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**MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2008
COMMISSION MEETING**

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Shelton called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners.

Roll Call of Commissioners was taken with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich present.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes:
 - A. July 7, 2008
 - B. July 10, 2008

Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call, with Chairman Shelton abstaining and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the July 7, and July 10, 2008 Commission meeting minutes.

4. Request for Approval of Sale of Existing Gambling Establishment (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19824(c)):
 - Club San Rafael: Pete's 881 Club, Inc.
 - Mayme Pellolio, Current Owner-Licensee/(Seller)
 - Randy and Linda Pellolio-(Buyers)

The Commission took no action on Item 4, which was tabled by staff.

5. Applications for Renewal of State Gambling License Including All Associated Applicants and Endorsees (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19876):
 - A. Club San Rafael: Pete's 881 Club
Mayme Pellolio, President
Robert Pellolio, Vice-President

The Commission took no action on Item 5.A., which was tabled by staff.

- B. Gold Rush Gaming Parlor: Susan Barrows, Sole Proprietor

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the renewal license for the remainder of the licensure period through August 31, 2009 for the Gold Rush Casino, Item 5.B.

Susan Barrows, Gold Rush Gaming Parlor, presented comments to the Commission concerning the renewal of her gaming license and the pending sale of the cardroom.

Frances Asuncion, Bureau of Gambling Control, responded to questions raised by Commissioner Vuksich concerning the time frame in which a financial audit could be completed on the prospective buyer. Ms. Asuncion indicated that the Bureau anticipated that the financial audit could take up to two years to complete. Ms. Asuncion also responded to Commissioner Vuksich's question of whether the club had been cited for any further violations, indicating that there have been none.

Chairman Shelton indicated that he was not prepared to continue Ms. Barrows license, stating that the Commission took disciplinary action to get Ms. Barrows out of the business. A stipulated settlement was agreed to that required Ms. Barrows to pay a fine within 36 months and to find a buyer within a reasonable amount of time. Chairman Shelton indicated that he believes that a reasonable amount of time has passed.

Discussion among the Commission took place concerning the amount of time the Bureau needed to conduct a financial audit and the fact that the length of time can be shortened when a prospective buyer pays for an independent financial audit to be completed by a private firm.

Commissioner Vuksich moved to extend the state gambling license to January 15, 2009 without possibility of renewal or further extension under the condition that the prospective buyer submit a completed application for licensure and seek an independent financial audit. The Bureau's background investigation on the application and financial audit must be completed and before the Commission for consideration no later than January 15, 2009. Commissioner Shimazu seconded the motion.

Chief Counsel Matteucci informed the Commission and Ms. Barrows that because Ms. Barrows was not previously informed about the conditions being placed on her license she may have a right to a hearing.

Frances Asuncion stated that it would be extremely difficult for the Bureau to meet the deadline that the Commission was imposing.

The motion made by Commissioner Vuksich and seconded by Commissioner Shimazu carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton voting no and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu and Vuksich voting yes.

6. Application for Approval for State Gambling License Including All Associated Applicants and Endorsees – Request to Withdraw (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19851):

Palace Card Club – Charles B. Blanchard

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that due to the unfortunate circumstances of the applicant staff deemed the application abandoned and there was no further action required by the Commission.

7. Applications for Initial Key Employee Portable License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854(d)):

- A. Christopher Gearhart
- B. Mark Martini
- C. Sing Sengon
- D. Robert Velasquez

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the initial applications for the personal key employee licenses for the period of August 14, 2008 through August 31, 2010 for the individuals listed in Items 7.A. through 7.D. Upon motion of Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

8. Applications for Key Employee License – Request to Withdraw (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869): Palomar Card Club – Thamir Hanna

Licensing Manager Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve, without prejudice, the request for withdrawal of the application for a key employee license for Thamir Hanna. Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich, seconded by Commissioner Shiamzu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

The Commission considered Item 9 and Item 11 together.

9. Applications to Convert Third Party Provider of Proposition Services Owner Registration to a License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984 and California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12218):

Network Management Group, Inc.:

Network Management Group, Inc. – A California Corporation

John Park, Shareholder

Patrick A. Tierney and Jamie L. Tierney Family Trust, Shareholder

Patrick A Tierney – Trustor/Trustee/Beneficiary
 Patrick A. Tierney - President/Treasurer/Secretary
 David Shindle – Director of Operations

11. Applications to Convert Gambling Business Owner Registration to a License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19853 and California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12233):

Network Management Group, Inc.:
 Network Management Group, Inc. – A California Corporation
 John Park, Shareholder
 Patrick A. Tierney and Jamie L. Tierney Family Trust, Shareholder
 Patrick A Tierney – Trustor/Trustee/Beneficiary
 Patrick A. Tierney - President/Treasurer/Secretary
 David Shindle – Director of Operations

Licensing Manager Littleton indicated that staff initially recommended to the Commission to approve the application to Convert Third Party Provider of Proposition Services and Gambling Business and its shareholders from a registration to a license for the licensure period of August 14, 2008, through August 31, 2010 with the following condition:

Jamie L. Tierney must submit an application for a third-party provider of proposition player services registration and a conversion from registration to license package within 90 days of August 31, 2008, to be licensed as a beneficiary and a community property interest holder.

On, August 12, 2008, Commission staff received Ms. Tierney’s applications; therefore, the condition is no longer required.

Patrick Tierney, Network Management Group, Inc., David Tierney, Designated Agent, and Tracy Buck-Walsh, Attorney for Network Management Group, Inc., responded to questions of the Commission concerning loan guaranties made by John Parks.

Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich, seconded by Chairman Shelton and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

10. Applications to Convert Third Party Proposition Player (TPPP) Registration to a License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984 and California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12218):

Network Management Group, Inc.:

Louise Ahmed	Christopher Akin	Alexis Alejandro
Miguel Almazan	Cinthia Alvarez	David Aoki
Earl Aquino	Kimberly Arver	Natasha Ashley
Ria Atencion	Aileen Aurelio	Jelani Avant
Michael Aycock	Melvin Baldwin	Edlin Balingit
Jon-Paul Barbier	Kathleen Barca	Jesse Barcos
William Barrameda	Cheryl Bear	Debra Biter
Leonard Block	Christopher Bradford	Rosa Briseno

Aaron Brooks	Timothy Burleson	Dennis Burns
Mitzi Cabrera	Ricardo Calma, Jr.	Kendal Capps
Matthew Caron	Christi Carver	Joseph Castillo
Alberto Ceballos	John Chandler	Nicole Chang
Darnell Chapman, Jr.	Jimin Chen	Winston Chen
Lawrence Cherry	Lizbett Cisneros	Cery Coker
Becky Collins	Timothy Connolly	Rolando Corrales
Samson Cun	Alexis Daniels	Randy Davison
Claire De Los Reyes	Andrew DeBerry	Jeffrey Debing
Melvin Del Rosario	Joseph Dela Vega	Nelson Delgado
Rogelio Delgado	Jocelyn Diaz	Darrell Dillard
Odyleo Divina	Dennis Domingo	Claudia Dominguez
Terry Duval	Ericka Ellison	Karen Ennenga
Aldo Escorcia	JiaYuan Fang	Peregrina Fellows
Aaron Fishler	Eden Fite	Warren Flores
Orion Foresee	John Fulton	Stephanie Garcia
Jayson Geer	Llewelyn Glover	Jason Granado
Robert Guillory	Michelle Guterac	Niki Hashimoto
Alvin Hines II	Seth Hodge	Christopher Horner
Wesley Ialiva	Mesha Jackson	Stephanie Jackson
Michael Johnson	Kaushika Khalasi	Cecilia Kim
Timothy Kimoto	John Kirvan	Tiffany Knox
Sothea Kouch	Quincy Kwong	Hai Le
Raymond Lo	Donnabel Lopez	Kepi Lovan
Lon MacDowell	Sarona Malepeai	Lucy Mapanoo
Angelynn Marin	Veronica Martinez	Joseph McGow
Michelle Momsen	Hieu Nguyen	Andres Ochoa
Adrian Owens	Suzy Pa	Aaron Robinson
Daniel Rodriguez	Jennilyn Rubio	Lyzel Rubio
Esther Sadeli	Line Choy Saechao	Benjamin Segal
Lisa Shick	Jonathan Smith	Ian Spaulding
Christina Williams	La Rae Williams	Ronald Williams
Angela Zambrano-Estrello		

Licensing Manager Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the applications to convert TPPP registration to a license for the individuals listed in Item 10. Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

12. Applications to Convert Gambling Business Player Registration to a License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19853 and California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12233):

Network Management Group, Inc.:

Odyleo Divina
Warren Flores

Aldo Escorcia
Joseph McGow

Aaron Fishler

Licensing Manager Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the applications to convert gambling business player registration to a license for the individuals listed in Item 12. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

13. Application for Tribal-State Compact Gaming Resource Supplier Finding of Suitability – Request to Withdraw (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869):

PDS Gaming Corporation

Patrick Cruzen, Director
James Morrell, Director

Joel Koonce, Director

Licensing Manager Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve, without prejudice, the request for withdrawal of the applications for Tribal-State Compact gaming resource supplier finding of suitability for the individuals listed in Item 13. Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich, seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

14. Applications for Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Authority Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):

Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino – Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria: Francis Begay

Licensing Manager Littleton indicated that Item 14 was being tabled and re-scheduled for the August 28, 2008 Commission meeting.

15. Applications for Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability – Request to Withdraw (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869):

A. Augustine Casino – Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians: Liz Lopez

B. Colusa Casino and Resort – Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians:
Douglas Wilson

Licensing Manager Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve, without prejudice, the request for withdrawal of the applications for Tribal-State Compact key employee finding of suitability for the individuals listed in Items 15.A. and 15B. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

C. Pala Casino – Pala Band of Mission Indians: Enrico Butta, Jr.

Licensing Manager Littleton indicated that staff was withdrawing Item 15.C. because the Pala Tribal Gaming Agency notified the Commission that Mr. Butta has been reinstated with Pala Casino.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

16. Applications for Initial Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912):

- A. River Cardroom: Desiree Pelissier-Pane
- B. The 101 Casino: Anthony Salinas Jr.

17. Applications for Renewal Work Permit (Authority Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19870): The 101 Casino: Rachel Cohn Stanley Xenos Carol Yee

18. Applications for Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Authority Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):

- A. Agua Caliente Casino – Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians: Robin Padick
- B. Bear River Casino – Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria: Glenn Keisner Jr.
- C. Blue Lake Casino – Blue Lake Rancheria: Shannon Murphy
- D. Cache Creek Casino Resort – Rumsey Indian Rancheria of Wintun Indians:
Farm Saechao Jake Thungh
- E. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino – Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians:
Thomas Bowers
- F. Harrah's Rincon – Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians:
Jonathan Mears Jennifer Tomasello
- G. Havasu Landing Resort and Casino – Chemehuevi Indian Tribe of the Chemehuevi Reservation: Richard Anthony
- H. Jackson Rancheria Casino and Hotel – Jackson Rancheria Band of Miwok Indians:
Daniel Halsell Jessica Mayo Deborah Ruggles
Orathay Vorasane
- I. Pala Casino – Pala Band of Mission Indians:
Roger Smith Joseph Soler
- J. Pechanga Resort and Casino – Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
Pauline Barone Mark Eagan Bradley Johnson
Joseph Kelly Anthony White
- K. Red Earth Casino – Torres-Martinez Band of Cahuilla Indians:
Humberto Garcia Sandra Hernandez Edelmira Murillo
Rayna Rogers
- L. San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino – San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians of the San Manuel Reservation: Fida Abdo
- M. Santa Ysabel Casino – Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueno Mission Indians: Melinda Cody
- N. Sycuan Casino – Sycuan Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:

- Victor Lamolli Ricardo Lim
- O. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino – Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria: Rene Quiroz
- P. Thunder Valley Casino – United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:
David Burns James Gallagher Veasna Muth
Julie Reid
- Q. Twin Pine Casino – Middletown Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians: Cassandra Alford
- R. Valley View Casino – San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:
Fely Joachim Efren Leal III Fabiola Martinez
- S. Viejas Casino and Turf Club – Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians:
Robert Schmitt

19. Applications for Renewal Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Authority Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):

- A. Barona Valley Ranch Resort – Barona Band of Mission Indians:
Debra Arce Jerry Eidson II Lydia Fernandez
Ralph Henderson Melissa Long Benjamin Magante Jr.
Jose Martinez Linda Ring Karrie Sallee
Mark Slater William Vicaldo Jr.
- B. Blue Lake Casino – Blue Lake Rancheria:
Denise Darling Lorenzo Merlin Arla Ramsy
- C. Chumash Casino – Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation: Sherrie Mingle
- D. Colusa Casino and Bingo – Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:
Sharon Berlin Ophelia Fierro John Fossett
Kristina Thompson
- E. Feather Falls Casino – Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians: Christopher Desylva
- F. Harrah's Rincon – Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians:
Charles Collazo Joshua Sullivan Theresa White
- G. Lucky 7 Casino – Smith River Rancheria:
Arnold Delmenico Marla Richards John Scott
Duane Walker
- H. Morongo Casino Resort & Spa – Morongo Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Morongo Reservation:
Jesus Mendez Charlene Ninness Leonard Reyes
Delia Smith
- I. Paiute Palace Casino – Paiute-Shoshone Indians of the Bishop Community of the Bishop Colony:
Gloriana Bailey Ingrid Grawes Susan Lovelace
- J. Pala Casino – Pala Band of Mission Indians:
Greg Dochenty Robert Garcia Ram Udwin
- K. San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino – San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians of the San Manuel Reservation:
Artiana Agcaoil Timothy Armstrong Luke Connolly

Anita Curry	Brian Derr	Todd Dimillo
Roberto Guizar	Bobby Hawkins	Robert Jimenez
Michael Jure	Robert Key	Steve Lai
Louis Lugo III	Demitrius Nguyen	Irene Ortiz
Ralph Pahls	Eun Pak	Antonio Perales
John Pham	Stephanie Short-Smith	Lance Splawn

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- L. Soboba Casino – Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians: Scott Hellerstein
- M. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino – Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria: Glenda Singh
- N. Viejas Casino and Turf Club – Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians:
Llewellyn Baxter Nick Thieng
- O. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:
James Anstead Johnathan Powers

Manager Tina Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve Consent Calendar Items 16 through 19. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Shelton announced that the Commission would adjourn to Closed Session for discussion of personnel matters pursuant to Government Code section 11126(a)(1). At 10:50 a.m. the Commission adjourned to Closed Session.

Chairman Shelton reconvened to open session at 11:12 a.m., with Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu and Vuksich present and announced that the Commission met in closed session to consider the appointment of an Executive Director. The Commission has interviewed two in-house candidates and by unanimous decision has decided to appoint one of the candidates. If the candidate accepts the appointment, the Commission authorizes the Chair to designate the date certain and appoints that person as Executive Director as of that date. The appointment will be announced in a press release and reported at the Commission's next public meeting presently scheduled for August 28, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion to adjourn the meeting by Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a roll call vote, with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.