## ORDER 2024-110

## AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION RENEWING THE CASINO OWNER'S LICENSE AND THE WRITTEN POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR BLUE CHIP CASINO, LLC

In accordance with Ind. Code art. 4-33 and Title 68 of the Indiana Administrative Code, the Indiana Gaming Commission ("Commission") issued a casino owner's license to Blue Chip Casino, Inc., effective August 19, 1997. By Resolution 1999-36, dated November 8, 1999, the Commission approved the request of Blue Chip Casino, Inc. to form a limited liability company – Blue Chip Casino, LLC ("Blue Chip") – and transfer the license to Blue Chip. The Commission has renewed the license annually since inception, most recently on September 15, 2023, which renewed the license through August 17, 2024.

On July 5, 2024, Blue Chip requested renewal of its owner's license and submitted payment of the annual renewal fee in the amount of \$5,000. On August 8, 2024, pursuant to a delegation of authority granted by the Commission in Resolution 2019-257, the Executive Director extended the license through a date when the Commission could consider Blue Chip's request.

On September 15, 2023, by Order 2023-114, the Commission approved the renewal of the written power of attorney identifying Ellis Landau as trustee-in-waiting for Blue Chip. Order 2023-114 stated the approval would expire "upon the effectiveness of a subsequent Commission order that either: (1) addresses the renewal of Blue Chip's casino owner's license; or (2) modifies or withdraws the renewal of its approval" of Mr. Landau. On July 5, 2024, Blue Chip indicated in writing that it desires to continue to have Mr. Landau as trustee-in-waiting.

## **COMMISSION ACTION**

Pursuant to Ind. Code § 4-33-6-12, the Commission has found that Blue Chip has substantially complied with the directives of Ind. Code art. 4-33 and Title 68 of the Indiana Administrative Code; therefore, Blue Chip is suitable to hold a casino owner's license. The Commission **GRANTS** renewal of Blue Chip's casino owner's license for a period of one year subject to Blue Chip maintaining its casino gambling operation, riverboat, hotel, and pavilion in substantial compliance with all properly applicable state and local laws, including but not limited to, Commission regulations, resolutions, orders, and/or other directives relating to the casino owner's license, or to the lawful operation or conduct of gaming in Indiana. The renewal of the casino owner's license is valid for a period of one year from August 18, 2024 through August 17, 2025.

Furthermore, the Commission **APPROVES** the renewal of the power of attorney identifying Ellis Landau as trustee-in-waiting for Blue Chip. The renewal of the Commission's approval expires upon the effectiveness of a subsequent Commission order that either: (1) addresses the renewal of Blue Chip's casino owner's license; or (2) modifies or withdraws the renewal of its approval as granted herein.

According to Ind. Code § 4-21.5-3, this order is effective fifteen days after the order is served.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 26th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION:

ATTEST:

Milton O. Thompson, Chair

Mike Williams, Commissioner