

GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2021
GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Pursuant to Executive Order N-08-21 regarding the COVID-19 virus, the meeting was held by tele/videoconference and there was no location open to the public.

OPEN SESSION

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Executive Director Stacey Luna Baxter called the August 24, 2021 meeting of the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC) to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call of GPAC Members

Roll call of the Committee Members was taken. David Fried, Haig Kelegian, Jr., Linda Graves, Yolanda Morrow, James Rodgers, Keith Sharp and Art Van Loon were present. Jieho Lee arrived at the meeting late as indicated below. Luis Jaramillo was absent.

3. Review and Approval of July 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

David Fried moved to approve the July 8, 2021 meeting minutes. Keith Sharp seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by a roll call vote of the members present.

4. GPAC Seats with Term Expirations

A. Notice of Term Expirations for:

- i. Jieho Lee - Category C: A licensee, agent, or employee from a Third Party Provider of Proposition Player Services (One seat expiring)
- ii. Haig Kelegian, Jr - Category D: A licensee, agent, or employee from a cardroom with 25 tables or more in operation (Two seats on GPAC; One seat expiring)
- iii. Keith Sharp - Category E: A licensee, agent, or employee from a cardroom with less than 25 tables in operation (Two seats on GPAC; One seat expiring)

- iv. Vacant - Category G: A professional with accounting or business background and not affiliated with California legalized gambling entity (One seat expiring)
- v. James Rodgers - Category H: General member at large not currently affiliated with any California legalized gambling entity (One seat expiring)

Stacey indicated that on December 31, 2021 the terms for five of the ten GPAC seats will expire. Each of the GPAC categories with two seats have staggered terms with one seat expiring each year. The approved GPAC selection criteria requires that the Commission post notice of the GPAC seats with term expiration at least three months prior to the expiration date. Members are eligible to serve up to three consecutive terms in a seat if supported by GPAC and reappointed by the Commission. All recommendations for appointments to GPAC are presented to the Commission at a regularly scheduled Commission meeting for their consideration and approval. Notice of the expired seats will be published in the Capitol Morning Report and the Commission also directs mail and email recruitment efforts. Stacey presented to GPAC the following documents to be used in the recruitment effort: 1.) 2021 Notification of Term Expirations, 2.) 2021 Gaming Policy Advisory Committee Outreach Letter, and 3.) 2021 GPAC Advertisement – Category G and H Flyer. Stacey indicated that the final filing date for applicants is November 5, 2021.

Jieho Lee joined the meeting.

Stacey announced the five category seats with expiring terms and indicated that Keith Sharp, (Category E) and Haig Kelegian, Jr., (Category D) both have served three terms and are not eligible for reappointment to their current category seats and James Rodgers, (Category H) is not seeking reappointment. She also announced that Jieho Lee is seeking reappointment in Category C.

B. GPAC's Vote of Reappointment for Category C: Jieho Lee

David Fried moved to support Jieho Lee's reappointment to GPAC for Category C. Art Van Loon seconded that motion, which was unanimously approved by a roll call vote of the members.

Stacey informed Jieho and the other members that if the Commission receives other applications for the Category C seat then Jieho will need to reapply and go through the interview process with the other applicants, but if there are no other applicants for Category C then Jieho will be recommend to the Commission for reappointment to GPAC.

C. Request for GPAC Members for Interview Panel

Art Van Loon and Yolanda Morrow volunteered.

5. Update and Discussion of Current Projects:

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

(Item 5A was heard after Items 5B and 5C) Sub-Committee Member Haig Kelegian reported that he reviewed the Commission's regulation section 12395 and Business and Professions Code section 19914 for violations or offences that could apply to the work permit reporting.

There was discussion concerning the Commission's approval to commence the formal rulemaking process for regulations concerning incident reports and how that related to this project. Haig indicated that GPAC could help identify what should be included in reporting for work permits. Haig mentioned that the next steps for this project are to identify violations and offences and to develop plans for a registry or database. Haig mentioned that for the next meeting he would work to simplify the list of violations in section 12395 and 19914 and provide a summary of the suggestions that were previously provided by Sub-Committee Member Luis Jaramillo on different registry and database options.

B. Dual Licensure within Cannabis and Control Gambling Industries Project (Sub-Committee Members: Jieho Lee and Keith Sharp)

(Items 5B and 5C were heard before Item 5A) Jieho reported that he had talked with Washington State Gambling Commission and was informed that they have no process that separates the gaming and cannabis industries. He indicated that his next step will be to meet with Sub-Committee Member Keith Sharp to discuss how to develop a recommendation for GPAC.

Stacey suggested that GPAC Member Yolanda Morrow provide a contact from the Bureau of Gambling Control that Jieho and Keith can work with to learn what the Bureau's concerns are with regards to this issue.

C. Recovery Program and Possibility of Industry Collaboration Project (Sub-Committee Members: Jieho Lee and Linda Graves)

(Items 5B and 5C were heard before Item 5A) Jieho reported that he and Sub-Committee Member Linda Graves had a meeting over Zoom to discuss the project. He indicated that the next step will be for them to meet with a psychologist and the Covenant House to discuss the development of parameters for this project.

6. Discussion of New GPAC Project:

A. Amendment of Cardroom Endorsee Licenses and TPPPS Endorsee Licenses (Sub-Committee Member: David Fried)

- i. Selection of Sub-Committee Member for the Amendment of Cardroom Endorsee Licenses and TPPPS Endorsee Licenses Project

Sub-Committee Member David Fried provided a summary of the new project indicating it concerns the application process for endorsees and trusts and potential for developing an abbreviated and less expensive process. GPAC Member Yolanda Morrow volunteered to help on the project.

7. Discussion of New Agenda Items for Next Meeting

None.

8. Next Meeting

Monday, October 4, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

9. Public Comment

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.