

GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2021 GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

OPEN SESSION

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

Executive Director Stacey Luna Baxter called the January 21, 2021 meeting of the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC) to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Introduction of New Members

Stacey announced that five GPAC members were reappointed by the Commission to serve an additional two-year term. These members are: Yolanda Morrow in Category A, Cyndi Maivia in Category B, David Fried in Category D, Art Van Loon in Category E, and Luis Jaramillo in Category F.

3. Roll Call of GPAC Members

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

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

William Liu moved to approve the January 21, 2021 meeting minutes. Art Van Loon seconded the motion and by a vote by roll-call the Committee Members unanimously approved the minutes.

5. Gaming Policy Advisory Committee Roles and Responsibilities

- A. Review of GPAC Mission Statement:

To provide advisory recommendations to the California Gambling Control Commission concerning matters of controlled gaming regulatory policy and other relevant gambling related issues, with special attention to guaranteeing the integrity of gambling operations and to deal effectively with problem gambling.

Stacey read the current GPAC Mission Statement and asked the members if they would like to make any changes. There were no comments or concerns regarding the current GPAC Mission Statement.

B. Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act

Commission Chief Counsel Todd Vlaanderen stated the 2021 version of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act had been previously provided to the GPAC members and he presented an overview of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, indicating that as an Advisory Committee the GPAC is a statutorily established state body subject to the Open Meeting Act.

C. Scope of GPAC Projects/Discussions

Stacey explained that this item is on the agenda to discuss GPAC's scope and projects. Stacey indicated that three items are outlined under Business and Professions Code section 19817 that define GPAC, which are: 1) to discuss matters concerning controlled gambling, regulatory policy and any other relevant gaming related issue, 2) any recommendations provided by GPAC are not binding on the Commission, and 3) GPAC may not advise the Commission on Indian gaming.

D. Responsibilities and Commission expectations of GPAC Members

Stacey informed the GPAC members that they are appointed to their positions by the Commission and are expected to be active members in the meetings. Members in sub-committee projects are expected to work actively on their projects and be prepared to discuss the project with the members at GPAC meetings. Stacey suggested that sub-committee members provide her with any documentation that they wish to be distributed to GPAC for review at least two-weeks prior to the scheduled GPAC meeting.

6. Update and Discussion of Current Projects:

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

Keith Sharp indicated that there was no new information and that they were waiting to make an official presentation to the Commission at a Commission meeting. The project was left open to allow the sub-committee members to report back to GPAC on the outcome of the presentation to the Commission.

B. Discussion Outline For Licensing, Work Permit, Hearing and Discipline Changes (sub-Committee Members: David Fried and Art Van Loon)

David Fried reported to GPAC that this project requires statutory changes and that the sub-committee will reach out to the Legislature to see if there would be any interest in considering statutory changes. He indicated that they will provide GPAC an update of the Legislature's comments.

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

Luis Jaramillo discussed a proposal of creating and implementing a database that he titled “California Gaming Employees System” that would be managed and controlled by the Bureau for the purpose of entering information on individual work permittees who had been terminated or had resigned their position for various determined criminal acts. This would serve as a single statewide repository for this information to be used by law enforcement for background checks and to assist gaming establishments in selecting qualified employees.

Haig Kelegian, Jr. discussed information that he received from the Nevada Gaming Board on their licensing process for individuals to work in the gaming industry in their state. Haig further stated that he would contact other states to learn about their process and report back to GPAC at the next meeting.

There were discussions among the members concerning the possibility of cardrooms entering the information into the system and also determining whether the Commission has jurisdiction to make these regulatory changes. Stacey suggested allowing the members additional time to consider this proposal and bring the item back at the next GPAC meeting for further discussion.

D. Dual Licensure within Cannabis and Control Gambling Industries Project (Sub-Committee Members: Jieho Lee and James Rodgers)

Jieho Lee indicated that he had nothing to report.

E. Recovery Program and Possibility of Industry Collaboration Project (Sub-Committee Members: Jieho Lee and Cyndi Maivia)

Since sub-committee member Cyndi Maivia was put on re-direct with the Department of Health Service as a result of the pandemic this project is put on hold and will resume sometime in mid-February once Cyndi is able to return.

7. Discussion of New Agenda Items for Next Meeting

David Fried requested that next agenda include an item for discussion of a new project for regulatory changes concerning the scope of application questions regarding contracts.

8. Next Meeting

March 11, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

9. Public Comment

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

GPAC adjourned at 2:45 p.m.