of filing a casino key 3 employee application, Elizabeth A. Farr, also 4 known as Elizabeth A. McDevitt or Elizabeth A. 5 Rocks, Catherine N. Grasso, also known as 6 Catherine N. Smith, Michael Kosich, Mario R. 7 Palladinetti, and Mark A. Rosenthal have 8 requested to be placed on the casino key 9 employee approved inactive list. 10 If these requests are granted, these 11 individuals may remain on the approved inactive 12 a list for a period up to five years. 13 Commission staff has reviewed the 14 request and recommends to grant the requested 15 relief. 16 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions 17 regarding any of these matters? 18 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 19 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 20 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a 21 motion? 22 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank 23 you, Mr. Chairman. 24 At this time I move to grant the 25 requested relief and order that the five casino

22 1 ITEM NO. 6 2 key employee licenses as listed by Mr. Givas be 3 inactivated. 4 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second? 5 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, 6 I second the motion. 7 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion? 8 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 9 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 10 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, all in 11 favor, say aye? 12 (Ayes.) 13 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed? 14 (No response.) 15 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it. 16 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Item No. 6 is 17 consideration of the lapsing of certain casino 18 key employee licenses. 19 Again, Manager Harry Givas will review 20 those actions with you. 21 MR. GIVAS: For your consideration is 22 the lapsing of the casino key employee licenses 23 of the following individuals for failure to 24 file a casino key employee license review 25 application or request to be placed on the	24 1 ITEM NO. 7 2 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 3 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, all in 4 favor, say aye? 5 (Ayes.) 6 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed? 7 (No response.) 8 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it. 9 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you. 10 Item No. 7 is consideration of the 11 initial application of Christopher Gehricke for 12 a casino key employee license, identified as 13 Docket No. 26-0071-CK. 14 Senior Counsel Teresa Pimpinelli is here 15 to review that matter with you. 16 MS. PIMPINELLI: Good morning, Chairman 17 and Commissioners. Teresa Pimpinelli, Senior 18 Counsel, appearing for the Commission. 19 For your consideration is the initial 20 application of Christopher Gehricke for his 21 casino license and plenary qualification. 22 You have staff's memo and recommendation 23 for this matter. 24 Mr. Gehricke was notified of today's 25 proceedings.
23 1 ITEM NO. 6 2 casino key employee license approved inactive 3 list: Warren B. Richards, and Jason A. Sheets. 4 In each case the duty for filing a 5 casino key employee license has passed. Based 6 on staff's review, we recommend that the casino 7 key employee license of the noted individuals 8 be deemed to have lapsed. 9 Thank you. 10 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions 11 regarding any of these matters? 12 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 13 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 14 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a 15 motion? 16 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank 17 you, Mr. Chairman. 18 At this time I move to find that the two 19 casino key employee licenses lapsed pursuant to 20 NJAC 19:41A-6.1(f) of the regulation. 21 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second? 22 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, 23 I second the motion. 24 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion? 25 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.	25 1 ITEM NO. 7 2 I would just ask counsel for the 3 Division to enter their appearance and proceed. 4 MS. FIETKIEWICZ: Good morning, Chairman 5 and Commissioners. Jocelyn Fietkiewicz, Deputy 6 Attorney General, on behalf of the Division of 7 Gaming Enforcement. 8 On May 5th, 2026, the Division filed a 9 letter report recommending that the application 10 of Christopher Gehricke for a casino key 11 employee licensure be denied pursuant to 12 Sections 80(b), 80(d), 89(b)(1) and 89(b)(2) of 13 the Casino Control Act. 14 Subsequently the Commission at its June 15 10th, 2026, meeting remanded the matter to the 16 contested-case process. 17 As advised by the Commission, 18 Christopher Gehricke failed to submit the 19 requisite hearing request form and comply with 20 the contested-case process. 21 Therefore, based on the Applicant's 22 nonresponsiveness and failure to comply with 23 the contested-case process, as well as the 24 issues raised in the Division's report, the 25 Division requests that Christopher Gehricke's

26 1 ITEM NO. 7 2 application for a casino key employee licensure 3 be denied. 4 Thank you. 5 CHAIR PLOUSIS: And for the record, the 6 Applicant is not here in person or 7 telephonically? 8 MS. PIMPINELLI: Correct. 9 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you. 10 Are there any questions for counsel 11 regarding this matter? 12 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: I just have one 13 or two. 14 Miss Fietkiewicz, it was -- it was tax 15 years 2019 to '24, and the Division was looking 16 for business income and tax records for those 17 years; right? 18 MS. FIETKIEWICZ: Correct. 19 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: And Mr. Gehricke 20 was nonresponsive? 21 MS. FIETKIEWICZ: Correct. 22 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Also, Senior 23 Counsel, you reached out to Mr. Gehricke and 24 didn't get anything either; right? 25 MS. PIMPINELLI: He did con -- leave me	28 1 ITEM NO. 8 2 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed? 3 (No response.) 4 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it. 5 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you. 6 Item No. 8 is consideration of the 7 initial decision in the matter of the initial 8 casino key employee licensure of Albert C. 9 Parker, Jr., identified as Docket No. 10 25-0008-CK. 11 This matter was initially remanded by 12 the Commission at its January 14, 2026, public 13 meeting. 14 Prehearing conferences were conducted, 15 and a hearing was held on March 23, 2026, with 16 Commissioner Formica serving as the Commission 17 Hearing Officer. 18 There was an order entered extending the 19 time for the filing of the initial decision. 20 The initial decision was ultimately filed on 21 July 20, 2026. 22 Before you now is consideration of the 23 adoption of that initial decision. 24 If counsel -- I believe counsel is 25 present via Zoom. Please enter your
27 1 ITEM NO. 7 2 a voicemail saying he's not interested in 3 pursuing this matter. 4 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Okay. Thank you. 5 That's all I have, sir. 6 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any other questions? 7 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 8 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a 9 motion? 10 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank 11 you, Mr. Chairman. 12 At this time, I move to find Christopher 13 Gehricke disqualified pursuant to NJSA 14 5:12-80(b) and (d), NJSA 5:12-86, and NJSA 15 5:12-89 and deny his initial application for a 16 casino key employee license and qualification. 17 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second? 18 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, 19 I second the motion. 20 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion? 21 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 22 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 23 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, all in 24 favor, say aye? 25 (Ayes.)	29 1 ITEM NO. 8 2 appearances as well as the Division counsel. 3 MR. LEVENSON: Hi. Lloyd Levenson from 4 Cooper Levenson on behalf of Mr. Parker. 5 MS. FIETKIEWICZ: Jocelyn Fietkiewicz, 6 Deputy Attorney General, on behalf of the 7 Division of Gaming Enforcement. 8 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Thank you. 9 Nice to see you back, Mr. Levenson. 10 MR. LEVENSON: Thank you. Appreciate 11 it. It's good to be back. Good to be seen. 12 Good to be heard. 13 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Awesome. Hair 14 looks great. 15 (Laughter.) 16 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Please proceed there, 17 Mr. Levenson. 18 MR. LEVENSON: Yes. Thank you. 19 Hi, Jocelyn. 20 As mentioned, there's an initial 21 decision in this case from Commissioner Formica 22 where he said that we established by a clear 23 and convincing evidence that Mr. Parker 24 possesses the requisite good character, honesty, 25 and integrity as well as financial stability,

30 1 ITEM NO. 8 2 responsibility, and integrity that's required 3 by the Act and the regulations. 4 Commissioner Formica referred to the 5 Bally's case, among other factors in Mr. 6 Parker's favor. He referred to the Bally's 7 case regarding character where you look at the 8 experience of a lifetime, how Mr. Parker will 9 conduct himself in the future primarily based 10 on how he conducted himself in the past. The 11 incident was over six years old when we went to 12 the hearing. And Commissioner Formica was 13 right to look at the experience of a lifetime; 14 that is, how he will conduct himself in the 15 future. 16 There were no negative conduct -- there 17 was no negative conduct either before or after, 18 and he held that the behavior was aberrational 19 rather than an indication of ongoing deficiency 20 in integrity. 21 Commissioner Formica found that Mr. 22 Parker was remorseful. He accepted 23 responsibility for his poor judgment. He 24 admitted he panicked. And even quoted Mr. 25 Parker when Mr. Parker said, "I will forever be	32 1 ITEM NO. 8 2 that came from the 19th Century Scottish author 3 Sir Walter Scott. So I thank Commissioner 4 Formica. All these years I guess I was too 5 lazy to look it up to see how -- who said it 6 first but now I know. 7 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Google. Google. 8 Google. 9 MR. LEVENSON: So I would ask the 10 Commission to adopt the initial decision. 11 And Mr. Parker is here. He wanted to 12 show his -- his responsibility and his actions 13 by coming himself to the hearing. So he's 14 sitting actually in the same seat that he sat 15 during the hearing so. 16 Thank you. 17 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Thank you. 18 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you. 19 MS. FIETKIEWICZ: As the Division did 20 not oppose casino key employee licensure in 21 this matter based upon its prior actions taken 22 with regard to Albert Parker, the Division does 23 not object to the issuance of such licensure. 24 Thank you. 25 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Thank you.
31 1 ITEM NO. 8 2 sorry for how I handled this." 3 Importantly, Commissioner Formica 4 acknowledged that the DGE does not object. And 5 Mr. Parker has had a lengthy and otherwise 6 unblemished career with no disciplinary history 7 or regulatory violations. That's over 20 8 years. 9 There were 11 character letters that 10 were presented on Mr. Parker's behalf. So when 11 Commissioner Formica assessed Mr. Parker's life 12 as a whole, he concluded that, as I said in the 13 beginning, that we established by clear and 14 convincing evidence that he possesses the 15 requisite good character, honesty, and 16 integrity as well as the financial stability 17 and responsibility as required by the Act and 18 regulations to get a key employee license. 19 And I would be remiss if I didn't 20 acknowledge on Page 15 of the initial decision 21 the fact that I've heard it said many times 22 that, "oh, what a tangled web we weave when we 23 first practice to deceive." Deceive. I've 24 heard that, but it was in Mr. -- Commissioner 25 Formica's initial decision that I was told that	33 1 ITEM NO. 8 2 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions 3 for counsel? 4 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 5 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Would you like 6 to make a statement? 7 MR. PARKER: No, ma'am. 8 CHAIR PLOUSIS: No questions for 9 counsel? 10 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 11 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Okay. Is there a 12 motion? 13 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank 14 you, Mr. Chairman. 15 I agree with Mr. Levenson that 16 everything the Commissioner Formica said was 17 true. 18 At this time I move to modify the 19 initial decision and delete any findings of 20 qualification and grant the initial application 21 of Albert C. Parker, Jr., for a casino key 22 employee license and adopt the initial decision 23 as modified pursuant to NJAC 1:1-18.6. 24 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second? 25 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman,

34 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 I second the motion. 3 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion? 4 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 5 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 6 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, all in 7 favor, say aye? 8 (Ayes.) 9 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed? 10 (No response.) 11 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it. 12 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Thank you. Good 13 luck. 14 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you. 15 MR. PARKER: Thank you all. Thank you 16 so much. 17 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Thank you, Mr. 18 Parker. Thank you, Mr. Levenson. 19 MR. LEVENSON: You're welcome. Thank 20 you. 21 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Item No. -- 22 MR. NANCE: Nine. 23 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Nine. Thank you. 24 Nine is the consideration of the initial 25 casino key employee licensure and plenary	36 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 MS. JONES: Good morning, Chairman and 3 Commissioners. Marie Jones from Fox 4 Rothschild, here on behalf of Mr. Sheegihalli. 5 I'd first like to thank the Division for 6 working with us throughout the process. It was 7 a very intense investigation and a lot of back 8 and forth. 9 The Division report before the 10 Commission recommends granting plenary 11 qualification for his position as Vice 12 President of Information Services and 13 Information Service Officer for the Borgata. 14 We strongly urge the Commission to adopt 15 the recommendation for plenary qualification. 16 In the Division's report there are 17 certain indications of negative information 18 that I would like the opportunity to briefly 19 address. 20 First, the Division's report raised a 21 concern regarding the lack of documentation for 22 certain business expenses claimed related to an 23 single-member LLC with the sole member being 24 his wife. The company did certain IT 25 consulting services and ceased operation in
35 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 qualification of Nagaraj Sheegihalli to serve 3 as Vice President of Information Security IAM 4 for Marina District Development Company, LLC, 5 doing business as Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa. 6 This matter was initiated by a petition 7 PRN 2742501 dated October 1, 2025, seeking the 8 temporary key licensure and temporary 9 qualification of Mr. Sheegihalli to perform the 10 services and take the position identified. 11 You temporarily qualified him at your 12 October 8, 2025, public meeting. The matter 13 was initially listed for the July 2026 public 14 meeting but was adjourned to today's public 15 meeting with an extension of Mr. Sheegihalli's 16 temporary key license and qualification granted 17 in conjunction with the relisting of the 18 matter. 19 Today before you is plenary 20 consideration of initial casino key employee 21 licensure and qualification of Mr. Sheegihalli. 22 Counsel is present. And with your 23 permission, Mr. Chairman, I ask that they enter 24 their appearances and address the matter 25 directly.	37 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 2024. 3 During his sworn interview he explained 4 that at the time the business was closing, his 5 mother had been diagnosed with cancer. He was 6 traveling to India because of the diagnosis, 7 and that there were other health concerns 8 within his immediate family that resulted in 9 the decision to close the consulting business. 10 Under those circumstances, the family's 11 focus was on the health concerns within his 12 immediate family and addressing those personal 13 matters. They were not focused on record 14 retention. 15 His wife utilized the Microsoft OneDrive 16 for business records and upon closing the 17 account, she was unable to retrieve the stored 18 records. She did not realize that at the time 19 she was closing the business and during the 20 investigative process tried again with 21 Microsoft to see if she could obtain the 22 records and she could not. 23 Mr. Sheegihalli acknowledged that 24 failing to maintain this documentation was a 25 mistake. To address the issue he amended their

38 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 tax records and the expenses and wages and paid 3 significant additional tax liability resulting 4 from the removal of the deductions because of 5 the lack of records. 6 The Division also raised a concern that 7 at the time the business was operating in 2023 8 and 2024, the only employee besides his wife 9 was their college-aged daughter. In a sworn 10 interview, he explained the different services 11 that his daughter provided and the 12 contributions she made to business. The 13 Division noted the absence of timesheet logs or 14 similar documents that raised the fact that she 15 was a full-time college student. 16 As discussed, business records were not 17 properly maintained at the time of closing, and 18 there was no requirement that the company 19 maintain timesheets or logs. His wife was paid 20 a flat fee for services performed under the 21 consulting agreement, and the fee did not 22 change based on whom she hired to assist. She 23 chose to hire her daughter to explore whether 24 IT was the field of interest for her. 25 The daughter's salary was determined by	40 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 There was also a concern related to the 3 preparation of the MD -- MJ PHD and certain 4 missing information. Mr. Sheegihalli explained 5 that filing the -- the filing was completed on 6 a very tight time frame. He entered "unknown" 7 for information that he did not have readily at 8 the time and inadvertently omitted certain 9 other details. He acknowledges that he did not 10 subsequently amend his application. While he 11 should have provided more complete responses 12 and additional details, he was not fully 13 familiar with the process at the time and had 14 not yet engaged counsel. 15 Upon requests from the Division, he 16 provided his information and has confirmed now 17 his understanding as to the process and the 18 importance of thorough and complete disclosures 19 within the application and will ensure that all 20 future filings and requests of the Division are 21 properly and promptly completed. 22 Again, we'd like to thank the Division 23 for its patience during this investigation and 24 review. And we would respectfully request that 25 the Commission adopt the Division's
39 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 the other -- what other IT personnel would 3 normally be paid and which she had been making 4 when working at a restaurant by also attending 5 attending college and right before that, high 6 school. The daughter has continuously worked 7 throughout her education process. 8 When it became clear that the daughter 9 was not interested in IT, the company provided 10 other services to align with the potential 11 interest in financial services industry. The 12 company was a sole-member LLC and could in fact 13 provide more than just one type of service. 14 While the Division expressed concern 15 about the daughter working a significant number 16 of hours as a full-time student, it is not 17 unusual for college students to work 18 substantial hours when attending school. And I 19 know that many of us did just that through 20 undergrad and law school. 21 Regardless, to fully resolve this 22 matter, they amended the tax returns to remove 23 the wage expenses and paid the additional tax 24 liability resulting from the removal of the 25 deductions.	41 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 recommendation and grant plenary qualification. 3 Thank you. 4 And Mr. Sheegihalli is here to address 5 any questions you may have. 6 MS. RICHARDSON: Good morning, Chairman 7 and Commissioners. Tracy Richardson, Deputy 8 Attorney General, for the Division of Gaming 9 Enforcement. 10 You have our report dated July 2nd, 11 2026, in which we recommended the plenary 12 casino key employee licensure and qualification 13 of Mr. Sheegihalli in his vice president 14 information security IAM position. 15 After the matter was adjourned, as Miss 16 Fauntleroy went through, from the July meeting 17 we filed a supplemental report of August 4, 18 2026, to provide the Commission with updated 19 information as to some actions Mr. Sheegihalli 20 had taken after the prior meeting. 21 Our recommendation remains the same, to 22 grant plenary casino key employee licensure and 23 qualification in this matter. 24 Thank you. 25 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you.

42 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 Any questions for counsel? 3 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: I do. I'll defer 4 to the Vice Chair first if she wants to go 5 first. 6 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Any other questions for 7 counsel or questions for Mr. Sheegihalli? Or 8 both? 9 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: I have a 10 question. A couple for the Division and then 11 Mr. Sheegihalli. 12 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Okay. So we'll swear 13 him in when you're ready for questions for him. 14 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Go ahead. 15 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: I'm sorry? 16 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Go ahead. 17 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Miss Richardson, 18 I just heard Miss Jones say that there was a 19 number of family health issues around the time 20 where the tax issues arose. Did Mr. 21 Sheegihalli tell you that or tell one of your 22 investigators that? Because I didn't see that 23 in the report. Did he ever explain about the 24 health issues as a reason for the bad 25 bookkeeping?	44 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Okay. Personal 3 issues involving a child and medical concerns. 4 Okay. Thank you for clearing that up. 5 Miss Richardson, also in your report you 6 talk something about deductions for CyberSafe 7 Technologies with regard to vehicles, legal 8 fees, and office equipment; right? That was 9 one of your concerns. 10 MS. RICHARDSON: It was general concern 11 about deduction of business expense as a whole. 12 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Business 13 expenses. I didn't see an amount. Did you put 14 an amount there that he might have deducted? 15 MS. RICHARDSON: I don't know that we 16 did. 17 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Okay. No big 18 deal. I just wanted to know if I missed that 19 like I missed the first thing. 20 I also noted in your report there was 21 issues on -- 22 Is it Sheegihalli? Am I saying that 23 correct? 24 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: Yes, it is. 25 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Thank you.
43 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 MS. RICHARDSON: I believe it's on noted 3 in our report. I just need a moment to look at 4 it again. (Reviewing.) 5 It's on Page 4, the second full 6 paragraph. At the end of that paragraph. The 7 July 2nd report. 8 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: The second full 9 paragraph? I'm sorry. 10 MS. RICHARDSON: The second full 11 paragraph on Page 4 of the July 2nd report that 12 starts, "The Division notes." It's the last 13 sentence of that paragraph. 14 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: July 4th or 15 August 4th? I'm sorry. 16 MS. FAUNTLEROY: July 2. 17 MS. JONES: July 2nd it appears. 18 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: July 2nd. 19 MS. FAUNTLEROY: July 2 report, Page 4. 20 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Page 4. 21 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Next-to-the-last 22 paragraph. 23 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Next-to-the-last 24 paragraph. 25 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Last sentence.	45 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 Mr. Sheegihalli not providing phone 3 numbers of relatives? Was that ever fleshed 4 out? Was that turned into a big issue? 5 MS. RICHARDSON: As Miss Jones said in 6 her dialog at the beginning, Mr. Sheegihalli 7 had explained that some things were not 8 included on the application because he didn't 9 have time to gather the specific information 10 when he was preparing the application. 11 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Okay. I guess my 12 question is, were you able to complete your 13 investigation without contacting these people 14 you that you didn't have phone numbers for. 15 MS. RICHARDSON: We noted that he had 16 amended the pages that we asked him to amend. 17 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Okay. Thank you. 18 Very much. 19 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Vice Chair, do you have 20 any questions for counsel? 21 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Yes. 22 Good afternoon, Mr. Sheegihalli. Are 23 you -- 24 CHAIR PLOUSIS: We have to swear him in. 25 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Oh.

46 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Yes. 3 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Daryl will swear in the 4 witness. 5 MR. NANCE: Mr. Sheegihalli, Please 6 raise your right hand. 7 - - - 8 NAGARAJ SHEEGIHALLI, having been 9 first duly sworn, testified as follows: 10 - - - 11 MR. NANCE: State your name for the 12 record. 13 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: Nagaraj Sheegihalli. 14 MR. NANCE: Thank you. 15 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Pull the mic to -- 16 MS. JONES: Okay. 17 MS. FAUNTLEROY: You can be seated. 18 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: Okay. 19 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Good afternoon 20 again. 21 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: Good afternoon. 22 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Are you aware of 23 what this title holds? The title itself? 24 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: Yes, ma'am. 25 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Of information?	48 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 information and not placing the information at 3 those particular times that they are required 4 of? What does your job entail [sic]. 5 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: To make sure that the 6 data is accurate and correct. 7 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: I'm sorry. 8 Repeat? 9 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: To make sure the data 10 are accurate and correct. And then have the 11 individuals for the job. I take ownership. 12 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: The Division 13 wrote "the good character, honesty, and 14 integrity" on Page 6. That everything was 15 incomplete and incorrect information. 16 * * * PAUSE * * * 17 MS. FAUNTLEROY: What is the question, 18 Commissioner Mollineaux? 19 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Why was that 20 give -- I'm sorry. 21 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Okay. 22 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Why was that -- 23 why was the information incorrect? And it is 24 the word "information" that I'm still hung up 25 on.
47 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 It clearly states "information." And it seems 3 that you were unable to give your information 4 to the Division at the time that they inquired 5 it upon you. 6 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: Well, the information 7 I was unable to provide was that my relatives' 8 phone numbers. And the reason was, like, I 9 filled that form when I was standing in the 10 line here. Like, I just finished the form, 11 like, until two in the morning, and then I 12 submitted the form next day, like at 10:00 in 13 the morning. My family members -- like, I was 14 able to give my wife and my daughter's phone 15 numbers were with me here in the United States. 16 But my rest of my extended family is all in 17 India. I was able to get the names and the 18 date of birth but was unsure of what the 19 current phone numbers. That was the reason I 20 missed it. But my mistake was later I could 21 not go back and fill the form and then submit 22 it back. 23 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Also, how would 24 you react if you caught someone doing the same 25 thing you were caught in, which were not giving	49 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: So I'm not sure what 3 information was incorrect, Madame. But -- 4 MS. JONES: There were admissions, if I 5 may, to his application where he did not 6 include certain details that he's admitted and 7 then when -- however, it was included in other 8 parts. For instance, there was an account that 9 he missed putting on it. 10 When you're looking at information 11 security officer as opposed to his personal 12 information, an information security officer is 13 to protect the general information held by the 14 company to make sure there's not cyber attacks. 15 To review and make sure somebody is not 16 transporting data that they should not be out 17 of the company such as PII of players. It's 18 not to ensure that, you know, me as an employee 19 is keeping proper files. So I think there is 20 two different things we're look the at here. 21 You're not looking at should he be able to keep 22 his own information because that's what his 23 information security officer position would be. 24 He's a technology person to ensure that the 25 company and to oversee that the cyber and the

50 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 security of information held at the companies 3 offices. 4 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: I think you said 5 that -- in the beginning of the information 6 part. Say that part again, that that 7 information that's coming from where? 8 MS. JONES: The information he submitted 9 was his personal information. 10 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Correct. I'm 11 there with you there. 12 MS. JONES: Okay. The information that 13 he is in charge of as information security 14 officer is to protect the information within 15 the company, whether it's player data, other 16 data that employees have. It's not to check 17 that it's complete. It's to make sure that 18 there is not cyber attacks occurring. 19 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: So if he could 20 not keep his own information, how is that 21 capability to keep the information for our 22 cyber attacks? 23 MS. JONES: Well, I -- 24 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Going to be 25 different or whatever.	52 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 stuck on the information part. 3 MS. JONES: I think you're -- well, 4 that's true for all of us, of course. That you 5 know, our personal issues, we try to separate 6 them from our professional lives, but 7 sometimes, yes, they do collide. 8 I think that when you're looking here, 9 you need to remember he -- his job is not 10 collecting information. It's protecting the 11 company's information sources and ensuring that 12 certain information is not going out. Making 13 sure that people are not utilizing -- you know, 14 doing their e-mails on fishing when, you know, 15 we've all had those finishing tests. You know, 16 looking that their servers are up to date. 17 Again, it's not about keeping files for 18 individuals. 19 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: And, ma'am, just to 20 add to that. End of '23 and '24, when -- like 21 '23, end of '23 and '24 MGM came under the 22 cyber attack, and I was in the center of that. 23 So like '23 and '24 full, I was completely busy 24 with my whole work. Like, I was trying to -- 25 because, like, almost every month or at least
51 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 MS. JONES: He's not saying he did 3 not -- that they did not keep the documents. 4 When they closed the business because of other 5 issues that were going on, they did not go into 6 whether the documents would be kept. They were 7 going through various family issues that were 8 consuming their time, and his wife had decided 9 to close the business and did not realize that 10 Microsoft OneDrive, when you shut it down, it's 11 gone. I didn't know that until he -- he told 12 me that. So should he have maybe -- or his 13 wife actually is the owner of the LLC, should 14 she have checked with them? Absolutely. But 15 at the time she was going through some serious 16 family matters. 17 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: So at work, we 18 are all going to be go through different 19 situations in our particular lifetime or during 20 each day of life. That's just life. So 21 whatever happened that particular day, what was 22 going on with your life, you could be still 23 sitting at wherever you're researching or 24 looking at information coming in to cyber. It 25 could still be going on. So I guess I'm still	53 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 half of the month I was in Vegas, and I could 3 not focus much on what my wife was doing or, 4 like, what was going on, like, at the family 5 business. 6 But at the same time, my daughter was a 7 victim of a cyber bully and, like, you know -- 8 like, I don't want to go into the details of 9 what I went through in 2024 with my family 10 matters. We reached out to the FBI. We 11 reached out to the college investigators for 12 the personal issues that we were going through. 13 But at the same time, I was in the middle of 14 coming out of the cyber attack because my 15 systems are part of the attack. So I was, 16 like, focused -- like, spending too much of 17 time with the work as well as trying to see how 18 I could help my family. That is what I was 19 stuck during those times. 20 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Okay. Thank 21 you. 22 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you. 23 I do have a question. 24 Sir, did you find the application that 25 the Division have very complicated or --

54 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: It was -- I felt it 3 was a lot of pages. Like, around 60 or 70 4 pages. And I was asked to fill the form like, 5 in the afternoon or previous day. And then I 6 filled out as much as possible until late 7 night, two in the morning. And then I just 8 came to the office around 10:30 -- at 10:30 to 9 submit the form. 10 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Now, your mother was 11 ill; correct? Did you call your mother? 12 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: Yes. 13 CHAIR PLOUSIS: But you didn't know her 14 phone number? 15 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: No. I called my 16 father. I'm sorry. I called my brother and I 17 filled like -- like, typically I talk to my 18 parents through my brother's phone number 19 because they all stay at the same house. But, 20 like, I was supposed to provide my parents, my 21 in-laws, my siblings all of their numbers, and 22 I missed that -- the whole section I missed 23 while filling the night. And then while I was 24 standing at the counter, I was filling the form 25 with the hand writing forms, and I was trying	56 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 fast. 3 MS. JONES: His position was with MGM -- 4 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Okay. 5 MS. JONES: -- Corporation separate as 6 well. 7 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Okay. 8 MS. JONES: So it would have been with 9 MGM Corporate at that time. 10 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: What was 11 CyberSafe? What did your wife actually do with 12 this business? 13 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: So she was an IT. 14 She -- she had an IT career for last 20 years. 15 She worked at the companies, JP Morgan, 16 Verizon, BNP Paribas. Some other. So she quit 17 her job as a full-time employee in 2021 during 18 the covid to spend some time with my daughter. 19 And then like, when things started slowly 20 getting back, she started looking for 21 opportunities, and she did this consulting job. 22 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Okay. How many 23 hours -- if you know, how many hours a week did 24 your wife devote to her business? Was it like 25 a full-time job?
55 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 to complete as much as possible. 3 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any other questions? 4 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Oh, I have some 5 questions of Mr. Sheegihalli. 6 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Go ahead. 7 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Sir, I see by the 8 Division's reports that CyberSafe Technology is 9 a sole-member LLC or was a sole-member LLC 10 owned by your wife; right? In '23? 11 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: That's right. 12 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Okay. And was it 13 operated out of your residence? 14 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: That's right. 15 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Were you also an 16 employee of CyberSafe? 17 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: No. 18 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Ever? 19 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: No. 20 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Okay. What were 21 you doing at the time in '23 when your wife was 22 operating this business? 23 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: So -- 24 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: You said you had 25 trips to Vegas or something. You were talking	57 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: Yeah. Full-time job. 3 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: And the business 4 ceased operating when? 5 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: First, probably in 6 February, March of '24. 7 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Okay. And I see 8 from the Division's report, CyberSafe claimed a 9 business deduction of \$36,000 for salary paid 10 to your daughter. And that was your daughter; 11 right? 12 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: Right. 13 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Okay. Can you 14 tell me, if you know, what specific duties were 15 performed by your child -- full-time college 16 student -- 17 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: Yeah. 18 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: -- justified a 19 \$36,000 salary in 2023? 20 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: Sure. So -- 21 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: What did she do? 22 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: So my daughter was -- 23 her major in the first year was BAIT, business 24 and information technology at Rutgers. So we 25 wanted her to focus on the IT job. Like, she

58 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 started working at the restaurants and 3 warehouses in her first year and second year of 4 high school. We wanted her to focus on this 5 and then focus on studies. And also we -- and 6 also we wanted her to have a feel of what the 7 IT job is going to be. So as part of working 8 along with my wife, she did the presentations 9 and then research on the technologies. And 10 then, like, coming up with the program. Kind 11 of for documentation for my wife's work. 12 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Do you know how 13 many hours a week she worked? Your daughter. 14 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: Not sure. But, like, 15 weekends they used to work, like -- almost like 16 all the time during the weekends. And then 17 weekday, my wife used to be on call with her. 18 I'm not sure, like, how many she worked. But, 19 yeah. So they used to talk a lot. And then 20 discuss a lot. 21 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: I'm just 22 thinking. Thirty-six thousand, 52 weeks, 23 somewhere around \$750 a week. That was just 24 for working on the weekends? 25 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: Weekends and the	60 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 But, number three, and above all, IRS 3 says that business owner must maintain proper 4 documentation like timesheets and payroll 5 records. But according to the Division, you 6 couldn't provide any documentation for that, 7 including expenses like vehicles and lawyer 8 fees. 9 Now, you've explained that you weren't 10 at home all the time when your wife was running 11 the business, and you had a lot of family 12 problems. 13 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: Yes. Yes. 14 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Okay. Can you 15 tell me why -- I hate to ask you to answer for 16 your wife, but why did you think they were 17 appropriate deductions if you didn't have any 18 proper documentation for them? 19 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: So, she communicated 20 with a business e-mail account that was the 21 Microsoft account. That the account that used 22 with her business partners and CPA, and that 23 account was closed. So that was the reason, 24 like, she was not able to get those documents 25 back.
59 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 weekdays as well. Like, my daughter took the 3 most of the classes in the evenings, afternoons 4 and the evenings. So she was free during the 5 morning hours. 6 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: What happened in 7 2024 when your child's deduction went down to 8 7200 from 36,000? What happened there? 9 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: So we decided to close 10 the business in the first quarter. And that 11 was only for the first month. That is when she 12 was paid. 13 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: And CyberSafe was 14 an LLC? 15 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: Yes, sir. Yes, sir. 16 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: I did a little 17 research on my own -- I don't know if it's 18 accurate -- with regard to IRS rules for salary 19 deductions for LLCs. Pretty explicit. Says 20 that when salary deductions are taken, they're 21 only appropriate when actual work was 22 performed. You told me it was performed. The 23 compensation was reasonable. Sounds pretty 24 good. Wish my dad gave me that money at the 25 bakery years ago.	61 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: When did you say 3 something about a CPA was involved. So you had 4 professional tax -- 5 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: Right. 6 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: So he ultimately 7 made the decision along with your wife that 8 those deductions were appropriate. Is that 9 what you're saying? 10 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: I think. Yes. 11 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Okay. Now, you 12 only amended your tax returns after this issue 13 with the Division came up; right? 14 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: Right. 15 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Are you saying up 16 until that point, you didn't think there was 17 anything wrong with those deductions? 18 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: I was going with the 19 advice of the -- C -- accountant. So, like, 20 all my taxes were managed by the accountant. 21 So I was going based on his advice. 22 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Do you see how 23 amending your tax returns two or three years 24 later raises some concern? I mean, you see 25 that? You do understand that; right?

62 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: Yes. 3 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes? 4 MS. JONES: And if I may, I realize that 5 it was when the Division pointed the 6 information out. As he indicated, they had 7 records but they were in this drive that when 8 closed they could no longer get the records. 9 And they did try. 10 Now, when they took the deductions he -- 11 his wife would have worked with their 12 accountant. The accountant also, you know, 13 returned whatever documents which is normal. 14 But the backup was kept in this drive and 15 eventually lost. 16 Similar to if you had a hard drive 17 that -- or an old computer that died and you 18 couldn't get all your records back. Would 19 if -- for instance, if the Division didn't 20 raise this and they decided it was appropriate 21 to amend the returns the other situation 22 where -- that he would have to amend is if the 23 IRS would have audited him because he would not 24 have had the documents because of the account 25 being closed. So there was not, shall I say,	64 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 MS. JONES: But I mean, it happens. 3 Because just as with a computer and the drive, 4 if you're not focused on it, if your computer 5 blows up and you hadn't backed it up because 6 you had other issues going on, you would lose 7 that, and it could be a computer person that it 8 happened to. 9 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Hmm. Umm, umm, 10 umm. 11 All right. This job that you might get, 12 what are you going to do there? What are you 13 in charge of? What do you do? 14 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: So I'm in charge of 15 the information security. And then identity 16 and access. 17 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: What assurances 18 can you give this Commission, if any, that in 19 your job information won't get lost like it was 20 lost? I mean, you're a computer person. Your 21 wife's a computer person. But as your attorney 22 said, it happens. This is a job depending on 23 information. So can you tell me how moving 24 forward this probably won't happen again? 25 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: So personally to me,
63 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 any issues raised by the IRS until, you know, 3 regarding his deductions. It was when the 4 Division raised the issue. 5 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Are you saying he 6 was a good recordkeeper but those 7 recordkeeper -- those records were just lost? 8 Is that what you're saying now? 9 MS. JONES: I think that's what's been 10 saying -- been said all along, is that there 11 were records -- I'm not -- I can't testify, 12 neither could he, as to what type of records 13 his wife kept. And how thorough, if they would 14 have met the Division's standards, but there 15 were records and they were lost. And I think 16 that's been the testimony all along. 17 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: But these people 18 are computer people. They lost the records? 19 MS. JONES: You have -- you're an 20 attorney. Have you ever looked at a real 21 estate agreement and just said, oh, yeah, it's 22 personal. 23 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: I was sick the 24 day they taught real estate law in law school. 25 Sorry.	65 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 like, if you're asking, like, how would I 3 maintain my personal documents, how would I 4 work with my wife and my daughter? I would be 5 a lot more diligent in terms of what is 6 happening in my family and then make sure those 7 are all well maintained. At least I'll take a 8 backup of those. 9 And related to my work, I am responsible 10 for the security of the company. And the 11 identity and access management, When I say 12 identity and access management, when you hire 13 or anybody gets hired or transferred or 14 terminated how do we manage the access as per 15 their job, within the SLA? And that I am very 16 strong. And then you can look at my records at 17 MGM. Like, after joining MGM there were a lot 18 of reforms in terms of how quickly I can get 19 the access back to the employees. I used to 20 be, like, a week when we could get the access. 21 Now we are able to get them in less than 24 22 hours. 23 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: All right. Thank 24 you, sir. 25 Mr. Chairman, I just have a couple

66 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 followups for the attorney for the Division. 3 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Go ahead. 4 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: If I may. 5 Miss Richardson, just one or two. 6 And I promise, Miss Sacco, I'm done. I 7 know you got to go someplace. 8 Have all the areas or concerns from the 9 tax issues to the multijurisdictional personal 10 history questionnaire, has everything been 11 amended or fulfilled and fines paid back and 12 monies owed to the Division's satisfaction? 13 MS. RICHARDSON: Yes. 14 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Okay. In light 15 of everything we've gone over and in 16 contemplation of your report, which I know I 17 missed a few things, can you tell me the 18 thought process that went into the Division 19 arriving at recommending the key license? 20 And before answering that, please know 21 that's not meant to challenge you or infer that 22 I necessarily disagree with it. I just wanted 23 to hear from the Division. I realize you can't 24 get into the specifics of your report, but if 25 you could please provide general terms, if you	68 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 Hearing none -- okay. Is there a 3 motion? 4 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Thank you, Mr. 5 Chairman. 6 I move to adopt the draft resolution, 7 grant an initial casino key employee license to 8 Nagaraj Sheegihalli pursuant to NJSA 5:12-89. 9 That's the motion. To find Mr. Sheegihalli 10 qualified to serve as Vice President of 11 Information Security IAM for Marina District 12 Development, LLC, in accordance with NJSA 13 5:12-85.1 and NJAC 13:69C-2.6. 14 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second? 15 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, 16 I second the motion. 17 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion? 18 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 19 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, roll call 20 vote? 21 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Commissioner Formica? 22 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Would you mind if 23 I put my reasons on the record -- 24 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Please. 25 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: -- for my vote.
67 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 like, the thought process that went into the 3 decision because, quite frankly, Miss 4 Richardson -- and I know I've only been here 5 for a year -- but I've seen the Division 6 recommend denial of employee key licensing 7 applications for what I would consider a little 8 less troublesome issues. So. Can you 9 enlighten me? 10 MS. RICHARDSON: I think -- I don't 11 really want to get into inappropriate areas of 12 the nature of the investigation and the 13 conclusions drawn from that. We have provided 14 the information to the Commission pertinent to 15 this individual's background and situation. 16 And I think the report describes the actions 17 that were taken by the Applicant when certain 18 matters were brought to his attention and 19 remediated in such a way that we made the 20 recommendation that we did. 21 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Okay. Thank you. 22 That's all I have. Thanks. 23 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any other questions? 24 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 25 CHAIR PLOUSIS: No?	69 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 Okay. I got to tell you this is a close -- a 3 close one for me. It was reported that 4 CyberSafe Technology was a sole-member LLC 5 formed by Mr. Sheegihalli's spouse -- spouse -- 6 spouse -- out of their residence. And while the 7 child is a full-time college student, CyberSafe 8 pays the child a salary of 37,000 for now what 9 we know mostly work on the weekends and in the 10 evening after the earlier classes were done. 11 And that was done in 2023. A business 12 deduction is taken before we even get to the 13 lost recordkeeping. I kind of have a hard time 14 swallowing that. But let's give Mr. 15 Sheegihalli the benefit of the doubt. 16 Let's say that the child actually earned 17 that money, despite going to college full time, 18 the salary was fair compensation as required by 19 the IRS. The fact would still remain that Mr. 20 Sheegihalli, a guy by his background and his 21 wife's background and with respective 22 employment, would appear to be a guy to cross 23 your t's and dot your i's when it comes to 24 retention of electronic documentation. 25 And if we take the first premise as true

70 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 that the hours worked and the salary of the 3 child were all aboveboard, in my mind that 4 would mean that Mr. Sheegihalli was either 5 negligent or reckless in recordkeeping. And in 6 my view negligence in record -- recklessness in 7 recordkeeping does not equate to financial 8 integrity as required by the Casino Control Act 9 for key licensing and qualification. And in my 10 questioning I didn't even get to the amount of 11 the -- or I never got to the bottom of the 12 business expenses which no documentation were 13 provided for. And perhaps they were lost in 14 the same electronic hard drive. I don't know. 15 Office expenses, legal services. 16 But on the other hand, when confronted 17 with all these issues and shortcomings as 18 reported by the Division, Mr. Sheegihalli 19 amended all he had to amend. He ponied up all 20 the dough he had to pony up, and he did it 21 rather quickly. And that went a long way, I 22 think, when I read the Division's reports in 23 perhaps rehabilitating some of his flailing 24 financial integrity hat. And to that end, on 25 the one hand as well, I now have the benefit of	72 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 ignore or bend statutory requirements like 3 financial integrity just to put good candidates 4 in good spots. But when assessing an excellent 5 employee candidate with a concerning issue, I 6 am reminded, like Mr. Levenson reminded me -- 7 reminded us all earlier -- that the 8 Commission's long-settled precedent for our 9 casino case law, and I'll paraphrase and quote 10 "In evaluating whether an applicant possesses 11 the necessary character, good honesty, and 12 integrity for the required key licensure the 13 Hearing Examiner, Commissioner, must consider 14 the entire record in an attempt to assess the 15 person's life as a whole." And that is the 16 application of Michael Baldino for a casino key 17 employee license 94 NJR 2nd 48, CCC 1993. And 18 I agree with that. 19 And I also believe that the 20 consideration should be qualitative as well as 21 quantitative, meaning that sometimes in my 22 view -- and maybe it's my criminal sentencing 23 background -- that a single egregious issue 24 pertaining to financial character and integrity 25 could outweigh a number of positive attributes
71 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 a more closeup and personal reasoning for the 3 Division's recommendations. 4 Thank you, Miss Richardson. 5 And thirdly, I also heard from Mr. 6 Sheegihalli who I found to be quite credible. 7 Fourth, I believe we all want to see 8 Atlantic City succeed. That's why we're up 9 here. And one way for it to succeed is to have 10 the best people, the best employee candidates 11 in the most meaningful positions in their 12 respective casinos. And, in my view, that 13 would benefit the industry as a whole. So in 14 that vein I further note that -- we didn't talk 15 about it here today, but Mr. Sheegihalli seems 16 to have a spectacular pedigree. 2005 to 2010 17 software engineer contractor for RCG Global. 18 2013 to 2019 VP IAM for JPMorgan Chase -- boy. 19 That sounds pretty big. In 2020 was an IC 20 security manager for MUFG Union Bank, North 21 America, and from 2020 to 2021 -- 2020 to 2021 22 a cloud architect for Microsoft. And 23 apparently the Borgata likes that pedigree as 24 well. 25 Now, that's not to say that we should	73 1 ITEM NO. 9 2 of an applicant's character. 3 Lastly, as I earlier stated, I 4 appreciate Miss Richardson's input. And to 5 circle back to her, I also took time to take 6 into consideration that, if granted, his key 7 license and qualification today by a majority 8 vote, the Division, who did a great 9 investigation this time, will no doubt do 10 another great investigation when Mr. 11 Sheegihalli comes up for resubmission whether 12 I'm here or not. 13 In other words, the Division will be 14 keeping an eye out for any future issues of a 15 financial nature which can lead to a different 16 outcome at the time of resubmission. 17 So not dismissing in any way the issue 18 of financial integrity, of which I had a 19 problem and of which Mr. Sheegihalli has 20 appeared to have rehab -- rehabilitated 21 himself to a large degree and to the Division's 22 satisfaction. But at the same time, I am 23 cognizant that I must consider the entire 24 record and attempt to assess the person's life 25 as a whole as the case law says.

74 1 ITEM NO. 10 2 General Counsel, if you're asking me for 3 a roll call vote, my vote is yes. 4 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Okay. 5 Commissioner Mollineaux -- Vice Chair 6 Mollineaux? 7 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 8 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Chairman Plousis? 9 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Yes. 10 MR. JONES: Thank you. 11 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Good luck to you. 12 MR. SHEEGIHALLI: Thank you. 13 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Good luck. 14 Item No. 10 is the Petition of DGMB 15 Casino, LLC, doing business as Resorts Casino 16 Hotel requesting permission for Jerome T. Smith 17 to assume the duties and exercise the powers of 18 an independent audit committee member and a 19 compliance committee member of DGMB Casino, 20 LLC, pending plenary qualification. 21 This matter was initiated by Petition 22 PRN 1892603 dated July 7, 2026, seeking as 23 indicated temporary qualification of Mr. Jerome 24 Timothy Smith to fill a vacancy on the 25 independent audit and compliance committees of	76 1 ITEM NO. 10 2 presenting to the Commission. It's fairly 3 straightforward in as far as the petition 4 having been filed July 7th. The Division 5 letter having been filed on July 29th 6 indicating no objection to Mr. Smith's 7 temporary qualification. 8 Mr. Smith has a very strong background 9 in the casino industry. In fact, he served 10 with Resorts from 1978 through November of 1990 11 in various positions, his last position having 12 been as Vice President of Casino Operations. 13 That was 36 years ago that he left. And in the 14 interim he served various positions in either 15 casino-related enterprises, also having served 16 as a member of the audit committee, the former 17 Greate Bay Hotel and Casino, and an independent 18 director of that entity as well. 19 He's currently retired. He has an 20 impeccable background with a background in 21 finance. And he also serves his country, 22 having served two years in the Army as well. 23 As I indicated, he is here present if 24 the commissioners have any questions for him. 25 I -- I offer you that opportunity.
75 1 ITEM NO. 10 2 DGMB Casino, doing business as Resorts. 3 We have counsel for the property present 4 via Zoom, Mr. Moles. And counsel for the 5 Division. And with your permission, Mr. 6 Chairman, I ask that they enter their 7 appearances. 8 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Yes. 9 MR. MOLES: Thank you, Miss Fauntleroy. 10 Good morning, Chairman, Commissioners 11 Mollineaux and Formica. Nicholas Moles, 12 General Counsel for Resorts Casino Hotel 13 representing Mr. Smith in this matter. 14 Also present are the Applicant, Jerome 15 Timothy Smith, who is requesting temporary 16 qualification to allow him to serve in the 17 position of the audit committee and compliance 18 committee member. 19 MS. FIETKIEWICZ: Chairman and 20 Commissioners, Jocelyn Fietkiewicz, Deputy 21 Attorney General, on behalf of Division of 22 Gaming Enforcement. 23 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Proceed, Mr. Moles. 24 MR. MOLES: So, Chairman, I don't have 25 anything in particular that I plan on	77 1 ITEM NO. 10 2 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you. 3 Any questions for counsel or the 4 Applicant? 5 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 6 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No, sir. 7 MS. FAUNTLEROY: The Division? 8 MS. FIETKIEWICZ: The Division filed a 9 letter response dated July 29th, 2026, of no 10 objection to their request for temporary 11 qualification of Jerome Smith. 12 The Division has also reviewed the draft 13 resolution and has no objections. 14 Thank you. 15 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Thank you. 16 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you. 17 Again, any questions for counsel? 18 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 19 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 20 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a 21 motion. 22 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank 23 you, Mr. Chairman. 24 I have reviewed the Petition, memorandum 25 of General Counsel, the Division's reports, and

78 1 ITEM NO. 10 2 the draft resolution, and at this time I move 3 to adopt the draft resolution and authorize 4 Jerome T. Smith on a temporary basis and prior 5 to his plenary qualification to assume the 6 duties and exercise the powers of a member of 7 the independent audit committee and a member of 8 the compliance committee for DGMB Casino, LLC, 9 subject to the conditions contained in NJSA 10 5:12-85.1 and NJAC 13:69C-2.6. 11 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second? 12 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, 13 I second the motion. 14 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion? 15 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 16 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 17 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, roll call 18 vote? 19 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Commissioner Formica? 20 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes. 21 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Vice Chair Mollineaux? 22 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Yes. 23 MS. FAUNTLEROY: And Chairman Plousis? 24 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Yes. 25 Good luck, Mr. Smith, and welcome back.	80 1 ITEM NO. 11 2 property as well as the Division counsel 3 present. I ask that they enter their 4 appearances and proceed. 5 MS. SACCO: Good morning -- not 6 afternoon yet. 7 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Good morning. 8 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Close. 9 MS. SACCO: Bess Sacco, Vice President, 10 Chief Counsel, Caesars Entertainment, appearing 11 on behalf of Tropicana Atlantic City. 12 MS. RICHARDSON: Good morning again, 13 Chairman and Commissioners. Tracy Richardson, 14 Deputy Attorney General, for the Division of 15 Gaming Enforcement. 16 MS. SACCO: As General Counsel 17 Fauntleroy mentioned, this is a petition for 18 permission for Ada Wong to assume the duties 19 and exercise the powers of the position of Vice 20 President Player Development, Asian Marketing 21 for Tropicana Atlantic City. 22 As General Counsel Fauntleroy also 23 mentioned, she already has a temporary casino 24 key employee license which was issued in April 25 of 2026. And now since this position is one
79 1 ITEM NO. 11 2 MR. SMITH: Thank you. 3 MR. MOLES: Thank you all. 4 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you. 5 Item No. 11 is the Petition of Tropicana 6 Atlantic City Corp. doing business as Tropicana 7 Atlantic City requesting permission for Li F. 8 "Ada" Wong to assume the duties and excise the 9 powers of Vice President Player Development, 10 Asian Marketing, pending plenary qualification. 11 This matter was initiated by Petition 12 PRN 2082603 dated July 27, 2026, seeking 13 permission for Miss Wong to be temporarily 14 qualified to fill the promotional position of 15 Vice President Player Development, Asian 16 Marketing. 17 It should be noted that Miss Wong has 18 already received a temporary casino key 19 employee license that was issued by Delegated 20 Authority by the Commission staff on April 26, 21 2026. So in order to take this additional 22 promotional opportunity, the qualification is 23 required as the position has been identified as 24 a qualifying position by the Division. 25 With that, we have counsel for the	81 1 ITEM NO. 11 2 requiring qualification, we are, you know, 3 before you today. 4 The VP of Player Development, Asian 5 Marketing, position at Tropicana is a new one. 6 And Ms. Wong has been promoted into that 7 position. She has been with Tropicana since 8 about 2007, and she's held various positions 9 within the Tropicana as well as the Atlantic 10 City casino marketing -- positions within those 11 two departments. She was last Executive 12 Director of Asian Marketing Regional. 13 I have reviewed the Division's letter 14 interposing no objection. 15 And I've also reviewed the draft 16 resolution, and I find it to be acceptable in 17 form and substance. 18 And unless the Commission has any 19 additional questions, I would request that the 20 Commission grant Ms. Wong's temporary 21 qualification to serve as Vice President Player 22 Development, Asian Marketing, for Tropicana 23 Atlantic City. 24 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you. 25 MS. SACCO: Thank you.

82 1 ITEM NO. 11 2 MS. RICHARDSON: You have the Division's 3 response of no objection that was submitted on 4 August 4th, 2026. We've also reviewed the 5 draft resolution and have no objections. 6 And as has been noted, because the 7 temporary key license was granted earlier this 8 year, the qualification, should you grant it 9 today, will run concurrently with that and will 10 expire in January of 2027. 11 Thank you. 12 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions 13 for counsel? 14 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No. 15 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 16 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a 17 motion? 18 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank 19 you, Mr. Chairman. 20 I've reviewed the petition, General 21 Counsel's memo, the Division's e-mail of no 22 objection, the draft resolution. And at this 23 time I move to adopt the draft resolution, 24 authorize Ada Wong on a temporary basis and 25 prior to her plenary qualification to assume	84 1 ITEM NO. 14 2 MS. SACCO: Thank you. 3 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you. 4 I'm going to call 14. 5 MS. SACCO: Okay. 6 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Mr. Chairman, with your 7 permission, can I call the agenda since Miss 8 Sacco is seated already, that's Agenda No. 14. 9 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Yes. 10 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you. 11 That is Petition of Boardwalk Regency, 12 LLC, doing business as Caesars Atlantic City 13 for the issuance of a temporary casino key 14 employee license to Michael Pistone pursuant to 15 NJSA 5:12-89(e) and to permit him to assume the 16 duties and exercise the powers of Vice 17 President of Casino Marketing pending plenary 18 qualification. 19 This matter was initiated by Petition 20 PRN 2182601 dated August 6, 2026, seeking 21 permission by the casino licensee, as 22 indicated, for Mr. Pistone to assume the duties 23 of Vice President of Casino Marketing. 24 With that, I believe counsel is present. 25 And I ask that they again enter their
83 1 ITEM NO. 11 2 the duties and exercise the powers as Vice 3 President Player Development, Asian Marketing, 4 for Tropicana Atlantic City Corp. subject to 5 the conditions contained in NJSA 5:12-85.1 and 6 NJAC 13:69C-2.6 and with the terms and 7 conditions as provided for in the resolution. 8 Further, a temporary qualification shall 9 run concurrently with the nine-month period of 10 a temporary key license issued on April 6th, 11 2026, and shall expire on January 6, 2027. 12 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second? 13 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, 14 I second the motion. 15 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion? 16 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 17 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 18 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, roll call 19 vote? 20 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Commissioner Formica? 21 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes. 22 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Vice Chair Mollineaux? 23 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Yes. 24 MS. FAUNTLEROY: And Chairman Plousis? 25 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Yes.	85 1 ITEM NO. 14 2 appearances and address the Commission 3 directly. 4 MS. SACCO: Good morning. Bess Sacco, 5 Vice President, Chief Counsel, Regional 6 Operations, Caesars Entertainment for Boardwalk 7 Regency, LLC, doing business as Caesars 8 Atlantic City. 9 MS. RICHARDSON: Good morning, Tracy 10 Richardson, Deputy Attorney General, for the 11 Division of Gaming. 12 MS. SACCO: Again, as stated by General 13 Counsel Fauntleroy, this is a petition for the 14 temporary casino key employee license for 15 Michael Pistone and for permission for him to 16 assume the duties and exercise the powers of 17 the position of Vice President Casino Marketing 18 for Caesars Atlantic City. 19 This position has been vacant for some 20 time so we're very happy to be able to fill it 21 now after a search. 22 A little background on Mr. Pistone. 23 He's most recently employed with Wind Creek 24 Bethlehem Casino in Pennsylvania as a senior 25 director of relationship marketing. He's held

86 1 ITEM NO. 14 2 various positions within casino marketing for 3 several years with a number of different 4 casinos, and he started at the Sands Casino and 5 Hotel in Atlantic City. He was there from 1998 6 until February 2005. So we're glad that he's 7 coming back to the Atlantic City casino 8 industry. He will be relocating to New Jersey. 9 And he was actually born in and raised in 10 Hammonton, New Jersey. So we're happy to have 11 him. 12 I've reviewed the Division's letter 13 interposing no objection to this petition. 14 I've also reviewed the draft resolution 15 and find it to be acceptable as to form and 16 substance. 17 And unless the Commission has any 18 questions, I would respectfully request that a 19 resolution be entered granting Mr. Pistone a 20 temporary casino key employee license as well 21 as temporary qualification. 22 Thank you. 23 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you. 24 MS. RICHARDSON: As was mentioned, the 25 Division filed a response of no objection to	88 1 ITEM NO. 14 2 CHAIR PLOUSIS: None. Okay. 3 Is there a motion? 4 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank 5 you, Mr. Chairman. 6 No. 14. I move to approve the Petition. 7 I reviewed the Petition, General Counsel's 8 memo, the Division's e-mail of no objection, 9 and I move to approve the Petition, issue a 10 temporary casino key employee license to 11 Michael Pistone pursuant to NJSA 5:12-89b(4), 12 NJSA 5:12-89(e) and NJAC 19:41A-5.3 and permit 13 him to assume the duties and exercise the 14 powers of Vice President of Casino Marketing 15 for Boardwalk Regency, LLC, pending plenary 16 qualification. And that's in accordance with 17 the conditions contained in NJSA 5:12-85.1 and 18 NJAC 13:69C-2.6. 19 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second? 20 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, 21 I second the motion. 22 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion? 23 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 24 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 25 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, roll call
87 1 ITEM NO. 14 2 this petition for Mr. Pistone to be granted a 3 temporary casino key employee license as well 4 as qualification in the position of Vice 5 President of Casino Marketing. 6 We have also reviewed the draft 7 resolution and have no objections. 8 Thank you. 9 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions 10 for counsel on this matter? 11 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: I do have a 12 question for Miss Sacco. 13 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Yes. 14 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Mr. Pistone, is 15 he related to Donnie Brasco? 16 MS. SACCO: I have no idea. 17 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Nobody watches 18 the movies here? Joe Piston, the FBI agent? 19 MS. SACCO: I don't have time for that. 20 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yeah. Actually, 21 it was 30 years ago, and I knew you had time 22 for it back then. 23 That's it. 24 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any other questions? 25 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No.	89 1 ITEM NO. 12 2 vote? 3 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Commissioner Formica? 4 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes. 5 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Vice Chair Mollineaux? 6 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Yes. 7 MS. FAUNTLEROY: And Chairman Plousis? 8 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Yes. 9 MS. SACCO: Thank you. 10 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you. 11 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Thank you. 12 MS. FAUNTLEROY: You're welcome. 13 Item No. 12, returning to regular order, 14 is consideration of the plenary qualification 15 of Karen M. Wells. 16 MS. KAUFMAN: I was over anxious. 17 MR. MADAMBA: [Indecipherable.] 18 (Laughter.) 19 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Karen M. Wells to serve 20 as a member of the Compliance Committee of MGM 21 Resorts International. 22 This matter was initiated by Petition 23 PRN 0272601 on January -- dated January 27, 24 2026, seeking Miss Wells' temporary 25 qualification to serve in the capacity

90 1 ITEM NO. 12 2 indicated. 3 It was considered at your February 11, 4 2026, public meeting. A resolution was entered 5 granting her temporary qualification, 6 Resolution No. 26-02-11-15. Before you now is 7 consideration of the plenary qualification of 8 Miss Wells. 9 We have counsel for the property present 10 as well as counsel for the Division, and I ask 11 with your permission that they enter their 12 appearance and proceed. 13 MR. MADAMBA: Pat Madamba, Senior Vice 14 President and Legal Counsel for MGM Resorts 15 International and Marina District Development 16 on behalf of MGM and Miss Wells. 17 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Good morning. 18 MS. RICHARDSON: Good morning. Tracy 19 Richardson, Deputy Attorney General, for the 20 Division of Gaming Enforcement. 21 MR. MADAMBA: Thank you. 22 I've reviewed the draft resolution, and 23 it's fine in form and substance. We just ask 24 that the relief be granted. 25 Thank you.	92 1 ITEM NO. 12 2 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there is second? 3 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, 4 I second the motion. 5 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there any further 6 discussion? 7 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 8 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 9 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, roll call 10 vote? 11 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Commissioner Formica? 12 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes. 13 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Vice Chair Mollineaux? 14 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Yes. 15 MS. FAUNTLEROY: And Chairman Plousis? 16 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Yes. 17 MR. MADAMBA: Thank you. 18 And if I may, we very much appreciate 19 the thoughtful approach with Mr. Sheegihalli. 20 He's a highly valued member of our Information 21 Security Team. 22 And I love the levity with Mr. Levenson. 23 It's good to see him back. 24 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Yes. 25 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Thank you.
91 1 ITEM NO. 12 2 MS. RICHARDSON: As you have the 3 Division's report dated August 3rd, 2026, it 4 recommends the plenary qualification of Karen 5 Wells as a member of the MGM Resorts 6 International Compliance Committee. 7 We have also reviewed the draft 8 resolution and have no objections. 9 Thank you. 10 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Are there any questions 11 for counsel? 12 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 13 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 14 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a 15 motion? 16 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Yes, sir. Thank 17 you, Mr. Chairman. 18 I've reviewed the Petition, General 19 Counsel's memo, the Division's report at this 20 time, and the draft resolution. And at this 21 time I move to adopt the draft resolution and 22 find Karen M. Wells qualified to serve as a 23 member of the Compliance Committee for MGM 24 Resorts International in accordance with NJSA 25 5:12-85.1 and NJAC 13:69C-2.7.	93 1 ITEM NO. 13 2 MS. FAUNTLEROY: No. 13, Joint Petition 3 of Premier Entertainment AC, LLC, and Bally's 4 Corporation for qualification of certain 5 entities pursuant to NJSA 5:12-85.1c and NJSA 6 5:12-85.1e. 7 This matter was initiated by Petition 8 PRN 0342601 seeking the temporary qual -- 9 seeking the qualification of Ares Management as 10 a financial source for Premier Entertainment 11 AC, LLC, doing business as Bally's Atlantic 12 City. 13 You have before you counsel for the 14 property as well as counsel for the Division. 15 And with your permission, I would request they 16 enter their appearances and address the matter 17 directly. 18 MS. KAUFMAN: Okay. I think it's my 19 turn. Lynn Levine Kaufman, Cooper Levenson, 20 for Premier Entertainment AC, LLC, and Bally's 21 Corporation. 22 MS. RICHARDSON: Good morning. Tracy 23 Richardson, Deputy Attorney General, for the 24 Division of Gaming Enforcement. 25 MS. KAUFMAN: As General Counsel

94 1 ITEM NO. 13 2 Fauntleroy stated, this matter is the 3 qualification of Ares Management as a financial 4 source of Premier Entertainment AC, LLC. This 5 was in connection with a \$1.1 billion term 6 loan. The transaction closed in February of 7 2026, so this is not new debt of Bally's 8 Corporation. However, Bally's Atlantic City is 9 now joining and becoming one of many, many 10 guarantors of the debt and providing security. 11 This is occurring now because at the 12 time of the loan was closed, Ares needed to be 13 qualified and the material debt transaction 14 needed to be approved. 15 But significantly, because Bally's sold 16 its international interactive business, this 17 new term loan actually ended up with a net 18 result of a significantly lower amount of 19 outstanding debt and a significantly lower 20 interest rate than before that business and 21 some other transactions occurred and this new 22 term loan was entered into. 23 This new debt and the reduction in debt 24 considers upcoming New York license fees and 25 paid New York license fees and fees in	96 1 ITEM NO. 13 2 for the record that with regard to the 3 resolution it does mention and has been 4 mentioned today that the Division handled a 5 material debt transaction related to the 6 financing that Miss Kaufman has detailed. And 7 just want to be clear that the Division handled 8 that separately. And before the Commission 9 today is just the qualification of the 10 financial source entity and the -- that report 11 that the Division prepared would be subject to 12 redactions for certain financial information 13 which are in progress and will be posted 14 publicly with the Director's actions. Under 15 the normal procedures that's twice per month. 16 And because that document has not been made 17 public yet, we're just asking that the 18 Commission not discuss in detail the financial 19 contents of that letter and any of the 20 information contained therein. Again, because 21 the matter before the Commission on the agenda 22 is the qualification of the financial source 23 entity on its own and its qualification to be a 24 financial source regarding these transactions, 25 which have already closed but have not been
95 1 ITEM NO. 13 2 connection with the development of Bally's 3 Chicago. The reduction in debt is 4 approximately 40 percent. 5 We are here today because the Division, 6 after its thorough investigation, did approve 7 the material debt transaction conditioned upon 8 Ares' qualification. 9 I note that the reduced debt and the 10 reduced interest payments indirectly do benefit 11 Bally's Atlantic City as one of the existing 12 and outstanding conditions is that Bally's 13 Corporation fund any shortfalls that may occur 14 with Bally's Atlantic City. So this provides 15 Bally's Atlantic City actually extra cash 16 security. 17 I ask that the Commission grant the 18 requested relief. And thank you. 19 MS. RICHARDSON: The Division filed a 20 report dated July 30th, 2026, that recommends 21 the qualification of Ares Management, LLC, as a 22 financial source of Bally's Corporation and 23 Bally's Atlantic City. 24 We've also reviewed the draft resolution 25 that's been prepared, and I just want to note	97 1 ITEM NO. 13 2 subject to a guaranty by Bally's Atlantic City 3 pending your approval and their qualification. 4 To avoid any confusion or redundancy, we ask 5 that we keep that matter separate and what's 6 limited to the agenda today. 7 Thank you. 8 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any questions for 9 counsel? 10 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: I do. 11 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 12 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Couple for Miss 13 Kaufman. But again, I defer to Vice Chair 14 there. 15 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 16 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Okay. Along with 17 being sick the day they taught real estate law 18 in law school, I was also sick on wills, 19 trusts, and estates and stuff. 20 Miss Kaufman, can you help me out with 21 this? So my understanding is Bally's is the 22 guarantor on this material debt transaction, 23 but they needed the backing of Ares to the tune 24 of about 700 million to become the guarantor. 25 And Bally's -- this Commission to qualify Ares

98 1 ITEM NO. 13 2 to get the whole thing done. Is that about 3 right? 4 MS. KAUFMAN: That is incorrect. 5 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: That is 6 incorrect. Please. 7 MS. KAUFMAN: Okay. Ares is the 8 financial source, meaning they are the 9 administrative agent and collateral agent for 10 coordinating and also a lender under that \$1.1 11 billion transaction. So they are granting -- 12 essentially granting the money to Bally's 13 Corporation. 14 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Right. 15 MS. KAUFMAN: Okay. So they're giving 16 the money. But if Bally's Corporation defaults 17 on the loan -- 18 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Right. 19 MS. KAUFMAN: -- and doesn't pay it 20 back, then you go to the guarantors. So then 21 Bally's Atlantic City and 20 other facilities 22 would have to -- would be liable for the money. 23 So they're -- Ares is the lender essentially to 24 Bally's Corporation. 25 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Whose the lender?	100 1 ITEM NO. 13 2 this money, but they are they have -- they will 3 have other money -- they will have more money 4 than they had before to be able to be used 5 because their general debt has been reduced. 6 And they still have an obligation to fund. 7 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Did you say 8 something about using some of this money to pay 9 the casino license in the state of New York, 10 which I know is exorbitant. 11 MS. KAUFMAN: No. Well, that has 12 already been paid. 13 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Okay. 14 MS. KAUFMAN: My point was that has 15 already been paid, and there's still this very 16 large debt reconduction and interest rate 17 reduction. 18 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Okay. Thank you, 19 ma'am. 20 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any other questions for 21 counsel? 22 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 23 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, is there a 24 motion? 25 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank
99 1 ITEM NO. 13 2 Ares? 3 MS. KAUFMAN: Hmm? 4 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Ares is the 5 lender. 6 MS. KAUFMAN: Correct. 7 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yeah. Okay. 8 MS. KAUFMAN: Then I misunderstood how 9 you described it. 10 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Here's my 11 concern. And maybe the lawyer for the Division 12 can also enlighten me. Could this material 13 debt agreement which hinges upon -- well, I 14 know everything is done already. Things would 15 have to be undone, so I guess I would be wrong 16 in saying it hinges upon qualifying Ares. Can 17 this agreement and its fund somehow not be used 18 to benefit Bally's in Atlantic City but more so 19 the other casino ventures like Bally's Bronx 20 and Las Vegas? 21 MS. KAUFMAN: Well, there is a condition 22 that Bally's -- that Bally's Corporation is 23 subject to that requires Bally's Corporation to 24 fund any shortfalls for Bally's Atlantic City. 25 So money is fungible. They might not be using	101 1 ITEM NO. 13 2 you, Mr. Chairman. 3 At this time I move to adopt the draft 4 resolution and find Ares Management, LLC, 5 qualified as a financial source of casino 6 licensee Premier Entertainment AC, LLC, in 7 accordance with NJSA 5:12-85.1e and NJAC 8 13:69C-5B.1 and subject to the findings and the 9 rulings in the resolution. 10 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Is there a second? 11 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, 12 I second the motion. 13 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Any further discussion? 14 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: No, sir. 15 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: No. 16 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Hearing none, roll call 17 vote? 18 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Commissioner Formica? 19 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes. 20 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Vice Chair Mollineaux? 21 VICE CHAIR MOLLINEAUX: Yes. 22 MS. FAUNTLEROY: And Chairman Plousis? 23 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Yes. 24 MS. KAUFMAN: Thank you. 25 MS. RICHARDSON: Thank you.

102 1 2 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Thank you. 3 In accordance with Resolution 4 25-12-10-03, the next closed session shall be 5 held on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 9:30 6 a.m. in the Commission offices. 7 CHAIR PLOUSIS: This is the public 8 participation portion of the meeting. Is there 9 anyone from the public that wishes to speak? 10 MS. FAUNTLEROY: There are no -- no 11 e-mail comments, Mr. Chairman. 12 CHAIR PLOUSIS: No comments. 13 The public participation portion of the 14 meeting is now closed. 15 Is there a motion for adjournment? 16 COMMISSIONER FORMICA: Yes, sir. Thank 17 you, Mr. Chairman. 18 I move to adjourn the public meeting. 19 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Do I have a second? 20 COMMISSIONER MOLLINEAUX: Mr. Chairman, 21 I second the motion. 22 CHAIR PLOUSIS: All in favor, say aye? 23 (Ayes.) 24 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Opposed? 25 (No response.)	104 1 2 C E R T I F I C A T E 3 4 I, M. DARLENE ENGEL, a Certified Court Reporter 5 and Notary Public of the State of New Jersey, certify 6 that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript 7 of the proceedings. 8 9 I further certify that I am neither attorney, of 10 counsel for, nor related to or employed by any of the 11 parties to the action; further that I am not a 12 relative or employee of any attorney or counsel 13 employed in this case; nor am I financially interested 14 in the action. 15 16 17 18 19 20 ----- 21 M. DARLENE ENGEL, CCR 22 License No 30XI0102300 23 Dated: August 13, 2026 24 My Notary Commission Expires on 25 November 21, 2029 NJ ID No: 50117353
103 1 2 CHAIR PLOUSIS: Ayes have it. 3 Meeting adjourned. 4 (Public Meeting 26-08-12 was adjourned 5 at 12:07 p.m.) 6 - - - 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	

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