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**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 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 Gareth Lacy, and Commissioner Trang To present; Commissioner LaBrie absent.

3. Consideration of A) Transfer of Interest; and, B) Initial State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19824(c), 19850, 19892, and 19900; CCR, Title 4, sections, 12054 and 12342):

A. The Bicycle Hotel & Casino: The Bicycle Casino, L.P.

Chairman Evans asked Ms. Harn if she understood and would comply with imposed conditions.

Ms. Harn confirmed she understood and accepts the conditions.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Transfer of Interest with the conditions noted below:

1. ***Legend on Certificates Evidencing Interests*** Copies of the certificates evidencing the interest to be transferred were not provided to the Bureau. Approval of the proposed transfer should be conditioned upon the parties confirming to the Commission within 15 days after the transfer that the certificates evidencing the interest transferred are legended in accordance with the provisions of Business and Professions Code section 19892, subdivision (d).

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

Empire Sportsmen's Association: Empire Sportsmen's Association
(A Non-Profit Corporation, Mutual Benefit)
Gary Silva, Secretary, Director

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial State Gambling License through August 31, 2021.

6. 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. Casino Real: Casino Real, Inc.
Ernest Schmiedt, President, Treasurer,
Director, Shareholder
Julie Baron, Secretary, Director, Shareholder
Ted Bui, Shareholder
Phuong Nguyen, Community Property Interest
Holder
Dennis Williams, Shareholder
Gigi Williams, Community Property Interest
Holder

Comments Received From:

Lloyd Carter, Senior Management Auditor, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person
Dennis Williams, Owner-Licensee/Designated Agent, in person
Yolanda Morrow, Assistant Director, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person

Chairman Evans inquired if an alternative financing plan is currently being negotiated between the Bureau and the cardroom.

Senior Management Auditor Carter responded that an alternate financing plan was submitted to the Bureau on August 5, 2019; however, due to the cardroom not providing additional information requested, the Bureau denied the alternative financing plan on September 10, 2019.

Chairman Evans asked how many cardrooms currently have alternative financing plans.

Senior Management Auditor Carter responded there are seven cardrooms with alternative financing plans.

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Mr. Williams provided a brief background regarding the Letters of Warning received and details with regard to the alternate financing plan that was submitted to the Bureau.

Chairman Evans encouraged Mr. Williams and the Bureau to use the 120-day extension to work together to resolve the matters at-issue.

Senior Management Auditor Carter provided additional information stating the Letter of Warning provides that the Bureau is willing to review an amended alternative financing plan proposal.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved a 120-day extension through January 31, 2020, continuing with the existing condition noted below:

Mr. Dennis Williams shall not cash his payroll checks at Casino Real.

- B. Seven Mile Casino:
- Stones South Bay Corporation
 - Rodney Stone, Chairman of the Board, Director, Shareholder,
 - Ryan Stone, President, Chief Executive Officer, Director, Shareholder
 - Masis Kevorkian, Chief Financial Officer, Director, Shareholder
 - Kermit Schayltz, Director Shareholder

Comments Received From:

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

Chairman Evans asked the Bureau if anything has changed with Seven Mile Casino.

Assistant Director Morrow replied nothing has changed.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal State Gambling Licenses through September 30, 2021, continuing with the existing condition noted below:

Elevation Entertainment Group, and in their capacities with Elevation Entertainment Group, Rodney Stone, Ryan Stone, Masis Kevorkian, and Kermit Schayltz must apply for, and upon approval maintain a State Gambling License.

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- C. The River Card Room: The River Card Room, Inc.
John Park, Chief Executive Officer,
Secretary, Chief Financial Officer, Director,
Shareholder

Comments Received From:

John Park, Owner-Licensee, in person

Commissioner To asked Mr. Park what his plans are for The River Card Room.

Mr. Park explained that the cardroom was purchased as a backup plan and is remaining closed because there is currently no need for two cardrooms within a mile of each other.

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal State Gambling Licenses through September 30, 2021, with the existing conditions noted below:

- A. *Prior to the opening for business of The River Card Room, the owner licensee, shall provide to the Bureau of Gambling Control:*
1. *A current and fully completed Cardroom Supplemental Information for State gambling License, REV.4/08 (BGC-APP015C), or its most current successor form, which includes the new address of the gambling establishment;*
 2. *A current and valid business license issued by the City of Petaluma for the gambling establishment;*
 3. *A current reviewed and approved Safety and Security Plan, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 12370 and 12372;*
 4. *A current Emergency and Evacuation Plan, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 12370, that has been approved by the responsible local authority;*
 5. *A current lease for the gambling establishment's premises, if applicable; and*
 6. *A current and complete Chart of Accounts, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 12402.*
- B. *Michael Vasey and Fortiss, LLC, must apply for and upon approval maintain, a State gambling License.*

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

- Lucky Chances Casino: Lucky Chances, Inc.
Rommel Medina, Chief Executive Officer,
Chairman, Director, Shareholder
Ruell Medina, Chief Financial Officer,
President, Secretary, Director, Shareholder

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Rene and Mila Medina 2009 Irrevocable Blind
Trust Agreement
Marino Gueco, Trustee

Chief Counsel Todd Vlaanderen noted that due to some factual overlap with litigation he is overseeing and in an abundance of caution, he confirmed he has not advised the Commissioners on this matter and Staff Counsel Jason Pope will sit in for him until the item has concluded.

Comments Received From:

Yolanda Morrow, Assistant Director, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person
Jarhett Blonien, Attorney/Designated Agent, in person

Commissioner Lacy requested confirmation from Mr. Blonien on behalf of his clients whether he understood and would comply with imposed conditions.

Mr. Blonien confirmed his understanding and assented to the conditions.

Commissioner Lacy made a motion to issue a new Interim Renewal License and continue the existing conditions. Chairman To seconded the motion.

Assistant Director Morrow asked if the Commission could update condition #4 to reflect the current phone number for the Bureau.

Commissioner Lacy withdrew his motion and Commissioner To withdrew his second.

Commissioner Lacy asked Mr. Blonien if he assented to the amended condition.

Mr. Blonien confirmed he understood and agreed with the amended conditions.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved a new Interim Renewal State Gambling License valid through September 30, 2021, with the amended existing conditions noted below:

- 1. Rene Medina shall be prohibited from entering, being present in, or in any way patronizing any areas on Lucky Chances' property.*
- 2. All future shareholders, corporate officers, key employees, and work permit holders shall be informed of the prohibition (as identified in condition number one) by the General Manager within three business days of their start date and shall maintain a record of this notification while they are affiliated with the cardroom.*
- 3. Ruell Medina and Rommell Medina, licensed as shareholders in Lucy Chances, Inc. shall each be individually responsible for*

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ensuring that all conditions placed on the Lucky Chances license are fully complied with, including but not limited to duties placed upon the General Manager.

4. *If Rene Medina is observed at any time by any employee entering, or being present in, or in any way patronizing any areas on Lucky Chances's property, the General Manager or manager in charge shall within 30 minutes telephone (1) the California Gambling Control Commission (Commission), and (2) the Department of Justice, Bureau of Gambling Control (Bureau). The call to the Commission shall be made to the Executive Director at (916) 263-0700. The call to the Bureau shall be made to the Bureau Chief at (916) ~~227-2377~~ 830-1700.*
5. *Any communication between Rene Medina and any shareholder or employee of Lucky Chances concerning the operation of the Lucky Chances cardroom business shall be disclosed to the Executive Director and the Bureau Chief within one business day of the of the communication. This disclosures requirement applies to both oral and written communications. This disclosure must be made in writing. The General Manager shall maintain records documenting each disclosure for four years following the disclosure.*

By concurrence of the Commissioners, Items 8A-8C were heard together.

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. Jeanne Dowie

Action:

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

B. Raymond Luong

Action:

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

C. Christopher Simon

Action:

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

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voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Key Employee License through November 30, 2020.

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. Fevaea'l Ahmu

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Key Employee License through March 31, 2021, removing the existing condition below:

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

B. Evan Dangc

Comments Received From:

Evan Dangc, in person

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

Commissioner To asked Mr. Dangc why his submission of reports to the Bureau has been sporadic.

Mr. Dangc responded he has submitted updates to the Bureau every three months.

Assistant Director Morrow confirmed that the Bureau did not receive any updates between December 2018 through March 2019.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Key Employee License through September 30, 2021, continuing with the existing condition noted below:

Beginning October 1, 2017, and every 60 days thereafter, Mr. Dangc must provide the Bureau with proof of ongoing efforts to satisfy each of his collection and charge-off accounts.

C. Jeanne Dowie

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Key Employee License through September 30, 2021.

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

Frank Bedene, Jr.

Comments Received From:

Robert McWhorter, Attorney/Designated Agent, in person

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

Chairman Evans asked the Bureau if there has been a determination regarding Draft Kings and other similar online businesses being considered online gambling.

Assistant Director Morrow confirmed a determination has not been made and the Bureau is still investigating the matter.

Commissioner Lacy expressed slight concern regarding the applicant not claiming a business interest in the company or acknowledging the company as a business yet appeared to take a business loss for the business on his taxes.

Mr. McWhorter stated the company in question was used to promote Mr. Bedene's band, which is considered a hobby. Further, Mr. McWhorter advocated for the Commission to approve the withdrawal without prejudice.

Commissioner To asked Mr. McWhorter if Mr. Bedene did not disclose because he believed this company was a hobby, not a business.

Mr. McWhorter responded that Mr. Bedene created the company to promote his band as a hobby, not as a business.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the request to withdraw without prejudice.

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

Empire Sportsmen's Association: Francisco Monares

Comments Received From:

Francisco Monares, via telephone

Commissioner Lacy requested confirmation from Mr. Monares whether he understood and would comply with imposed conditions.

Mr. Monares confirmed his understanding and assent to the conditions.

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Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Work Permit through September 30, 2021, continuing with the existing condition noted below:

Mr. Monares shall immediately disclose to his immediate supervisor every current or future intimate relationship he has with any employee of Empire Sportsmen's Association (Empire), including but not limited to any employees of a Third-Party Proposition Player Services Provider contracted to provide services at Empire.

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

Parkwest Casino Sonoma: Danielle Small

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the request to withdraw without prejudice.

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

By concurrence of the Commissioners, items 13A and 13B were heard together.

A. Acme Player Services, LLC:

Player: Phakdeiy Pho

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 Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Conversion License through September 30, 2021.

B. Arise, LLC:

Player: Ryan Jackson

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

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Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Conversion License through September 30, 2021, with the condition noted below:

Beginning November 1, 2019 and every 90 days thereafter, Mr. Jackson must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve his outstanding fine.

C. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:

Player: Esmeralda Mojica

Comments Received From:

Esmeralda Mojica, via telephone

Commissioner Lacy requested confirmation from Ms. Mojica whether she understood and accepts the proposed conditions.

Ms. Mojica confirmed her understanding and assent to the conditions.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Conversion License through September 30, 2021, with the condition noted below:

Beginning November 1, 2019, and every 90 days thereafter, Ms. Mojica must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve her outstanding restitution balance related to her 2014 conviction.

D. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Player: Jake Scott

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 Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Conversion License through September 30, 2021.

E. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:

Player: i) Tyler Denney

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Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara informed the Commission that the applicant confirmed his non-attendance as he is no longer employed with the entity in which he applied. The applicant did not announce himself at the meeting.

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Conversion License through September 30, 2021.

ii) Teng Vang

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 Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Conversion License through September 30, 2021.

F. Pacific United Service, Inc.:

Player: Ian Goings

Comments Received From:

Chau On, Designated Agent, via telephone

Commissioner Lacy requested confirmation from Ms. On whether the applicant understood and would comply with imposed condition.

Ms. On confirmed the understanding and assent to the condition.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Conversion License through September 30, 2021, with the condition noted below:

Beginning November 1, 2019, and every 90 days thereafter, Ian Goings must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of ongoing efforts to satisfy his outstanding Failure to Appear.

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G. PT Gaming, LLC:

Player: Oscar Perez

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:

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

Commissioner Lacy and Commissioner To expressed concern with regard to the applicant's character and past DUI convictions.

Commissioner Lacy asked the Bureau to confirm if Mr. Perez has resigned from his position.

Assistant Director Morrow responded that Mr. Perez resigned in August 2019.

Chairman Evans asked if the applicant could return to work if the Commission deemed the application abandoned or referred the applicant to a GCA hearing.

Chief Counsel Vlaanderen stated there would be slight differences if the Commission abandoned the application as opposed to the application being referred to a GCA hearing. If the Commission abandoned the application, the applicant could apply for a new registration immediately. If the Commission referred the applicant to an evidentiary hearing, the current registration would continue until the Commission reached a decision on the application. At that point, it would either be approved and the registration would be converted to a license, or if denied, the application would be denied and the registration would be canceled.

Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara noted that registrations are issued very quickly and the applicant could return to work in a matter of days.

Action:

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

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

A. Acme Player Services, LLC:

Player: Marc Pajaud

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Comments Received From:

Marc Pajaud, via telephone

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

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

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

Commissioner To expressed concern with regard to the applicant not cooperating with the Bureau's investigation.

Commissioner Lacy asked the Bureau if the applicant provided a response at the September 5, 2019, pre-denial meeting.

Assistant Director Morrow responded there was no response received at, or subsequent to, the pre-denial meeting.

Commissioner Lacy asked Mr. Pajaud why he did not respond to the Bureau's inquiries.

Mr. Pajaud explained he thought his debt had been paid off, and subsequently found out his debt had not been paid off. Mr. Pajaud provided a brief background with regard to the reasons he was unable to pay his debt and his non-response to the Bureau.

Assistant Director Morrow noted the current condition requires the applicant to provide proof of payments as opposed to the updated version of the condition, which requires the applicant to provide proof of efforts to satisfy his outstanding court fines.

Deputy Director Alcala-Beshara stated there is an option provided for the Commissioners' consideration that provides the alternative condition language.

Chairman Evans made a motion.

Commissioner To seconded the motion and encouraged better communication between the applicant and the Bureau.

Chairman Evans withdrew his motion.

Chairman Evans made motion to extend the license to December 31, 2019, with the amended condition.

Commissioner To withdrew his previous second, and seconded the existing motion.

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission extended the license through December 31, 2019, with the amended condition noted below:

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Beginning November 1, 2019, and every 90 days thereafter Marc Pajaud must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of efforts to satisfy his outstanding court fines.

B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:

Player: Britney Cooper

Comments Received From:

Britney Cooper, via telephone

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

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

Commissioner Lacy asked Ms. Cooper when she filled out her application.

Ms. Cooper responded that she did not recall when she filled out the application.

Assistant Director Morrow stated Ms. Cooper's renewal application was received June 3, 2019; however, was not sure when it was signed.

Commissioner Lacy stated it is hard to understand how the 2018 conviction could be forgotten since it occurred so recently.

Ms. Cooper stated that she dealt with the conviction, paid off the fines, and considered it finished. Further, Ms. Cooper explained she did not realize a misdemeanor is a conviction as it was her first offense.

Chairman Evans asked about the circumstances of the offense.

Ms. Cooper stated she was charged with reckless driving because she had some drinks at her friend's house, subsequently drove her car, and was pulled over and was tested barely a point over the limit on the breathalyzer test.

Chairman Evans asked if Ms. Cooper spent two days in jail.

Ms. Cooper responded that she spent a night in jail.

Chairman Evans responded that was contrary to what was provided in the Bureau's report.

Commissioner Lacy asked Ms. Cooper what she meant by stating that she simply forgot about the conviction.

Ms. Cooper responded she just dealt with the issue and the non-disclosure was not something she did intentionally.

Commissioner To asked Ms. Cooper if she is trying to minimize what happened.

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Ms. Cooper responded she was not trying to minimize what happened and felt like she was good enough to drive at the time.

Commissioner To advised to take drinking and driving seriously.

Commissioner Lacy stated his concerns with whether or not Ms. Cooper is being honest or if she was trying to conceal the conviction.

Ms. Cooper stated she was not trying to hide the conviction and she let her employer know when it happened.

Chairman Evans asked the Bureau how the question is asked on the application.

Assistant Director Morrow responded that the application asks, "Have you been convicted of a crime (misdemeanor or felony) since last filling a third party proposition player services license application?"

Chairman Evans asked when Ms. Cooper's license expires.

Chief Counsel Vlaanderen stated that Ms. Cooper's license expires September 30, 2019. Further, Chief Counsel Vlaanderen noted if the applicant is referred to an evidentiary hearing, she will be issued an Interim Renewal License, which will allow her to continue to work.

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission referred the Renewal application to a GCA evidentiary hearing and issued an Interim Renewal License valid through September 30, 2021.

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

By concurrence of the Commissioners, items 15A through 15C were heard together.

A. Everi Games, Inc.: Everi Games Holding Inc., Shareholder
Randy Taylor, Executive Vice President, Chief
Financial Officer, Treasurer, Director

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Finding of Suitability through September 30, 2021.

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B. Integrated Systems Design, Inc.: Jonathan Hafezi, President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, Director, Shareholder

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Finding of Suitability through September 30, 2021.

C. Lighting Slot Machines, LLC: Lightning Gaming, Inc.
Donald Caldwell, Director, Shareholder
Brian Haveson, Director, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, Treasurer
Christopher Strano, President
Frederick Tecce, Director, Shareholder

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Finding of Suitability through September 30, 2021.

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

San Manuel Casino - San Manuel Band of Mission Indians:
Cameron Chiu

Action:

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

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

Casino Pauma - Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma & Yuima Reservation:
Dolores Greenoge

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Chairman Evans, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Finding of Suitability through July 23, 2021, removing with the existing condition noted below:

~~Beginning November 1, 2018, and every 180 days thereafter, Ms. Greenoge must provide the Bureau with documentation evidencing proof~~

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~~of her efforts to resolve her outstanding charge-off account or documentation substantiating that she is no longer responsible for the account.~~

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

Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Chris Gonzales Perez, (CGCC-2019-0411-4F)

Comments Received From:

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

Mr. Perez submitted an application on March 1, 2017, to the Bureau of Gambling Control. The Bureau performed a background investigation and issued a report on February 19, 2019, and recommended denial. The Commissioners considered this application on April 11, 2019, and elected to refer to an evidentiary hearing. The applicant received notice of hearing in two ways. First, Commission staff sent out an evidentiary hearing referral letter April 17, 2019, which included a Notice of Defense and instructions to return in 15 days. Commission staff received no response. Again, Commission staff sent out Evidentiary Hearing referral letter concerning today's date on June 14, 2019, which indicated the hearing was set to occur on September 26, 2019. Again, the Commission staff received no response. The draft Default Decision and Order is standard language which denies the applicant pursuant to Business and Professions Code (B&P) section 19856, failure to meet his burden of proving qualifications.

Chairman Evans called forth Mr. Perez to ask if he was present. Mr. Perez was not present in person or by telephone.

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Default Decision and Order.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

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

Parkwest Casino Sonoma: Barnabas Beyien

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

Towers Casino: Brandt Goodwin

21. 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:	Brenda Gamez	Ana Marquez	Ashley Perez
	Kevin Resendiz	Geovanny Rueda Munoz	
	Yahaira Sotelo Castillo		Mark Stratton

B. Fortune Players Group, Inc.:

Player: Guo Qiang Feng

C. Gold Gaming Consultants, Inc.:

Players: Randy Cervantez Austin Stokes

D. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Players:	Edward Cole	Ka Her	Katia Jacobson
	Kristen Johnson	Caitlin Kellythompson	Sergey Lemeshko
	Kelly Manning	Anita Mao	Britney Massa
	Valerie McArthur	Joshua Peregrina	Vicente Santana
	Lee Vang	Ker Xiong	

E. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:

Players: Michael Perez

F. Metis TPS, LLC:

Players:	Walker Abbott, Jr.	Ge Xin Fan	Jian Huang
	Chunping Li	CuiXia Li	Kelly Taing
	Shasha Zhou		

G. Pacific United Service, Inc.:

Player: Hak Wah Nelson Ngan

H. Premier Player Providers, Inc.:

Player: Tiffany Nguyen

I. PT Gaming, LLC:

Players:	Erlinda Chiong	Gyanmani Dhakal	Jana Fernando
	Sangam Shrestha	Yingzhen Zhang	

J. Qualified Player Services, LLC:

Player: Gabriel Riutcel

22. 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. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:

Player: Junelane Yumang

B. KB Ventures:

Player Rittman Thao

C. PT Gaming, LLC:

Player: Naemi Aguilar

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

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

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

Christopher Budlong

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

Lorraine Saliphieu

D. Cahuilla Casino - Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians:

Travice Lewallen

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

Thomas Taylor

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

Cedrenna Tanner

G. Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village:

Seth Roden

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

Lorenzo Cruz Jr.

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

Esequiel Castellon

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

Marilyn Goldwire

Ka Lor

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

Steven Peng

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

Nathan Wilder

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

Eugene Anit

Angela Broussard

Nestor Cortez-

Santana

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

Chyanne Androshak

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

Marty Burg

Stephanie Oakley

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

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

Eugene Gutierrez

Michael Lindquist

Kimberley Lopez

Bernard Steinbacher

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

Aaron Peppone

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

Brook Chambliss

Jami Hatton

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

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James Alexander	Basu Dhakal	Phong Hong
Adrian Jimenez	Leo Lee	Stephen Pelzer
David Reister	Lai Saechao	Lee Yang

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

Jonathan Flores

F. Cher-Ae Heights Casino - Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria:

William Martin II	Lorelle Strouss
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G. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:

Wanda Adams	Andres Arredondo	Peter Beckett
Felicia Hoang	Malayvone Maokosy	Bryant Martin
Noah Moore	Sean Stevens	Theng Vang
Sherry Wu	David Wu	

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

Christopher Atkinson	Adonis Felix	Daniel Pino
Jennifer Ramirez	Stefanie Robles	Sean Smith

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

Juanita Solis

J. Diamond Mountain Casino & Hotel - Susanville Indian Rancheria:

Augustine Mesubed

K. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:

Joshua Butler	Danny Marberry	Loren McDarment
Paula Simonic		

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

Michael Avila	Monica Hernandez	Nicole Kurowski
HeeJung Lee	Crestina Lopez	Guadalupe Puga
Joseph Rhodes	Susan Vallie	Elsie Viray

M. Feather Falls Casino & Lodge - Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians:

Heath Davis	Robert Honroth	Jayne Paramore
Stephen Wyman		

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

Ryan Brothers	Brittany Holcomb	Nawang Sherpa
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O. Harrah's Resort Southern California - Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation:

Paul Hernandez	Antonio Lopez
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P. Havasu Landing Resort & Casino - Chemehuevi Indian Tribe of the Chemehuevi Reservation:

Thomas Martinez

Q. Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort - Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:

Kenneth Frazel Jr.

R. Lucky 7 Casino - Smith River Rancheria:

Cody Wortell-Bartley

S. Mono Wind Casino - Big Sandy Rancheria Band of Western Mono Indians:

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Kerry Smith

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

Paula Murphy Margie Sahawneh Ernest Seal
Lev Yang

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

Rogelio Acosta-Gonzalez Linda Aranda Carlos Castro
Lorena Cervantes Japp Chan Lavall Durr Jr.
Valerie Hunt Darien Luu Alexis Mendivil

V. Quechan Casino Resort - Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation:

Mark Escalanti

W. Red Earth Casino - Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians:

Larry Drouse Jennifer Soto

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

Christopher Martin

Y. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:

Thomas Caldwell Russell Chitwood III Christina Reuser

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

Topaaz Barber Kevin Coen Jessie Hu
Michael Mellor II Adrian Ramirez Randolph Sarmiento
James Silvas

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

Edilmundo Flores Oralia Meza

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

Justin Adolphson Brandon Bazemore Matthew Bistodeau
Michael Bonilla Jeffrey Bueller Mitchell Carter
Ferdinand Desilva Alex Favor Jesus Garcia
Florence Jardiniano Robert Kasawdish Christopher Keh
Feu Lutau Travis Ly Gregory McShane
Balagtas Mendoza Patrick Tauanuu Mark Tompkins
Emerito Twano

CC. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:

Jessie Jim Refuerzo Manuel Rivera Patrick Vargas

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

Joaquin Gonzales Barbara Martin Veronica Reynoso
Frelen Soliman

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

Wilbert Hernandez Kevin Hoang Eric Rudeen
Nai Saepanh

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

Christina Hamilton Rabecca Hill-Barton

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

Lauri Adams Mark Caputto

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

Garry Carreau Jacqueline Fulcher Juan Ortiz

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II. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:
Heather Couch

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved Consent Calendar Items 19 through 24.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

None.

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. *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.201511046), (GCADS-GEWP-002630)
- B. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of State Gambling License for Sahara Dunes Casino, LP, dba Lake Elsinore Hotel and Casino; Ted Kingston; Joseph Kingston; and Sahara Dunes Management, Inc. (OAH No.2017070210)

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- C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Work Permit for Brian Yee, (CGCC-2019-0411-5B)
- D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Brian Yee, (CGCC-2018-0906-4B)
- E. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Regular Work Permit for Mindy Somneang Or, (CGCC-2019-0411-5A)
- F. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Chris Gonzales Perez, (CGCC-2019-0411-4F)
- G. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Regular Work Permit for Eduardo Jesus Martinez, (CGCC-2019-0221-9)
- H. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Darren John Reed, (CGCC-2019-0411-4G)
- I. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Michael Owens, (CGCC-2019-0328-8F)
- J. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Key Employee License for Callaye Strauss, (CGCC-2017-0713-7G)

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Evans adjourned the Commission Meeting at 11:25 p.m. No further information was given.