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MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2005  
COMMISSION MEETING

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**OPEN SESSION**

Chairman Shelton called the meeting of May 5, 2005, to order at 1:30 p.m., with Commissioners Sasaki and Williams present.

Staff Participating: John Spittler, Deputy Director, Licensing Division.

Chairman Shelton announced that Commission consideration for approval of the April 21, 2005 meeting minutes was being tabled.

**DECISION ITEMS**

1. Applications for Work Permit:
  - a. Empire Sportsmen's Association:  
Mao, Tem  
Yann, Sambok
  - b. Gold Rush Gaming Parlor:  
McKnight, Melissa
  - c. Lake Bowl Cardroom:  
Dreher, Daniel  
Ortiz, Alfred
  - d. Napa Valley Casino:  
Baldinger, Samuel
  - e. River Cardroom:  
Welsh, Tina
  - f. The 101 Casino:  
Rackham, Tami

Deputy Director Spittler indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and

Commission staff recommend approval of the applications for a work permit for Tem Mao, and Sambok Yann, Item 1.a., Melissa McKnight, Item 1.b., Daniel Dreher, and Alfred Ortiz, Item 1.c., Samuel Baldinger, Item 1.d., Tina Welsh, Item 1.e., and Tami Rackham, Item 1.f. Upon motion of Commissioner Sasaki, seconded by Chairman Shelton and unanimously carried in the call for a vote with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Sasaki and Williams voting yes the Commission approved the applications for a work permit for Tem Mao, and Sambok Yann, Item 1.a., Melissa McKnight, Item 1.b., Daniel Dreher, and Alfred Ortiz, Item 1.c., Samuel Baldinger, Item 1.d., Tina Welsh, Item 1.e., and Tami Rackham, Item 1.f.

2. Application for Work Permit – Request for Withdrawal:

- a. The 101 Casino:  
Graves, Helen

Deputy Director Spittler indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval without prejudice of the request for withdrawal of the application for a work permit for Helen Graves, Item 2.a. Upon motion of Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Sasaki and unanimously carried in the call for a vote with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Sasaki and Williams voting yes the Commission approved without prejudice request for withdrawal of the application for a work permit for Helen Graves, Item 2.a.

3. Applications for Key Employee License:

- a. Oaks Card Club:  
Tang, Steven
- b. Palace Card Club:  
Villanueva, Dominador

Deputy Director Spittler indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the application for a key employee license for Steven Tang, Item 3.a., and Dominador Villanueva, Item 3.b. Upon motion of Commissioner Sasaki, seconded by Chairman Shelton and unanimously carried in the call for a vote with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Sasaki and Williams voting yes the Commission approved the application for a key employee license for Steven Tang, Item 3.a., and Dominador Villanueva, Item 3.b.

4. Applications for Renewal of State Gambling License:

- a. Capitol Casino: Capitol Casino – Corporation
- b. Clovis 500 Club: Louis Sarantos, Jr. and George Sarantos – Partnership
- c. Commerce Casino: California Commerce Club, Inc. – Corporation
- d. Turlock Poker Room: Jose Fernandez – Sole Proprietor

Deputy Director Spittler indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the application for a renewal of a state

gambling license through May 31, 2006 for Capitol Casino, Item 4.a. Upon motion of Commissioner Sasaki, seconded by Commissioner Williams and unanimously carried in the call for a vote with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Sasaki and Williams voting yes, the Commission approved the application for a renewal of a state gambling license through May 31, 2006 for Capitol Casino, Item 4.a.

Deputy Director Spittler indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the application for a renewal of a state gambling license through May 31, 2006 for Clovis 500 Club, Item 4.b., with the following condition applied to the license:

*All future applications and/or renewals shall be submitted within the statutory time requirements.*

Upon motion of Commissioner Williams, seconded by Chairman Shelton and unanimously carried in the call for a vote with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Sasaki and Williams voting yes, the Commission approved the application for a renewal of a state gambling license through May 31, 2006 for Clovis 500 Club, Item 4.b., with the condition presented by staff applied to the license.

Deputy Director Spittler indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the application for a renewal of a state gambling license through December 31, 2005 for Commerce Casino, Item 4.c. with the following conditions applied to the license:

*Licensee submit to the Commission state gambling license applications for the following individuals/trust:*

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| 1. <i>Mary Louisa Bodnar Trust</i>            | 9. <i>Arlene Schwartz Living Trust</i>        |
| 2. <i>Frederico Family Trust</i>              | 10. <i>George and Irene Streisfield Trust</i> |
| 3. <i>Francine and Franklin Handler Trust</i> | 11. <i>George Tumanjan Trust</i>              |
| 4. <i>Commerce Club Trust</i>                 | 12. <i>Suzanne Papaian Trust</i>              |
| 5. <i>Ibosh Family Trust</i>                  | 13. <i>Sonia and Rudolph Adelshain</i>        |
| 6. <i>Selma Massman Trust</i>                 | 14. <i>Zach and Jeanette Anter</i>            |
| 7. <i>Jasmine Mgrdichian Living Trust</i>     | 15. <i>Aram Saatchian</i>                     |
| 8. <i>Harvey and Linda M. Ross Trust</i>      |   |

Commissioner Sasaki moved to approve the application for a renewal of a state gambling license through December 31, 2005 for Commerce Casino, Item 4.c., with the conditions presented by staff applied to the license. Chairman Shelton seconded the motion.

**Commissioner Sasaki commented on the recommendation reports from both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff indicating that the reports do not list**

the individual shareholders, owners, and others, mentioned in the reports as approved and requested that staff provide a list identifying each individual recommended for approval for licensure.

The motion made by Commissioner Sasaki and seconded by Chairman Shelton unanimously carried in the call for a vote with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Sasaki and Williams voting yes, the Commission approved the application for a renewal of a state gambling license through December 31, 2005 for Commerce Casino, Item 4.c., with the conditions presented by staff applied to the license.

Deputy Director Spittler indicated that staff recommends approval of a temporary three-month renewal of the state gambling license through August 31, 2005, for Turlock Poker Room, Item 4.d. Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Sasaki and unanimously carried in the call for a vote with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Sasaki and Williams voting yes, the Commission approved a temporary three-month renewal of the state gambling license through August 31, 2005, for Turlock Poker Room, Item 4.d

#### 5. Proposed Commission Meeting Schedule

Upon motion of Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Sasaki and unanimously carried in the call for a vote with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Sasaki and Williams voting yes, the Commission approved the proposed Commission Meeting Schedule for July 2005 through December 2005. A copy of the Commission Meeting Schedule is incorporated into the minutes as Attachment A.

#### 6. Recommendations for Appointment to Gaming Policy Advisory Committee

Commissioner Sasaki indicated that at the request of Chairman Shelton, Commissioner Williams, Executive Director Balonon, and she collaborated to develop a list of recommendations of the candidates who submitted applications for appointment to the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee. Commissioner Sasaki announced recommendations of five individuals from the industry as Walter Blem, Ileana Harris, Kermit Schayltz, Andrew Schneiderman, and David Stearns. Commissioner Sasaki announced recommendations of five individuals from the general public as Robert Doyle, Kenneth James, Mark Powers, Roxanne Rhodes, and Bruce Roberts. Chairman Shelton moved to approve the recommendations presented by Commissioner Sasaki for appointment to the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, which unanimously carried in the call for a vote with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Sasaki and Williams voting yes.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Applications for Renewal of Work Permit:
  - a. Central Coast Casino (Grover Beach):  
Li, Yu Yu
  - b. Empire Sportsmen's Association:  
Pann, Stephanie  
Phonn, Kannitha  
Sok, Rouen
  - c. The 101 Casino:  
Rouen, Vong

Acting Deputy Director Spittler presented the Consent Calendar to the Commission for its consideration of the applications for renewal of a work permit. Upon motion of Commissioner Sasaki, seconded by Commissioner Williams and unanimously carried in the call for a vote with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Sasaki and Williams voting yes, the Commission approved the consent calendar.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Paul Justi, Attorney representing John Schireck for a State Gambling License to Operate the Outpost Casino, urged the Commission to act expeditiously in making a decision regarding the state gambling license for Outpost Casino.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Chairman Shelton announced that the Commission would not adjourn to Closed Session since there were no new matters under Government Code section 11126(e) that required discussions.

1. Commissioner Comments.

There were no comments from the Commissioners during this portion of the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Sasaki, seconded by Commissioner Williams and unanimously carried with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Sasaki and Williams voting yes, the meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.