

**California Gambling Control Commission**

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**MINUTES OF JULY 9, 2009  
COMMISSION MEETING**

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**OPEN SESSION**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Dean 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 Dean Shelton and Commissioners Stephanie Shimazu, and Alexandra Vuksich present.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for:
  - A. May 20, 2009
  - B. June 10, 2009

Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Shimazu and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission approved the minutes for May 20, and June 10, 2009.

4. Adoption of Resolution Concerning Delegation of Authority in Rulemaking (Government Code sections 11343(f), 11346.1(h), and 11347).

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission revoke all previously approved delegations of authority in rulemaking; and, approve the three new resolutions provided to the Commissioners. Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich, seconded by Chairman Shelton and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Shimazu and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.

The following three new resolutions are incorporated into these minutes as Attachments A, B & C:

- A. Chairman Shelton
- B. Executive Director Ciau, Chief Counsel Matteucci, Deputy Director, Licensing, Littleton
- C. Regulatory Actions Manager Allen

5. Applications for Approval for Initial State Gambling Licenses Including All Associated Applicants and Endorsees (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19851):

Mortimer's Card Room: Mortimer's, Inc.  
Mark Williamson, Shareholder      Pamela Neu, Shareholder  
Marylee Sakas, Shareholder  
Willis (Lee) Hanna, Shareholder      Christopher Reulman, Director/Secretary

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that the Bureau of Gambling Control recommended that the Commission approve the initial state gambling license. Commission staff has reviewed the Bureau's report and concurs with their recommendation; and, recommends that the Commission approve for the period of July 9, 2009 through July 31, 2011 with the following condition:

*Beginning August 1, 2009, and continuing thereafter, the designated agent of Mortimer's Inc. shall provide the Commission with a written report on the progress of the settlement of the Edward L. Williamson and Ok Hanna Estates every 60 days, and notwithstanding the above, the designated agent shall provide the Commission with a written Notice of all Probate Court actions or orders relating to the estates within 10 days of the receipt of the notice of such action or order. The notice provided by the designated agent should address the status of Charles Kwon's shares in Mortimer's Inc.*

Staff has confirmed that the City of Marina has adopted the amendments to the local ordinance and Mortimer's is in compliance with the local gambling ordinance.

Commissioner Vuksich questioned how often shareholder distributions were made to the shareholders.

Albert Nicora, representing the Estate of Edward L. Williamson indicated that the estate did not receive distributions directly, however, for tax purposes distributions were paid to individual shareholders, but are held in separate trust accounts as part of the trust assets. Mr. Nicora further indicated that upon settlement of the estates and licensure of the applicants, the entire matter relative to distributions of shared will be resolved.

Commissioner Vuksich indicated concerns regarding Roni Lombardi's financial interest in the club due to the fact she is both a landlord and a Key Employee/Designated Agent and questioned why she is not licensed as a landlord.

Keith Sharp, representing the Ok Hanna Estate responded that Roni Lombardi was selected as the Court-Appointed Referee by the court. In addition, Roni Lombardi is one member of the building ownership which has an indirect relationship with the club. She receives no percentage interest from the club and the rent is specified in the lease. Mr. Sharp clarified that is she licensed as a Key Employee and in California can't hold key employee license unless you are also qualified for an owner license.

Keith Sharp indicated that the OK Hanna Estate is scheduled to close at the end of August.

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

6. Application for Renewal of State Gambling License Including All Associated Applicants and Endorsees (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19876):

Golden State Casino: Keith Hoang, Sole Proprietor

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the renewal state gambling license for the period of August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2011. Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Shimazu and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission approved the staff recommendation

7. Requests for Additional Permanent Authorized Tables (Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12359):

A. Golden West Casino: Kern County Associates, Limited Partnership

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that the Bureau of Gambling Control recommended that the Commission approve the request to add 15 additional tables for a total of 45 tables. Commission staff has reviewed the Bureau's report and concurs with their recommendation.

Chairman Shelton requested confirmation that the increase in tables does not conflict with the expansion provisions, specified in section 19962(b).

Commissioner Shimazu responded that the local ordinance provided a maximum of 45 tables per cardroom and up to 90 within their jurisdiction. Therefore even though this cardroom is increasing over 25 percent of the number of tables within their cardroom, the actual ordinance is not being amended to exceed 25 percent.

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

B. Wine Country Restaurant and Casino: Lodi Cardroom, Inc. **TABLED**

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that the Bureau of Gambling Control recommended that the Commission approve the request to add 3 additional tables for a total of 11 tables. Commission staff has reviewed the Bureau's report and concurs with their recommendation.

Commissioner Vuksich requested the Commissioners table Item 7B until August 27, 2009 at the time the application for the initial state gambling license will be heard by the Commission. Chairman Shelton and Commissioner Shimazu concurred.

Chairman Shelton indicated that he would like Commission staff to hold any additional table requests, from applicants who hold a temporary license, until the applicant's permanent license comes before the Commissioners for consideration.

8. Applications for Initial Key Employee Personal Portable Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854(d)):  
A. Jeffrey Jackson  
B. Israel Sotelo **TABLED**

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that the Bureau of Gambling Control recommended that the Commission approve the applications for key employee portable personal licenses. Commission staff has reviewed the Bureau's reports and concurs with their recommendation.

Commissioner Vuksich requested the Commissioners table Item 8B until Bureau staff can verify that Mr. Sotelo has complied with the conditions of his probation. Chairman Shelton and Commissioner Shimazu concurred.

Chairman Shelton moved to approve the recommendation provided by the Bureau of Gambling Control for Item 8A. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Shimazu and Vuksich voting yes.

9. Applications to Convert Gambling Business Player/Supervisor Registrations to Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19853 and California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12233):  
Gaming Fund Group, Inc.:  
Supervisor: Goldie Fung    Fae Saeteune    Chester Tse  
Players: Priscilla Gomez    Dara Khay    Julius Klatt

10. Applications to Convert Third Party Proposition Player/Supervisor Registrations to a Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984 and California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12218):  
A. California Gaming Consultants: Supervisor: Evan Ikemire  
B. Chips Gaming Services, Inc.: Player: Monireth That  
C. Gaming Fund Group, Inc.:

Supervisors: Goldie Fung	Mike Nguyen	Fae Saeteune	Chester Tse
Players: Miguel Aguilar	Mikael Artle	Guan Bai	Erlinda Brachelli
Pui Cheung	Va Chip	Nghia Chu	Socheath Chuon
Jose Delgado	Daniel DelRio	Zhen Deng	Robertson Dietzel
Dominic Enea	Xiangchun Fu	Hua Gao	Kevin Gibson
Priscilla Gomez	Gregory Graves	Guo An Hu	Howard Huynh
Xuemei Jones	Dara Khay	Julius Klatt	Shuk Lau
Rhoda Marie La			

D. Gaming Management, LLC: Player: Andrew Wheeler

E. Lucky Star Gaming, Inc.: Player: Hung Suen

F. Network Management Group, Inc.:

Supervisors: Tony Tran Peter Valdez

Players: Nathaniel Bowers	Jonathan Catig	Jeremy Guerrero
Jacqueline Harris	Kimberly Lenwell	Kristynloreth Molina
Tony Sherwood	Keisha Wilson	Marisa Zechender

G. Pacific Gaming Services, LLC: Player: Mostafa Nematbakhsh

Staff Manager Marianne Estes indicated that the Bureau of Gambling Control recommended that the Commission approve the applications to convert registrations to licenses for the applicants in items 9 and 10A through 10G. Commission staff has reviewed the Bureau's reports and concurs with their recommendations.

Prior to taking action on this item, Commission Vuksich raised concerns about the lack of proper documentation with regard to loan/gifts from applicants. She requested that future reports detail the nature of verification with loan documents and that loan transactions outside of the normal financial institutions must be signed and notarized from involved parties.

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

11. Application for Request to Convert Third Party Proposition Supervisor Registration to a License – Request to Withdraw (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984 and California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12218):  
Network Management Group, Inc.: Anthony Knapp

Staff Manager Marianne Estes indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the applicants request to withdraw without prejudice. Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich, seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Shimazu and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.

12. Application for Renewal of Tribal-State Compact Gaming Resource Supplier Finding of Suitability (Authority Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.5):  
JCM American Corporation, dba JCM Global: Nevada Corporation\*

Staff Manager Marianne Estes indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the renewal finding of suitability application for the period of August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2011. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Shimazu and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission approved the staff recommendation

### **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

13. Applications for Initial Work Permits (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912):
  - A. Empire Sportsmen's Association: Mike Nguyen
  - B. Napa Valley Cardroom: Grace Batchelor
  - C. The 101 Casino: LeiHeidi Anderson      Justo Laos      Gary Parseghian
  
14. Applications for Renewal Work Permits (Authority Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19870):
  - A. Central Coast Casino (Grover Beach): Mark Ullstrom
  - B. Lake Bowl Cardroom: Jacqueline Bolyan
  - C. The 101 Casino: Jill Kreun
  
15. Applications for Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Findings of Suitability (Authority Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):
  - A. Agua Caliente Casino – Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:  
Lawrence Kavanagh      Kim Licudo      David Ortega
  - B. Barona Valley Ranch Resort - Barona Band of Mission Indians:  
Randy Lazo
  - C. Black Oak Casino – Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria:  
Tammy Moltmann
  - D. Cache Creek Casino Resort – Rumsey Indian Rancheria of Wintun Indians:  
Mike Saephan
  - E. Casino Pauma – Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma and Yuima Reservation:  
Christine O'Neill
  - F. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino – Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians:  
Joseph Shafer
  - G. Chumash Casino – Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:  
Cyndi Grossi-Fonseca
  - H. Colusa Casino and Bingo – Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:  
Courtney Monedero
  - I. Harrah's Rincon – Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians:  
Loren Nicely
  - J. Lucky Bear Casino – Hoopa Valley Tribe:

- Jeanette Bain
- K. Morongo Casino Resort & Spa – Morongo Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Morongo Reservation:  
Elmer Katchenago
- L. Pala Casino – Pala Band of Mission Indians:  
Rhonda Gillyard                      Joseph Jensen                      Min Yi
- M. Pechanga Resort and Casino – Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:  
Enrique Appel                      Nam Dien                      Huseyin Dincer  
James Grizzle                      Kevin Grushewsky                      John Lindholm  
Suzanne Zimmer
- N. Quechan Casino Resort - Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation:  
William King
- O. Red Earth Casino – Torres-Martinez Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians:  
Jackeline Urias
- P. River Rock Casino – Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:  
Michael Hani                      Dawn Manley                      Carl Thiele
- Q. San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino – San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians of the San Manuel Reservation:  
Shannon McKinley                      Eric Mount                      Yong Sun  
Alan Tan                      Ryan Tansy
- R. Soboba Casino - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:  
David Nguyen                      Michelle Priest
- S. Sycuan Casino - Sycuan Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:  
Imelda Achenbach                      Eumel Brosas                      Chun Chan  
Marites Hohm                      Randy Jaboro                      Martha Jayo  
Stacy Kimbrel                      Patricia Marks                      Maybelyn Nagtalon  
Randy Ramos                      Kristy Shapiro                      Larry Turley
- T. Tachi Palace Hotel & Casino – Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria:  
Sarah Escalera
- U. Thunder Valley Casino - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:  
Consortio Digal                      Sean Manisap                      Nai Saevang  
Tu Tran
- V. Twin Pine Casino – Middletown Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:  
Sherry Duque                      Narissa Gardner
- W. Valley View Casino – San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:  
Ventura Rojas Espinoza                      Manuela Montoya                      Angelica Rodriguez  
Matthew Singleton
16. Applications for Renewal Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Findings of Suitability (Authority Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):
- A. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians:  
Veronica Flores                      Mary Mestas
- B. Black Oak Casino – Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria:



Gilbert Hill  
Keith Wright

Colleen Kelly

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Staff Manager Marianne Estes indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve **agenda items 13, 14, 15, and 16** as listed. Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Shimazu and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission approved the staff recommendation

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

### **CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Shimazu and Vuksich voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.