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**MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 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:
May 9, 2018 – GCA Hearing

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 Meeting Minutes for the May 9, 2018 GCA Hearing.

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

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 Initial Key Employee License through October 31, 2018.

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

Michael Love

Comments Received From:

Michael Love, via telephone

Mr. Love appeared via telephone to respond to any questions from the Commission.

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 Key Employee License through June 20, 2010, removing the existing condition noted below:

Removed Condition:

Beginning February 1, 2018, and every 180 days thereafter, Michael Love must provide updates to the Bureau of Gambling Control regarding proof of payments made in accordance with the established payment plans and outstanding collection accounts.

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

Napa Valley Casino: Mace Howell

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 a 120-day extension through October 31, 2018.

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. Aces High Gaming, LLC:

Player: Adrian Ramirez

Comments Received From:

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

Commissioner LaBrie noted that it appeared that the case of mistaken identity was resolved. Chairman Evans confirmed with the Bureau that the case had been resolved.

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 Initial Conversion License through June 30, 2020.

B. PT Gaming, LLC:

Player: Abigail Morales

Comments Received From:

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

Commissioner To confirmed that Ms. Morales is no longer employed at PT Gaming.

Assistant Director Morrow stated if the license were abandoned, Ms. Morales could reapply at any time and the Bureau must conduct another background investigation.

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 referred the Conversion Application to a GCA evidentiary hearing.

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

HCAL, LLC: Marc Rowan, Managing Member of Hamlet Holdings, LLC,
Managing Director at Apollo Management International LP

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 Finding of Suitability through February 29, 2020.

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

VSR Industries, Inc.: Charles DeGregorio, Secretary, Director, Shareholder
Colton Vollman, President, Treasurer, Director, Shareholder
Leo Wright, Director, Shareholder

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 Finding of Suitability through June 30, 2020.

10. Consideration of Initial 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 of the Barona Reservation:
Brett Smith

Comments Received From:

Brett Smith, via telephone

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

Mr. Smith confirmed that he understood 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 Initial Finding of Suitability through September 22, 2018, with the condition noted below:

Beginning July 1, 2018 and every 90 days thereafter, Mr. Smith must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve his state lien and collection accounts.

- B. Hopland Sho-Ka-Wah Casino - Hopland Band of Pomo Indians:
Vladimir Lopez

Comments Received From:

Vladimir Lopez, via telephone

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

Mr. Lopez confirmed that he understood 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 Initial Finding of Suitability through October 4, 2018, with the condition noted below:

Beginning July 1, 2018 and every 90 days thereafter, Mr. Lopez must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve his civil judgment.

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):

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| A. Manuel Castillo | L. Brian McCandless |
| B. Nikki Chao-Nguyen | M. Michael Murphy |
| C. I Ju Chou | N. Nopkun Pongchana |
| D. Oliver Grannis III | O. Georgia Raftery |
| E. Jose Herrera | P. Ali Satvati |
| F. James Hicklin | Q. Samantha Sengthit |
| G. Christopher Huang | R. Michael Sullivan |
| H. Jonathan Hy | S. Kristen Trexler |
| I. Robert Kleiber -30-day extension | T. James Vonasek |
| J. Charles Lewis | U. Kade Walters |
| K. Zar Liu | V. Joe Willson |

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

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| A. Casino Merced: | Yee Moua | Phong Yang |
| B. Napa Valley Casino: | Nonthiya Aajhan | Roja Ghale Randy Heng |
| | Jason Swanson | Gina Temple |
| C. Parkwest Casino Sonoma: | Samantha Borges | |

13. 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. Casino Merced: | Eddie Vargas | |
| B. Empire Sportsmen's Association: | Aaron Cummings | Boutdy Phavavichane |
| C. Lake Bowl Cardroom: | Debbie Saechao | |
| D. Outlaws Card Parlour: | Brian Ferrini | |

14. 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. Acme Player Services, LLC:
Players: Wen Song Bai | Liay Yee Lee | Tewelde Teclu |
| B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:
Players: Mohamed Chatti
Miguel Suarez | Monique Lima | Geia Null |
| C. Gaming Fund Group, Inc.:
Players: Yu Mao | Tien Nguyen | Huirong Zeng |
| D. Gold Gaming Consultants, Inc.:
Player: Austin Hilliard | | |
| E. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
Players: Jarrion Harris | Christopher Hoover | Angela Sarmiento |

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- B. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:
Jacob Arena Carlos Guerrero-Ochoa Jose Martinez
Gabriela Martinez Paul Wisniewski
- C. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:
Nya Her
- D. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:
Philip Degenhart Josephine Dodson Gail Garcia
- E. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:
Isabel Vera
- F. Feather Falls Casino & Lodge - Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians:
Keith Clyde Christopher Desylva
- G. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
Mary Grace Ascueta Jose Barragan Sarah Escarrega
Donald Hinkle Kattie Stockwell
- H. Paiute Palace Casino - Bishop Paiute Tribe:
Pamela Frank
- I. San Manuel Casino - San Manuel Band of Mission Indians:
Rolly Bataller Linda Bawardi Travis Collins
David Martin Veronica Mota Je Park
Nathan Rauk Craig Seeley Paul Stephenson
- J. Soboba Casino - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:
Tracy Armstrong
- K. Spa Resort Casino - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:
Todd Bailey Ruby Capobianco Victoria Gomez
Matthew Hickey Nicole Sanders
Christopher Siefker Gerardo Soto
- L. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:
Tony Her Kenichi Meyer Solyta Peang
Vixay Phommachak
- M. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:
Phiangphak Kiaosouvath Koy Saechao
- N. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:
Ou Saetern
- O. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:
Vinh Bui Alyssa Maria Lovelle Caayao
Shauntay LeFlore

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 17, excluding Item 15.D., Miguel Arroyo, as he is no longer employed at the entity at which he applied and Item 11.I, Robert Kleiber, which the Commission extended the Key Employee License for 30-days to July 31, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None.

CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:

Chairman Evans disclosed, and Staff Counsel Johnson concurred, that the Commissioners would meet in Closed Session on item II. B In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Work Permit for Stephen Herrera, (CGCC-2017-1005-6), II. F In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Renewal Key Employee Portable Personal License and the Statement of Issues for Leon Bernardi, (GEKE-001408; OAH No. 2016030545), and II. G In the Matter of the Application for Renewal of Third Party Providers of Proposition Players Services Player License and the Statement of Issues for Joseph Capps, (TPPL-006948; OAH No. 2016100308).

Executive Director Stacey Luna Baxter recused herself from Closed Session Items II. F. and II. G.

- I. Litigation (Government Code section 11126(e)):
 - 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)
 - H. *Callaye Jo Strauss v. California Gambling Control Commission*, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2018-80002882)

- 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. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Work Permit for Stephen Herrera, (CGCC-2017-1005-6)
 - C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Fabian Samuel Torres, (CGCC-2017-1218-17D)
 - D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Alice M. Catapia, (CGCC-2017-1116-13A)
 - E. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Kyle H. Baisa, (CGCC-2017-1116-13B)

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- F. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Renewal Key Employee Portable Personal License and the Statement of Issues for Leon Bernardi, (GEKE-001408; OAH No. 2016030545)
- G. In the Matter of the Application for Renewal of Third Party Providers of Proposition Players Services Player License and the Statement of Issues for Joseph Capps, (TPPL-006948; OAH No. 2016100308)

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Evans adjourned the Commission Meeting into Closed Session at 10:15 AM. No further information was given.