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**MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2015  
COMMISSION MEETING**

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**OPEN SESSION**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Lopes 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 Chairman Richard Lopes and Commissioners Tiffany Conklin, Lauren Hammond and Richard Schuetz present.

Chairman Richard Lopes announced that he is retiring at the end of May. Chairman Lopes thanked many people in the gaming industry that have helped him in his service as Chairman of the California Gambling Control Commission.

Executive Director Tina Littleton announced that she is stepping down from her Executive Director position for a managerial position in the Regulatory unit within the California Gambling Control Commission.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for:  
April 24, 2015

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Chairman Lopes and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond, and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the minutes for the April 24, 2015, Commission Meeting.

4. Application for Consideration of Renewal of State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19852 and 19876; CCR, Title 4 section 12345):

North Coast Casino:

T&T Gaming, LLC

Estate of Thomas Bruner, Member

Robert Thomson Jr., Member

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Comments Received From:

Stacey Luna – Baxter, Assistant Bureau Chief, Bureau of Gambling Control

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Schuetz and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond, and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved a 210-day extension through December 31, 2015, and removed the existing conditions noted below:

Existing Conditions to be Removed:

1. *T&T Gaming, LLC is prohibited from reopening North Coast Casino until the California Gambling Control Commission (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.*
  2. *Within ninety (90) days, a purchase agreement must be submitted by Robert Thomson to formally pursue the option to purchase ownership interest held in the Estate of Thomas Bruner, including evidence of source funding to purchase this interest. If no agreement has been received within 120 days, Ms. Anne Nash must submit a completed initial state gambling license application and required fees to the Bureau of Gambling Control.*
5. Applications for Consideration of Initial Portable Personal Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR Title 4, section 12350):
- A. Derek Banderas

Comments Received From:

Elijah Zuniga, Designated Agent

No action was taken by the Commission. Mr. Banderas will be placed on a future agenda within the next 60-days.

By concurrence of the Commissioners, the following agenda items 5.B. and 5.C. were considered simultaneously.

B. Su Vargas

C. Andy Jian Hua Xie

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Conklin and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond, and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the Initial Applications through the periods listed in the reports.

6. Application for Consideration of Renewal Portable Personal Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR Title 4, section 12351):

Asofaafetai Vaimaona

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond, and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the Renewal Application through May 31, 2017, and removed the existing condition noted below:

Existing Condition to be Removed:

*Beginning June 1, 2013, and every 90 days thereafter, Mr. Vaimaona must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control a written update showing an attempt to resolve the civil judgment with the County of Riverside until said judgment is satisfied.*

7. Application for Consideration of Initial Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912; CCR Title 4, section 12104):

Parkwest Casino Sonoma: Jeannie Beltz

Comments Received From:

Jeannie Beltz, via telephone

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond, and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the Initial Work Permit through July 31, 2016, with the condition noted below:

*Beginning June 1, 2015, Ms. Beltz must submit to the Bureau of Gambling proof of payment to the Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma and every 90 days thereafter.*

By concurrence of the Commissioners, the following agenda items for item 8 were considered simultaneously.

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

PT Gaming, LLC:

Supervisor: Aldo Escorcia  
Player: Gary Huntoon

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Schuetz and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners

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Conklin, Hammond, and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the Renewal Applications through May 31, 2017.

9. Application for Consideration of Renewal of Third Party Providers of Proposition Player Services Player Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, section 12218.8):

Pacific Gaming Services, LLC:

Player: Joseph Capps

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Schuetz and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond, and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved a 150-day extension through October 31, 2015.

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

A. Running Creek Casino - Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake:

Delbert Thomas Jr.

Comments Received From:

Delbert Thomas Jr., via telephone

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Schuetz and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond, and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the Initial Application through July 30, 2016, with the condition noted below:

*Beginning June 1, 2015, Delbert Thomas Jr. must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control (Bureau) a payment plan for the civil judgement filed in Lake County and submit proof of payment to Lake County and Municipal Services Bureau in accordance with the payment plans to the Bureau every 90 days thereafter.*

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

Linh Dao

Comments Received From:

Linh Dao

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Schuetz and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, and Schuetz voting yes, and Commissioner Hammond abstaining, the Commission approved to refer the matter to an Evidentiary Hearing.

11. Graton Mitigation Fund Final Report for Distribution to County of Sonoma and City of Rohnert Park – Quarter Ending March 31, 2015 (Pursuant to Government Code section 12012.56 & Compact section 4.5.1):  
Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Schuetz and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond, and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the distribution payments as listed in the report.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

12. Application for Consideration of Initial Portable Personal Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR Title 4, section 12350):  
Richard Box
13. Application for Consideration of Renewal Portable Personal Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR Title 4, section 12351):  
Richard Fisher
14. Applications for Consideration of Initial Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912; CCR Title 4, section 12104):  
A. Napa Valley Casino: Gary Tam  
B. Parkwest Casino Sonoma: Sherry Duong Sanyo Sherlock
15. Applications for Consideration of Conversion of Third-Party Providers of Proposition Player Services Player Registrations to Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, section 12218):  
A. Arise, LLC:  
Player: Nicolas Ammons  
B. PT Gaming, LLC:  
Players: Aaron Crisolo Dana Sengaroun
16. Consideration to Withdraw Application to Convert Third Party Proposition Supervisor Registration to a License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984 and CCR, Title 4, section 12015):  
Acme Player Services, LLC:  
Supervisor: Matthew Torrez
17. Consideration to Withdraw Application of Tribal-State Compact Gaming Resource Supplier Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869; CCR Title 4 section 12015):  
DEQ Systems Corp.: Herve Eschasseriau, Director







**CLOSED SESSION:** 10.53 a.m.

- I. Litigation: (Government Code section 11126(e)):
  - A. *Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians v. Gambling Control Commission; and Arnold Schwarzenegger*, U.S. Dist Court S. D. California (09 CV01955 LAB AJB)
  - B. *San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians v. State of California, et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court (BC431469)
  - C. *Bingo Innovations of California, Inc. v. California Gambling Control Commission*, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2012-80001139)
  - D. *Robert Saucier, et al. v. California Gambling Control Commission*, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2013-80001594)
  - E. *Stand Up For California, et al. v. State of California, et al.*, Madera County Superior Court (MCV062850)
  - F. *California Valley Miwok Tribe v. California Gambling Control Commission et al.*; US District Court, Southern District California (15 CV 0622 AJB JLB)
- II Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(3):

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Renewal of Third-Party Provider of Proposition Players Services Player License for Miguel Aguilar, (CGCC Case No, CGCC-2013-0725-12)
- III. Personnel Matters (Government Code section 11126(a)(1): Business and Professions Code section 19816(a)):

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:** 11:19 a.m.

Closed Session item II:

Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(3):

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Renewal of Third-Party Provider of Proposition Players Services Player License for Miguel Aguilar, (CGCC Case No, CGCC-2013-0725-12)

A decision was made, order signed, and parties will be notified within 75-days.

Closed Session item III:

Personnel Matters (Government Code section 11126(a)(1): Business and Professions Code section 19816(a)):

The Commissioners reconvened to open session and announced that the Commissioners, with a unanimous vote, decided to split the duties of Executive Director on an interim basis. Anna Carr will be managing the day-to-day Administration, Legislation, Public Information Officer, and the Executive Office. Todd Vlaanderen will be overseeing Licensing Agenda Item issues and speaking at Commission Meetings as the Executive Director and as Chief Counsel.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Lopes adjourned the Commission Meeting at 11:20 a.m.