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**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2017
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, Commissioner Lauren Hammond, Commissioner Paula LaBrie, and Commissioner Trang To present.

Commissioner Lauren Hammond announced that she will retire as of December 1, 2017, and that this will be the last Commission Meeting she will be attending. Commissioner Hammond thanked Governor Brown, Commission staff, Bureau staff, and the gaming industry as a whole.

Commissioner To stated that although he may not have always agreed with Commissioner Hammond, he has learned a lot about different perspectives and will miss her.

Commissioner LaBrie stated it has been a pleasure getting to know Commissioner Hammond and has enjoyed her leadership and sense of humor.

Executive Director Luna Baxter stated she appreciates Commissioner Hammond's constant humor and remarked that Commissioner Hammond is the longest-standing Commissioner at the Commission. Executive Director Luna Baxter then thanked Commissioner Hammond for her time and all she has done for the Commission and concluded by stating the Commissioner Hammond will be genuinely missed.

Chairman Evans recognized Commissioner Hammond's diligence to getting where she is today. The Chairman stated he appreciated Commissioner Hammond's direct style, and the substantial impact she made at the Commission. Chairman Evans concluded that Commissioner Hammond's 36 years of public service should be applauded.

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David Carter, Transferor
David W. Megan R. Carter Gaming Trust,
Transferee

Comments Received From:

Joy Harn, Designated Agent, in person

Chairman Evans asked Designated Agent Harn if her clients understood and acknowledged the conditions on their license. Designated Agent Harn confirmed affirmatively on her clients' behalf.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Chairman Evans, 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 Transfer of Shares with the conditions noted below:

1. **Legend on Stock Certificate.** *Approval is to be conditioned upon the Transferee confirming to the Commission, with a copy to the Bureau, within 30 days after the closing that any certificate evidencing the Stock is legended in accordance with the provisions of Business and Professions Code 19882, subdivision (c).*
2. **Additional Legend on Stock Certificate.** *Within 30 days after the closing, the Transferee shall provide, to the Bureau and Commission, the certificates evidencing the Stock include the following legend:*

THIS CERTIFICATE REPRESENTS SHARES OF STOCK ISSUED BY A CORPORATION THAT HOLDS A GAMBLING LICENSE PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THE STOCK MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED, ASSIGNED, SOLD, PLEDGED, HYPOTHECATED, OR DISPOSED OF WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE CALIFORNIA GAMBLING CONTROL COMMISSION OR ITS SUCCESSOR.

3. **Statement of Closing Transactions.** *Within 30 days of Commission approval, the Transferee shall provide to the Bureau and the Commission written confirmation that no material change was made to the transaction and that the transaction is substantially the same as approved by the Commission.*

B. Ocean's Eleven Casino:

Ocean's Eleven Casino General Partnership
North Country Gaming, Inc.
David W. and Megan R. Carter Gaming
Trust, Shareholder
David Carter, Trustee, Trustor,
Beneficiary

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Megan Carter, Trustee, Trustor,
Beneficiary

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 approved the Initial State Gambling License through February 28, 2019.

6. 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):

A. Club San Rafael:

Pete's 881 Club, Inc.

The Robert and Karen Pellolio Revocable Trust Dated
February 25, 2011, Shareholder
Karen Pellolio, Chief Executive Officer, Chief
Financial Officer, Secretary, Trustor, Trustee,
Beneficiary, Director

Comments Received From:

Maryann Poznekoff, Designated Agent, via telephone

Yolanda Morrow, Assistant Director, Bureau of Gambling Control

Assistant Director Morrow confirmed that when the transactions are completed they will be sent to the Commission for review.

Commissioner Hammond asked Designated Agent Poznekoff if Club San Rafael plans on renewing their local business license. Ms. Poznekoff confirmed Club San Rafael plans on renewing the local business license.

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 State Gambling License through November 30, 2019.

B. La Primavera Pool Hall & Café:

Lucky Tree Entertainment, Inc.

Khonglai Yang, President, Chief Executive Officer,
Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, Secretary,
Director, and Shareholder
Phatseluck Yang, Shareholder

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

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Commission approved the Renewal State Gambling License through November 30, 2019, and removed the existing conditions noted below:

Removing Conditions:

1. *Within 30 days of Commission approval, Seng Yang and Nang Xiong shall apply for a State Gambling License as Financial Interest Holders.*
2. *Lucky Tree Entertainment, Inc., or its owners, may not employ Vichai Yang, in any position, until after August 10, 2016.*

C. Lucky Lady Card Room: Stanley Penn, Sole Proprietor

Comments Received From:

Jim Parrinello, Designated Agent, in person

Designated Agent Jim Parrinello confirmed that Mr. Penn's trial commences on March 6, 2018. Designated Agent Parrinello stated that when this issue first arose, the Lucky Lady Card Room immediately and proactively notified and met with the Bureau and discussed potential conditions for an Emergency Order that would safeguard the interests of the public. Designated Agent Parrinello further stated that since that time, in conformity with the Emergency Order, the cardroom has hired an independent manager approved by the Bureau who has been in charge of the operations. Designated Agent Parrinello further explained that Stanley Penn has not been on the premises, unless accompanied by counsel and there have not been any problems. Designated Agent Parrinello further submitted that the club's financial statements are in good shape, the club is in compliance with Title 31, and the club meets the adequate financing regulations.

Designated Agent Parrinello closed in thanking Commissioner Hammond and regarded her as tough and always has the public's best interest at heart.

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 referred the Renewal Application to an evidentiary hearing and issue an Interim Renewal State Gambling License through November 30, 2019. The hearing will be conducted as an APA hearing and consolidated with the filed accusation. Also, removing the existing condition noted below:

Removing Condition:

By January 15, 2016, Jan Beverley must submit written documentation to the Bureau of Gambling Control that the contract between Lucky Lady Card Room and JB Gaming Solutions, Inc. has been terminated and that she only receives compensation as an employee, not as an independent contractor.

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D. Parkwest Casino Sonoma: Cal-Pac Sonoma, LLC
John Park, Managing Member

Comments Received From:

Joy Harn, Designated Agent, in person
Yolanda Morrow, Assistant Director, Bureau of Gambling Control

Chairman Evans asked the Bureau what has changed since the long held agreement between Knighted Ventures, LLC and Fortiss, LLC.

Assistant Director Morrow stated that Fortiss, LLC was identified as a significant influence over Mr. Park's Gambling establishment. Assistant Director Morrow indicated that the Bureau will reach out to Fortiss, LLC and Knighted Ventures, LLC to ensure they have the same long standing agreements.

Designated Agent Harn stated that her client did receive the report from the Bureau and looks forward to working with the Bureau to resolve any concerns.

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 Renewal Licenses through November 30, 2019, with the condition noted below:

Michael Vasey and Fortiss, LLC, must apply for, and upon approval maintain, a State Gambling License.

7. Consideration of A) Initial Portable Key Employee License; and, B) Renewal Portable Key Employee License Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854, CCR Title 4 Sections 12054, 12350, and 12351):
A. Armando Alcantar

Comments Received From:

Armando Alcantar, via telephone

Chairman Evans explained to Mr. Alcantar that he will have an opportunity at an evidentiary hearing to prove his suitability, and that Commission and Bureau staff will be contacting him shortly.

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 referred the item to a GCA evidentiary hearing.

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B. Armando Alcantar

No action was taken on this item as the action in item 7A, cancelled any necessary action on this item.

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

A. Darrin Bishop

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 Initial Key Employee License through March 31, 2018.

B. Daniel Pena

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 approved the Initial Key Employee License through May 31, 2018.

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

A. Jan Beverley

Comments Received From:

Jim Parrinello, Designated Agent, in person

Bill Torngren, Deputy Attorney General, IGLS, in person

Todd Vlaanderen, Chief Counsel, Gambling Control Commission, in person

Yolanda Morrow, Assistant Director, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person

Commissioner LaBrie expressed concern consolidating this matter with the existing APA Hearing for the Lucky Lady Card Room.

Designated Agent Parrinello began to provide a chronology of Ms. Beverley's work history at the Cardroom.

Chief Counsel Vlaanderen explained the one reason the Commission asks applicants to be circumspect in their testimony during Commission meetings is because evidence presented at a Commission meeting may be later deemed inadmissible in an evidentiary hearing.

Deputy Attorney General Bill Torngren explained that an APA hearing consolidated with the filed Accusation against Lucky Lady Card Room would be favorable and

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could file the appropriate motions. Designated Agent Parrinello has discussed with Deputy Attorney General Tornngren and can accommodate by stipulation.

Commissioner To asked the Bureau if their main concern was if Ms. Beverley should have known what was going on in the Card Room.

Assistant Director Morrow agreed with Commissioner To and stated that Ms. Beverley ran the Cardroom with very little input from Mr. Penn, which is where the primary issue exists.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Chairman Evans, 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 Renewal Key Employee License to an evidentiary hearing and issued an Interim Renewal Key Employee License through November 30, 2019. The hearing will be conducted as an APA hearing and consolidated with the filed Accusation against Lucky Lady Card Room.

B. Amy King

Comments Received From:

Amy King, via telephone

Commissioner Hammond asked Ms. King if she understood that the Commission will be removing the existing condition and adding a new condition. Ms. King confirmed she understood.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, 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 Renewal Key Employee License through November 30, 2019, removing the existing condition and adding a new condition noted below;

Removing Condition:

Within 60 days of Commission approval, and every 90 days thereafter, Ms. King must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of payment in accordance with the payment plan in the "Offer In Compromise" and submit proof of payment for the outstanding taxes owed to the State of Arizona.

Adding Condition:

Beginning December 1, 2017, and every 90 days thereafter, Ms. King must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve or establish a payment plan to satisfy the outstanding taxes owed to the Internal Revenue Service.

10. Consideration of Approval of New Interim Renewal Portable Personal Key Employee License (Pursuant to CCR, Title 4, section 12035(b)(2)):

A. Edward Mason

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 Interim Renewal Key Employee License through November 30, 2019.

B. Jon Strecker

Comments Received From:

Bill Torngren, Deputy Attorney General, IGLS, in person

Deputy Attorney General Torngren confirmed that the evidentiary hearing is scheduled for January 2, 2018.

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 Interim Renewal Key Employee License through November 30, 2019.

11. Consideration to Withdraw Application for Portable Personal Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869; Title 4, sections 12015 and 12054):

Eric Morris

Comments Received From:

Eric Morris, via telephone

Commissioner LaBrie asked Mr. Morris if he understood that he can reapply for a key employee license at any time. Mr. Morris 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 approved the request to withdraw the Initial Application without prejudice.

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

A. Casino Merced: Daniel Valdovino Mendez

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 Initial Work Permit through November 30, 2019.

B. Lake Bowl Cardroom: Callie Reineke

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 approved the Initial Work Permit through May 31, 2019.

13. 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. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:

Player: Alice Catapia

Comments Received From:

Alice Catapia, via telephone

Chairman Evans asked Ms. Catapia if she understood that her license application will be sent to an evidentiary hearing, which will be a hearing to allow her the ability to prove her suitability. Ms. Catapia confirmed that she understood.

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 refer the matter to a GCA evidentiary hearing.

B. PT Gaming, LLC:

Players:

i) Kyle Baisa

Comments Received From:

Kyle Baisa, via telephone

Chairman Evans asked Mr. Baisa if he understood that his license application will be sent to an evidentiary hearing which will be a different hearing to allow him the opportunity to prove his suitability. Mr. Baisa confirmed that he understood.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, 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 refer the matter to a GCA evidentiary hearing.

ii) Myron Lazo

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, 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 refer the matter to a GCA evidentiary hearing.

iii) Jonathan Xiong

Comments Received From:

Jonathon Xiong, via telephone

Chairman Evans asked Mr. Xiong if he understood that his license will be sent to a second hearing which will be a different hearing to prove his suitability. Mr. Xiong confirmed that he understood.

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 refer the matter to a GCA evidentiary hearing.

14. 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):

A. Premier Player Providers, Inc.:

Supervisor: Stephen Evans

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, 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 Renewal License through November 30, 2019, and removing the conditions noted below:

Removing Conditions:

1. *Stephen Patrick Evans shall not engage in any illegal gambling, including but not limited to, illegal online sports gambling.*
2. *Within 90 days of the Order, and every 90 days thereafter, Stephen Patrick Evans must submit a report regarding any gambling wins or losses to the Bureau of Gambling Control.*
3. *Stephen Patrick Evans must immediately report if he is assigned to provide third-party proposition player services in any cardroom*

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that employs his significant other, and her current position with the cardroom, to the Bureau.

B. PT Gaming, LLC:

Player: Sumeet Anand

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 a 90-day extension to allow the Bureau sufficient amount of time to provide a report, and Commission staff adequate time to prepare the matter for the agenda.

15. Consideration of Renewal of Gambling Business License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19853; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12238):

Premier Player Providers, Inc.:

Supervisor: Stephen Evans

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 Renewal Gambling Business License through November 30, 2019, and removing the existing conditions noted below:

1. *Stephen Patrick Evans shall not engage in any illegal gambling, including but not limited to, illegal online sports gambling.*
2. *Within 90 days of the Order, and every 90 days thereafter, Stephen Patrick Evans must submit a report regarding any gambling wins or losses to the Bureau of Gambling Control.*
3. *Stephen Patrick Evans must immediately report if he is assigned to provide third-party proposition player services in any cardroom that employs his significant other, and her current position with the cardroom, to the Bureau.*

16. Consideration of Approval of New Interim Renewal of Third-Party Providers of Proposition Player Services License (Pursuant to CCR, Title 4, section 12035(b)(2)):

Pacific Gaming Services, LLC:

Player: Joseph Capps

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 an issuance of an additional Interim Renewal Third-Party License through November 30, 2019.

17. Consideration of A) Tribal State Compact Renewal Finding of Suitability as a Gaming Resource Supplier, and, B) Initial Finding of Suitability as a Gaming Resource Supplier (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.5):
A. Gaming Partners International USA, Inc.

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 Renewal Finding of Suitability through November 30, 2019.

B. Gaming Partners International USA, Inc.: Jean Francois Lendais, Director

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 Finding of Suitability through November 30, 2019.

18. Consideration of Tribal-State Compact Renewal Finding of Suitability as a Gaming Resource Supplier (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.5):
Aristocrat Technologies, Inc.

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 Renewal Finding of Suitability through November 30, 2019.

19. Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):
Pala Casino Spa Resort – Pala Band of Mission Indians:
Victor Chavez

No action was taken on this item as Mr. Chavez is no longer employed by the Pala Casino Spa Resort.

20. Request for Reconsideration of Decision and Order (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19824; CCR, Title 4, section 12064):
In the Matter of the Application for a Finding of Suitability Tribal Key Employee
Re: Mark Edward Kruspe, GCADS-TRKE-015507

Comments Received From:

Mark Kruspe, in person

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Ron Diedrich, Deputy Attorney General, IGLS, in person
Todd Vlaanderen, Chief Counsel, Gambling Control Commission

Deputy Attorney General Diedrich stated that the Bureau opposes granting the reconsideration request and noted their submitted written opposition. Deputy Attorney General noted that should the Commission grant the request for reconsideration, the Bureau prefer and requests to reopen the hearing and take additional testimony on the reasons for Mr. Kruspe's termination.

Mr. Kruspe confirmed that he was currently employed and residing Michigan.

Chairman Evans asked Mr. Kruspe why he was terminated from Twin Pines Casino.

Deputy Attorney General Diedrich objected to the question.

Chief Counsel Vlaanderen advised that it was okay to ask the question but noted that that Mr. Kruspe's answer could be used to only to decide whether or not to grant reconsideration and whether or not to reopen the record, and not to deliberate on a new decision.

Chairman Evans acknowledged Deputy Attorney General Diedrich's objections and asked Mr. Kruspe to answer the question.

Mr. Kruspe stated that he was terminated from Twin Pines due to binding financial obligations under his contract that were not met. Mr. Kruspe further stated that there was no wrongdoing.

Commissioner Hammond expressed that this request might warrant granting reconsideration.

Chief Counsel Vlaanderen confirmed that granting reconsideration would not automatically reopen the administrative record to accept new evidence.

Commissioner To stated he wanted to know why Mr. Kruspe's employment was terminated.

Commissioner LaBrie asked Mr. Kruspe where he currently resides. Mr. Kruspe responded that he now lives in Michigan.

Mr. Kruspe noted that he wouldn't object to the Commission withdrawing the application.

Commissioner To asked Mr. Kruspe if he wishes to remain in the gaming industry in California. Mr. Kruspe responded that he does wish to remain in the industry.

Chief Counsel Vlaanderen noted that a withdrawal is not possible, but an abandonment is possible.

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 granted the request for reconsideration, leave the record closed for now, and reserve the right to re-open the administrative record in Closed Session.

21. Hearing Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 19870 and 19871 and CCR, Title 4, section 12060:

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Key Employee License for Rommel Sison Naraval, (CGCC-2017-0223-7C)

Comments Received From:

Robert Naraval, via phone
Counsel Staff, Jason Pope, Gambling Control Commission
Paris Modha, Deputy Attorney General, Bureau of Gambling Control

Mr. Naraval stated that he could not attend the Commission Meeting today due to a recent death in the family. Mr. Naraval stated he did not attend his GCA hearing in October because he had received a notice of continuance.

Staff Counsel Pope stated that if questions are going to be asked of Mr. Naraval, he will have to be sworn in.

Deputy Attorney General Modha expressed that he had no objections to the continuance.

No action was taken on this matter. The Commission's Legal Staff will reschedule a new hearing date.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

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

Steven Ashmore

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

- A. Napa Valley Casino: Qi Wang
- B. Parkwest Casino Sonoma: Marc Brashears

24. 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. Aces High Gaming, LLC:
Player: Marcus Vasquez

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- B. Acme Player Services, LLC:
Players: Oscar Gonzalez Shawn Samreth
- C. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:
Players: Nicholas Alva Rodolfo Avila Aaron Belasco
Sherwin Biteng Jannette Carmona Marc Henry De Castro
Nicholas Delucia Corrine Donsbach Ryan Freese
Ramon Gonzalez, Jr. Tam Hoang Sokounthea Hour
Taylor Lucas Vicky Medina Jessica Meneses
Thi Nguyen Samantha Ruiz Audris Silva
Earl John Villanueva James Villanueva Vinh Vu
Ricardo Wilson Sierra Xaverius Cristhian Zelaya
- D. Certified Players, Inc.:
Player: Christopher Larson
- E. Fortune Players Group, Inc.:
Player: Wenge Li
- F. Gaming Fund Group, Inc.:
Players: Sothea Ly Queenie Nguyen
- G. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
Players: Shelby Cajas Juan Diaz, Jr. Deanna Meadows
Miguel Ruiz Irving Ruiz Santiago
- H. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:
Player: Noel Dela Cruz
- I. Metis TPS, LLC:
Player: Suzy Pa
- J. Pacific United Service, Inc.:
Players: Wo Jin Liu Steven Sey
- K. PT Gaming, LLC:
Players: Crystal Gaje Nancy Jaimes Barreto Tony Lam
Chinnaro Neth Damon Snitkin
- L. Qualified Player Services, LLC:
Players: Kelli Ganz Jennifer Tep Maria Vallejo

25. 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):

- Gaming Fund Group, Inc.:
Player: Stephen Evans

26. 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:
Dulce Fernandez Guadalupe Salas
- B. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians:
John Corrigan
- C. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:
Tara Binder
- D. Blue Lake Casino and Hotel - Blue Lake Rancheria:

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Michelle Gibbons

- E. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:
Winky Ngo
- F. Cahuilla Casino - Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians:
Edgar Tibayan
- G. Chicken Ranch Casino - Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
Anthony Canete
- H. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:
Jesus Barron Jamecia Jackson
- I. Colusa Casino Resort - Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:
Lydia Schuck
- J. Desert Rose Casino - Alturas Indian Rancheria:
Nancy Richardson
- K. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:
Phoeung Melher
- L. Elk Valley Casino - Elk Valley Rancheria:
May Vue
- M. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
Amber Kathriner Martin Perez Torres
- N. Harrah's Resort Southern California - Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation:
Rachel Balisi Jose Espinoza Salazar
Jamal Alingipi Palican
- O. Hollywood Casino Jamul - San Diego - Jamul Indian Village:
Rayenna Graham-Castoreno Cory House
Minh Le Melonie Morrison Alicia Tai
Donna Wallace
- P. Hopland Sho-Ka-Wah Casino - Hopland Band of Pomo Indians:
Mary Behrens Christina Chavez Abel Solano
- Q. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
Claudia Felix Karen Woodruff
- R. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:
Angelo Noel Almogela Alicia Dieffenbacher Pauline Garrison
Steven Zako
- S. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
Tamkea Harrell Alexander Montanarella
- T. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:
Long Nguyen
- U. Spa Resort Casino - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:
Susan Fletcher
- V. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation:
Juan Ortiz Raafat Zebari

27. Consideration of Renewal 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:
Exequiel Arellano Guadalupe Ochoa Robert Williams
- B. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:
Tomonori Arashiro Brent Wimmer
- C. Casino Pauma - Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma & Yuima Reservation:
Teresa Olivo
- D. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:
Amber Hanks Bo Luangamath Noah Moore
Onechanh Phakonekham Shawn Va
- E. Coyote Valley Casino - Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians:
Kevin Bartholomew Randal Gamble
- F. Harrah's Resort Southern California - Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation:
Mona Lyons Meridith Morris Roberto Ochoa Jr.
Luz Rodriguez
- G. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
Stephanie Alcorn Nathan Anderson
Itzel Bardales Serrano Monique Castillo Richie Inthasone
Ronald Jones Virgilio Lapena Michael Llewellyn
Fred Napoli William Matsko
- H. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:
Montira Timbreza Lee Underwood Cathy Woodbury
- I. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
Karen Arciniega Maher Bashary James Brandt
Edwin Chancey Lea Cozort Kelsey Cummings
Blake Evans Elmer Flores Venus Francisco
Regina Gilbert Tammy Green
Jeremiah Gregorio
Kyong Sook Iwaki Lindsay Anne Koballa Fredy Magana
Richard Marantette Wilma McFarlin Frankie Morreo Sr
Willie Shippen Jennifer Sims Richard Valverde
- J. Soboba Casino - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:
Jessie Hu
- K. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:
Michael Alexander Glenn Barry Erik Carter
Larry Ha Rodney Lindgren Alfred Romero
Virginia Sanchez Alexandria Santana Norborne Spottswood
Edward Yonemitsu
- L. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:
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- M. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:
Cynthia Donez Mark Falkenrath Visavakone Rasavong
- N. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:
Wilbert Hernandez
- O. Twin Pine Casino & Hotel - Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians:
Felipe Leon Jr.
- P. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation:
Isam Alayoubi Duane Anderson Deborah Carr
Garry Carreau Timothy Coghe

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved Consent Calendar items 22 through 27.

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.B. In the Matter of the Application for a Finding of Suitability Tribal Key Employee Re: Mark Edward Kruspe, GCADS-TRKE-015507

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. *Lucky Chances, Inc. v. California Gambling Control Commission*, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2017-80002549)
 - F. *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 Rommel Sison Naraval, (CGCC-2017-0223-7C)
 - B. In the Matter of the Application for a Finding of Suitability Tribal Key Employee Re: Mark Edward Kruspe, GCADS-TRKE-015507

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Evans adjourned the Commission Meeting into Closed Session at 11:45 AM. No further information was given.