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**MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 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.

Chairman Evans wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated that he hoped everyone had a nice winter break with family and got some relaxation. Chairman Evans introduced Eric Petosky as the Commission's new Public Information Officer and Ashley Heebner who is working in the Regulations Division.

Executive Director (ED) Stacey Luna Baxter stated that she has recused herself from items that she had worked on during her tenure at the Bureau of Gambling Control. ED Luna Baxter went on to say that most of us were aware that she was the Assistant Bureau Chief at the Bureau of Gambling Control. Now that she is Executive Director at the California Gambling Control Commission she has chosen to recuse herself from items she was involved with while at the Bureau of Gambling Control in order to prevent the appearance of bias. She stated that some of those items are still coming before the Commission and will throughout the year. Therefore, at the beginning of the Commission meeting ED Luna Baxter will disclose the hearing item(s) that she will recuse herself from. At this meeting, ED Luna Baxter recused herself from items 4.A., 4.B., and 6 which were heard concurrently. In her final statement, she reminded everyone that her recusal items are attached to the November 5, 2015, meeting minutes located on the Commission's website.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for:

- A. November 17, 2015 – GCA Hearing
- B. November 19, 2015

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

A. Julie Morgan

Comments Received From:

Julie Morgan, 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 approved the Initial Application through February 29, 2016.

The Commissioner's advised Julie Morgan that pursuant to Gambling Control Act statue she cannot work as a Key Employee and Third Party Proposition Player in the same cardroom. Ms. Morgan stated that she understood.

By concurrence of the Commissioners, Items 7.B. and 7.C. were considered simultaneously.

B. Robert Newman

C. Janet Reynolds

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 Applications through the periods listed in the reports.

D. Shane Totua

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, 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 the period listed in the report.

8. Application 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, section 12218.8):

Pacific Gaming Services, LLC:

Player: Jimmy Trinh

Comments Received From:

David Hondale, Supervisor for Jimmy Trinh, Pacific Gaming Services, via telephone

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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 approved to extend the item for 30-days through February 29, 2016, so that the Commissioners could speak directly with Jimmy Trinh. Mr. Trinh was not available during this Commission meeting. Also, the Commissioners advised Mr. Hondale that if he was representing or speaking on Mr. Trinh's behalf, he would need to submit a Designated Agent form.

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

Genesis Gaming Solutions, Inc.: Randall Knust, President, Shareholder
John Knust Jr., Treasurer, Shareholder
Richard Garza, Secretary, Shareholder
Alton Schoppe, Director, Shareholder

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 Finding of Suitability through January 31, 2018.

10. 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):

Masque Publishing, Inc.: James Wisler, President, Treasurer,
Director, Shareholder
Donna Adam, Vice President, Director
David Zinger, Secretary, Director, Shareholder

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 Renewal Finding of Suitability through January 31, 2018.

11. 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. Chicken Ranch Casino – Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California:
Michael Smith

Comments Received From:

Michael Smith, via telephone

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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 Initial Finding of Suitability through November 8, 2016, with the condition noted below:

Beginning February 1, 2016, every 180 days thereafter, Mr. Smith must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of monthly payments toward his judgment liens and outstanding court fines with the Tuolumne County Superior Court.

- B. Feather Falls Casino & Lodge – Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California:
Eduardo Chavez

Comments Received From:

Edward Chavez, 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 Finding of Suitability through September 5, 2016 with the condition noted below:

Beginning February 1, 2016, every 180 days thereafter, Mr. Chavez must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of monthly payments toward his Federal and State Tax Liens.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

12. 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. Lorieilyn Alcantara | E. Sandi Miller |
| B. Jonathan Boone | F. Andrew Pye |
| C. Jason Brisby | G. Jai Saechao |
| D. Michael Lazer | H. Andrea Vivas Botero |

13. Consideration to Withdraw Application for Portable Personal Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869; Title 4, section 12015):
Gabriel Dinca

14. 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. Club San Rafael: | Maureen Meex | |
| B. Empire Sportsmen's Association: | Phong Nguyen | Anjelleque Pineda |
| C. Merced Poker Room: | Ong Thao | |

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| D. Napa Valley Casino: | Thai Doan | Sominea Meas |
| | Michael Singleton | Ikenna Tanaka |
| E. Oceana Cardroom: | Alfonso Bedania Jr. | Terence Cruciger |
| | Hiep Nguyen | |
| F. Parkwest Casino Sonoma: | Hui Wu | |

15. 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. Empire Sportsmen's Association: | Tom Diep | Nancy Lee |
| B. Napa Valley Casino: | Pei Yu Zhao | |
| C. Parkwest Casino Sonoma: | Romeo Manangquil | Christina Toleu |

16. 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):

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| A. Arise, LLC: | | | |
| Supervisor: | Thida Chhun | | |
| Players: | Tom Her | Malis Mam | |
| B. Certified Players, Inc.: | | | |
| Player: | Ernesto Lorenzo | | |
| C. PT Gaming, LLC: | | | |
| Players: | Rene Arceo II | William Canales | |
| | Otto Castellanos | Christopher Catbagan | |
| | Byron Cerdas | Hang Chan | Henry Ka |
| | Khangna Chey | Felicia Cuellar | Diamond Dixon |
| | Carlos Gallardo | Juan Gomez | Soua Her |
| | Sean Jackson | Sean Leyson | Ashley Lucas |
| | Katrina Munoz | Nguyet Nguyen | |
| | Susanne Pivaral | Brien Pu | |
| | Taylor Reed | Anthony Sam | |
| | Kelly Truong | | |
| D. Qualified Player Services, LLC: | | | |
| Players: | Jessica Grimes | Braden Hodges | |
| | Kymerlee Jolly | | |

17. 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, section 12218.8):

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| A. Certified Players, Inc.: | | | |
| Player: | Ashleh Rychen | | |
| B. Gaming Fund Group, Inc.: | | | |
| Players: | Benson Chhay | Cheuk Lee | |
| C. PT Gaming, LLC: | | | |
| Supervisors: | Warren Flores | Mike Her | Sopheha Sim |
| Players: | Christopher Anies | Crystal Hester | Dino Marcelino |
| | Rowena Morada-Aquino | | Deja Robertson |
| | Kathy Saechao | Bai Thao | |

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D. Qualified Player Services, LLC:
Supervisor: Michael Hill
Player: Anthony Pann

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

PT Gaming, LLC:
Player: Delbert Reed

19. 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:

Jaime Barriga Yvette Frias Marcel Huerta

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

Patrick Albertini TJ Froelich Brandy Musick
Matthew Muzquiz

C. Bear River Casino Hotel - Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria:

Ryan Hall

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

Pablo Lopez Dessa Murphy

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

Baron Mielke

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

Ubaldo Lievanos Tue Lor

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

Belinda Madarang

H. Chicken Ranch Casino - Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:

James Beland Joseph Maloney

I. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:

Asri Gordon

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

Lydia Schuck

K. Coyote Valley Casino - Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians:

John Pickett

L. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:

Joevitta Butler Martha Lopez

M. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:

Lydia Rodriguez Febus

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

Marc Brashears Kristofer Brennan David Carrillo Jr.
Hunter DeMattei-Hopper Michelle Granado Stacy Heagney
Jacob Martin Sonny Pangilinan Martha Sosanavongsa

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- O. Harrah's Resort Southern California - Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation:
William Holloway
- P. Jackson Rancheria Casino & Hotel - Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
Jesse Grosse Tanya Wood Paul
- Q. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
Nicole Baysinger Herrera Lux Bo Monique Castillo
Christopher Cook William Duke Farrah Fink
Lacey Henthorn Romulo Miranda-Real Michael Perkins
Ahmad Yaghoubi
- R. Pala Casino Spa Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:
Joshua Billins Sara Cronk Jonathan Rolstad
- S. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
Matthew Clawson Lee Fintel Graciela Flores
John Garcia Brian Henn Chinh Huynh
Yung Feng Lee Hayatullah Shah Blaine Simmons
Alvin Zayas
- T. Quechan Casino Resort - Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation:
Jacqueline Seyfert Phillip Simons
- U. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:
Daniel Inman Franklyn Mosher
- V. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:
Raeleen Brown Abel Gonzalez Christina Peters
Jose Sanchez
- W. San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino - San Manuel Band of Mission Indians:
Loren Gill Edith Sanchez Candy Stout
- X. Soboba Casino - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:
Edgar Valenzuela Barraza
- Y. Spa Resort Casino - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:
Daniel Aragon Austin Cobos
- Z. Spotlight 29 Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:
Jorge Meza Jr. Raul Reynaga
- AA. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:
Erika Hoffard
- BB. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:
Christa Barnes Mai Berumen Malinee Cha
Angel Fabian Leonel Gonzalez Diana Guzman
Tong Hang Mai Her Tony Her
Christopher Huff Philip Ragandac Joette Rolbiecki
Mey Saelee Malik Skouti Ya Thao
Eutimio Torres Matilda Villafan Carol Vongxay
Pao Yang
- CC. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:
Randy Atkins Lai Saetern Charles Zurek III

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- DD. Tortoise Rock Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:
Paul Desilets Jr.
- EE .Twin Pine Casino & Hotel - Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians:
Cody Torres
- FF. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission
Indians of the Viejas Reservation:
Daniel Espinoza III Aaron Leffler

20. 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:
Ricarte Agbayani Chimera Davis Fernando Martinez
Janis Sawyer Karen Woodruff
- B. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission
Indians:
Casey Beatty Jeffrey Carbonell Afsaneh Dabiry
Daniel Droddy Jeffrey Johnston Raymond Juergens
Andrew Kreischer David La Chappa Jr. Matthew McFarlane
Michael Murphy Andrew Osuna Elizabeth Pendleton
Yohmary Rios Rodney Salazar Aaron Watt
- C. Bear River Casino Hotel - Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria:
Loren Pelley
- D. Black Oak Casino - Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne
Rancheria:
James DeLong Kristopher Forrester Darren Lockwood
Timothy Skellenger
- E. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:
Tessa Gudino Leslie Guidera Juan Gutierrez
Felybituin Harlan Lynda Hong Kee Kang
Matthew Klinkovsky Ramon Martinez Lai San
Tikaram Subedy Jake Thungh Ken Tieu
Jay Vang
- F. Chicken Ranch Casino - Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
Timothy Hutson Leslie West
- G. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the
Santa Ynez Reservation:
Christopher Atkinson Brandy Gaver Jennifer Ramirez
Stefanie Robles Sean Smith Cynthia St. Clair
Dennis Theiler Miguel Valencia Jr.
- H. Colusa Casino Resort - Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa
Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:
Krystal Guenther
- I. Elk Valley Casino - Elk Valley Rancheria:
Mary Berry
- J. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
Anthony Hernandez Keith Miller Vincent Miller
Phalkun Phann Mollie Valle

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- K. Konocti Vista Casino - Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians of the Big Valley Rancheria:
Lawrence Green
- L. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
Joseph Stoner
- M. Pala Casino Spa Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:
Colleen Kurschinski Candace Loanzon Kelly Noss
- N. Quechan Casino Resort - Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation:
Anesia Noriega
- O. Rolling Hills Casino - Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians:
Jeffrey Realander
- P. San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino - San Manuel Band of Mission Indians:
Fidel Castro Robert Haggerty David Hong
Bruce Johnson Robert Martinez III
- Q. Spa Resort Casino - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:
William Caronna Kyle Haas Fely Ignacio
Brigite Martins Pitchesinee Sandau Lorena Soto
Lorena Tapia Cathie Wright
- R. Spotlight 29 Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:
Jorge Hurtado Jon Kounovsky Felimon Perez
Cecilie Quezada Mike Reyes
- S. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:
Matasaua Case Ericka Romero Gregory Smith
- T. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:
Bauj Fang Tasha Firestone Patrick Guyett
Noemi Mazquiaran Carrie Melton
- U. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:
Jay Kenneth Dampitan Cynthia Donez Juan Flores
Chio Saechao Maria Saldana
- V. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:
Justin Horn Matthew Lemos John Rochfort Jr.
- W. Tortoise Rock Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:
Shelby Blair
- X. Twin Pine Casino & Hotel - Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians:
Dawn Chappell Jamie Haugan Danielle Lentz
Felipe Leon Jr. Shaun Sims
- Y. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:
Lauri Adams Erick Angulo Moreno Preoung Chottikhun
Beatrice Rodriguez

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Dunstan, 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 Consent Calendar Items 12 through 20.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:

Prior to holding Closed Session, Chief Counsel Vlaanderen disclosed that the Commissioners would meet in Closed Session on item II.A. and II.B. No further information was provided.

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)

- II. Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(3):
 - A. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Thomas Miller, (CGCC-2013-1212-18D)
 - B. In the Matter of the Application for Renewal of State Gambling License for: La Primavera Pool Hall & Café, Candelario Salas, Sole Proprietor, (CGCC Case No. 2009-12-03-02)
 - C. *San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians v. State of California, et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court (BC431469)

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Evans adjourned the Commission Meeting at 11:22 A.M.