

California Gambling Control Commission

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**MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2009
COMMISSION MEETING**

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Dean Shelton called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

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: February 11, 2009

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 meeting minutes for February 11, 2009.

Deputy Director Tina Littleton requested the Commissioners concurrence to table the following items: 5B Willy Kerol; 5C: Chong Lee; 15C: Elizabeth Medina, Phyllis Loehe, and Jessica Rojas. The request was granted and the items were tabled.

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

A. Aldo's Cardroom: Waldo Esquivel, Sole Proprietor

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission extend the renewal state gambling license for the period of April 1, 2009, through July 31, 2009.

Commissioner Vuksich inquired as to how many cardrooms are still out of compliance with the local ordinances. Frances Asuncion from the Bureau indicated that they would research that information and get back to the Commission.

Harlan Goodson, Designated Agent spoke before the Commission. He indicated that the transfer of ownership, the approval of ABA Energy and the proposed amended ordinance will all be heard at the March 16, 2009, Delano City Council meeting. He stated that he did not know of any opposition.

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.

B. Royal Flush Casino: Adolfo Martinez, Sole Proprietor

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the renewal state gambling license for the period of April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2011. 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.

C. Tommy's Casino and Saloon: Tommie Wayne Buck, Inc.
Tommie Wayne Buck, Shareholder

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the state gambling license renewal for the period of April 1, 2009 through March 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

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

- A. Ricky Eam
- B. Willy Kerol - **Tabled**
- C. Chong Lee - **Tabled**
- D. Nenita Taburaza

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that the Bureau of Gambling Control recommended that the Commission approve the initial applications for key employee personal portable licenses for the applicants listed in Items 5A and 5D for the period of March 12, 2009 through March 31, 2011. Commission staff has reviewed the Bureau's reports and concurs with their recommendations. 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 recommendations provided by the Bureau of Gambling Control.

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

Oceana Card Room: Alfred Perez

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that the Bureau of Gambling Control recommended the Commission approve the application for work permit. Commission staff has reviewed the Bureau's report and concurs with their recommendation. 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 recommendation provided by the Bureau of Gambling Control.

7. Applications to Convert Gambling Business Player/Supervisor 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.: Supervisor: Paul Zamacona

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that the Bureau of Gambling Control recommended that the Commission approve the application to convert the gambling business supervisor registration to a license for Paul Zamacona. Commission staff has reviewed the Bureau's report and concurs with their recommendation. 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 recommendation provided by the Bureau of Gambling Control.

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

A. Lucky Star Gaming, Inc.: Supervisor: Chung Seung

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that the Bureau of Gambling Control recommended that the Commission approve the application to convert the supervisor registration to a license for Chung Seung. Commission staff has reviewed the Bureau's report and concurs with their recommendation.

Chairman Shelton expressed his concern regarding supervisors who could not speak English.

Debbie Dunn, Bureau of Gambling Control indicated that all the employees with this Third-Party Provider have the same language barrier. She further indicated that the Bureau has encouraged the provider to obtain a designated agent who speaks English to speak on their behalf. However, they have not done so at this time. Ms. Dunn stated that the Bureau has completed site visits and there have been no reported problems.

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 recommendation provided by the Bureau of Gambling Control.

B. Network Management Group, Inc.:

Supervisors: Manny Guise -**Tabled** Kamal Rahi Noel Salcedo
Paul Zamacona

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that the Bureau of Gambling Control recommended that the Commission approve the applications to convert the supervisor registrations to licenses for the applicants listed in Item 8B. Commission staff has reviewed the Bureau's reports and concurs with their recommendations.

Commissioner Vuksich asked if the Bureau had obtained any written statement of liability from the bank regarding Mr. Guise's joint account.

Debbie Dunn, Bureau of Gambling Control indicated that they had not received anything from the bank.

Commissioner Vuksich suggested tabling Manny Guise's application until the Bureau obtained the information from the bank.

Commissioner Shimazu moved to approve the Bureau of Gambling Control's recommendations with the exception of Manny Guise who was tabled. The motion was unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Shimazu and Vuksich voting yes.

9. Applications for Request to Convert Third Party Proposition Player/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):

Gaming Fund Group, Inc.: Tim Truong

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the applicant's 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.

10. Applications for Initial Tribal-State Compact Gaming Resource Supplier Finding of Suitability (Authority Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.5):

Shuffle Master, Inc.:

Coreen Sawdon, Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer, and Acting Chief Financial Officer

John Bailey, Outside Director

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that the Bureau of Gambling Control recommended that the Commission approve the finding of suitability applications for Coreen Sawdon and John Bailey. Commission staff has reviewed the Bureau's reports

and concurs with their recommendations. 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 recommendation provided by the Bureau of Gambling Control.

Deputy Director Tina Littleton suggested that the Commissioners consider the consent calendar before Items 11 and 12. The Commissioners agreed and proceeded to the consent calendar.

11. Problem Gambling Activities Update - Presented by TerriSue Canale, Deputy Director, Office of Problem Gambling. (Discussion Item)

A copy of the presentation overview is incorporated into the minutes as Attachment A.

12. How to Build an Evidenced-Based Treatment System for Pathological Gamblers: From Research to the Real World - Presented by Timothy W. Fong, M.D., Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry Co-Director, UCLA Gambling Studies Program Director, UCLA Addiction Medicine Clinic; and, Adrienne Marco, Administrative Director, UCLA Problem Gambling Studies Program. (Discussion Item)

A copy of the presentation is incorporated into the minutes as Attachment B.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

(Items on the consent calendar will be taken up and voted on as a group. A Commissioner may request that an item be discussed, in which case it will be discussed separately at a later point in the meeting.)

13. Applications for Initial Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19870):

The 101 Casino: Sheri Barrows

14. Applications for Renewal Work Permit (Authority Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19870):

A. Club San Rafael: Noelle Barton

B. Empire Sportsmen's Association: Peter Jacobs Haiy Kho Gary Silva

C. Lake Bowl: Erica Walter

D. Merced Poker Room: Kou Vang

E. Napa Valley Casino: Phavanh Daraseng

F. The 101 Casino: Lili Shan

15. 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:

Cordis Gilliam

Alan Higgins

Brian Jacobsen

Jerry Sandau

B. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians:

Jorge Garcia

Rita Gutierrez

- H. Harrah's Rincon – Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians:
 Stephen Brown II Jingming Gao Phuong-Uyen Savage
 John Sebastian Robert Treasure
- I. La Posta Casino – La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the La Posta Indian Reservation: Daniel Leon
- J. Pechanga Resort and Casino – Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
 Robert Ackles Thomas Deisenhammer Larry Dyson
 Rodney Lacsamana Anthony Lee Sophia Lien
 Peter Pham
- K. River Rock Casino – Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:
 Stanley Chasen Michael Lee Starlin Oldaker
 Kevin Yun
- L. Soboba Casino - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:
 Arnold Alagao Kenneth Toler
- M. Spotlight 29 Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:
 Karla Bickle Charlene Bolanos Terry Caudill III
 Karen Cordova Sharon Culhane Roman DeLara
 Patricia Ferguson Joseph Jefferson Earl Thomas, Jr.
 Angela Villarreal
- N. Sycuan Casino - Sycuan Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:
 Samuel Bonner Annie Bui David Centman
 Lani Gonzalez Carole Harris Bill Inthamala
 Mittaphone Khansourivong Silbern McCallister Raymond McFarland
 Marla More Christopher Niss
 Terrence O'Connor Romana Otero Ysmael Segundo
 Rebecca Smith Jamie Stevenson Alan Tam
 Alexander Valencia
- O. Tachi Palace Hotel & Casino – Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria: Richard Lobdell
- P. Thunder Valley Casino - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:
 Charles Bain, Jr. Matthew Bauman Vianey Guadarrama
 Todd Hart Sattaya Kaysavang John McCormick
 Todd Neely Lester Ritter Nai Saetern
 Wayne Woods
- Q. Valley View Casino – San Pasqual Band of Digueno Mission Indians:
 Nicolas Corona Erica Quintana Michael Tansley

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve agenda items 13, 14, 15, and 16. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session held.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion to adjourn the meeting by 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 adjourned at 11:25 a.m.