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## MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2002 COMMISSION MEETING

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### OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Smith called the meeting of October 23, 2002, to order at 1:32 p.m. with Commissioners Smith, Sasaki, and Palmer present.

Staff Participating: Gary Qualset, Deputy Director, Licensing and Compliance, Peter Melnicoe, Chief Counsel, Legal Division, and Herb Bolz, Senior Legal Counsel and Regulation Coordinator.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the October 8, 2002, Commission Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Sasaki seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

### DECISION ITEMS

Commissioner Smith announced that Agenda Items 4, 5 and 7 were being continued to a future Commission meeting date.

1. Applications for Work Permit:
  - a. Gold Rush Casino:  
Skrocki, Jerald
  - b. Sonoma Joes:  
Chandler, Gregory  
Chiang, Peter  
Duong, Quoc  
Gilliam, Howard  
Gonzalez, Abel  
Harris, Bruce

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the application for a work permit for Item 1a, Jerald Skrocki. Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the application for a work permit for Item 1a, Jerald Skrocki. Commissioner Sasaki seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the application for a work permit for Item 1b, Gregory Chandler. Commissioner Sasaki moved to approve the application for a work permit for Item 1b, Gregory Chandler. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the application for a work permit for Item 1b, Peter Chiang. Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the application for a work permit for Item 1b, Peter Chiang. Commissioner Sasaki seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the application for a work permit for Item 1b, Quoc Duong. Deputy Director Qualset further indicated that Mr. Duong is a resident alien and presently has employment authorization through Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS), and staff would monitor for continued eligibility of employment with INS. Commissioner Sasaki moved to approve the staff recommendation. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the application for a work permit for Item 1b, Howard Gilliam. Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the application for a work permit for Item 1b, Howard Gilliam. Commissioner Sasaki seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the application for a work permit for Item 1b, Abel Gonzales. Deputy Director Qualset further indicated that Commission staff would continue to monitor the employment of Mr. Gonzales and if necessary, will present proposed further action to the Commission for its consideration. Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the application for a work permit for Item 1b, Abel Gonzales. Commissioner Sasaki seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the application for a work permit for Item 1b, Bruce Harris. Commissioner Sasaki moved to approve the application

for a work permit for Item 1b, Bruce Harris. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

2. Applications for Key Employee License:
  - a. Artichoke Joe's:  
Torres, Randolph Vincent
  - b. Club Caribe:  
Jackway, Jerald  
Noel, Edward
  - c. Normandie Casino:  
Ramclam, Russell  
Watson, Elmer
  - d. Oaks Card Club:  
Broner, Peleg  
Hone, Dennis  
Lavalee, Christopher
  - e. Phoenix Lounge and Casino:  
Millberger, Michael
  - f. Silver Fox:  
Rubsam, Jack

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the applications for a key employee license for Items: 2a, Randolph Vincent Torres, 2b, Jerald Jackway and Edward Noel, 2c, Russell Ramclalm and Elmer Watson, 2d, Peleg Broner, Dennis Hone and Christopher Lavalee, 2e, Michael Millberger, and 2f, Jack Rubsam. Commissioner Sasaki moved to approve the applications for a key employee license for Items: 2a, Randolph Vincent Torres, 2b, Jerald Jackway and Edward Noel, 2c, Russell Ramclalm and Elmer Watson, 2d, Peleg Broner, Dennis Hone and Christopher Lavalee, 2e, Michael Millberger, and 2f, Jack Rubsam. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

3. Applications for Renewal of State Gambling License:
  - a. California Grand Casino: Lamar Wilkinson, Sole Proprietor.
  - b. Central Coast Casino (Paso Robles): David Stearns, Sole Proprietor.
  - c. Gloria's Lounge and Casino: Gloria Guitierrez, Sole Proprietor.
  - d. Oasis Card Casino: Cheiko Epstein, Sole Proprietor.
  - e. S and K Card Room: Otho Smith, Sole Proprietor.

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the application for renewal of a state gambling license for Item 3a, California Grand Casino. Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the application for renewal of a state gambling license for Item 3a, California Grand Casino. Commissioner Sasaki seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the application for renewal of a state gambling license for Item 3b, Central Coast Casino. Commissioner Sasaki moved to approve the application for renewal of a state gambling license for Item 3b, Central Coast Casino. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the application for renewal of a state gambling license for Item 3c, Gloria's Lounge and Casino. Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the application for renewal of a state gambling license for Item 3c, Gloria's Lounge and Casino. Commissioner Sasaki seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the application for renewal of a state gambling license for Item 3d, Oasis Card Casino. Commissioner Sasaki moved to approve the application for renewal of a state gambling license for Item 3d, Oasis Card Casino. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the application for renewal of a state gambling license for Item 3e, S and K Card Room. Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the application for renewal of a state gambling license for Item 3e, S and K Card Room. Commissioner Sasaki seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

4. Application for State Gambling License:
  - a. The New Esquire: Tommie Wayne Buck, Inc., A California Corporation.

The Commission took no action on Item 4, which was continued.

5. Gaming Policy Advisory Committee: Appointment of Members.

The Commission took no action on Item 5, which was continued.

6. Permanent Work Permit Regulations (Public Hearing Held August 26, 2002).

Senior Legal Counsel and Regulations Coordinator Herb Bolz presented to the Commission for its consideration the post 15 day comment period proposed amendments to the previously adopted Permanent Work Permit Regulations.

Commissioner Sasaki moved to approve the proposed amendment for filing with the Office of Administrative Law. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. A copy of the amended Permanent Work Permit Regulations is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment A.

7. Adoption of Amendment to Previously Adopted Emergency Regulations Concerning Registration of Manufacturers and Distributors of Gambling Equipment (Title 4, California Code of Regulations, Sections 12300-12308) in order to Incorporate an Application Form.

The Commission took no action on Item 7, which was continued.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chief Counsel Peter Melnicoe announced that an optional form has been posted on the Commission's website in an effort to provide assistance with the registration of manufacturers and distributors of gambling equipment.

#### **CLOSED SESSION:**

Commissioner Smith announced that the Commission would not be going into closed session after Chief Counsel Melnicoe stated that there were no items for discussion concerning pending litigation under Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(B).

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sasaki seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously; the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.