

GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2012
GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order

Executive Director Tina Littleton called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members

Roll call of the committee members was taken. TerriSue Canale, Yolanda Clayton, Ileana Harris, Norm Pierce, Kermit Schayltz, Andy Schneiderman, Ron Werner, and Aaron Wong, were present at the meeting.

Commission staff participating: Tina Littleton, Executive Director and Joe Dhillon, Chief Counsel.

3. Approval of February 9, 2012 Minutes

Upon motion by Andy Schneiderman, seconded by Ron Werner and unanimously carried by the members, the February 9, 2012 minutes were approved.

Committee Member Brent Meyer joined the meeting.

4. Discussion on Project for the selection of Future GPAC Members

Subcommittee members: Ron Werner and Brent Meyer

Ron Werner provided a draft application (Attachment A) for consideration of the members. Discussions ensued concerning the affiliation categories listed on the application including representatives of the problem gambling community and general public-at-large. Also discussed was implementing of a staggered two-year term for members. It was decided that Ron Werner and Brent Meyer will make changes to the application and present to committee at next scheduled meeting.

5. Discussion on Project for Establishing an Outreach Program for Small/Medium Cardrooms

Subcommittee members: Ileana Harris and Kermit Schayltz

Ileana Harris provided a report on the outreach program proposal. Discussions ensued concerning approved procedures, compliance checklists, contract lists and “best practices” workshops. Ileana Harris suggested providing her cardrooms’ policy and procedures to other small cardrooms to be used for guidance or as a template for creating their own procedures. It was suggested that other cardrooms with approved procedures could do the same. Aaron Wong agreed to report back on whether the Bureau of Gambling Control (Bureau) would share their inspection checklists with owner/licensees to assist in developing more robust and compliant programs.

Tina Littleton asked Aaron Wong to speak with Marty Horan, Acting Bureau Chief, to determine whether the Bureau is prepared to participate in a workshop and report back to Tina Littleton with his response.

6. Discussion of Paperwork Reduction

Subcommittee members: Andy Schneiderman and Norm Pierce

Norm Pierce presented an oral report to the committee summarizing the industries’ concerns some of which included Bureau regulations, reporting requirements, and game approvals. Mr. Pierce revealed that most of the reporting can be done electronically and indicated that the Bureau should plan to put something out to the field to inform the industry on what types of documents can be submitted electronically. Mr. Pierce mentioned several changes that the Bureau is researching and/or planning to put into practice. Some topics mentioned were electronic filings of applications and reports, the bi-annual reports including game activities reporting, profit sharing information, and key employee reports, the requirement to file incident reports, and game approvals. With regards to gaming activities reporting, Mr. Pierce indicated that the subcommittee proposes that regulations be modified to exclude the resubmission of gaming rules, the glossary of terms and the dates the games were offered. Regarding profit sharing information, Mr. Pierce indicated that regulations could be amended to either require such reporting only as it relates to unlicensed parties or to require reporting on changes during the last six months. With regard to game approvals, Mr. Pierce indicated that there are currently 18 standard Bureau approved games with approved optional variations that can be submitted and reviewed on an expedited basis. Mr. Pierce further mentioned that the Bureau is considering updating the application for game approvals which would require a regulatory change through the APA rulemaking process. In the interim they are looking at the possibility of developing a new application and conducting a pilot program to obtain industry feedback prior to final adoption and implementation. Mr. Pierce also indicated that the industry had submitted a number of specific proposals and Andy Schneiderman and he have agreed to entertain and discuss these in further detail.

Andy Schneiderman moved to adopt Norm Pierce's report as a Gaming Policy Advisory Committee recommendation to the Commission for suggested proposals on paperwork reduction. Ron Werner seconded the motion, which was carried by all.

7. Scheduling Next Meeting/Discussion Items for Next Agenda

Executive Director Tina Littleton announced that the next meeting will be held on July 12, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Executive Director Tina Littleton adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.



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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
THE
GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Print name or type

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| Street | | City | State | ZIP |
| Home Phone: () | | FAX: | E-Mail Address: | |
| Current Employer: | | | Business Phone () | |
| Please check one box that describes your affiliation. | | | | |
| <input type="radio"/> | • A licensee or representative from a card room association | | <input type="radio"/> | • An officer of a local city/county government |
| <input type="radio"/> | • A licensee, agent, or employee from a cardroom with less than 25 tables in operation. | | <input type="radio"/> | where an approved ordinance allows controlled gambling |
| <input type="radio"/> | • A licensee, agent, or employee from a cardroom with 25 tables or more in' operation. | | <input type="radio"/> | • An applicant affiliated with local law enforcement. |
| <input type="radio"/> | • A licensee agent, or employee from a Third Party Proposition Player | | <input type="radio"/> | • A coalition concerned with gambling and/or gambling addiction. |
| <input type="radio"/> | | | <input type="radio"/> | • General public-at-large |
| ORGANIZATION NAME: | | | | |
| ADDRESS: | | | | |
| Street | | City | State | ZIP |
| Phone: | | FAX: | E-Mail Address: | |
| Please describe your affiliation with gambling enterprises (i.e., ownership and/or employment in a gambling establishment, local law enforcement, a coalition concerned with gambling and/or addiction, member of the general public, etc.) | | | | |
| STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: | | | | |
| In order for your application to be considered, attach a "Statement of Qualifications" with the following information. | | | | |
| 1. | A description of your qualifications. | | | |
| 2. | Why you are interested in serving on this committee. | | | |
| 3. | Three main issues you believe the Gambling Control Commission should address. | | | |
| ACKNOWLEDGMENT: | | | | |
| I acknowledge and understand that by submitting this application to serve on the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee I will be required to attend meetings, that the frequency of these meetings may be monthly, and currently there is no provision for reimbursement for any costs associated with traveling to and from these meetings or for any wages lost for participating. I further acknowledge that I will commit to serve up to two years on the Committee. | | | | |
| Furthermore, I understand that this Committee's purpose, pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 19817, is to act in an advisory capacity to the California Gambling Control Commission on gambling regulatory policy and other gambling-related issues, excluding tribal gaming. | | | | |
| Finally, I acknowledge that I will be required to complete a conflict-of-interest disclosure to be filed with the Commission and pass a background investigation in order to be appointed to the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee. | | | | |
| _____ Signature | | | _____ Date | |

GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Selection & Process

APPOINTMENT

Per Business & Professions Code Section 19817, there shall be ten (10) members of the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC), who are appointed directly by the Gambling Control Commission of the State of California.

TERM

Members of the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC) may serve two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms, but no longer than 8 years (should they have been originally appointed to the GPAC beginning in 2012).

Members of the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC) in Categories B, C, E, F (listed below) will be appointed in odd-numbered years, beginning in 2013;

Members of the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC) in Categories A, D, G, H (listed below) will be appointed in even-numbered years, beginning in 2014.

REPRESENTATION

Members of the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC) shall be appointed under the following representative categories:

PUBLIC MEMBERS (5): Categories A, B, F, H LICENSEE MEMBERS (5): Categories C, D, E, G

- A. One (1) member shall be a representative of the Bureau of Gambling Control;
- B. One (1) member shall be a representative of the Office of Problem Gambling;
- C. One (1) member shall be a representative of the California Gaming Association;
- D. Two (2) members shall be representatives of large (more than 25 tables), licensed, card club establishments;
- E. Two (2) members shall be representatives of small (less than 25 tables), licensed, card club establishments;
- F. One (1) member shall be a law enforcement officer/investigator from local government where an approved ordinance allows controlled gambling;
- G. One (1) member from the gaming industry with a professional accounting background; and
- H. One (1) member shall be veteran practitioner within the legal profession.

Members of the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC) appointed under these categories shall demonstrate and provide evidence of competency during the selection process and *prior* to their appointment.

SELECTION

Applicants who wish to be considered for recommendation to the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC) shall complete an *Application for Appointment to the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee*. After being properly submitted, the applicant will be interviewed by a selection panel which shall include: the Executive Director of the Gambling Control Commission, and two (2) sitting members of the Gaming

Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC). Upon completion of these interview panels, the Executive Director of the Gambling Control Commission shall make a written recommendation for appointment of those individuals qualified to Chairperson of the Gambling Control Commission.

The Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC)

Business & Professions Code 19800 -- 19987

Division 8, Chapter 5, Articles 1 - 17 (Gambling Control Act)

Section 19817: The commission shall establish and appoint a Gaming Policy Advisory Committee of 10 members. The committee shall be composed of representatives of controlled gambling licensees and members of the general public in equal numbers. The executive director shall, from time to time, convene the committee for the purpose of discussing matters of controlled gambling regulatory policy and any other relevant gambling-related issue. The recommendations concerning gambling policy made by the committee shall be presented to the commission, but shall be deemed advisory and not binding on the commission in the performance of its duties or functions. The committee may not advise the commission on Indian gaming.

GPAC Mission Statement

2012

To provide advisory recommendations to the California Gambling Control Commission concerning matters of controlled gaming regulatory policy and other relevant gambling related issues, with special attention to guaranteeing the integrity of gambling operations and to deal effectively with problem gambling.

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