# **California Gambling Control Commission**

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# MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2010 COMMISSION MEETING

# **OPEN SESSION**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Dean Shelton called the meeting to order at 10:01 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 James Shelby and Stephanie Shimazu present.

3. Request for Approval of Asset Purchase Agreement / Articles of Incorporation / Temporary State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19881, 19904, 19824(f)):

Upon concurrence with the Commissioners and staff, Chairman Shelton requested that the Commission hear Items 3A through 3C combined.

- A. Gold Rush Gaming Parlor and Saloon Asset Purchase Agreement
  Susan Barrows (Seller) Full Rack Entertainment, Inc. (Buyer)
- B. Full Rack Entertainment, Inc. Articles of Incorporation

Staff Counsel Jason Pope indicated pursuant to a stipulated settlement and disciplinary order dated February 8, 2007, the owner of Gold Rush, Ms. Barrows agreed to sell her business in a commercially reasonable timeframe. Legal staff has reviewed both the Purchase of Assets Agreement and the Modified Articles of Incorporation and recommends Commission approval.

C. Towers Casino: Full Rack Entertainment, Inc.

John Robinson, President/Secretary/Shareholder

Jamey Robinson, CEO/Treasurer/Shareholder

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated staff recommended the Commission approve the temporary state gambling license application for the licensure period of May 13, 2010 through May 31, 2011with the conditions as follows:

- 1. The <u>temporary</u> initial license takes effect on the date that the Commission approves the request and expires March 31, 2011. If more time is needed to complete the background process, then the <u>temporary</u> state gambling license can be extended for an appropriate amount of time after consultation with the Bureau.
- Issuance of a <u>temporary</u> license does not obligate the Commission to grant a permanent license. Issuance of a temporary license does not create a vested right in the holder to either extension of the temporary license or to a regular license.
- 3. Issuance of this <u>temporary</u> license does not in any way change the legal requirement that the applicant bears the burden of establishing that he/she is suitable pursuant to Business and Professions (B&P) Code section 19856(a) for a regular license.
- 4. Issuance of this <u>temporary</u> license does not change the license qualification requirements of the Gambling Control Act, including but not limited to B&P Code sections 19856, 19857, 19858, and 19859.
- 5. The applicant has pending applications for regular state gambling licenses. A regular license may or may not be issued, depending upon the results of the complete background investigation and upon the conduct of the applicant and its employees during the term of the temporary license.
- 6. If, during the term of the <u>temporary</u> license, the Executive Director determines that any particular applicant is disqualified for any of the reasons set forth in B&P Code section 19859, the Executive Director shall prepare an order to show cause why that applicant's temporary license should not be cancelled, which shall be considered at the first available noticed Commission meeting. The applicant may address the Commission by way of an oral statement at the noticed Commission meeting and/or may submit documents in support of the temporary licensure not less than five days prior to the meeting. The applicant may request an evidentiary hearing either in writing not less than five days prior to the meeting or at the meeting itself.
- 7. If, during the term of the temporary license, the Executive Director determines that any particular applicant may have violated one or more of the conditions under which the temporary license was issued, the Executive Director shall prepare an order to show cause why that applicant's temporary license should not be cancelled, which shall be considered at the first available noticed Commission meeting. The applicant may address the Commission by way of an oral statement at the noticed Commission meeting and/or may submit documents in support of the temporary licensure not less than five days prior to the meeting. Either in writing not less than five days prior to the meeting or at the meeting itself, the applicant may request an evidentiary hearing.

Commissioner Shimazu inquired if it was correct that the purchase would be paid in full and no loan was involved, how much experience the Robinsons had in owning a gambling establishment and what is the expected date of opening the gambling establishment.

Jamie Robinson indicated that the purchase would not involve a loan. Ms. Robinson also indicated that they had no experience in operating a gambling establishment however; they would have someone helping them run the establishment. Ms. Robinson further indicated that they are currently remodeling the location where they will be operating the cardroom and it will take approximately 45 to 90 days before it is complete.

Commissioner Shimazu asked the Bureau what the timeframe was to complete the initial application background investigation.

Chris Davis, Bureau of Gambling Control, indicated that the recommend one year temporary license period would be adequate time for completion of the background investigation.

Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Shelby and Shimazu voting yes, the Commission approved the staff recommendations for Items 3A through 3C.

4. Applications for Renewal of State Gambling Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19876):

Central Coast Casino, Grover Beach: Central Coast Casino, Grover Beach, Inc. David Stearns, Shareholder, President, Treasurer Theresa Stearns, Community Property Interest Holder, Secretary

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that staff recommended the Commission approve the renewal state gambling license applications for the period of June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2012.

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

5. Application for Approval for State Gambling License – Request to Withdraw (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869):

Garden City Casino: Garden City, Inc.

Eric and Deborah Swallow Family Trust

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that staff recommended the Commission approve the withdrawal request without prejudice.

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

 Application for Initial Key Employee Portable Personal Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854(d)): Isaac Trumbo

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that the Bureau of Gambling Control recommended that the Commission approve the portable personal key employee license application. Staff has reviewed the Bureau's report and concurred with their recommendation; and, recommended approval for the period of May 13, 2010 through May 31, 2012.

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

7. Application for Renewal of Third Party Provider of Proposition Services/ Gambling Business License (Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12218.8 and 12238)

Premier Player Providers, Inc. a California Corporation

Nasser Qutob, Shareholder, President, Secretary, Treasurer

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that staff recommended the Commission approve the renewal license application for the remainder of the licensure period through February 29, 2012.

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

- 8. Applications for Conversion of Third Party Providers of Proposition Player
  Services/Gambling Business Registrations to Licenses (Pursuant to Business and
  Professions Code section 19984 and California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section
  12218 and 12233):
  - A. California Gaming Consultants:

Player: Rowena Yasay

B. Gaming Management, LLC:

Players: Celeste Amaya Derek Gore Bryan Hayes Rhiannon Huntley Jeffrey Rich Eric Small

C. Network Management Group, Inc.:

Players: John Mendoza Oscar Perez Jeffery Rich

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D. Premier Player Providers, Inc.: Player: Richard Bunma

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated the Bureau of Gambling Control recommended that the Commission approve the applications to convert registrations to licenses for Items 8A through 8D. Staff has reviewed the Bureau's reports, concurred with their recommendations; and recommended approval through May 31, 2012.

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

- 9. Applications for Request to Convert Third Party Provider of Proposition Player
  Services/Gambling Business Registrations to Licenses Requests to Withdraw
  (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984 and California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12218 and 12234):
  - A. Certified Network M, Inc.: Gregory Spillman
  - B. Certified Player, Inc.: Patty Sonephom Timothy Tay

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that staff recommended the Commission approve the withdrawal requests in Items 9A and 9B <u>without</u> prejudice.

Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Shelby and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Shelby and Shimazu 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.)

10. <u>Applications for Renewal Key Employee Portable Personal Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854(d)):</u>

A. Terry Farmer
B. Jason Giannini
C. Leonard Getzler
D. Helen Gray
E. Timothy Hamrick
G. Kevin Janas
H. Yu Yu Li
I. Allan Mendoza
J. Jeff Sardella
K. Dan Thich

F. Richard Hobbs

- 11. <u>Applications for Initial Work Permits (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code</u> section 19912):
  - A. Oasis Card Room: Amber Allen
    B. Poker Flats Casino: Sai Saechao

C. The 101 Casino: Julie Albright Zheming Cao Daniel Forman

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- 12. <u>Applications for Renewal Work Permits (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912):</u>
  - A. Empire Sportsmen's Association: Hoeurn Ouk
  - B. The 101 Casino: Jennifer Norton Nina Yan
- 13. <u>Applications for Renewal of Third Party Providers of Proposition Player Services/</u>
  <u>Gambling Business Licenses (Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12218.8 and 12238).</u>
  - A. California Gaming Consultants:

Player: Hilario Uy

B. Pacific Gaming Services, LLC:

Players: Philip Chin-Jew Patricia Klem

C. Premier Player Providers, Inc.:

Players: Chantha Chhin Chanty Chhout Savuth Khim

- 14. <u>Applications for Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Findings of Suitability</u> (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):
  - A. Agua Caliente Casino Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Juan Carlos Carbajal Anna Gaydos Svjetlana Gegic

B. Barona Valley Ranch Resort & Casino - Barona Band of Mission Indians:

Erica Cifuentes Abran Javier Ortiz Stephanie Roper

C. Blue Lake Casino - Blue Lake Rancheria:

Shawn Johnston

D. Casino Pauma – Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma and Yuima Reservation:

Scott Murray

E. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino – Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians:

Enrike Jovan Batista Steven Bruton Andrew Siegers

Sean Stevens Michael Zalenski

F. Chumash Casino – Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:

Francisca Aquilar Enjoli Bjork Maria Fonseca

Sean Foy David Lake

G. Colusa Casino and Bingo – Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:

Melanie Jimerson

H. Coyote Valley Casino - Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians:

Kevin Bartholomew

I. Golden Acorn Casino and Travel Center – Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:

Stacey Heuchert Alfonso Romero

J. Jackson Rancheria Hotel & Casino – Jackson Rancheria Band of Miwuk Indians: Christine Haynes

K. Morongo Casino Resort & Spa – Morongo Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Morongo Reservation:

James Coffron, III

L. Pechanga Resort and Casino – Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:

Craig Clark Jonathan Gatus Matthew Russell

Steven Bruton

M. Red Earth Casino – Torres-Martinez Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians: Nader Alarai

N. Red Hawk Casino – Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians:

Marvlou

Patterson

- O. River Rock Casino Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians: Santos Reyes, Jr.
- P. San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians of the San Manuel Reservation:

Michael Grizzard Medhat Saad

- Q. Sycuan Casino & Resort- Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation: Frances Robinson **Urnet Tiangtud** Denise Giblin
- R. Table Mountain Casino Table Mountain Rancheria:

Oscar Salcedo

S. Tachi Palace Hotel & Casino – Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria:

Ezequiel Arias Anthony Flarida

T. Thunder Valley Casino - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:

Jeffrev Heil John Ranazzi

U. Valley View Casino – San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:

Robert Garcia Bruce Howard

V. Viejas Casino & Turf Club - Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians:

Julieta Navarro

- 15. Applications for Renewal Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Findings of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):
  - A. Agua Caliente Casino Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Ralph Howland

B. Barona Valley Ranch Resort & Casino - Barona Band of Mission Indians:

Hussien Attiveh Kevin Avers Sean Coplin Robert James Raymond Juergens James Lake Timothy Malinoski J... ⊃wens Susan Ruggeberg Vincent Pitman Justin Price Jennifer Wandersee

Michael Wylie

C. Chicken Ranch Bingo and Casino – Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:

Zachary Goehring

D. Chumash Casino – Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:

Deborah Daly Brandy Gaver Jennifer Ramirez Joshua Reagan Stefanie Robles Hannah Schaub

Kristi Steckler Miguel Valencia

E. Colusa Casino and Bingo – Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:

Victor Fernandez Lorraine Mueller

F. Harrah's Rincon Casino & Resort – Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians:

Sergio Avon Randall Grav Debbie Manders

Paul Rusthoven Jene Riddell

G. Havasu Landing Resort and Casino – Chemehuevi Indian Tribe of the Chemehuevi Reservation:

James Cole Wayne Fauerbach

H. Lucky 7 Casino – Smith River Reservation:

Mary Hulse

 Morongo Casino Resort & Spa – Morongo Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Morongo Reservation:

Sarah Adams Don Ayers Christopher Cicle

Debra Lee James Thiros Tou Yang

J. San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino – San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians of the San Manuel Reservation:

Travis Collins Roberto Guizar Michael Schell

K. Soboba Casino - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:

Claudia Felix John Hicks Michelle Priest

Robert Trostle Jill Tucker

L. Spotlight 29 Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:
Rosa Vincent

M. Tachi Palace Hotel & Casino – Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria:

Visavakone Danielle Roberts Kao Saeteurn

Rasavona

Supasiri Sirayanone Yvonne Woodling

N. Thunder Valley Casino - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:

Robert Lester

O. Valley View Casino – San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:

Jesus Adame Fely Joachim Lynne Lauritzen

Joseph Tripp Brian Ulrich

P. Viejas Casino & Turf Club - Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians:

Gwendolyn Brady Stacia Draper Sondaree Simok

Robert South

Deputy Director Tina Littleton indicated that staff recommended the Commission approve the consent calendar items 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15.

Commissioner Shelby expressed concern regarding a common thread in the finding of suitabilities which is, issues with alcohol. He inquired if the tribes had any kind of on- the- job counseling for their employees for issues involving alcohol.

Deputy Director Littleton indicated that staff is not aware of any programs but perhaps it is something that could be researched.

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments at this time.

At 10:14 a.m. Chairman Shelton announced the Commission would be retreating into Closed Session to discuss the matter of California Valley Miwok Tribe v. The California Gambling Control Commission, Item 1A the Closed Session calendar.

# RECONVEVE TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened at 10:24 a.m.

Chief Legal Counsel Joe Dhillion indicated they discussed and received direction from the Commissioners in the matter of California Valley Miwok Tribe V. The California Gambling Control Commission; San Diego County Superior Court (37-2008-00075326-CU-CO-CTL).

Chairman Shelton presented a gift to Alexandra Vuksich as a token of appreciation for her service at the California Gambling Control Commission.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Shelby and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Shelby and Shimazu voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m..