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**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 28, 2019  
COMMISSION MEETING**

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**OPEN SESSION**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Acting Chairman To 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 Acting Chairman Trang To, Commissioner Paula LaBrie, and Commissioner Gareth Lacy present.

Commissioner To announced that Chairman Evans was out for the Commission Meeting and he will be Acting Chairman for Chairman Evans.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for:

- A. May 23, 2018 – GCA Hearing
- B. August 30, 2018 – GCA Hearing
- C. November 1, 2018 – Licensing Meeting
- D. November 6, 2018 – GCA Hearing
- E. November 8, 2018 – GCA Hearing
- F. November 14, 2018 – GCA Hearing
- G. January 24, 2019 – Licensing Meeting

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chairman To, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy, voting yes; the Commission approved the GCA Hearing Minutes for May 23, 2018, August 30, 2018, November 6, 2018, November 8, 2018, and November 14, 2018, and the Licensing Meeting Minutes for November 1, 2018, and January 24, 2019.

4. Consideration of A) Renewal State Gambling License; B) Transfer of Shares; and, C) Initial State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19904, 19850, 19851, 19852, and 19876; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054, 12342, and 12345):

A. Commerce Casino: California Commerce Club, Inc.

Comments Received From:

Nedy Warren, General Counsel, Commerce Casino, in person

Lisa Wardall, SSM II, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person

Adrianna Alcalá-Beshara, Deputy Director, Gambling Control Commission

General Counsel Warren thanked the Commissioners and Executive Director and explained their position is that they hope the Commission approves the license without conditions. General Counsel Warren then stated they believe the information provided is sufficient to make a determination. Further, General Counsel Warren opined an extension of the license for additional 90 days would not present new and additional evidence, but would merely delay evaluation of evidence that is currently before the Commission.

Acting Chairman To thanked General Counsel Warren for her attendance and her comments. Acting Chairman To then stated he is not sure Ms. Warren is aware the Commission received new information shortly before the Commission Meeting. Acting Chairman To noted there's a lot of new information received by the Commission and would like to allow time to review the new information in order to make an informed decision.

Commissioner LaBrie agreed with Acting Chairman To and stated it's typical when the Commission receives last minute information to grant an extension of the license to provide an opportunity for staff to review the new information.

Commissioner Lacy thanked General Counsel Warren for her thoughtful letter opposing the other options presented by the Commission. Commissioner Lacy noted the Bureau is not sure whether provisions in the contract, with regard to how marketing companies are compensated through bonus structures based on table rates, complies with the Business and Professions Code, Gambling Control Act, and potentially the Penal Code as well. Commissioner Lacy then asked General Counsel Warren to elaborate on her position how the compensation structures comply with the law.

General Counsel Warren responded that their position is the compensation is not based on a percentage of the revenue. General Counsel Warren stated the compensation structure is a measuring tool for performance and provided an example of the analogy of a company trying to incentivize employees, their performance bonuses may be based on how the company is doing overall. General Counsel Warren then stated the marketing companies are not getting a direct percentage of ownership of the company or the profits of the company the way the

owner of the company would. Rather it is merely a measuring tool for how their bonus structure is not the definition of where that is coming from. Further, General Counsel Warren noted the schedules are not a direct correlation and are merely providing a range that provides an incentive for performance.

Commissioner Lacy noted that bonus structures that include many steps tend to appear like a defacto percentage.

General Counsel Warren reiterated the marketing companies are not receiving a percentage share of the revenue. General Counsel Warren provided an example that one could argue that any employee that receives a bonus based on how the company is doing, is also receiving a percentage share of the revenue because everything that is paid by that the casino would be a percentage share of the revenue since that is where the funds are coming from; however, General Counsel Warren explained the logic possibly does not extend that far and it doesn't extend to vendors either.

Commissioner Lacy asked the Bureau if they believe the compensation structures to comply with the law, or if there has been any change in assessment.

SSM II Wardall responded the Bureau does not believe Business and Professions Code (B&P) section 19852(h) applies because it appears to be a range, not a percentage share. SSM II Wardall further stated the Bureau has not determined this to be a violation and stands behind their recommendation.

Commission Lacy asked if the Bureau believes the agreements are based on a percentage share.

SSM II Wardall confirmed the Bureau does not believe the agreements are based on a percentage share.

Commissioner LaBrie noted concerns that there are three statutes that could apply in this situation depending how it is analyzed. Commissioner LaBrie stated she does not believe the issue has been completely flushed out and still needs further dialogue.

Acting Chairman To repeated the Bureau's stance, that they do not believe the agreement is in violation of the statute, and asked the Bureau why did the Bureau recommend a condition be added to have marketing professionals whose compensation is based on the revenue generated from controlled gambling submit an application for State Gambling License.

SSM II Wardall responded that the Bureau based their recommendation for condition on B&P Code section 19853(a)(1), payments based on controlled gaming earnings, not necessarily a percentage share, which is slightly different provision from B&P Code section 19852(h).

Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara acknowledged that Commission staff looked into the Bureau's noted concerns and also acknowledged B&P Code provisions. Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara stated staff is requesting additional time to understand both perspectives of the parties in order to do a complete analysis and does not anticipate it taking the full 90 days to complete.

General Counsel Warren thanked the Commission for looking into the matter further and stated they would be happy to provide whatever information necessary.

Commissioner Lacy asked General Counsel Warren if they would be opposed to licensure based on B&P Code section 19853(a)(1) rather than 19852(h).

General Counsel Warren responded that the preference is approval without conditions and noted if a condition is imposed on Commerce Casino, it also be imposed equitably amongst the industry.

Acting Chairman To expressed the Commission will always make fair decisions based on facts and evidence.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chairman To, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy, voting yes; the Commission approved a 90 day extension through June 30, 2019.

B. Commerce Casino: California Commerce Club, Inc.  
i) Joseph Federico (Transferor)  
Joseph D. Federico California Commerce Club  
Trust, Dated September 30, 2014 (Transferee)

Comments Received From:

Elijah Zuniga, Designated Agent, in person  
Harry Tumanjan, via telephone

Designated Agent Zuniga confirmed he spoke with Mr. Federico and he agreed to the item being tabled.

ii) Harry Tumanjan (Transferor)  
Tumanjan Family Trust Dated August 6, 2014  
(Transferee)

Acting Chairman To asked Mr. Tumanjan if he agrees with the item being tabled at this time.

Mr. Tumanjan agreed to the item being tabled.

No action was taken on this item.

- C. Commerce Casino: California Commerce Club, Inc.  
i) Joseph D. Federico California Commerce Club Trust, Dated September 30, 2014, Shareholder  
Joseph Federico, Trustor, Trustee, Beneficiary  
Jennifer Pandit, Sucessor Trustee

Designated Agent Zuniga confirmed he spoke with Mr. Federico and he agreed to the item being tabled.

No action was taken on this item.

- ii) Tumanjan Family Trust Dated August 6, 2014, Shareholder  
Harry Tumanjan, Trustor, Trustee, Beneficiary  
Barbara Tumanjan, Trustor, Trustee, Beneficiary

Acting Chairman To asked Mr. Tumanjan if he agrees with the item being tabled at this time.

Mr. Tumanjan agreed to the item being tabled.

No action was taken on this item.

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. St. Charles Place: Robert Bertges, Sole Proprietor  
Lori Bertges, Community Property Interest Holder

Comments Received From:  
Robert Bertges, via telephone

Commissioner LaBrie asked Mr. Bertges if he understood the conditions to be placed on his License.

Mr. Bertges confirmed that he assented to the conditions placed on the license.

Commissioner LaBrie asked Mr. Bertges if the loan in question is a Parent PLUS loan.

Mr. Bertges responded that he believed it was and stated that he was the one that signed for the loan for his daughter.

Commissioner LaBrie noted that the condition states that reporting of ongoing efforts to resolve the loan doesn't necessarily mean the loan has to be paid in full, in case any agreement may be reached in lieu of payment.

Mr. Bertges confirmed he understood and noted a payment structure has been established.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Acting Chairman To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chairman To, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy, voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal State Gambling License with the existing condition and a new condition noted below:

- 1. 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.*
- 2. Beginning May 1, 2019 and every 180 days thereafter, Mr. Bertges must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve the debt with the U.S. Department of Education.*

B. Tommy's Casino and Saloon: Tommie Wayne Buck, Inc.  
Tommie Buck, President, Secretary,  
Treasurer, Director, Shareholder  
Alicia Gomez Buck, Community Property Interest  
Holder

Comments Received From:

Jarhett Blonien, Designated Agent and Attorney, in person

Lisa Wardall, SSM II, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person

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

Commissioner LaBrie asked if the Bureau is amenable to the 90 day reporting period as opposed to a 180 day reporting period.

SSM II Wardall responded the Bureau is not opposed to 90 day reporting period and confirmed the shortened reporting period would not create more work for the Bureau.

Deputy Director Alcala-Beshara also noted that whenever there is a tax or state lien a 90 day reporting period is generally the recommendation as opposed to 180 day reporting which is generally recommended for outstanding consumer debt.

Designated Agent Blonien provided an update regarding the condition and stated that a 90 day reporting is acceptable, and asked if his client will need to continue to submit reports once the tax obligation has been settled.

Commissioner LaBrie responded the condition states outstanding tax obligation; therefore he would be able to stop sending in notices once he has complied with his obligations.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chairman To, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy, voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal State Gambling License through March 31, 2021 with the existing condition and a new condition noted below:

1. *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 regulatory standards.*
2. *Beginning May 1, 2019 and every 90 days thereafter, Tommy's Casino and Saloon shall submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control a status update regarding all outstanding tax obligations, including but not limited to, satisfaction of all tax obligations, proof of payment, documentation of a payment plan for unpaid obligations or proof of ongoing efforts to satisfy the outstanding liens.*

6. Consideration of Approval of New Interim Renewal State Gambling License (Pursuant to CCR, Title 4, section 12035(b)(2)):

Diamond Jim's Casino:

Wizard Gaming, Inc.

George Deitch, Shareholder

George Hardie, Jr., President, Chief

Executive Officer, Director, Shareholder

Sigifredo Revuelta, Secretary, Treasurer, Director,  
Shareholder

Margarita Revuelta, Community Property  
Interest Holder

Darold Shirwo, Shareholder

Comments Received From:

Lisa Wardall, SSM II, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person

SSM II Wardall informed the Commission that the APA Hearing has not been scheduled yet.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chairman To, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy, voting yes; the Commission approved a new Interim Renewal License through March 31, 2021.

7. Consideration of Withdrawal/Abandonment of Renewal State Gambling License Application (Pursuant to CCR, Title 4, sections 12015 and 12017):

Hustler Casino: Majestic Properties, Inc.  
Larry Flynt, President, Shareholder, Director

Comments Received From:

Keith Sharp, Designated Agent and Attorney, via telephone

Commissioner LaBrie asked Designated Agent Sharp why the Commission should remove the requirement for licensure.

Designated Agent Sharp responded that a condition was placed on Hustler Casino in 2006 for Majesty Properties, Inc., to apply for a State Gambling License. Designated Agent Sharp further noted at that time, there seemed to be a focus on landlords being licensed; however, there doesn't seem to be any reason why Majestic Properties, Inc., needs to be licensed.

Commissioner LaBrie stated she supports the action because Majestic Properties, Inc., just maintains the property and has no influence over Hustler Casino.

Action:

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

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. Fevaea'i Ahmu

Comments Received From:

Fevaea'i Ahmu, in person

Danielle Guard, Attorney, in person

Lisa Wardall, SSM II, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person

Attorney Guard stated that the basic concern is that this is not a good use of the Commission's and Bureau's time. Attorney Guard then submitted this is a matter of simple negligence, is not an intentional action, and doesn't know that it is worth spending the resources to investigate any further.



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Commissioner Lacy responded he is concerned about the state of mind of the applicant in 2017, 2018, or 2019, when he filled out the application and if the nondisclosure was intentional. Commissioner Lacy then noted he wrestled with the thought that the applicant thought the age of majority is 21 versus 18.

Attorney Guard noted it can be confusing for somebody who isn't a lawyer or who works in that area to understand the difference of the age of majority, especially in areas of alcohol and gambling. Attorney Guard then stated that she thinks it's perfectly reasonable to believe the age of majority is 21 if someone is arrested as a minor in possession, at perhaps a college event, holding a pack of beer, and being charged at the age of 18 and think the age of majority is 21 when it comes to things like alcohol and gambling.

Commissioner LaBrie agreed the particular statute in question is confusing and thanked Attorney Guard for the letter. Commissioner LaBrie then asked Ms. Guard to address what appeared to be questionable statements regarding the police report.

Attorney Guard stated that Mr. Ahmu pled to the charge and noted the officer was not subjected to cross examination, which means mistakes could have occurred in the Police Report. Attorney Guard then stated Mr. Ahmu never received a copy of the Police Report.

Commissioner LaBrie asked why he was not able to obtain a copy of the Police Report.

Attorney Guard responded that she did not know; however, Mr. Ahmu communicated with the Bureau that he had been attempting to obtain the reports without success. Attorney Guard further stated she believes this is a matter of simple negligence and misunderstanding.

Acting Chairman To stated that police are highly trained and noted he doesn't want to come to the conclusion that it was the officer's error.

Attorney Guard responded that she has the highest respect for Law Enforcement.

SSM II Wardall noted the incident should have been disclosed because he was over the age of 18 at the time.

Fevaea'i Ahmu stated that when he disclosed the incident, he recalled the event as he remembered it. Further, Mr. Ahmu noted that he understands the concerns the Commission has and has learned from the process.

### Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chairman To, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Key Employee

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License through March 31, 2019, and granted an extension to September 30, 2019, with the condition noted below:

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

B. Marilyn Calceta

Comments Received From:  
Marilyn Calceta, in person

Acting Chairman To asked the applicant why she did not disclose the collection accounts.

Ms. Calceta admitted that she made a mistake by not disclosing information regarding her collections accounts and employment history on her supplemental application.

Commissioner Lacy stated that Ms. Calceta was working in a Key Employee status without a Key Employee License and did not disclose on her application. Further, Commission Lacy asked Ms. Calceta why she did not apply for a Key Employee License

Ms. Calceta responded that when she was hired in 2015, as a Cage Supervisor, she was not aware that she was working in a Key Employee capacity. Ms. Calceta further stated her compliance officer, William Durbin, did not advise her apply as a Key Employee at the time.

Acting Chairman To asked if Ms. Calceta worked in a supervisory capacity while working as a Cage Supervisor.

Ms. Calceta confirmed she did not perform supervisor duties while working under the Cage Supervisor title.

Commissioner Lacy asked Ms. Calceta in what capacity she is currently working Ms. Calceta responded she is currently working as a cashier because her Interim Key Employee License was cancelled.

Commissioner LaBrie asked Ms. Calceta if Compliance Officer, William Durbin, advised her to not to apply as a Key Employee, or if the issue was not brought up at all.

Ms. Calceta responded that the issue of her applying for a Key Employee License at the time was never brought to her attention and she was unaware she needed to apply for a Key Employee License.

Commissioner LaBrie inquired about Ms. Calceta's outstanding collection accounts that were not disclosed.

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Ms. Calceta provided a brief history of her accounts in collections and explained her efforts for payment towards them.

Commissioner Lacy asked Ms. Calceta if the Cage Supervisor position still exists at Star's Casino.

Ms. Calceta responded that the Cage Supervisor position no longer exists; however, if her Key Employee License is approved, she will work in a Cage Manager position.

### Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chairman To, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Key Employee License through June 30, 2019, and granted an extension to September 30, 2019.

### C. George Freese

### Action:

Upon motion of Acting Chairman To, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chairman To, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Key Employee License through August 31, 2019.

### D. Amy Neang

### Action:

Upon motion of Acting Chairman To, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chairman To, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Key Employee License through November 30, 2019.

### E. Sakarin Onsang

### Action:

Upon motion of Acting Chairman To, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chairman To, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Key Employee License through August 31, 2019.

### F. Michael Owens

### Comments Received From:

Michael Owens, in person

Adrianna Alcala-Beshara, Deputy Director, Gambling Control Commission

Commissioner Lacy identified three potential concerns that could benefit from an evidentiary hearing. First, Mr. Owens appears to have failed to disclose an unlawful

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detainer from an eviction for \$4,000, which the applicant claimed he didn't know it was litigation. Commissioner Lacy further stated he is sympathetic to the assertion that an eviction may not be considered litigation; however, by filing a motion to quash the service of summons, the applicant appears to have engaged in the legal process in some way. Secondly, the issue with the \$13,000 car loan could benefit from conversation. Finally, the issue about the police search subject to search warrant in another's name. Further, Commissioner Lacy stated his concerns for the applicant's answers being candid while explaining the circumstances with the Bureau.

Acting Chairman To and Commissioner LaBrie both agreed that everything could be best understood in an evidentiary hearing.

Mr. Owens spoke regarding the issues around the time period the aforementioned issues stemmed from.

Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara noted if Mr. Owens is referred to an evidentiary hearing he would be able to continue to work in his current capacity with an interim key.

### Action:

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

## G. Robert Schmitt

### Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chairman To, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Key Employee License through September 30, 2019.

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

### A. Bryce Jaimes

### Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Acting Chairman To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chairman To, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy, voting yes; the Commission approved a 150 day extension through August 31, 2019.

### B. Michael Owens

No action was taken on this item.

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

Club San Rafael: Heather White

Acting Chairman To 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 Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chairman To, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy, voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Key Employee License through March 31, 2021 with the condition noted below:

*Beginning May 1, 2019 and every 90 days thereafter, Heather White must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control updates regarding the status of her outstanding fines and classes until completed.*

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) Manuel Alonzo

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chairman To, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy, voting yes; the Commission Abandoned the Conversion Application.

ii) Ruth Reyes

Deputy Director Alcala-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. Acting Chairman To called forth the applicant to ask if she were present. The applicant was not present in person or by telephone.

Action:

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

B. Certified Players, Inc.:

Player: Catrina Ramirez

Acting Chairman To called forth the applicant to ask if she was present. The applicant was not present in person or by telephone.

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Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chairman To, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Conversion License through March 31, 2021.

C. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:

Players: Michael McGarry

Comments Received From:

Lisa Wardall, SSM II, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person

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. Acting Chairman To called forth the applicant to ask if he was present. The applicant was not present in person or by telephone.

Acting Chairman To asked the Bureau if they had any concerns that the applicant did not disclose the 2011 vehicle code infraction.

SSM II Wardall stated that due to his reasons provided, the Bureau did not have any concerns.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Acting Chairman To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chairman To, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Conversion License through March 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. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Player: Raquel Sanders

Comments Received From:

Raquel Sanders, via telephone

Lisa Wardall, SSM II, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person

Acting Chairman To asked Ms. Sanders if her Failure to Appear (FTA) is still outstanding

Ms. Sanders responded that the FTA is still outstanding, but she has made a payment plan.

Acting Chairman To asked Ms. Sanders if her FTA was converted into a fine.

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Ms. Sanders confirmed she received a moving violation in Solano County; however, she stated she never received a ticket in the mail. Further, Ms. Sanders noted the fine went into collections and she is now making payments.

SSM II Wardall confirmed that Ms. Sanders is making payments on her FTA fines and the FTA will remain outstanding until the fines are paid in full.

Commissioner Lacy asked Ms. Sanders if she understood the condition to be placed on her license.

Ms. Sanders confirmed she understood the condition.

Commissioner Lacy asked Ms. Sanders the status of her driver's license.

Ms. Sanders responded she has a valid driver's license.

Action:

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

*Beginning May 1, 2019 and every 90 days thereafter, Raquel Sanders must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of efforts to resolve her outstanding fines and Failure to Appear.*

B. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:

Player: Aaron Olive

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Acting Chairman To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chairman To, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy, voting yes; the Commission approved the Third Party Renewal License through March 31, 2021.

13. Consideration to Withdraw Application(s) to Convert Third Party Registration to a License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19853; CCR, Title 4, sections 12015 and 12054):

Blackstone Gaming, LLC:

Player: Christopher Palacios

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.

Comments Received From:

Lisa Wardall, SSM II, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person

Commissioner LaBrie asked the Bureau how close they are to completing the background investigation.

SSM II Wardall responded that the Bureau is close to completing Mr. Palacios background report.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Acting Chairman To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chairman To, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy, voting yes; the Commission denied the request to withdraw the Conversion Application to allow the Bureau of Gambling Control to complete their background investigation.

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

Connections IT, Inc.:

Connections IT, Inc.

Victoria Carlson, Director, Chief Executive Officer,  
President, Secretary

Brody Carlson, Director, Chief Financial Officer,  
Treasurer, Chief Information Officer

Comments Received From:

Victoria Carlson, President, via telephone

Brody Carlson, via telephone

Commissioner Lacy asked who has access to the video surveillance in the cardroom.

Ms. Carlson introduced herself and deferred to her husband, Brody Carlson, to answer the questions.

Mr. Carlson responded that they do not have access on a daily basis; however, they do have access to surveillance when they are at the specific casino.

Action:

Upon motion of Acting Chairman To, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chairman To, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy, voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Finding of Suitability through March 31, 2021.

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

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

Mark John Mendoza



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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 Acting Chairman To, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chairman To, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through April 20, 2020.

B. San Manuel Casino - San Manuel Band of Mission Indians:  
Anika Flores

Action:

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

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

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. Acting Chairman To called forth the applicant to ask if she was present. The applicant was not present in person or by telephone.

Action:

Upon motion of Acting Chairman To, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chairman To, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through February 28, 2020 with the condition noted below:

*Beginning May 1, 2019, and every 180 days thereafter, Ms. Keodara must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with documentation evidencing proof of her efforts to resolve her outstanding charge off accounts.*

16. Consideration of Renewal Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact):  
Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village of California:  
Jorge Lozano, Jr.

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Action:

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

*Beginning November 1, 2018, and every 180 days thereafter, Mr. Lozano must provide to the Bureau proof of ongoing efforts to resolve or establish a payment plan to satisfy his outstanding collection accounts.*

17. 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 Leon Bernardi, (CGCC-2013-0426-1)
18. 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 Edward Glen Mason, (CGCC-2016-1119-9B)
19. 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 Jon Strecker, (CGCC-2016-1119-9D)

Chief Counsel Vlaanderen noted as Chairman Evans is absent; he recommended items 17, 18, and 19 be tabled.

No action taken on items 17, 18, and 19 as they will be rescheduled for the April 29, 2019 Commission Meeting.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

20. Consideration of Initial Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12104):
  - A. Empire Sportsmen's Association: Eillena Sim
  - B. Lake Bowl Cardroom: Shawn Blankenship
21. Consideration of Renewal Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12104):

Napa Valley Casino: Tyler Hill
22. 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: Ashlee Bonsynat Karen Lopez

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- B. Gaming Fund Group, Inc.:  
Player: Vinh Pham
- C. Knighted Ventures, LLC:  
Player: Adrian Perez
- D. Majesty Partners, LLC:  
Player: Roderick Valdez
- E. Metis TPS, LLC:  
Players: Joseph Oei                      Ganghui Zhou

23. 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:  
Player: Scott Nicholas
- B. KB Ventures:  
Players: Michael Bento                      Mouksavanh Sengsoulinh  
   Bonnie Xayavong
- C. Knighted Ventures, LLC:  
Player: Shren Luong-San

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

- A. Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:  
Kubilay Ugurlu
- B. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:  
Ryan Horn                      Adam Miller                      Trang Nguyen  
Agustin Ramirez Villagomez
- C. Bear River Casino Hotel - Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria:  
Michelle Sanders
- D. Blue Lake Casino and Hotel - Blue Lake Rancheria:  
Brook Chambliss                      Aleric Stone
- E. Chicken Ranch Casino - Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:  
Terrel Gillespie
- F. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:  
Ciara McLemore                      Jade Severne
- G. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:  
Audrey Duggan
- H. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:  
Valerie Moore
- I. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:  
Wayne Fukumitsu
- J. Harrah's Resort Southern California - Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation:  
Jensine Maxine LamanganDaniel Milloy                      Kimberly Wiebe
- K. Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village:  
Pauline Morris                      Richie Wallace                      Nicholas Whited-Roy

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- L. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:  
Meng Wang
- M. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:  
David Ron Abille            Melissa Bagorio            Ahmad Jamalpoor
- N. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:  
Cesar Almazan Jr.            Yicheng Duan            Jason Skarra
- O. Rain Rock Casino - Karuk Tribe:  
Forrest Davis            Brittany Harper            Dalton Withem
- P. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:  
Dimi Chong            Kenneth Snyder
- Q. San Manuel Casino - San Manuel Band of Mission Indians:  
Monika Dimaggio            Nikki House            Vivek Joshi  
Benny Phan            Patricia Jelizell Solis
- R. Spa Resort Casino - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:  
Jorge Meza Jr.
- S. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:  
Michael Douglas
- T. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:  
Kristine Ruon
- U. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:  
Ramiro Guerra            James Kesaris            Sabrina Morales-Caputto  
Zachary Parfrey            Edward Puzio
- V. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation:  
Ben Badal

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

- A. Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:  
Kevin Clark            Irene Lopez
- B. Augustine Casino -Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians:  
Jeffrey Bauer            Gadiel Uriarte
- C. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:  
Kevin Blades            Kevin Cervantes            Jeffty Connelly  
Fady Yousif
- D. Black Oak Casino - Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria:  
Jennifer Bonilla            Duane Fillmore            Betty Greenwood  
Richard Harris            James Hodge            Tammy Moltmann  
Aaron Moss
- E. Blue Lake Casino and Hotel - Blue Lake Rancheria:  
David Rogan            Michael Shackelford
- F. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:  
Bruce Bertzyk Jr            Billie Brazil            Malaikham Chansombath

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| Simorn Chao   | Christopher Fitzsimmons |                       |
| Khoeuth Khorn | Jerry Kuntz Jr.         | Manuel Lay            |
| Sam Lee       | Francine Marsh          | John McMinn           |
| Chiew Saelee  | Mong Saelee             | John Saelee           |
| Sheng Thao    | Chia Vang               | Luis Vargas Gutierrez |
| Dwayne Wells  |                         |                       |
- G. Cahuilla Casino - Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians:  
Francisco Gonzalez
- H. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:  
Robert Black
- I. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:  
Michael Hackett Philip Jornacion Frances Montgomery
- J. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:  
Adan Sanchez Jr. Roy Williams
- K. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:  
Timothy Lopez
- L. Feather Falls Casino & Lodge - Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians:  
Thomas Forcinio Hector Garcia
- M. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:  
Purna Baniya Noli Bardoles Donna B Egger
- N. Konocti Vista Casino - Big Valley Band of Porno Indians of the Big Valley Rancheria:  
Cassie Taylor
- O. Lucky 7 Casino - Smith River Rancheria:  
Jeffrey Dunlap
- P. Paiute Palace Casino - Bishop Paiute Tribe:  
Rodger Bosch
- Q. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:  
Anthony Backus Richard Jenkins William Maroney  
Michael May Kevin Page Ryan Strohmeier
- R. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Porno Indians:  
Jerry Arretche Julie Buchanan Kelly Condren
- S. Soboba Casino - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:  
Christopher Cendejas Tammy Eyler Kyla Williams
- T. Spa Resort Casino - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:  
Maria Cobos Susan Fletcher
- U. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:  
Veronica Grijalva April Milor Evan Morgan  
Boualith Muangkhoua Arthur Negrete Charles Thompson Jr.  
Tha Vang Ka Yang
- V. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:  
Margarita Daugherty Scott Mercer
- W. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:  
Jeffrey Buckner Joseph Simpton Sharon Trau

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- X. Twin Pine Casino & Hotel - Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians:  
Sydney Johnson
- Y. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqua! Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:  
Ryan Bemiller Armando Martinez Jr. Chan Oeun  
Stephanie Phelps Melissa Popeck
- Z. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission  
Indians of the Viejas Reservation:  
Yuldeliza Dietrich David Martin Aimee Wolf  
Edward Woods III

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Chairman Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chairman To, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy voting yes; the Commission approved the Consent Calendar items 20 through 25.

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

None.

**CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:**

- II. Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3):
  - B. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Michael M. Lopez, (CGCC-2018-0510-7Eii)

**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. *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)
  - I. *Yavapai-Apache Nation v. La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians and California Gambling Control Commission*, Sacramento Superior Court (34-2018-00238711)
  - J. *CALVEV Partners, LLC v. Resighini Rancheria, et al*, Del Norte Superior Court (CVUJ2019-1033)

- 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 Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Michael M. Lopez, (CGCC-2018-0510-7Eii)
  - C. In the Matter of the Accusation and Statement of Issues Against Lucky Chances, Inc., Rommel Medina, Ruell Medina, (OAH No.2015110463
  - D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Michael M. Lopez, (CGCC-2018-0510-7Eii)
  - E. 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)
  - F. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Tawni Summer Vargas, (CGCC-2018-0524-8F)
  - G. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Ja'Meika Myeisha Thompson, (CGCC-2018-0726-10D)
  - H. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Regular Work Permit for Linh Ngo, (GCADS-GEWP-002630)
  - I. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Christopher Stigers, (CGCC-2018-0823-8A)
  - J. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Players Services License for Aleksey V. Tkach, (CGCC-2018-0712-9B)
  - K. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Players Services License for Derek M. Gaxiola, (CGCC-2018-0111-11C)
  - L. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Kom Wa Bang, (CGCC-2018-0726-10Ci)
  - M. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Timothy Tran Rupert, (GCADS-GEKE-002267)
  - L. In the Matter of the Application for Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Leon Bernardi, (CGCC-2013-0426-1)
  - M. In the Matter of the Application for Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Edward Glen Mason, (CGCC-2016-1119-9B)
  - N. In the Matter of the Application for Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Jon Strecker, (CGCC-2016-1119-9D)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Acting Chairman To adjourned the Commission Meeting at 11:56 AM. No further information was given.