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**MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2012
COMMISSION MEETING**

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson Stephanie Shimazu called the meeting to order at 10:00 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, Lauren Hammond and Richard Schuetz present.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for:
 - A. March 22, 2012
 - B. March 29, 2012

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Schuetz and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairperson Shimazu and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the meeting minutes for March 22, 2012 and March 29, 2012.

With Commission concurrence, Item 13.C. Veronica Medina was moved from the consent calendar to open session.

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

A. Casino Royale:	Sacramento Casino Royale, LLC
	James Kouretas, Managing Member
	Faye Stearns, Member
	William Blanas, Member

Comments Received From:

James Kouretas
Norm Pierce, Bureau of Gambling Control
Frances Asuncion, Bureau of Gambling Control

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Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Schuetz and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairperson Shimazu and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the renewal application for the period of May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2014.

B. Limelight Cardroom:

Peter Mikacich, Sole Proprietor

Comments Received From:

Frances Asuncion, Bureau of Gambling Control

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Schuetz and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairperson Shimazu and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the renewal state gambling license for the period of May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2014.

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

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, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved Initial Key Employees 5A through 5C listed below:

A. Keith Abid

Through May 31, 2013

B. Jesse Contreras

Through March 31, 2013

C. Richard Fisher

Through May 31, 2013

D. Damon Gustafson

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, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission voted to deny the initial key employee application for Mr. Gustafson.

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E. Eric Harris

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, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved initial key employee license through March 31, 2013 with the following condition:

Mr. Harris must submit to the Commission proof of resolution concerning the civil litigation involving the California Employment Development Department (EDD) by no later than July 1, 2012.

F. David Simon

Comments Received From:

David Simon

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Schuetz and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairperson Shimazu and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved initial key employee license through January 31, 2013 with the following condition:

Beginning May 1, 2012, and every 180 days thereafter, Mr. Simon must submit to the Commission a written update concerning the issue of outstanding credit accounts currently in collections.

6. Applications for Approval to Convert Third Party Provider of Proposition Services Owner Registration to a License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984 and CCR, Title 4, section 12218):

Mega Gaming, LLC:

Michael Tang, Sole Member

Comments Received From:

Michael Tang

Deborah Dunn, Bureau of Gambling Control

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Schuetz, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairperson Shimazu and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the conversion application with the new condition noted below:

Beginning May 31, 2012, and quarterly thereafter for a one-year period, licensee shall provide to the Commission and Bureau of Gambling Control documentation which confirms that all employees have a valid work permit and Commission-issued registration or license.

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:

Supervisors:	Marvin Ancheta	Jeffery Debing
Players:	Oliver Garcia	Jose Guillen Hernandez
	Run Peng	

B. Certified Network M, Inc.:

Players:	Chumpoj Chantavith	Luis Escobar
	Gabriel McDonald	Ubaldo Muro
	Mark Mutuc	Sophea Polson
	Kun Yung	

C. Gaming Fund Group, Inc.:

Supervisor: Cui Yang

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, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved Agenda items 7A through 7C through April 30, 2014.

8. Applications for Approval of Tribal-State Gaming Compact: Initial Applications For Finding of Suitability As Gaming Resource Supplier and Financial Source (Authority: Tribal-State Gaming Compact, sections 6.4.5 and 6.4.6):

A. Gaming Partners International USA, Inc.:	Martin Berkowitz, Director of Parent Company Gaming Partners International Corporation
	Gregory Gronau, President and Chief Executive Officer of GPI USA; President, Chief and Executive Officer, Corporate Secretary, and Director of GPIC
	Gerald Koslow, Chief Financial Officer of GPI USA and GPIC

Comments Received From:

Gerald Koslow

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Schuetz and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairperson Shimazu and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved initial finding of suitability application through November 30, 2013.

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B. GameTech International, Inc.:

Andrew Robinson, Chief
Financial Officer, Treasurer
Senior Vice President

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Schuetz and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairperson Shimazu and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved initial finding of suitability application through September 30, 2012.

9. Request for Approval to Withdraw Application of Tribal-State Compact Gaming Resource Supplier Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869):
MCA Processing, LLC

Action:

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

10. Request for Approval of Additional Permanent Authorized Tables (Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12359):
Casino 580: Casino 580, LLC
John Park, Member
Dale Common, Member

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, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission denied the request for additional permanent tables.

MOVED FROM CONSENT TO OPEN SESSION

Item 13.C Applications for Approval of Initial Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912):

Oceana Cardroom: Veronica Medina

Comments Received From:

Veronica Medina (via teleconference)

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Schuetz and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairperson Shimazu and Commissioners Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, and Commissioner Conklin "not voting" the Commission approved the initial work permit.

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11. Disciplinary Matter (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19930 and CCR, Title 4, section 12552):
Stipulation, Decision, and Order in the Matter of the Accusation Against: Dog Named Blue, Inc., dba California Gaming Consultants, TPPP-000013, (OAH No. 2011090387)

Comments Received From:

Bill Williams, Deputy Attorney General
Deborah Dunn, Bureau of Gambling Control
Keith Sharp

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

12. Applications for Approval of Renewal Key Employee Portable Personal License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854):
A. Peter Buqeileh
B. Della Kat-Kuoy
13. Applications for Approval of Initial Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912):
A. Club San Rafael: Andrew Schipper
B. Napa Valley Casino: Bouasone Vongphoumlek
C. Oceana Cardroom: ~~Veronica Medina~~ (open session)
D. The Deuce Lounge & Casino: Dale Thompson
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. Bear River Casino – Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria:
Chad Christie
B. Black Oak Casino – Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria:
Daniel Harner
C. Cache Creek Casino Resort – Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:
Art Khounnha Vicky Saechao
D. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino – Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians:
Bee Vang
E. Colusa Casino Resort – Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:
Stephanie Gore Ivan Paniagua
F. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino – Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:
Bradley Schein
G. Jackson Rancheria Casino & Hotel – Jackson Rancheria Band of Miwuk Indians:
Michael Graninger
H. Morongo Casino Resort & Spa – Morongo Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Morongo Reservation:
Fong Lam Julia Sansome
I. Pala Casino Spa Resort – Pala Band of Mission Indians:

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- Gonzalo Baeza Ana De Ojeda Paul Johnston
- J. Red Hawk Casino – Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians:
Alina Cojocari Farm Saechao Frances Velasquez
Robert Williams
- K. River Rock Casino – Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:
Donald Bankert
- L. San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino – San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission
Indians of the San Manuel Reservation:
Katina Banta
- M. Spotlight 29 Casino – Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:
Albert Martinez
- N. Thunder Valley Casino Resort – United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn
Rancheria:
Lai Saeyang
- O. Win-River Casino – Redding Rancheria:
Donald Epperson II
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:
Geraldine Baltazar Marilou Carino Christopher Dodge
Anabel Giron Lela Giron Silvia Hernandez
Tami Ishihara
- B. Black Oak Casino – Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne
Rancheria:
Steven Nolan
- C. Blue Lake Casino and Hotel – Blue Lake Rancheria:
Tyrone Bachus
- D. Cache Creek Casino Resort – Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:
Michael Chau Shawn Costello Robert Smith
San Yang
- E. Casino Pauma – Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma and
Yuima Reservation:
Joseph Collins
- F. Cher-Ae-Heights Casino – Cher-Ae-Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad
Rancheria:
Anne Kramer
- G. Chicken Ranch Bingo and Casino – Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk
Indians:
Zachary Goehring
- H. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino – Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi
Indians:
Vanessa Romero Joel Saunders Jr.
- I. Chumash Casino Resort – Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the
Santa Ynez Reservation:
Jonathan Bobbitt Joshua Reagan Hannah Schaub
Alfonso Torres
- J. Colusa Casino Resort – Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa
Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:

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- Melanie Jimerson Lorraine Mueller
- K. Coyote Valley Casino – Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians:
Marilyn Azbill Timothy Elmore
- L. Desert Rose Casino – Alturas Rancheria:
Sandra Hartman
- M. Harrah’s Rincon Casino & Resort – Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians:
Ryan Cameron Dancette Carvalho Robin Coffman
Frank Fox Frances Grizas Christin Hodous
Charompol Hongthong Stanley Johnson Toan Nguyen
Ernest Russell IV Christopher Sanchez Christopher Sikora
Leslie Wallace Anthony Wenger Tamara Williams
- N. Pala Casino Spa Resort – Pala Band of Mission Indians:
Tam Bandith Richard Davison Jaret Gwizdala
- O. Pechanga Resort & Casino – Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the
Pechanga Reservation:
Linda Dalrymple
- P. Red Hawk Casino – Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians:
Robert Crowe Tracy Mimno Dennis Owen
- Q. River Rock Casino – Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:
Randy Arnest Anh Tuyet Bui David Fendrick
Robin Waters Ryan Winn
- R. Soboba Casino – Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:
Michelle Priest Robert Trostle Jill Tucker
- S. Sycuan Casino & Resort – Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:
George Cruz Ketkeo Inthavong Eric Lisowski
Loretta Ludwig Mary Meier Yzrael Santos
- T. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino – Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa
Rosa Rancheria:
Michelle Correa April Hernandez Thai Lee
Jennifer Mattson Eric Mercurio Channa Nhean
Supasiri Sirayanone
- U. Thunder Valley Casino Resort – United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn
Rancheria:
Julieta Fahrney Hiep Hoang
- V. Valley View Casino & Hotel – San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:
Jennifer Bryant Robert Coleman Lynne Schmidt
Brian Ulrich
- W. Win-River Casino – Redding Rancheria:
Kristy Hand
16. Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Final Report for Distribution to Eligible Recipient Indian Tribes for Quarter Ending March 31, 2012 – Quarterly License Revenue Received and Shortfall

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Schuetz and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairperson Shimazu and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved consent Calendar items 12 through 16.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ilena Harris, Casino Club

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Disciplinary Matter (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19930 and CCR, Title 4, section 12552):
Stipulation, Decision, and Order in the Matter of the Accusation Against: Dog Named Blue, Inc., dba California Gaming Consultants, TPPP-000013, (OAH No. 2011090387)
2. Litigation: (Government Code section 11126(e)):
 - A. *California Valley Miwok Tribe v. The California Gambling Control Commission*; San Diego County Superior Court (37-2008-00075326-CU-CO-CTL).
 - B. *Candace Cates v. Steve Westly, et al.*, San Diego County Superior Court (GIC 821775).
 - C. *San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians v. State of California, et al.*, U.S. Dist. Court, S.D. California (06CV0988 LAB AJB).
 - D. *Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians v. Gambling Control Commission; and Arnold Schwarzenegger*, U.S. Dist Court S. D. California (09 CV01955 LAB AJB)
 - E. *Timothy Eugene Stroud v. California Gambling Control Commission*, San Luis Obispo County Superior Court (CV100082).
 - F. *San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians v. State of California, et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court (BC431469)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Commission reconvened to open session at 12:25 p.m.

1. Disciplinary Matter (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19930 and CCR, Title 4, section 12552):
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Action:

The Commission approved this item 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Shimazu adjourned the Commission Meeting at 12:29 p.m.