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**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2019
COMMISSION HEARING**

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Evans called the hearing to order on December 9, 2019 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 and Commissioners Paula LaBrie, Gareth Lacy and Trang To present.

3. Hearing Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 19870 and 19871 and CCR, Title 4, section 12060:

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Valerie Chavez, (CGCC-2019-0613-6Ci)

Presiding Officer: Kate Patterson

For Applicant: Failed to Appear

For Bureau of Gambling Control: Therese Hickey, Deputy Attorney General

The Commission met in open session to hear testimony concerning Valerie Chavez's suitability for licensure. Presiding Officer Kate Patterson informed the Commissioners that Valerie Chavez contacted Deputy Attorney General Hickey by email that morning to inform her that she would not be able to attend the hearing due to transportation problems. Deputy Attorney General Hickey further confirmed that Ms. Chavez stated in her email that her vehicle broke down and she was not able to find alternate transportation and she was traveling from the Los Angeles area. The Commission decided to take a brief recess to closed session while staff attempted to contact Ms. Chavez to inquire of her if she would want to continue her hearing to a future date so that she may attend.

CLOSED SESSION

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. *Tongtousa 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)
- I. *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):

- 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 Initial Regular Work Permit for Eduardo Jesus Martinez, (CGCC-2019-0221-9)
- C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Darren John Reed, (CGCC-2019-0411-4G)
- D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Key Employee License for Callaye Strauss, (CGCC-2017-0713-7G)
 - I. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Albert Tin King Wong, (CGCC-2019-0411-8Cii)
 - J. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Albert Tin King Wong, (CGCC-2019-0411-6E)
 - K. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Pedro Fabian Reyes-Amado, (CGCC-2019-0516-8Bi)
 - L. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for David Christopher Jocis, (CGCC-2019-0516-6B)
 - M. 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)

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- N. 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)
- O. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Player of Proposition Player Services License for Junly Phon, (CGCC-2019-0613-6Cii)
- P. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Valerie Chavez, (CGCC-2019-0613-6Ci)
- Q. 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)

The Commission recessed to closed session at 10:04 a.m. to deliberate on closed session item I.G.

OPEN SESSION

The Commission reconvened to open session at 10:22 a.m. with Chairman Evans and Commissioners LaBrie, Lacy and To present. Presiding Officer Patterson informed the Commission that she was able to communicate with Ms. Chavez via email during the recess and Ms. Chavez indicated that she would like to attend the hearing if it could be moved to another day. The Commission agreed to continue the hearing and Presiding Officer Patterson indicated that a notice of the continued hearing date will be issued to the parties.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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The Commission adjourned to closed session at 10:25 a.m. to continue deliberations of closed session item I.G. The Commission did not reconvene following closed session.