

California Gambling Control Commission

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**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 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:

A. July 8, 2021 – Commission Meeting

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Heins, seconded by Commissioner Liu, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, and Commissioner Liu, voting yes, and Chair LaBrie and Commissioner Yee abstaining; the Commission approved the Commission Meeting Minutes for July 8, 2021.

B. July 22, 2021 – Commission Meeting

C. August 12, 2021 – Commission Meeting

D. August 27, 2021 – GCA Hearing

E. August 31, 2021 – GCA Hearing

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 Commission Meeting Minutes for July 22, 2021, and

August 12, 2021, and the CGA Hearing Minutes for August 27, 2021, and August 31, 2021.

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

A. Adrian Garcia

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, 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.

B. Seakngim Song

Comments Received From:

Stacey Luna Baxter, Executive Director, Gambling Control Commission
Jason Pope, Chief Counsel, Gambling Control Commission
Seakngim Song

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 referred the Initial Key Employee License to a GCA hearing.

C. Monica Sun

Comments Received From:

Javion Sun

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, with condition as follows:

Beginning December 1, 2021, and every 180 days thereafter, Monica Sun must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of efforts to satisfy their collection and charge-off accounts until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

5. 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. KB Ventures:

Supervisor: Gabriel Gonzales

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 the Initial Third-Party Worker License through October 31, 2023, with condition as follows:

Beginning December 1, 2021, and every 180 days thereafter, Gabriel Gonzales must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of efforts to satisfy his collection accounts until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

B. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Supervisor: Nguyen Pham

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, 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 Initial Third-Party Worker License through October 31, 2023

C. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:

Worker: Jasmine Chimal

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 referred the Initial Third-Party Worker License to a GCA hearing.

D. PT Gaming, LLC:

Worker: Paul Wanner

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Heins, 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, with condition as follows:

Beginning December 1, 2021, and every 90 days thereafter, Paul Wanner must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of efforts to resolve their Failure to Pay until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

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

Progressive Gaming, LLC:

Worker: DingGuo Chen

Comments Received From:

Stacey Luna Baxter, Executive Director, Gambling Control Commission

Jason Pope, Chief Counsel, Gambling Control Commission

Interpreter Chu, ID #13038

DingGuo Chen

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 Renewal Third-Party Worker License through June 30, 2023, with condition as follows:

Beginning December 1, 2021, and every 90 days thereafter, DingGuo Chen must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control a status update regarding proof of ongoing efforts regarding the completion of their court-mandated classes and resolution of fine(s) until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

By concurrence of the Commissioners, Items 7A through 7C were heard as a group.

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

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

Vchiang Vang

B. Coyote Valley Casino - Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians:

Marc Bilodeau

C. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:

John Pulaski

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, 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 Findings of Suitability for Vchiang Vang through August 1, 2022, Marc

Bilodeau through December 10, 2022, and John Pulaski through November 30, 2022

D. Red Earth Casino - Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians:
Douglas Clemensen

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 deemed the Initial Application for Finding of Suitability abandoned.

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

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 approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through September 29, 2022.

8. Consideration of Stipulated Settlement; Decision and Order: In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Work Permit for Vito Michael LoConte, (CGCC-220-1119-7Aii)

Comments Received From:

Jason Pope, Chief Counsel, Gambling Control Commission
Keith Sharp, Designated Agent, Attorney

Action:

Upon returning from closed session, Chair LaBrie stated the Commission denied the Stipulated Settlement and chose to proceed with the GCA hearing.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

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

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| A. Richard Box | I. Hansel Loria |
| B. John Buys | J. Rebecca Midgley |
| C. Marin Cicu | K. Cheng Ngo |
| D. Mohammad Fathipour | L. Roger Quillen |
| E. David Fried | M. Kirk Verdun |
| F. Lance Kawamura | N. Gregory Ward |
| G. Michael Koniski | O. Brian Yee |
| H. Piyasook Lee | P. Tateo Yoshida |

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

- A. Central Coast Casino: Sherwin Pilalia
- B. Empire Sportsmen's Association: Victor Nguyen
- C. Napa Valley Casino: Sean Ng Ting Gate Yee Ng

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

- A. Empire Sportsmen's Association: Katherina Chun Keo
- B. Napa Valley Casino: Lyn Beck Changcun Zhao

12. 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: Desirae Ibarra
- B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:
 - Workers: Joey Briggs Breanna Bush Rosmery Cedillo
 - Zaire Clark Esther Dom Gabriel Dubon
 - Hazel Kelley Paul Lowe Stephanie Perez
 - Ramirez
 - Mario Rivera Davila Tony Tieu Henry Yap
- C. Commerce Group, Inc.:
 - Worker: Reyna Mendoza Soares
- D. F2 TPS, LLC:
 - Workers: Raul Juarez, Jr. Michael Luong
- E. KBCH Consultants, Inc.:
 - Worker: Jeffrey Xiong
- F. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
 - Workers: Peter Adams Nicholas Asencion Than Aung
 - Marissa Buranen Antonio Canacari Elizabeth Cha
 - Byron Chen Muoy Chou Jim Del Rosario
 - Nicole Flores Emanuel Galicia Erika Galindo
 - Son Huynh Constance Jackson Andrew Keller
 - Ky Sieu Lai Calvin Lombard Lorenzo Luna
 - Lan Nguyen Alan Penn Symona Quintana
 - Luis Rivas Villarreal Kassandra Serna Katishka Soto Rodriguez
 - Zane Tausworthe Linh Tran Leslie Villalobos
 - Weifan Yan Fung
- G. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:
 - Workers: Mariana Ballejos Danielle Lum
- H. Progressive Gaming, LLC:
 - Workers: Hui Xi Lixin Wu Yanru Zhou
- I. Qualified Player Services, LLC:

Supervisor: Mariah Coward

13. 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:	Rudy Aldana	Patrick Burke, Jr.	Nynette Cruz
	Kim Demirjian	Elalyn Garcia	Anabell Hernandez
	Greg Lam	Xuan Le	Carina Pena
	Adrian Porcayo	Diana Ramirez	Hiwot Shay
	Adrian Throup	Ashley Vieyra	Lai Vo
	Luis Zambrano		

B. F2 TPS, LLC:

Workers:	Marvin Ancheta	Joey Cha	Charisma Fuimaono
	Cynthia Gomez	Johnny Hoang	Tanya Luong
	Varintorn Mesomboonpoonsuk		Larry Samartzich
	Yen Tran		

C. Faros Unlimited, Inc.:

Workers:	Liem Le	Peter Pham	Khenh Ung
	Claudia Villalpando	Canales	

D. Fortune Players Group, Inc.:

Supervisors:	Hong Ly	Danny Wong	
Workers:	Liana Huang	Reymond Meneses	Teresita Tanedo

E. Halcyon Gaming, LLC:

Worker:	Cameron McDaniel		
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F. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Supervisor:	Neel Goundar		
Workers:	Andrew Aguirre	Deanna Falekaono	Erica Gandia
	Daniel Gonzalez	Krissah May Lim	Jeremy Michener
	Kirk Newman	Brandon Nguyen	Emilio Valor
	Hanna Vuong	Jonathan Vuong	

G. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:

Workers:	Nicky Nguyen	Stacy Xiong	
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H. Progressive Gaming, LLC:

Workers:	Yasi Chen	Fabian Franco	Visal Heng
	Leonardo Nares	Lei Pi	Elizabeth Ramirez

I. PT Gaming, LLC:

Supervisor:	Willie Rogers Jr.		
Workers:	Raymond Blair	Dezman Diaz	
	Kristoffer Vincent	Francisco	Jessica Montalvo
	Linda Phongboupha	James Tomasetti	Janet Vang
	Daniell Wakey	Warren Williamson	

J. Qualified Player Services, LLC:

Worker:	Kimberly Sobaszek		
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14. 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:
Esteban Aguilera-Navarro Eric Evigan Kathreen Lee
- B. Chicken Ranch Casino - Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
Weun Lee
- C. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:
Ken Lor
- D. Golden Acorn Casino & Travel Center - Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Campo Indian Reservation:
Justin Laughner
- E. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
Michelle Hawkins Prakash Panthi Poonam Thakur
- F. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain - Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California:
Raymond Fontana John Harrison Pedro Maisonet
Pang Vang
- G. Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village:
Casandra Manoff Elizabeth Marchesi Salam Zako
- H. Mono Wind Casino - Big Sandy Rancheria Band of Western Mono Indians:
Rosendo Grajeda Jr
- I. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
Jonathan Rostami
- J. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:
Jose Quinones Jr
- K. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:
Kendra Campbell Jessica Peters
- L. San Manuel Casino - San Manuel Band of Mission Indians:
Arlene Yusi
- M. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:
Tuyet Nhi Do Mary Fox Cyndi Vang

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

- A. Bear River Casino Resort - Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria:
Colton Beagle
- B. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:
Malayvone Maokosy
- C. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
Chunxu Fu Jordan Getty Rema Greene
Jason Iadavaia Alex Klado Marivic Lorenzo
Alvin Rico Rajendra Shrestha Bao Yang

- D. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain - Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California:
 Suzanne Gan Tay Khorn Tavary Pham
 Tracey Watson
- E. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
 Stephanie Alcorn Moises Martinez Salinas Fred Napoli
 Jose Rodriguez Ernest Seal
- F. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:
 Carlos Castro John Jonathan Lee
- G. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:
 Tony Nguyen
- H. Soboba Casino Resort - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:
 Jose Sixto
- I. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:
 Justin Adolphson Cheryl Barlis Brandon Bazemore
 Marvin Bolivar Jesus Garcia Tierra Jauregui
 Feu Lutau Travis Ly Steve Ma
 Eden Partido Kenneth Smith Patrick Tauanuu
- J. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:
 Sarah Girado
- K. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:
 Soleny Chhor Phetsavanh Homsombath
- L. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:
 Cindy Cisneros Alicia Edwards John Gervais
 Kennitha Goss Larry Halvorson Hiep Hoang
 Justin Law Iris Marrero Javier Palafox Jr.
 Louis Penner Joseph Perry Scott Rapoport
 Timothy Rios Jr. David Triggs Hue Vang
 Nancy Wyrsh
- M. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation:
 Isam Alayoubi Garry Carreau Rosanna Cham
 Timothy Coghe Hsiuyen Novak Juan Ortiz
 Sean Stoddard
- N. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:
 Michael Brickwood

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 9 through 15.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None

CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:

Chair LaBrie disclosed the item below to be heard in Closed Session:

- II. Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3):
 - B. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Player license for Cindy Thuy Tran, (CGCC-2021-0311-14D)
 - C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Supervisor License for Tony Yer Moua, (CGCC-2021-0121-9Ai)
 - F. Consideration of Stipulated Settlement; Decision and Order: In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Work Permit for Vito Michael LoConte, (CGCC-220-1119-7Aii)

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 Third-Party Proposition Player Services Player license for Cindy Thuy Tran, (CGCC-2021-0311-14D)
- C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Supervisor License for Tony Yer Moua, (CGCC-2021-0121-9Ai)
- D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Work Permit for Ivan Cruz, (CGCC-2021-0107-9D)
- E. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Supervisor License for Ricardo Gil Mendez, (CGCC-2020-1029-14Cii)
- F. Consideration of Stipulated Settlement; Decision and Order: In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Work Permit for Vito Michael LoConte, (CGCC-220-1119-7Aii)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

11:32 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair LaBrie recessed the Commission Meeting to closed session at approximately 10:49 a.m. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:32 a.m.