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**MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2019  
COMMISSION HEARING**

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**OPEN SESSION  
10:00 A.M.**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Evans called the hearing to order on March 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners.

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

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

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Players Services License for Aleksey V. Tkach, (CGCC-2018-0712-9B)

Presiding Officer: Jason Pope

For Applicant: Aleksey V. Tkach

For Bureau of Gambling Control: Ronald Diedrich, Deputy Attorney General

Witnesses: Aleksey V. Tkach  
Darri Saelee  
Tanya Sundin

The Commission met in open session to hear testimony concerning Aleksey Tkach's suitability for licensure. Complainant's exhibits 1- 8 and Applicant's exhibits A-B were admitted into the record. Deputy Attorney General Diedrich and Mr. Tkach provided opening statements. Aleksey Tkach, Darri Saelee, and Tanya Sundin were sworn in and provided testimony. Deputy Attorney General Diedrich and Mr. Tkach provided closing arguments. The record was closed and submitted for decision.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**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)

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

- A. In the Matter of the Accusation and Statement of Issues Against Lucky Chances, Inc., Rommel Medina, Ruell Medina (OAH No.2015110463)
- B. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Sianna Maquelle Hasenberg, (CGCC-2018-0412-8F)
- C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Michael M. Lopez, (CGCC-2018-0510-7Eii)
- D. 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)
- E. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Tawni Summer Vargas, (CGCC-2018-0524-8F)
- F. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Ja'Meika Myeisha Thompson, (CGCC-2018-0726-10D)
- G. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Kom Wa Bang, (CGCC-2018-0726-10Ci)
- H. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Timothy Tran Rupert, (GCADS-GEKE-002267)
- 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)

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 11:10 a.m. to deliberate on closed session item II.F., II.D., and II.J.

**OPEN SESSION**  
**2:00 P.M.**

The Commission reconvened to open session at 2:00 p.m. with Chairman Evans and Commissioners LaBrie, Lacy and To present.

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

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Players Services License for Derek M. Gaxiola, (CGCC-2018-0111-11C)

Presiding Officer: Jason Pope

For Applicant: Derek Gaxiola

For Bureau of Gambling Control: Colin Wood, Deputy Attorney General

Witnesses: Derek Gaxiola

The Commission met in open session to hear testimony concerning Derek Gaxiola's suitability for licensure. Complainant's exhibits 1- 6 and Applicant's exhibits A-C were admitted into the record. Deputy Attorney General Wood provided opening statements and Mr. Gaxiola waived opening statements. Derek Gaxiola was sworn in and provided testimony. Deputy Attorney General Wood provided closing argument and Mr. Gaxiola waived closing argument. The record was left open for the Complainant to file a brief due on April 4, 2019 and for Applicant to provide a response due on April 18, 2019.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

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The Commission adjourned to closed session at 2:55 p.m. to deliberate on closed session item II.K. The Commission did not reconvene following closed session deliberations.