



ABOUT US

TCGCC LEADERSHIP



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The Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) is a regulatory agency and established under the Revised Tinian Casino Gaming Control Act of 1989, and as revised and reenacted by Tinian Local Law No. 21-09. This governing law authorizes casino gambling on the island of Tinian and empowers the TCGCC to regulate the conduct of gaming operations, ensuring compliance with the statutory and regulatory requirements, and support the responsible development of the gaming industry.

The Commission holds general responsibility for implementing and enforcing these provisions, ensuring that all gaming activities adhere to the standards, principles, and regulatory guidelines set forth in the Commission's Mission Statement.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

The Commission's mission is to protect the public interest by maintaining a legitimate 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 of 1989, which mandates a regulated and economically sound industry. Enforcement activities include licensing, investigation, inspection, collection of revenue, and auditing activities to certify revenue.

DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT:

LICENSING • INVESTIGATION • INSPECTION • AUDIT • FISCAL • ADMINISTRATION • HUMAN RESOURCES

COMMISSIONERS HONORED FOR THEIR SERVICE

Donald M. Hofschneider, Commissioner & Former Fiscal Officer – Resigned after 24 years of service, providing steadfast financial leadership and also serving as Acting Executive Director and Fiscal Officer providing support and services that reinforced the Commission's institutional stability.

Antonio SN. Borja, Chairman - Stepped down to run for Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan. His leadership provided continuity and support during key regulatory periods.

Quorum Requirements (10 CMC § 2512(d))

- A quorum requires three (3) active commissioners.
- Commissioners whose terms have expired, resigned, or been removed cannot be counted.
- No official action may be taken without a quorum.

Commissioners' Compensation

Under 10 CMC § 2521(g), as amended by TLL 24-09 (signed into law Jan. 21, 2026):

- Commissioners compensation is suspended when no casino license fee or legislative appropriation is available.
- Compensation is limited to meeting-based pay only when funding becomes available.



TCGCC STAFF TRANSITIONS

The Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission acknowledges the transition of several long-serving staff whose dedication, professionalism, and institutional knowledge have shaped the agency's regulatory mission for decades.

Vicky Hall, HR Specialist II – With over 33 years of service, Vicky offered consistent HR guidance, employee engagement support, and institutional memory that anchored the Commission's internal operations. Her long-standing commitment helped maintain stability across multiple administrations.

Ina F. Lazaro, Administrative Assistant (DOE) – For 26 years, Ina delivered reliable administrative support, clear communication, and dependable coordination across divisions. Her contributions ensured daily operational continuity and effectiveness throughout the Commission.

Sheila T. Dela Cruz, Inspector II – Sheila served 18 years in inspections, contributing significantly to frontline regulatory oversight. Her experience and professionalism reinforced the Commission's compliance functions and supported the integrity of gaming operations.

Ryan D. Cruz, Inspector I and **Kyle C. Monkeya, Inspector I** – Ryan and Kyle provided essential inspection support during a period of organizational transition. Their contributions helped maintain regulatory coverage and operational consistency as the Commission adjusted to staffing changes.

These transitions continued to shape the Commission's staffing structure during FY 2026.

Gaming Industry Revitalization Efforts

On March 26, 2026, the Tinian Leadership and the TCGCC met with potential investors, the Clear Management Group, who expressed interest in exploring the establishment of a Slot Machine Club on the island of Tinian. This engagement reflects ongoing efforts to identify viable opportunities that may support the revitalization and growth of the local gaming industry.

Key Achievements in FY 2026

Despite the absence of active casino operations, the TCGCC achieved the following:

- Maintained regulatory readiness and compliance – Continued fulfilling statutory obligations and preserving regulatory functions.
- Updated internal procedures – Adjusted workflows and documentation to align with current operational needs.
- Ensured continuity of licensing functions – Kept licensing records current, organized, and compliant.
- Supported commissioner transitions and administrative restructuring – Provided administrative stability during changes in Commission membership.
- Preserved institutional knowledge – Consolidated key records and guidance to maintain continuity during staff turnover.

Gaming Operations Status Update

The Tinian Diamond Casino ceased operations in December 2024. Its effects continued into FY 2026, reducing active oversight and shifting the Commission's focus toward regulatory maintenance, and preparation for potential future gaming proposals.

FINANCES

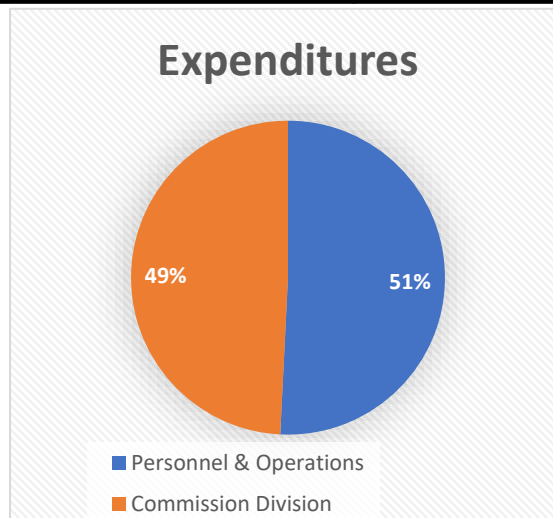
APPROPRIATIONS TO THE TCGCC

1. TLL No. 24-06 - \$5,000 *signed into law 8/29/2025*
2. TLL No. 24-08 - \$12,500 *signed into law 11/24/2025*
3. TLL No. 24-10 - \$5,000 *signed into law 1/27/2026*
4. TLL No. 24-11 - \$16,000 *signed into law 04/28/2026*
5. TLL No. 24-12 - \$12,750 *signed into law 09/09/2026*

Note: Expenditure Authority of Appropriations – Mayor of the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan.

LICENSE/REGISTRATION COLLECTIONS	
CASINO LICENSE	\$ -
CASINO SERVICE INDUSTRY	\$ 1,500.00
CASINO SERVICE INDUSTRY REGISTRATION	\$ -
CASINO KEY EMPLOYEE	\$ -
CASINO EMPLOYEE	\$ -
ELECTRONIC GAMING MACHINES AND TABLES	\$ -

EXPENDITURES	
PERSONNEL & OPERATIONS	\$ 13,157.46
COMMISSION DIVISION	\$ 12,750.00
TOTAL	\$ 25,907.46



OBJECTIVES

- Protect the integrity of the casino gaming industry in the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan.
- Maintain a legitimate, compliant, and viable gaming industry.
- Regulate, safeguard, and promote responsible gaming operations.
- Ensure compliance with the provisions of the Revised Tinian Casino Gaming Control Act of 1989 as reenacted by TLL No. 21-09, and with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.
- Provide training to TCGCC staff to enhance their knowledge, skills, and professional capacity.
- Obtain the services of professional consultants to provide advice on casino operations and regulatory functions.

FUTURE ENDEAVORS

- Launch and regulate internet gaming operations.
- Acquire basic and advanced equipment for compliance purposes.
- Design and operate an official TCGCC website.
- Strengthen competitiveness with regional casino gaming jurisdictions.
- Establish and regulate slot machine clubs and facilities.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

The TCGCC hopes for a continued period of regulatory stabilization following the closure of the Tinian Diamond Casino. With no active casino operations, the Commission will focus on maintaining statutory compliance, preserving regulatory readiness, and ensuring that all obligations under the Revised Tinian Casino Gaming Control Act of 1989, as reenacted under TLL No. 21-09, are met and fulfilled.

The absence of a casino license fee revenue will continue to affect the commissioner compensation under 10 CMC § 2521(g), as amended by TLL No. 24-09, limiting the compensation to authorized meeting-based pay when funding becomes available. The Commission will request for additional legislative appropriations as needed. Furthermore, the Commission will continue working in collaboration with the TALD, pertaining to proposed amendments to the Revised Tinian Gaming Control Act of 1989, in order to revitalize the casino gaming industry in the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan.

Operational priorities include strengthening internal processes, maintaining administrative continuity, and ensuring preparedness for future gaming activities, including, but not limited to, gaming operations, and supporting newly appointed commissioners as they assume their roles. The TCGCC remains committed to upholding its regulatory mandate and maintaining readiness should industry operations resume.

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