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MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2019 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 was taken with Chairman Jim Evans, Commissioner Paula LaBrie, Commissioner Gareth Lacy, and Commissioner Trang To present.
- 3. <u>Amendment of Commission Meeting Minutes for:</u>
 December 18, 2017 Commission Meeting

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the amended Commission Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2017.

4. Deliberation and Consideration of Final Adoption of Regulations Concerning
Updates and Amendments to Application Withdrawals and Abandonments, and
Hearing Procedures. (Amend Title 4, CCR, Sections 12002, 12006, 12012, 12014,
12015, 12017, 12035, 12050, 12052, 12054, 12056, 12058, 12060, 12062, 12064,
12066, and 12068. Adopt Title 4, CCR, Section 12057.)

Comments Received From:

Josh Rosenstein, Regulatory and Legislative Specialist, Gambling Control Commission, in person

Mr. Rosenstein stated that on December 14, 2018, the Notice of Proposed Action was published in the California Regulatory Notice Register which commenced a 45-day public comment period. Three written comment letters were received during the period, which ended February 8, 2019. A hearing to receive additional written oral comments was not scheduled and no request for a hearing was received pursuant to

Government Code 11346.8. The Commission considered the proposed action at the regulations hearing on April 11, 2019. At that meeting, the Commission instructed staff to make changes to the proposed action. In addition, the Commission authorized staff to submit the application to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) if no comments were received. Commission staff noticed the modified text on April 17, 2019, with comments due no later than May 2, 2019. As no comments were received, Commission staff submitted the package to OAL. During its review, OAL requested a few technical changes be made to the proposed action. Commission staff then noticed the modified text to a second 15-day comment period commencing October 28, 2019, and concluding November 12, 2019. Two comments were received. With all public comment periods mandated under the rulemaking provision of the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) having closed, the Commission may consider and deliberate on the final adoption of the proposed regulation without taking further public comment. Any public comments received at the December 5, 2019, Commission Meeting will be included in the rulemaking file for the proposal but will not be summarized or responded to in the final statement of reasons.

Action:

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

 Consideration of Initial State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19850, 19851, and 19852; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12342):

A. Casino M8trix:

Garden City, Inc.
Robert Lindo, Vice President, Director

Comments Received From:

Robert Lindo, in person

Chairman Evans requested confirmation from Mr. Lindo whether he understood and would comply with proposed condition.

Mr. Lindo confirmed his understanding and assent to the condition.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner To, and 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, with the condition noted below:

Robert Lindo may not work in the capacity of or hold the position of General Counsel for Casino M8trix unless and until he registers with the

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California State Bar's Registered In-House Counsel Program or becomes a member of the California State Bar.

By concurrence of the Commissioners, Items 5B, through 5G, were heard together as a group.

B. Parkwest Casino 580: Casino 580, LLC

Fortiss, LLC

Michael Vasey, Member John Park, Manager

C. Parkwest Casino Cordova: Cal-Pac Rancho Cordova, LLC

Fortiss, LLC

Michael Vasey, Member John Park, Manager

D. Parkwest Casino Lodi: Lodi Cardroom, Inc.

Fortiss, LLC

Michael Vasey, Member John Park, Manager

E. Parkwest Casino Lotus: The Silver F, Inc.

Fortiss, LLC

Michael Vasey, Member John Park, Manager

F. Parkwest Casino Sonoma: Cal-Pac Sonoma, LLC

Fortiss, LLC

Michael Vasey, Member John Park, Manager

G. The River Card Room: The River Card Room, Inc.

Fortiss, LLC

Michael Vasey, Member John Park, Manager

Comments Received From:

Barry Lee, Attorney and Designated Agent, in person

Randall Keen, Attorney and Designated Agent, was present to respond to any questions from the Commission.

Chairman Evans requested confirmation from Mr. Lee on behalf of his clients' assent to taking no action on these items.

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Mr. Lee on behalf of his clients confirmed his understanding and assent to taking no action.

No action was taken on these items.

 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. Matthew Lessinger

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Chairman Evans, and 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 December 31, 2019.

B. Matthew Lessinger

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Chairman Evans, and 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 December 31, 2021.

By concurrence of the Commissioners, Items 7A, through 7H, were heard together as a group.

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

A. Lee Albrecht, Jr.

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and 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 January 31, 2021.

B. Michael Ayala

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and 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 March 31, 2021.

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C. Mary Blackburn

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and 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 May 31, 2021.

D. Rattana Ly

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and 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, 2020.

E. John Nuzum

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and 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 April 30, 2020.

F. Leonardo Soto Duarte

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and 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 March 31, 2020.

G. Karl Westheimer

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and 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 January 31, 2020.

H. William Zender

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and 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 March 31, 2020.

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

A. Edgar Castillo

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and 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 December 31, 2021, removing the existing condition noted below:

Beginning March 1, 2018, and every 180 days thereafter, Mr. Castillo must provide the Bureau proof of ongoing efforts to complete a payment plan or resolve his outstanding charge-off account.

B. Robert Ching

Mr. Ching appeared to respond to any questions from the Commission.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and 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 December 31, 2021, removing the existing condition noted below:

Beginning January 1, 2018, and every 180 days thereafter, Mr. Ching must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve the charge-off account owed to Cash Call.

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

Outlaws Card Parlour: Kristopher Dearie

Deputy Director Alcala-Beshara informed the Commission that multiple attempts to confirm Mr. Dearie's attendance were made by Commission staff; however, Mr. Dearie did not confirm attendance. Kristopher Dearie did not announce himself at the meeting.

Action:

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

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

The Nineteenth Hole: Joseph Just

Deputy Director Alcala-Beshara informed the Commission that multiple attempts to confirm Mr. Just's attendance were made by Commission staff; however Mr. Just did not confirm attendance. Joseph Just did not announce himself at the meeting.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner To, and 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.

- 11. 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:

Players: i) Nathan Bennett

Comments Received From:

Nathan Bennett, via telephone

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

Commissioner Lacy provided a brief summary regarding Mr. Bennett's civil case history.

Commissioner LaBrie asked for clarification regarding whether the protective order was only requested or if the order was issued.

Deputy Director Alcala-Beshara responded that an order was issued and, per the Bureau's background investigation report, Mr. Bennett has been in compliance.

Commissioner To noted it is a good sign there have not been any calls for assistance from law enforcement.

Commissioner Lacy asked Mr. Bennett if he opposed the protective order request when it was filed against him, and if not, what his reasoning was.

Mr. Bennett responded that he is no longer in contact with the person, who was subject to the restraining order, and therefore had no interest in opposing the order.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the conversion from registration to Initial License through December 31, 2021.

ii) Alex Tang

Comments Received From:

Alex Tang, via telephone

Commissioner LaBrie requested confirmation from Mr. Tang whether he understood and would comply with proposed condition.

Mr. Tang confirmed his understanding and assent to the condition.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the conversion from Registration to Initial License through December 31, 2021, with the condition noted below:

Beginning February 1, 2020, and every 90 days thereafter, Alex Tang must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve his unpaid Failures to Pay.

B. Fortune Players Group, Inc.:

Supervisor: Rosanna Lee

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the conversion from Registration to Initial License through December 31, 2021.

C. Global Player Services, Inc.:

Supervisor: Ronald Cacho

Comments Received From:

Ronald Cacho, via telephone

Commissioner LaBrie requested confirmation from Mr. Cacho whether he understood and would comply with proposed condition.

Mr. Cacho confirmed his understanding and assent to the condition.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the conversion from Registration to Initial License through December 31, 2021, with the condition noted below:

Beginning February 1, 2020, and every 180 days thereafter, Ronald Cacho, must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with status updates regarding his collection account until resolved.

D. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Supervisor: i) Quynh Phan

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the conversion from Registration to Initial License through December 31, 2021.

Player: ii) Adriana Guerrero

Deputy Director Alcala-Beshara informed the Commission that multiple attempts to confirm Ms. Guerrero's attendance were made by Commission staff; however, Ms. Guerrero did not confirm attendance. Adriana Guerrero did not announce herself at the meeting.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the conversion from Registration to Initial License through December 31, 2021.

By concurrence of the Commissioners, Items 11E and 11F were heard together as a group.

E. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:

Supervisor: David Kato

F. Majesty Partners, LLC:

Supervisor: Quynh Phan

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Chairman Evans, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the conversions from Registrations to Initial Licenses through December 31, 2021.

G. Metis TPS, LLC:

Supervisors: i) Karlo Deza

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the conversion from Registration to Initial License through December 31, 2021.

By concurrence of the Commissioners, Items 11Gii through 11I were heard together as a group.

ii) Oscar Kasri

Player: iii) Behai Huynh

H. Pacific Gaming Services, LLC:

Supervisor: James Kirkham, II

I. Premier Player Providers, Inc.:
Player: Andrew Wood

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the conversions from registrations to Initial Licenses through December 31, 2021.

J. PT Gaming, LLC:

Players: i) Cordell Piver

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Chairman Evans, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the conversion from Registration to Initial License through December 31, 2021.

ii) Prethy Prum

Comments Received From:

Prethy Prum, via telephone

David Tierney, Designated Agent, in person

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

Commissioner Lacy asked the Bureau if more information could be obtained from the company that terminated Ms. Prum's employment.

Assistant Director Morrow stated that the company has not responded to the Bureau's requests and is unsure if the company in question is still in business.

Chairman Evans noted the applicant did disclose termination and there were no other incidents of note.

Commissioner To asked the Bureau how likely it would be to obtain further information if the applicant was referred to an evidentiary hearing.

Assistant Director Yolanda Morrow stated she was unsure and is currently researching to find out if the company that Mr. Prum previously worked for still exists.

Chief Counsel Vlaanderen stated that if the item were to go to evidentiary hearing it does provide the Commission an opportunity to have the applicant appear under oath, and in person, which does sometimes help assess the applicant's honesty and credibility, and it would give a more detailed statement than what is provided in the Bureau's report.

Commissioner Lacy stated that he is not concerned with the honesty of the applicant but has concerns with the applicant's character and is interested in learning what has changed since the offense, or if the applicant thinks the offense is okay or not okay.

Commissioner To stated he is somewhat uncomfortable with the offense.

Commissioner Lacy asked Mr. Prum to explain the statement stemming from the termination from Wholesale Valley Drug Store.

Mr. Prum responded that he got too comfortable or too close to some people that he felt were friendly to him. Mr. Prum explained the situation where he gave a coworker a hug, and admitted it was not appropriate behavior. Mr. Prum then provided details from a separate incident where he grasped another female coworker's shoulder from behind.

Commissioner LaBrie asked Mr. Prum if he was trained at PT Gaming, LLC regarding what is and what is not appropriate no matter how close you get to a person.

Mr. Prum stated that he has not had training; however, has a full understanding of what harassment is.

Commissioner LaBrie asked Mr. Prum if he has been provided policies from PT Gaming, LLC on what is and what is not appropriate.

Mr. Prum responded that he has been provided policies by PT Gaming, LLC.

Mr. Tierney stated the all of PT Gaming LLC's employees go through a sexual harassment training which is provided through the Human Resource department at the beginning of employment and ongoing.

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the conversion from registration to Initial License through December 31, 2021.

K. Qualified Player Services, LLC:Player: Daniel Deveau

Deputy Director Alcala-Beshara informed the Commission that multiple attempts to confirm Mr. Deveau's attendance were made by Commission staff; however Mr. Deveau did not confirm attendance. Daniel Deveau did not announce himself at the meeting.

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the conversion from registration to Initial License through December 31, 2021.

- 12. Consideration of Renewal of Third Party Provider of Proposition Services Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12218.8):
 - A. Acme Player Services, LLC:

Player: Marc Pajaud

Deputy Director Alcala-Beshara informed the Commission that multiple attempts to confirm Mr. Pajaud's attendance were made by Commission staff; however Mr. Pajaud did not confirm attendance. Chairman Evans called forth Mr. Pajaud to ask if he was present. Marc Pajaud was not present in person or by telephone.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Chairman Evans, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission deemed the Third Party Renewal Application Abandoned.

B. Arise, LLC:

Player: Christopher Brumley

Comments Received From:

Christopher Brumley, via telephone

Chairman Evans requested confirmation from Mr. Brumley whether he understood and would comply with proposed condition.

Mr. Brumley confirmed his understanding and assent to the condition.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Third Party License through December 31, 2021, with the condition noted below:

Beginning February 1, 2020 and every 90 days thereafter, Christopher Brumley must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve the unpaid fine.

13. 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):

L.E. Gaming, Inc.:

Player: Linda Saeteurn

Action:

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

- 14. <u>Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability</u> (<u>Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compacts</u>):
 - A. Agua Caliente Casino Palm Springs Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians: Josue Solis

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Chairman Evans, and 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 August 1, 2020.

By concurrence of the Commissioners, Items 14B, through 14Giv, were heard together as a group.

B. Agua Caliente Casino Resort and Spa Rancho Mirage - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:

John Turnbull

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and 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 December 1, 2021.

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

Garren Curo

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and 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 April 1, 2020.

D. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:

Gerardo Ortiz Gopar

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and 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 6, 2021.

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

Anthony Florez

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and 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 March 15, 2021.

- F. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
 - i) Ivan Mendez

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and 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 October 4, 2020.

ii) Jared Rusk

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and 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 February 13, 2020.

- G. Pechanga Resort & Casino Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
 - i) Richmon Deas, III

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and 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 February 28, 2021.

ii) Salvatore Giamporcaro, Jr.

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and 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 March 31, 2020.

iii) Georgeos Neofytou

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and 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, 2021.

iv) Noeun Yorn Dalisay

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and 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 January 31, 2020.

By concurrence of the Commissioners, Items 14Hi through 14K were heard together as a group.

H. Rain Rock Casino - Karuk Tribe:

i) Christalyn Davis

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and 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 March 1, 2020.

ii) Robert Doren

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and 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 15, 2021.

iii) Darlene Snapp-Silfies

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and 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 December 14, 2021.

I. San Manuel Casino - San Manuel Band of Mission Indians: Connie Yang

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and 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 September 30, 2021.

J. Soboba Casino Resort - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians: Hailey Randle

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and 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 January 11, 2021.

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

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and 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 February 20, 2020.

15. Consideration of Amendment and/or Removal of Conditions on State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19824)

Lucky Chances Casino:

Lucky Chances, Inc.

Rommel Medina, Shareholder Ruell Medina, Shareholder

No action was taken on this item.

16. <u>Consideration of Proposed Revised Stipulated Settlements (Pursuant to Title 4, California Code of Regulations section 12552):</u>

In the Matter of the Amended Accusation and Statement of Issues Against Hawaiian Gardens Casino, Inc., The Moskowitz Joint Revocable Living Trust, Cherna Moskowitz, David Moskowitz, Gary Kramer, and Irving Moskowitz BGC No. BGC-HQ2013-00001AC

Comments Received From:

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

Chief Counsel Vlaanderen stated on or about October 17, 2016, the Bureau filed an Accusation against the cardroom and a number of its owners. On November 18, 2019, the Bureau filed an amended Accusation and Statement of Issues. On November 19, 2019, the parties submitted to the Commission a Stipulated Settlement and Decision and Order. The matter has been placed on Open Session in case the Commissioners have any questions for the parties. Otherwise, the matter will be considered, deliberated on, and voted on in Closed Session.

Chairman Evans asked if the parties were present in person or by telephone and if they wanted to address the Commission in any way.

There was no response, as the parties did not announce themselves at the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

- 17. Tribal Scholarship Deposit Fund for Deposit into California Native American Education and Scholarship Fund – Pursuant to Section 5.4 of the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation 2016 Tribal-State Compact.
- 18. Consideration of Renewal Portable Personal Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12351):

Srinivas Cherukuri

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

A. Empire Sportsmen's Association: Sopheak Chao Vandy Chean B. Napa Valley Casino: Lilia Cueva Mariena Tan

Chanthanakhane Xayakorn

C. Outlaws Card Parlour: Anthony Burk

- 20. Consideration of Conversion of Third-Party Providers of Proposition Player Services Registrations to License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12218):
 - A. Acme Player Services, LLC:

Players: Marc Jimenez Azizah Kaplli Alexander Stewart

B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:

Players: Angelina Banuelos Jenna Carpio Spencer Cervantes

> Angeliza Jane Del Cano Veronica Flores

Ayiver Henao, II

Crystal Idilbi Dominador Ignacio, Jr.

Matthew Lopez Rene Lujan Cathryn Picard

Sergio Rodriguez

C. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Players: Jesus Avila Ortiz Christian Barrera Maclovio Borroel

Adam Dang Lessly Elizalde Jose Flores Danielle McGee Daniel Perez Jeffrey Recinos **Charles Williams** Barney Vang Al Vaosa, Jr

D. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:

Players: Brett Eickemeyer Angel Lopez Castillo Andres Zazueta

E. Majesty Partners, LLC:

Player: Saphoun Khun

F. Metis TPS, LLC:

Players: Fengcai Chen Luis Machain

G. Pacific United Service, Inc.:

Players: Shirika Banks Roger Bocatija Xuanyu Chen Daniela Gomez Celeste Hom Jesse Reynoso

H. PT Gaming, LLC:

Players: Madeleine Brockman Andre Burns, II James Ceja-Lilyquist

Thanh Huynh Jiyoung Lee Megan Lee

Mai Mee Lor Cecilia Roig

21. 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. 2 Kings Gaming, Inc.:

Player: Maxwell Eriksen-Hisel

B. Acme Player Services, LLC:

Players: Myrhon Briones Min Gan Billy Tran

Yafeng Zhu

C. Arise, LLC:

Supervisors:Cha Vang Louis Voiler

Players: Hunter Balto Rajdanica Hun Wheeler Smith

Lisa Thi

D. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:

Players: Mark Lloyd Baylon Margarito Castro Ra Chann

Roberta Gonzales Nautica Ma Jessica Southwick

Tony To Thuy Truong Gary Turner

Charlesetta Wright

E. Fortune Players Group Inc.:

Players: Mediornio Abella, Jr.Ronald Anand

F. Gaming Fund Group, Inc.:

Players: Ly Tran Yanna Wu

G. Gold Gaming Consultants, Inc.:

Players: Sheryl Michael Thuon Sieng

H. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Players: Jason Allman Jon Delgado Francisco Diaz Nunez

Malik Ellison Ashley Escajeda Evan Farias
Der Her Robyn Holland Veronica Ibarra
Ashneel Lal Evan Lindquist Maraya Morgan

Olga Rios Ricky Solano Xe Vue

Zo Yang

I. Majesty Partners, LLC:

Player: Ricky Solano

J. Metis TPS, LLC:

Players: Jun Chen Sam Ho Shenping Huang

Arceli Ponio Brian Say Shi Yun Su

Liying Zeng Lina Zhang

K. Pacific United Service, Inc.:

Players: David Huang Nisan Ortega Thanh Truong

Sandy Wong

L. PT Gaming, LLC:

Players: Regine Bailey Kellen Eddlemon Nai Saephanh

Jonathan Silva

M. Qualified Player Services, LLC:

Player: Reivey Arceo

22. <u>Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compacts):</u>

A. Agua Caliente Casino Resort and Spa Rancho Mirage - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Daniel Hernandez Lopez Jonathan Will

B. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Mark Mohrmann Hugo Rodriguez

C. Black Oak Casino - Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria:

Brittany Hoblitt

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

Jace Baldosser

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

Umesh Rayamajhi

F. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:

Rabin Khadqi

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

Adrian Reveles

H. Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village:

Irene Rich

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

Kenny Eang Sebastian Gutierrez

J. Robinson Rancheria Resort, Casino & Bingo - Robinson Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:

Angela Cole

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

Jeffrey Duggan Montira Timbreza

23. <u>Consideration of Renewal Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability</u> (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compacts):

A. Agua Caliente Casino Palm Springs - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Kendra Pimentel Gil Reeves Maria Bahena Jennifer Gonzalez Samantha Herrera Leo McLaughlin II Roman Rios Judy Sgro Adrian Soria

Sabrina Zaragoza-Ponce

B. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Eleida Bolanos Charles Torman

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

Shane Banegas-Maxwell Jasmine Blades Ismael Flores Orona

Tymmie Heang Marie Komorowski Eva Martinez

Brian Moutaw Mike Ngo Tiffany Winchester

D. Bear River Casino Hotel - Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria:

Matthew Snyder

E. Black Oak Casino - Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria:

Mark Rippee

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

Eric Freyermuth

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

Ana Garcia Osornio Paolo Gonzales Juan Gutierrez
Lynda Hong Matthew Klinkovsky Kyra Lenert
Derick Nakayama Tuong Nguyen Tikaram Subedy
Mark Tateyama David Tatham-Clark Jake Thungh

H. Chicken Ranch Casino - Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:

Leslie West

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

Monique Ayers Matthew Gray Nang Her

Jamielind Navarro Bee Vang

J. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the

Santa Ynez Reservation:

Jesus BarronDavid CabreraErvin CruzJenell FigueroaLeah GoodnaturePaul GularteConnie SaisHalise UysalJohn Vinluan

K. Colusa Casino Resort - Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:

Edgar Cardona Rivas Bee Thao

L. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:

Anel Angon Donald Casper Myklen Cotton Jacqueline Delector Jesse Diaz Corrina Espinosa Joseph Evington Raymond Fontana Hall-La-Rae Gallagher Christina Heiny Eileen Hernandez Josue Hernandez **Donald Lindsey** Dan Htwe Joel Jensen Francisco Olmeda Lucero Rios Javier Lopez Richard Rogers Maria Sandoval Michael Stemmeler

Richard Rogers Maria Sandoval Michael Stemmeler Regina Trujillo Raul Varela Theresa Winters

Steven Wolfe Kimber Young

M. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:

Laxmi Uprety

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

Joseph King Meridith Morris Hoang Nguyen

Louis Vasquez III

O. Havasu Landing Resort & Casino - Chemehuevi Indian Tribe of the Chemehuevi Reservation:

Robin Stone

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

Brian Butler Robert Homeyer William Matsko

Joseph Samano

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

Cathy Woodbury

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

Tai Duong Todd Jones Nikki Ninh

Lo Saechao Samantha Silcox

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

Julian AguilarJuana BarajasDavid BurkeMycelia CastanedaRon Eric ChengNicholas DoScott HagerVirginia RadwanskiAllen Schultz

Erick Vargas-Diaz Jeff Vithayasilp

T. Soboba Casino Resort - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:

Jeffrey Madden

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

Jorge Hurtado Jon Kounovsky Felimon Perez

Cecilie Quezada

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

Marites Asuncion Ernesto Fabrigas Jr. Annette Fermil
Alexandra Fleming Joan Johnson Welat Mohammad

Faamaopo Villasin

W. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:

Cynthia Armiento Brandon Cates

Thipphachan Chantharath Jennifer Sanchez

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

Eetang Saesee Jaime Silva Shannon Souza

Maurice Taylor

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

Andre Avery Aaron Burkhalter Sarun Chan-Saechao Chamroeun Chheang Vinh Duong Bernadette Hannis

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

Lorraine Edgmond

AA. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:

Jesus Adame Edward Alacio Raul Arce

Keith Moore Sr. Joseph Tripp

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

Paul Murphy Jennifer Shelton

CC. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:

Christopher DeCamp

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Consent Calendar items 17 through 23.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None.

CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:

- I. <u>Litigation (Government Code section 11126(e)):</u>
 - E. Rene Medina v. Xavier Becerra, Jim Evans, et a/.; United States District Court, Northern District of California (17-cv-03293 KAW)
 - 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):
 - B. In the Matter of the Amended Accusation and Statement of Issues Against Hawaiian Gardens Casino, Inc., The Moskowitz Joint Revocable Living Trust, Cherna Moskowitz, David Moskowitz, Gary Kramer, and Irving Moskowitz BGC No. BGC-HQ2013-00001AC

Chairman Evans stated that the Commissioners will go into Closed Session on item 16 which is Closed Session item IIB and return to open session to report back before returning to closed session for the remaining closed session items.

CLOSED SESSION: 11:20 AM

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 11:30

The Commissioners reconvened to the dais and Chairman Evan stated that Closed Session Item II. B., the settlement for Hawaiian Gardens, was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Deputy Attorney General Bill Torngren thanked the Commission, on behalf of the Bureau of Gambling Control, for their consideration and hard work.

Designated Agent Keith Sharp thanked the Commission, on behalf of Hawaiian Gardens Casino and its owners, for their consideration and hard work. Mr. Sharp stated that he looks forward to having Chairman Evans and the Commissioners visit Hawaiian Gardens Casino.

CLOSED SESSION: 11:30 AM

- 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 a/.; 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)
- Yavapai-Apache Nation v. La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians and California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento Superior Court (34-2018-00238711)
- J. Manuel Corrales, Jr. v. California Gambling Control Commission, San Diego County Superior Court (37-2019-00019079-CU-MC-CTL)
- K. Kris Kat, LLC and Steven C. Ayers v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2019-80003142)

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

- C. In the Matter of the Accusation and Statement of Issues Against Lucky Chances, Inc., Rommel Medina, Ruell Medina, (OAH No.201511046), (GCADS-GEWP-002630)
- D. In the Matter of the Amended Accusation and Statement of Issues Against Hawaiian Gardens Casino, Inc., The Moskowitz Joint Revocable Living Trust, Cherna Moskowitz, David Moskowitz, Gary Kramer, and Irving Moskowitz BGC No. BGC-HQ2013-00001AC
- E. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Darren John Reed, (CGCC-2019-0411-4G)
- F. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Key Employee License for Callaye Strauss, (CGCC-2017-0713-7G)
- G. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Albert Tin King Wong, (CGCC-2019-0411-8Cii)
- H. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Albert Tin King Wong, (CGCC-2019-0411-6E)
- I. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Pedro Fabian Reyes-Amado, (CGCC-2019-0516-8Bi)
- J. Petition for Reduction in Penalty: In the Matter of the Accusation and Statement of Issues Against Seven Mile Casino, Harvey Souza, et al. (BGC Case No. HQ2015-00004AC)
- K. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Player of Proposition Player Services License for Junly Phon, (CGCC-2019-0613-6Cii)
- L. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Player of Proposition Player Services License for Ernesto De Jesus De Leon, Jr., (CGCC-2019-0530-10E)
- M. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Player of Proposition Player Services License for Tanisha Maxseen Grant, (CGCC-2019-0530-10F)

<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>
Chairman Evans adjourned the Commission Meeting into Closed Session at 11:30. No further information was given.