

ORDER 2025-48
AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION RENEWING THE CASINO OWNER'S
LICENSE AND WRITTEN POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR THE MAJESTIC STAR CASINO, LLC d/b/a HARD ROCK CASINO NORTHERN INDIANA

In accordance with and subject to 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 the Majestic Star Casino, LLC ("Majestic Star I") and Trump Indiana, Inc. ("Trump") on June 3, 1996, effective June 11, 1996. On November 17, 2005, the Commission approved a transfer of ownership of the Trump license to Majestic Star I as well as a name change on the Trump license to Majestic Star Casino II, Inc.

By Order 2012-58, the Commission approved the Majestic Star II Casino, Inc. converting its legal entity to a limited liability company, e.g., the Majestic Star II Casino, LLC ("Majestic Star II") (collectively with Majestic Star I, "Majestic Star I and II"). Pursuant to Ind. Code § 4-33-6-12, the two licenses have been renewed annually since inception. On December 17, 2019, pursuant to Order 2019-255, the casino owner's license held by Majestic Star Casino II, LLC was relinquished. On April 27, 2021, the Majestic Star Casino, LLC changed its name to the Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana. The most recent renewal renewed the license for Majestic Star, LLC d/b/a Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana through June 2, 2025.

On June 3, 2020, pursuant to Order 2020-22, the Executive Director approved the appointment of Mr. Thomas Dingman trustee-in-waiting for Majestic Star I. The appointment of Mr. Dingman as trustee-in-waiting expires "upon the effectiveness of a subsequent Commission order that either: (1) addresses the renewal of the license; or (2) modifies or withdraws the renewal of its approval" of Mr. Dingman.

On April 18, 2025 Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana requested license renewal and submitted the payment of its annual renewal fees. At the same time, it indicated in writing its desire to maintain Mr. Dingman as trustee-in-waiting. Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana's casino owner's license was scheduled to expire on June 2, 2025. On May 2, 2025, 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 Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana's request.

COMMISSION ACTION

Pursuant to Ind. Code § 4-33-6-12, the Commission has found that Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana has substantially complied with the directives of Ind. Code art. 4-33 and Title 68 of the Indiana Administrative Code; therefore, Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana is suitable to hold a casino owner's license. The Commission **GRANTS** renewal of Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana's casino owner's license for a period of one year subject to Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana maintaining its casino gambling operations, riverboats, hotels, and pavilions 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 owner's licenses, or to the lawful operation and conduct of gaming in Indiana. The renewal of the owner's license is valid for a period of one year from June 3, 2025 through June 2, 2026.

Furthermore, the Commission **GRANTS** the renewal of its approval of the written power of attorney identifying Mr. Dingman as trustee-in-waiting for Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana. The renewal of the Commission's approval expires upon the effectiveness of a subsequent Commission order that either: (1) addresses the renewal of Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana's casino owner's license, or (2) modifies or withdraws the renewal of its approval granted herein.

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

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 23rd DAY OF JUNE, 2025.

THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION:



Joseph R. Heerens, Chair

ATTEST:



Michael E. Williams, Commissioner