

# TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

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## COMMISSION

Antonio SN. Borja  
**CHAIRMAN**

James M. Mendiola  
**VICE CHAIRMAN**

Henry H. San Nicolas  
**COMMISSIONER**

Charlene M. Lizama  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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**LICENSING**  
**INVESTIGATION**  
**INSPECTORS**  
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**HUMAN RESOURCES**

## ABOUT US

*The Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC), is a regulatory agency established by the Revised Tinian Gaming Act of 1989 (Revised Gaming Act), that permits casino gambling on the island of Tinian and authorizes TCGCC to regulate the conduct of gaming operations and assist the development of the industry.*

*The TCGCC has the general responsibility for the implementation of the Revised Gaming Act, in order to ensure the adherence to the standards and guidelines set forth in our Mission Statement.*

## MISSION STATEMENT

*The Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission was established under the Revised Tinian Casino Gaming Act of 1989 to guard the integrity of the casino gaming industry in the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan.*

*TCGCC's mission is to protect the public interest by maintaining a legitimate and viable industry and ensuring the integrity of each licensee that is privileged to participate therein. The Commission performs this mission through enforcement of the Revised Tinian Casino Gaming Control Act, which mandates a regulated and economically sound industry. Enforcement activities include licensing, investigation, inspection, collection of revenue, and auditing activities to certify revenue.*

## COMMISSION ACTIONS

### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE HEARING

On April 13, 2022, the TCGCC held an Order to Show Cause Hearing in regards to whether or not the Commission should revoke Tinian Entertainment Company, Ltd.'s Conditional Casino License No. 16-02. For failure to comply with the Tinian Gaming Act and Regulations set forth in the Section 16 Agreement, the Commission had decided to revoke, cancel, and deny TEC's Conditional Casino License.

### HIRING OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On August 9, 2022, a Special Meeting was held to discuss the Executive Director Position Announcement No. 2022-01/2022-01(a). With simple majority vote, Ms. Charlene M. Lizama was selected to become the new Executive Director of TCGCC. The Employment Contract for the Executive Director was approved by the Commission Members during its Regular Meeting on September 13, 2022. Ms. Charlene M. Lizama was then sworn in by Chairman Antonio SN. Borja on September 21, 2022.



## REORGANIZATION OF TCGCC

On May 6, 2022, Commissioner Charlene M. Lizama was presented with a Certificate of Recognition plaque for her years of services with TCGCC. Commissioner Antonio SN. Borja was thus elected as Chairman while Vice Chairman James M. Mendiola continues to take on the duties of being the Vice Chairman of the TCGCC.



On May 26, 2022, the 18th Municipal Council confirmed Mr. Henry H. San Nicolas as the new Commissioner of TCGCC. With his extensive background and knowledge in law enforcement and policy making, he possesses the qualities needed to become a Member of the Commission.



## TINIAN DIAMOND CASINO

On March 10-11, 2022, Gaming Inspectors, Sheila Dela Cruz & Gerald Mundo, escorted and inspected the shipment of playing cards, chips, and electronic shoes that will be used in the Tinian Diamond Casino.

An inventory of all gaming equipment was conducted on April 5-7, 2022 by Gaming Inspectors: Sheila Dela Cruz, Gerald Mundo, and Lani Ann Cabrera, along with the BIG staff: Chris Craney (Vice President of Casino Operations), Gemma Chong (Compliance Officer/Acting Human Resources Officer), and Rose Masga (Accounting Manager).

On July 7, 2022, BIG requested to transfer all the gaming equipment to the designated storage area within the casino in order to properly test their fire sprinkler system.

### SITE TOUR

A site tour of the Tinian Diamond Casino facility was also conducted on July 7, 2022 by the following BIG staff: Ray Pangelinan (Assistant Operations Manager) and Gemma Chong (Compliance Officer/Acting Human Resources Officer). They showcased the wastewater treatment facility and the potential hotel rooms that will be utilized.





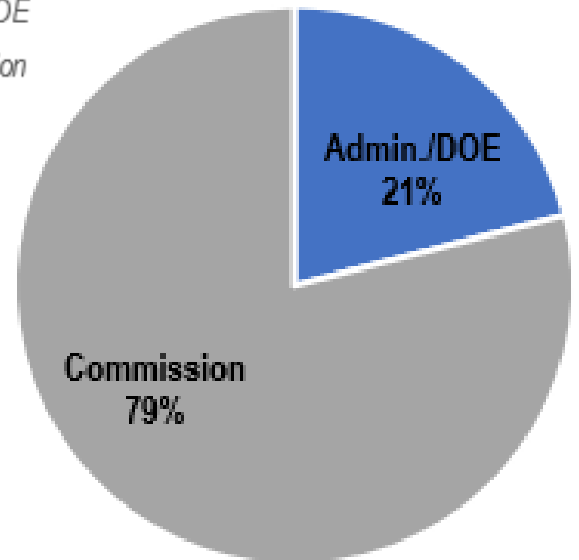
# FINANCES

- **TINIAN LOCAL LAW NO. 22-07** passed on May 16, 2022
  - To make limited appropriations for personnel and operations of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission, the Office of the Mayor of Tinian, the Tinian Municipal Council, and the Tinian Municipal Treasury for Fiscal Year 2022 pursuant to 10 CMC § 2581 [Tinian Local Law 21-9] and 1 CMC § 1405(a) [Public 11-17].
  - Local Funds Available for Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2022: **\$254,500.00**
    - **\$250,000.00** Casino License Fee Collected by TCGCC from Bridge Investment Group, Inc.
    - **\$1,500.00** Casino Service Industry License Fee Collected by TCGCC
    - **\$3,000.00** Lapses from FY 2021
      - Out of the **\$254,500.00** appropriated, **\$192,948** was given to the TCGCC for Personnel and Operations for FY 2022
- **TINIAN LOCAL LAW NO. 22-09** passed on August 10, 2022
  - To make supplemental appropriations for the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission and the Office of the Mayor of Tinian for Fiscal Year 2022 pursuant to 10 CMC § 2581 [Tinian Local Law 21-9] and 1 CMC § 1405(a) [Public Law 11-17].
  - Supplemental Local Revenues Available for Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2022: **\$250,000.00**
    - **\$250,000.00** Casino License Fee Collected by TCGCC from Bridge Investment Group, Inc.
      - Out of the **\$250,000.00** appropriated, **\$200,000** was given to the TCGCC for Personnel for FY 2022
- **TINIAN LOCAL LAW NO. 22-10** passed on September 30, 2022
  - TLL 22-09 amended Section 5 to include **"The appropriation in this Act shall not be subject to Fiscal Year limitation."**
  - For more details on TLL 22-07, 22-09, 22-10, please visit [cnmilaw.org](http://cnmilaw.org)

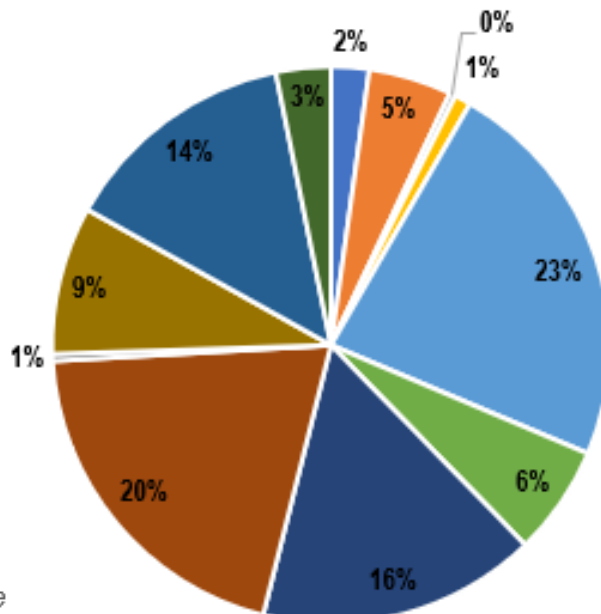
OPERATIONS	
Advertising	\$ 1,106.00
Communications	\$ 2,419.21
Official Representation	\$ 175.00
Printing & Photocopying	\$ 475.40
Professional Services	\$ 11,584.25
Rental - Office	\$ 3,200.00
Travel	\$ 8,132.00
Utilities	\$ 10,134.94
Fuel & Lubrications	\$ 200.00
Supplies	\$ 4,321.56
Building Improvements	\$ 6,900.00
Office Furniture & Fixture	\$ 1,596.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 50,245.16</b>

PERSONNEL	
Admin./DOE	\$ 29,791.58
Commission	\$ 112,415.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 142,206.58</b>

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## OBJECTIVES

- Protect the integrity of the casino gaming industry in the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
- Maintain a legitimate and viable industry
- Regulate casino gaming operations
- Ensure compliance of internal controls, rules and regulations, and all applicable laws
- Provide training for the TCGCC staff
- Obtain professional consultants for casino operations and enforcements

## FUTURE ENDEAVORS

- Grand opening of casino operations of the Bridge Investment Group's Tinian Diamond Casino
- Launching of internet gaming operations
- Collection of local revenue for the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
- Acquisition of basic and state-of-the-art equipment for the agency
- Launching of an official website
- To be competitive with other gaming jurisdictions in the region

## TRAININGS

### LAS VEGAS, NEVADA



The TCGCC inspectors, the Commission Members, and the Legal Counsel headed to Las Vegas, Nevada in the beginning of December 2021 to meet with gaming consultant Dennis Amerine. They also visited with representatives from the Westgate Resort and Casino Gaming Operators, who gave them an inside look at how sports betting and online gaming are operated. In addition, they were introduced to the Nevada Gaming Board and given insight on how they regulate casinos within Nevada. The BMM Testlab provided a guided tour of their facility where numerous electronic gaming equipment are examined and certified. Finally, they discussed BIG's casino during a meeting with Terence M. Dunleavy, BIG's attorney.



### ADULT MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

On August 31, 2022, the TCGCC staff, Jennifer Hofschneider-Pettis, Mary Grace Santos, Ina Lazaro, and Lani Ann Cabrera, alongside other agencies, attended the Adult Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Training that took place at the Tinian Conference Center, Tinian Western Lodge. Certificates were given to the individuals after completing the seminar and pre-work assignments.





## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### CNMI COMBINED LAW ENFORCEMENT (CLEA) WEEK

On May 6, 2022, the TCGCC staff attended the proclamation signing to proclaim May 10th to the 17th as Combined Law Enforcement Week and May 15, 2022 as National Peace Officers' Memorial Day. They also participated during the waving and motorcade that took place later on that day. Lastly, a banquet was held on May 27, 2022 at the Love Birds where the law enforcers were celebrated for their years of service.



### LABOR DAY

On September 2, 2022, the TCGCC staff and members joined the various agencies in the Labor Day festivities sponsored by the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan. The day was filled with games, music, and food to honor the staff for all the hard work and efforts they had contributed into Fiscal Year 2022.



### INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP

On September 16, 2022, the TCGCC staff participated in the annual International Coastal Cleanup where they collected and documented the debris and litter that were found on coastlines and waterways along Jones Beach.



### WORLD TOURISM DAY

In honor of World Tourism Day, the Marianas Visitors Authority invited the TCGCC staff and Members to join their festivities. On September 28, 2022, a sunset walk from Taga Beach to the Gymnasium was held. In addition, on September 29, 2022, a mass clean-up of the Tinian Swimming Hole was conducted to showcase the area as an alternative tourist site.

