### GAMBLING CONTROL COMMISSION

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# Notice and Agenda of Commission Meeting California Gambling Control Commission

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10:00 a.m. Thursday November 16, 2023 Notice: The order of business reflected in the Notice and Agenda is subject to change by the Commission at the meeting

#### **OPEN SESSION:**

- 1. Call to Order.
- 2. Roll Call of Commissioners.
- 3. Graton Mitigation Fund Final Report for Distribution to County of Sonoma and City of Rohnert Park Quarter Ending September 30, 2023 (Pursuant to Government Code section 12012.56 and Compact section 4.5.1):

Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

- 4. <u>Consideration of Renewal Cardroom Owner Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions</u> Code sections 19850, 19851, and 19852; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):
  - A. Club San Rafael: Pete's 881 Club, Inc.

The Robert and Karen Pellolio Trust, Shareholder Karen Pellolio, Trustor, Trustee, Beneficiary Karen Pellolio, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Director, Secretary

B. La Primavera Pool Hall & Cafe: Lucky Tree Entertainment, Inc.\*

C. Parkwest Casino Sonoma: Cal-Pac Sonoma, LLC\*

- 5. <u>Consideration of Initial Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):</u>
  - A. Jeffrey Geary
  - B. Eugene Lopez
  - C. Nadine Ortega
- 6. <u>Consideration of Initial Commission Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):</u>

Casino Merced: Steve Yang

7. Consideration of Request for Temporary Third-Party Proposition Player Services Owner Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19824(f); CCR, Title 4 section 12054):

Blue Ocean Sky, LLC: Xiaodong Wang, Chief Executive Officer, Sole Member

8. <u>Consideration of Renewal Third-Party Proposition Player Services Owner Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):</u>

2 Kings Gaming, Inc.:

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Michael Paul LeBlanc, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, Director, Shareholder

- 9. <u>Consideration of Initial Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License (Pursuant to</u> Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):
  - A. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Workers:

i) Anthony Garcia

ii) Kelvin Nelson

B. Players Edge Services:

Supervisor:

i) Bartholomew Miranda

Worker: ii) Shawn Vines C. Qualified Player Services, LLC:

Worker:

Amanda Slater

10. <u>Consideration of Cancellation of Temporary Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License (Pursuant to CCR, Title 4, section 12128):</u>

Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Worker: Elvis Lung

11. <u>Consideration of Tribal-State Compact Renewal Finding of Suitability as a Gaming Resource Supplier</u> (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact; CCR, Title 4, section 12120):

Gaming Partners International USA, Inc.:

Gaming Partners International Corporation (GPIC),

Parent Company

Gaming Partners International USA, Inc.

(GPI-USA)

Yasushi Shigeta, President, Chief Executive Officer, Sole Director, Secretary of GPIC

and GPI-USA

- 12. <u>Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact; CCR, Title 4, section 12120):</u>
  - A. Table Mountain Casino Table Mountain Rancheria of California:

Phia Xiona

- B. Thunder Valley Casino Resort United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria: Jimmy Yang
- 13. <u>Consideration of Additional Permanent Authorized Tables (Pursuant to Business and Professions</u> Code section 19841(p); CCR, Title 4, section 12472):

Seven Mile Casino:

Stones South Bay Corp.

14. <u>Consideration of Settlement Stipulation, Decision, and Order: In the Matter of the Accusation Against</u>
Arise, LLC and Darrell Stuart Miers, (BGC No. BGC-HQ2015-00001AL)

# **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

Items on the consent calendar will be taken up and voted on as a group. A Commissioner may request that an item be discussed, in which case it will be discussed separately at a later point in the meeting.

- 15. Consideration of Initial Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):
  - A. Trevor Walz
  - B. Wengiang Wu

16. Consideration of Initial Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):

A. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:

Supervisor: Bipin Venigandla

Workers: Sara Goodrich Anton Mink Patricia Noval

B. F2 TPS. LLC:

Workers: Esteban Cisneros Rowie Lapidario Minh Tran

Stephan Vera

C. Faros Unlimited, Inc.:

Workers: Stacie Lord Kamari Cannon Stella Hui

Adrian Ramirez Velazquez Jr. Seyla Yeav

D. Fortune Players Group, Inc.:

Supervisor: Melinda Chan Worker: Giana Lu E. Global Player Services, Inc.:

> Worker: Julio Emmanuel Rodriguez Sandoval

F. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Workers: Amadio Arcinas Bryana Arlie Andre Augustin Derequito

Vince Bowers Jonathan Ayala Jacob Buchanan

Aidan-Ryan Connelly **Thomas Contreras Holmes** 

Mikal Hall, Jr. Cesar Hernandez Sheridan Leeson Joanna Long Manuel Lopez, Jr. Nicholas Madrid Jose Nino

Alejandro Munoz Marquez

Cory Obeso Dillon Reyes **Taylor Seers** Ian Smart Dominique Stallworth Michael Stanfield Ernesto Toscano Dante Vega Jose Villalobos Isaac Wilhelm Steven White Jie Zhang

G. Players Edge Services:

Workers: DaVon Gresham Jasmine Singh

H. Qualified Player Services, LLC:

Workers: Courtney Mccabe Isaac Martinez **Jeff Spears** 

17. Consideration of Renewal Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):

A. 2 Kings Gaming, Inc.:

Worker: Marina Vindum

B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:

Worker: Keith Ahwah

C. Halcyon Gaming, LLC:

Workers: Kimberly Martinez Cameron McDaniel

D. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Supervisor: Trung Bui

Workers: Jasmine Barajas Jerrika Christopher Brandon Elledge

Yoselyn Gramajo Sergio Rodriguez Jasmine Thuch

Mario Torres

18. Consideration of Tribal-State Compact Renewal Finding of Suitability as a Gaming Resource Supplier (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact; CCR, Title 4, section 12120):

Aristocrat Leisure Limited (ALL), Parent Company A. Aristocrat Technologies, Inc.:

Aristocrat International Pty Ltd., Holding Company

Aristocrat Technologies, Inc.

Kathleen Conlon, Non-Executive Director of ALL

B. International Network In International Network in Advance Gaming, Inc.

Mark Jones, President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director, Advance Gaming, Inc.:

Shareholder

C. Synergy Information Solutions, Inc.: Synergy Information Solutions, Inc.

Jonathan Eaton, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, Sole Shareholder, Executive Director

Sabrina Eaton, Manager

19. Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact; CCR, Title 4, section 12120):

A. Colusa Casino Resort - Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:

Jennifer Castillo Alanis

B. Coyote Valley Casino - Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians:

Maka Maka

C. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:

Michael Smith

D. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:

Karuna Bhattarai Mira Bhattarai Timsina

E. Harrah's Northern California - Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California:

Matthew Boice Michael Payette

F. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:

Randall Gray

G. Rain Rock Casino - Karuk Tribe:

Martin Rider

H. Sky River Casino - Wilton Rancheria:

Richard Langarica Johnny Romero Heir Voong

I. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:

Dalilah Escoto

J. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:

Thongsab Chounlamountry

- 20. <u>Consideration of Renewal Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact; CCR, Title 4, section 12120):</u>
  - A. Agua Caliente Casino Cathedral City -Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Michael Perez

B. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians:

**Exequiel Arellano** 

C. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:

Richard Aramburo Sofia Calderon Tyler Dollick
Claudia Flores Laura Larzalere Liliana Madrigal
Rene Rios Somphong Souksavath Joseph Vicaldo

Tiffany Winchester

D. Bear River Casino Resort - Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria:

Julianne White

E. Black Oak Casino - Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria:

Kyle Smith

F. Blue Lake Casino and Hotel - Blue Lake Rancheria:

Eric Freyermuth

G. Cache Creek Casino Resort- Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:

Christopher Stevens XorThao Khadananda Upreti

H. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:

Nick Blankenship Somphith Boutarath Esteban Chavez Hernandez

Lyka Cianchetta Nang Her Patrik Lawhon April Lee Malayvone Maokosy Joseph Shafer Bee Vang Maila Vang Leda Vang

Oscar Yeppez Jr.

I. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:

Benjamin Zitella

J. Colusa Casino Resort - Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:

Jesus Hernandez

K. Coyote Valley Casino - Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians:

Tasha Magana

L. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:

Susan Williams

M. Elk Valley Casino - Elk Valley Rancheria:

Daniel Huff Nathaniel Pincombe Katherine Short

N. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:

Heriberto Arreguin Perez Randall Da Costa Juan Delgado Kelly Dzip Sergio Garcia Austin Herrick Jaekoo Jun Thomas Liquia Anthony Lopez Jr.

Justin McAlister

O. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain - Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California:

David Bryan Amarjit Dhesi Durand Dresslar

Richard Espinosa II Steven Kruger Lou Liu

Saan Nyan Saechao Leony Samael Jose Luis Zuazua

P. Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort - Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:

Kenneth O'Donnell

Q. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:

Vanessa Barcenas Adam Litchford Thomas Page
Mario Rogers Sr. Joseph Samano Richard St. Jean Jr.

R. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:

Erich Strafeldas

S. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:

Maher Bashary

Juan Delgado

Thomas Fourquet

Derek Hall

Frankie Morreo Sr

Mazan Carr

Tammy Green

Jimmy Manuel

Karen Negrete

Mario Santana

Soang Unn

Lea Cozort

Tammy Green

Alireza Rezazadeh

Richard Valverde

T. Red Earth Casino - Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians:

Benigno Garcia Martinez

U. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:
Amrease Carter-Gomez Nam Tran Taylor Visaya

V. Spotlight 29 Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:

Rosario Flores

W. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:

Alan Buna Erik Carter Larry Ha

Faamaopo Villasin

X. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:

James Gallaway III April Hernandez Troy King
Byron Lopez Hernandez Curtis McCormack Eetang Saesee

Joseph Zarate

Y. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:

Leo Evangelista Romario Trinidad

Z. Tortoise Rock Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:

Desmond Brown

AA. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:

Freddy Perez Beatrice Rodriguez

BB. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation:

Duane Anderson Lorie Kessler-Martinez Lirim Lushi

Hsiuyen Novak

CC. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:

David Shepherd

#### PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

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#### **CLOSED SESSION:**

- I. Litigation (Government Code section 11126(e)):
  - A. Eric G. Swallow v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2016-800002402)
  - B. Lucky Chances, Inc. v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2017-80002549)
  - C. Yavapai-Apache Nation v. La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians and California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento Superior Court (34-2018-00238711)
  - D. Manuel Corrales, Jr. v. California Gambling Control Commission, San Diego County Superior Court (37-2019-00019079-CU-MC-CTL)
  - E. Kris Kat, LLC and Steven C. Ayers v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2019-80003142)
  - F. Elizabeth Flynt, et al., v. Rob Bonta, Nathan DaValle, Paula D. LaBrie, et al.; United States District Court, Eastern District of California (16 CV 02831 JAM EFB)
  - G. Lucky Chances, Inc., VC Cardroom, et al. v. State of California, California Gambling Control Commission, et al. Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2020-80003510-CU-MW-GDS)
  - H. Harvey F. Souza v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2019-80003287)
  - I. Manuel Corrales, Jr. v. California Valley Miwok Tribe, et al. and the California Gambling Control Commission; San Diego County Superior Court (37-2022-00012884-CU-BC-CTL)
  - J. Sutter's Place, Inc., dba Bay 101 Casino v. California Gambling Control Commission, San Francisco County Superior Court (CPF-23-51809)
  - K. Club One Casino, Inc.; Kyle Kirkland; Dana Messina; KMGI, Inc. v. Yolanda Morrow and the California Gambling Control Commission; Sacramento County Superior Court (23WM000018)
  - L. California Gaming Association v. California Gambling Control Commission, Bureau of Gambling Control, and Does 1-10, San Francisco County Superior Court (CPF-23-518185)
  - M. Knighted Ventures, LLC, Roy Choi & Jieho Lee v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (23WM000051)
  - N. Fortiss, LLC, et al. v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (23WM000050)
  - O. Dora Christina Brown v. California Gambling Control Commission, Bureau of Gambling Control, and Does 1-10, Sacramento County Superior Court (23WM000039)
  - P. California Gaming Association and David Shindle v. California Gambling Control Commission, Bureau of Gambling Control, and Does 1-10, San Francisco County Superior Court (CPF-23-518317)
- II. Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3):
  - A. In the Matter of the Accusation and Statement of Issues Against Lucky Chances, Inc., Rommel Medina, Ruell Medina, (OAH No.2015110463)

- B. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Crystal Hernandez Vazquez. (CGCC-2023-0309-5B)
- C. Consideration of Settlement Stipulation, Decision, and Order: In the Matter of the Accusation Against Arise, LLC and Darrell Stuart Miers, (BGC No. BGC-HQ2015-00001AL)

# III. Personnel Matters (Government Code Section 11126(a)(1)):

#### **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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