California Gambling Control Commission

Agenda Item: #3B

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# MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 8, 9, 2022 COMMISSION HEARING

# THIS HEARING WAS HELD BY TELE/VIDEO CONFERENCE

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

#### **OPEN SESSION**

### March 7, 2022

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Commissioners

Chair LaBrie called the hearing to order on March 7, 2022 9:00 a.m. Roll Call of Commissioners was taken, with Chair LaBrie and Commissioners Cathleen Galgiani, Eric Heins, William Liu, and Edward Yee present.

 Hearing Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 19870 and 19871 and CCR, Title 4, section 12060: In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for East Sea Investment Group, Inc., Jiahua Yu, and Wanchun Huang, (CGCC-2021-0107-11)

Presiding Officer: Russell Johnson

For Applicant: Tiffany Lichtig

For Bureau of Gambling Control: Jeremy Stevens, Deputy Attorney General

Interpreter: Ya-Nan Chou

Witnesses: Brian Gilleland Jiahua Yu

The Commission met in open session using video conference on Zoom to take evidence concerning suitability for licensure of East Sea Investment Group, Inc., Jiahua Yu and Wanchun Huang. Complainant's exhibits 1-10 and Applicant's exhibits A-I were admitted into the record. Both parties provided opening statements. Brian Gilleland and Jiahua Yu were sworn in and provided testimony.

## PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

The Commission adjourned for the day at 4:51 p.m.

#### March 8, 2022

Chair Paula LaBrie called the hearing to order on March 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call of Commissioners was taken with Chair Paula LaBrie and Commissioners Cathleen Galgiani, Eric Heins, William Liu, and Edward Yee present.

Witnesses: Jiahua Yu Yolanda Morrow Wanchun Huang

Jiahua Yu, Yolanda Morrow, and Wanchun Huang were sworn in and provided testimony.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

The Commission adjourned for the day at 5:03 p.m.

#### March 9, 2022

Chair Paula LaBrie called the hearing to order on March 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call of Commissioners was taken at 9:00 a.m., with Chair Paula LaBrie and Commissioners Cathleen Galgiani, Eric Heins, and Edward Yee present. Commissioner William Liu arrived to the hearing at 2:11 p.m. as indicated below.

Witnesses: Wanchun Huang Barbara Mello Elijah Zuniga Yolanda Morrow Brian Gilleland

Wanchun Huang, Barbara Mellow and Elijah Zuniga were sworn in and provided testimony.

Roll Call of Commissioners was taken at 2:11 p.m., with Chair Paula LaBrie and Commissioners Cathleen Galgiani, Eric Heins, William Liu, and Edward Yee present.

Elijah Zuniga continued with his testimony and Yolanda Morrow and Brian Gilleland were sworn in and provided additional testimony. Both parties provided closing arguments. The record was closed and the matter was submitted for decision.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

The Commission adjourned for the day at 4:51 p.m.

# **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. <u>Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(3):</u>
  - 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 Renewal of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Player License for Steven Yu Wang, (CGCC-2021-0408-8)
  - D. In the Matter of the Applications for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Supervisor License for Selah Lee Gavin Davis, (CGCC-2021-0408-7B & CGCC-2021-0408-7C)
  - E. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Melvyn Douglas McGowan, (CGCC-2021-0624-12C)
  - F. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Nicole Dominique Seiuli, (CGCC-2021-0506-5)

- G. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of State Gambling License for Joanne M. Williams, (CGCC-2021-0325-5B)
- H. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Jonathen David Frankson, (CGCC-2021-0708-11G)
- I. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for East Sea Investment Group, Inc., Jiahua Yu, and Wanchun Huang, (CGCC-2021-0107-11)

The Commission did not meet in closed session March 7-9, 2022.