

## **GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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### **MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2022 GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Pursuant to Executive Order N-1-22, the meeting was held by tele/videoconference and there was no location open to the public.

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#### **OPEN SESSION**

##### 1. Welcome and Call to Order

Executive Director Stacey Luna Baxter called the January 20, 2022 meeting of the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC) to order at 2:00 p.m.

##### 2. Introduction of New Members

Stacey introduced and welcomed the newly appointed members to GPAC who have all been appointed to a two-year term. The new members are:

John Choo for Category H, Public Member at Large  
Daniela Cicu for Category D, Large Cardroom Representative  
Anita Johnson for Category G, Accounting and Business  
Emmanuel Macalino for Category E, Small Cardroom Representative

##### 3. Roll Call of GPAC Members

Roll call of the Committee Members was taken. John Choo, Daniela Cicu, David Fried, Linda Graves, Luis Jaramillo, Anita Johnson, Jieho Lee, Emmanuel Macalino, Yolanda Morrow and Art Van Loon were all present.

##### 4. Review and Approval of November 30, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Linda Graves moved to approve the November 30, 2021 meeting minutes. David Fried seconded the motion which was approved by a roll call vote of the members with David Fried, Linda Graves, Luis Jaramillo, Anita Johnson, Jieho Lee, Emmanuel Macalino, Yolanda Morrow, and Art Van Loon voting yes to approve. John Choo and Daniela Cicu abstained.

## 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 Jason Pope 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. Discussion of GPAC Member Term Limits

Stacey indicated that she placed this item on the agenda so that GPAC can have conversations on changes to the term limits and the ability to remove GPAC members who are not attending or participating in GPAC. Stacey suggested extending the terms to three years so that recruitment could be more staggered and to alleviate having to recruit for members every year. Stacey indicated that she will provide a written proposal for GPAC to consider at the next meeting. Yolanda

Morrow asked GPAC to also consider changing the parameters for selecting GPAC members from the Bureau.

7. Update and Discussion of Current Projects:

A. Work Permit Project – Status Update (Sub-Committee Member: Luis Jaramillo)

i. Selection of Sub-Committee Member for Work Permit Project

Committee Member Luis Jaramillo indicated that he did not have anything new to report. He also stated that the selection of a sub-committee member is not necessary since this project is almost completed. Stacey asked that Luis provide a through summation of the project at the next meeting.

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

i. Selection of Sub-Committee Member for Dual Licensure within Cannabis and Control Gambling Industries Project

Committee Member Jieho Lee provided a summary explanation of the project. He reported that he has been working with former Commissioner Tiffany Lichtig, who is currently working as a consultant in both the gaming and cannabis industry. She will be helping Jieho to develop suggested language for prohibiting the co-mingling of funds between the two industries and he hopes to have that available for GPAC by the next meeting. Jieho indicated that he did not need help of a subcommittee member on the project.

Comments were received by members of the public concerning the project from Raymond Courtemanche and Peggy Walker.

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

Sub-Committee Member Linda Graves reported on the career readiness program that is being collaborated with Knighted Ventures and Covenant House. She indicated that the kick-off is scheduled for January 26 and includes three phases of training. The pilot program will include five individuals who will participate in a very comprehensive schedule of classes. The end goal will be for them to become employed in the industry.

Sub-Committee Member Jieho Lee provided an explanation of the project to the new GPAC members. Jieho indicated that he believes the project does not require Commission oversight because it only recruits individuals with misdemeanors and does not consider individuals with felonies. Jieho further indicated that there is no longer a need to continue this as a GPAC project.

D. Amendment of Cardroom Endorsee Licenses and TPPPS Endorsee Licenses – Status Update (Sub-Committee Member: David Fried and Yolanda Morrow)

- i. Discussion to take formal action and vote whether to make a recommendation to the Commission on the Duplicate License Regulatory Change proposal

Sub-Committee Member David Fried provided an explanation of the project for the new GPAC members. He indicated that the item is on the agenda now for GPAC to take formal action on a vote to refer this to the Commission as a GPAC recommendation. David Fried moved that GPAC recommend to the Commission the proposed duplicate licenses regulatory change in the format that was provided to the GPAC members for this meeting. Yolanda Morrow seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed by a roll call vote of the members.

Stacey indicated that she will leave this project item on the agenda for the next meeting for the purpose of providing an update to GPAC of Commission consideration.

5. Discussion of New Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Stacey mentioned that included in GPAC's consideration of changing the term limits for members she would also like for GPAC to consider language that would allow either the Executive Director or the Commissioners the ability to remove a GPAC member for lack of participation.

6. Next Meeting

Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

7. Public Comment

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.