

California Gambling Control Commission

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**MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2011
COMMISSION MEETING**

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson Stephanie Shimazu 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 Chairperson Stephanie Shimazu and Commissioners Tiffany Conklin and Lauren Hammond present.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for :

A. June 29, 2011

B. June 30, 2011

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Conklin and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairperson Shimazu and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved the meeting minutes for June 29, and 30, 2011.

4. Application for Approval of Initial State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19851 & 19852; Title 4 CCR 12342(a)(8)):

Commerce Casino: George and Irene Tumanjan Trust

Harry Tumanjan, Contingent Beneficiary, Successor
Trustee

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairperson Shimazu and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved the endorsement of Mr. Tumanjan as Contingent Beneficiary and Successor Trustee for the licensure period of July 28, 2011 through March 31, 2013.

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

- A. Crystal Casino & Hotel: Celebrity Casinos, Inc.
Leo Chu, Shareholder
Haig Kelegian, Jr., CFO, Secretary, Shareholder
Haig Kelegian, Sr., Shareholder
Mark Kelegian, President, Shareholder
Walter Lack, Shareholder

Mr. Mark Kelegian addressed the Commission.

Action:

Commissioner Conklin moved to amend the staff recommendation by extending the renewal for a three-month period, through October 31, 2011. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairperson Shimazu and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved the extension of the renewal for a three month period, through October 31, 2011 with the following conditions:

Provide documentation to the California Gambling Control Commission and the Bureau of Gambling Control that substantiates the violations, identified by the City of Compton Fire Department, have been remedied.

Provide a copy of the Fire Safety and Evacuation Plan as approved by the City of Compton Fire Department to the California Gambling Control Commission and the Bureau of Gambling Control.

- B. North Coast Casino: T & T Gaming, LLC
Thomas Bruner, CEO, Member
Robert Thomson, President, Member

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairperson Shimazu and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved the renewal application for the licensure period through May 31, 2013 with the following condition:

T&T Gaming, LLC is prohibited from reopening North Coast Casino until the California Gambling Control Commission determines that the violations identified by the Bureau of Gambling Control (Bureau) as outlined in the April 27, 2011, Letter of Warning issued by the Bureau have been remedied.

- C. Ven-A-Mexico: Juan Carrillo, Sole Proprietor

Mr. Juan Carrillo addressed the Commission.

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Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Chairperson Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairperson Shimazu and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved the extension of the renewal application for the licensure period through October 31, 2011 with the following condition:

By October 1, 2011, Ven-A-Mexico must provide evidence that the violations identified by the Bureau of Gambling Control (Bureau) as outlined in the July 18, 2011, Letter of Warning issued.

6. Request for Approval to Withdraw Application for Key Employee Portable Personal License(Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869):

Paul Volfovski

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Conklin and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairperson Shimazu and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved the applications to request to withdraw without prejudice.

7. Applications for Approval of Conversion of Third-Party Providers of Proposition Player Services /Gambling Business Supervisor/Player Registrations to Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984 and CCR, Title 4, sections 12218 and 12233):

A. Banc, LLC:

Players:	Hai Ye Cai	Min Fu	Stephen Mach
	Duong Nguyen	Helen Tung	

B. Certified Network M, Inc.:

Players:	Vivien Chen	Donna Hourt	Diana Plong
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Action:

Upon motion of Chairperson Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Conklin and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairperson Shimazu and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved the conversion applications in items 7A and 7B through July 31, 2013.

8. Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Final Report for Distribution to Eligible Recipient Indian Tribes for Quarter Ending June 30, 2011 – Quarterly License Revenue Received and Shortfall (Government Code section 12012.75 and Tribal-State Gaming Compact section 4.3.2)

Mr. Shane Redmond, Investigator for the Bureau of Gambling Control, addressed the Commission.

Action:

Upon motion of Chairperson Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairperson Shimazu and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved the distribution of funds to the eligible tribes as listed in the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Report and the withholding of the distribution to the following four tribes; the Alturas Indian Rancheria, California Valley Miwok Tribe, Death Valley Timba-Sha Shoshone Band of California and Elem Indian Colony of Pomo Indians of the Sulphur Bank Rancheria until their respective Tribal government is identified.

9. Consideration of Notices of Levy against RSTF Payments to Alturas Rancheria filed by the Internal Revenue Service. (Government Code section 12012.75 and Tribal-State Gaming Compact section 4.3.2).

Mr. Richard Armstrong, representing the Del Rosa faction of the Alturas Indian Rancheria, addressed the Commission.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairperson Shimazu and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes the Commission authorized payments to the Internal Revenue Service in the amount specified in the Notices of Levy.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

10. Request for Approval of Additional Temporary Authorized Tables (Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12358):
Casino Club: Casino Poker Club, Inc.
11. Applications for Approval of Renewal Key Employee Portable Personal License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854):
A. Jeffrey Robles
B. Stanley Seiff
12. Applications for Approval of Initial Work Permits (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912):
Napa Valley Casino: Bruce Long Nhia Thow
13. Applications for Approval of Renewal of Third Party Providers of Proposition Player Services/Gambling Business Supervisor/Player Licenses (Pursuant to California CCR, Title 4, sections 12218.8 and 12238).
A. Gaming Fund Group, Inc.:
Supervisors: David Lam Fae Saeteune Chester Tse
Players: Priscilla Gomez Dara Khay

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- B. PT Gaming, LLC:
Supervisor: Quynh Phan

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

- A. Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa – Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:
Steven Tafoya
- B. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians:
David Uriarte
- C. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Band of Mission Indians:
Tara Marsh Alicia Sanchez
- D. Bear River Casino - Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria:
Aaron Pepetone
- E. Blue Lake Casino and Hotel - Blue Lake Rancheria:
Keenan Pool
- F. Casino Pauma – Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma and Yuima Reservation:
Wilfrid Desmarais
- G. Jackson Rancheria Casino & Hotel – Jackson Rancheria Band of Miwuk Indians:
Charles Walters
- H. Pechanga Resort & Casino – Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
Richard Jacques
- I. Quechan Casino Resort - Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation:
Linda Valenzuela
- J. Red Hawk Casino – Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians:
Joni Khlok
- K. San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino – San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians of the San Manuel Reservation:
Bunnarith Kao

15. Applications for Approval of Renewal Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Findings of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):

- A. Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa – Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:
Stephen Bendelson Michael Carruthers Leila Emralino
Virginia Gobats Brett Knyvett Signe Le Blanc
Noreen Marchese Gregory Pendleton Wallace Phipps
Lance Sadler Sharylynne Thomas
- B. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Band of Mission Indians:
Eva Anderson Robyn Baker Jay Chang
Josilyn Danna John Dillon Jacob Emerson
Carol Grogan Andrew Haase Momoko Haase
Phillip Hinds Matthew Johnson Anna Linkiewicz
Jose Lopez Robert McDonald Amy Peterson
Elena Rubalcaba Christian Sarmiento Jeffrey Shannon
Gracela Soto Michael Stirling Robert Wilson

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- C. Blue Lake Casino and Hotel - Blue Lake Rancheria:
Cacy Parker
- D. Cache Creek Casino Resort – Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:
Sofuying Mouges Phong Van Lee Yang
- E. Cher-Ae-Heights Casino – Cher-Ae-Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria:
Briana Dominguez William Mills
- F. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino – Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians:
Matthew Petrie Theng Vang
- G. Chumash Casino Resort – Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:
Mark Cheli Debra Cloward Steve Escobedo
Armando Franco Patrice Iniguez Carlos Martinez
Frances Montgomery Dino Reveles Norma Saldivar
Hoa Wilson
- H. Coyote Valley Casino - Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians:
Anthony Idica
- I. Diamond Mountain Casino and Hotel – Susanville Indian Reservation:
Claire Chambers
- J. Eagle Mountain Casino – Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:
Clinton Gibson Deanna Gonzales
- K. Feather Falls Casino & Lodge – Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians:
Donna Anderson
- L. Jackson Rancheria Casino & Hotel – Jackson Rancheria Band of Miwuk Indians:
Mickey Miller Glenn Pitts Cody Rice
Lawrence Wallage
- M. Morongo Casino Resort & Spa – Morongo Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Morongo Reservation:
Miqui Hunter-Coleman Bradley Ward
- N. Pala Casino Spa Resort – Pala Band of Mission Indians:
Jerome Arapeles Matthew Christian Perla Donato
Shirley Fabek Dana First Carla Nielsen
Kathleen Roland Ruth Rowe
- O. Pechanga Resort & Casino – Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
Jeremy Carlson John Hathaway Lea Huggins
Brian Hulej Robert Krauss James McDonald
Christine Miner Pedro Miranda Son Nguyen
Sherrie Norris Jeanette Ohl Ricardo Piceno
Matthew Russell Maria Thompson Suzanne Sanchez
Christina White
- P. Soboba Casino - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:
Blendi Shehu Kele Slevcove
- Q. Spotlight 29 Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:
Moises Aguilera Joe Carrillo Sylvia Leon

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Cervantes

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

Edwin Espino

Cynthia Madigan

Arthur Munoz

Deborah Stracner

S. Valley View Casino & Hotel – San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:

Tammy Cowing

Tracey Kitt

T. Viejas Casino - Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians:

Kelly McMaster

Angela Safar

Nelson Truong

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Conklin and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairperson Shimazu and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved the Consent Calendar items 10 through 15.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment received at this time.

CLOSED SESSION:

Chairperson Shimazu recessed the Commissioners at 10:50 to closed session to discuss the following:

1. Litigation: (Government Code section 11126(e)):

B. *Candace Cates v. Steve Westly, et al.*, San Diego County Superior Court (GIC 821775).

The Commissioners were reconvened to open session at 11:15 a.m. Chairperson Shimazu indicated that no action was taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Shimazu adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.