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**MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2019  
COMMISSION MEETING**

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**OPEN SESSION**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Evans called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners.

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

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for:

- A. March 28, 2019 – Commission Meeting
- B. April 11, 2019 – Commission Meeting
- C. April 29, 2019 – Commission Meeting
- D. May 1, 2019 – GCA Hearing
- E. May 8, 2019 – GCA Hearing
- F. May 31, 2019 – GCA Hearing

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy voting yes; the Commission approved the Commission Meeting Minutes for March 28, 2019, April 11, 2019, April 29, 2019, and GCA Hearing minutes for May 1, 2019, May 8, 2019, and May 31, 2019.

4. Deliberation and Consideration of Final Adoption of Regulations Concerning 120 Day Timeline (Amend Title 4, CCR, Sections 12218.7, 12235, 12342, and 12350)

Comments Received From:

Josh Rosenstein, Regulatory and Legislative Specialist, Gambling Control Commission, in person

Mr. Rosenstein stated that on April 26, 2019, the notice of proposed action was published in the California Regulatory Notice Register which commenced a 45 day

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public comment period. No written comment letters were received during the period, which ended June 10, 2019. A hearing to receive additional written oral comments was not scheduled and no request for a hearing was received pursuant to government code 11346.8. The proposed action made changes to four sections to make the provisions consistent with the Commission's 2004 update to its hearing procedures. These changes included correcting the timeline to reflect that the Commission will no longer approve or deny an application within 120 days but will instead take action on the application pursuant to section 12054 and utilizing the defined term "*Bureau Report*" to refer to the Bureau's recommendation concerning an application.

Chairman Evans noted the language conforms to the present practice.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioners LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy voting yes; the Commission approved the final adoption of regulations.

5. Consideration of Temporary Closure of Gambling Establishments (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19955; CCR, Title 4, section 12357):
  - A. 500 Club Casino
  - B. Bruce's Bar and Casino
  - C. Kelly's
  - D. La Primavera Pool Hall and Café
  - E. Magnolia House Casino
  - F. Mortimer's Card Room
  - G. Tommy's Casino & Saloon

Items 5A through 5G were heard concurrently. No action was taken as the cardrooms were now compliant with their annual fees.

6. Consideration to Withdraw Application for State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869; CCR, Title 4, sections 12015 and 12054):
  - A. Livermore Casino: Kristen Salisbury

Commissioner Lacy and Commissioner LaBrie noted why they were inclined to approve the application without prejudice, no derogatory information was noted.

Action:

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

- B. The Bicycle Hotel & Casino: Erika Girardi

Action:

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

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Lacy voting yes; the Commission approved the request to withdrawal without prejudice.

7. Consideration of Additional Permanent Authorized Tables (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19841(p); CCR, Title 4, section 12359):

Westlane Card Room: Delta C, LP

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioners LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy voting yes; the Commission approved the request for three additional permanent authorized tables.

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. Sysavanh Inthongpradith

Comments received from:

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

Commissioner Lacy noted for the industry the importance of providing a full employment history on the applications, even if the employment is short in term.

Commissioner LaBrie concurred with Commissioner Lacy and thanked Mr. Inthongpradith for his service.

Chairman Evans also noted the importance of providing a full employment history and asked for confirmation from the Bureau there was no derogatory information found in the non-disclosures relating to past employment.

Assistant Director Morrow confirmed no derogatory information was found.

Action:

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

B. Chauntel Recavarren

Commissioner Lacy noted comfort in the fact that the information regarding the separation from employment referenced in the Bureau's report provided by Ms. Recavarren was corroborated by the Employment Development Department.

Action:

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

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Commissioner Lacy voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Portable Personal Key Employee License through September 30, 2019.

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

A. Acme Player Services, LLC:

Supervisor: Stephanie Garcia

Action:

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

B. Alpha Gaming, Inc.:

Player: Alexander Hubbard

Comments Received From:

Alexander Hubbard, via telephone

Commissioner Lacy noted concern with the applicant's personal history.

Commissioner LaBrie noted concerns with regard to the non-payment of fines and provided a note of caution. Commissioner LaBrie requested confirmation from the application whether he understood and would comply with an imposed condition.

Mr. Hubbard confirmed his understanding and assent to the condition.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioners LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Conversion License through July 31, 2021 with the following condition:

*Beginning September 1, 2019, and every 90 days thereafter, Alexander Hubbard IV must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of efforts to satisfy his outstanding court fines and Failure to Appear.*

C. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Player: Roberto Mendez

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

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Commissioner LaBrie and Commissioner Lacy briefly discussed the applicant's personal history.

No action taken. The item was tabled to a future meeting.

D. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:

Player: Odyleo Divina

Comments received from:

Todd Vlaanderen, Chief Counsel, Gambling Control Commission, in person  
Yolanda Morrow, Assistant Director, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person

Commissioner Lacy expressed concerns with the violation of workplace policies and procedures that led to Mr. Divina's termination from Delta Casino/Kings Cardroom.

Commissioner LaBrie concurred with Commissioner Lacy and inquired as to whether the video footage was available.

Chief Counsel Vlaanderen stated it was his understanding that no video footage was available; however, a witness who reviewed the video footage is available to discuss the incident.

Chairman Evans inquired with the Bureau with regard to the availability of video footage and witness.

Assistant Director Morrow stated the video footage is likely no longer available as the cardroom has new ownership, but confirmed the Bureau would attempt to obtain the video footage, if available.

Commissioner Lacy suggested the applicant to bring evidence that the incident in question does not impact his honesty, integrity or character, and that violating the casino policy does not create or enhance the dangers of unsuitable practices in gaming.

Chairman Evans advised it may benefit Mr. Divina if he brought someone to help him with his case.

Action:

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

E. Metis TPS, LLC:

Other Employee: Julissa Rodriguez

Comments Received From:

Julissa Rodriguez, via Telephone

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Chairman Evans asked Ms. Rodriguez if she agreed to the condition.

Ms. Rodriguez confirmed she agreed to the condition.

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioners LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Conversion License through July 31, 2021 with the following condition:

*Beginning August 1, 2019, and every 90 days thereafter, Julissa Rodriguez must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of efforts to resolve her outstanding Failure to Appear and outstanding Failure to Pay.*

F. PT Gaming, LLC:

Player: Jessica Phann

Comments Received From:

David Tierney, Designated Agent, in person

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

To note, Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara informed the Commission that multiple attempts to confirm the applicant's attendance were made by Commission staff; however, the applicant did not confirm attendance or announce herself at the meeting

Commissioner Lacy asked the Bureau if derogatory information would be presented to the Commission if the separation from employment was due to gaming related issues.

Assistant Director Morrow confirmed that should derogatory information have been discovered for gaming related issues, it would be presented to the Commission.

Designated Agent Tierney provided additional information regarding the circumstances of Ms. Phann's termination from PT Gaming.

Action:

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

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

Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:  
Edgar Arriaga

Comments Received From:

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

Commissioner LaBrie expressed concerns with deeming the application abandoned and noted her belief that Mr. Arriaga intended to continue to work in the industry.

Assistant Director Morrow stated that Mr. Arriaga attempted to move into a non-key employee position; however, no non-key employee positions were available, and he has since been terminated.

Commissioner LaBrie expressed the desire to gain further information regarding the derogatory employment history.

Commissioner Lacy stated the applicant may want to provide additional information regarding his inconsistent/dishonest statement to the Bureau.

Mr. Arriaga stated his desire to explain the circumstances regarding the incident in question, and referenced the time it would take to explain would be long.

Commissioner Lacy noted that Business and Professions Code (B&P) section 19859 requires the Commission to deny a license if untrue statements were provided during the application process.

Mr. Arriaga responded that he understood Commissioner Lacy's comment.

Action:

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

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

A. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:  
Viengkhone Phommahaxay

Comments Received From:

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

Chairman Evans thanked Ms. Phommahaxay for completing the requirements of the previously imposed condition.

Assistant Director Morrow noted that not all accounts had been satisfied but that progress was being made.

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Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioners LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Finding of Suitability through July 31, 2021, removing the existing condition noted below:

~~*Beginning February 1, 2019 and every 180 days thereafter, Ms. Phommahaxay must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of efforts to satisfy her charge off account and collection accounts.*~~

- B. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:  
Cassandra Elliott

Chairman Evans noted Ms. Elliott's progress on the satisfaction of her debt.

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy, voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Finding of Suitability through July 31, 2021, removing the existing condition noted below:

~~*Every 180 days, Ms. Elliott must provide the Commission and the Bureau with proof of payments documenting efforts to resolve her collection accounts.*~~

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

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

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| A. Tracy Barranco  | J. Dominik Patucha    |
| B. Charles Bates   | K. Harry Rapp         |
| C. Micah Chen      | L. Manuel Rito Jr.    |
| D. Hermiz Hermiz   | M. Joseph Schablaske  |
| E. Michael Ledford | N. Stanley Seiff      |
| F. James McKee     | O. Christina Stephens |
| G. Ted Nakano      | P. Michael Wilson     |
| H. Rene Ornelas    | Q. Sandra Zook        |
| I. Joseph Padilla  |                       |

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

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| A. Casino Merced:                  | Mai Sheng Xiong |
| B. Empire Sportsmen's Association: | Robert Casaus   |

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

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| A. Club San Rafael:                 | Maureen Meex  |
| B. Empire Sportsmen's Association : | Calina Khath  |
| C. Lake Bowl Card Room:             | Ryan Glowniak |



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- D. Napa Valley Casino: Lisana Sanderson  
 E. Outlaws Card Parlour: Joseph Morris  
 F. Parkwest Casino Sonoma: Bonnie Kyle Tserenbandad Otgonjargal  
 Jack Reynolds

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

- A. Acme Player Services, LLC:  
 Players: Chesha Delfin Saif Haddad
- B. Alpha Gaming, Inc.:  
 Player: Ratu Lewenilovo
- C. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:  
 Players: Alfredo Aspiras Luis Luna John Nguyen  
 Alexander Orozco Mayka Stapleton Tong Xiong
- D. Certified Players, Inc.:  
 Players: Larrissa Prather Geraldine Revuelta Ruben Salas
- E. Fortune Players Group, Inc.:  
 Players: Edgardo Santos Lihua Tan
- F. Knighted Ventures, LLC:  
 Players: Montcerrat Alonzo Amy Banquerigo Adrian Cohen  
 Taylor Eaton Brian Galdamez Alice  
 Hernandez  
 Ausbina Lee Brandon Mason Jose Olguin  
 Marco Ramirez Silvan Lakina Sith Allyson  
 Sweetman  
 Francisco Toscano King Edward Wafer Toua Yang  
 Vong Yang
- G. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:  
 Players: Matthew Faudoa Kevin Lam Melecio Leyva  
 Chue Vang
- H. Metis TPS, LLC:  
 Players: Jesus Eusebio-Jimenez JunMei He  
 Kevin Horton James Huang Xueya Jiang  
 Linda Lee Guoxiong Li Jie Mai  
 Huamei Peng Xingli Ren Yinhua Xu
- I. Pacific United Service, Inc.:  
 Players: Yanfeng Hu Hue Sam
- J. PT Gaming, LLC:  
 Players: Nedra Adams Kyanu Ausmer Danilo  
 Blanco  
 Dayna Bryant Crystal Lee Jian Feng  
 Lin  
 Ryan Julius Magallona Geoffrey Manalo Melanie  
 Marshall



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Castillo	Danielle Briggs	Giovanny Caballero	Jason
Elmore	Rudy Cortes	Devon Edwards	Jacob
Peterson	Maria Galeas	Ricardo Jimenez	Kyle Lewis
	Angela Manera	Ameen Missoumi	
	Erika Montesinos	Torralba	Kayla Nicolos
	Leelong Nukhai	Louis O'Neil	Collin
	Melanie Robinson	Alejandro Roldan	Jesus Sanchez
	Jose Santiago	Ramon Tejada	
	Marvin Vasquez		
	Lorena Villanueva	Kahlan Wallace	Melinda
Welty	Jessica Yurick		
L. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:			
Player:	Arthur Twano		
M. Majesty Partners, LLC:			
Player:	Jason Castillo		
N. Metis TPS, LLC:			
Other Employees:	Norma DuFrene	Matthew Spector	
Players:	George Asaad	RuiFang Chen	Yu
Chen			
	Peter Chow	Reuben Conferido	Jun Guan
	Hong Jiang	Huijun Jiang	Amy Li
	Chaoying Li	Wei Wei Li	Yuling Liang
	Fang Liu	Xiaoyan Liu	Ying Liu
	Huili Lopez	Guifei Lu	Kit Luk
	DanLin Ma	Alexander Madrid, III	Emad
Masoud			
	Patricia McGinnis	Adrian Owens	Teodoro
Pasion, Jr.			
	Jia Ren	George Rivera	Sally
Siu			
	Hai Xia Sun	Kwok Fu Tam	Vinh Tran
	Guangan Wang	Hao Wu	Di Yang
	Suet Yip	Rongping Yu	Jack Yucelten
	Rita Yuen	David Zeng	Qi Zeng
	Xiao Zhang	Yue Zhao	Xu Dong Zhou
	Yi Zhou	Zheng Zhu	
O. Pacific United Service, Inc.:			
Players:	Natasha Ashley	Ranessa Hawes	Linna Kim
	Steven Lee	Estefani Martinez	Amy Ouk
	Ann Phan	Jessica Tang	Jerry Wu
	Yang Ying	Huiqing Yuan	
	Angela Zambrano-Estrello		

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P. Premier Player Providers, Inc.:

Player: Brian Moniz

Q. PT Gaming, LLC:

Supervisors: Nicole Chang Chad Gasquoine

Dwayne Morris

Players: Analyn Aurelio Adriano Enriquez Hla Maung  
Anna Marie Medina Tiffany Murphy Zenaida

Nunag

Gerline Palpallatoc Angelo Ranjo Phoebe Lhyn

Robles

Rebecca Roos Aaron Sanson Randy

Smith

Marvin Valdiviezo Meng Vang

R. Qualified Player Services, LLC:

Players: Jenny Buckeridge Linthong Lam

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

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

Stephanie DeMartini

B. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez

Reservation:

Dalene Crandall Christopher Loshbaugh

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

Malina Dien Cyndi Fosdick Saldana

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

Nicole Plante

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, and Commissioner Lacy voting yes; the Commission approved the Consent Calendar items 12 through 17.

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

None

**CLOSED SESSION:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Evans adjourned the Commission Meeting at 10:42 AM.