

## **Appointment of Board Members to Jersey Gambling Commission**

Article 1 of Schedule 1 to the Gambling Commission (Jersey) Law 2010 requires that the Minister must, by instrument in writing, appoint Commissioners from among persons nominated by the Chairman.

The Chair of the Commission, Advocate Cyril Whelan, has much pleasure in nominating Mr Bruno Santos-Costa, Mr Barry Faudemer, and Miss Jennifer Bridge. The period of appointment is for a term of five, four and three years respectively, and these may be extended at the discretion of the Board and with the support of the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development.

### **Background**

A vacancy has arisen as a result of the approaching end of the terms of office of both Advocate Whelan and Ms Deborah Sebire.

In light of this, the Commission reviewed its composition, skills and experience and identified, in particular, the need for candidate(s) with:

- **Corporate Governance and Oversight experience:** In-depth understanding of corporate governance principles and best practices.
- **Liquor Licensing and Hospitality experience:** Familiarity with the hospitality sector as a consequence of the future transfer of Liquor Licensing to the Commission.

A recruitment Panel was selected, comprising the Chair of the Commission, Advocate Cyril Whelan, CEO and Commissioner Dr Jason Lane, Charlmaine Vella Non-Executive Director, Ballet d'Jèrri sitting as an independent and Simon Nash (Chair of the Panel) from the Jersey Appointments Commission.

The vacancy was widely advertised from 17 April to 30 May. By the closing date, 13 applications had been received. Further to a shortlisting process, five candidates were invited for an interview. Interviews were completed on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July and, following this, the Panel met to identify and recommend the best candidates.

The Chair is, therefore, pleased to recommend to the Minister that he appoint Mr Santos-Costa, Mr Faudemer and Miss Bridge as Board Members of the Jersey Gambling Commission.

### **Mr Bruno Santos-Costa**

Mr Santos-Costa is an experienced Director with extensive experience of the Hospitality and Leisure Services sectors having worked and managed licensed premises in both Jersey and London, as well as being a non-executive director of a local travel firm.

When working in London, he collaborated within the Soho Society, a group of businesses in that part of London which worked together to manage the nighttime economy, make recommendations for licensing and generally maintain the 'Soho Standard'. Since returning to the Island, Mr Santos-Costa has managed both a restaurant and a wine bar and currently holds a Category 3 licence for a historic building in central St. Helier.

### **Mr Barry Faudemer**

Barry Faudemer is a former Executive Director of the Jersey Financial Services Commission with extensive regulatory experience. He holds the IOD diploma in company direction and has lectured at the annual Jesus College Cambridge Symposium on combating financial crime on many occasions. He is currently the CEO of Baker Regulatory Services supporting businesses in the finance industry.

Prior to joining the JFSC, Barry served in the States of Jersey Police for 27 years including as the former Head of the Joint Police and Customs Financial Crimes Unit. He is a graduate of the FBI Academy having studied money laundering typologies and how terrorist fund their activities across the globe. Barry was part of the Parish Supervisory Committee project team appointed by the Connetable of St Martin with oversight of the old St Martin's Primary School transforming it into a highly successful retail outlet delivered in accordance with the wishes of the parishioners following a comprehensive consultation exercise.

### **Miss Jennifer Bridge**

A States Assembly Deputy from 1999 to 2005, Miss Bridge was a member of the Gambling Control Committee for two years and contributed to early modernisation efforts, enhancing regulatory oversight and protection of vulnerable people. Miss Bridge is an education professional, both as a teacher and an Education Manager at HMP La Moye and retains her role on the Religious Education Advisory Panel which she has held since 2023. She has been an elected Non-Executive Director at the Channel Islands Cooperative Society since 2022.

Miss Bridge is well known in the community for her support of literature and the arts, serving as Chair of the Jersey Literary Festival Association from 2015 to 2024. A frequent columnist for the Jersey Evening Post, Miss Bridge has also supported Caritas Jersey with their Living Wage Campaign, Jersey Repair Café in Grouville and remains a member of the Jersey Referendum Commission.

### **Resource implications**

The Jersey Gambling Commission receives all of its income from licence and permit fees and receives no public funding.

Fees payable to Board Members are sourced from the funds of the Commission.

There are no resource implications for the Government of Jersey arising from these appointments.