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**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2018  
COMMISSION MEETING**

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**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 Paula LaBrie, and Commissioner Trang To present.

3. Consideration to Withdraw Application(s) for State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869; CCR, Title 4, sections 12015 and 12054):  
Palomar Card Club: Lorena Von Kaenel

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner To, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the withdrawal of the application for the State Gambling License Application without prejudice.

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

Comments Received From:

Michael Murphy, via telephone

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

Commissioner To made a motion to approve the Initial Key Employee License and Commissioner LaBrie seconded.

Chairman Evans inquired regarding the circumstances in which the Bureau was unable to ascertain how Mr. Murphy violated casino policies.

Assistant Director Morrow responded that Lucky Chances Casino did not identify the specific policies that Mr. Murphy violated.

Mr. Murphy stated that he had no comment.

Chairman Evans requested the Bureau follow up with Lucky Chances Casino to attempt to ascertain the circumstances. Assistant Director Morrow confirmed that the Bureau would follow up with Lucky Chances.

Commissioner To and Commissioner LaBrie withdrew their motions in order to have the Bureau obtain more information regarding the specific policies that the Cardroom had previously notated that Mr. Murphy violated.

No action was taken. The item will be placed on the March 22, 2018 Commission Meeting Agenda.

5. 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. Gold Gaming Consultants, Inc.:

Player: Hilary Brummett

Comments Received From:

Hilary Brummett, in person

Stacey Luna Baxter, Executive Director, Gambling Control Commission, in person

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

Assistant Director Morrow provided a brief license and registration history regarding Ms. Brummett.

Ms. Brummett provided documentation to the Commissioners, Commission staff, and the Bureau, and provided an explanation as to what the documentation intended to represent.

Chairman Evans noted the vastness of the information to process and recommended to send the matter to a GCA hearing.

Executive Director Luna Baxter referenced a letter submitted and inquired if Ms. Brummett was still employed by the Third-Party Company.

Ms. Brummett responded that she is still employed with Gold Gaming Consultants, Inc.

Action:

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

B. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Player: Malie Nguyen

Comments Received From:

Malie Nguyen, via telephone

Ms. Nguyen responded to questions regarding her employment history, and confirmed the positive steps she has taken since that time in regards to her personal progress and development.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Conversion License through February 29, 2020.

C. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:

Player: Yolanda Magtoto

Comments Received From:

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

Chairman Evans noted that the crime committed was serious and also acknowledged the age of the crime. Chairman Evans further stated that he found the applicant's statement credible.

Commissioner LaBrie concurred with Chairman Evans and also noted there were no subsequent criminal convictions or derogatory events since the date of conviction.

Assistant Director Morrow verified that the Bureau was unable to obtain a police report to either confirm or contradict Ms. Magtoto's statement.

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Conversion License through February 29, 2020.

D. Qualified Player Services, LLC:  
Player: Claudia Carmona

Comments Received From:

Claudia Carmona, in person

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

Commissioner LaBrie asked Ms. Carmona about the status of her driver's license.

Ms. Carmona responded that she has a driver's permit, has taken the written driver's test, and is waiting for an appointment to take the behind the wheel test.

Commissioner LaBrie then asked Ms. Carmona how she has been getting to and from work. Ms. Carmona responded that she drives to and from work when she does not have a ride.

Chairman Evans asked Ms. Carmona if a permit allows her to drive alone. Ms. Carmona responded that a permit requires she drives with someone.

Commissioner To asked Ms. Carmona if she drives with someone or if she drives alone. Ms. Carmona responded that she does not drive with someone all the time and sometimes drives to work alone.

Chairman Evans asked Ms. Carmona if she were granted a license as a condition would she agree not to drive without a licensed driver in the car while she only has a permit and not a license. Ms. Carmona responded that she would agree to that condition.

Commissioner To stated that while he acknowledges and appreciates the Applicant's honesty, he expressed concerns regarding that Ms. Carmona knowingly is violating the law and cannot at this time support an approval if an Applicant knows of the illegality and still chooses to do it anyway.

Assistant Director Morrow discussed that a part of the reason for the Bureau's recommendation stems from knowing that there also are laws and regulations that must be followed in cardrooms, and when there is a blatant disregard for the law that is concerning.

Action:

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

6. Consideration of Tribal-State Gaming Compact Initial Finding of Suitability as a Gaming Resource Supplier and a Financial Source (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, sections 6.4.5 and 6.4.6):

WGBV, LLC:

Warner Gaming, LLC, Sole Member of WGBV, LLC  
Warner Gaming Trust, Sole Member  
William Warner, Manager of WGBV, LLC,  
Sole Trustee of Warner Gaming Trust

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through February 29, 2020.

7. 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):

Reliable Business Concerns, Inc. dba

Reliable Security Sound & Data:

William Miller, Jr., Director, President, Chief  
Financial Officer, Treasurer, Secretary, Director,  
Sole Shareholder

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Finding of Suitability through February 29, 2020.

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

Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Work Permit for Farm Saechao, (CGCC-2017-0828-9D)

Comments Received From:

Jason Pope, Staff Counsel III, Gambling Control Commission, in person

Staff Counsel Pope provided a brief summary of Ms. Saechao's application, and noted that Ms. Saechao did not submit a Notice of Defense. Staff Counsel Pope further stated that as Ms. Saechao did not provide a Notice of Defense, the proposed Default Decision and Order is now presented for the Commission's consideration.

Action:

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

Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission denied the license based on the Default Decision and Order.

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

Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Renewal of State Gambling License for Ven-A-Mexico, Juan Carrillo, Sole Proprietor, (CGCC-2013-1030-6C)

Comments Received From:

Jason Pope, Staff Counsel III, Gambling Control Commission, in person

Staff Counsel Pope provided a brief summary of Juan Carrillo's application, noted that Mr. Carrillo did not to submit a Notice of Defense, and confirmed Mr. Carrillo's counsel provided notice that Mr. Carrillo was electing to waive his right to evidentiary hearing. Staff Counsel Pope further stated that as Mr. Carrillo did not provide a Notice of Defense, the proposed Default Decision and Order is now presented for the Commission's consideration.

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission denied the license based on the default decision and order.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

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

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. Benjamin Crawford  | K. Meuy Saechao       |
| B. Michele Fanucchi   | L. Justin Sepagan     |
| C. Mike Henry         | M. Michael Singleton  |
| D. Samedy Kuocho      | N. Francis Smallwood  |
| E. Stephanie Lim      | O. James Smith        |
| F. Julie Morgan       | P. Manuelito Solis    |
| G. Christopher Mouton | Q. <i>Lance Titus</i> |
| H. Julie Muldrow      | R. Shane Totua        |
| I. Donald Olsen       | S. Beau VanSickel     |
| J. Joseph Rogers      | T. Peter Yang         |

11. 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. Empire Sportsmen's Association: | Setha Dy        | Tiffany Smith |
| B. Lake Bowl Cardroom:             | Joan Ray        |               |
| C. Napa Valley Casino:             | Narin Phorth    |               |
| D. Outlaws Card Parlour:           | Daniel McCallie |               |

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| E. Parkwest Casino Sonoma: | Jenna Carrender | Diana Guerrero |
|                            | Jordan Kunkel   |                |
| F. Poker Flats Casino:     | Misty Alonzo    |                |

12. 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. Aces High Gaming, LLC:          |                      |                           |
| Players:                           | Sarah Leary          | Deng Thao                 |
| B. Acme Player Services, LLC:      |                      |                           |
| Player:                            | Tuan Nguyen          |                           |
| C. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:         |                      |                           |
| Players:                           | Jose Gonzales        | Paulina Munoz             |
|                                    | Christopher Thomas   | Brandon Sing              |
| D. Gold Gaming Consultants, Inc.:  |                      |                           |
| Players:                           | Laura Lee            | Raymond Rin               |
|                                    |                      | Justin Russell            |
| E. Knighted Ventures, LLC:         |                      |                           |
| Player:                            | Sandra Huerta Villa  |                           |
| F. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:              |                      |                           |
| Player:                            | Miguel Ortiz         |                           |
| G. Metis TPS, LLC:                 |                      |                           |
| Players:                           | Erik Infante Andrade | Karen Sanchez             |
|                                    | XiaoXiao Wu          | Elsa Wu                   |
|                                    |                      | Xinfang Xiong             |
| H. PT Gaming, LLC:                 |                      |                           |
| Players:                           | Jesus Antonio        | Rina Fontanilla           |
|                                    | Parash Upadhayay     | Cristina Gonzalez Vazquez |
| I. Qualified Player Services, LLC: |                      |                           |
| Player:                            | Jennifer Freers      |                           |
| J. Rhino Gaming, Inc.:             |                      |                           |
| Player:                            | Jose Reyes Garcia    |                           |

13. 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:                     | Aphinunt Singta      |              |
| B. Certified Players, Inc.: |                      |              |
| Player:                     | Frank Zamarripa, Jr. |              |
| C. Mega Gaming, LLC:        |                      |              |
| Player:                     | Kai Her              |              |
| D. PT Gaming, LLC:          |                      |              |
| Players:                    | Erica Bonifacio      | Sarah Jara   |
|                             | Leumel Smith         | Bopha Uth    |
|                             |                      | Michael Moua |
|                             |                      | Nguyen Vo    |

14. Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):

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| A. Soboba Casino - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians: |
| Salvador Cardona                                   |

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- B. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:  
Sonya Bounphamaly                      Alvarina Gonzalez

15. Consideration of Renewal Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability  
(Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):

- A. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:  
Constance Holzheimer
- B. Black Oak Casino - Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria:  
Mark Rippee                      Candace Robinson
- C. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:  
Timothy Bos
- D. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:  
Keri Downs                      Mongtuyen Ngo                      Biljana Peters  
Sabrina Serna
- E. Feather Falls Casino & Lodge - Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians:  
Emily Somppi                      Matthew Weisser
- F. Harrah's Resort Southern California - Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation:  
Ryan Cameron                      Toan Nguyen                      Vinh Phuc Nguyen  
Ernest Russell IV                      Martin Vu
- G. Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort - Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:  
Johnny Tran
- H. Lucky 7 Casino - Smith River Rancheria:  
Mary Hulse
- I. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:  
Chelsea Bright                      Joel Dennis Jr.
- J. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:  
Larry Arterberry
- K. Running Creek Casino - Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake:  
Kenneth Crawford
- L. San Manuel Casino - San Manuel Band of Mission Indians:  
James Aulgur Jr                      Jerry Berns                      Regina Carrillo  
Papri Chakma                      Trung Dang                      Kimberly Maya  
Annie Kar Ng                      Frank Rodriguez                      Artemio Sanchez  
Javier Uribe
- M. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:  
Ermei He                      Aiyana Kayne                      Carol Vongxay
- N. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:  
Marta Maciel                      Henry Sedillo
- O. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:  
Abraham Carranza                      Larry Halvorson                      Donald Hobson  
Joseph Perry                      Clarissa Trent



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

Yair Jimenez

April Main

Ivan Meneses

#### Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Consent Calendar Items 10 through 15, with the exception of item 10Q, the Consideration of the Renewal Portable Personal Key Employee License for Lance Titus.

#### Item 10Q – Consideration of the Renewal Portable Key Employee License for Lance Titus.

#### Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved a 120-day extension through June 30, 2018.

#### **CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:**

Chief Counsel Vlaanderen disclosed that the Commissioners would meet in Closed Session on item II. B. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Key Employee License for Callaye Strauss, (CGCC-2017-0713-7G).

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

None

#### **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)
  - G. *California Valley Miwok Tribe v. California Gambling Control Commission et al.*; San Diego County Superior Court (37-2017-00050038-MU-CO-CTL)

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- II. Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(3):
- A. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Tony Grant Corkhill, (CGCC-2017-0828-14D1)
  - B. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Key Employee License for Callaye Strauss, (CGCC-2017-0713-7G)
  - C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Monita Chan (CGCC-2017-0209-9), and the Application for Third-Party Proposition Player Services Registration for Monita Chan (GCADS-TPPL-018807)
  - D. Consideration of Stipulated Settlement: Decision and Order In the Matter of the Second Amended Accusation and Statement of Issues Against Michael A. Whiteley, Jr., sole proprietor doing business as Mike's Card Casino (OAH No. 2016070163, BGC Case No. BGC-HQ2016-00001AC)
  - E. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Key Employee License for Rommel Sison Naraval, (CGCC-2017-0223-7C)
  - F. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Work Permit for Farm Saechao, (CGCC-2017-0828-9D)
  - G. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Renewal of State Gambling License for Ven-A-Mexico, Juan Carrillo, Sole Proprietor, (CGCC-2013-1030-6C)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Evans adjourned the Commission Meeting into Closed Session at 10:33 AM. No further information was given.