

# CALIFORNIA GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## 2023 TERM EXPIRATION NOTICE

### 2023 GPAC MEMBERS

#### CATEGORY A

**Lisa Wardall**  
Assistant Director, Bureau  
of Gambling Control,  
Department of Justice

#### CATEGORY B

**Linda Graves**  
Consultant, California Office  
of Problem Gambling

#### CATEGORY C

**Jieho Lee**  
Managing Partner,  
Knighted Ventures, LLC.

#### CATEGORY D (2 Seats)

**1. David Fried**  
Attorney / Designated  
Agent, Law Office of David  
M. Fried <sup>1</sup>

**2. Michael Koniski**  
General Manager, Artichoke  
Joe's Casino

The Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC) is a ten-member committee established pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19817 to provide advisory recommendations to the California Gambling Control Commission (Commission). Its membership, as appointed by the Commission, includes equal part appointments from the public as well as the cardroom industry.

The GPAC has the following five highlighted seats that have a term limit ending on December 31, 2023.

#### **PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES:**

**Category A:** An employee from the Bureau of Gambling Control (BGC), Department of Justice (1 seat)

**Category B:** A representative from an agency or nonprofit concerned with problem gambling and/or gambling addiction (1 seat)

**Category F:** A representative affiliated with local law enforcement from a local government where an approved ordinance allows legalized gaming (1 seat)

**Category G:** A professional with an accounting or business background and not currently affiliated with a California legalized gambling entity (1 seat)

**Category H:** A general member-at-large not currently affiliated with any California legalized gambling entity (1 seat)

#### **INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES:**

**Category C:** A licensee, agent, or employee from a Third Party Provider of Proposition Player Services (1 seat)

**Category D:** A licensee, agent, or employee from an actively licensed cardroom with 25 tables or more in operation (2 seats; 1 seat vacant<sup>1</sup>)

**Category E:** A licensee, agent, or employee from an actively licensed cardroom with less than 25 tables in operation (2 seats; 1 seat vacant)

CATEGORY E (2 Seats)

1. Emmanuel Macalino  
CFO/COO, Stars Casino

2. Kirk Blackinton – Gaming  
Director, Kings Card Club

CATEGORY F

Luis Jaramillo  
Sergeant, City of Inglewood  
Police Department

CATEGORY G

Anita Johnson  
CEO, Anita R. Johnson &  
Associates, Inc.

CATEGORY H

John Choo  
Vice President/Senior  
Investigator, Bank of  
America

ADVISORS

Stacey Luna Baxter  
Executive Director,  
California Gambling Control  
Commission

Jason Pope,  
Chief Counsel, California  
Gambling Control  
Commission

**The Commission is currently accepting applications through December 8, 2023**, from all eligible applicants for the GPAC seats in the following categories: B, D<sup>1</sup>, E, and F.

The **GPAC Application and Selection Process** can be found on the Commission's website at [www.cgcc.ca.gov](http://www.cgcc.ca.gov). Applications should be submitted electronically to [GPAC@cgcc.ca.gov](mailto:GPAC@cgcc.ca.gov). Interviews will be scheduled shortly after the application deadline (mid-December).

GPAC's mission is:

***“Provide advisory recommendations to the California Gambling Control Commission concerning matters of controlled gaming regulatory policy and other relevant gambling related issues, with special attention to guaranteeing the integrity of gambling operations and to deal effectively with problem gambling.”***

The GPAC currently meets every six weeks. Audio recordings of previous meetings can be found on the Commission's [website](#).

The GPAC is an asset when addressing matters of importance for the cardroom industry. **GET INVOLVED**, whether through attending the GPAC's public meetings, submitting an application for consideration of appointment to the GPAC, or by simply sending in comments for the GPAC's consideration and discussion via the email address below.

If you have any suggestions for changes to the California cardroom industry, or have questions regarding the GPAC, please email [GPAC@cgcc.ca.gov](mailto:GPAC@cgcc.ca.gov) or call 916-263-0700.

<sup>1</sup> The current incumbent in the Category D seat set to expire on December 31, 2023 is eligible for, per the **Selection Process**, and is seeking reappointment for another three-year term.