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**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 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. September 12, 2019 – Commission Meeting
 - B. September 26, 2019 – Commission Meeting
 - C. October 24, 2019 – Commission Meeting
 - D. November 4, 2019 – GCA Hearing
 - E. November 6, 2019 – GCA Hearing
 - F. November 22, 2019 – GCA Hearing

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 Commission Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2019, September 26, 2019, and October 24, 2019, and the GCA Hearing Minutes for November 4, 2019, November 6, 2019, and November 22, 2019.

4. Consideration of A) Transfer of Shares; and, B) Initial State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19850, 19852, and 19904; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12342):
 - A. Commerce Casino: California Commerce Club, Inc.
Michael Tumanjan (Transferor)
Michael A. Tumanjan and Carla Tumanjan Living Trust
(Transferee)

Comments Received From:

Michael Tumanjan, via telephone

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

Mr. Tumanjan confirmed his understanding and assent to the conditions.

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 Transfer of Shares with the conditions noted below:

1. **Acknowledgment of the Act.** *Within 15 days following the Commission's approval of the Trust, the Trust's trustees shall confirm in writing to the Commission, with a copy to the Bureau, that they acknowledge, understand, and agree:*
 - A. *The Trust holds an ownership interest in a California licensed gambling enterprise. The Trust also holds an ownership interest in a California licensed, or registered, third-party provider of proposition player services. Collectively, these ownership interests are referred to as the "Gambling Interest."*
 - B. *The Gambling Interest is subject to the Gambling Control Act (Act) (Business and Professions Code sections 19800 et seq.) and is subject to regulation by the California Gambling Control Commission (Commission), California Department of Justice's Bureau of Gambling Control (Bureau), or similar agency.*
 - C. *The Act and regulations adopted under it require certain individuals and entities to hold licenses, including, among others, partners, members, shareholders, trusts, and trustees.*
 - D. *The Act and regulations adopted under it provide that licensing of certain persons and entities is necessary for a non-natural person to be eligible for a license or registration.*
 - E. *The Act and regulations adopted under it make void certain dispositions of ownership interests, or prospective rights in ownership interests, in entities such as partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations, without the Commission's prior approval.*
 - F. *The Act prohibits certain persons from holding a position, or engaging in an activity, until he, she, or it secures the required license.*
 - G. *The Gambling Interest shall be distributed only to beneficiaries or other persons, and held only by trustees, who are licensed, or otherwise permitted, by the Commission to hold such interests.*
 - H. *For as long as the Trust holds the Gambling Interest, or an ownership interest in an entity subject to California gambling laws and regulation by the Commission, the Bureau, or similar agency, the trustee and any successor trustee shall comply in all respects with California gambling laws and regulations, including, without limitation, Penal Code sections 319 to 337.9 and the Act.*
 - I. *For as long as the Trust holds the Gambling Interest or an ownership*

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interest in an entity subject to California gambling laws and regulations, the Trust's and its trustee's right, power, or privilege to hold that ownership interest depends upon compliance with such laws and regulations in all material respects.

2. 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).*

3. 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.

4. 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. Commerce Casino: California Commerce Club, Inc.
Michael A. Tumanjan and Carla Tumanjan Living Trust,
Shareholder
Michael Tumanjan, Trustee, Settlor, Beneficiary
Carla Tumanjan, Trustee, Settlor, Beneficiary

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 Initial State Gambling License through March 31, 2021.

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5. Consideration of A) Agreement of Merger; B) Initial State Gambling License; C) Stock Assignment and Contribution Agreement; and, D) Initial State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19850, 19852, 19982, and 19904; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12342):

- A. The Saloon at Stones Gambling Hall: Kings Casino, LLC (Disappearing LLC)
Kings Casino Management Corp. (Surviving Corporation)

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 Agreement of Merger.

- B. The Saloon at Stones Gambling Hall: Kings Casino Management Corp.

Comments Received From:

Heather Guerena, Designated Agent, in person

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

Chairman Evans noted there was a high profile alleged cheating incident and inquired if the Bureau is investigating and if Commission is going to receive information with regard to the outcome of the investigation.

Assistant Director Morrow stated investigation is ongoing, the Bureau is currently working with the applicant, and the Bureau will provide information to the Commission if it is found the applicant had some role or is responsible for the alleged cheating.

Ms. Guerena stated that the Cardroom has been giving the Bureau their full cooperation from the beginning of the investigation.

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 April 30, 2020.

- C. The Saloon at Stones Gambling Hall: Kings Casino Management Corp.
Ryan Stone, Assignor
Rodney Stone, Assignor
Masis Kevorkian, Assignor
Kermit Schayltz, Assignor
Elevation Entertainment Group, a
California Corporation, Assignee

Comments Received From:

Heather Guerena, Attorney and Designated Agent, in person

Commissioner LaBrie requested confirmation from Ms. Guerena on behalf of her clients whether she understood and would comply with proposed conditions.

Ms. Guerena confirmed her understanding and assent to the conditions on behalf of her clients.

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 Stock Assignment and Contribution 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:*

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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.*

4. **Acknowledgment of the Act.** *Within 15 days following the Commission's approval of each trust, each trust's trustees shall confirm in writing to the Commission, with a copy to the Bureau, that they acknowledge, understand, and agree:*

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- A. *The Trust holds an ownership interest in a California licensed gambling enterprise "Gambling Interest."*
- B. *The Gambling Interest is subject to the Gambling Control Act (Act) (Business and Professions Code sections 19800 et seq.) and is subject to regulation by the California Gambling Control Commission (Commission), California Department of Justice's Bureau of Gambling Control (Bureau), or similar agency.*
- C. *The Act and regulations adopted under it require certain individuals and entities to hold licenses, including, among others, partners, members, shareholders, trusts, and trustees.*
- D. *The Act and regulations adopted under it provide that licensing of certain persons and entities is necessary for a non-natural person to be eligible for a license or registration.*
- E. *The Act and regulations adopted under it make void certain dispositions of ownership interests, or prospective rights in ownership interests, in entities such as partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations, without the Commission's prior approval.*
- F. *The Act prohibits certain persons from holding a position, or engaging in an activity, until he, she, or it secures the required license.*
- G. *The Gambling Interest shall be distributed only to beneficiaries or other persons, and held only by trustees, who are licensed, or otherwise permitted, by the Commission to hold such interests.*
- H. *For as long as the Trust holds the Gambling Interest, or an ownership interest in an entity subject to California gambling laws and regulation by the Commission, the Bureau, or similar agency, the trustee and any successor trustee shall comply in all respects with California gambling laws and regulations, including, without limitation, Penal Code sections 319 to 337.9 and the Act.*
- I. *For as long as the Trust holds the Gambling Interest or an ownership interest in an entity subject to California gambling laws and regulations, the Trust's and its trustee's right, power, or privilege to hold that ownership interest depends upon compliance with such laws and regulations in all material respects.*

D. The Saloon at Stones Gambling Hall: Kings Casino Management Corp.*

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 Licenses through April 30, 2020, removing the existing condition noted below:

~~*Elevation Entertainment Group, and its owners and officers must apply for, and upon approval maintain a State Gambling License.*~~

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6. Consideration of A) Agreement of Merger; B) Initial State Gambling License; C) Stock Assignment and Contribution Agreement; and, D) Initial State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19850, 19852, 19982, and 19904; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12342):

A. The Tavern at Stones Gambling Hall: Kings Casino, LLC (Disappearing LLC)
Kings Casino Management Corp.
(Surviving Corporation)

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 Agreement of Merger.

B. The Tavern at Stones Gambling Hall: Kings Casino Management Corp.

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 April 30, 2020.

C. The Tavern at Stones Gambling Hall: Kings Casino Management Corp.
Ryan Stone, Assignor
Rodney Stone, Assignor
Masis Kevorkian, Assignor
Kermit Schayltz, Assignor
Elevation Entertainment Group, a
California Corporation, Assignee

Comments Received From:

Heather Guerena, Designated Agent, in person

Chairman Evans requested confirmation from Ms. Guerena on behalf of her clients whether she understood and would comply with proposed conditions.

Chairman Evans noted Ms. Guerena's confirmation to the understanding and assent to the conditions on behalf of her clients.

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 Stock Assignment and Contribution 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:*

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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.*
4. **Acknowledgment of the Act.** *Within 15 days following the Commission's approval of each trust, each trust's trustees shall confirm in writing to the Commission, with a copy to the Bureau, that they acknowledge, understand, and agree:*
 - A. *The Trust holds an ownership interest in a California licensed gambling enterprise "Gambling Interest."*
 - B. *The Gambling Interest is subject to the Gambling Control Act (Act) (Business and Professions Code sections 19800 et seq.) and is subject to regulation by the California Gambling Control Commission (Commission), California Department of Justice's Bureau of Gambling Control (Bureau), or similar agency.*
 - C. *The Act and regulations adopted under it require certain individuals and entities to hold licenses, including, among others, partners, members, shareholders, trusts, and trustees.*
 - D. *The Act and regulations adopted under it provide that licensing of certain persons and entities is necessary for a non-natural person to be eligible for a license or registration.*
 - E. *The Act and regulations adopted under it make void certain dispositions of ownership interests, or prospective rights in ownership interests, in entities such as partnerships, limited liability*

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companies, and corporations, without the Commission's prior approval.

- F. The Act prohibits certain persons from holding a position, or engaging in an activity, until he, she, or it secures the required license.*
- G. The Gambling Interest shall be distributed only to beneficiaries or other persons, and held only by trustees, who are licensed, or otherwise permitted, by the Commission to hold such interests.*
- H. For as long as the Trust holds the Gambling Interest, or an ownership interest in an entity subject to California gambling laws and regulation by the Commission, the Bureau, or similar agency, the trustee and any successor trustee shall comply in all respects with California gambling laws and regulations, including, without limitation, Penal Code sections 319 to 337.9 and the Act.*
- I. For as long as the Trust holds the Gambling Interest or an ownership interest in an entity subject to California gambling laws and regulations, the Trust's and its trustee's right, power, or privilege to hold that ownership interest depends upon compliance with such laws and regulations in all material respects.*

D. The Tavern at Stones Gambling Hall: Kings Casino Management Corp.*

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 State Gambling Licenses through April 30, 2020, removing the existing condition noted below:

~~*Elevation Entertainment Group, and its owners and officers must apply for, and upon approval maintain a State Gambling License.*~~

7. Consideration of A) Stock Assignment and Contribution Agreement; and, B) Initial State Gambling License, (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19850, 19852, and 19904; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12342):

- A. Seven Mile Casino:
 - Stones South Bay Corp.
 - Ryan Stone, Assignor
 - Rodney Stone, Assignor
 - Masis Kevorkian, Assignor
 - Kermit Schayltz, Assignor
 - Elevation Entertainment Group, a California Corporation, Assignee

Comments Received From:

Heather Guerena, Designated Agent, in person

Chairman Evans requested confirmation from Ms. Guerena on behalf of her clients whether she understood and would comply with proposed conditions.

Ms. Guerena confirmed her understanding on behalf of her clients and assent to the conditions.

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 Stock Assignment and Contribution 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:*

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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.*
4. **Acknowledgment of the Act.** *Within 15 days following the Commission's approval of each trust, each trust's trustees shall confirm in writing to the Commission, with a copy to the Bureau, that they acknowledge, understand, and agree:*
 - A. *The Trust holds an ownership interest in a California licensed gambling enterprise "Gambling Interest."*
 - B. *The Gambling Interest is subject to the Gambling Control Act (Act)*

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(Business and Professions Code sections 19800 et seq.) and is subject to regulation by the California Gambling Control Commission (Commission), California Department of Justice's Bureau of Gambling Control (Bureau), or similar agency.

- C. The Act and regulations adopted under it require certain individuals and entities to hold licenses, including, among others, partners, members, shareholders, trusts, and trustees.*
- D. The Act and regulations adopted under it provide that licensing of certain persons and entities is necessary for a non-natural person to be eligible for a license or registration.*
- E. The Act and regulations adopted under it make void certain dispositions of ownership interests, or prospective rights in ownership interests, in entities such as partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations, without the Commission's prior approval.*
- F. The Act prohibits certain persons from holding a position, or engaging in an activity, until he, she, or it secures the required license.*
- G. The Gambling Interest shall be distributed only to beneficiaries or other persons, and held only by trustees, who are licensed, or otherwise permitted, by the Commission to hold such interests.*
- H. For as long as the Trust holds the Gambling Interest, or an ownership interest in an entity subject to California gambling laws and regulation by the Commission, the Bureau, or similar agency, the trustee and any successor trustee shall comply in all respects with California gambling laws and regulations, including, without limitation, Penal Code sections 319 to 337.9 and the Act.*
- I. For as long as the Trust holds the Gambling Interest or an ownership interest in an entity subject to California gambling laws and regulations, the Trust's and its trustee's right, power, or privilege to hold that ownership interest depends upon compliance with such laws and regulations in all material respects.*

B. Seven Mile Casino:

Stones South Bay Corp.*

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 Initial State Gambling Licenses through September 30, 2021, removing the existing condition noted below:

~~*Elevation Entertainment Group, and its owners and officers must apply for, and upon approval maintain a State Gambling License.*~~

3. **No Material Change in Transaction** Approval of the transaction should be conditioned upon the applicants confirming to the Commission, with a copy to the Bureau, within 15 days after the transfers that the transactions were completed as approved by the Commission.

B. The Bicycle Hotel & Casino: The Bicycle Casino, L.P
Michael Young, Limited Partner
Christopher Young, Limited Partner

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 Initial State Gambling Licenses through April 30, 2021.

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

Commerce Casino:California: Commerce Club, Inc.
Commerce Club Trust, Shareholder
Jamie Lancaster, Successor Trustee,
Contingent Beneficiary
The Jamie Jo Lancaster 2016 Trust,
Contingent Beneficiary
Jamie Lancaster, Trustee, Trustor,
Beneficiary

Deputy Director Alcala-Beshara informed the Commission that multiple attempts to confirm Ms. Lancaster’s attendance were made by the Commission staff; however, Ms. Lancaster did not confirm attendance. Jamie Lancaster did not announce herself at the meeting.

Comments Received From:

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

Commissioner LaBrie expressed concerns regarding The Jamie Jo Lancaster 2016 Trust not being included as a contingent beneficiary in the Commerce Club Trust, and that it may be premature to approve the license at this time.

Assistant Director Morrow confirmed the Commerce Club Trust lists Jamie Lancaster as the Successor Trustee and contingent beneficiary, not the Jamie Jo Lancaster 2016 Trust. Assistant Director Morrow further stated Ms. Lancaster submitted an application for The Jamie Jo Lancaster 2016 Trust to transfer her ownership interest into the aforementioned Trust at a later date.

Commissioner Lacy agreed with Commissioner LaBrie’s concerns.

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Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara stated a precursory review has been completed and further noted one other application for a Trust similar to this has been received; however, to date, the application has not been approved by the Commission. .

Chairman Evans also expressed concerns and recommended taking no action.

No action was taken on this item.

10. Consideration of A) Initial Portable Key Employee License; and, B) Renewal Portable Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054, 12350, and 12351):

A. Adam Au

Comments Received From:

Adam Au, via telephone

Commissioner Lacy requested confirmation from Mr. Au whether he understood and would comply with proposed conditions.

Mr. Au confirmed his understanding and assent to the conditions.

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 Key Employee License through January 31, 2020, with the condition noted below:

Beginning March 1, 2020, and every 180 days thereafter, Adam Au must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve his Collection Account.

B. Adam Au

Comments Received From:

Adam Au, via telephone

Commissioner Lacy requested confirmation from Mr. Au whether he understood and would comply with imposed conditions.

Mr. Au confirmed his understanding and assent to the conditions.

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, with the existing condition noted below:

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Beginning March 1, 2020, and every 180 days thereafter, Adam Au must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve his Collection Account.

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

A. James Bertrand

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.

B. Kevin Hwa

Comments Received From:

Kevin Hwa, via telephone

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

Commissioner Lacy provided a brief history regarding Mr. Hwa's convictions and history of substance use and expressed his preference to refer the matter to an evidentiary hearing.

Commissioner To agreed with Commissioner Lacy's assessment and was curious as to Mr. Hwa's plan for rehabilitation.

Chairman Evans expressed concern with regard to public intervention and situational ethics regarding Mr. Hwa's convictions.

Commissioner Lacy noted that Mr. Hwa did not disclose his convictions and provided a statement that he thought only felonies needed to be disclosed on the application. Further, Commissioner Lacy asked the Bureau if the application notes that a DUI is a crime.

Assistant Director Morrow confirmed that it is not noted anywhere on the application that driving under the influence is a crime.

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 matter to a GCA evidentiary Hearing.

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C. George Ikeda III

Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara confirmed that Mr. Ikeda was unable to attend the Commission Meeting; however, he assented to the proposed condition to be placed on his license.

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 Initial Key Employee License through June 30, 2020, with the condition noted below:

Beginning February 1, 2020, and every 180 days thereafter, George Ikeda III must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with updates regarding his collection and charge-off accounts.

D. Mono Keo

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 Key Employee License through March 31, 2021.

E. Patrick Kielty

Comments Received From:

Patrick Kielty, in person

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

Commissioner Lacy asked Mr. Kielty why he did not disclose his termination from Bay 101 initially.

Mr. Kielty responded providing specifics related to his termination at Bay 101, noted it was a confidential matter, and was not sure whether he could speak on the issue. Further, Mr. Kielty explained he has since disclosed the termination and provided details surrounding the termination.

Assistant Director Morrow stated that the application was filled out incorrectly, as Mr. Kielty listed Bay 101 as his current employer. When the Bureau asked the reason for leaving his employment with Bay 101, the lines of communication opened and the Bureau discovered the termination.

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 August 31, 2021.

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F. James Lee

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 Key Employee License through February 29, 2020.

G. Michael Lemons

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 Key Employee License through May 31, 2020.

H. Linda Parks

Comments Received From:

Linda Parks, in person

Tiffany Conklin-Lichtig, Designated Agent, Attorney, in person

Commissioner LaBrie asked Ms. Parks why she did not disclose the conviction on 2016 Work Permit Questionnaire.

Ms. Parks responded that she was unable to obtain the application in question in order to respond to the question.

Commissioner LaBrie, Commissioner To, and Commissioner Lacy provided explanations to support their preference to see the matter referred to an evidentiary hearing.

Chairman Evans agreed with his colleagues.

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 referred the matter to a GCA evidentiary hearing.

12. Consideration to Withdraw Application for Portable Personal Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869; Title 4, sections 12015 and 12054):

Robert Reid

Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara informed the Commission that multiple attempts to confirm Mr. Reid's attendance were made by the Commission staff; however, Mr.

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Reid did not confirm attendance. Robert Reid 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 request to withdraw without prejudice.

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

A. Parkwest Casino Sonoma: Carlos Navarro

Comments Received From:

Carlos Navarro, via telephone

Commissioner LaBrie requested confirmation from Mr. Navarro whether he understood and would comply with proposed condition.

Mr. Navarro confirmed his understanding and assent to the 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 Initial Work Permit through March 31, 2021, with the condition noted below:

Beginning, March 1, 2020, and every 90 days thereafter, Carlos Navarro must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve his Failure to Appear.

B. The Nineteenth Hole: Jason Snarr

Comments Received From:

Jason Snarr, in person

Commissioner Lacy provided a brief background and noted an evidentiary hearing would be his preference for the applicant.

Mr. Snarr provided details regarding the incident in question from 2002. Mr. Snarr further explained that he was advised that the conviction was a misdemeanor and would be removed from his record after seven years has passed.

Commissioner LaBrie stated her preference to learn more with regard to the police report.

Chairman Evans agreed with his colleagues that this matter would be best resolved in a GCA evidentiary hearing.

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 referred the matter to a GCA evidentiary hearing.

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

A. Empire Sportsmen's Association :Steven Lustig

Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara informed the Commission that multiple attempts to confirm Mr. Lustig's attendance were made by the Commission staff; however, Mr. Lustig did not confirm attendance. Steven Lustig did not announce himself 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 denied the request to withdraw.

B. Parkwest Casino Sonoma: Andrew Sizemore

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.

C. Pinnacle Casino: Ivan Cruz

Comments Received From:

Ivan Cruz, via telephone

Mr. Cruz stated that he agreed with the denial of the request to withdraw and the Bureau of Gambling Control to complete their background investigation.

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 denied the request to withdraw.

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

A. Acme Player Services, LLC:
Player: Franz Villamin

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Comments Received From:

Franz Villamin, via telephone

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

Chairman Evans asked why Mr. Villamin was prohibited from the premises of Commerce Casino.

Mr. Villamin stated he did not know he was not allowed to go back to Commerce Casino.

Chairman Evans asked the Bureau if they had more information regarding the underlying issues as to why Mr. Villamin was prohibited from Commerce Casino. In addition, Chairman Evans asked the Bureau what their recommendation of denial was based upon.

Assistant Director Morrow responded that the Bureau's recommendation for denial was mostly based on Mr. Villamin's failure to disclose the reason for leaving his employment with Commerce Casino. Mr. Villamin stated the reason for leaving was, "career advancement"; however, the Bureau confirmed he was terminated. Assistant Director Morrow further noted the reasons are presently unknown as to why Mr. Villamin was prohibited from the premises of Commerce Casino.

Chairman Evans stated he would like to know the reason why Mr. Villamin was prohibited from Commerce Casino.

No action was taken.

B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:

Players: i) Rory Groschup

Comments Received From:

Rory Groschup, via telephone

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

Commissioner LaBrie requested confirmation from Ms. Groschup whether she understood and would comply with imposed condition.

Ms. Groschup confirmed her understanding and assent to the condition.

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 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, Rory Groschup must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to

resolve her Failure to Appear.

ii) William Lopez

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) Keanu Quenga

Comments Received From:

Keanu Quenga, via telephone

Commissioner LaBrie noted her preference to refer the matter to a GCA evidentiary hearing.

Commissioner Lacy asked Mr. Quenga if the termination from Target in 2019 resulted in a conviction.

Mr. Quenga provided details regarding the results of his termination in 2019.

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 referred the item to a GCA evidentiary hearing.

ii) Armando Torres

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

D. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:

Player: Rafi Masrilian

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.

E. Majesty Partners, LLC:

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Player: Armando Torres

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

F. Pacific United Service, Inc.:

Players: i) De'Allo Davison

Comments Received From:

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

Deputy Director Alcala-Beshara stated the applicant is no longer employed and Mr. Davison confirmed his non-attendance.

Deputy Director Morrow requested the Commission table the item to allow the Bureau to confirm Mr. Davison is no longer employed.

No action was taken.

ii) Ray Dunning

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.

iii) Mai Lam

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.

G. PT Gaming, LLC:

Player: Yajaira Guzman

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

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H. Qualified Player Services, LLC:

Player: Alissa Hallock

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 January 31, 2022.

16. 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):

Knighthed Ventures, LLC:

Player: Paayal Lal

Comments Received From:

Paayal Lal, via telephone

Chairman Evans requested confirmation from Ms. Lal whether she understood and would comply with imposed condition.

Ms. Lal confirmed her understanding and assent to the condition.

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 Third Party Renewal License through January 31, 2022, with the condition noted below:

Beginning March 1, 2020, and every 90 days thereafter, Paayal Lal must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control a status update regarding proof of ongoing efforts regarding the completion of her court-mandated classes until completed and proof is provided to the Bureau.

17. Consideration to Withdraw Application(s) to Convert Third-Party Proposition Registration to a License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869, 19984; CCR, Title 4, sections 12015 and 12054):

Metis TPS, LLC:

Player: Xiomara Pulido

Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara informed the Commission that multiple attempts to confirm Ms. Pulido's attendance were made by the Commission staff; however, Ms. Pulido did not confirm attendance. Xiomara Pulido did not announce herself 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,

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and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the request to withdraw with prejudice.

By concurrence of the Commissioners, items 18A through 18B were heard together as a group.

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

A. 500 Club Casino: K & M Casinos, 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 request for two additional Permanent Tables.

B. Limelight Card Room: Barbara Mikacich, Sole Proprietor
Peter Mikacich, Sole Proprietor

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 for Three Additional Permanent Tables.

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 19A through 19B were heard together as a group.

A. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Barona Reservation:
Levi Miller, Jr.

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 27, 2021.

B. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:
Marvin Villanueva, Jr.

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

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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 October 29, 2021.

C. Harrah's Resort Southern California - Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation:

i) Richard Parker

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 February 2, 2021.

ii) Kyle Thompson

Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara informed the Commission that multiple attempts to confirm Mr. Thompson's attendance were made by the Commission staff; however, Mr. Thompson did not confirm attendance. Kyle Thompson 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 October 25, 2020.

By concurrence of the Commissioners, items 19Ciii through 19F were heard together as a group.

iii) Michael Peragallo

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 Initial Finding of Suitability through June 22, 2020.

D. Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort - Jackson Band of Miwuk Indians:

Roger Fandrich

Action:

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

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Lacy, and Commissioner To voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through June 12, 2021.

- E. Mono Wind Casino - Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians of California:
Bruce Belden

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 Initial Finding of Suitability through July 6, 2021.

- F. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
Vincent Costa

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 Initial Finding of Suitability through October 2, 2020.

- G. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
Semon Israael

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

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 Initial Finding of Suitability through April 30, 2020.

- H. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:
i) Erik Carlson

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 May 8, 2020.

- ii) Kyle Hayes

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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 through November 9, 2021.

- I. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation:
Carlos Valera Yarleque

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 Finding of Suitability through August 31, 2020.

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

- A. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:
Jai Saetern

Comments Received From:

Jai Saetern, via telephone

Commissioner Lacy requested confirmation from Mr. Saetern whether he understood and would comply with imposed condition.

Mr. Saetern 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 Finding of Suitability through December 29, 2021, continuing with the existing condition noted below:

Beginning January 1, 2019, and every 180 days thereafter, Mr. Saetern must provide the Bureau proof of ongoing efforts to satisfy his outstanding charge-off accounts.

- B. Red Earth Casino - Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians:
Rosa Raine

Deputy Director Alcalá-Beshara informed the Commission that multiple attempts to confirm Ms. Raine's attendance were made by the Commission staff; however, Ms.

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Raine did not confirm attendance. Rosa Raine 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 Renewal Finding of Suitability through September 23, 2021, removing the existing condition noted below:

~~*Beginning February 1, 2019, and every 90 days thereafter, Rosa Raine must provide the Bureau with proof of efforts to resolve her outstanding judgement lien until resolved.*~~

21. Consideration of Abandonment of Application (Pursuant to CCR, Title 4, section 12017)

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for David Christopher Jocis, (CGCC-2019-0516-6B)

Comments Received From:

David Jocis, in person

Noel Fisher, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, in person

Ken Bacon, Attorney for David Jocis, in person

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

Chief Counsel Vlaanderen stated this matter was originally was referred to an evidentiary hearing by the Commission. Shortly before the scheduled hearing, Mr. Jocis withdrew his Notice of Defense and request for an evidentiary hearing, which is the reason the consideration for abandonment is before the Commission.

Mr. Fisher stated that the Bureau's position is that the abandonment is inappropriate in this instance and should be denied. Mr. Fisher noted a pattern from Mr. Jocis filling applications only to withdraw them. Further, Mr. Fisher stated that Mr. Jocis has a history of stating he will not return to work in the gaming industry which has proven to be untrue.

Mr. Bacon provided a timeline of Mr. Jocis' work history and the reasoning as to why applications were withdrawn. Mr. Bacon stated that in this instance, Mr. Jocis' position no longer exists. Mr. Bacon stated he notified Mr. Fisher and Commission Staff Counsel Jason Pope and inquired if they could withdraw the application, as Mr. Jocis no longer wants to be employed within the industry. Ultimately, the options available were to withdraw the Notice of Defense or go to an evidentiary hearing. The request for abandonment was to save time and money because Mr. Jocis has no plans on continuing in the industry and the preference to not have a Default Denial Decision on his record.

Chief Counsel Vlaanderen stated that the withdrawal of an application is not available after the Bureau has issued their background investigation report to the Commission. If the Commission decided not to abandon the application, the Notice

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of Defense has been withdrawn and the matter would be rescheduled for a Default Decision at a regular Commission meeting.

Mr. Bacon provided details as to why the Notice of Defense was withdrawn and the request for abandonment was made.

Chairman Evans asked Mr. Jocis what he is currently doing for work.

Mr. Jocis responded that he was a civil engineer for several years; however, he stated he has had several businesses over the years and does not need income at this time.

Chief Counsel Vlaanderen stated if an abandonment is granted, Mr. Jocis could receive a new Interim Key Employee License, a new Work Permit, or a Third Party registration without any restrictions.

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 denied the request to deem the application abandoned.

21.5 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

Comments Received From:

Bill Torngren, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, in person

Mr. Torngren thanked Commission staff for placing the matter on the agenda. Further, Mr. Torngren stated he and Mr. McWhorter are reasonably close to a settlement and will be hearing the item at the January 23, 2020, Commission Meeting.

No action was taken.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

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

Karl Westheimer

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

- A. Empire Sportsmen's Association: Daniel Loum
- B. Golden Valley Casino: Douglas Lockwood
- C. Lake Bowl Cardroom: Terry Dyer

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

- A. Empire Sportsmen's Association: Tom Diep Nancy Lee
Richard Patterson, Jr.
- B. Napa Valley Casino: Nonthiya Aajhan Roja Ghale Roger Moore
Jason Swanson Gina Temple Pei Yu Zhao
- C. Parkwest Casino Sonoma: Samantha Borges Beau Mori

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

- A. Acme Player Services, LLC:
Players: Vic Kong Angel Macias Anthony Mendoza
- B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:
Players: Nargiza Berikbaeva Elizabeth De Leon Olmos
Aaron Gersten Cedric Graves Imelda Ignacio
Sima Khatoun Young Kim Koby Moore
Alejandro Navarro Nancy Pineda Kristine Rodriguez
Joseph Rumbaoa
- C. Fortune Players Group, Inc.:
Player: Xiaoqing Yu
- D. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
Players: Richard Avila Ricardo Bastidas Destiny De La
Cruz
Devan Jackson Jasmine Johnson Maixia Lee
Eduardo Meza Nicholas Nash Samuel Salazar Quijas
- E. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:
Player: Krishtarama Guarnes
- F. Metis TPS, LLC:
Other Employee: Michael Luong
Players: Wenjun Liang Seila Phan Robert Rodriguez
Yang Xiao
- G. Premier Player Providers, Inc.:
Players: Daniel LaFrance Channeav Reth
- H. PT Gaming, LLC:
Players: Yifang Chen Monica Datangel Robert Pikna
Veronica Saran

26. 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):

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- A. Acme Player Services, LLC:
Players: Marlene Chneang Sam Mey
- B. Arise, LLC:
Supervisor: Thida Chhun
Player: Malis Mam
- C. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:
Players: Abram Ake Zenas Balbuena James Lopez
George Nguyen Mariela Serna Larios
- D. Gold Gaming Consultants, Inc.:
Players: Jose Avila Moreno Jonathan Vang
Virginia Vang
Thelma Vinlove
- E. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
Players: Rolando Corrales Souny Khatawong Omar Lopez
Peter Saechao Celeste Tuioti-Mariner
- F. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:
Player: Xu Jun Guan
- G. Metis TPS, LLC:
Players: Minh Chau Pei Tang Tiffany Vu
Fang Zhao
- H. Pacific United Service, Inc.:
Players: Mario Guerra Hector Ruvalcaba
- I. PT Gaming, LLC:
Supervisors: Warren Flores Mike Her Juan Hidalgo
Players: Janette Chavez-Arballo Ashley Lucas Kevina Manlove
Rowena Morada-Aquino Khoa Nguyen Lynlee Oregana
Forrest Phanton Sige Rodriguez Anthony Sam
- J. Qualified Player Services, LLC:
Supervisor: Michael Hill

27. 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:
Kassandra Soto Alfonso Taboada
- B. Black Oak Casino - Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria:
Aaron Uptergrove
- C. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:
Kari Stout-Smith
- D. Chicken Ranch Casino - Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
Christoph Phipps
- E. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:
Randall Romero
- F. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:
Jesse Solis Lopez

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- G. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
Gina Scripcariu
- H. Running Creek Casino - Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake:
Victoria Silva
- I. San Manuel Casino - San Manuel Band of Mission Indians:
Eddie Gonzalez Eduardo Santamaria Aaron Voyles
- J. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:
Augustine Fortune Jr.
- K. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation:
Andy Juarez

28. Consideration of Renewal 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:
Engelbert Leano
- B. Bear River Casino Hotel - Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria:
Samantha Bachman
- C. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:
Felybituin Harlan Dilip Paudel Kimberly Ruf
Jay Vang
- D. Cahuilla Casino - Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians:
Renda Duran Amanda Ryba
- E. Casino Pauma - Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma & Yuima Reservation:
Rosti Valcho Bagorio
- F. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:
Somphith Boutarath Agustin Gomez Ciara McLemore
Lisa Welch
- G. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:
Cora Antofie Lance Brown Zachary Fairhurst
Tiana Gaitan Maria Garcia Andrew Guardado
Brian Hatter Arturo Rios Garcia Miguel Valencia Jr.
- H. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:
Stanley Santos
- I. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
Kaisheng Lin
- J. Konocti Vista Casino - Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians of the Big Valley Rancheria:
Lawrence Green
- K. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
Sandra Barreno Ruzanna Bazinyan Joseph Stoner
- L. San Manuel Casino - San Manuel Band of Mission Indians:
Christopher Fowler Tara Magee

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 Consent Calendar items 22 through 28.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None.

CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:

- II. Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3):
- 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)
 - 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)

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)

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- 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)
 - 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)

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Evans adjourned the Commission Meeting into Closed Session at 12:30 PM.

No further information was given.