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**MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 23, 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, Commissioner Gareth Lacy, and Commissioner Trang To present.

Chairman Evans introduced and welcomed Commissioner Gareth Lacy. Commissioner To, and Commissioner LaBrie also welcomed Commissioner Gareth Lacy to the Commission.

Commissioner Lacy stated that he looks forward to working with everyone and affirmed his commitment to being fair, even-handed, and diligent in reviewing the record to make the best decisions he can based on the information presented.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for:

- A. June 21, 2018
- B. July 12, 2018
- C. July 16-17, 2018 – GCA Hearing
- D. July 19, 2018 – GCA Hearing
- E. July 25, 2018 – GCA Hearing

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes, and Commissioner Lacy abstaining; the Commission approved the Commission Meeting Minutes for: June 21, 2018 and July 12, 2018 and GCA minutes for: July 16-17 2018, July 19, 2018, and July 25, 2018.





approved the Renewal State Gambling License through February 29, 2020, with the existing conditions and adding a new condition noted below:

1. *The owners shall abide by all the conditions on the individual stockholder license(s) and landowner license issued by the local jurisdiction.*
2. *Controlled gaming on the 8th floor is not authorized until specifically approved by the local jurisdiction and upon written notification from the Bureau of Gambling Control to the Commission that the cardroom is in compliance with all applicable regulations.*
3. **Casino M8trix shall provide quarterly updates on all pending litigation regarding the City of San Jose's regulatory action in which it or its employees are involved, and within ten business days provide the Bureau with copies of any orders resulting from such action.**

B. Casino M8trix: Simeon Shigg, Chief Financial Officer

Action:

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

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. Napa Valley Casino: BVK Gaming, Inc.  
Brian Altizer, Secretary, Director,  
Shareholder  
Von Altizer, President, Chief Financial  
Officer, Director, Shareholder

Comments Received From:

Frances Asuncion, Senior Manager, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person

Senior Manager Asuncion stated that the Bureau has received additional information and will provide any additional findings if applicable.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission

approved a 90-day extension of the State Gambling License through November 30, 2018.

B. Parkwest Casino 580: Casino 580, LLC  
John Park, Member  
Dale Common, Member

Comments Received From:

Frances Asuncion, Senior Manager, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person

Commissioner LaBrie made a motion for a 180-day extension through February 28, 2019.

Commissioner Lacy noted that it appeared the additional information regarding Fortiss will come forward in other avenues and can be achieved without an extension as Fortiss must apply for a State Gambling License on its own.

Commissioner Evans asked the Bureau if they had a recommendation on the License and referenced the Bureau's noted concern regarding Fortiss. Senior Manager Asuncion stated that the Bureau's preference would be a renewal and noted it would be consistent with past commission decisions. Senior Manager Asuncion further acknowledged that the Bureau is in the midst of processing Fortiss' application. Senior Manager Asuncion noted that she did not have an exact timeframe; however, the Bureau is working diligently for completion.

Commissioner LaBrie noted that based on the additional information she would withdraw her motion.

Commissioner Lacy made a motion to approve the renewal license without the proposed condition. Commissioner Lacy subsequently withdrew his motion to approve the renewal license without the condition, and made a motion to approve the renewal license with the proposed condition requiring Michael Vasey and Fortiss, LLC to apply for and maintain a State Gambling License.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner To, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal State Gambling Licenses through August 31, 2020, with the condition noted below:

*Michael Vasey and Fortiss, LLC, must apply for, and upon approval maintain, a State Gambling License.*

C. The Mint:

Stephen Labiak, Sole Proprietor

Dawn Labiak, Community Property Interest Holder

Commissioner LaBrie noted that she was inclined to approve the renewal license with the new conditions as proposed as it addresses the concerns regarding licensure.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal State Gambling Licenses through August 31, 2020, removing the existing condition and adding new a condition as noted below:

~~*Prior to opening for business, The Mint is required to submit to the Bureau an active business license from the City of Porterville, an Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation Plan, a security and surveillance plan, and a list of games and rules for all games that will be played at the cardroom.*~~

1. ***Prior to operating, the Owner-Licensee must comply with applicable relocation requirements pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 4, Division 18, Chapter 7, Article 1, Section 12364, which include the Owner-Licensee submitting the following documentation to the Bureau of Gambling Control:***
    - ***A copy of the Security and Surveillance Plan***
    - ***A copy of the Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation Plan***
    - ***A copy of the Chips-in-Use Account***
    - ***A copy of the Players' Bank Account, if applicable***
  
  2. ***The Owner-Licensee may not open or offer controlled games until the Bureau of Gambling Control has inspected the cardroom and determined that the cardroom is in compliance with all pertinent regulatory standards.***
8. Consideration of Initial Portable Personal Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12350):  
A. Christopher Stigers

Comments Received From:

Christopher Stigers, via telephone

Ileana Harris, Owner, Casino Club, via telephone

Frances Asuncion, Senior Manager, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person

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

Commissioner Lacy asked Mr. Stigers to confirm he contended he was not personally served with an unlawful detainer. Mr. Stigers confirmed that was his position.

Senior Manager Asuncion and Deputy Director Alcala-Beshara discussed that the background investigation records appeared to reflect a proof of service of summons signed by a registered process server attesting Mr. Stigers was personally served, served by substitute service, and served via posting (conspicuous place) by a registered process server.

Mr. Stigers stated that he could not have been personally served as Mr. Stigers asserted he was not in the same city at the time of service. Mr. Stigers stated he knew he was out of the city around March 20<sup>th</sup>, and was already located in Redding on the 24<sup>th</sup> when he stated the service was said to have occurred.

Ms. Harris spoke on behalf of Mr. Stiger and attested that he is an exemplary person and employee.

Action:

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

B. Jacob Wood

Comments Received From:

Jacob Wood, via telephone

Frances Asuncion, Senior Manager, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person

Chairman Evans discussed why he was inclined to approve the license.

Senior Manager Asuncion discussed the basis for the Bureau's recommendation. Senior Manager Asuncion added that Mr. Wood was forthcoming about the incident, and the length of time since the event.

Commissioner To discussed why he concurred with Chairman Evans and also was inclined to approve the license. Commissioner To made a motion to approve Mr. Wood's Key Employee License application.

Chairman Evans asked Mr. Wood if he understood the condition to be placed on the Initial Key Employee License.

Mr. Wood confirmed that he understood the condition.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Key Employee License through August 31, 2018, and grant a 180-day extension through February 28, 2019, with the condition noted below:

*Mr. Wood must submit a completed Renewal Application within 60 days of his Initial Key Employee License Approval.*

9. Consideration of A) Initial Portable Key Employee License; and, B) Renewal Portable Key Employee License Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854, CCR Title 4 Sections 12054, 12350, and 12351):

A. Kathy Truong

Comments Received From:

Kathy Truong, in person

Phillip Evans, Attorney (retired), in person

Frances Asuncion, Senior Manager, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person

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

Ms. Truong maintained that she never received any information that she owed back taxes. Ms. Truong also stated that she contacted the State Franchise Tax Board and was informed that she did not owe any money. Ms. Truong attested that after her business closed, she did not speak with the Board of Equalization.

Mr. Evans spoke on Ms. Truong's behalf attesting to her good character. Mr. Evan's discussed Ms. Truong's personal and limited liability company liability status. Mr. Evan's discussed that Ms. Truong's recent attempts to resolve the tax matter as well.

Senior Manager Asuncion stated that the Bureau records reflect that Ms. Truong has been in contact with the Board of Equalization to pay off the lien since 2011.

Ms. Truong discussed that she disclosed the business, but did not disclose the lien as she did not know of its existence.

Deputy Director Alcala-Beshara provided background as to personal and business tax liability status.

Ms. Truong discussed that she intends to resolve her liens.

Commissioner LaBrie discussed why she would be inclined to grant the application with condition.

Commissioner To noted that with the additional dialogue provided, he concurred with Commissioner LaBrie and was also inclined to grant the application with condition.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Key Employee License through August 31, 2018, with the condition noted below:

*Beginning October 1, 2018, and every 90 days thereafter, Ms. Truong must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve her Business Tax Liens and collection accounts.*

B. Kathy Truong

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner To, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Key Employee License through August 31, 2020, with the condition noted below:

*Beginning October 1, 2018, and every 90 days thereafter, Ms. Truong must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve her Business Tax Liens and collection accounts.*

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

Lance Titus

Comments Received From:

Lloyd Carter, Senior Management Auditor, Audit & Compact Compliance Section, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person

Lance Titus, via telephone

Senior Management Auditor Carter discussed information of discrepancies of money was received from the bonuses and tips which Mr. Titus did not claim on his taxes. Senior Management Carter attested the Bureau conducted a comparative analysis of W2 forms, general ledger, or payroll for their findings.

Chairman Evans expressed his reservations given the tax discrepancy. Chairman Evans inquired with the Bureau how the Cardroom resolved this matter. Senior Management Auditor Carter discussed the findings regarding that matter.

Mr. Titus confirmed that he understood the condition.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with and Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes, and Chairman Evans voting no; the Commission approved the Renewal Key Employee License through February 29, 2020, with the condition noted below:

*Beginning September 1, 2018, and every 90 days thereafter, Mr. Titus must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control an update explaining the steps he has taken to rectify the underreported income on his taxes.*

11. Consideration to Withdraw Application for Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869; CCR, Title 4, sections 12015 and 12054):

Napa Valley Casino:

Tyrise Mclean

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Withdraw Application with prejudice.

12. 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. Network Management Group, Inc.:

John Park, President, Secretary, Treasurer,  
Director, Sole Shareholder

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Third Party Renewal License through August 31, 2020.

B. Premier Player Providers, Inc.:

Nasser Qutob, President, Secretary, Treasurer,  
Director, Sole Shareholder

Comments Received From:

Misty Trejo, Senior Manager, Intake, Games and Tribal Licensing, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person

Senior Manager Trejo confirmed that the Bureau had no concerns with either option presented for the Commissioner'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, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Third Party Renewal License through February 29, 2020, removing the existing conditions noted below:

- ~~1. Beginning July 1, 2012, and on a quarterly basis thereafter, Nasser Qutob shall submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control evidence of monthly payments made to repay the promissory note that became effective January 1, 2009, between himself and Game Source, LLC.~~
- ~~2. Nasser Qutob may not accept any loans for the purpose of using the funding for Premier Player Providers, Inc. without first obtaining approval by the Commission.~~

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. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:

Player: Noe Hernandez Mendoza

Comments Received From:

Noe Hernandez Mendoza, via telephone

Chairman Evans asked Mr. Hernandez Mendoza if he understood the condition to be placed on the Initial Third-Party Proposition Player Services License.

Mr. Hernandez Mendoza confirmed that he understood the condition.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner To, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Conversion License through August 31, 2020, with the condition noted below:

*Beginning September 1, 2018 and every 90 days thereafter, Mr. Hernandez Mendoza must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve his fine until the fine is paid in full.*

B. Fortune Players Group, Inc.:

Player: Robert Chan

Comments Received From:  
Robert Chan, via telephone

Mr. Chan responded to questions in regards to his application.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Conversion License through August 31, 2020.

C. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:

Player: Marian Lepana

The applicant was not present to respond to questions. No action was taken. The matter will be heard at the September 20, 2018 commission meeting.

D. Rhino Gaming, Inc.:

Player: Nicole Allen

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Conversion License through August 31, 2020.

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):

PT Gaming, LLC:

Players: i. Sarona Malepeai

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Third Party Renewal License through August 31, 2020, amending the existing condition noted below:

*Beginning ~~30 days upon approval~~ **September 30, 2018**, and every ~~180~~ **90** days thereafter until resolved, Ms. Malepeai will provide an update to the Bureau on the status of her outstanding ~~Failure to Pay infractions fine with the Franchise Tax Board.~~*

ii. Max Xiong

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Third Party Renewal License through August 31, 2020, removing the existing condition noted below:

~~Max Xiong must provide written proof to the Bureau of Gambling Control within 30 days of completion of the First Offender DUI program. Further, beginning September 1, 2016, and every 180 days thereafter, Mr. Xiong must provide a status update regarding the payment of the outstanding fine and restitution until satisfied.~~

15. 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):

Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Player: Charmaine Nelson

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved to withdraw with prejudice.

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

Tekworks, Inc.: Michael Barber, Chief Financial Officer

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner To, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through November 30, 2018.

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

A. Inspire Technology, LLC: Troy DeFrees-Parrott, Owner and Managing 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, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Finding of Suitability through August 31, 2020.

- B. Luna Gaming – Upper Lake, LLC: LGUL Management Company, Managing Member (GP)  
James Oegema, Secretary  
Thomas Celani, President and Sole Owner;  
Member and Owner of Luna Gaming – Upper Lake, LLC

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Finding of Suitability through August 31, 2020.

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

- A. Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation:  
Sterling McNulty, Jr.

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved to abandon the application.

- B. Bear River Casino Hotel - Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria:  
Kari Anaya

Comments Received From:

Kari Anaya, via telephone

Chairman Evans asked Ms. Anaya if she understood the condition to be placed on the Initial Finding of Suitability.

Ms. Anaya confirmed that she understood the condition.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through May 24, 2020, with the new condition noted below:

*Beginning October 1, 2018, and every 180 days thereafter, Ms. Anaya must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with status updates regarding her bankruptcy until resolved.*

C. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:  
Tung Nguyen

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through June 2, 2019, with the condition noted below:

*Beginning October 1, 2018 and every 180 days thereafter, Mr. Nguyen must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve or establish a payment plan to satisfy his charge off accounts.*

D. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:  
Matthew Myberger

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through June 30, 2020.

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

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

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Finding of Suitability through June 1, 2020, removing the existing condition noted below:

~~*Beginning April 1, 2018, and every 90 days thereafter, Mr. Chambliss must provide the Bureau with documentation evidencing proof of efforts to satisfy his outstanding state tax lien until resolved.*~~

B. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:  
Jessica Bruns

It should be noted that the applicant was not present.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Finding of Suitability through June 30, 2020, continuing with the existing condition noted below:

*Beginning August 1, 2017 and every 180 days thereafter, Ms. Bruns must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve or establish a payment plan to satisfy her collection and charge off accounts.*

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

Alexander Rodriguez II

Comments Received From:

Alexander Rodriguez II, via telephone

Chairman Evans asked Mr. Rodriguez if he understood the existing condition to be placed on the Renewal Finding of Suitability License.

Mr. Rodriguez confirmed that he understood the existing condition.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Finding of Suitability through June 1, 2020, continuing with the existing 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.*

20. Consideration of Stipulated Settlement: Decision and Order (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12350):

In the Matter of the Application for Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Nader H. Tafty, (CGCC-2018-0412-4B)

Comments Received From:

Todd Vlaanderen, Chief Counsel, Gambling Control Commission, in person

James Parrinello, Attorney, via telephone

Colin Wood, Deputy Attorney General, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person

Chief Counsel Vlaanderen provided a brief history of the Stipulated Settlement.

Mr. Parrinello appeared by phone, however much of his communication was inaudible as Mr. Parrinello referenced he was out of country with limited coverage. Mr. Wood stated that he and Mr. Parrinello have worked out new stipulated settlement language which is submitted to the Commission for consideration. Mr. Wood stated that the language is submitted to address the Commission's previous concerns.

Chairman Evans disclosed that the Commission will recess into Closed Session on item II. H. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Nader H. Tafty (CGCC-2018-0412-4B), deliberate, and return to report any action taken.

**CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:**

Chairman Evans disclosed that the Commissioners would meet in Closed Session on the following additional items:

- I. Litigation (Government Code section 11126(e)):
  - I.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):
  - II.B. 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)
  - II.C. 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)
  - II.D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Joshua Ryan Metcalfe, (CGCC-2017-1005-10D)

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

21. 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. Joanna Ahn           | H. Marijana Kovacic |
| B. Kyle Burbank         | I. Mark Martini     |
| C. Melanie Coelho       | J. Travis Seiler    |
| D. Richard Cook         | K. Vincent Shaw     |
| E. Geneva Doherty       | L. William Tang     |
| F. Christopher Gearhart | M. Ramy Wahba       |
| G. Jared Horstman       | N. Andrew Wang      |

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22. 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:                  | Mai Yang        |              |
| B. Central Coast Casino:           | Brandon Wilson  |              |
| C. Empire Sportsmen's Association: | Chelsea Burgess |              |
| D. Parkwest Casino Sonoma:         | Jorge Ortiz     | Jihong Zhang |
| E. Towers Casino:                  | John Nuzum      |              |

23. 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. Club San Rafael:                 | Robert Fernandez    |               |
| B. Empire Sportsmen's Association : | Shawn Seng          |               |
| C. Napa Valley Casino:              | Jing Jing Li        | Wenyang Liu   |
|                                     | Joey Muniz          |               |
|                                     | Gary Tam            |               |
| D. Parkwest Casino Sonoma:          | Sheree Kelly        |               |
| E. Towers Casino:                   | Anthony Book-Thomas | Tyler Guenter |

24. 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:    |                           |                     |
| Player:                          | Diego Garibay             |                     |
| B. Arise, LLC:                   |                           |                     |
| Players:                         | Daniel Arias              | Flavio Rueda        |
|                                  |                           | Traesean Thomas     |
| C. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:       |                           |                     |
| Players:                         | Sara Alvarez              | Yoshko Angulo       |
|                                  | Maxine Bracerros          | Jose Chuc Sapon     |
|                                  | Darnell McGlothurn        | Jeffrey James Moran |
|                                  | Victor Sanchez Chavez     | Consolacion Swinson |
|                                  |                           | Ashlee Ansley       |
|                                  |                           | Mayra Evangelista   |
|                                  |                           | Devin Perry         |
|                                  |                           | Deborah Turner      |
| D. Fortune Players Group, Inc.:  |                           |                     |
| Player:                          | Franklin Aguinaldo        |                     |
| E. Knighted Ventures, LLC:       |                           |                     |
| Players:                         | James Busby, Jr.          | Cody Evango         |
|                                  | Jazmin Hernandez          | Anousith Inthavong  |
|                                  | Alexander James           | Ivonne Larin        |
|                                  | Steffan Sitka             | Jacob Travis        |
|                                  |                           | Rodessa Mae Garcia  |
|                                  |                           | Leslie Iriarte      |
|                                  |                           | Maya Salas          |
|                                  |                           | Juan Vera           |
| F. Majesty Partners, LLC:        |                           |                     |
| Player:                          | Luz Beltran               |                     |
| G. Metis TPS, LLC:               |                           |                     |
| Players:                         | Shizun Hong               | Hui Li              |
|                                  | Jie Sun                   | Su-Hua Wang         |
|                                  |                           | Jun Lin             |
|                                  |                           | HuiLing Xu          |
| H. Pacific United Service, Inc.: |                           |                     |
| Player:                          | Jonathan Carmona          |                     |
| I. PT Gaming, LLC:               |                           |                     |
| Players:                         | Dennis Clifford Francisco | Veronica Gonzalez   |
|                                  | Mark Lee                  | Jia Liang           |
|                                  | Bimala Pun                | Emily Touchstone    |
|                                  |                           | Ayush KC            |
|                                  |                           | Arsenio Osorio Cruz |

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- J. Qualified Player Services, LLC:  
Player: Nathan Nann
- K. Suns Gaming, Inc.:  
Player: Enkhsaikhan Erdenechimeg

25. 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. Acme Player Services, LLC:  
Players: Oai Lam Samnang Lock Jesse Maxion  
Ryan Nguyen Zhenfeng Yu YinXiao Zhou
- B. Arise, LLC:  
Player: Clark Gallmann
- C. Certified Players, Inc.:  
Players: Danilo Calpito, Jr. Andrew Cline Arturo Curiel
- D. Fortune Players Group, Inc.:  
Players: Choi Leng Chan Tang Guo Chen Jenming Chen  
De Xi Huang
- E. Gaming Fund Group, Inc.:  
Players: Jairo Aguirre Michael Angelo Amoranto  
Koooper Knutson Hoang Mai Ahmad Nejad
- F. Knighted Ventures, LLC:  
Players: Chase Baxter Elise Gonzales Cameron Kemper  
Ronald Mendelow Andrew Morales LaNeisha Walker
- G. PT Gaming, LLC:  
Supervisors: Yen Pabalan Jose Paolo Naynes, Jr.  
Players: Ateliana Atonio Edlin Balingit Beatrice Cedo  
Winston Chen Julie Cheng Mila Cordero  
Nina Sheryl Dimla Peregrina Fellows  
Ashley Hercules Reyes  
Utulei Hola Alex Lewis Danny Li  
Jayson Malonosan Neptali Malonosan Ericka Peterson  
Joanna Maville Portelo Susan Santos Benjamin Segal  
Kathy Thongpeth Joyce Vang Zhanying Yang
- H. Qualified Player Services, LLC:  
Player: Brittany Papiro

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

- A. Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa – Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:  
Marlene Barrientos Andres Bravo Anthony Giuliano  
Sabrina Zaragoza-Ponce
- B. Barona Resort and Casino – Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:  
Truong Bui Amelia DeAngelo Ismael Flores Orona  
Pascual Vazquez Tamayo Iva Yovcheva
- C. Bear River Casino Hotel – Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria:  
Jayce Darby
- D. Black Oak Casino – Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria:

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- Richard Hidalgo
- E. Cache Creek Casino Resort – Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:  
Anju Khadka Nisha Subedi
- F. Cahuilla Casino – Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians:  
Amanda Ryba
- G. Casino Pauma – Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma & Yuima  
Reservation:  
LeAnne De La Rosa Roberto Perez Gamboa
- H. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino – Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:  
Omar Martinez-Vargas Casey Rogozienski
- I. Chumash Casino Resort – Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa  
Ynez Reservation:  
Leah Goodnature
- J. Colusa Casino Resort – Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian  
Community of the Colusa Rancheria:  
Maikou Hang
- K. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino – Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:  
Crestina Lopez
- L. Graton Resort & Casino – Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:  
Mei Mei Chaung Arjun Dangol Andrew Malaspina  
Garry Paez II Surya Sapkota Santosh Subedi  
Bhakta Timsina Chongok Yee
- M. Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort – Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:  
Kamera Albert Raul Gutierrez Elias
- N. Jamul Casino – Jamul Indian Village:  
Mary Behnen Theresa Grady Jesus Velarde Lopez Jr.
- O. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa – Morongo Band of Mission Indians:  
Charles Brown
- P. Pala Casino Spa and Resort – Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala  
Reservation:  
Richard Aranda Jr. King Pan Chau Marc De Leon  
Tony Heng Alenefer Jaimes Jennifer Mispagel  
Raad Shebli Robert Zaki
- Q. Pechanga Resort & Casino – Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the  
Pechanga Reservation:  
Julia Austin Madelle Clarizz Nedic
- R. Red Earth Casino – Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians:  
Guy Brackett
- S. Running Creek Casino – Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake:  
Derek Jenkins
- T. San Manuel Casino – San Manuel Band of Mission Indians:  
Aaron Barajas Irene Dawn Robert Guthrie  
Thalia Jimenez Paveen Kaewsritong Karen Knight  
Terry Kuhs Michael Lai Robert Leach  
Linh Ly William Nimmo Joel Nunez  
Peter Nydegger Leanne Schuetz Florence Smith-Bixby  
Jeff Vithayasilp
- U. Sycuan Casino and Resort – Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:

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Marcela Castrejon  
Angela Lau

Kevin Duong

Zulia Juarez

V. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino – Santa Rosa Indian Community:

Cindy Polsena

W. Valley View Casino & Hotel – San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:

Viktoriya Korobkina

X. Viejas Casino and Resort – Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation:

Isabel Valencia

27. 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:

George Denny

Francisco Diaz Jr.

Mark Dixon Jr.

Hugo Enriquez

Charles Hickey

Kristen Keyser

Kay McLean

Michael Patterson

Kristin Romeo

Adam Sanchez

William Vicaldo III

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

Carrie Midtun

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

David Brearley

Santosh Chapagain

Lori Chastain

David Lewis

Sengmany Luangrath

San Saechao

Chio Saelor

Eric Schmieding

Vidara Sisophon

Nguyen Vo

Sam Wong

D. Chicken Ranch Casino – Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:

Matthew Browning

E. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino – Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:

Peggy Ma

F. Chumash Casino Resort – Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:

Jeffrey Bowers

Annette Hoosier

Kathleen Jackson

Yuri Leontiouk

Kerry-Anne Lombrana

Gregory Lowe

Andrew Peralta

William Perryman III

G. Colusa Casino Resort – Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:

Beau Gonzales

Rebecca Robledo

H. Eagle Mountain Casino – Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:

Nou Cha

I. Harrah's Resort Southern California – Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation:

Wilven Addenbrooke

Stephen Cheek

Jacob Emerson

Anthony Guiliano

Blaga Koleva

Mark Quinn

Eduardo Robles Munoz

J. Jamul Casino – Jamul Indian Village:

James Nugent

Michael Shaw

Anthony Sperske

Alicia Tai

Daoratt Vin

Donna Wallace

K. Konocti Vista Casino – Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians of the Big Valley Rancheria:

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- Terry Dolan Jr. Raymond Stogner
- L. Mono Wind Casino – Big Sandy Rancheria Band of Western Mono Indians:  
Curtis Thomas
- M. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa – Morongo Band of Mission Indians:  
Jacqueline Esquer Frank Glansdorp Redentor Herrero  
JoAnna Holden Ross Koepp George LaFear Jr.  
Erwina Laurent Tina Lowe Sarah Murphy  
Charlene Ninness Lawrence Yard
- N. Pala Casino Spa and Resort – Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala  
Reservation:  
Ryan Chhouen Enrique Garcia Osama Hamideh  
Michael Huang
- O. Red Earth Casino – Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians:  
Nader Alaraj Erik Corvera Ryan Gravidahl
- P. Redwood Hotel and Casino – Yurok Tribe of the Yurok Reservation:  
Tanya Sangrey
- Q. San Manuel Casino – San Manuel Band of Mission Indians:  
Gary Hudson Daniel Im Janice Mayorga  
Matthew Mullen Ruel Soliva Wanalee Tongchoi  
Cau Truong Sophanna Un
- R. Table Mountain Casino – Table Mountain Rancheria:  
Patricia Bartsch Theraneat Thay Laura Vera  
Regina Wilson
- S. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino – Santa Rosa Indian Community:  
Timmy Davis John Stewart Allysa Unlayao  
Bee Vang See Yang
- T. Thunder Valley Casino Resort – United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn  
Rancheria:  
May Vue
- U. Valley View Casino & Hotel – San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:  
Rigo Candelario Torres Ciria Orozco Lance Talauega  
Cory Weir
- V. Viejas Casino and Resort – Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of  
the Viejas Reservation:  
Steve Pace
- W. Win-River Casino – Redding Rancheria:  
Roy Alcalá III

Upon concurrence of the Commissioners, the Consent Calendar was heard before Item 20.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner To voting yes, and Commissioner Lacy abstaining; the Commission approved Consent Calendar items 21 through 27.

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

None.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Commissioners recessed into Closed Session at 11:58 AM to deliberate on Closed Session item II. H In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Nader H. Tafty, (CGCC-2018-0412-4B).

Commissioners went back into Closed Session at 12:04 PM to deliberate the following:

- I. Litigation (Government Code section 11126(e)):
  - I.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):
  - II.B. 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)
  - II.C. 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)
  - II.D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Joshua Ryan Metcalfe, (CGCC-2017-1005-10D)  
Joshua Ryan Metcalfe, (CGCC-2017-1005-10D)
  
- 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 Renewal Key Employee Portable Personal License and the Statement of Issues for Leon Bernardi, (GEKE-001408; OAH No. 2016030545)

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- C. 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)
- D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Joshua Ryan Metcalfe, (CGCC-2017-1005-10D)
- E. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Gregory Michael Hill, (CGCC-2017-1019-9A)
- F. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Qualified Player Services, LLC, (CGCC-2017-1218-16)
- G. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Danny Liv, (CGCC-2017-1207-5F)
- H. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Nader H. Tafty, (CGCC-2018-0412-4B)

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:**

12:03 PM Chairman Evans announced that the Nader Tafty Settlement was approved and that Commissioner Lacy abstained from the vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Evans adjourned the Commission Meeting back into Closed Session at 12:04 PM.