

California Gambling Control Commission

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**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2020
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 was taken with Chairman Jim Evans, Commissioner Paula LaBrie, Commissioner Gareth Lacy, and Commissioner Trang To present.
3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for:
 - A. October 10, 2019 – Commission Meeting
 - B. December 4, 2019 – GCA Hearing
 - C. December 9, 2019 – GCA Hearing
 - D. December 16, 2019 – GCA Hearing
 - E. December 18, 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, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Commission Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2019, and GCA Hearing Minutes for December 4, 2019, December 9, 2019, December 16, 2019, and December 18, 2019.

4. Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Final Report for Distribution to Eligible Recipient Indian Tribes for Quarter Ending December 31, 2019 - Quarterly License Revenue Received and Shortfall (Pursuant to Government Code section 12012.75)

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the distribution payments as listed in the report.

5. Consideration of Initial State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19904, 19850, and 19852; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12342):

Hawaiian Gardens Casino: Hawaiian Gardens Casino (a California Corporation)
The Moskowitz Joint Revocable Living Trust,
dated September 9, 2005 Restatement, dated
February 1, 2013, Shareholder
David Moskowitz, Successor Trustee

No action was taken on this item. Per request, the applicant agreed to toll the 120-day requirement.

6. Consideration to Extend or Issue New Temporary State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19824(f), 19852; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):

Mike's Card Casino: Oakdale, LLC
Roy Choi, Sole Member

Comments Received From:

Jieho Lee, Designated Agent, in person

Chairman Evans requested confirmation from Mr. Lee, on behalf of his client, whether he understood and would comply with the proposed amended conditions.

Mr. Lee, on behalf of his client, confirmed his understanding and assent to the amended conditions.

Commissioner LaBrie asked Mr. Lee if Mike's Card Casino is operating on a limited basis.

Mr. Lee responded that the cardroom is currently not operating.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved a Temporary License through January 31, 2021, with the amended conditions noted below:

1. This temporary license takes effect on the date that the Commission approves the request and expires on ~~January 31, 2020~~ January 31, 2021. This temporary license is not subject to renewal and may be extended only by order of the Commission at its discretion, but in no case shall this temporary license exceed 24 months.

2. Issuance of this temporary license does not obligate the Commission to

grant a regular license. Issuance of this temporary license does not create a vested right in the holder to either extension of the temporary license or to a regular license.

- 3. Issuance of this temporary license does not change the license qualification requirements of the Gambling Control Act, including the legal requirement that the burden of proving his or her qualifications to receive any license is on the applicant.*
- 4. The Commission, when evaluating the applicant's pending application for a regular state gambling license, will consider the conduct of the applicant and its employees, if applicable, during the term of the applicant's temporary license.*
- 5. Notwithstanding any other limitations on this temporary license, it is also subject to the discipline and penalties provided in Article 10 and Article 11 of the Gambling Control Act. The issuance of this temporary license is without prejudice to the Bureau's prosecution of an accusation.*
- 6. The granting of this temporary license in no way diminishes the responsibilities or powers of the Bureau in enforcing the Gambling Control Act and other applicable laws and regulations with respect to the temporary license.*
- 7. This temporary license will only be valid as long as an application for a regular license is currently pending.*
- 8. The holder of this temporary license shall pay all applicable fees associated with that license as if the temporary were a regular license.*
- 9. If a regular license is not issued within the valid time period of the temporary license, the temporary licensee may submit a request for a new temporary license.*
- 10. Upon issuance or denial of a regular license, this temporary license shall become invalid.*
- 11. The holder of a temporary license shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Gambling Control Act and Commission and Bureau Regulations.*
- 12. The Commission may impose additional conditions to this temporary license in its sole discretion at any noticed public meeting. The imposition of additional conditions does not entitle the temporary licensee to an evidentiary hearing under the Gambling Control Act or Commission regulations.*

13. *This temporary license is subject to summary cancellation by a vote of the Commission at a regularly noticed meeting if the Commission determines it has received reliable information that this temporary licensee is ineligible under the criteria of subsection (c) of Section 12122 of Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations in regard to temporary licensure. Summary cancellation does not entitle the temporary licensee to an evidentiary hearing under the Gambling Control Act or Commission regulations.*

14. *If Mr. Choi and/or Oakdale LLC is not granted a regular Initial State Gambling License, Mr. Choi's resale shall not exceed the amount Mr. Choi purchased the assets of the gambling establishment for.*

15. *Mr. Choi cannot operate the Gambling Establishment until he is granted an Initial State Gambling License by the Commission, or the Commission has removed this condition.*

16. *Fortiss, LLC and its member(s) shall not exercise any management or control of the cardroom prior to applying for and obtaining a State Gambling License or a Key Employee License, as applicable. All records regarding the cardroom maintained by Fortiss, LLC shall be available at all times to the Bureau.*

17. *Third Party Provider of Proposition Player Services (TPPPS) Contract Restriction. Mike's Card Casino must not enter into or engage in any third party provider of proposition player services contracts with entities that Oakdale LLC or Oakdale LLC shareholders directly or indirectly hold a financial interest in that TPPPS entity, or with a shareholder of that TPPPS entity.*

7. Consideration of A) Withdraw Application for State Gambling License; and, B) Renewal of State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19850, 19852, 19869, and 19876; CCR, Title 4, sections 12015, 12054 and 12345):

A. Magnolia House Casino: Rancho's Club Casino, Inc.
Thomas Cologna, Financial Interest Holder

Comments Received From:

Jarhett Blonien, Designated Agent, Attorney, in person

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

Commissioner Lacy asked Mr. Blonien if the debt between Thomas Sheridan and Thomas Cologna has been cancelled or satisfied.

Mr. Blonien confirmed the debt has been satisfied as Mr. Sheridan transferred some shares to Mr. Cologna.

Assistant Director Morrow confirmed the satisfaction of debt was from shares transferred from a business outside of the gambling industry.

Action:

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

B. Magnolia House Casino: Rancho's Club Casino, Inc.
Four Leaf Clover Investments, LLC, Shareholder
Thomas Sheridan, Member, Director
Ruben Marquez, President, Director, Shareholder
Blanca Marquez, Secretary, Treasurer, Shareholder

Comments Received From:

Jarhett Blonien, Designated Agent, Attorney, in person
Yolanda Morrow, Assistant Director, Bureau of Gambling Control, in person
Bill Torngren, Deputy Attorney General (DAG), Department of Justice, in person
Adrianna Alcalá-Beshara, Deputy Director, Gambling Control Commission, in person

Commissioner Lacy noted Ruben and Blanca Marquez were not included in the Accusation filed by the Bureau. Commissioner Lacy further asked Mr. Blonien to clarify what role Ruben and Blanca Marquez have within the gambling establishment.

Mr. Blonien responded that Ruben and Blanca Marquez sold ninety percent of the shares in Rancho's Club Casino, Inc., to Mr. Sheridan and Four Leaf Clover, LLC. Mr. Blonien further stated that Four Leaf Clover, LLC, has been operating the gambling establishment and Ruben and Blanca Marquez are no longer involved in the Cardroom.

Commissioner Lacy asked Mr. Blonien if Ruben and Blanca Marquez receive interest or if they made a loan to Mr. Sheridan.

Mr. Blonien responded that the purchase agreement was structured with a note payable back to Ruben and Blanc Marquez.

Assistant Director Morrow stated that the Bureau has the understanding that Ruben and Blanca Marquez do not have a role in the operations of the cardroom currently.

Chairman Evans asked Mr. Blonien if Ruben and Blanca Marquez are currently ten percent owners of the cardroom collectively.

Mr. Blonien confirmed Ruben and Blanca Marquez are currently ten percent owners, collectively.

Commissioner LaBrie asked Mr. Blonien when Ruben and Blanca Marquez's officer positions within Rancho's Club Casino, Inc. ceased.

Mr. Blonien responded that the officer positions ceased when the transfer of ownership occurred in the beginning of 2019.

Commissioner Lacy noted that although the transfer of ownership occurred in December of 2018, Ruben and Blanca Marquez held positions as officers until August 2019.

Assistant Director Morrow confirmed Commissioner Lacy's comment.

Mr. Blonien responded that the intention was for Ruben and Blanca Marquez to cease their involvement within the cardroom once the purchase agreement was approved. Mr. Blonien further noted it is unclear if the paperwork to officially resign Ruben and Blanca Marquez as officers occurred at that time.

Commissioner Lacy asked Mr. Blonien if Ruben and Blanca Marquez advised Mr. Sheridan on the operations of the cardroom after the purchase agreement had occurred.

Mr. Blonien responded that Mr. Sheridan hired a manager who took over the operations shortly after the purchase occurred.

Commissioner Lacy asked Mr. Blonien who was hired as the new general manager.

Mr. Blonien responded that Shaun Yapple was hired as general manager.

Chairman Evans asked the Bureau if they noticed Ruben and Blanca Marquez on site during site visits in 2019.

Assistant Director Morrow stated that Ruben and Blanca Marquez were not on site or involved during any site visits in 2019 after the move to a new location.

Chairman Evans asked the Bureau when Blanca Marquez's role as treasurer changed.

Assistant Director Morrow responded that there was no involvement with Ruben and Blanca Marquez after the move from the old facility to the new facility.

Commissioner Lacy stated that he would like more clarity on Ruben and Blanca Marquez's roles prior to referring the matter to an evidentiary hearing.

Commissioner Lacy asked the Bureau if there was anything outstanding stemming from the June 25, 2019 Letter of Warning.

DAG Torngren reminded the Commissioners that due to the filed Accusation, there is going to be an evidentiary hearing and for the Commission to be circumspect about getting into the facts of the case.

Commissioner Lacy asked the Bureau if there was a written response to the June 25, 2019 Letter of Warning.

DAG Torngren reiterated the Commission be circumspect of getting into the details of the case. Further DAG Torngren responded there was a written response to the Letter of Warning.

Commissioner Lacy noted written financial reports had not been submitted and asked the Bureau to confirm if that was correct.

Assistant Director Morrow responded there was a delay in submitting the original set of financials requested, subsequent to that, the Bureau requested updated financial reports be submitted because so much time elapsed. Assistant Director Morrow confirmed that the updated financial report requested has not been received.

Commissioner LaBrie asked the Bureau to confirm the date that Ruben and Blanca Marquez were no longer involved as officers of Rancho's Club Casino, Inc.

Assistant Director Morrow responded the Bureau was notified on August 2019; however, the Bureau is unclear as to the involvement prior.

Mr. Blonien suggested to extend the issue to April 2020 to obtain the meeting minutes and confirm exactly when Ruben and Blanca Marquez were voted off of the Statement of Information.

Chairman Evans reiterated that regardless of the officer situation, Ruben and Blanca Marquez are ten percent owners of Rancho's Club Casino, Inc.

Commissioner Lacy noted he would like to see something that would tie Ruben and Blanca Marquez more strongly before making the decision to refer them to an evidentiary hearing.

Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara noted Commission staff would be able to place the item back onto a Commission Meeting within 30 days of receiving the information discussed. Further, Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara stated if the Commission wished to extend the matter, it would be prudent for the applicants to agree to toll the 120-day requirement to comply with Bagley-Keene requirements.

Ernest Schmiedt, President, Treasurer, Director,
Shareholder
Julie Baron, Secretary, Director, Shareholder
Dennis Williams, Shareholder
Gigi Williams, Community Property Interest
Holder/Spouse
Ted Bui, Shareholder
Phuong Nguyen, Community Property Interest
Holder/Spouse

Comments Received From:

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

Mr. Dennis Williams, Designated Agent, Shareholder, appeared in person to respond to any questions from the Commission.

Commissioner LaBrie asked the Bureau if Casino Real is in compliance with the adequate financing requirements.

Assistant Director Morrow confirmed that Casino Real is in compliance with the adequate financing requirements.

Action:

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

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

C. Golden West Casino: Kern County Associates, L.P.

Mr. Jarhett Blonien, Designated Agent, appeared in person to respond to any questions from the Commission.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal State Gambling Licenses through January 31, 2022.

D. Palace Poker Casino, LLC: Palace Poker Casino, LLC
Catherine Aganon, Managing Member
Pamela Roberts, Member

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal State Gambling Licenses through January 31, 2022.

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

Mortimer's Card Room: Mortimer's, Inc.
Mark Williamson, Chief Executive Officer, Director,
Shareholder
Pamela Neu, Vice President, Shareholder
Marylee Sakas, Shareholder
Willis Hanna, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary,
Director, Shareholder

Comments Received From:

Albert Nicora, Attorney, Designated Agent, via telephone

Commissioner Lacy asked Mr. Nicora when the sale of the Cardroom will take place.

Mr. Nicora responded that he anticipates a Purchase Agreement will be submitted within the next month.

Chairman Evans requested confirmation from Mr. Nicora on behalf of his clients whether he understood and would comply with proposed conditions.

Mr. Nicora on behalf of his clients confirmed his understanding and assent to the conditions.

Public Comment:

John Maloney, Attorney, on behalf of Frank Chow & Kaizen Alliance, LLC, in person
Albert Nicora, Attorney, Designated Agent, via telephone

Mr. Maloney stated that when Mortimer's Card Room closed in September 2015, Frank Chow, dba Kaizen Alliance, LLC, was the Third Party Provider. Mr. Maloney further stated that when the Cardroom closed, the Cardroom had kept Mr. Chow's money, in the amount of \$355,911.00. Mr. Maloney provided a brief history of the efforts made by Mr. Chow to obtain the money owed to him, which to date, has not been paid back.

Mr. Nicora responded by acknowledging that Mortimer's will be paying the money owed to Mr. Chow; however, the money will be paid out of escrow from the pending purchase agreement. Mr. Nicora further stated it has been difficult to negotiate a purchase for the cardroom, but they are working to sell the cardroom as expeditiously as possible.

Chairman Evans recognized the significance of the allegations and noted the Commission takes the situation seriously.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the additional Interim Renewal License through January 31, 2022, maintaining the APA evidentiary hearing referral, continuing with the first existing condition, amending the second existing condition, and adding a new condition noted below:

1. *Beginning February 1, 2018, and continuing thereafter, the designated agent of Mortimer's Inc. must provide the Bureau with a written report on the progress of the settlement of the Estate of Edward L. Williamson every 90 days, and notwithstanding the above, the designated agent shall provide the Bureau, with a copy to the Commission, with a written Notice of all Probate Court actions or orders relating to the estate within 10 days of the receipt of the notice of such action or order.*
2. *The Designated Agent for Mortimer's, Inc. must provide the Bureau and the Commission with any updated Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Assets.*
3. *Beginning March 1, 2020 and every 90 days thereafter, Mortimer's, Inc. must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with updates regarding the outstanding judgement until satisfied and proof of satisfaction is provided to the Bureau of Gambling Control.*

10. Consideration of Initial Portable Personal Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12350):

By concurrence of the Commissioners, Items 10A through 10C were heard as a group.

A. Kyle Fletcher

Action:

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

B. Tai Nguyen

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Key Employee License through November 30, 2020.

C. Sara Parra-Aguilera

Action:

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

D. Syhone Wong

Action:

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

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

A. Bai Guo

Commissioner To and Commissioner LaBrie advised Ms. Guo to be mindful of her obligation to comply with the condition placed on her Key Employee License.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Key Employee License through January 31, 2022, continuing with the existing condition noted below:

Beginning June 1, 2018, and continuing every six months thereafter, Ms. Guo must provide to the Bureau an accounting of the deposits for the six months immediately preceding her reporting requirement date. Said updates shall include who the deposits were received from, the amount, and the nature of the deposit.

B. Kimyan Run

Comments Received From:
Kimyan Run, via telephone

Commissioner Lacy requested confirmation from Mr. Run whether he understood and would comply with a proposed condition.

Mr. Run confirmed his 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 LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Key Employee License through January 31, 2022, amending the existing condition noted below:

Beginning March 1, 2020, and every ~~90~~ 60 days thereafter, Mr. Run must provide the Bureau proof of ongoing efforts to resolve ~~or establish a payment plan~~ his outstanding collection accounts. As proof, Mr. Run must provide copies of correspondence, with certified mail numbers for each correspondence, return receipt is not required.

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

Empire Sportsmen's Association: Nicole Sukut

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Work Permit through January 31, 2022, removing the existing condition noted below:

~~Beginning March 1, 2018, and every 90 days thereafter, Ms. Sukut must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control updates proof of efforts made to resolve her outstanding Failure to Appear and court accounts until resolved and proof of satisfaction of accounts is provided to the Bureau of Gambling Control.~~

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 13Ai through 13B were heard as a group.

A. Acme Player Services, LLC:

Supervisors:

- i) Anthony Aldapa Jr.

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the conversion of the registration to Initial License through January 31, 2022.

- ii) Ian Dominic Cabal

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the conversion of the registration to Initial License through January 31, 2022.

B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:

Supervisor: Cecilia Kim

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the conversion of the registration to Initial License through January 31, 2022.

C. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Players: i) Annette Bryant

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner To, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the conversion of the registration to Initial License through January 31, 2022.

- ii) Jasmine Thomas

Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara noted the applicant was unavailable to attend the meeting; however, confirmed the applicant's assent to the proposed condition.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the conversion of the registration to Initial License through January 31, 2022, with the condition noted below:

Beginning March 1, 2020, and every 90 days thereafter, Jasmine Thomas must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve her fines until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

D. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:
Player: Robert Batista, Jr.

Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara informed the Commission that multiple attempts to confirm Mr. Batista, Jr. attendance were made by the Commission staff; however, Mr. Batista, Jr. did not confirm attendance. Robert Batista, Jr. did not announce himself at the meeting.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the conversion of the registration to Initial License through January 31, 2022.

By Concurrence of the Commissioners, items 13E and 13F were heard as a group.

E. Pacific United Service, Inc.:
Supervisor: Anh Phan

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the conversion of the registration to Initial License through January 31, 2022.

F. PT Gaming, LLC:
Player: Chelsie Reynolds

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the conversion of the registration to Initial License through January 31, 2022.

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):

Knights Ventures, LLC:
Player: Ronald Zambrano

Mr. Ronald Zambrano appeared in person to respond to any questions from the Commission.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission referred the Renewal Third Party Application to a GCA evidentiary hearing; and issued an Interim Renewal License valid through January 31, 2022.

15. Consideration to Withdraw Application(s) to Convert Third-Party Proposition Registration to a License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, sections 12015 and 12054):

PT Gaming, LLC:

Player: Janice Kate Anies

Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara informed the Commission that multiple attempts to confirm Ms. Anies attendance were made by the Commission staff; however, Ms. Anies did not confirm attendance. Janice Kate Anies did not announce herself at the meeting.

Action:

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

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

Galaxy Gaming, Inc.:

Galaxy Gaming, Inc.
Todd Cravens, Chief Executive Officer,
President, Shareholder
Norman DesRosiers, Director, Shareholder
Harry Hagerty, Chief Financial Officer,
Treasurer, Secretary, Shareholder
Mark Lipparelli, Director, Chairman of the
Board, Shareholder
Bryan Waters, Director, Shareholder
William Zender, Director, Shareholder

Comments Received From:

Bruce Benson, Attorney, in person

Chairman Evans requested confirmation from Mr. Benson on behalf of his clients whether he understood and would comply with proposed conditions.

Mr. Benson on behalf of his clients confirmed his understanding and assent to the conditions.

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through January 31, 2022, with the conditions noted below:

1. *Beginning February 1, 2020 and every 180 days thereafter, Galaxy Gaming, Inc. must provide updates to the Bureau of Gambling Control regarding litigation concerning the litigation between Galaxy Gaming, Inc. and Robert Saucier and/or Triangulum Partners, LLC.*
2. *Galaxy Gaming must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with copies of all judicial and quasi-judicial orders within five days of said orders regarding litigation between Galaxy Gaming, Inc. and Robert Saucier and/or Triangulum Partners, LLC.*

17. Consideration of Tribal-State Compact A) Renewal Finding of Suitability as a Gaming Resource Supplier; and B) Initial Finding of Suitability as a Gaming Resource Supplier (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact):

A. American Gaming & Electronics, Inc.: American Gaming & Electronics, Inc.

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Finding of Suitability through January 31, 2022.

B. American Gaming & Electronics, Inc.: American Gaming & Electronics, Inc.
Anthony Tomasello, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, Director, Sole Shareholder

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through January 31, 2022.

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

A. Genesis Gaming Solutions, Inc.: Genesis Gaming Solutions, Inc.
Randall Knust, President, Shareholder
John Knust, Jr., Treasurer, Shareholder

Richard Garza, Secretary, Shareholder
Alton Schoppe, Director, Shareholder

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission deemed the Renewal Application for Finding of Suitability for John Knust, Jr. abandoned, and approved the remaining Renewal Applications for Finding of Suitability through January 31, 2022, removing the existing condition noted below:

~~Genesis Gaming Solutions, Inc. shall notify the Bureau of Gambling Control within 5 business days of any ruling regarding the disciplinary action within the Washington State Gambling Commission.~~

B. Masque Publishing, Inc.: Masque Publishing, Inc.
James Wisler, President, Treasurer, Director,
Shareholder
Donna Jo Adam, Vice President, Director,
Shareholder
David Zinger, Secretary, Director,
Shareholder

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Finding of Suitability through January 31, 2022.

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

By Concurrence of the Commissioners, items 19Ai through 19B were heard as a group.

A. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
i) Robert Dean

Action:

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

ii) Kenneth Hatmaker

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through January 31, 2022.

iii) Anthony Post

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through March 31, 2022.

B. Rain Rock Casino - Karuk Tribe:
Maureen Goodman

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through February 8, 2022.

C. San Manuel Casino - San Manuel Band of Mission Indians:
i) Gemar Fahd Pilapil

Action:

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

ii) Raymond Navarro-Morales

Deputy Director Alcala-Beshara informed the Commission that multiple attempts to confirm Mr. Navarro-Morales's attendance were made by the Commission staff; however, Mr. Navarro-Morales did not confirm attendance. Raymond Navarro-Morales 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 LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through October 31, 2020.

D. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:
Thomas Albergo

Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara informed the Commission that multiple attempts to confirm Mr. Albergo's attendance were made by the Commission staff; however, Mr. Albergo did not confirm attendance. Thomas Albergo 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 LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through June 15, 2020.

E. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:
Jeremy Hayward

Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara informed the Commission that multiple attempts to confirm Mr. Hayward's attendance were made by the Commission staff; however, Mr. Hayward did not confirm attendance. Jeremy Hayward did not announce himself at the meeting.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner LaBrie, seconded by Chairman Evans, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through October 8, 2020.

20. 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 Berney James Hoover, (CGCC-2019-0913-10A)

Comments Received From:

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

Staff Counsel Pope stated that the Bureau received an application on January 3, 2017. The Bureau conducted an investigation and issued a report to the Commission on July 8, 2019.

At the September 12, 2019, Commission Meeting, the Commission referred the applicant's application to a GCA Hearing.

The applicant received notice of this hearing in two ways:

First, on September 13, 2019, Commission staff mailed the applicant an evidentiary hearing referral letter, which included a Notice of Defense and instructions to return within 15 days. Commission staff received no response.

Second, on October 25, 2019, Commission staff sent the applicant a notice of evidentiary hearing stating the evidentiary hearing was scheduled to occur on January 23, 2020. Commission staff received the certified mail receipt back with an illegible signature.

Staff Counsel Pope stated the decision presented is a Default Decision with standard terms as Mr. Hoover has failed to meet his burden of providing qualifications under Business and Professions Code section 19856 of the Gambling Control Act.

Chairman Evans called forth Mr. Hoover to ask if he was present. Berney James Hoover 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 LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Default Decision and Order.

20.5 Consideration of Amendment and/or Removal of Conditions on State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19824):

Lucky Chances Casino:	Lucky Chances, Inc. Rommel Medina, Chief Executive Officer, Chairman, Director, Shareholder Ruell Medina, Chief financial Officer, President, Secretary, Director, Shareholder Rene and Mila Medina 2009 Irrevocable Blind Trust Agreement Marino Gueco, Trustee
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Comments Received From:

Bill Torngren, Deputy Attorney General (DAG) on behalf of the Attorney General and the Director of the Bureau of Gambling Control, in person

Jackie Vu, Attorney, in person

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

DAG Torngren stated since the last Commission meeting, proposals were exchanged and to date he has not heard back from Lucky Chances Casino and there is no deal in place as of today.

Ms. Vu noted appreciation for Mr. Torngren's hard work and communication; however, Ms. Vu stated they have reached an impasse in terms of the settlement negotiations.

DAG Torngren noted he will notify the court that there has been a failure of the condition precedent for the settlement and will see what the court does in terms of scheduling.

Chief Counsel Vlaanderen thanked DAG Torngren and Mr. McWhorter for their efforts and hard work.

No action was taken on this item.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

21. 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. Lorielyn Alcantra | F. Shaun Lewis |
| B. Andrea Botero | G. Rosalina Maldonado |
| C. Jason Brisby | H. Jai Saechao |
| D. William Hughes | I. Brett Spadoni |
| E. Michael Lazer | |

22. 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: | Jeffrey Xiong |
| B. Empire Sportsmen's Association: | Margaret Wong |
| C. Golden Valley Casino: | Corrine Rheinschild |
| D. Lake Bowl Cardroom: | Carly Dreher |

23. 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. Casino Merced: | Yee Moua |
| B. Napa Valley Casino: | Randy Heng |

24. 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):

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| A. Acme Player Services, LLC: | | |
| Player: | Patrick Evina | |
| B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC: | | |
| Players: | Grace Aquino | Alejandra Caro Canchola |
| | Quyen Ly | Monica Castro |
| | | Jenny Sengsongkham |
| C. Gold Gaming Consultants, Inc.: | | |
| Player: | Dylan Johnstad | |

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D. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Players:	Gary Abundis	Javier Angeles Ayala	Sheldon Bradley
	Katherine Bugarin	Cameron Carter	Jabari Farrow
	Beatris Gonzalez	Diana Gutierrez	Shaun Jacob
	Matthew La Pierre	Simon Medina	Omar Miller
	Levi Rapoport-O'Connor		Henry Rodriguez
	Leah Ryan	Marron Joshua Salazar	Fred Sohn
	Roznee Soy	Adam Watson	Carl Williams

E. Metis TPS, LLC:

Player: Zackery Martellini

F. Pacific Gaming Services, LLC:

Player: Zachary Williams

G. Premier Player Providers, Inc.:

Player: Narin Mao

H. PT Gaming, LLC:

Players: Carl Jones Katalina Saechao

25. 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):

Acme Player Services, LLC:

Player: Nicholas Melendez

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

A. Agua Caliente Casino Resort and Spa Rancho Mirage - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Scott Bendon Angelique Gregory

B. Black Oak Casino - Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria:

Mary Cowper

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

Andrew Cavanaugh Oliver Shoemaker

D. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:

Phetsaboun Monexay

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

Mariah Simao Dao Vue

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

Jennifer Baham

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

Deborah Hermann

H. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:

Fady Behnam Henry Ly

I. Rain Rock Casino - Karuk Tribe:

Victor Kwasnikow

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- J. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:
Vijayakumar Agadi Ryan Mason
- K. San Manuel Casino - San Manuel Band of Mission Indians:
Rodney Villhard
- L. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:
Angelica Sandoval
- M. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:
Scott Doke
- N. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:
Royce Ellena

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

- A. Agua Caliente Casino Palm Springs - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:
Susan Fletcher Paul Toft Kim Bond
James Bott Irene Fierro Wipa Fryer
Saverio Scheri III
- B. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians:
Elsa Castaneda
- C. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:
Matthew Buggert Debora Cadena Jeffrey Carbonell
Afsaneh Dabiry Amelia DeAngelo Daniel Droddy
Nicholas Fleming Eric Gardiola Raymond Juergens
Andrew Kreischer Pearl Mugisha David Pearce
Yohmary Rios Rodney Salazar Francisco Sarabia
Justin Ta Kevin Ward Aaron Watt
- D. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:
Arnulfo Carreon Candace Loanzon Jennifer Mispagel
- E. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
Cesar Almazan Jr. Steven Beck Mary Coltharp
Joseph Diaz Jaquelin Gapczynski Kenneth Jones
Kristin Larsen Shashi Patel Cassia Trias
Patrick Tuntakit

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Evans, seconded by Commissioner To, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Consent Calendar items 21 through 27.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None.

CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:

Chairman Evans disclosed the items below to be heard in Closed Session:

- II. Litigation (Government Code section 11126(e)):
 - B. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Key Employee License for Callaye Strauss, (CGCC-2017-0713-7G)
 - L. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Player of Proposition Player Services License for Teresa Diehl-Govea, (CGCC-2019-0725-14Fi)

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. *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 Initial Key Employee License for Callaye Strauss, (CGCC-2017-0713-7G)
 - C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Albert Tin King Wong, (CGCC-2019-0411-8Cii)
 - D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Albert Tin King Wong, (CGCC-2019-0411-6E)

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- E. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Player of Proposition Player Services License for Junly Phon, (CGCC-2019-0613-6Cii)
- F. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Player of Proposition Player Services License for Ernesto De Jesus De Leon, Jr., (CGCC-2019-0530-10E)
- G. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Player of Proposition Player Services License for Tanisha Maxseen Grant, (CGCC-2019-0530-10F)
- K. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Player of Proposition Player Services License for Valerie Chavez, (CGCC-2019-0613-6Ci)
- L. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Player of Proposition Player Services License for Teresa Diehl-Govea, (CGCC-2019-0725-14Fi)
- M. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Player of Proposition Player Services License for Monica Serpa, (CGCC-2019-0613-6Civ)
- N. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Berney James Hoover, (CGCC-2019-0913-10A)

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Evans adjourned the Commission meeting into Closed Session at 11:33 AM. No further information was given.