California Gambling Control Commission

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MINUTES OF THE APRIL 26, 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. March 8, 2018 Commission Meeting
 - B. April 2, 2018 GCA Hearing

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 March 8, 2018 Commission Meeting Minutes and the April 2, 2018 GCA Hearing Minutes.

4. Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Final Report for Distribution to Eligible Recipient Indian Tribes for Quarter Ending March 31, 2018 - Quarterly License Revenue Received and Shortfall (Pursuant to Government Code section 12012.75) Commissioner LaBrie noted she had no questions and thanked staff for the preparation of the report.

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 distribution payments as listed in the reports.

5. Consideration of A) Stock Purchase Agreement; B) Membership Interest Purchase Agreement; and, C) Initial State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19824, 19850, 19851, 19852, 19892, and 19904; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12342):

A. Delta Casino:

Delta C, LP

Delta CM, Inc., General Partner Tracey Kennedy, (Seller) James Mullins, (Buyer) Kerry Mullins, (Buyer) Richard Shindle, (Buyer)

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 Stock Purchase Agreement with the conditions noted below:

- 1. **Legend on Stock Certificate.** The Owner-Licensees shall provide to the Commission, with a copy to the Bureau, within 30 days after the closing of the transaction that any certificate evidencing the stock transferred is legended in accordance with the provisions of Business and Professions Code 19882, subdivision (c).
- 2. Additional Legend on Stock Certificate. The Owner-Licensees shall provide to the Commission, with a copy to the Bureau, within 30 days after the closing of the transaction that the certificates evidencing the stock transferred 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 after the closing of the transaction, the Owner-Licensees shall provide to the Commission, with a copy to the Bureau, 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. Delta Casino:

Delta C, LP
Delta Fore, LLC, Limited Partner
Tracey Kennedy, (Seller)
James Mullins, (Buyer)
Kerry Mullins, (Buyer)
Richard Shindle, (Buyer)

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 Membership Interest Purchase Agreement with the conditions noted below:

- 1. Legend on Certificates Evidencing Membership Interest. The Owner-Licensees shall provide to the Commission, with a copy to the Bureau, within 30 days after the closing of the transaction, the certificates evidencing membership interest is legended in accordance with the provisions of Business and Professions Code 19892, subdivision (d).
- 2. Additional Legend on Certificate Evidencing Membership Interests. The Owner-Licensees shall provide to the Commission, with a copy to the Bureau, within 30 days after the closing of the transaction that the certificates evidencing the membership interest transferred include the following legend:

THIS CERTIFICATE REPRESENTS AN INTEREST IN A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY THAT HOLDS A GAMBLING LICENSE PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THE INTEREST 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 after the closing of the transaction, the Owner-Licensees shall provide to the Commission, with a copy to the Bureau, written confirmation that no material change was made to the transaction and that the transaction is substantially the same as approved by the Commission.
- C. Delta Casino:

Delta C, LP

Delta CM, Inc., General Partner
Tigran Marcarian, President, Chief Executive
Officer, Treasurer, Chairman of the Board,
Shareholder
Tracey Kennedy, Shareholder
James Mullins, Secretary, Shareholder
Kerry Mullins, Shareholder

Richard Shindle, Director and Shareholder Delta Fore, LLC, Limited Partner Richard Shindle, Managing Member

Tracey Kennedy, Member James Mullins, Member Kerry Mullins, Member

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner 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 Initial State Gambling License through March 31, 2020:

Upon consent of the Commission, Items 6A through 6D were heard concurrently.

6. Consideration of A) Renewal State Gambling License; B) Stock Purchase Agreement; C) Membership Interest Purchase Agreement; and, D) Initial State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19824, 19850, 19851, 19852, 19876 19892, and 19904; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054,12342, and 12345):

A. Kings Card Club: Delta C, LP

Chant Manoukian, Limited Partner Tigran Marcarian, Limited Partner Delta CM, Inc., General Partner

Tigran Marcarian, President, Chief Executive Officer

Treasurer, Chairman of the Board, Tracey Kennedy, Shareholder

James Mullins, Secretary, Shareholder

Kerry Mullins, Shareholder

Richard Shindle, Director and Shareholder

Delta Fore, LLC, Limited Partner Richard Shindle, Managing Member

Tracey Kennedy, Member James Mullins, Member Kerry Mullins, Member

B. Kings Card Club: Delta C, LP

Delta CM, Inc., General Partner Tracey Kennedy, (Seller) James Mullins, (Buyer) Kerry Mullins, (Buyer) Richard Shindle, (Buyer)

C. Kings Card Club: Delta C, LP

Delta Fore, LLC, Limited Partner Tracey Kennedy, (Seller) James Mullins, (Buyer)

Kerry Mullins, (Buyer) Richard Shindle, (Buyer)

D. Kings Card Club: Delta C, LP

Chant Manoukian, Limited Partner Tigran Marcarian, Limited Partner Delta CM, Inc., General Partner

Tigran Marcarian, President, Chief Executive Officer, Treasurer, Chairman of the Board,

Shareholder

Tracey Kennedy, Shareholder

James Mullins, Secretary, Shareholder

Kerry Mullins, Shareholder

Richard Shindle, Director, Shareholder

Delta Fore, LLC, Limited Partner Richard Shindle, Managing Member

Tracey Kennedy, Member James Mullins, Member Kerry Mullins, Member

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 item 6A Renewal applications through April 30, 2020; 6B Stock Purchase Agreement with the conditions noted below; 6C Membership Interest Purchase Agreement with the conditions noted below; and 6D Initial State Gambling Licenses through April 30, 2020.

Item 6B Conditions:

- 1. **Legend on Stock Certificate.** The Owner-Licensees shall provide to the Commission, with a copy to the Bureau, within 30 days after the closing of the transaction that any certificate evidencing the stock transferred is legended in accordance with the provisions of Business and Professions Code 19882, subdivision (c).
- 2. **Additional Legend on Stock Certificate.** The Owner-Licensees shall provide to the Commission, with a copy to the Bureau, within 30 days after the closing of the transaction that the certificates evidencing the stock transferred include the following legend:

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Item 6C Conditions:

- 1. **Legend on Certificates Evidencing Membership Interest.** The Owner-Licensees shall provide to the Commission, with a copy to the Bureau, within 30 days after the closing of the transaction, the certificates evidencing membership interest is legended in accordance with the provisions of Business and Professions Code 19892, subdivision (d).
- 2. Additional Legend on Certificate Evidencing Membership Interests.
 The Owner-Licensees shall provide to the Commission, with a copy to the Bureau, within 30 days after the closing of the transaction that the certificates evidencing the membership interest transferred include the following legend:

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- 3. **Statement of Closing Transactions.** Within 30 days after the closing of the transaction, the Owner-Licensees shall provide to the Commission, with a copy to the Bureau, written confirmation that no material change was made to the transaction and that the transaction is substantially the same as approved by the Commission.
- 7. 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. Blacksheep Casino Company: Randy Yaple, Sole Proprietor

Comments Received From:

Randy Yaple, Sole Proprietor, via telephone

Mr. Yaple confirmed he understood the new condition to be placed on his State Gambling License.

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 Renewal State Gambling License through April 30, 2020, removing the existing conditions, and adding a new condition noted below:

Existing Conditions to be removed:

- 1) Prior to operating, the Owner Licensee must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control a copy of the local business license for El Dorado County.
- 2) Within 45-days after Commission approval, the Owner Licensee shall provide to the Bureau of Gambling Control proof that a chips-in-use account has been established.

New Condition:

The owner-licensee may not open or offer controlled games until the Bureau of Gambling Control (Bureau) has inspected the gambling establishment and determined that it is in compliance with all pertinent regulatory standards, including California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 4, Division 18, Chapter 7, Article 1, Section 12364, in addition to providing the Bureau with a signed Notice of Relocation and a copy of the items listed below.

- 1) A current Emergency and Evacuation Plan, as required by CCR, Title 4, Division 18, Chapter 7, Article 2, Section 12370, which has been approved by the responsible local authority.
- 2) An executed copy of the lease agreement.
- 3) A current, reviewed and approved, Safety and Security Plan, as required by CCR, Title 4, Division 18, Chapter 7, Article 2, Sections 12370 and 12372.
- 4) A current and valid business license issued by the County of El Dorado for the gambling establishment.

B. Cameo Club:

Lewis & Lewis, Inc.

David and Margaret Lewis 1999 Family Trust, Shareholder

Margaret Lewis, Director, Trustee, Trustor, Beneficiary

Natalie J. Lewis Survivor's Trust, Shareholder David Ryan Lewis, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Director, Beneficiary

Brooke Lewis-Siemers, Vice President, Secretary, Director, Beneficiary

Comments Received From:

John Maloney, Designated Agent and Lawyer, in person Yolanda Morrow, Assistant Director, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person

Chairman Evans asked the Bureau to elaborate on the procedural history regarding the Cardroom's adequate financing.

Assistant Director Morrow stated that the Bureau worked with the cardroom to get the cardroom into compliance. It was close, but the cardroom came into compliance before an Emergency Order was served.

Mr. Maloney stated that the cardroom has secured a buyer and asked for an extension to sell the cardroom as opposed to referring the cardroom to an evidentiary hearing.

Assistant Director Morrow confirmed that the Bureau is aware of the transaction and that the cardroom is in compliance, with the exception of an employee who is working in a key employee capacity without a license. Assistant Director Morrow further noted that a completed application for the person working in a key capacity has not been received.

Mr. Maloney responded that he understood that the application was on file.

Assistant Director Morrow confirmed that was not her understanding. Further, the Bureau would not be supportive of an extension when a key employee is not licensed and continues to act in a key employee capacity, in conjunction with the cardroom's history of responsiveness. .

Commissioner To made a motion to refer the applications to a GCA evidentiary hearing.

Chairman Evans also discussed his concerns regarding the Cardroom's past inability to cover funds as that has an impact on the public, which the Commission has a duty to protect. Chairman Evans noted that although the cardroom is now in compliance with adequate financing, the non-compliance was as recent as December. Further, that he cannot rely on a sale transaction to close prior to an extension expiration, especially as the Commission has seen deals fall apart in the past. For the adequate financing issues alone, Chairman Evans noted he believed the Application should be referred to an evidentiary hearing. Chairman Evans further noted that he believed the proposed condition should be every 30 days as opposed to every 90 days to ensure adequate compliance. Chairman Evans noted he believed this reduction in reporting time is warranted as the Bureau's report findings indicated the cardroom was out of compliance in intervals of less than 90 days on more than one occasion.

Mr. Maloney responded the cardroom had no issues with the condition as proposed and it being shortened to every 30 days.

Commissioner To withdrew and made a new motion to refer the matter to a GCA evidentiary hearing and amend the condition to reporting requirements of every 30 days.

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 Renewal State Gambling Licenses to a GCA evidentiary hearing and issued an Interim Renewal State Gambling License through January 31, 2020, removing a condition, continuing with an existing modified condition, and adding new conditions noted below:

Removed the Condition:

1. No person(s) may receive shares of stock in the Natalie J. Lewis Survivor's Trust until that person(s) has received a state gambling license by the Commission.

Continued with Existing Condition:

2. 1. Owners of the Cameo Club must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control with copies to the Commission, <u>legible</u> copies of all current stock certificates for the David and Margaret Lewis 1999 Family Trust and the Natalie J. Lewis Survivor's Trust within 30 days of approval.

New Conditions:

- 2. Beginning May 1, 2018, and every 30 days thereafter, Cameo Club must provide to the Commission, with a copy to the Bureau of Gambling Control, a report that shows compliance with the adequate financing requirements and a status update regarding the repayment of loans to Robert McCaullay and Margaret Lewis.
- 3. Jeri Ross may not act as the Trustee for the Natalie J. Lewis Survivor's Trust regarding any gambling related business or matters until she is licensed by the Commission.
- C. Casino Marysville: Sau Cun

Sau Cung Phong, Inc.
Sau Cung Phong, President, Treasurer,
Secretary, Director, Sole Shareholder

Comments Received From:

Va Phong, Designated Agent, in person

Yolanda Morrow, Assistant Director, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person
Nate DaValle, Assistant Director, Compliance and Enforcement Division, Bureau of Gambling
Control, in person

Assistant Director Morrow stated that the Bureau has been attempting to get copies of surveillance, the Cardroom has still not provided the footage to the Bureau and has cited reasons as to why they haven't, the Bureau has provided as much assistance as possible, but has still been unable to obtain the footage sought.

Mr. Phong responded that the video is in a USB file and was provided to a Bureau Field Representative on March 19, 2018. Mr. Phong noted that he has offered to provide technical assistance to open the file. Mr. Phong identified that there seems to be a misunderstanding.

Assistant Director DaValle confirmed that the Bureau requested three days of video from the cardroom and in response the Bureau was provided CDs and USB drives. The Bureau was able to open the USB drives: however, they only contained one day of footage and the media was comprised of still photos. As the Bureau understands it, the CDs were supposed to have the videos. Assistant Director DaValle noted that both the Bureau's specialized technical expert and IT attempted to open the media, but was unable to do so. Assistant Director DaValle noted the discrepancies wherein the Bureau asked for three days and was only provided one.

Chairman Evans stated that his concerns on this matter are different. Chairman Evans noted that his concerns were primarily based on Bureau's findings that there was no third party provider controlling chips on a California games table, and a cardroom dealer was controlling the chips when that third party proposition player was not present. Chairman Evans also noted an aspect of concern for poker games wherein cardroom employees were playing, and winnings were recorded as revenue of the cardroom. Chairman Evans expressed concern it may be too close to the house having an interest in the game. Chairman Evans made a motion to send the item to a GCA evidentiary hearing.

Mr. Phong responded that the USB drive does in fact work and again offered technical assistance to the Bureau. Mr. Phong noted that this is the same media that had historically been provided to the Bureau without incident and is uncertain why the Bureau is not experiencing technical issues. Mr. Phong also noted that as to the Poker aspects, the cardroom has been engaging in this practice for quite some time.

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 Renewal State Gambling Licenses to a GCA evidentiary hearing and issued an Interim Renewal State Gambling License through December 31, 2019.

D. Casino Royale:

Sacramento Casino Royale, LLC William Blanas, Managing and Sole Member

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 Renewal State Gambling License through April 30, 2020, amending the existing conditions as noted below:

1. Sacramento Casino Royale, LLC and William Blanas must abide by all terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulated Settlement.

2. The State Gambling Licenses of Sacramento Casino Royale, LLC and William Blanas will remain suspended until the sale of assets to and licensure of new ownership is complete; or until the expiration of without renewal this State Gambling License, whichever is earlier.

E. Hemphill's Lounge and Cardroom: Timothy Long, Sole Proprietor

Comments Received From:

Adrianna Alcala-Beshara, Deputy Director, Gambling Control Commission, in person Yolanda Morrow, Assistant Director, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person

Deputy Director Alcala-Beshara confirmed that the 60-day extension was requested by the Commission staff in order to prepare a report on a purchase transaction recently received by Commission for a future agenda. Deputy Director Alcala-Beshara further elaborated that in the event of a completed sales transaction, the extension would allow the Commission the ability to abandon the application of the current owner, rather than renew the application for a duration of two years.

Assistant Director Morrow asked if the extension is granted, will the application for license renewal be placed on the same agenda as the potential transaction in the future.

Deputy Director Alcala-Beshara confirmed that it would be placed on the same agenda.

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 a 60-day extension through June 30, 2018, continuing with the existing conditions noted below:

- a. A current and fully completed Cardroom Supplemental Information for State Gambling License, Rev. 4/08 (BGC-APP-015C), or its most current successor form, which includes the new address of the gambling establishment;
- b. A current and valid business license issued by the City of Napa for the gambling establishment;
- c. A current, reviewed and approved Safety and Security Plan, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 12370 and 12372;

- d. A current Emergency and Evacuation Plan, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 12370, that has been approved by the responsible local authority;
- e. A current lease for the gambling establishment's premises, if applicable; and
- f. A current and complete Chart of Accounts, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 12312 (d) and (e).

F. Limelight Card Room: Peter Mikacich, Owner Barbara Mikacich, Owner

Comments Received From:

John Mikacich, General Manager, in person Yolanda Morrow, Assistant Director, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person Todd Vlaanderen, Chief Counsel, Gambling Control Commission, in person

Assistant Director Morrow noted that the conditions recommended by the Bureau were recommended as these areas of compliance were ongoing issues of the cardroom. Assistant Director noted the conditions may not be necessary, and the Bureau had no issues if the Commission did not want to impose the recommended conditions.

Mr. Mikacich confirmed that the cardroom has and will continue to have the policies and procedures in place. Mr. Mikacich noted that the cardroom was amenable to the conditions as proposed being imposed.

Chairman Evans inquired on the necessity of the recommended condition to keep the policies and procedures on site as the conditions appear to already be required by statute or regulation.

Chief Counsel Vlaanderen clarified that the regulations state that the policies and procedures need to be provided within a reasonable time, as opposed to the proposed condition that requires the policies and procedures being maintained within the cardroom.

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 Renewal State Gambling Licenses through April 30, 2020, with the new conditions noted below:

1. The Limelight Cardroom must have written copies of policies and procedures in compliance with applicable regulations available onsite at all times for inspection by the Bureau.

2. John Mikacich must apply for and obtain a state gambling license as a key employee.

Upon consent of the Commission, items 7G through 7H were called concurrently.

G. The Saloon at Stones Gambling Hall: King's Casino, LLC

H. The Tavern at Stones Gambling Hall: King's Casino, LLC

Comments Received From:

Yolanda Morrow, Assistant Director, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person Heather Guerena, Designated Agent and Attorney

Commissioner LaBrie asked the Bureau if they have the applications for Elevation Entertainment. Assistant Director Morrow responded confirming the Bureau is in receipt of all of the applications.

Ms. Guerena confirmed the Applicants understood and accepted the proposed condition.

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 Renewal State Gambling Licenses through April 30, 2020, with the condition noted below:

Elevation Entertainment Group, and its owners and officers must apply for, and upon approval maintain a State Gambling License.

Consideration of Renewal of Third-Party Provider of Proposition Player
 Services/Gambling Business Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054, 12218.8 and 12238):

 A. 21 Vault Gaming: Debbie Willhalm, Sole Proprietor

Comments Received From:

Debbie Willhalm, via telephone

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

Chairman Evans and Commissioner LaBrie expressed their concerns with the Applicant's business relationships and oversight of operations.

Assistant Director Morrow provided an update that Ms. Willhalm has never received a letter of acknowledgement for her corrective action for the last Letter of Warning sent because the Bureau still doesn't know how the chips are being secured. In addition, the Bureau has not received a contract amendment to add a podium.

Ms. Willhalm provided a brief overview of business operations of 21 Vault Gaming and her recent correspondence with the Bureau.

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 Renewal State Gambling License to a GCA evidentiary hearing and issued an Interim Renewal License through April 30, 2020.

B. Premier Player Providers, Inc.: Nasser Qutob, President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director, Sole Shareholder

Comments Received From:

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

Assistant Morrow confirmed that the 120-day extension was for the Applicant and no additional information is needed from the Bureau.

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 a 120-day extension through August 31, 2018.

9. Consideration of Tribal-State Compact Renewal Finding of Suitability as a Gaming Resource Supplier (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compacts):

Gasser Chair Company, Inc.: Gary Gasser, Chief Executive Officer, Director,

Shareholder

Mark Gasser, President, Director, Shareholder Evelyn Mihin, Chief Operating Officer, Treasurer,

Secretary, Director

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 Renewal Finding of Suitability through April 30, 2020.

10. <u>Hearing Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 19870 and 19871 and CCR</u>, Title 4, section 12060:

Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Ian Aengus Riley, (CGCC-2017-1218-17E)

Comments Received From:

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

Staff Counsel Pope provided a brief summary of Mr. Riley's application, and noted that Mr. Riley was provided notice of this hearing in a number of methods. Staff Counsel Pope further stated that as Mr. Riley did not provide a Notice of Defense, that 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 moved to approve the Default Decision and Order.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

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

A. Casino Merced: Nicholas Oh

B. Napa Valley Casino: Kun Li Mariena Tan Chanthanakhane Xayakorn

C. Rogelio's: Kevin Pound

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):

A. Aces High Gaming, LLC:

Player: Taylor Preston B. Acme Player Services, LLC:

Players: Randy Harrison Xu Li Jason Rivas

Mark Rojas Chun Le Yu

C. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:

Players: Brenda Lyn Ballesteros Kristine Jennifer Barbachano

Felicia Burton Diana Eng Kevin Flores Navarrete

Andrian Jacobo Juan Lopez Corona

Michael Maldonado Ana Sanchez Zacarias Cristina Torres

D. Certified Players, Inc.:

Player: Sara Crispen
E. Gold Gaming Consultants, Inc.:
Player: Lanesa Jones
F. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Players: Matthew Chan Hien Dang Todd Glasspoole

Mauricio Izurieta Matthew Lopez Shanon McHone

Jacob Rodriguez Guadalupe Valenzuela

Cheng Vang Keith Vang

G. Metis TPS, LLC:

Players: Mio Lan Ao leong Rong Dong XingLi Ye

XingWang Ye

H. Pacific United Service, Inc.:

Players: Phillip Flores Gonzalez Laura Garcia

Hong Huynh Kimheang Suy JingXiang Wang

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

PT Gaming, LLC:

Player: Robert Virata

- 14. <u>Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability</u> (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compacts):
 - A. Blue Lake Casino and Hotel Blue Lake Rancheria:

Joseph Pettit

B. Casino Pauma - Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma & Yuima Reservation:

Alyson Malamanig

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

Michelle Green James Snead

D. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:

Keela Gregg

E. Coyote Valley Casino - Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians:

Timothy Ramos

- F. Eagle Mountain Casino Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation: Roy Williams
- G. Havasu Landing Resort & Casino Chemehuevi Indian Tribe of the Chemehuevi Reservation:

Gabriel Trujillo

H. Hollywood Casino Jamul - San Diego - Jamul Indian Village:

Rickey Schultz Michael Shaw

Anthony Sperske

I. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:

Jeromi Cape Katherine Weeks

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

Claudia Alfaro Cardenas Alexandra Sutalo

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

Daniel Leyva Lorenzo Montes de Oca Rosas

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

Ou Saechao Yanping Wu

M. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:

Nathan Myers

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

David Hinoiosa

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

Michelle Sardina

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

Maria Swinford

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

Stephen Chiaxang

R. Tortoise Rock Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:

Natalie Licea

S. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians: Renee Eusebio Tre Harper

T. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:

Roxane Gomez

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

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

> Lizette Gonzalez Andonaegui Jared Hahn Jose Peralta Dominic Randazzo Janine Rheaume Linda Ring

Gregorio Rodriguez Scott Tuck

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

Tyrone Bachus

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

John Chao Shawn Costello Samuel Evans Pedro Fung Kelsey Hawkins Pedro Fung Wendy Gillen **Sherry Greer** Dominique Hudson Joey Lee Phetsamay Lakhamsene Courtney Saelee Robert Smith

Alice Spencer Eleanor Thompson Ronald Tolentino Jr.

San Yang Irene Yu

D. Casino Pauma - Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma & Yuima Reservation:

> Joseph Collins Brian Linderman **Douglas Williams**

E. Chicken Ranch Casino - Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians: Coby Winter

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

Xa Her

G. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:

> Donald Candy William Christen Jared Garcia Sylvia Martini John Ormond Karyn Rayburn

Benjamin Zitello

H. Coyote Valley Casino - Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians:

Rory Hitchcock

I. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation: Adrian Ramos

J. Feather Falls Casino & Lodge - Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians:

Fahmching Chao John Pyeatt

K. Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort - Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians: James Grim Ronald Ramirez Claudia Tomberlin

L. Mono Wind Casino - Big Sandy Rancheria Band of Western Mono Indians:

Frances Houston-Bailey

M. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:

Linda Ames Philip Erwin John James
Debra Lee Brian Luong Rosa Oul

N. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala

Reservation:

Richard Davison Steve Pham Matthew Thorsen

O. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the

Pechanga Reservation:

Daniel Barra Sara Barron Susan Clark
Anthony Covington Jerome De Jesus Phillip Demarest
Romulos Enriquez Jose Guzman-Fermin Charles Hellman

Samantha Koeller Mark Lee

Alexander Montanarella

Alex Morais Thuy Trang Nguyen

Souksavanh Phimmala

Sarah Plummer Ariel Santos Miguel Segovia

Taresa Ziemer

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

Arnel Pecson

Q. Soboba Casino - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:

Dominic Abbondanza Shiloh Maddox Jill Tucker

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

Romeo Buensuceso Jr. Kira Contreras George Cruz
Bill Inthamala Kin Lee Irving Lopez
Mary Meier Jennifer Ng Mai Nguyen
Thang Nguyen David Penn Sherwin Perez

Patricia Sandoval

S. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:

Tatsanaporn Bufford Loida Cesar Gregory Dean Christine Douangphouxay Malinda Sea Matilda Villafan

Chor Vue

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

Richard Davis James Gallaway III Troy King

Don Langdon Noe Noyola

U. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn

Rancheria:

Mae Cooley Donald Davis Brian Hughes Kim Maxey Julio Mayhew Dan Nguyen

Tung Nguyen Kristofferson Ruiria

V. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:

Michael Pair

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 Consent Calendar items

11 through 15. Excluding 12B Chun Le Yu, who is no longer employed by the entity under which the applicant applied.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None.

CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:

Chief Counsel Vlaanderen disclosed that the Commissioners would meet in Closed Session on item II. A In the Matter of the Accusation and Statement of Issues Against Lucky Chances, Inc., Rommel Medina, Ruell Medina (OAH No.2015110463) and II. E. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Ian Aengus Riley, (CGCC-2017-1218-17E)

CLOSED SESSION:

- I. <u>Litigation (Government Code section 11126(e)):</u>
 - A. Stand Up For California, et al. v. State of California, et al., Madera County Superior Court (MCV062850)
 - B. Eric G. Swallow v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2016-800002402)
 - C. Garden City, Inc. v. Eric Swallow, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2016-00198132)
 - D. Lucky Chances, Inc. v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2017-80002549)
 - E. Rene Medina v. Xavier Becerra, Jim Evans, et al.; United States District Court, Northern District of California (17-cv-03293 KAW)
 - F. California Valley Miwok Tribe v. California Gambling Control Commission et al.; San Diego County Superior Court (37-2017-00050038-MU-CO-CTL)
 - G. Tongtoua Yang v. California Gambling Control Commission et al.; Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2017-80002744)
- II. 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. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Myron Lazo, (CGCC-2017-1116-13Bii)
 - C. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Jonathan Xiong, (CGCC-2017-1116-13Biii)
 - D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Gary Steven Kirby, Sr. (CGCC-2017-0921-17E)

- E. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Ian Aengus Riley, (CGCC-2017-1218-17E)
- F. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Work Permit for Duangmanee Charoensuk. (CGCC-2017-0921-13)
- G. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Work Permit for Gloria Sibbald, (GCADS-GEWP-002559)

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Evans adjourned the Commission Meeting into Closed Session at 10:55 AM. No further information was given.