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**MINUTES OF THE JULY 23, 2020
COMMISSION MEETING**

Pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 regarding the COVID-19 virus, the meeting was held by tele/videoconference and there was no location open to the public.

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Evans called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

Executive Director Stacey Luna Baxter gave ZOOM participation instructions.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for:
May 14, 2020 – Commission Meeting

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Evans, Commissioners LaBrie, Commissioner Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the May 14, 2020, Commission Meeting Minutes.

4. Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Final Report for Distribution to Eligible Recipient Indian Tribes for Quarter Ending June 30, 2020 - Quarterly License Revenue Received and Shortfall (Pursuant to Government Code section 12012.75)

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 distribution payments as listed in the reports.

5. Consideration of A) Purchase Sale Agreement; and, B) Initial State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19824, 19850, 19851, 19852; and 19904 CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12342):

A. Casino M8trix: Garden City, Inc.
Lunardi Family Living Trust (Seller)
Bruce Lance (Buyer)

Chairman Evans asked if Mr. Lance or a representative was available.

Mr. Lance nor a representative announced themselves.

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 Purchase Sale Agreement with the conditions noted below:

1. **Legend on Stock Certificate.** *Approval of the transfer contemplated by this application should be conditioned upon, within 15 days after the closing, the transferee confirming in writing to the Commission, with a copy to the Bureau, that each and every certificate evidencing the shares has been legended in accordance with the provisions of Business and Professions Code section 19882, subdivision (c).*
2. **Additional Legend on Stock Certificate.** *Business and Professions Code section 19904 voids any purported sale or other disposition of a security issued by a corporate licensee that the Commission did not approve in advance. Approval of the transaction contemplated by this application should be conditioned upon, within 15 days after the closing, the transferee confirming in writing to the Commission, with a copy to the Bureau, that each and every certificate evidencing the Shares includes the following legend:*

THIS CERTIFICATE REPRESENTS SHARES OF STOCK ISSUED BY A CORPORATION THAT HOLDS A LICENSE TO ENGAGE IN GAMBLING-RELATED BUSINESS PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THE STOCK MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED, ASSIGNED, SOLD, PLEDGED, HYPOTHECATED, OR DISPOSED OF WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE CALIFORNIA GAMBLING CONTROL COMMISSION OR ITS SUCCESSOR.

3. **Transaction Completed as Approved.** *Within 15 days after the closing, the transferee shall confirm in writing to the Commission, with a copy to the Bureau, that the transaction has been completed as approved by the Commission.*

B. Casino M8trix:

Garden City, Inc.
Bruce Lance, Shareholder

Chairman Evans asked if Mr. Lance or a representative was on the line and there was no response.

Commissioner Lacy thanked Commission staff for helping him understand that Mr. Lance's business is actually a landscape architecture company and it makes sense to have those kinds of funds available.

Chairman Evans stated that ordinarily the Commissioners would like to speak with prospective owners; however, as the ownership is such a minor portion of the business and given the clean nature of the report, it appears unnecessary in this instance.

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 State Gambling License through February 28, 2022.

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

Hollywood Park Casino:

Stockbridge Capital Partners, LLC
Stephen Pilch, Member, Managing Director
Stockbridge Real Estate Partners II, LLC
Stephen Pilch, Member, Managing Director

Comments Received From:

Jarhett Blonien, Designated Agent and Attorney, via telephone

Commissioner Lacy stated that he thought all the information looked neutral or positive for the applicant and they complied with the all the conditions that were imposed on their Temporary State Gambling License.

Commissioner Lacy further stated he appreciated the information from Mr. Blonien regarding the holding companies associated with Hollywood Park Casino and understands the holding companies were created for bankruptcy proceedings, as required by the lender. Commissioner Lacy then asked Mr. Blonien if the bankruptcy proceeding is still continuing.

Mr. Blonien responded that Stockbridge is a pension fund consisting of many different holdings throughout the nation. Mr. Blonien further stated the holding companies were initially created due to some holdings in Nevada and were set up to protect the casino and isolate itself from other investments.

Mr. Blonien did not address the bankruptcy proceeding.

Commissioner Lacy thanked Mr. Blonien for his response.

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 Initial State Gambling License through April 30, 2021.

7. 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. Outlaws Card Parlour: Dora Brown, Sole Proprietor

Commissioners took no action on the Renewal State Gambling License for Dora Brown, Sole Proprietor dba Outlaws Card Parlour, as the license was extended administratively pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders N-40-20, N-66-20, and N-71-20.

B. Rogelio's: Rogelio's Inc.
Rogelio Garcia, Director, Shareholder
Mew Ha Garcia, Chief Financial Officer,
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 State Gambling Licenses through March 31, 2022.

C. Westlane Card Room: Delta C, LP

Comments Received From:

Yolanda Morrow, Assistant Director, Bureau of Gambling Control, via telephone
Frances Asuncion, DOJA II, Bureau of Gambling Control, via telephone

Commissioner Lacy asked the Bureau why amended renewal applications were not requested as it related to the Bureau's previously proposed condition.

DOJA II Asuncion responded that the condition is no longer required as the Bureau has received the requested amended applications.

Commissioner Lacy noted appreciation for the Bureau's response.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, 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 Renewal State Gambling Licenses through March 31, 2022.

8. Consideration of Rescission of GCA Evidentiary Hearing Referral and Renewal of Key Employee License Application (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19824, 19850, and 19854; CCR, Title 4, sections 12351 and 12054):
Va Phong

Comments Received From:

Va Phong, via telephone

Yolanda Morrow, Assistant Director, Bureau of Gambling Control, via telephone

Commissioner LaBrie commented that she agreed with Commission staff's recommendation, which is to continue the referral to the evidentiary hearing. Commissioner LaBrie continued that she understands the Commission approved a settlement with Casino Marysville; however, Mr. Phong's situation is unique as his Key Employee license may be used outside of Casino Marysville. As such, it is in the best interest to have the evidentiary hearing because the Key Employee License can be used in other gambling establishments.

Commissioner Lacy concurred with Commissioner LaBrie's statement. Commissioner Lacy stated that although the Commission has a settlement with Casino Marysville, Mr. Phong was allegedly responsible for many of the issues that gave rise to the reason the Commission referred them to an evidentiary hearing in the first place. Commissioner Lacy further stated the Commission has yet to hear from Mr. Phong as he was not a party of the settlement.

Commissioner Lacy continued that if there were just one or two issues he would be happy to discuss the issues now with Mr. Phong; however, given that there were multiple alleged Gambling Control Act (GCA) violations, it would be better to discuss at a GCA hearing to allow Mr. Phong time to answer all of the questions.

Chairman Evans agreed and stated he believed the item should be heard at an evidentiary hearing as the allegations are serious enough to merit further examination by the Commission.

Assistant Director Morrow confirmed the Bureau believes the item still should be referred to a GCA hearing.

Chairman Evans asked Mr. Phong if he has anything to add to the discussion.

Mr. Phong responded he had no comments to add.

No action was taken and the Commission maintained the referral of Mr. Phong's Renewal Application to an evidentiary hearing.

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

A. Brent Bauer

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 Initial Key Employee License Through January 31, 2021.

B. Danny Sanchez

Comments Received From:

Danny Sanchez, via telephone

Commissioner LaBrie requested confirmation from Mr. Sanchez whether he understands and would comply with the proposed condition.

Mr. Sanchez confirmed his understanding, and assent to the proposed condition.

Commissioner LaBrie provided clarification to Mr. Sanchez that he does not necessarily need to pay the charge-off account in full but stressed that he submit updates to the Bureau until his charge-off account is resolved.

Commissioner Lacy asked Mr. Sanchez about his explanation for not disclosing his \$17,000 charge-off account. Commissioner Lacy then stated that he understood Mr. Sanchez's answer was that he forgot about the account; however, wanted to understand how that happened.

Mr. Sanchez responded when he filled out his application two years ago, he was uncertain of the status of the charge-off account as there was a lot of back and forth with the timeshare company. Mr. Sanchez further explained he was told if he and his wife did not pay into the timeshare, the timeshare company would repossess the timeshare and it would be charged off. Mr. Sanchez further stated he and his wife were working with a debt consolidation company, who have also been having issues of procuring a document indicating the timeshare was repossessed.

Commissioner Lacy thanked Mr. Sanchez for his explanation.

Chairman Evans thanked Mr. Sanchez for his participation.

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 Initial Key Employee License through February 28, 2021 with the condition noted below:

Beginning September 1, 2020, and every 180 days thereafter, Danny Sanchez must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of efforts to satisfy his outstanding charge-off account until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

C. Robert Taevajira

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 Key Employee License Through August 31, 2020.

D. Jensen Wrona

Commissioner Lacy stated the Commission vetted the facts on this at a previous evidentiary hearing and there was a sanction in the cancellation of the temporary work permit.

Chairman Evans stated that he does not think anything has happened in the intervening time period.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy, 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 Key Employee License Through January 31, 2021.

E. Ran Xiong

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 January 31, 2021.

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

Empire Sportsmen's Association: i) Matthew Patterson

Comments Received From:

Matthew Patterson, via telephone

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 Initial Work Permit through October 31, 2020.

ii) Sarith Tep

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 Work Permit through June 30, 2021.

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

Outlaws Card Parlour: Alyssa Fairweather

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 request to withdraw without prejudice.

12. 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:

Player: Sara Goodrich

Deputy Director Olivarez informed the Commissioners that Ms. Goodrich confirmed non-attendance with Licensing staff before the meeting.

Commissioner LaBrie stated that she believes Ms. Goodrich's explanation for non-disclosure of her conviction was reasonable as she had previously disclosed the conviction on other applications.

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 July 31, 2022.

B. KB Ventures:

Players: i) Jonathan Clemens

Comments Received From:

Jonathan Clemens, via telephone

Commissioner LaBrie requested confirmation from Mr. Clemens whether he understands and would comply with the proposed condition.

Mr. Clemens confirmed his understanding and assent to the proposed condition.

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 July 31, 2022, with the condition noted below:

Beginning September 1, 2020, and every 90 days thereafter, Jonathan Clemens must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of ongoing efforts to resolve his outstanding Failure to Appear until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

By concurrence of the Commissioners, 12 Bii through 12 Cii were heard as a group.

Comments Received From:

Dolores Olivarez, Deputy Director, Gambling Control Commission, via video

B. KB Ventures: ii) Annie Saetern

C. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Supervisors: i) Alexander Gutierrez ii) Bunthy Phon

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 registrations to Initial Licenses through July 31, 2022.

Player: iii) Ronald Cobos, Jr.

Comments Received From:

Ronald Cobos, Jr., via video

Chairman Evans requested confirmation from Mr. Cobos, Jr. whether he understood and would comply with the proposed condition.

Mr. Cobos, Jr. confirmed his understanding and assent to the proposed condition.

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 conversion of the registration to Initial License through July 31, 2022, with the condition noted below:

Beginning September 1, and every 90 days thereafter, Ronald Cobos, Jr. must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control a status update regarding proof of ongoing efforts regarding the resolution of fine(s) until resolved proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

D. Majesty Partners, LLC:

Supervisor: Bunthy Phon

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 conversion of the registration to Initial License through July 31, 2022.

E. Metis TPS, LLC:

Supervisor: John Dang

Mr. Dang confirmed his telephonic attendance with Licensing staff prior to the meeting; however, when Chairman Evans asked if he was present, Mr. Dang did not respond.

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 July 31, 2022, with the condition noted below:

Beginning September 1, 2020, and every 180 days thereafter, John Dang must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of efforts to satisfy his Chapter 13 Bankruptcy until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

F. PT Gaming, LLC:

Supervisor: Jonathan Lewis

Comments Received From:

Jonathan Lewis., via telephone

Chairman Evans requested confirmation from Mr. Lewis whether he understood and would comply with the proposed condition.

Mr. Lewis confirmed his understanding and assent to the condition listed on the report.

Commissioner To asked Mr. Lewis how he was doing with his drinking.

Mr. Lewis stated he has been sober for almost two years and that he completed his DUI classes. In addition, he has been attending AA meetings and that his brother has been a big support system for him.

Commissioner To congratulated Mr. Lewis on his sobriety.

Chairman Evans agreed with Commissioner To and commended Mr. Lewis for his efforts.

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 July 31, 2022, with the condition noted below:

Beginning September 1, 2020, and every 90 days thereafter, Jonathan Lewis must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts for the completion of his Driving Under the Influence program and fines until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

G. The Independent:

Supervisor: Danyell Anderson

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 conversion of the registration to Initial License through July 31, 2022.

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

PT Gaming, LLC:

Supervisor: Johnson Inthavong

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 License through July 31, 2022, removing the existing condition noted below:

~~Within 60 days of approval, Johnson Inthavong must provide proof of completion of the court ordered 18-month DUI program to the Bureau of Gambling Control.~~

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

Perpetual Gaming, LLC
dba Slot Works Gaming:

John-Martin Meyer, Chief Executive
Managing Member, Sole Owner

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 Initial Finding of Suitability though July 31, 2022.

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

A. Automated Systems America, Inc.:

Automated Systems America, Inc.
Husam Attiyah, Shareholder
Jehad Attiyah, Shareholder
William Cain, Chief Operating Officer,
Director, Shareholder
Jacqueline Steely, Chief Financial Officer,
Director, Secretary
John Steely, Chief Executive Officer,
Director, Shareholder

Commissioners took no action as the Finding of Suitability was extended administratively pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders N-40-20, N-66-20, and N-71-20.

B. Konami Gaming, Inc.

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 Renewal Finding of Suitability though March 31, 2022

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

By concurrence of the Commissioners, items 16A through 16 C were heard as a group.

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

Joseph Miller

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 though December 1, 2021.

B. Chicken Ranch Casino - Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:

Gerry Nevel, Jr.

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 though January 8, 2022.

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

Sacha Silverhorn

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 though October 2, 2021.

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

i) Luke Connolly

Commissioner Lacy noted that the incidents in question occurred many years ago.

Chairman Evans stated that Mr. Connolly is taking the appropriate actions to mitigate the incidents in question.

Commissioner Lacy agreed with Chairman Evans.

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 Initial Finding of Suitability though July 10, 2022.

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

Leigh Velie-French

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 though February 5, 2021.

F. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria of California:

Flor Garcia-Reyes

Comments Received From:

Flor Garcia-Reyes, via telephone

Commissioner Lacy stated he agreed with the Bureau and Commission Staff recommendations and appreciate the applicant's candor about the incident, and moved to approve the application.

Commissioner LaBrie noted prior derogatory information regarding employment with Bridge Store and asked Ms. Garcia-Reyes if her employer had conversations with her about her shortages.

Ms. Garcia-Reyes responded no and that employees would typically turn in their registers and then just clock out. Bridge Store would possibly let employees know about shortages once the registers have been closed out.

Commissioner LaBrie asked if the employer ever provided Ms. Garcia-Reyes the amount in which her drawer was short.

Ms. Garcia-Reyes responded she did not remember the amount she was short. Ms. Garcia-Reyes explained she knew she was short twice within a month, which was the reason Bridge Store decided to dismiss her.

Commissioner LaBrie asked what kind of store Bridge Store is.

Ms. Garcia-Reyes stated that it was a family-owned grocery store.

Commissioner LaBrie thanked Ms. Garcia-Reyes.

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 Initial Finding of Suitability though December 2, 2021.

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

- A. San Manuel Casino - San Manuel Band of Mission Indians:
Todd Frye, Jr.

Prior to the meeting, Todd Frye, Jr. confirmed his non-attendance with Licensing staff.

Commissioner Lacy stated he is fine with deeming the application abandoned. Commissioner Lacy further noted if Mr. Frye comes back to the industry his partial compliance with the condition is not a major concern.

Commissioner LaBrie stated she supports deeming the application abandoned and further stated this would give Mr. Frye, Jr. plenty of time to get the answer the Bureau wants should he reapply.

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 deemed the Renewal Application abandoned.

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

Comments Received From:

Somsavaeng Keodara, via telephone

Chairman Evans requested confirmation from Ms. Keodara whether she understood and would comply with the proposed existing condition.

Ms. Keodara confirmed her understanding and assent to the proposed existing condition.

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 Renewal Finding of Suitability though February 28, 2022, continuing with the existing condition noted below:

Beginning May 1, 2019, and every 180 days thereafter, Ms. Keodara must provide the Bureau with documentation evidencing proof of her efforts to resolve her outstanding charge off accounts.

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

A. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Player License for Julius Gonzales, (CGCC-2020-0227-20H)

Comments Received From:

Senior Counsel Jason Pope, Gambling Control Commission, via video

Staff Counsel Pope stated the Bureau received Mr. Gonzales' application on September 5, 2017. On January 3, 2020, the Bureau issued a recommendation for denial. On February 27, 2020, the Commission considered the applicant's application and referred the matter to an evidentiary hearing pursuant to Commission regulations. The applicant received the notice for evidentiary hearing in two ways. First, an evidentiary hearing referral letter was sent on March 5, 2020, via certified mail and again on March 25, 2020, via regular mail, with a blank Notice of Defense (NOD) with instructions to return in 15 days. Commission staff received no response. Second, a notice of evidentiary hearing was sent on June 1, 2020, which stated the hearing was set to occur Thursday, July 23, 2020. Staff Counsel Pope stated that the Decision has standard language and terms and denies the applicant's application under B&P Code section 19856. Staff Counsel Pope concluded the effective date has been left blank, but in being consistent with recent default decisions during the COVID-19 emergency, the Commission has made them effective 30 days from today. That would fall on a weekend day. The subsequent day would be August 24, 2020, which would be a Monday.

Chairman Evans asked if Mr. Gonzales was on the phone or video. Mr. Gonzales did not confirm attendance nor did he announce himself at the meeting.

Commissioner Lacy stated the underlying incident is gaming related and it's unfortunate the Commission will not be able to get to the merits of it. However, Commissioner Lacy stated for public notice, this was an incident(s) involving allegedly stealing chips from the casino. Even though it is a default decision, it would be something worth investigating for future employers.

Chairman Evans agreed with Commissioner Lacy's comments.

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.

B. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Work Permit for Ariel Marrero, (CGCC-2020-0227-16)

Comments Received From:

Senior Counsel Jason Pope, Gambling Control Commission, via video

Todd Vlaanderen, Chief Counsel, Gambling Control Commission, via video

Staff Counsel Pope stated the Bureau received Ms. Marrero's application on January 22, 2019. On December 23, 2019, the Bureau issued a recommendation for denial. On February 27, 2020, the Commission considered the applicant's application and referred the matter to an evidentiary hearing pursuant to Commission regulations. The applicant received the notice for evidentiary hearing in two ways. First, an evidentiary hearing referral letter was sent on April 9, 2020 with a blank Notice of Defense (NOD) with instructions to return in 15 days. Commission staff received no response. Second, a notice of evidentiary hearing was sent on June 1, 2020, which stated the hearing was set to occur Thursday, July 23, 2020. Staff Counsel Pope stated that the Decision has standard language and terms and denies the applicant's application under B&P code section 19856. Staff Counsel Pope concluded the effective date has been left blank, but in being consistent with recent default decisions during the COVID-19 emergency, the Commission has made them effective 30 days from today. That would fall on a weekend day. The subsequent day would be August 24, 2020, which would be a Monday.

Chairman Evans asked if Ms. Marrero was on the phone or video. Ms. Marrero 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 Default Decision.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

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

Jana Dawson

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

A. Jana Dawson

B. John Deng

C. Tan Wai Fung

D. Byron Gregory

E. Ruth Harkins

F. Jonathan Kennedy

G. Samuel Quinto
H. Sergio Rivas
I. Stefanie Saechao

J. Agnes Tandoc David
K. Garrett Williams
L. Claudine Yassa

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

A. Casino Merced: Sai Vang Niki Yang
B. Towers Casino: James Willis

22. 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: Marcus Charles Arianna Ramos
B. KB Ventures:
Player: Keota Sybounleuang
C. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
Supervisor: Javier Fabian C
Players: Justin Artavia Sarah Cruz Costas Ford
D. L.E. Gaming, Inc.
Players: Jessica McDaniel Cora White
E. Metis TPS, LLC:
Player: Thi Do
F. PT Gaming, LLC:
Supervisor: Moleda Pann
Players: Tracy Cunningham Michael Higdon Thi Ho
Hoang Anh Dung Nguyen Cyamiron Shrestha

23. 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):

L.E. Gaming, Inc.:
Player: Tony Su

24. 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:
Beverley Shea Nellie Zarate
B. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:
Marco Zamudio
C. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:
Hector Ayon Bluanoue Lao
D. Casino Pauma - Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma & Yuima Reservation:

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- Carrie Knutson
- E. Chicken Ranch Casino - Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
Juan Garcia Daniel McNair
 - F. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:
Antonio Navarro
 - G. Colusa Casino Resort - Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:
Arturo Avalos
 - H. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:
Joshua Henderson
 - I. Gold Country Casino Resort - Berry Creek Rancheria of Maidu Indians:
Katherine Bustamante
 - J. Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort - Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
Stephanie Summers
 - K. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
Joanna Punu
 - L. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:
Amber Brady
 - M. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:
Stevani Winters
 - N. San Manuel Casino - San Manuel Band of Mission Indians:
MaryAnn Diaz
 - O. Soboba Casino Resort - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:
John Farrance Iclilia Nunez
 - P. Twin Pine Casino & Hotel - Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians:
Danielle Lentz
 - Q. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation:
Don Lupo
 - R. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:
Dwight Dearman

25. 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:

Todd Bailey	Ruby Capobianco	Corinna Cranbourne
Nathan Garrett	Victoria Gomez	Matthew Hickey
Nicole Sanders	Theresa Alvarez	Gerald Bruno
Daniel Fleckenstein	Louis Furdge	Lillian Garcia
David Jourdain	Ralph Kato	Anna Nolan
Alex Nyeki	Christina Rojas	Anthony Soto
John Sutherland		
- B. Black Oak Casino - Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria:

Jeffrey Larson	Matthew Maddox	Robert McQueary
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- C. Casino Pauma - Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma & Yuima Reservation:
Kellye Parker
- D. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:
Sokun Chhoeung Peggy Ma Lao Yang
- E. Coyote Valley Casino - Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians:
Christopher Byers
- F. Diamond Mountain Casino & Hotel - Susanville Indian Rancheria:
Norman Amador
- G. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:
William Banning III Westley Bollinger Cynthia Magana Arriaga
Marlene Moreno-Lopez Ricardo Salazar Thomas Sedlock
Ricky Van Jen Iree Williams
- H. Harrah's Resort Southern California - Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation:
Wilven Addenbrooke Timothy Hargesheimer Blaga Koleva
Nhatnam Nguyen Rita Pasquarelli Michael Peragallo
Danell Phillips Mark Quinn Joanie Schmitz
Raymond Sullivan Brian Ulrich
- I. Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort - Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
Elizabeth Cabrera Garrison Campa-Campbell Kia Lykins
- J. Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village:
Richie Wallace Nicholas Whited-Roy
- K. Konocti Vista Casino - Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians of the Big Valley Rancheria:
Jorge Garcia
- L. Lucky 7 Casino - Smith River Rancheria:
John Scott Duane Walker Jr
- M. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
Jose Barragan Jacqueline Esquer Susan Gates
Frank Glansdorp Donald Hinkle JoAnna Holden
Ross Koepp Debra Lee Brian Luong
- N. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:
James Alexander Saeed Hashemi Alejandro Hernandez
David Hollaway Richard Long Paymon Rafizadeh
Ohmar Valencia
- O. San Manuel Casino - San Manuel Band of Mission Indians:
Paul Alfa Linda Bawardi Travis Collins
Monika Dimaggio Anika Flores TC Golden
Roderic Herbst Vivek Joshi Bunnarith Kao
Vanusa Kung Trevor Long Justyn Lumel
Allan Mario Jeanna Marquecho-Shaw David Martin
Janice Mayorga Veronica Mota Sarah Murphy
Biljana Peters Jennifer Reckard Brennan Andy Rolon
Patricia Jelizell Solis Ruel Soliva Paul Stephenson
Shelby Tejada Wanalee Tongchoi Cau Truong

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| Sophanna Un | Gerhardus Vosloo | Marilyn Whitehead |
| Lidia Yoeliani | | |
| P. Soboba Casino Resort - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians: | | |
| Christopher Gile | Shiloh Maddox | Jonathan Williams |
| Q. Spotlight 29 Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians: | | |
| Thanh Huynh | Jessica Ruiz | |
| R. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria: | | |
| Thomas Cucchiara | Leah Finnegan | Leonel Gonzalez |
| Andrew Harris Jr. | Jesus Hidalgo | Kevin Li |
| Linda Lokeomanivong | Francisco Nunez | Chanthay Phakonekham-Mason |
| Jalani Simon | Xai Vang | Jonathan Vanhoose |
| Laura Vera | Regina Wilson | David Zandt |
| S. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community: | | |
| Timmy Davis | Alberto Falcon | |
| T. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria: | | |
| Nathan Banks | Tyler Carmichael | Shirlene Dapiaoen |
| Nicole Hancock | Richard Hill | Michael Hollmann |
| Sattaya Kaysavang | Yuen Man Li | Kachreh Nava |
| Phai Phoumynavong | Lester Ritter | Cheo Saeteun |
| David Schmidt | Rosalie Stanek | Laurent Tchang |
| Lee Vang | May Vue | James Wong |
| Zua Yang | | |
| U. Tortoise Rock Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians: | | |
| Sean Sampson | | |
| V. Twin Pine Casino & Hotel - Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians: | | |
| Carmen Hurtado | | |
| W. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians: | | |
| Thomas Albergo | Rigo Candelario Torres | Myla DeLos Angeles |
| James Forcier Jr. | Laura Giuffreda | Sabrina Morales-Caputto |
| Ciria Orozco | Christina Preciado | Cory Weir |

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 Consent Calendar items 19 through 25.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None.

CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:

Chairman Evans disclosed that there were no items be heard in Closed Session.

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)*

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- 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. *Yavapai-Apache Nation v. La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians and California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento Superior Court (34-2018-00238711)*
 - H. *Manuel Corrales, Jr. v. California Gambling Control Commission, San Diego County Superior Court (37-2019-00019079-CU-MC-CTL)*
 - I. *Kris Kat, LLC and Steven C. Ayers v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2019-80003142)*
 - J. *Larry C. Flynt, et al., v. Kamala Harris, Jim Evans, et al.; United States District Court, Eastern District of California (16 CV 02831 JAM EFB)*
- 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)
 - B. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Work Permit for Jason Owen Snarr, (CGCC-2020-0109-13B)
 - C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Player License for Omar Zepeda-Naranjo, (CGCC-2020-1219-12C)
 - D. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Player License for Julius Gonzales, (CGCC-2020-0227-20H)
 - E. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Work Permit for Ariel Marrero, (CGCC-2020-0227-16)

RECOVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

There was no Closed Session for this Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Evans adjourned the Commission Meeting at 11:20 am.