

## **GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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### **MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2020 GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

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#### **OPEN SESSION**

1. Call to Order and Welcome – Stacey Luna Baxter, Executive Director

Executive Director Stacey Luna Baxter called the October 22, 2020 meeting of the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC) to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call of GPAC Members

Roll call of the Committee Members was taken. David Fried, Haig Kelegian, Jr., Jieho Lee, William Liu, Cyndi Maivia, Yolanda Morrow, Keith Sharp, and Art Van Loon were present. Luis Jaramillo and James Rodgers were absent.

3. Review and Approval of February 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Art Van Loon moved to approve the February 27, 2020 meeting minutes. David Fried seconded the motion and by a vote by roll-call the Committee Members unanimously approved the minutes.

4. Update and Discussion of Current Projects:

- A. Marketing Group/External Promoter Service Regulations (Sub-Committee Members: Keith Sharp and Yolanda Morrow)

Yolanda Morrow presented the changes that had been previously made to the proposed regulations. GPAC discussed the regulations and made some additional amendments at the meeting. GPAC determined that they had completed the project and decided to present the proposal formally to the Commission at one of its meetings. Keith Sharp moved that GPAC present the proposal as its final recommendation to the Commission at a Commission meeting. Yolanda Morrow seconded the motion and by a vote by roll-call the members unanimously approved.

- B. Work Permit Project – Status Update (Sub-Committee Members: Luis Jaramillo and Art Haig Kelegian, Jr.)

Haig Kelegian, Jr. reported that he had contacted the Compton Police Department to inquire on what information they would be willing to share with the Bureau. He also contacted the gaming board/commissions for the states of Pennsylvania, Nevada

and New Jersey to inquire on their process and he plans to report back to GPAC after he hears back from these jurisdictions.

Stacey Luna Baxter indicated that she was looking for ideas on how to have a communication system between cardrooms, local jurisdictions and the Bureau to report the termination of work permittees for incidents involving theft or other serious violations. She further indicated that this seeks to limit such individuals being able to get a work permit issued in another jurisdiction to continue working in the industry because the Bureau, Commission, and the local jurisdiction were not aware of the prior derogatory actions.

## 5. Discussion of Possible New GPAC Projects

### A. Dual Cannabis and Control Gambling Licensure – Discussion

Stacey informed the GPAC that the Commission has asked that the GPAC consider taking on a project researching the concerns with dual licensure within the cannabis and controlled gambling industries within California. Stacey indicated that this would be a topic of discussion at the next GPAC meeting. Jieho Lee volunteered to help work on the project. Stacey volunteered James Rodgers to help on the project because of his banking experience.

Chris Sieroty, Editor for Gambling Compliance, indicated that the State of Nevada ruled that gaming and marijuana are separate and no one licensed in the gaming industry can be licensed to be in the marijuana business. He indicated that he had information on this topic that he would email to Fred at the Commission.

### B. Opportunities for Potential Applicants with Criminal Background (Sub-Committee Member Jieho Lee)

Jieho Lee spoke on the Covenant House charity and other similar programs that work with young adults to help them become self-supporting. He indicated that he is interested in developing a process that would allow individuals in these types of recovery programs who may have past criminal convictions to work in the industry. Cyndi Maivia volunteered to help on the project and David Fried volunteered to email suggestions to Stacey for the sub-committee's consideration.

## 6. Discussion of Seat/Incumbents with December 31, 2020 Term Expirations:

- B. Category A: Yolanda Morrow
- C. Category B: Cyndi Maivia
- D. Category D: David Fried
- E. Category E: Art Van Loon
- F. Category F: Luis Jaramillo

Stacey announced that all the members listed in 6.A. - 6.E. have indicated that they are seeking reappointment. She further indicated that recruitment efforts were made

and notices were sent out for these positions as required per the approved Selection Criteria. Also per the Selection Criteria, the GPAC must vote as to whether they support reappointment for those seeking another term. Keith Sharp moved to approve GPAC's support to recommended reappointment of all members listed in 6.A.- 6.E. Haig Kelegian, Jr. seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a vote by roll-call.

7. Open Discussion for Committee Members to Propose Project Topics Next Agenda

None.

8. Next Meeting

Dec 10, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

9. Public Comment

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

GPAC adjourned at 3:00 p.m.