

GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2016 GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order and Welcome – Stacey Luna Baxter, Executive Director

Executive Director Stacey Luna Baxter called the March 10, 2016, meeting of the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC), to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members

Roll call of the Committee Members was taken. Kermit Schayltz, Brent Meyer, Joy Harn, Haig Kelegian, Jr., Darrell Miers, Yolanda Morrow, Leonard Powell, and Keith Sharp were present. Robert Jacobson was absent.

Staff Participating: Stacey Luna Baxter, Executive Director and R. Todd Vlaanderen, Chief Counsel.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 25, 2015

Kermit Schayltz moved to approve the February 25, 2015 meeting minutes. Joy Harn seconded the motion and by consensus the Committee Members approved the minutes.

4. Category H Vacancy

Stacey Luna Baxter discussed the continued recruitment efforts to fill the category H opening for the GPAC committee. Ms. Luna Baxter explained that category H is the general public at large member position. She stated that although a recommendation for an appointment to the Category H seat was made on February 25, 2016, the Commission was reluctant to approve an appointment because all the applicants that applied for this category had connections with the industry. The Commission has asked that she re-advertise to fill the vacancy. Ms. Luna Baxter stated that the Commission is working on the re-advertisement and it'll likely be released over the next few weeks.

5. Gaming Policy Advisory Committee Roles and Responsibilities

A. Term of Office

Stacey Luna Baxter indicated that a GPAC seat term is for two years; however, some of the new appointments may be backfilling a seat and are completing an existing two-year term. As such, the individual member's term may be shorter than two years. She further indicated that a list of GPAC members and their term expiration dates is posted on the Commission's website.

B. Chairperson and Co-Chairperson

Both Kermit Schayltz and Brent Meyer indicated that they would like to step-down as the Chairperson and Co-Chairperson for GPAC. It was decided that the nominations for an appointment of a new Chairperson and Co-Chairperson would be included on the agenda for the next GPAC meeting.

C. Frequency and Location of Meeting

It was decided that GPAC would meet every six weeks and alternate meeting locations could be considered.

D. Overview of Bagley-Keene Act

Todd Vlaanderen presented an overview of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act to the GPAC members, indicating that the Advisory Committee is a statutorily established state body subject to the Open Meeting Act.

Resulting from discussions that ensued concerning alternate locations for future GPAC meetings, Stacey Luna Baxter stated that staff would research which Southern California state offices have meeting rooms available. In addition, Todd Vlaanderen stated he would research whether holding GPAC meetings at a gaming establishment could be considered a "gift to the State". This item will be included on the next agenda for further discussion.

E. Committee Advisors

Stacey Luna Baxter indicated that both she and Todd Vlaanderen would act as advisors to the GPAC committee.

F. Review Mission Statement for Possible Revision

No changes.

6. Update and Discussion of Current Projects

A. Review of Application and Supplemental Forms (Sub-committee Members: Joy Harn and Yolanda Morrow)

Yolanda Marrow reported on the application and supplemental forms project indicating that proposed amendments to the forms has been submitted to Commission staff who are currently working on incorporating them in a licensing regulatory package. Both Joy Harn and Yolanda Marrow indicated that the GPAC project has been completed. As such, this project will be removed from the list of pending GPAC projects.

B. Surveillance Requirements for Video Clarity and Format (Sub-committee Member(s): Darrell Miers and Vacant)

Darrell Miers reported on the surveillance requirements for video clarity and format project. Mr. Miers indicated that the two main issues are clarity and the Bureau's capability to view the recordings. The GPAC members decided to continue the project. Leonard Powell volunteered to assist as a sub-committee member.

C. Revision of GPAC Selection Process (Sub-committee Member(s): Robert Jacobson and Vacant)

Stacey Luna Baxter explained that the GPAC selection process sub-committee was tasked with developing a process for reappointment, resignation, and removal of GPAC members. She also requested that the sub-committee work on defining the member-at-large position. Ms. Luna Baxter requested a volunteer to assist with this project along with Robert Jacobson; however, there were no volunteers. Since Robert Jacobson was not present at the meeting no update was provided to GPAC on the sub-committee's progress.

7. Open Discussion of Any New Items

A. Introduction and Discussion of Possible New GPAC Projects

Leonard Powell requested a presentation from Commission and Bureau staff on significant projects that GPAC could address. Mr. Powell also suggested having a Bureau inspector provide a presentation to GPAC on a hypothetical facility inspection.

Haig Kelegian, Jr. suggested that GPAC consider reviewing the background licensing structure to see how it can be streamlined for existing owners that wish to enter into additional transactional purchases. Mr. Kelegian also suggested GPAC work on a project to address extending the license renewal cycle.

Keith Sharp suggested that GPAC consider looking into additional authority to be given to the Executive Director or the Bureau to streamline current processes, such as to approve requests for additional tables and other similar transactions.

Keith Sharp moved to adopt the three suggestions made by Haig Kelegian, Jr. and himself as new GPAC projects. Mr. Kelegian seconded the motion and all members voted yes in agreement.

Haig Kelegian, Jr. and Yolanda Morrow volunteered to be sub-committee members on the project concerning streamlining licensing for existing owners.

There were no volunteers to sub-committee the project concerning extending the license renewal cycle. Todd Vlaanderen indicated that Commission legal staff will prepare a report that indicates which license renewal cycles can be changed by regulatory process and which ones would require a statutory change.

Keith Sharp volunteered to sub-committee the project concerning delegating additional authority to the Executive Director or Bureau. In addition, Todd Vlaanderen stated he would research what areas could be changed by regulatory process and which areas would require a statutory change to delegate authority.

8. Scheduling Next Meeting/Discussion Items for Next Agenda

It was decided that the next GPAC meeting would be scheduled on April 25, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.