



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

A. Benjamin Crawford

Comments Received From:

Benjamin Crawford, via telephone

Mr. Crawford was on the telephone to respond to any questions from the Commission.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Hammond, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Key Employee License through February 28, 2018.

B. Roger Jenkins

Comments Received From:

Roger Jenkins, via telephone

Chairman Evans asked Mr. Jenkins that if he is going to be a Key Employee will he be inclined to participate in sports betting. Mr. Jenkins responded that the incident happened fourteen years ago, he learned his lesson, and it will never happen again.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Hammond, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Key Employee License through April 30, 2018.

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

A. Roger Quillen

Comments Received From:

Roger Quillen, in person

Yolanda Morrow, Assistant Director, Bureau of Gambling Control

Commissioner Hammond asked Mr. Quillen if he understood the condition to be placed on his license. Mr. Quillen responded that he did understand the condition and is attempting to obtain the correct paperwork to clear his debt.

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Assistant Director Yolanda Morrow (Assistant Director Morrow) stated that for compliance Mr. Quillen could provide documentation to either show the debt is paid off, or that reflects a payment plan is in place.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Hammond, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Key Employee License through October 31, 2019, with the amended condition noted below:

*Beginning November 1, 2017, and every 90 days thereafter, Roger Quillen, must provide to the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve or establish a payment plan to satisfy the two judgments filed with the Stanislaus County Recorder's Office.*

B. Peter Schneider

No action taken as Mr. Schneider was not available to respond to questions. Item to be moved to the October 19, 2017 Commission Meeting.

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

Casino Merced: Stephen Herrera

Comments Received From:

Stephen Herrera, in person

Todd Vlaanderen, Chief Counsel, Gambling Control Commission

Adrianna Alcalá-Beshara, Deputy Director, Gambling Control Commission

Stephen Herrera commented about the confusion of his non-disclosure. Chairman Evans stopped him as his item may go to evidentiary hearing and the Commission Meeting was not the forum to discuss the non-disclosure.

Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara noted that his temporary work permit has been cancelled.

Chief Counsel Vlaanderen stated that the Legal division has been scheduling evidentiary hearings into March of 2018, and the evidentiary hearing would not be heard before then. Ms. Alcalá-Beshara mentioned that as soon as the Commission receives the Notice of Defense the evidentiary hearing can be scheduled.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Hammond, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the

Commission referred the Initial Work Permit to a Gambling Control Act (GCA) evidentiary hearing.

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

A. Acme Player Services, LLC:

Player: Benny Wong

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Hammond, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Conversion License through October 31, 2019.

B. PT Gaming, LLC:

Player: Luis Ramirez Lopez

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Hammond, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Conversion License through October 31, 2019.

8. Consideration of Renewal of Third-Party Provider of Proposition Player Services License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12218.8):

Arise, LLC:

Player: Haftom Gebyow

Comments Received From:

Haftom Gebyow, via telephone

Commissioner Hammond asked Mr. Gebyow If he understood the condition placed on his license. Mr. Gebyow confirmed he understands the condition.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Hammond, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal License through October 31, 2019, with the condition noted below:

*Beginning November 1, 2017, and every 90 days thereafter, as needed, Haftom Gebyow must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control proof*

*of payment in accordance with the payment plan for the fees owed for the outstanding court fines.*

9. Consideration to Withdraw Application(s) to Convert Third-Party Proposition Registration to a License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, sections 12015 and 12054):

A. Global Player Services, Inc.:

Player: Sammy Khamsomphou

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Hammond, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the request to withdraw the Conversion License with prejudice.

B. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Player: Sammy Khamsomphou

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Hammond, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the request to withdraw the Conversion License with prejudice.

C. PT Gaming, LLC:

Players:

i) Holden Craig

Comments Received From:

Yolanda Morrow, Assistant Director, Bureau of Gambling Control

For the record, Assistant Director Morrow stated that originally Mr. Craig's conviction was overlooked when issuing his registration. If Mr. Craig applied for a registration again his conviction would be an automatic disqualifier.

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Hammond, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the request to withdraw the Conversion License with prejudice.

ii) Joel Muniz

Comments Received From:

Yolanda Morrow, Assistant Director, Bureau of Gambling Control  
Todd Vlaanderen, Chief Counsel, Gambling Control Commission

Commissioner LaBrie asked the Bureau how close the Bureau's investigation was to completion. Bureau Assistant Director, Yolanda Morrow, stated that the Bureau is close to finishing the investigation. Additionally, Assistant Director Morrow stated that the Bureau received a police report confirming that Mr. Muniz was arrested but was never convicted of anything.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner To, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Hammond, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission denied the request to withdrawal the Conversion License and is requiring the Bureau to complete the background investigation on Mr. Muniz.

10. 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 of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation:  
Heather Wade

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Hammond, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes, and Chairman Evans voting no; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through February 16, 2018.

- B. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:  
Dominique Hudson

Comments Received From:

Dominique Hudson, in person

Commissioner Hammond asked Mr. Hudson what he had learned from the incidents that brought him here today. Mr. Hudson stated that he put others' lives in danger, is ashamed of the incidents, and will never do it again.

Commissioner To stated he appreciated that he went back and told his Reporting Officer of the incident, which speaks to his character and shows integrity.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner To, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner

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Hammond, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through April 1, 2018.

- C. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:  
Jonathan Villagomez

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Hammond, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through July 12, 2019, with the condition noted below:

*Beginning October 1, 2017 and every 180 days thereafter, Mr. Villagomez must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with status updates regarding his collection accounts until resolved.*

- D. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:  
Joshua Metcalfe

Comments Received From:

Joshua Metcalfe, via telephone

Chairman Evans asked Mr. Metcalfe if he understood that having his license go to a GCA hearing is not a denial, it is to prove his suitability. Mr. Metcalfe confirmed he understood.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Hammond, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission referred the Initial Finding of Suitability to an evidentiary hearing.

11. Consideration of Renewal 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 the Chukchansi Indians of California:  
Richard Royce

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Hammond, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through July 12, 2019, removing the existing condition noted below:

Removing Condition:

*Beginning July 1, 2017 and every 180 days thereafter, Mr. Royce must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve or establish a payment plan to satisfy his charge off and collection accounts.*

12. Request for Reconsideration (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19824; CCR, Title 4, section 12064):

In the Matter of the Application for Renewal of Third Party Proposition Players Services License for Dog Named Blue, Inc. dba California Gaming Consultants, (CGCC-2013-0627-7B)

Comments Received From:

Bill Williams, Deputy Attorney General, Indian & Gaming Law Section, in person  
Keith Sharp, Designated Agent, via telephone  
Courtney Baird, Attorney, via telephone

Mr. Williams stated that the parties are close to finalizing an agreement to wrap up the contractual obligations between Gold Gaming Consultants, Mitchell Goldstein, Dog Named Blue, and Mr. Baldaramos. The Bureau was supportive of the allowance of time because it appeared that if the parties believed there was a legal preclusion under the Gambling Control Act and didn't finish it, the parties may begin suing each other and could complicate matters.

Mr. Sharp confirmed that the parties have reached an agreement to conclude their business relationship. Further, all that remains is to close the transaction which will occur in the next few days.

Attorney for Gold Gaming Consultants, Courtney Baird, agreed with Mr. Sharp represented and confirmed they are "at the finish line".

No action was taken and the item will be put on a future Commission Meeting agenda.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

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

A. Sandra Barker  
B. Richard Box  
C. John Buys  
D. Marin Cicu  
E. Dennis Faz

F. David Fried  
G. Hovannes Guzelian  
H. Lance Kawamura  
I. Piyasook Lee  
J. David Levine

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| K. Jacob Lopez             | Q. Fiaui Tofa     |
| L. David Lor               | R. Kirk Verdun    |
| M. Hansel Loria            | S. Gregory Ward   |
| N. Veronica Marquez-Zeller | T. Lori Wojdan    |
| O. Cheng Ngo               | U. Juanita Wright |
| P. Richelle Pittman-Kiyabu |                   |

14. 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. Napa Valley Casino: | Li Sun         |
| B. Towers Casino:      | Angie Salveson |

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

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| A. Central Coast Casino:           | Karol Appiano  |               |
| B. Empire Sportsmen's Association: | Katherina Chun |               |
| C. Lake Bowl Cardroom:             | Brandon Aber   |               |
| D. Napa Valley Casino:             | Lyn Beck       | Changcun Zhao |
| E. Parkwest Casino Sonoma:         | Alexander Day  |               |
| F. Poker Flats Casino:             | Cha Chang      |               |

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

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| A. Acme Player Services, LLC: |                    |                   |                 |
| Players:                      | Ruben Herrera, Jr. | Yen Tran          |                 |
| B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:    |                    |                   |                 |
| Players:                      | Nynette Cruz       | Brenda De La Cruz | Richard Fendley |
|                               | Nforneh Fokwa      | Cynthia Gomez     | Julius Gonzales |
|                               | Madalyn Medrano    | Lana Reach        | Camron Saldana  |
|                               | Hiwot Shay         | Ma De Stouvenel   | Scott Thompson  |
|                               | Tyler Wormuth      |                   |                 |
| C. Knighted Ventures, LLC:    |                    |                   |                 |
| Player:                       | Anthony Flores     |                   |                 |
| D. PT Gaming, LLC:            |                    |                   |                 |
| Players:                      | Brian Malvar       | Alisha Pyasa      |                 |

17. Consideration of Renewal of Third-Party Providers of Proposition Player Services License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12218.8):

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| A. Arise, LLC:              |                 |
| Player:                     | James Tomasetti |
| B. Gaming Fund Group, Inc.: |                 |
| Player:                     | Karla Marquez   |
| C. PT Gaming, LLC:          |                 |

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Supervisor: Lou Chee Her  
Players: Michelle Atencion Erica Gandia Simon Medina  
Linda Phongboupha Warren Williamson

18. 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:  
Esteban Martinez Gutierrez
- B. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:  
Francisco Enriquez III Rayvonn Malveaux
- C. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:  
Pui San Reynolds
- D. Harrah's Resort Southern California - Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation:  
Arnold Santibanez
- E. Havasu Landing Resort & Casino - Chemehuevi Indian Tribe of the Chemehuevi Reservation:  
Amanda Sansoucie
- F. Hollywood Casino Jamul - San Diego - Jamul Indian Village:  
Arnel Hernandez Alexander Huskey David Ramirez  
Barbara Treadwell-Martin
- G. Hopland Sho-Ka-Wah Casino - Hopland Band of Pomo Indians:  
Olivia Ledesma James Thompson
- H. Jackson Rancheria Casino & Hotel - Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:  
Garrison Campa-Campbell
- I. Pala Casino Spa Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:  
Justin Hardin
- J. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:  
Linda Mazzola
- K. Red Earth Casino - Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians:  
Keith Senior
- L. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:  
David Chambers II Andrew Wright
- M. Running Creek Casino - Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake:  
Michael Rossovich
- N. Spa Resort Casino - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:  
Marius Olbrych
- O. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:  
Sean Dunne
- P. Tortoise Rock Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:  
Cynthia Hackson
- Q. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:  
Gary Hayward Jr.

19. 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:

Derek Belchamber	Deanna Birch	Daniel Hartzler
Vera Lehman	Alberto Lopez Gutierrez	
Marilyn Reynaga	Letha Rohr	

B. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Corrina Jamail

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

John Dischiavo	Brian Doerr	Michele Doerr
Abraham Farhat	Greg Guerrero	Ryan Holliday
Linda Jordan	Sina Lay	Liliana Madrigal
Kyle Martinez	Karter McMurry	

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

Glenn Keisner Jr

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

Watanapong Aree	Colin Kep	Debra Major
Yen Thich		

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

Koua Moua	Hue Vang
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G. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:

Linda Hughes	Paul Kaatz	Kristina Lajda
Serhiy Petryshak	Mark Ullstrom	

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

Luis Orozco	Juanita Solis	Leslie Wiley
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I. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:

Amanda Beck

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

Warren Chard II	Curtis Covey	Howard Ea
Paula Hill		

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

Stanley Espinoza

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

Jacqueline Fulcher	Khaldoon Kassab	James Wild
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M. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:

Shelley Fahsholtz

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved Consent Calendar items 13 through 19.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

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.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

- I. Litigation (Government Code section 11126(e)):
  - A. *Robert Saucier, et al. v. California Gambling Control Commission*, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2013-80001594)
  - B. *Stand Up For California, et al. v. State of California, et al.*, Madera County Superior Court (MCV062850)
  - C. *Eric G. Swallow v. California Gambling Control Commission*, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2016-800002402)
  - D. *Garden City, Inc. v. Eric Swallow*, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2016-00198132)
  - E. *Larry C. Flynt, et al., v. Xavier Becerra, Jim Evans, et al.*, United States District Court, Eastern District of California (16 CV 02831 JAM EFB)
  - F. *Lucky Chances, Inc. v. California Gambling Control Commission*, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2017-80002549)
  - G. *Rene Medina v. Xavier Becerra, Jim Evans, et al.*; United States District Court, Northern District of California (17-cv-03293 KAW)
- II. Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(3):
  - A. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Key Employee License for Rhea Alana Motley, (GCADS-GEKE-002182)
  - B. In the Matter of the Application for Renewal of Third Party Proposition Players Services License for Dog Named Blue, Inc. dba California Gaming Consultants, (CGCC-2013-06277B)
  - C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Angela Ruiz, (CGCC-2016-1006-15A)

**IMPORTANT NOTICES TO THE PUBLIC:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Evans adjourned the Commission Meeting at 10:47 AM. No further information was given.