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**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 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.

Roll Call of Commissioners was taken with Chairman Jim Evans, Commissioner Paula LaBrie, Commissioner Gareth Lacy, and Commissioner Trang To present.

3. Graton Mitigation Fund Final Report for Distribution to County of Sonoma and City of Rohnert Park – Quarter Ending December 31, 2018 (Pursuant to Government Code section 12012.56 and Compact section 4.5.1):

Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioners LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the distribution payments as listed on the report.

4. Request for Approval of Members for Selection to the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19817):
David Fried, Category D, Large Cardroom (25 tables or more) Representative; New Appointment

Comments Received From:

Stacey Luna Baxter, Executive Director, Gambling Control Commission, in person
David Fried, Candidate for the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC), in person

Executive Director Luna Baxter noted that GPAC recommends the appointment of David Fried to the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee for Category D, Large Cardrooms, 25 tables or more. Representative David Fried has 20 years of

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controlled gaming experience, represents two cardrooms within the gaming industry, and would make an excellent contributing member of GPAC.

Mr. Fried asked the Commissioners what they would like to see from the GPAC Committee in the near future.

Commissioner To responded that he would like Mr. Fried to use his experience to continue moving the gaming industry forward.

Commissioner LaBrie thanked Mr. Fried for applying and noted how important his presence will be during the process of drafting and approving regulations.

Commissioner Lacy thanked Mr. Fried for the thoughtful application letter he submitted and noted appreciation for his ideas brought forward for the Commission to take a closer look into.

Chairman Evans echoed his colleagues by thanking Mr. Fried for putting his name forward and stated that it seemed natural because he is very active in the regulatory process. Chairman Evans also noted one of the reasons GPAC is so important is because the Gambling Control Act says that members of the Commission cannot be paid to work for a gambling interest for two years prior to their appointment, which really limits the amount of experience of the regulatory process.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioners LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Appointment of David Fried onto GPAC as a Representative for Category D, Large Cardrooms (25 tables or more).

5. 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. Lake Bowl Cardroom: Waldemar Dreher, Sole Proprietor

Comments Received From:

Dan Dreher, in person

Bruce Smith, Accountant, in person

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

Lloyd Carter, Supervising Management Auditor, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person

Commissioner LaBrie asked Mr. Dreher why it took approximately 17 months to select an accountant as noted in the condition placed on the cardroom's State Gambling License.

Mr. Dreher responded that for the last 40 years, all accounting is done by the same outside firm that has been, and currently is, approved by the Bureau. Mr. Dreher

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further explained that in 2017 the Bureau requested the accounting forms be prepared and submitted in a different way and there was a miscommunication between the Cardroom and the accounting firm. When a letter was received from the Bureau asking what the accounting status was, the accountant was immediately contacted and everything is now up to date.

Commissioner Lacy asked where everything will be and what information will be provided by the Cardroom by the end of a 120-day extension.

Mr. Dreher responded that the Cardroom has already submitted the accounting information in December 2018.

Mr. Smith stated that the accounting firm will be preparing financial statements though an accrual basis which will be easy for a spot check for compliance testing. Further, Mr. Smith stated he has worked with the Bureau to ensure compliance for the reporting as of December 31, 2017, and will ensure the same adjustments continue through 2018 and every year thereafter. Mr. Smith then recommended the Cardroom submit quarterly financial documents in order to confirm spot check compliance.

Assistant Director Morrow stated that the Cardroom is in compliance and would have to defer to Supervising Management Auditor Carter for further information.

Commissioner LaBrie asked the Bureau if they would present a clear financial picture to the Commission within the 120 days, if extended.

Assistant Director Morrow responded the Bureau can submit their financial document review to the Commission within 120 days. Further, Assistant Director Morrow stated the Bureau is also comfortable with the Commission approving the renewal of the Cardroom.

Supervising Management Auditor Carter stated his staff has reviewed and analyzed the most recent updated financials and confirmed they are in compliance with the General Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and have no issues with the current financials submitted.

Assistant Director Morrow asked what the Commission is expecting the Bureau provide in 120-Days.

Chairman Evans responded the Bureau should submit an updated financial evaluation to the Commission.

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 a 120-day extension through June 30, 2019, removing Condition 1 and amending Condition 2, as noted below:

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~~1. Lake Bowl Cardroom must submit a copy of its Emergency Evacuation and Preparedness Plan to the Bureau of Gambling Control upon receipt of approval of the Plan from the Folsom Fire Department.~~

1. ~~Within 90 days of Commission approval,~~ Lake Bowl Cardroom shall **continue to** engage an accountant/bookkeeper, approved by the Bureau of Gambling Control, to maintain an accurate accounting system and financial records. The accounting system must have the ability to, but is not limited to, generate accurate general ledger reports and produce accurate Balance Sheets and Profit & Loss Statements in a timely manner.

B. Marina Club:

Marina Club Casino, LLC
Deon Calamia, Managing Member
Frank Calamia, Managing Member
Guy Calamia, Managing Member

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 Renewal State Gambling License through February 28, 2021, removing the existing conditions noted below:

- ~~1. Marina Club must freeze the line of credit to owners, family, and staff above a \$10,000 threshold.~~
- ~~2. Marina Club must provide line of credit status updates every 90 days to the Bureau of Gambling Control and Commission to include employees, patrons, and family members~~

C. Ocean's Eleven Casino:

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 Renewal State Gambling License through February 28, 2021.

D. The Nineteenth Hole:

The Nineteenth Hole, General Partnership
Edward Beaudin, Partner
Stephen Scudero, Partner

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 a 120-day extension through June 30, 2019.

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

A. Chamnang Chhum

Comments Received From:

Robert McWhorter, Designated Agent, in person
Chamnang Chhum, in person

Commissioner LaBrie noted concerns with Mr. Chhum's illegal online gambling and the statements submitted to the Bureau seemed confusing.

Commissioner Lacy noted Mr. Chhum admitted to gambling online but was not charged or convicted. Further, Commissioner Lacy stated his biggest concern is if Mr. Chhum was honest with the Bureau or not when asked about his online gambling.

Chairman Evans explained that some of names of the credited entities shown on Mr. Chhum's bank statements were misleading, which makes his statement to the Bureau reasonable.

Commissioner LaBrie asked Mr. Chhum how he determined his response to the Bureau when they inquired about the charges on his bank statement.

Mr. Chhum stated he was betting online from a gambling website but the transactions appeared to be from a clothing store.

Mr. McWhorter confirmed there have been news articles verifying the names on Mr. Chhum's bank statements are transactions from online gambling, but it was also difficult for his firm to also find where the charges arose from without the news articles themselves.

Chairman Evans noted that this case is an argument for online gambling to be regulated.

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 Initial Key Employee License through February 28, 2019, and granted an extension through August 31, 2019, with the conditions noted below:

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

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2. *Mr. Chhum shall not engage in any illegal gambling, including but not limited to, illegal online gambling.*

B. Wayne Paquette

Comments Received From:

Wayne Paquette, via telephone

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

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, 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 August 31, 2019.

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

Marina Martinez

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, 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 February 28, 2021, removing the existing condition noted below:

~~*By April 30, 2017, Ms. Martinez must provide a written update, to the Bureau, regarding the status of her Income-Based Repayment Plan with the United States Department of Education.*~~

8. Consideration to Withdraw Application for Portable Personal Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869; Title 4, sections 12015 and 12054):

James Valencia

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 without prejudice.

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

Central Coast Casino:

Eduardo Martinez

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Commissioner Lacy questioned if the applicant has good character and integrity today, if he has support from past employers, and if he has learned from his past. Further Commissioner Lacy noted he would need more evidence that things have changed and opined a GCA hearing would be the right route to take.

Commissioner LaBrie expressed concern and concurred that a GCA hearing would be the right place to hear the applicant and hear some more pointed issues and a GCA hearing is a good place to flesh the matter out.

Chairman Evans stated that the applicant needs some good character witnesses and a GCA hearing would be the place for it.

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 referred the matter to a GCA evidentiary hearing.

10. 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):

Certified Network M, Inc.:

Certified Network M, Inc.

John Park, Chief Executive Officer, Secretary,
Chief Financial Officer, Director,
Shareholder

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 Renewal Third Party Provider of Proposition Service Licenses through February 28, 2021.

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. Acme Player Services, LLC:

Player: Jimena Mejia

Comments Received From:

Jimena Mejia, via telephone

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

Commissioner Lacy encouraged Ms. Mejia to work with the Bureau and Commission and understands in part, but was taken aback by some of Ms. Mejia's responses to the Bureau.

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Ms. Mejia responded by stating she is going back to school in September and at that time will no longer wish to work for the company. Ms. Mejia further asked if she could work on her current registration without having her license acted upon.

Chairman Evans stated he was troubled by her responses to the Bureau's questions. Chairman Evans noted that since this is a highly regulated industry, when a regulator asks questions about discrepancies in your record, particularly a theft issue, the questions need to be answered so the Commission has all the necessary information needed to deliberate.

Chairman Evans asked if the matter can be extended to ensure Ms. Mejia works with the Bureau to submit all the information needed.

Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara responded that if Ms. Mejia assents beyond the 120-Day deadline to take action on the Bureau's report, the matter can be extended.

Chairman Evans asked the Bureau if Ms. Mejia was done answering questions from the Bureau.

Assistant Director Morrow responded that the statements Ms. Mejia provided the Bureau were misleading. One statement revealed she was stealing a gift for her sister's birthday; however, the police report notes she admitted to stealing because she needed new clothes. When the Bureau asked about the discrepancies in the statements, Ms. Mejia responded both statements were correct. Assistant Director Morrow confirmed that when the Bureau continued to follow up on the issue, Ms. Mejia stated said she was done answering questions.

Commissioner Lacy asked Ms. Mejia why the two statements provided are consistent in her view.

Ms. Mejia responded that the incident happened so long ago that she cannot remember what she answered. Ms. Mejia further stated that she feels she is being judged and not comfortable answering questions regarding something that happened so long ago.

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 referred the matter to a GCA evidentiary hearing.

B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:

Players: i) Manuel Alonzo

Comments Received From:

Michelle Fernandez, Designated Agent, via telephone

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

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Designated Agent Fernandez provided information that Mr. Alonzo is no longer working for Blackstone Gaming, LLC and a Form 441(a document confirming the employee is no longer employed) will be submitted to the Bureau and Commission. Item was tabled to be heard at a future Commission Meeting.

ii) Roselia Rodriguez

Comments Received From:

Roselia Rodriguez, via telephone

Commissioner Lacy asked Ms. Rodriguez to explain her response as to why she disclosed the DUI from 2016 and not the DUI from 2009.

Ms. Rodriguez stated that she was going through a lot of personal issues at the time and the non-disclosure not intentional when she filled out the application.

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 Initial Conversion License through February 28, 2021.

C. Fortune Players Group, Inc.:

Player: Jose Mora

Comments Received From:

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

To note, Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara informed the Commission that multiple attempts to confirm the applicant and his Designate Agent's, Jarhett Blonien, attendance were made by Commission staff; however, neither the applicant, nor Designated Agent confirmed attendance or announced themselves at the meeting.

Commissioner Lacy stated that it needs to be made clear that you can't work as a Third Party Proposition Player and have a Work Permit in a casino at the same time. It is a regulatory violation on Lucky Chances as much as it is the applicant. When Lucky Chances comes back for renewal, this issue needs to be revisited.

Chairman Evans asked the Bureau if the applicant asked to abandon his application.

Assistant Director Morrow confirmed the Bureau received a Form 441, change of employment status form, from the Third-Party Provider indicating he is no longer employed.

Commissioner To asked the Bureau their stance on the applicant holding a Work Permit while acting as a Third-Party Player.

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Assistant Director Morrow responded it is a violation of regulations. Further, Assistant Director Morrow noted a Letter of Warning has been issued.

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 deemed the Conversion Application Abandoned.

D. Gaming Fund Group, Inc.:

Players: i) Hour Heng

Comments Received From:

Hour Heng, via telephone

Jade Jaeckle, Designated Agent, via telephone

Commissioner Lacy noted the letter Mr. Heng submitted to the Commission stated that Mr. Heng has been doing his best regarding his personal issues. Commission Lacy further asked the status of his drinking.

Mr. Heng responded that he is not drinking at the moment, is attending DUI classes, and attending a weekend work program, including group therapy, which is helping.

Commissioner LaBrie asked Mr. Heng if he ever had to meet with a probation officer.

Mr. Heng responded he did not.

Commissioner LaBrie asked if he believed he was on probation when he filled out the application.

Mr. Heng responded that it was his understanding that he would no longer be on probation once his DUI classes were completed, which occurred approximately three years ago.

Commissioner LaBrie asked Mr. Heng if he understood the condition to be placed on his license.

Mr. Heng confirmed he understood the condition.

Designated Agent Jaeckle asked the Commissioners when Mr. Heng was to contact the Bureau on his condition.

Chairman Evans responded, beginning April 1, 2019 and every 90 days thereafter.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner

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Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Conversion License through February 28, 2021, with the condition noted below:

Beginning April 1, 2019, and every 90 days thereafter, Mr. Heng must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve his fine until the fine is paid in full.

ii) How Tran

Comments Received From:

How Tran, via telephone

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

Commissioner To asked Mr. Tran if there was a physical altercation regarding the incident mentioned in the restraining order against his ex-wife's mother.

Mr. Tran responded there was no physical altercation and discussed his ex-wife's mothers allegations and that there was no physical evidence to support her claims and he was never arrested for domestic violence.

Commissioner Lacy asked, with regard to the current restraining order, who it constrains him from contacting.

Mr. Tran responded he cannot contact his ex-wife and her parents and confirmed there is no restraining order with respect to his children.

Assistant Director Morrow confirmed that Mr. Tran did not contest the first restraining order, but did contest the second. Assistant Director Morrow further clarified that the initial restraining order included his ex-wife's parents. Assistant Director Morrow further stated that in between the last time he was scheduled for a meeting and today, there were no calls for service at the residence to see if there were domestic violence related calls or convictions.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes, and Chairman Evans voting no; the Commission approved the Initial Conversion License through February 28, 2021.

E. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Player: Eric Ortiz

Comments Received From:

Eric Ortiz, via telephone

Commissioner Lacy expressed he had many concerns with regard to Mr. Ortiz's application, including the nondisclosure in 2018.

Commissioner LaBrie stated she shared similar areas of concern with Commissioner Lacy.

Commissioner Lacy explained to Mr. Ortiz he had questions about his discharge from the army as it pertained to Mr. Ortiz's statement and the Bureau's investigative findings. Commissioner Lacy further explained another concern that Mr. Ortiz stated he only spent 5 hours in jail; however, Mr. Ortiz's record revealed that multiple days of jail time and fines. Commissioner Lacy questioned if Mr. Ortiz was truthful with his responses provided to the Bureau and Commission and would like to see evidence to substantiate his responses.

Mr. Ortiz responded with an explanation as to why he stated "cutback" on as the reason for separation from the military in his response to the Bureau.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, 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 referred the matter to a GCA evidentiary hearing.

F. PT Gaming, LLC.

Player: Joshua Smith

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes, and Chairman Evans voting no; the Commission approved the Initial Conversion License through February 28, 2021.

12. 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: Gary East III

Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara informed the Commission that multiple attempts to confirm the applicant's attendance were made by Commission staff, however the applicant did not confirm attendance. The applicant 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 request to withdraw with prejudice.

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

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Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:
Derek Fryer

Comments Received From:

Derek Fryer, via telephone

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

Commissioner Lacy stated that Mr. Fryer's letter was very thoughtful and candid.

Chairman Evans asked Mr. Fryer if he understood the condition to be placed on his license.

Mr. Fryer confirmed that he understood and accepts the condition and provided an update and explanation for his outstanding charge-off account with his bank, Wells Fargo.

Assistant Director Morrow acknowledged the Bureau is aware of the issue and confirmed Mr. Fryer's statement with Wells Fargo was correct.

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 December 31, 2020 with condition.

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

A. Premier Gaming Solutions, Inc.: Premier Gaming Solutions, Inc.
Matthew Young, Chief Executive Officer,
Chief Financial Officer, Secretary,
Director, Shareholder

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 Renewal Finding of Suitability through February 28, 2021.

B. Surveillance Systems Integrated, Inc.: Michael Flowers, President, Director,
Shareholder
Timothy Mulligan, Secretary, Chief
Financial Officer, Director
Mark Haney and Stacey L. Haney
Revocable Living Trust, Shareholder
Mark Haney, Trustee, Shareholder;
Director of SSI
Stacey Haney, Trustee

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Comments Received From:

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

Commissioner Lacy asked if the Surveillance System Integrated, Inc., staff has access to surveillance footage.

Assistant Director Morrow confirmed that none of the Surveillance Systems Integrated, Inc., employees review surveillance footage.

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 Renewal Finding of Suitability through January 31, 2021.

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

A. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Work Permit for Evan W. Jones, (CGCC-2018-0906-7D)

Comments Received From:

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

Staff Counsel III Pope stated Mr. Jones' application is a Default Decision for your consideration. Mr. Jones was referred to an evidentiary hearing by this Commission on September 6, 2018. He received notice of the hearing in two ways. First, Commission staff sent out an evidentiary hearing referral letter on September 10, 2018, with the instructions to return the notice of defense within 15 days. Commission staff received no response. Additionally, a notice of hearing concerning today's date was sent out on November 7, 2018. Commission staff did receive the confirmation receipt but unfortunately the signature was not legible. The Decision and Order before you standard decision denying application based on failure suitability under 19856 of the Gambling Control Act.

Chairman Evans called forth the applicant to ask if they were present. The applicant was not present in person or by telephone.

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 Default Decision.

B. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Kenneth Brenton Searle, (CGCC-2018-0920-7Bii)

Comments Received From:

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

Staff Counsel III Pope stated Mr. Searle's application was referred to an evidentiary hearing by this Commission on September 20, 2018. Mr. Searle received notice of the hearing in a couple ways. The first was an evidentiary hearing letter sent out by Commission staff on September 25, 2018, with the instructions return the notice defense within 15 days. Commission staff received no response. Additionally, the Commission sent out a notice of hearing concerning today's date. On September 7, 2018, Commission staff received the package back as "return to sender, unclaimed, unable to forward". The Decision and Order before the Commission is a standard Default Decision based upon failure suitability under business professions code section 92856.

Chairman Evans called forth the applicant to ask if they were present. The applicant was not present in person or by telephone.

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 Default Decision.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

16. 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: | Alex Shepherd |
| B. Club San Rafael: | Shianne Katkuoy |
| C. Outlaw's Card Parlour: | Evelyn Delgado |
| D. Parkwest Casino Sonoma: | John Wagner III |

17. 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. Blackstone Gaming, LLC: | | |
| Players: | Aaron Jeremy Idso | Andrew McIntyre |
| | Anthony Zamora | Cory McLeod |
| B. Gaming Fund Group, Inc.: | | |
| Player: | Co Le | |
| C. L.E. Gaming, Inc.: | | |
| Player: | Christopher Torres-Weiner | |
| D. Majesty Partners, LLC: | | |
| Players: | Marco Barajas | Kevin Bune |
| | Oscar Figueroa | Duc Hang |
| | Johannes Michailidis Westin | Monichan Chea |
| | Paulina Nunez | Hebrew Marcellin |
| | Larry Thomas | Marvin Millora |
| | | Gabriel Rosenberg |
| | | Mao Touch |

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E. Metis TPS, LLC:

Player: Hoa Phun

F. Pacific United Service, Inc.:

Player: Jose Mendoza

G. PT Gaming, LLC:

Players: Nitara Montgomery Alex Rosenthal

18. 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. Aces High Gaming, LLC:

Player: Christopher Martinez

B. Acme Player Services, LLC:

Other Employee: Jorge Juarez Garcia

C. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Player: Pha Thao

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

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

Samantha Huerta

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

Juan Pina

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

A. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Janis Steere

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

Woodrow Coplin

David Fuller

Andrew Guerrero

Lowell Halkowitz

Joshua Keyser

David La Chappa Jr.

Jesse Villegas

Kevin Ward

Crystal Zito

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

Sherrylee Aquino

Shawn Danel

Mian Eziz

Ty Hang

Vinh Hong

Peter Kamlamai

Lilian Lee

Larick Liang

Frank Liu

Wylie Ross

Stacy Saechao

Soucho Saephanh

Mario Salvani

Blong Thao

Ian Welter

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

Lorena Cook

Michael Jochim

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

Matthew Catanzaro

Serena El Senoussi

Patrice Iniguez

Dino Reveles

Rodolfo Rodriguez

Dave Tamang

Manuel Villa

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- F. Colusa Casino Resort - Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:
Gloria Ramos
- G. Coyote Valley Casino - Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians:
Christopher Byers Darrel Harrison
- H. Diamond Mountain Casino & Hotel - Susanville Indian Rancheria:
Campbell Jamieson
- I. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:
Roberto Martinez Anissa McNutt
- J. Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort - Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
Vernon Edwards Sally Phung Melissa Vasko
Vaddanak Vutthy
- K. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
Alexandria Bridgeford Terry Leaverton Matthew Majors
Michael Manning Jeffery Martin
- L. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:
Andrew Theobald
- M. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
Michael Bromley Joselen Chavez Kourosh Esfahani-Saei
Robin Garwood Kevin Grushewsky Yvonne Harrison
Anthony Heng Rudy Lopez Thu Nguyen
Darnell Roary Dustin Weaver Christy-Ann Wykes
- N. Red Earth Casino - Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians:
Edelmira Murillo
- O. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:
Glenn Hokanson Kao Saelee Miguel Soto
- P. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:
Samnang Long Kerry O'Brien
- Q. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:
Fue Yang
- R. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation:
Alan Dallo Donna Hitzeman Monica Logan
Scott Thompson
- S. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:
Debra Mayle

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 Consent Calendar items 16 through 20.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Eduardo Martinez (Item 9) came forward to request further information regarding his Work Permit application and Chairman Evans communicated that he had his chance to speak when his item was heard and should speak with Commission staff to receive more information on how to proceed.

CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:

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

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

- B. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Sianna Maquelle Hasenberg, (CGCC-2018-0412-8F)

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. *Tongtoug 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)

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 Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Sianna Maquelle Hasenberg, (CGCC-2018-0412-8F)
- C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Alfred Douglas Perez, (CGCC-2018-0525-9)
- D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Darrion L. Griffith, (CGCC-2018-0621-6A)

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- E. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Michael M. Lopez, (CGCC-2018-0510-7Eii)
- F. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Renewal License for Business Entities and Owners for Debbie Marie Willhalm dba 21 Vault Gaming, (CGCC-2018-0426-8A)
- G. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Tawni Summer Vargas, (CGCC-2018-0524-8F)
- H. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Work Permit for Evan W. Jones, (CGCC-2018-0906-7D)
- I. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Kenneth Brenton Searle, (CGCC-2018-0920-7Bii)

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Evans adjourned the Commission Meeting into Closed Session at 11:37 AM. No further information was given.