

California Gambling Control Commission

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**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2021
COMMISSION MEETING**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11133, the meeting was held by tele/videoconference and there was no location open to the public.

OPEN SESSION:

1. Call to Order.

Chair Paula LaBrie called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners.

Roll Call of Commissioners was taken with Chair Paula LaBrie, Commissioner Cathleen Galgiani, Commissioner Eric Heins, Commissioner William Liu, and Commissioner Edward Yee present.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for:
August 26, 2021 – Commission Meeting

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Heins, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes, the Commission approved the Commission Meeting Minutes for August 26, 2021

4. Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Final Report for Distribution to Eligible Recipient Indian Tribes for Quarter Ending September 30, 2021 - Quarterly License Revenue Received and Shortfall (Pursuant to Government Code section 12012.75)

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Galgiani, seconded by Chair LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the distribution payments as listed in the reports.

5. Consideration of Renewal of Cardroom Owner Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19850, 19852, and 19876; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):

A. Bruce's Bar and Casino: John Gallo, Sole Proprietor

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Galgiani, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved a 90-day extension through January 31, 2022, continuing with the existing conditions as follows:

1. *Prior to operating, the Owner-Licensee must comply with applicable relocation requirements pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 4, Division 18, Chapter 7, Article 1, Section 12364, which include the Owner-Licensee submitting the following documentation to the Bureau of Gambling Control:*
 - *A copy of the Security and Surveillance Plan*
 - *A copy of the Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation Plan*
 - *A copy of the Chips-in-Use Account*
 - *A copy of the Players' Bank Account, if applicable*
 - *Fictitious Name Statement*
 - *Business License*
 - *Executed Copies of the Lease Agreement*
2. *Within 30 days of Commission approval, the Owner-Licensee must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control the gambling establishment's 2017 Financial Statements as required by California Code of Regulations, Title 4, Section 12313.*
3. *The Owner-Licensee may not open or offer controlled games until the Bureau of Gambling Control has inspected the cardroom and determined that the cardroom is in compliance with all pertinent regulatory standards.*

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

Comments Received From:
Tiffany Lichtig, Designated Agent

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, seconded by Commissioner Galgiani, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved a 180-day extension through April 30, 2022, continuing with the existing condition as follows:

Mr. Sheridan can only use the gambling establishment cage for the redemption and purchase of chips.

6. Consideration of Initial Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):
 - A. Terrance Seglem

Comments Received From:

Terrance Seglem
Jason Pope, Chief Counsel, Gambling Control Commission

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Heins, seconded by Commissioner Galgiani, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission referred the Initial Key Employee License to a GCA hearing.

- B. Blake Vantrease

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Heins, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Key Employee License through October 31, 2023.

7. Consideration of Renewal Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):
Juanita Wright

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Galgiani, seconded by Commissioner Liu, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Key Employee License through October 31, 2023, removing the existing condition as follows:

~~Beginning December 1, 2019, and every 90 days thereafter, Juanita Wright shall submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of payments made~~

~~towards her judgement.~~

By concurrence of the Commissioners, Items 8i and 8ii were heard as a group.

8. Consideration of Initial Commission Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):
Empire Sportsmen's Association: i) Kristin Dixon ii) Sarah Raya-Anderson

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Galgiani, seconded by Commissioner Heins, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Commission Work Permits for Kristen Dixon and Sarah Raya-Anderson through October 31, 2023

9. Consideration of Renewal Commission Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):
Empire Sportsmen's Association: Hai Nguyen

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Galgiani, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved a 120-day extension through February 28, 2022, continuing with the existing condition as follows:

Beginning April 1, 2021, and every 90 days thereafter, Hai Nguyen must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of efforts to satisfy his court fines until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

10. Consideration of Initial Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):

A. Faros Unlimited, Inc.:
Worker: Richard Garcia

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Galgiani, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Third-Party Worker License through October 31, 2023.

B. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Worker: David Lee

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Heins, seconded by Commissioner Galgiani, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Third-Party Worker License through October 31, 2023.

C. Progressive Gaming, LLC:

Worker: Hui Liu

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Galgiani, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Third-Party Worker License through October 31, 2023.

D. Workers: i) Cody Daun

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Galgiani, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission referred the Initial Third-Party Worker License to a GCA hearing.

ii) Mai Anh Nguyen

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Galgiani, seconded by Commissioner Liu, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie voting no; Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Third-Party Worker License through October 31, 2023.

11. Consideration of Renewal Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):

A. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:

Workers: i) Vanessa Bin

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Heins, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved a

90-day extension through January 31, 2022, continuing with the existing condition as follows:

Beginning December 1, 2019, and every 90 days thereafter, Vanessa Bin must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve her outstanding Failures to Pay.

ii) Angel Rocha Campuzano

Comments Received From:
Angel Rocha Campuzano

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Galgiani, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Third-Party Worker License through October 31, 2023, with the condition as follows:

Beginning December 1, 2021, and every 90 days thereafter, Angel Rocha Campuzano must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control a status update regarding proof of ongoing efforts regarding the resolution of fine(s) until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

B. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
Worker: Sara Sutton

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Galgiani, seconded by Commissioner Heins, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Key Employee License through October 31, 2023, removing the existing condition as follows:

~~*Beginning December 1, 2019, and every 90 days thereafter, Sara Sutton must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of ongoing efforts to resolve her outstanding fine.*~~

By concurrence of the Commissioners, Items 12A and 12B were heard as a group.

12. Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact; CCR, Title 4, section 12120):

A. Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians of California:

Esteban Chavez Hernandez

B. Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village:

Waleed Shorees

Action:

Upon motion of Chair LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Galgiani, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Findings of Suitability for Esteban Chavez Hernandez through September 10, 2023, and Waleed Shorees through October 2, 2022.

C. Rain Rock Casino - Karuk Tribe:
Robin Mathus

Comments Received From:

Richard Armstrong, Attorney

Stacey Luna Baxter, Executive Director, Gambling Control Commission

Jack Duran, Designated Agent and Attorney

Action:

Upon motion of Chair LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Heins, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission deemed the Initial Application for Finding of Suitability abandoned.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

13. Consideration of Tribal-State Compact Renewal Finding of Suitability as a Gaming Resource Supplier (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact; CCR, Title 4, section 12120):

JCM American Corporation
dba JCM Global: (JAC):

Japan Cash Machine Co., Ltd,
Parent Company (JCM)
Koichiro Kamihigashi, Chairman
and Shareholder of JCM
Yojiro Kamihigashi, Chairman of
JAC, President and Shareholder
of JCM

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

Amber McKee

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

A. Paul-Josef Batoon

B. David Levine

C. Sandy Vongthongkham

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

- A. Casino Merced: Yer Silva
- B. Empire Sportsmen's Association: Peter Jacobs
- C. Napa Valley Casino: Joshua Bergquist

17. Consideration of Initial Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):

- A. 2 Kings Gaming, Inc.:
Worker: Marina Vindum
- B. Halcyon Gaming, LLC:
Workers: Sesar Gonzales Kimberly Martinez
- C. KB Ventures:
Worker: Michael Gutierrez
- D. KBCH Consultants, Inc.:
Workers: Michael Lawrence, Jr. Ruben Macias Martinez
- E. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
Supervisor: Chantra Khut
Workers: Joseph Alcala Aaron Barrientos Maribel Bellozo
Keanu Czech Lifang Gregorio Matthew Lamendola
Leslio McKeown Peter James Minoc Carlos Munoz
Isiah Porter Larry Porter III Joshua Tomlin
Yan Zhang
- F. Progressive Gaming, LLC:
Worker: Fengchun Huang
- G. PT Gaming, LLC:
Workers: Cary Callison Alayzia Keo David Nguyen

18. Consideration of Renewal Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):

- A. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:
Worker: Tuoc De Anda
- B. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
Workers: Janett Miramontes Joseph Padilla Gallo
Kevin Perez Pelcastre
- C. Majesty Partners, LLC:
Supervisor: Mayra Resendiz

19. Consideration of Initial 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:
Pilar Olivarez
- B. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
Sonny Pangilinan Abel Rocha Becerra
- C. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain - Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California:
Noli Bardoles Jeanette Elkins Joy Fernandez
Matthew Finnegan Vincent Saechao Be Yang
- D. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
Emill Garcia
- E. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:
Estevan Negrete
- F. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:
Timothe Le Michael Ma
- G. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:
Alexis Alpizar
- H. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation:
Brandon Aleman

20. 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:
Jennifer Birmingham William Caronna Kyle Haas
Ricarte Agbayani Mayra Carmona Engelbert Leano
Alberto Lopez Gutierrez
- B. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:
Monica Aldama Rafael Alvarez Brian Doerr
Tyler Dollick Linda Jordan Susan Liptak
Liliana Madrigal Karter McMurry Mike Ngo
Najeeb Shorees Somphong Souksavath Zachary Wessel Sr.
Tiffany Winchester
- C. Bear River Casino Resort - Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria:
Kevin Fox Melissa Hurtado
- D. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:
Monique Ayers Jewelana Bowlan
- E. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:
Jeremy Barnett Cynthia Bloxham Michael Fonseca
Desiree Hooper Johnny Jimenez Sylvia Martini
John Ormond Roberto Rodriguez
- F. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:

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| Subash Basnet | Judy Huynh | Heather Louie |
| Ambrosio Lumibao | Jacob Martin | Karla Romero Byers |
| Miyoung Shin | Deborah Steele | Andy Tung |
| Jonathan Viale | | |
- G. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain - Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California:
Sanjeeb Bhattarai Nguyen Vo
- H. Harrah's Resort Southern California - Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation:
Tony Azabo Uries Garcia Ertell San Luis
- I. Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village:
David Favela
- J. Konocti Vista Casino - Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians of the Big Valley Rancheria:
Lynn Mueck
- K. Lucky 7 Casino - Smith River Rancheria:
Terry Bray
- L. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
Juan Alfaro Jeffrey Benson Stephen Cheek
Carlos Fajardo Mark Hevesy Myung Joo
Mona Lyons Shaun Miller Sandra Moncado
Ruben Negrete Suzanne Zimmer
- M. Pit River Casino - Pit River Tribe:
Raymond Sloan Hecker
- N. Soboba Casino Resort - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:
Melissa McDonald Amanda Weaver
- O. Spotlight 29 Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:
Alejandra Aguilera Robledo Guadalupe Carranza Protacio Medina
- P. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:
Linda Badal Ammar Dawod John Foster
Mitchel Gusky Sam La Milagros Logan
Tomas Mata Jose Reveles Alfred Romero
Soyla Ruiz Virginia Sanchez Kianoosh Tehrani
Marilou Tonnaer Emerito Twano
- Q. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:
Juan Flores Stephanie Henn Michelle Lawrence
Marta Maciel
- R. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:
Kimberly Bradshaw Abraham Carranza Chamroeun Chheang
Katherine Saechao Kou Xiong Mao Yang
- S. Tortoise Rock Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:
Desmond Brown
- T. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:
Lauri Adams Evia Badilla Mark Caputto

Rodelyn Sambo
U. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission
Indians of the Viejas Reservation:
Chanhsamone Warren

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Galgiani, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Consent Calendar items 13 through 20.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None

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. California Valley Miwok Tribe v. California Gambling Control Commission et al.; San Diego County Superior Court (37-2017-00050038-MU-CO-CTL)
 - F. Yavapai-Apache Nation v. La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians and California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento Superior Court (34-2018-00238711)
 - G. Manuel Corrales, Jr. v. California Gambling Control Commission, San Diego County Superior Court (37-2019-00019079-CU-MC-CTL)
 - H. Kris Kat, LLC and Steven C. Ayers v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2019-80003142)
 - I. 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)
 - J. Lucky Chances, Inc., VC Cardroom, et al. v. State of California, California Gambling Control Commission, et al. San Francisco County Superior Court (CPF-20-517086)
 - K. Sutter's Place, Inc., dba Bay 101 v. California Gambling Control Commission, San Francisco County Superior Court (CPF-21-517433)
 - L. Harvey F. Souza v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2096-80003287)
 - M. Garden City, Inc. v. California Gambling Control Commission, San Francisco County Superior Court (PF-21-517466)
- 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 Work Permit for Ivan Cruz, (CGCC-2021-0107-9D)
- C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Supervisor License for Ricardo Gil Mendez, (CGCC-2020-1029-14Cii)
- D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Work Permit for Vito Michael LoConte, (CGCC-220-1119-7Aii)

ADJOURNMENT

Chair LaBrie adjourned the Commission Meeting at approximately 10:48 a.m.