California Gambling Control Commission

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MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2016 COMMISSION MEETING

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, Roger Dunstan, Lauren Hammond, and Trang To present.

3. Consideration of Request to Extend the Time to Sell Security and Showing of Due Diligence (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19882(a)):

Robert Lytle, Member King's Casino, LLC dba The Saloon at Stones

Gambling Hall

King's Casino, LLC dba The Tavern at Stones

Gambling Hall

Comments Received From:

Robert Lytle

Bill Torngren, Deputy Attorney General (DAG), Department of Justice

Action:

Commissioner Conklin asked DAG Torngren whether the approved stipulated settlement for Mr. Lytle included all ownership interest. DAG Torngren relied that yes is does. Mr. Lytle stated that while his ownership application for Seven Mile Casino was withdrawn there is still the potential for a finder's fee.

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond seconded by Commissioner Dunstan and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans and Commissioners Conklin, Dunstan, Hammond, and To voting yes; the Commission approved an extension through December 8, 2016, to allow time for Mr. Lytle to sell his shares of King's Casino.

4. Application for Consideration of Renewal of State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19850, 19852, and 19876; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12345):

Casino Royale: Sacramento Casino Royale William Blanas, Member

Commissioner To disclosed that he had worked for Sheriff Lou Blanas (William Blanas' father) and does not feel there is any conflict with Mr. Blanas. Commissioner To also disclosed that he does not have any business interest with the Blanas'. Therefore, he did not recuse himself from the item.

Comments Received From:

William Blanas

Yolanda Morrow, Assistant Bureau Chief (ABC), Bureau of Gambling Control

Action:

Chairman Evan asked Mr. Blanas what was the status of the sale of Casino Royale. Mr. Blanas stated that the potential new owner had submitted an owner application to the Bureau. ABC Morrow replied that there was an application submitted; however, the Bureau was working with the applicant to resolve some deficiencies.

Upon motion of Chairman Evans seconded by Commissioner To and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans and Commissioners Conklin, Dunstan, Hammond, and To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Application through April 30, 2018, with the conditions noted below:

- 1. Sacramento Casino Royale, LLC and William Blanas must abide by all terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulated Settlement.
- 2. The State Gambling Licenses of Sacramento Casino Royale, LLC and William Blanas will remain suspended until the sale of assets to and licensure of new ownership is complete; or until the expiration of this State Gambling License.
- 5. Applications for Consideration of Initial Portable Personal Key Employee Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR, Title 4, section 12350):

A. Lovella Gillum

D. Tanya Vaquilar

B. Bryce Jaimes

E. Emma Vardy

C. Joseph Lopez

By concurrence of the Commissioners, items 5.A., 5.B. and 5.E. were heard as a group.

Comments Received From:

Lovella Gillum

Kyle Kirkland, President and General Manager of Club One, Inc.

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, Dunstan, Hammond, and To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Applications through the periods listed in the reports.

C. Joseph Lopez

Comments Received From:

Yolanda Morrow, Assistant Bureau Chief, Bureau of Gambling Control Joseph Lopez

Action:

Commissioner Conklin asked if Mr. Lopez understood the condition. Mr. Lopez said he did not understand the condition. Chairman Evans read the condition and then Mr. Lopez said he understood and agreed to the condition.

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin seconded by Commissioner Dunstan and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans and Commissioners Conklin, Dunstan, Hammond, and To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Application through January 31, 2017, with the condition noted below:

Beginning November 1, 2016, and every 180 days thereafter, Mr. Lopez must provide a written status updates, to the Bureau of Gambling Control, regarding the balance owed on his civil judgment.

D. Tanya Vaquilar

Comments Received From:

Yolanda Morrow, Assistant Bureau Chief, Bureau of Gambling Control Tanya Vaquilar, via telephone

Action:

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

Chairman Evan asked Ms. Vaquilar if she had secured other employment. Ms. Vaquilar stated that she was in negotiations with Bankers Casino for employment. The Chairman then requested that the Bureau collect more information on Tanya Vaquilar's termination.

6. Application for Consideration of Renewal Portable Personal Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12351):

Shawn Blankenship

Action:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Conklin seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans and Commissioners Conklin, Dunstan, Hammond, and To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Application through October 31, 2018, continuing with the modified condition and adding clarifying information regarding the 2011 tax lien noted below:

Modified Condition:

Within 90 days of Commission approval on October 6, 2016, and every 90 days thereafter, Mr. Blankenship must provide to the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of a payment plan and payments made to satisfy his tax lien and civil judgment claims Vista Municipal Court small claims judgment and the 2011 tax lien.

7. Applications for Consideration of Initial Work Permits (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12104):

A. Central Coast Casino:

Ronald Santiago

Comments Received From:

Ronald Santiago, via telephone

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond seconded by Commissioner Dunstan and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans and Commissioners Conklin, Dunstan, Hammond, and To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Application through May 31, 2018.

B. Outlaws Card Parlour: John Cooley

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, Dunstan, Hammond, and To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Application through April 30, 2018.

8. Application for Consideration of Conversion of Third-Party Providers of Proposition Player Services Player Registration to License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12218): PT Gaming, LLC:

Player: Hilda Klam

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans and Commissioners Conklin, Dunstan, Hammond, and To voting yes; the Commission approved the Conversion Application through October 31, 2018.

- 9. <u>Applications for Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):</u>
 - A. Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake-Running Creek Casino: Il Koo Lee

Comments Received From:

Il Koo Lee, via telephone

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans and Commissioners Conklin, Dunstan, Hammond, and To voting yes; the Commission referred the matter to a GCA Hearing.

B. Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians of California-Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino:

Hue Vang

Comments Received From:

Hue Vang

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, Dunstan, Hammond, and To voting yes; the Commission referred the matter to a GCA Hearing.

The following items were removed from the Consent Calendar and heard in Open Session:

15A. Angela Ruiz

Comments Received From:

Angela Ruiz, via telephone

Yolanda Morrow, Assistant Bureau Chief, Bureau of Gambling Control

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin seconded by Commissioner Dunstan and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans and Commissioners Conklin, Dunstan, Hammond, and To voting yes; the Commission referred the matter to a GCA Hearing.

15C. Bonk Sallgood

Comments Received From:

Bonk Sallgood, via telephone

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond seconded by Commissioner Dunstan and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioners Conklin, Dunstan, and Hammond, voting yes and Chairman Evans and Commissioner To voting no; the Commission approved the Initial Application through August 18, 2018.

15E. Ryan Winkler

Comments Received From:

Ryan Winkler, via telephone

Action:

Commissioner Hammond asked Mr. Winkler if he understood and agreed to the condition. Mr. Winkler said he understands and agreed to the condition.

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond seconded by Commissioner Conklin and carried in a vote by roll call with and Commissioners Conklin, Dunstan, and Hammond, voting yes, with Chairman Evans and Commissioner To voting no; the Commission approved the Initial Application through October 7, 2017, with the condition noted below:

Beginning November 1, 2016, and every 90 days thereafter, Mr. Winkler must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control a written update showing the progress of eliminating his outstanding debts until the debts have been satisfied.

15F. Anthony Robilio

Comments Received From:

Anthony Robilio, via telephone

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To seconded by Commissioner Hammond and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans and Commissioners, Dunstan, Hammond, and To voting yes, and Commissioner Conklin not voting; the Commission approved the Initial Application through December 30, 2016.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

- 10. <u>Applications for Consideration of Renewal Portable Personal Key Employee</u>
 <u>Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12351):</u>
 - A. Ronald Buckley
 - B. Joshua Cerone
 - C. Samuel Cohen
 - D. Christopher Haynish

- E. Su Kim
- F. Mike Macchia
- G. Michael Paras
- H. James Phan

I. Kao Saeteurn K. David Samaris

J. Kristen Salisbury

11. <u>Applications for Consideration of Initial Work Permits (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12104):</u>

A. Central Coast Casino: Soutsida Inpravongviengkham

B. Napa Valley Casino: Xianjiao Wang
C. Parkwest Casino Sonoma: Michael Rollins
D. Poker Flats Casino: Antonio Martin

12. <u>Applications for Consideration of Renewal Work Permits (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12104):</u>

A. Empire Sportsmen's Association: Betty Smith
B. Lake Bowl Cardroom: Raquel Addison

C. Parkwest Casino Sonoma: Florena Chavez Karen Fischbeck

Gerard Navarro Larry Rawson

Carol Yee

D. Poker Flats Casino: Nicolas Garcia Larios

13. <u>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, sections 12054 and 12218):</u>

A. Acme Player Services, LLC:

Players: Marnie Caisip Miguel Fuentes Jenny Ho

Savannah Kheang Siosifa Kuahuia-Nau

Jose Martin Arian Mokhayeri Annemarie Par

B. Fortune Players Group, Inc.:

Players: Guangying Li Wing Moy Thomas Sobeck

Huying Wu

C. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Players: Rachel Anderson Marco Barajas Angelene Buckner

Marco Correa Meza Angel Covarrubias

Alma Del Viento Herrera Thien Doan

Anoushavan Ghanbari Abigail Greenough

Delanie Harding Rando Has Richard Hau Laken Higley Andy Ho Kevin Hoohuli

Samuel Kim Melissa Lam Christopher Leavitt

Joseph Melton Amanda Nelson Zachary Nord

William Quinn

Marcus Settergren-Ysiano Dillon Tam
Eric Thang Seena Thao Sierra Tippens
Eugene Tran Melissa Valencia Keith Van Nyhuis

Thai Vu Shawn Zion

D. PT Gaming, LLC:

Supervisor: Sanh Cooc

Players: Paul Brodeur Marrino Hin Crystal Keeler

Anya Lamm Ariel Munoz Jhofer Perez

- 14. <u>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, sections 12054 and 12218.8):</u>
 - A. PT Gaming, LLC:

Players: Nam Doan Tian Shou Yin

B. Qualified Player Services, LLC:

Player: William Lee

- 15. <u>Applications for Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding</u> 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:
 Angela Ruiz EXCLUDED AND REMOVED FROM CONSENT
 - B. Barona Resort and Casino Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:

Paul Wisniewski

- C. Cahuilla Casino Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians of the Cahuilla Reservation:

 Bonk Sallgood EXCLUDED AND REMOVED FROM CONSENT
- D. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:

Esteban Chavez Hernandez Shawn Va

- E. Graton Resort & Casino Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
 Ryan Winkler EXCLUDED AND REMOVED FROM CONSENT
- F. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa Morongo Band of Mission Indians:

 Anthony Robilio EXCLUDED AND REMOVED FROM CONSENT
- G. River Rock Casino Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:
 Michael Masaki
- H. Running Creek Casino Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake: Gary Jackson
- I. Soboba Casino Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:

Daniel Ku Micheal Placencia

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

Patrick Hixon

- K. Sycuan Casino and Resort Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation: Victor Santos Rayas
- L. Win-River Casino Redding Rancheria:

Michael Brickwood

- 16. <u>Applications for Consideration of Renewal Tribal-State Compact Key Employee</u>
 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:

Sophia Chang Magda Charron Daniel Hartzler Vera Lehman Gary McCool Joseph Orta

Steven Tafoya Gene Yang

B. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:

Debra Dischiavo Nhi Nguy

C. Black Oak Casino - Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria:

Dylan Holly

D. Blue Lake Casino and Hotel - Blue Lake Rancheria:

William Loomis

E. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:

Joseph Beauchamp Carrie Bordios May Dizon Michael Duong Tanya Munoz Travis Jackson Hungze Pham Pha Reach Path Reach Robert Scrivener Jr. Quincy Sertaangh Sayan Smith Randall Takemoto Yougun Tence Connie Venethongkham Tsun-Kai Young

F. Colusa Casino Resort - Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:

Kao Saechao

- G. Eagle Mountain Casino Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation: Rose Gonzalez
- H. Feather Falls Casino & Lodge Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians:
 Ronald Cody
 Allen Owens Jr.
 Lee Vue

I. Hopland Sho-Ka-Wah Casino - Hopland Band of Pomo Indians:
Maria Barajas

- J. Jackson Rancheria Casino & Hotel Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:

 Robert Mackenberg San Saechao
- K. Konocti Vista Casino Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians of the Big Valley Rancheria:

Aaron Borba

- L. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa Morongo Band of Mission Indians:

 Lux Bo Fadi Loza
- M. Pala Casino Spa Resort Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:

Jeremy Kennedy Surjit Khaira Jarissa Tajuna

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

Josefina Bautista Paul Carranza Jr Michael Coltharp Shawn Driscoll Anthony Goode Chinh Huynh John Hyllested John Lindholm Maria Lischin Julie Phimmasouk Cynthia Pina Valerie Pinocci

Charles Rich Dolores Silva-Cvar

- O. Quechan Casino Resort Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation:

 Abraham Mosqueda Jacqueline Seyfert
- P. Red Hawk Casino Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:

Carmen Bruno De La Rosa Delana Dodds Ken Harvey Steven Johnson Richard Lee

Jessica Roofener Jeffrey Ysmael

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

Alec Rich Kaye Roeum George Rojes

Renee Schinkowsky

R. Soboba Casino - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:

Jason Cozart Arturo Esquivel Araceli Hernandez

Kari McCracken Dawn Zurcher

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

Howard Ea Elizabeth Gonzales

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

Robert Bulster Monte Carson Rodney Lindgren
Milagros Logan Nicole Martin Lucy Murillo
Jose Reveles Virginia Sanchez Kianoosh Tehrani

Marilou Tonnaer Wayne Yuen

U. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:

Mai Berumen Malinee Cha James Smith

V. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn

Rancheria:

Consorcio Digal Andy Moua Julie Reid

Nicole Saechin Vue Yang

W. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:

Efren Leal III Rosa Martinez Samuel Roth

James Schloegel

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin seconded by Commissioner Dunstan and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans and Commissioners Conklin, Dunstan, Hammond, and To voting yes; the Commission approved the Consent Calendar Items 10 through 16, excluding items 15A. Angela Ruiz, 15C. Bonk Sallgood, 15E. Ryan Winkler and 15F. Anthony Robilio as they were heard in Open Session.

CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:

Prior to holding Closed Session, Chief Counsel Vlaanderen disclosed that the Commissioners would meet in Closed Session on item II. A.

Executive Director Stacey Luna Baxter recused herself from Closed Session Item II. A.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

- 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. Robert Saucier, et al. v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2013-80001594)
 - C. Stand Up For California, et al. v. State of California, et al., Madera County Superior Court (MCV062850)
 - D. California Valley Miwok Tribe v. California Gambling Control Commission et al.; US District Court, Southern District California (15 CV 0622 AJB JLB)
 - E. California Valley Miwok Tribe v. California Gambling Control Commission et al.; San Diego County Superior Court (37-2015-00031738-CU-CO-CTL)
 - F. Eric G. Swallow v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2016-800002402)

- G. Garden City, Inc. v. Eric Swallow, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2016-00198132)
- H. *Darren Furtado v. California Gambling Control Commission*, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2016-800002425)
- II. <u>Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(3):</u>
 - A. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial State Gambling License for Oasis Card Room (GEGE-001339) of: Todd J. Mather (GEOW-003450); BGC Case No. BCG-HQ2015-00010SL; CGCC Case No. CGCC-2015-0326-4

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Evans adjourned the Commission Meeting at 11:00 AM. No further information was given.