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**MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 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 10:00 a.m., and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. A. 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 25, 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 25, 2009.

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

A. Commerce Casino: California Commerce Club, Inc

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 with the following condition:

*Within 60 days of the approval of the license renewal application of California Commerce Club, Inc., Maureen Orbus and Patricia Gribskov, as beneficiaries under the "Survivor Trust Under the Will of William George Bailey" must submit a Transfer of Shares request to the Commission for approval.*

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

B. Diamond Jim's Casino: Wizard Gaming, Inc.

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the renewal state gambling license for the remainder of the licensure period from April 1, 2009, through January 31, 2011, removing the existing condition on George Hardie Jr.'s endorsed license.

Discussion on this item commenced and a transcript of the discussion is incorporated into the minutes as Attachment A

Chairman Shelton moved to remove the current condition and add the following condition:

*Mr. Hardie Jr. will have no significant input, influence, or control over any aspect of the business or affairs of the gambling establishment including, but not limited to, the following:*

- 1. Mr. Hardie Jr. shall not review documents relating to the gambling establishment and its operations.*
- 2. Mr. Hardie Jr. shall have no input on contracts relating to the gambling establishment.*
- 3. Mr. Hardie Jr. shall not make or have input on personnel decisions relating to the gambling establishment.*
- 4. Mr. Hardie Jr. shall not have input on the termination or appointment of Wizard Gaming, Inc.'s directors or officers.*

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.

C. Marina Club: Estate of Guy Calamia

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 September 30, 2009, with the following three conditions:

- 1. Ki-Sun Calamia must submit a state gambling license application to the California Gambling Control Commission to be licensed as the Grantor and Beneficiary of the Guy Calamia and Ki-Sun Calamia Living Trust, within 30 calendar days of the renewal approval.*
- 2. Until the licensure of Robert Ward or any other Trustee of the Guy Calamia and Ki-Sun Calamia Living Trust, all assets of the Marina Club must be preserved and no distribution or disposition of Marina Club's assets shall occur. This condition does not prevent the cardroom from paying its taxes, operating expenses, and any other pre-existing obligation of support to Ki-Sun Calamia, the beneficiary.*

3. *Until the licensure of Robert Ward or any other Trustee of the Guy Calamia and Ki-Sun Calamia Living Trust, any creation, assignment, transfer, or disposition of any interest in the Marina Club or any distribution or disposition of the assets of Marina Club must be approved by the Commission prior to its occurrence.*

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.

D. The Mint: James Podergois, 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 September 30, 2009 continuing with the two existing conditions as follows:

1. *Prior to opening the new location, applicant must submit a business license, patron safety and security plan, and an emergency evacuation preparedness plan.*
2. *The Bureau of Gambling Control must conduct a site visit at the new location.*

5. 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: Dante Hicks

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. 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.

6. 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. BJ Gaming, LLC: Supervisor: Thuc Phan
- B. Network Management Group, Inc:  
Supervisors: Dante Hicks Brian McGuire Manuel Moreno Tamer Shatara
- C. Pacific Gaming Services, LLC: Supervisor: Thuc Phan
- D. Pacific Palace, Inc.:  
Players: Yat Cheung Shi Hua He Xuesong Hong Lien Le Marry Ray

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that the Bureau of Gambling Control recommended that the Commission approve the applications to convert player and supervisor registrations to licenses for the applicants listed in 6A through 6D. 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.

7. Applications 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.: Sirisack Banouvong Ferdinand Gordovez  
David Lam

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.

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

Win-River Casino: Redding Rancheria: Lisa Wilson

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that the Bureau of Gambling Control recommended that the Commission deny the finding of suitability application for Lisa Wilson. 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.

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

NRT Technology Corporation: Dominet Corporation, Parent Company

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the finding of suitability renewal for the period of May 1, 2009, through April 30, 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.

10. Final Adoption of Regulations Designating Commission Employees Subject to the Provisions of Business and Professions Code Section 19981, Subdivision (a), Upon Separation from Commission Employment, and Approval for filing with the Office of Administrative Law (adding Title 4, California Code of Regulations, Section 12591.

Regulations Manager, Jim Allen indicated that the staff recommended that the Commission adopt and approve for filing with the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) the final text of the regulation which would implement a designation of affected Commission employees in accordance with subdivision (a) of section 19981 of the business and Professions Code; and authorize staff to make any needed nonsubstantive changes. 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.

### **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.)*

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

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| A. Efren Antonio   | K. Valerie Maldonado |
| B. Leilea Calamia  | L. Fred McGarr       |
| C. Daniela Cicu    | M. Debora Millan     |
| D. James Denio     | N. David Mosikian    |
| E. John Griffo     | O. Steven Romeyn     |
| F. Timothy Gustin  | P. Ingrid Roseman    |
| G. Jeffrey Harris  | Q. Michael Sana      |
| H. Susan Holyfield | R. Glenn Tracey      |
| I. Martin Kasko    | S. Cynthia Winters   |
| J. Mike Kusano     | T. Alan Wong         |

12. 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:  
George Ewert                      William Kieler III
- B. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians:  
John Wheeler
- C. Barona Valley Ranch Resort - Barona Band of Mission Indians:  
Juan Armenta                      Dana Arthur                      Tia Ayers  
David Howell                      Joshua Jennings                      Venilda Migdal  
Ayad Oraha                      Cindie Perrine
- D. Black Oak Casino – Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria:  
Rikkianne Fraser
- E. Blue Lake Casino - Blue Lake Rancheria:  
Spencer Leebolt                      David Leen
- F. Cache Creek Casino Resort – Rumsey Indian Rancheria of Wintun Indians:  
Barbara Hein
- G. Cher-Ae-Heights Casino – Cher-Ae-Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria:  
Briana Dominguez

- H. Harrah's Rincon – Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians:  
Annette Padgett
- I. Jackson Rancheria Hotel & Casino – Jackson Rancheria Band of Miwuk Indians:  
Robert Ragsdale
- J. La Posta Casino – La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the La Posta Indian Reservation:  
Janet Powell
- K. Morongo Casino Resort & Spa – Morongo Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Morongo Reservation:  
Dennis Cooper                      Darrell Smith
- L. Pala Casino – Pala Band of Mission Indians:  
James Alexander                      John Bejar                      Anthony Montisano  
Becky Paull                      Joseph Talarico
- M. Pechanga Resort and Casino – Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:  
Lovell Lim                      Valerie Pinocci
- N. River Rock Casino – Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:  
Rhonda Fong                      Mary Power
- O. San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino – San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians of the San Manuel Reservation:  
Jennifer Brennan                      Nicholas Do                      Minh Pham  
Christopher Slaven
- P. Sycuan Casino - Sycuan Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:  
Theresa Chan                      Tramaine Cooper
- Q. Valley View Casino – San Pasqual Band of Digueno Mission Indians:  
Manuel Silva
- R. Win-River Casino – Redding Rancheria: Jessica Franks
13. Applications for Renewal 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:  
Diane Bobo                      Richard Cooper                      Jon Eskelin  
Kathleen Finnegan                      Linda Holland                      Christopher Lorton  
Alwilda McElwain                      Iris Moyer                      William Oliver  
Joey Ragay                      Richard Sabac                      Cornelio Soria  
Jerry Velasquez                      Alva Williams
- B. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians:  
Robert Cortez                      Oscar Garcia                      Rosario Garcia
- C. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino – Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians:  
Lakhdeep Braich                      Keith Plante
- D. Chumash Casino – Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:  
Vincent Deluna                      Susan Didrickson
- E. Harrah's Rincon – Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians:  
Christie DeMarinis                      Noel Diamond                      Steven Nagata
- F. Lucky 7 Casino – Smith River Reservation:

- Diane Fournier
- G. Morongo Casino Resort & Spa – Morongo Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Morongo Reservation:
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| Awara Kasim        | Shelly Longo | Christopher Naud |
| Kittisak Sangmanee |              |                  |
- H. River Rock Casino – Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:
- Cathy Fay
- I. San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino – San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians of the San Manuel Reservation:
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| James Bagwell  | Setthaporn Buranahiran | Sandra Cassidy   |
| Kristi Hampton | Suwisa Keaotamai       | Connie Knight    |
| Jason Lim      | Kimberly Maya          | Rowena Nunag     |
| Ashwin Patel   | Manuel Reyes           | Lynzee Rodriguez |
| Javier Uribe   | Rachel Woods           |                  |
- J. Spotlight 29 Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:
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| Michael Britton   | Deon Calderon | Mary Johnson     |
| Karla Kezis       | Marco Machuca | Richard Montigny |
| Rena Salgado      | Tom Sedlock   | Oswaldo Soliz    |
| Charles Whittaker |               |                  |
- K. Tachi Palace Hotel & Casino – Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria
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| James Dickerson | Allen Enquist |
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- L. Thunder Valley Casino - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:
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| Patrick Crawley  | Angelica Gomez | Farid Haddad |
| Michael Hollmann | Yuen Li        | Metin Lus    |
| Veasna Muth      | Quy Nguyen     | Tom Phu      |
| Cheo Saeteun     | May Saeturn    | Jason Smith  |
| Divina Ubungen   | Syhone Wong    |              |
- M. Viejas Casino & Turf Club - Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians:
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| Maricela Gaxiola | Tad Safar |
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Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve agenda items 11, 12, and 13. 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.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

## **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 11:55 a.m.

