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**MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2017
COMMISSION HEARING**

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Evans called the hearing to order on January 25, 2017, 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 Lauren Hammond, Paula LaBrie and Trang To present.

3. 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 Regular Work Permit for Mark Pickens, (CGCC-2016-0623-10B)

Presiding Officer: Jason Pope

For Applicant: Jarhett Blonien, Designated Agent

For Bureau of Gambling Control: Paras Modha, Deputy Attorney General

Witnesses: Mark Pickens
Kevin Schayltz
Art Van Loon

The Commission met in open session to hear testimony concerning Mark Pickens' suitability for licensure. Deputy Attorney General Paras Modha offered exhibits 1-15 and Jarhett Blonien offered applicant's exhibit A. Mr. Blonien provided opening arguments and Mr. Modha waived opening argument. Mark Pickens, Kevin Schayltz, and Art Van Loon were sworn in and provided testimony. Both sides gave closing arguments. Entered into the record as Commission Exhibit 1 was a copy of Mark Pickens' application for a Tribal Key Employee. The Commission closed the record.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLOSED SESSION

1. 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)
 - 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)
2. Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(3):
 - A. In the Matter of the Accusation and Statement of Issues Against Lucky Chances, Inc., Rommel Medina, Ruell Medina (OAH No.2015110463)
 - B. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Regular Work Permit for Lippine Nop, (CGCC-2016-0526-7A)
 - C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Regular Work Permit for Mark Pickens, (CGCC-2016-0623-10B)

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 12:10 p.m. to deliberate on their decision concerning closed session Item 2.C.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Commission did not reconvene to open session following closed session deliberations.