

California Gambling Control Commission

2399 GATEWAY OAKS DRIVE, SUITE 220

SACRAMENTO, CA 95833

(916) 263-0700 FAX (916) 263-0499

www.cgcc.ca.gov

**MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2018
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 Paula LaBrie, and Commissioner Trang To present.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for:

A. January 11, 2018

B. January 25, 2018

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 Commission Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2018 and January 25, 2018.

Chairman Evans welcomed the new Director of the Bureau of Gambling Control, Stephanie Shimazu. Commissioner LaBrie and Commissioner To also welcomed Director Shimazu and mentioned they are looking forward to working with her.

Director Shimazu responded that she also is looking forward to working with the Bureau and the Commission.

4. California Problem Gambling Treatment Services Program, Overview & Update:
Presenter: Terri Sue Canale-Dalman, Chief, Office of Problem Gambling, California Department of Public Health

Chief Canale-Dalman presented on the progress and updates for the Office of Problem Gambling. Chief Canale-Dalman provided Problem Gambling Treatment Program statistics, and discussed how the prevention program is moving in a new direction with a much lighter and personal tone. Chief Canale-Dalman noted the results have been very positive. The program has consolidated the helplines of 1-800-GAMBLER, and can provide services in 200 different languages and dialects 24 hours a day.

Chief Canale-Dalman reported that in fiscal year of 2016-2017, there were over 24,000 calls to the helpline, 153 text conversations, and a live chat was also implemented to assist those affected by gambling problems. Chief Canale-Dalman further reported that Problem Gambling staff has provided training and technical assistance to over 300,000 non-profit staff, health professionals, educators, law enforcement, and gambling industry personal. Chief Canale-Dalman discussed that a study of self-excluded patrons recently commenced and more than twenty cardrooms are participating, wherein outcomes are anticipated in 2019. Chief Canale-Dalman further discussed the collaboration between her office and the industry as well.

Ms. Canale-Dalman provided a brief history and provided statistics with regard to treatment provided by the California Gambling Education and Treatment Services Program (CalGETS). Ms. Canale-Dalman discussed the California Problem Gambling Training Summit that will be held March 21, 2018 to March 22, 2018.

Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To all commented on the great work that Ms. Canale-Dalman and others are doing for gambling patrons and the industry.

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

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 Initial Key Employee License through June 30, 2018.

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

Casino Merced: Ramon Lopez

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 Initial Work Permit application to a 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. Arise, LLC:

Supervisor: Sophar Sok

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 Conversion License through March 31, 2020.

Player: Jack Niedhamer

Comments Received From:

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

Assistant Director Morrow noted that the Bureau has confirmed with the court that the court has corrected Mr. Niedhamer's record to remove the refusal to take the chemical test as it was an administrative error by the court.

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 Conversion License through March 31, 2020, with the condition noted below:

Beginning May 1, 2018, and every 90 days thereafter, Jack Niedhamer must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of efforts to satisfy the outstanding court fines until paid.

B. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:
Player: Nithaphone Manichanh

Comments Received From:
Nithaphone Manichanh, via telephone

Ms. Manichanh appeared telephonically to respond to any questions from the Commission.

Chairman Evans noted that it is his opinion that Ms. Manichanh didn't intend to obfuscate the licensing process.

Commissioner LaBrie agreed with Chairman Evans and explained that the additional information received adequately resolved her concerns.

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 March 31, 2020.

C. PT Gaming, LLC:
Supervisor: Michael Castelli

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 March 31, 2020.

Player: Brittney Zavala

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 Conversion License through March 31, 2020.

8. 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):

Certified Players, Inc.:

Player: Salipopo Tuatagaloa

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 request to withdraw the Conversion Third Party Proposition Registration to a License Application without prejudice.

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

A. Blue Lake Casino and Hotel - Blue Lake Rancheria:

Chad Chambliss

Mr. Chambliss confirmed for the record, via email, that he understood and accepted the proposed condition to be placed on his license.

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 Finding of Suitability through June 1, 2018, with the condition noted below:

Beginning April 1, 2018, and every 90 days thereafter, Mr. Chambliss must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with documentation evidencing proof of efforts to satisfy his outstanding State Tax Lien until resolved.

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

Roberto Zarate

Comments Received From:

Roberto Zarate, in person

Chairman Evans asked Mr. Zarate if he understands and will comply with the condition. Mr. Zarate confirmed that he understands and will comply with the condition.

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 Finding of Suitability through June 16, 2019, with the condition noted below:

Beginning April 1, 2018, and every 90 days thereafter, Mr. Zarate must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with documentation evidencing proof of efforts to satisfy his outstanding court accounts until resolved.

C. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:

Alexander Rodriguez, II

Comments Received From:

Alexander Rodriguez, II, via telephone

Chairman Evans asked Mr. Rodriguez if he understood the condition to be placed on his Finding of Suitability. Mr. Rodriguez confirmed that he understood the condition.

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 Finding of Suitability through July 1, 2018, with the condition noted below:

Beginning April 1, 2018, and every 180 days thereafter, Mr. Rodriguez must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with documentation evidencing proof of efforts to satisfy his outstanding accounts until resolved.

10. 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 Key Employee License for Patricia Hernandez, (CGCC-2017-1019-6C)

Comments Received From:

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

Legal Counsel Jason Pope provided a brief summary of Ms. Hernandez's application, and noted that Ms. Hernandez was provided notice of this hearing in a number of methods. Staff Counsel Pope further stated that as Ms. Hernandez did not provide a Notice of Defense and that the proposed Default Decision and Order is now presented for the Commission's consideration

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 moved to deny Ms. Hernandez's Initial Key Employee License with the Default Decision and Order.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

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

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| A. Darrin Bishop | I. Oscar Miranda |
| B. Michael Brown | J. Robert Newman |
| C. Gene Clevenger | K. Tuan Nguyen |
| D. Dennis Hone | L. Janet Reynolds |
| E. Madelaine Jazmin | M. Pamela Rosa |
| F. Tim Lam | N. Tsz Ning Schoster |
| G. Tony Le | O. Samnang Um |
| H. Matthew Miller | |

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

- | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| A. Empire Sportsmen's Association: | Mary Abrahamson | Alicia Eck | Joshua Klok |
| | Rathkaya Koy-Klok | Kania Teung Ouk | |
| B. Napa Valley Casino: | Yi Yuen Teh | | |
| C. Parkwest Casino Sonoma: | Srey Hoeun | Shannon Valenza | |
| | Olga Ventura De Cruz | | |
| D. The Deuce Lounge & Casino: | Sarnphou Saephan | | |

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. Acme Player Services, LLC: | | | |
| Player: | David Som | | |
| B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC: | | | |
| Players: | Karina Hernandez | Daniel Mejia-Medrano | |
| C. Gold Gaming Consultants, Inc.: | | | |
| Players: | Marianna Chambard | Martin Fletcher | Austin Harr |
| | Joshua Hickman | Christine Lee | Christine Saelee |
| | Orlando Sem | | |
| D. Knighted Ventures, LLC: | | | |
| Players: | Patrick Lukas | Brenda Vang | |
| E. L.E. Gaming, Inc.: | | | |
| Players: | Ronald Esteban | Sean Marin | Cheryl Parrish |
| F. Pacific United Service, Inc.: | | | |
| Player: | Shekima Bradley | | |
| G. PT Gaming, LLC: | | | |
| Players: | Sokha Choup | Aubrey Limson | Kimberly Martinez |
| | Kenisha Williams | | |

Commission Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2018

H. The Independent:

Players: Jocelyn Aquino Alex Melendrez

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. Arise, LLC:

Player: Brett Holz

B. PT Gaming, LLC:

Players: Ashley Gentry-Andrews Kai Her Kim Mac

15. Consideration of Initial 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:

Fady Yousif

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

Roxanne Ayala

C. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:

Alberto Saravia

D. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:

Miguel Nunez Vazquez

E. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:

Terry Vo Aaron Yeargan

F. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:

Nai Saechao

G. San Manuel Casino - San Manuel Band of Mission Indians:

Emilie Chhoeum

H. Soboba Casino - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:

Edward Herron

I. Spotlight 29 Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:

Erika Warren

J. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:

Ernesto Fabrigas Jr.

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

Candida Magnia Bee Vang

L. Twin Pine Casino & Hotel - Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians:

Cody Torres

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

Waleed Shorees

N. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:

Jessica Chacon

Commission Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2018

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

- A. Black Oak Casino - Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria:
Leslie Villani
- B. Blue Lake Casino and Hotel - Blue Lake Rancheria:
Denice Jensen-Larkins
- C. Casino Pauma - Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma & Yuima Reservation:
Maxcimiliano Ortiz Eric Rivas
- D. Chicken Ranch Casino - Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
Frances Jones
- E. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:
Julie Gonzalez Lou Moua
- F. Colusa Casino Resort - Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:
Jourdyn Pummill
- G. Coyote Valley Casino - Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians:
Celerina Lugo
- H. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:
Keely Alexander
- I. Paiute Palace Casino - Bishop Paiute Tribe:
Clayton Eddy
- J. Soboba Casino - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:
Melissa McDonald Micheal Placencia
- K. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:
Timothy Briggs Rafi Butres Elmer Caintic
Richard Jewell Mittaphone Khansourivong Neil Lambert
Nicolas Marcon William Mierzejewski Marla More
Christopher Niss Ricardo Orosco III Kimberly Ostern
Toni Peters Domingo Rapay Jr. Jose Rivera
Angela Scantling Souksamay Sengthong
- L. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:
Ryan Delp Juan Carlos Hernandez Roman Ramirez
Tiffany Saephan Felipe Valdez Jr.
- M. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:
Helen Rocha Vincent Squeo
- N. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:
Herbert Brodmyer Aaron Burkhalter Bernadette Hannis
Ryan Puccio Mouang Saefong
- O. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation:
Laarni Genoso Erich Hans Gary Robinson
John Webb Alfredo Zermeno

Comments Received From:

Adrianna Alcalá-Beshara, Licensing Division Deputy Director, Gambling Control Commission, in person

Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara requested that consideration of Item 13D –Patrick Lukas be continued to the next meeting.

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 Consent Calendar items 11 through 16 with the exception of 13D, Patrick Lukas.

CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:

Prior to holding Closed Session, Legal Counsel Jason Pope disclosed that the Commissioners would meet in Closed Session on items:

II. Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(3):

- B. 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
- C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Key Employee License for Rommel Sison Naraval, (CGCC-2017-0223-7C)
- D. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Key Employee License for Patricia Hernandez, (CGCC-2017-1019-6C)

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)
 - H. *Tongtoua Yang v. California Gambling Control Commission et al.*; Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2017-80002744)

Commission Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2018

- 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 Callaye Strauss, (CGCC-2017-0713-7G)
 - B. 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)
 - C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Key Employee License for Rommel Sison Naraval, (CGCC-2017-0223-7C)
 - D. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Key Employee License for Patricia Hernandez, (CGCC-2017-1019-6C)
 - E. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Kin Ping Wong, (CGCC-2017-0828-10B)

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Evans adjourned the Commission Meeting at 10:49 AM. No further information was given.