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**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 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, and Lauren Hammond present. Commissioner Trang To was absent.

Executive Director (ED) Stacey Luna Baxter welcomed the new Deputy Director of Administration, Alana Carter. ED Luna Baxter acknowledged that Alana comes from the Department of Justice and has 15 years of experience, primarily in Administration and brings a wealth of knowledge to run the Commission's Administration Division. Secondly, ED Luna Baxter announced that Manager Lisa Rowell from the Division of Licensing was retiring. ED Luna Baxter stated that Ms. Rowell has over 28 years of state service with 13 years at the Commission. She further acknowledged that Lisa has a wealth of experience and knowledge of historical events here at the Commission that would be greatly missed. ED Luna Baxter concluded by saying that Lisa has a wonderful personality and a great work ethic. Ms. Rowell gets along excellently with all the staff and has created great working relationships with the counterparts at the Bureau.

Chairman Evans welcomed Alana and stated that he appreciates Ms. Rowell's good humor and helpful attitude. Commissioner Hammond thanked Lisa for answering tough questions and for reminding her when she is wrong and when she was right. Commissioner Hammond then welcomed Alana Carter to the Commission.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for:
August 25, 2016

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin seconded by Commissioner Dunstan and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans and Commissioners, Conklin

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Dunstan and Hammond voting yes; the Commission approved the minutes for August 25, 2016.

4. Consideration to Withdraw Application for State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869; CCR, Title 4, sections 12015 and 12054):

Palomar Card Club:

Lorena Von Kaenel

Due to Designated Agent Keith Sharp's unavailability to attend the Commission meeting, the item was tabled until the December 8, 2016 Commission meeting.

Commissioner Conklin requested that the Bureau find out why Ms. Von Kaenel wants to withdraw and put it into the report for December 8, 2016 Commission meeting.

5. Applications for Consideration of Initial Portable Personal Key Employee Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12350):

- A. Artur Antaplyan
- B. Edward Lang
- C. Lisa Nguyen

By concurrence of the Commissioners, item 5.A. through 5.C. were heard as a group.

Action:

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

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

Fortune Players Group, Inc.:

Player:

Eva Yan

Comments Received From:

Eva Yan, via telephone

Danny Wong, Interpreter, via telephone

Jarhett Blonien, Designated Agent, via telephone

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

Commissioner Dunstan made a motion and Commissioner Hammond seconded to recommend approval. Both withdrew their motions as the Chairman requested more information regarding the incidents of Ms. Yan's shortage of money from her tray, and whether the money was actually lost or stolen.

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ABC Morrow asked Jarhett Blonien if he could provide any information from Lucky Chances Casino as he is the Cardroom's Designated Agent and if there was a report on the two incidents of the cash shortages.

Mr. Blonien replied that the cardroom had the history of the two cash shortages and that Ms. Yan was suspended for four days for the shortage, she was not terminated and remained employed through 2007.

No action was taken as the Chairman and Commissioners requested to place Ms. Yan's License Conversion on a future agenda pending receipt of the information from the Bureau's investigation of the two incidents. Ms. Yan's current registration does not expire until January 31, 2018.

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):

TCS John Huxley America, Inc.:

Eric Poulton, Financial Director and Secretary

Action:

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

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

Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino – Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians of California:

Jacques Tcha

Comments Received From:

Jacques Tcha, via telephone

Yolanda Morrow, Assistant Bureau Chief, Bureau of Gambling Control

Commissioner Hammond read the condition and asked Jacques Tcha if he understood the condition placed on his Application. Mr. Tcha said he did.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond seconded by Chairman Evans and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans and Commissioners, Conklin Dunstan and Hammond voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Application through August 22, 2017, with the condition noted below.

Beginning December 1, 2016, and every 180 days thereafter Mr. Tcha must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of monthly payments towards all of his Fresno County Court Fines.

9. Hearings Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19870 and 19871 and CCR, Title 4, section 12060:

Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Initial Work Permit for Mai Xiong, (GCADS-GEWP-002403)

Staff Counsel Jason Pope stated that Commission staff referred Mai Xiong's application to an evidentiary hearing following the Bureau's recommendation of denial in May of 2016. The applicant was given 15 days to return a notice of defense form requesting a hearing and she did not respond. Ms. Xiong was also given a notice of hearing regarding the hearing today and she did not respond.

Commissioner Conklin made a motion to approve a default decision and then amended her motion to deny the Initial Work Permit for Mai Xiong by a default decision.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin seconded by Commissioner Dunstan and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans and Commissioners, Conklin Dunstan and Hammond voting yes; the Commission approved to take the default and deny the Initial Work Permit.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

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

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| A. Gus Ayashi | L. Gary Kobayashi |
| B. Renee Boches | M. Justin Liddicoat |
| C. Thomas Chiang | N. Peter Lydon |
| D. Rick Covello | O. Tony Nguyen |
| E. Richard Danisi | P. Johnny Reeves |
| F. Rebecca Gray | Q. Ron Sarabi |
| G. Nancy Grout | R. Gregory Steponavicius |
| H. Cheng Her | S. Richard Tilley |
| I. Phillip Hewitt | T. Jack Tumasian |
| J. Brenda Hill | U. Robert Velasquez |
| K. Camille Johnson | V. Marc Weinreich |

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

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| A. Empire Sportsmen's Association: | Shawn Seng | |
| B. Lake Bowl Cardroom: | Miranda Reimche | |
| C. Napa Valley Casino: | Christopher Henderson | |
| D. Parkwest Casino Sonoma: | Stacy Wassana | |
| E. Poker Flats Casino: | Tom Tam | |
| F. Towers Casino: | Joel Brown | Tyler Guenter |

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

- A. Empire Sportsmen's Association: Narin Kak Daniel Loum
- B. Napa Valley Casino: Anthony Hutchins Teresa Vandal
Minangela Zievinger
- C. Parkwest Casino Sonoma: Rose Blanda
- D. The Deuce Lounge & Casino: Renee Boches Gumbel Saepfan

13. 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, sections 12054 and 12218):

- A. Aces High Gaming, LLC:
Player: Choi Plowen
- B. Acme Player Services, LLC:
Players: Lou Calleja Marc Andro Espana Michael Jajo
Chris Eric Limos Leroy Ling Kenneth Nguyen
Nathan Seth Maly Sorn Ronglu Zhang
- C. Fortune Players Group, Inc.:
Players: Pai Chung Gengino Gozum Hugh Ha
Gaudencio Jonson Jr. Julie Tan
- D. Gaming Fund Group, Inc:
Player: Ngan Huynh
- E. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
Players: Ronald Alejo Christopher Candelario Charles Cole
Monichan Chea Joshua Dean Richard Deleon
Lourdes Delgado William Drennan Cedrina Gaines
Brandon Garcia Yoselyn Gramajo-Recinos
Anthony Goodman Michael Harris Leticia Hurm
Michelle Khounphinith Jason Lee Yeins Lee
Juan Lezcano Lionel McCrory Jefferson Moua
Larry Moua Raymond Ouch Ashley Perez
Francisco Perez Bundy Phon Bunthy Phon
Emily Pich Raul Puyat Natalie Ramirez-Castro
Angel Ruiz Bronson Scott Yany Sin
Eric Tang Pow Vang Success Vang
- F. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:
Players: Carleen Muth Christie Vanthamaly
- G. PT Gaming, LLC:
Players: Stephanie Anguiano Ricky Valenzuela
Miguel Villalobos Nahatai Wichaiwong
- H. Rhino Gaming, Inc.:
Player: Garland Xiong

14. Applications for Consideration of Renewal of Third-Party Providers of Proposition Player Services Supervisor/Player Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12218.8):

- A. Mega Gaming, LLC:
Supervisor: Vay San

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B. PT Gaming, LLC:

Supervisors:	Michael Hartley	Robert Willard	Alejandro Jose Encinas
Players:	Jorge Hernandez	Lon Saechao	Noel Tibayan
	Ron Touch		

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. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Prudence Kaffer

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

Amber Massey

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

Lonnie Coleman Jr. Estefania Concha Nunez

D. Casino Pauma - Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma & Yuima Reservation:

Timothy Lewis

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

Joshua Atkins	William Brooks	Ananda Keomany
Lee Moua	Stefanie Olsen	Ramda Thongprasith
Yeng Vang	David Wu	

F. Chumash Casino & Resort Enterprise - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:

Kali Henke Abraham Huacuja Flores

G. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:

Randy Rawson Aileen Rico

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

Jonathan Henry

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

Mindy Ellison

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

Mark Escalanti Aubrianne Schneiderman

K. San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino - San Manuel Band of Mission Indians:

Sean Smith

L. Sherwood Valley Rancheria Casino - Sherwood Valley Rancheria of Pomo Indians:

William Foss

M. Spotlight 29 Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:

Omar Ferreira Robelle Labrador-Stieber

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:

Reynaldo Agriam	Maria Bahena	Jennifer Birmingham
Evangelestine Canada	Adolfo Carpena	Jacob Ezekiel Dawson
Darryl Galvan	Jennifer Gonzalez	Stephanie Guzman
Robert Harper	Sherry Jones	Fernando Martinez

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| Marilyn Reynaga | Jennifer Russell | Janis Sawyer |
| Steven Seager | Craig Stodolka | Cathie Wright |
- B. Bear River Casino Hotel - Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria:
Paul Valles
- C. Black Oak Casino - Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria:
Terry Mehl
- D. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:
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| Cintya Ambrosy | Jimmy An | Brian Banducci |
| Dustin Day | Helen Deliguin | Nathan Gould |
| Nancy Singsahanath | Evelyn Smith | |
- E. Cher-Ae-Heights Casino - Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria:
Deon Metzger
- F. Chumash Casino & Resort Enterprise - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:
Cristina Villanueva
- G. Colusa Casino Resort - Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:
Allen Burrious Yer Vang
- H. Jackson Rancheria Casino & Hotel - Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
Gloria Adkins Gina Frias Russell Montgomery
Leslie Nielsen
- I. Pala Casino Spa Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:
Carolyn Burke Qi Da Monika Dimaggio
- J. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
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| Alina Acevedo | Wenifredo Ambrosio | Allan Aromin |
| Terence Rey Balagot | Bruce Bobal | Yu Chen |
| Matthew Clawson | Linda Gonzales | Ayman Hanna |
| Jayne Hauck | Yung Feng Lee | Cynthia Maciel |
| Rogelio Mejares Jr. | Tamara Montoya | Darlene Owen |
| Edwin Ponce | Steven Risafi | Shiela Sardilla |
| Sarah Smitherman | Angela Spillman | Matthew Utley |
| George Vaughter Jr | Susan Wilkinson | Wai Wong |
- K. Quechan Casino Resort - Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation:
Jerry Allison Christopher Duran Peggy Jefferson
Kristina Sanchez
- L. Red Earth Casino - Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians:
Benjamin Baltazar Priscilla Rivera
- M. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:
Eugene Brunner Glenn Hokanson Nicholas McDonnell
Pay Moua Hazel Ramirez Farm Saechao
Kao Saelee Jessica Shaw Miguel Soto
- N. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:
Nathanael Doyer Derrick Franklin

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- O. Soboba Casino - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:
Andrew Hixson Kimberly Jiron
- P. Spa Resort Casino - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:
William Caronna Austin Cobos Jesita Eaton
Derek Fryer Kyle Haas Fely Ignacio
Mark Jones Brigitte Martins Iris Moyer
Lorena Soto Thomas Terry Terrence Tracy
- Q. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:
John Aquino Michael Garcia Christopher Huff
Philip Ragandac
- R. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:
Allen Enquist Rickelle Stockton
- S. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:
Todd DeRemer Angela Padilla
- T. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:
Robert Anaya Kenoli Fonseca Semon Israael
Joshua Jennings Guillermo Medina Ramiro Villalobos

Action:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Retiring Manager of the Commission's Licensing Division Lisa Rowell stated that she wants everyone to know that she appreciated the staff in Licensing and acknowledged that they are very loyal and dedicated individuals that work super hard and also have a lot of fun. She also wanted to acknowledge the working relationship with the Bureau as they have been a joy to work with. Ms. Rowell acknowledged Yolanda Morrow as Assistant Bureau Chief and said that she is very proud of her. Lisa concluded by stating, remember where you have come from and stay humble and have integrity. It has been a great journey and she thanked everyone.

CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:

Prior to holding closed session, Chief Counsel Vlaanderen disclosed that the Commissioners would meet in closed session on items I H. and II.D.

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)

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

- 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
- B. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Amber Cadena, (CGCC-2016-0211-9)
- C. In the Matter of the Application for Renewal of State Gambling License for Poker Flats Casino, Terry Vargas, Sole Proprietor, (CGCC-2015-0122-3B)
- D. In the Matter of the Accusation Against Lucky Chances, Inc., Rommel Medina, Ruell Medina (OAH No.2015110463)
- E. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Initial Regular Work Permit for Mai Xiong, (GCADS-GEWP-002403)

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Evans adjourned the meeting into closed session at 10:30 AM. No further information was given.