

**California Gambling Control Commission**

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**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2015  
COMMISSION MEETING**

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**OPEN SESSION**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Evans 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 Jim Evans and Commissioners Tiffany Conklin and Lauren Hammond present.

Chairman Jim Evans announced that Richard Schuetz is no longer with the Commission as he accepted a position as the Executive Director, of the newly formed Bermuda Gambling Commission [Bermuda Casino Gaming Commission].

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for:
  - A. August 13, 2015
  - B. August 19, 2015 – GCA Hearing

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans and Commissioners Conklin, and Hammond voting yes; the Commission approved the minutes for the August 13, 2015, Commission Meeting and August 19, 2015, GCA Hearing.

4. Applications for Consideration of Renewal of State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19850, 19852 and 19876; CCR, Title 4, section 12345):

A. Casino Real:

Casino Real, Inc.

Ernest Schmiedt, President, Treasurer,  
Director, Shareholder

Julie Baron, Secretary, Director, Shareholder



Comments Received From:

Aldrich Saplan, via telephone

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved the Initial Application through October 31, 2015.

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

21 Vault Gaming:

Debbie Willhalm, Sole Proprietor

Comments Received From:

Stacey Luna-Baxter, Assistant Bureau Chief, Bureau of Gambling Control  
Debbie Willhalm, via telephone

This item was tabled and will be heard on a future agenda.

7. Application for Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Gaming Resource Supplier Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.5):

Synergy Information Solutions, Inc.:

Jonathan Eaton, President, Executive Director,  
Shareholder  
Sabrina Eaton, Secretary, Treasurer

Comments Received From:

Sabrina Eaton, via telephone

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Conklin and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved the Initial Application through September 30, 2017.

8. Applications for Consideration of Renewal of Tribal-State Compact Gaming Resource Supplier Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.5):

A. Integrated Systems Design, Inc.:

Jonathan Hafezi, President,  
Chief Financial Officer, Secretary,  
Director, Shareholder



**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

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

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. Kyle Alegrete      | P. Robert Meras       |
| B. Ralph Baude        | Q. Florencio Mesina   |
| C. Ted Bui            | R. Bernie Nevarez     |
| D. Dennis Callahan    | S. Kian Nosrati       |
| E. Dustin Chase       | T. Paul Priolo        |
| F. Gilbert Cisneros   | U. Roger Rogge        |
| G. Lauren Cole        | V. Adam Sanchez       |
| H. Roger Estrella     | W. Erick Salerno      |
| I. Mohammad Fathipour | X. Luz Carmel Sugatan |
| J. Edward Ferretti    | Y. Esteban Tahmazian  |
| K. Joni Gimnicher     | Z. Arthur Van Loon    |
| L. Bryce Hatch        | AA. Beau VanSickel    |
| M. Dante Hicks        | BB. Dennis Williams   |
| N. Stephen Krajewski  | CC. Leslie Woodward   |
| O. Manley Macal tao   |                       |

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

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|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| A. Empire Sportsmen's Association: | Daniel Loum    | Lasty Nop       | Marita Voewn |
| B. Oasis Card Room:                | Ryan Sipes     |                 |              |
| C. Oceana Cardroom:                | Ashley Johnson |                 |              |
| D. Parkwest Casino Sonoma:         | Jessica May    | John Wagner III |              |
| E. The Deuce Lounge & Casino:      | Hernan Sernas  |                 |              |

12. Applications for Consideration of Renewal Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912; CCR, Title 4, section 12104):

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--|
| A. Central Coast Casino (GB): | Mark Ullstrom     |                  |  |
| B. Lake Bowl Cardroom:        | Barbara Elliott   | Zenaida Wijangco |  |
| C. Napa Valley Casino:        | Kien Watson       |                  |  |
| D. The Deuce Lounge & Casino: | Alanis Lee-Bowley | Dale Thompson    |  |
| E. Towers Casino:             | Michael Freifeld  |                  |  |

13. Applications 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):

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| A. CB Certified Banker, Inc.: |                       |                      |           |
| Player:                       | Ben Tran              |                      |           |
| B. PT Gaming, LLC:            |                       |                      |           |
| Players:                      | Esperanza Boles       | Robert Fuller        | Kanol Mao |
|                               | Samantha Ork          | Johnathan Phommathep |           |
|                               | Monina Claire Saldana |                      |           |

14. Consideration to Withdraw Applications to Convert Third Party Proposition Supervisor/Player Registration to a License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, section 12015):

- A. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
  - Supervisor: Matthew Bridges
- B. Team View Player Services, LLC:
  - Supervisors: Ross Campo                      Joanna Chihuahua  
Long Luong                              Ryan Sawai    Seth Young

15. 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. Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:
  - Rodelle Carreon                      Jonathan Evans
- B. Bear River Casino Hotel - Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria:
  - Kyle Loudin                              Erik Smith
- C. Black Oak Casino - Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria:
  - Kristopher Forrester
- D. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:
  - Christopher Fitzsimmons                      Nathan Gould  
Jerry Kuntz Jr.    Sheng Thao                      Dwayne Wells
- E. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:
  - Lyne Clark                              Jacob Schlosser
- F. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:
  - Amanda Beck
- G. Feather Falls Casino & Lodge - Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians:
  - Dezarae Smith
- H. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
  - Ted Tolson II                              Kenneth White
- I. Harrah's Resort Southern California - Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation:
  - Dawn Appolito
- J. Konocti Vista Casino - Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians of the Big Valley Rancheria:
  - Crystal Perez
- K. Mono Wind Casino - Big Sandy Rancheria Band of Western Mono Indians:
  - Alton Arnold
- L. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
  - Michelle Andrade                      Daniel Boyd                      Jeyson Diaz  
Jacob Long
- M. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
  - Frederick O'Keefe                      Steven Risafi                      Willie Shippen

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- N. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:  
Jason Clarke                      James Murray                      Sara Neal
- O. San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino - San Manuel Band of Mission Indians:  
Jesse George
- P. Spotlight 29 Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:  
Gerardo Romero
- Q. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:  
Lo Saephan
- R. Twin Pine Casino & Hotel - Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians:  
Christi Cancilla

16. Applications for Consideration of Renewal Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding 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:  
Svjetlana Gegic    C.J. Graham                      Randall Hemken  
Michael Wohlenberg
- B. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians:  
Lucero Murillo Rivera
- C. Bear River Casino Hotel - Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria:  
Sarah Patterson                      Aaron Pepetone
- D. Blue Lake Casino and Hotel - Blue Lake Rancheria:  
Lia Yarbrough
- E. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:  
Miguel Barreto-Franco
- F. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:  
Rosa Gonzalez                      Dominique Mabe                      Dario Salas
- G. Colusa Casino Resort - Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:  
Leslie Wiley
- H. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:  
Brett Butler                      Margaret Walden
- I. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:  
Brian Gayten                      Steven Schwartz                      Aimee Yang
- J. Havasu Landing Resort & Casino - Chemehuevi Indian Tribe of the Chemehuevi Reservation:  
Jacqueline Gordon                      Thomas Martinez                      Vickie Yount
- K. Lucky 7 Casino - Smith River Rancheria:  
Terry Bray
- L. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:  
Amin Ashraf                      Nicholas Merritt                      Ernest Seal  
Edgar Tibayan
- M. Paiute Palace Casino - Bishop Paiute Tribe:  
Eric Montoya

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N. Pala Casino Spa Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:

Carlos Castro                      Lavall Durr Jr.                      Suzette Galante-James  
Alexis Mendivil

O. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:

Cesar Araujo                      Linda Dalrymple                      Michelle Embree  
Adoracion Halverson                      Chad Hill  
Kevyn Keo                      Ryan Ly                      Shannon Norris  
Ida Reyes                      Patricia Schieck                      Tracey Traih  
Hsiao Wang

P. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:

Thomas Caldwell                      Russell Chitwood III                      Debra Landis  
Kaipo Pearl                      Christina Reuser

Q. Spa Resort Casino - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Michael Sanders

R. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:

Richard Dean Bonifacio                      Robert Bulster  
Mitchel Gusky                      Roger Hagoriles                      Elizabeth Hinds  
Paul Revak                      Terri Wild

S. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:

Hyu Soong Chang                      Coralyn Delfin                      Stanley Espinoza  
Joaquin Gonzales

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

Traci Hobson                      Masumi Kamio                      Paulina Phongsaiophonh  
Mey Saechao                      Saancho Saelee

U. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation:

Gerald Dickerson                      Kirk Hardin                      Jo Ann Restko  
Sharie Rose Soriano

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved the Consent Calendar items 10 through 16.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Reverend James Butler

A summary of Reverend Butler's comments pertain to the Reverend requesting that the Commission have a more open/transparent web site as it relates to making available card room license(s) with conditions and Accusations that have been filed available on the Commission web site.

**CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:**

Prior to holding Closed Session, Chief Counsel disclosed that Closed Session item III. would be addressed in Closed Session.

**CLOSED SESSION:** 11:17 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):
- A. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Work Permit for Christopher Tuck, (CGCC-2014-1120-7C)
  - B. In the Matter of the Application for Renewal of Work Permit for Curt Mieczkowski, (CGCC-2014-1023-10)
  - C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Work Permit for Francisco Monares, (CGCC-2013-1010-8A)
  - D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Key Employee Portable Personal License for Ruben Moreno, (CGCC-2014-0422-7B)
- III. Personnel Matters (Government Code section 11126(a)(1): Business and Professions Code section 19816(a))

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:** 11:25 a.m.

The Commissioners deliberated and considered Closed Session item III. Decision was made that Todd Vlaanderen will now be the only acting Interim Executive Director of the Commission. Chairman Evans thanked Anna Carr for helping out and for her diligence in everything she does.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Evans adjourned the Commission Meeting at 11:26 a.m.