

California Gambling Control Commission

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**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2022
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, and Commissioner Edward Yee present.

Licensing Manager Efren Zuniga gave ZOOM participation instructions.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for:
 - A. October 6, 2022 – Commission Meeting
 - B. October 25, 2022 – GCA Hearing

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, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Commission Meeting Minutes for October 6, 2022, and the GCA Hearing Minutes for October 25, 2022.

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

Comments Received from:
Johnny Saeteurn

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, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission referred the application to an evidentiary hearing.

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:

Worker: Jose Reyes

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, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Third-Party Worker License through December 31, 2024.

B. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Worker: Natalie Kolbrak

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, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Third-Party Worker License through December 31, 2024.

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):

Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Supervisor: Xavier Douglas

Comments Received from:

Xavier Douglas

Yolanda Morrow, Director, Bureau of Gambling Control

Brian Gilleland, Staff Services Manager II, Bureau of Gambling Control

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, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Third-Party Supervisor License through December 31, 2024.

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. Agua Caliente Casino Rancho Mirage - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:
Ralph Ford
 - B. Chicken Ranch Casino - Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
Brittany Drennan
 - C. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:
Saphanphet Phagnasay
 - D. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:
 - i) LuChun Chen
 - ii) Anthony Pierce II
 - E. Harrah's Resort Southern California - Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation:
Elijah Tukeman
 - F. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
Matthew Gonzalez
 - G. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga:
 - i) Joey Sinthirath
 - ii) Brittany Thorpe
 - H. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:
Valinda Fitzgerald
 - I. Soboba Casino Resort - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:
 - i) James Bagwell
 - ii) Raymond Serrano
 - iii) John Warkentien
 - J. Spotlight 29 Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:
Iris Marrero
 - K. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:
 - i) Melonie Morrison
 - ii) Benedict Albert Panado
 - L. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:
 - i) Jose Lopez Sanchez
 - ii) Marco Touriel
 - M. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria of California:
Allan Mendoza
 - N. Tortoise Rock Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:
Amber Carman
 - O. Yaamava' Resort & Casino at San Manuel - Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation:
Arthur Ebitner

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Chair LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Findings of Suitability for Ralph Ford through February 1, 2024, for Brittany Drennan through June 28, 2023, for Saphanphet Phagnasay through May 18, 2023, for LuChun Chen through February 29, 2024, for Anthony Pierce II through January 31, 2024, for Elijah Tukeman through April 18, 2024, for Matthew Gonzalez through October 27,

2024, for Joey Sinthirath through June 30, 2024, for Brittany Thorpe through March 31, 2024, for Valinda Fitzgerald through December 2, 2024, for James Bagwell through October 17, 2024, for Raymond Serrano through December 1, 2024, for John Warkentien through June 28, 2024, for Iris Marrero through February 1, 2024, for Melonie Morrison through May 24, 2023, for Benedict Albert Panado through November 5, 2023, for Jose Lopez Sanchez through April 26, 2024, for Marco Touriel through June 30, 2023, for Allan Mendoza through November 1, 2023, for Amber Carman through July 1, 2023, and for Arthur Ebitner through April 30, 2023.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Items on the consent calendar will be taken up and voted on as a group. A Commissioner may request that an item be discussed, in which case it will be discussed separately at a later point in the meeting.

8. Consideration of Initial Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):
 - A. John Morago
 - B. Daniel Roncancio

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

A. Stephen Brooks, Jr.	E. Steve LeBlanc
B. Daniel Cruely II	F. Kristofer Sulonen
C. Mario Esteban	G. Ace Yang
D. Nicholas Ferrante	

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

A. Casino Merced:	Lay Saelee	
B. Napa Valley Casino:	Audrey Edora-Felix	Shuang Shi

11. 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:	Kwok Kuen Nick Wong	
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 - B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:

Supervisor:	Monica Vega	
Workers:	Antonio Antonio Esteban	Lito Corpuz
	Paul Lopez	Janet Nguyen
	Mary Tellez	Erik Wood
Workers:	Jasmin Angeles	Efren Ruiz
	Dapinder Sandhu	Titsovanny San
 - C. CalProp Services, LLC:

Worker:	James Stevens
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 - D. F2 TPS, LLC:

Workers:	Jasmin Angeles	Efren Ruiz	Titsovanny San
	Dapinder Sandhu		

- E. Faros Unlimited, Inc.:
 Workers: Sheryl Johnson Paola Kubelis Sarath Meas
 Rogelio Moran, Jr.
- F. Halcyon Gaming, LLC:
 Worker: Jennifer Emery
- G. KB Ventures:
 Workers: Marjorie Davis Moneyvong Rousereirith
 Braedon Smith
- H. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
 Supervisor: Tiffany Vuong
 Workers: Melchor Alcantara Daniel Aparicio Tyrone Barnes
 Jonathan Bender Jason Calderon Rosa Carrillo
 Alexis Coreas Gricelda Hernandez Mendoza
 Joshua Imanuel Nathan Kizzia Gregory LaPolla
 Alexis Lopez Eric Mifkovic Casey Moropoulos
 Cuong Pho Richard Quitariano Anthony Salcido
 Aung Tun Robert Williams Steven Williams
- I. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:
 Workers: Marites Bugay Ancita Kelly John Sell
- J. Players Edge Services:
 Workers: Annette Farrell Tahjria Sims
- K. Progressive Gaming, LLC:
 Workers: YongKang Dong Jingwen He Sheng He
 Chen Li Jianguo Wen Yanjuan Xia
 Hui Hua Xu
- L. Qualified Player Services, LLC:
 Workers: Maricruz Garza Priscilla Pearson

12. 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. 2 Kings Gaming, Inc.:
 Worker: Whitney Hawkins
- B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:
 Supervisor: Kevin Juarez
- C. F2 TPS, LLC:
 Workers: Noel Cruz Duong Phu
- D. Fortune Players Group, Inc.:
 Workers: Xiaodong Chen LaLin Ly Gerardo Topacio
- E. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
 Supervisors: Richard Abad Joshua Keefe Bronson Scott
 Workers: Andrew Caracoza Corey Gartner Kristofer Gibson
 Boi Lam Jeremiah Pizano Andres Romero
 David Saechao Christopher Wilson
- F. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:
 Supervisor: Tsegai Abraha

- Workers: Angela Vang Tong Xiong
- G. Players Edge Services:
 - Worker: John Diaz
- H. Progressive Gaming, LLC:
 - Worker: Tung Nguyen
- I. Workers: Nancy Cazares Phylicia Johnson

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

- A. Agua Caliente Casino Cathedral City - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:
 - Estephany Avalos Soria Ruben Alvarez Jorge Beltran
 - Man Chiu Jonathan Jaime Lesley Jimenez
 - Estefany Rodriguez Yanez
- B. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians:
 - Ernie Silva
- C. Bear River Casino Resort - Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria:
 - Ross Hoffer
- D. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:
 - Alvaro Carrillo Ruvalcaba
- E. Casino Pauma - Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma & Yuima Reservation:
 - Jorge Gandara Nygal Rogers
- F. Chicken Ranch Casino - Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
 - Anthony Chubon Donna Holdaway Alexis Ketchem
- G. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:
 - Robert Lopez II
- H. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:
 - Sylvia Fernandez Sharon Zamora
- I. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:
 - Oralia Meza
- J. Golden Acorn Casino & Travel Center - Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Campo Indian Reservation:
 - Johnni Sue Buckholz
- K. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
 - Nyta Lim Cai Ma Coralynn Rainford-Krauth
 - Javier Ramirez Jr.
- L. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain - Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California:
 - Brittinay Hall Jason Jang Samantha Le
 - Frank Piazza
- M. Harrah's Resort Southern California - Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation:
 - Martin Cervantes II Kyle Condis Charlie Gaspar Juan

- N. Havasu Landing Resort & Casino - Chemehuevi Indian Tribe of the Chemehuevi Reservation:
George Carr
- O. Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort - Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
Kenneth O'Donnell
- P. Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village:
Phyllisann Rachelle Aguirre Ryan Carl
Luay Damman Brittni Fernandez
- Q. Lucky 7 Casino - Smith River Rancheria:
Galen Quinn Luis Ramirez Ramirez
- R. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
Rodney Dawkins Jr. William Finnegan Conrad Sanchez
Christine Sayavongsa Choua Vang
- S. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:
Jose Alcaya Alcaya Cielo Caipo-Madrid Raafat Morgan
- T. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
Nadia Castillo Kim Dinh Cynthia Gallagher
Brandon Romero
- U. Quechan Casino Resort - Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation:
Mary Dugan
- V. Rain Rock Casino - Karuk Tribe:
Natalie Sousa
- W. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:
Alyssa Bryan Isidro Madueno III Nam Tran
- X. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:
Jorge Reyes Leticia Rocha Campos
- Y. Soboba Casino Resort - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:
Steven Leyva
- Z. Spotlight 29 Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:
Michael Domaradski Dung Huynh
- AA. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:
Patrick Daugherty Austen Underhill
- BB. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:
Jose Batres Jr. Thatcher Dougherty Thao Her
Lae Phakonekham
- CC. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:
Monique Alanis
- DD. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:
Vue Chue Madison Kunz Joshua Silva
- EE. Tortoise Rock Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:
Ochawin Ampornrut Terry Briggs II Ruben Jimenez-Nickle

- FF. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:
 Maria Elena Eusebio Julio Moyano Aranguena
- GG. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission
 Indians of the Viejas Reservation:
 Samantha Braun-Shiwlall Randy Orah
- HH. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:
 Mackhenzy Lee
- II. Yaamava' Resort and Casino at San Manuel - Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel
 Nation:
 Thomas Avalos Claudia Campos Martin Gomez
 Itzumi Juvera Carreno Crystal Lee John Luu
 Mona Lyons

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

- A. Agua Caliente Casino Cathedral City - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:
 Cristina Licia Patrick Nordquist Kevin Ferry
 Alberto Marquez Kimberle Mason Jeani De Lany
- B. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians:
 Ruth Segoviano Aguilera
- C. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission
 Indians:
 James Miles Jr. Chinh Nguyen Brandon Wells
- D. Bear River Casino Resort - Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria:
 Paul Valles
- E. Blue Lake Casino and Hotel - Blue Lake Rancheria:
 Joseph Pettit
- F. Cahuilla Casino - Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians:
 Faustino Macias
- G. Chicken Ranch Casino - Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
 Michael Smith
- H. Colusa Casino Resort - Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa
 Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:
 Brianna Bybee
- I. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:
 Tou Cha Xiong Cha
- J. Elk Valley Casino - Elk Valley Rancheria:
 Joseph Burnim Bryan Green Kevin Monnin
- K. Feather Falls Casino & Lodge - Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians:
 Jason Asher
- L. Gold Country Casino Resort - Berry Creek Rancheria of Maidu Indians:
 Josh Jacobs Chue Kue
- M. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
 June Hee Kim Anish Thapa

- N. Harrah's Resort Southern California - Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation:
 Robert Anaya Esmeralda Flores Jacob Kaufman
 Joseph Oyos
- O. Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort - Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
 Stephanie Summers Jacob Zanetta
- P. Lucky 7 Casino - Smith River Rancheria:
 Scott Hoenke
- Q. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:
 Dennis Eckenrode Nhan Lam Estevan Negrete
 Medille Padua Huong Tran
- R. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:
 Danny Chao Ralph Flieger Steven Johnson
 David Lee Gregory Marquardt Nikki Ninh
 Sany Phon Hazel Ramirez Mickey Souvanthong
 Ban Ta Thary Ty Chansamone
 Vongsouphanh
- S. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:
 Nathanael Doyer
- T. Soboba Casino Resort - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:
 Sayed Abdullah Jason Cozart Yolanda Figueroa
 Angel Herrera Jessica Pellegrin
- U. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:
 Sky Chanchem Christopher Huff
- V. Twin Pine Casino & Hotel - Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians:
 Lisa Shelton Darrell Yee
- W. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:
 Alisha Ecroyd Derek Escalante Michael Goodson
 Octavio Munguia Payan David Spence Jr.
- X. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation:
 Jonathan Arreola Paul Colera Dianne Newman
- Y. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:
 Debra Mayle

Action:

Upon motion of Chair LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Consent Calendar items 8 through 14.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None

CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:

None

CLOSED SESSION:

- I. Litigation (Government Code section 11126(e)):
 - A. Eric G. Swallow v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2016-800002402)
 - B. Lucky Chances, Inc. v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2017-80002549)
 - C. Yavapai-Apache Nation v. La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians and California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento Superior Court (34-2018-00238711)
 - D. Manuel Corrales, Jr. v. California Gambling Control Commission, San Diego County Superior Court (37-2019-00019079-CU-MC-CTL)
 - E. Kris Kat, LLC and Steven C. Ayers v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2019-80003142)
 - F. Elizabeth Flynt, et al., v. Rob Bonta, Nathan DaValle, Paula D. LaBrie, et al.; United States District Court, Eastern District of California (16 CV 02831 JAM EFB)
 - G. 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)
 - H. Harvey F. Souza v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2019-80003287)
 - I. Garden City, Inc. v. California Gambling Control Commission, San Francisco County Superior Court (PF-21-517466)
 - J. Manuel Corrales, Jr. v. California Valley Miwok Tribe, et al. and the California Gambling Control Commission; San Diego County Superior Court (37-2022-00012884-CU-BC-CTL)

- 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.2015110463)
 - B. In the Matter of the Applications for Approval of State Gambling License for Fortiss, LLC, John H. Park Trust Under Declaration of Trust Dated July 18, 2012, Member, John Park, Trustee, Settlor, Beneficiary, Michael Vasey, Member, Chief Financial Officer, John Park, Manager, (CGCC Case No. CGCC-2020-0227-11A-F)
 - C. In the Matter of the Applications for Approval of Third-Party Provider of Proposition Player Services License for Knighted Ventures, LLC, Roy Choi, Managing Member, Jieho Lee, Managing Member, (CGCC Case No. CGCC-2020-0611-3)
 - D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Marcos Samuel Cabrera, (CGCC-2022-0526-10B)

ADJOURNMENT

Chair LaBrie adjourned the Commission Meeting at approximately 10:25 a.m.