

**Regular Meeting, Open Session Minutes - Riverboat
Illinois Gaming Board
Chicago, Illinois
May 25, 2017**

NOTE: ITEMS IN **BOLDFACE PRINT** REFLECT OFFICIAL BOARD ACTIONS

On Thursday, May 25, 2017, a Regular Meeting - Riverboat of the Illinois Gaming Board (“Board”) was held on the 5th floor at the Michael Bilandic Building in Chicago, Illinois at 9:03 A.M. Present were the following: Chairman Don Tracy, Members Hector Alejandro, Steve Dolins, Thomas Dunn and Member Dee Robinson.

APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:

Member Dunn moved that the Board approve the open session minutes from its Regular Meeting of April 21, 2017. Member Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/COMMENTS –

Chairman Tracy commented on the minority spending by the casinos and Member Robinson commended the casinos on updating their websites.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY –

Darren Van Dover – General Manager – Harrah's Joliet

Mr. Van Dover thanked the Board and staff for all their hard work and stated what a privilege it was working with them. Mr. Van Dover will be taking another position with Harrah's in Kansas City.

Proposed Rulemaking – Sheera Hobfoll

Member Dunn moved to amend the Riverboat Gambling Rules by creating Rule 273 by authorizing staff to submit a proposal for First Notice Filing with the Secretary of State upon final review and approval by the Administrator. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

OWNER LICENSEE ITEMS

Initial/Final Consideration (Board Action / Vote Required)

Des Plaines Development Limited Partnership d/b/a Harrah's Joliet Casino & Hotel – Request for Initial Consideration of Transfer of Ownership and Change in Form of Entity (Key Person), Request for Waiver of Two-Meeting Rule, and Request for Final Consideration of Transfer of Ownership and Change in Form of Entity (Key Person)

Member Dolins moved that based on Staff’s investigation and recommendation the Board waive its two meeting rule to approve the transfer of ownership interest in Des Plaines Development

Limited Partnership d/b/a Harrah's Joliet Casino & Hotel from Des Plaines Development Corporation to Des Plaines Development Holdings, LLC; and further approve Des Plaines Development Holdings, LLC as a Key Person of Des Plaines Development Limited Partnership d/b/a Harrah's Joliet Casino & Hotel. Member Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Final Consideration (Board Action / Vote Required)

Des Plaines Development Limited Partnership d/b/a Harrah's Joliet Casino & Hotel – Greg A. Sitar – Director of Casino Operations – Level 1

Member Alejandro moved that based on Staff's investigation and recommendation, the Board approve **Greg A. Sitar** as a Level One Occupational Licensee in his position as **Director of Casino Operations** for **Des Plaines Development Limited Partnership d/b/a Harrah's Joliet Casino & Hotel**. Member Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

HC Joliet, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Joliet – Chy Stewart – Vice President of Casino Operations – Level 1

Member Robinson moved that based on Staff's investigation and recommendation, the Board approve **Chy Stewart** as a Level One Occupational Licensee in her position as **Vice President of Casino Operations** for **HC Joliet, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Joliet**. Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The Rock Island Boatworks, Inc. d/b/a Jumer's Casino and Hotel – Mark Edward Bennett – President and General Manager – Level 1

Member Dolins moved that based on Staff's investigation and recommendation, the Board approve **Mark Edward Bennett** as a Level One Occupational Licensee in his position as **President and General Manager** for **The Rock Island Boatworks, Inc. d/b/a Jumer's Casino & Hotel**. Member Dunn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Southern Illinois Riverboat Casino Cruises, Inc. d/b/a Harrah's Metropolis Casino - Change in Legal Form of Entity of Key Person

Member Dolins moved that based on Staff's investigation and recommendation, I move that the Board approve the transfer of ownership interest in Southern Illinois Riverboat Casino Cruises, Inc. d/b/a Harrah's Metropolis Casino through its parent, from Caesars Entertainment Operating Company Inc. to CEOC, LLC; and further approve CEOC, LLC as a Key Person of Southern Illinois Riverboat Casino Cruises, Inc. d/b/a Harrah's Metropolis Casino. Member Dunn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Des Plaines Development Limited Partnership d/b/a Harrah's Joliet Casino & Hotel – Change in Legal Form of Entity of Key Person

Member Dolins moved that based on Staff's investigation and recommendation, the Board approve the transfer of Des Plaines Development Limited Partnership d/b/a Harrah's Joliet Casino & Hotel's 80% ownership interest from Harrah's Illinois Corporation, to Harrah's Illinois, LLC and approve the transfer of ownership interest through its parent from Caesars Entertainment Operating Company Inc. to CEOC, LLC and further approve CEOC, LLC and Harrah's Illinois, LLC, as a Key Persons of Des Plaines Development Limited Partnership d/b/a Harrah's Joliet Casino & Hotel. Member Dunn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Caesar's Entertainment Corporation's Refinancing Plan

Member Robinson moved that based on Staff's investigation and recommendation, I move that the Board approve CEOC, LLC to enter into a \$1.235 billion Senior Secured Term Facility and a \$200 million Senior Secured Revolving Facility, including subsidiary guarantee of debt by Southern Illinois Riverboat Casino Cruises, Inc. d/b/a Harrah's Metropolis Casino and Des Plaines Development Limited Partnership d/b/a Harrah's Joliet Casino & Hotel, consistent with the terms outlined in documents provided to the Board. Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Southern Illinois Riverboat Casino Cruises, Inc. d/b/a Harrah's Metropolis Casino, and Des Plaines Development Limited Partnership d/b/a Harrah's Joliet Casino & Hotel - Caesar's Entertainment Corporation's Reorganizational Plan

Member Robinson moved that based on Staff's investigation and recommendation, the Board approve the requests from Southern Illinois Riverboat Casino Cruises, Inc. d/b/a Harrah's Metropolis Casino and Des Plaines Development Limited Partnership d/b/a Harrah's Joliet Casino & Hotel to enter into lease agreements substantially in the form provided to the Board, through their parent, CEOC, LLC, with VICI Properties 1, LLC (the REIT), and further approve the transfer or distribution of their real estate assets to CEOC, LLC and its transfer or distribution of those real estate assets to VICI Properties 1, LLC through its owners VICI Properties LP and VICI Properties GP LLC consistent with the terms outlined in documents provided to the Board. Member Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS

Initial Consideration (Board Action Required)

VICI Properties 1, LLC. – Initial Supplier License

Member Robinson moved that based on Staff's investigation and recommendation, I move that the Board issue a Supplier License to **VICI Properties 1, LLC** for a period of one year, expiring in May 2018, and find the following entities and individuals suitable as Key Persons:

- **VICI Properties Inc.**
- **VICI Properties LP**
- **John Payne**

Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS

Initial Level 2 and Level 3 Licenses – Approvals and Denials

Member Alejandre moved that based on Staff's investigation and recommendation, I move to find suitable and approve **82 Level 2 Occupational Licenses and 111 Level 3 Occupational Licenses**, and authorize the Administrator to issue a **Notice of Denial** to:

1. Justin Maurice Poole.

Member Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Requests for Hearing & Requests to Reapply

Member Dunn moved that based on the information provided in her request for hearing, the Board rescind its April 2017 denial of Ms. **Andrea Ciriaco's** application, and place her application back into a Pending status. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Member Dunn moved that based on the information provided in his request to reapply, I move that the Board allow **Mr. Patrick Wadlow** to reapply for an Occupational License after payment of the fine issued by the Board in December 2015. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Member Robinson moved that based on Staff's investigation and recommendation, I move that the Board revoke the Level 3 Occupational License of **Daniela Degrado** due to her recent felony conviction; this action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an Answer to the Complaint is properly filed within that time frame. Member Alejandre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Member Alejandre moved that based on Staff's investigation and recommendation, I move that the Board revoke the Occupational License of **Jason Terry Scoby** for engaging in theft, this action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an Answer to the Complaint is properly filed within that time frame. Member Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Member Robinson moved that based on Staff's investigation and recommendation, I move to issue a Disciplinary Complaint against **Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation d/b/a Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino**, fining it \$125,000 for allowing an individual on the Self-Exclusion list to enter the gaming area within the admission turnstiles, obtain funds for gambling purposes, and gamble, said action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an Answer to

the Complaint is properly filed within that time frame. Member Dunn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Member Robinson commented on the severity of the on the violation which occurred at Par-A-Dice Casino regarding the Self-Exclusion List along with Chairman Tracy who commended them on their cooperation with staff.

At 9:29 A.M., Member Dunn motioned to adjourn and Member Robinson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Boruta
Secretary to the Administrator