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## Perskie, Butler Named to Hughes Center Steering Committee

Veteran Public Policymakers Bolster “Think Tank”

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** Hon. Steven P. Perskie and Hon. Frederick F. Butler have been named to the Steering Committee of The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

“The Hughes Center has scored yet another coup with the opportunity to have two more outstanding policymakers serve on our Steering Committee,” said Sharon Schulman, executive director of the Hughes Center. “The reputations of former Judge Steve Perskie and former BPU Commissioner Fred Butler precede them, and the Hughes Center will certainly benefit from the association.”

Perskie, who played a major role in bringing casino gaming to Atlantic City more than 30 years ago, is a former chairman of the Casino Control Commission and a former New Jersey assemblyman. As a legislator, he was a sponsor of the constitutional amendment that eventually resulted in the legalization of the first United States casinos east of Nevada. He is a former New Jersey Superior Court judge, and in 1989, he stepped down to manage Governor James Florio's first gubernatorial campaign. He served as Florio's chief of staff from 1989–90. He has also served as legal counsel to many high-profile clients in the gaming industry. In February of this year, Perskie joined the Linwood law firm of Perskie Mairone Brog & Baylinson (PMB&B) as Counsel.

Butler has a career in public service spanning more than three decades. He served for 11 years as commissioner of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, where he was responsible for the regulation of such varied utilities as electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water and cable TV. During his time at BPU, Butler served on several prestigious national and international regulatory associations including the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissions and the Presidium of the Eastern European and Eurasian Regulatory Association. Prior to his role with BPU he served as executive director of the NJ Assembly's Democratic Office.

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“We are extremely proud and fortunate to have two such accomplished policymakers to serve on our Steering Committee,” Schulman said.

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