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**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2021
COMMISSION HEARING**

THIS HEARING WAS HELD BY TELE/VIDEO CONFERENCE

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. Roll Call of Commissioners.

Chair Paula LaBrie called the hearing to order on December 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call of Commissioners was taken, with Chair Paula LaBrie and Commissioners Cathleen Galgiani, Eric Heins, William Liu, and Edward Yee present.

2. Hearing Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 19870 and 19871 and CCR, Title 4, section 12060:
 - A. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Work Permit for Vito Michael LoConte, (CGCC-2020-1119-7Aii)

Presiding Officer: Russell Johnson

For Applicant: Tiffany Lichtig

For Bureau of Gambling Control: Colin Wood, Deputy Attorney General

Witnesses: Frank Navaro
Vito LoConte
Nathaniel Little
Author "Romie" Jones
Josh Clover

The Commission met in open session using video conference on Zoom to take evidence concerning Vito LoConte's suitability for licensure. Complainant's exhibits 1-14 and Applicant's exhibits A - C were admitted into the record. Both parties provided opening statements. Frank Navaro, Vito LoConte, Nathaniel Little, Author Jones, and Josh Clover were sworn in and provided testimony. Both parties provided closing argument. The record was closed and submitted for decision.

PUBLIC COMMENT: 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. *K. Harvey 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 Renewal of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Naseem Adel Salem, (GCADS-GEKE-001211)
- C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Carmelita Albiani, (CGCC-2021-0408-5)
- D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Work Permit for Vito Michael LoConte, (CGCC-2020-1119-7Aii)

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 5:15 p.m. to deliberate on item II.D. The Commission did not reconvene to open session following the closed session deliberations.