California Gambling Control Commission

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MINUTES OF APRIL 18-19, 2022 COMMISSION HEARING THIS HEARING WAS HELD IN PERSON AND BY TELE/VIDEO CONFERENCE

Primary Location	Satellite Locations	
Northern California (Sac) California Gambling Control Commission Hearing Room 100 2399 Gateway Oaks Drive Sacramento, CA 95833	Northern California (SF) Judicial Council of California Milton Marks Conference Center 455 Golden Gate Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102	Southern California (LA) Chino Hills Community Center 14250 Peyton Drive Chino Hills, CA 91709

OPEN SESSION

April 18, 2022

1. Call to Order

Chair LaBrie called the hearing to order on April 18, 2022 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners

Roll Call of Commissioners was taken, with Chair Paula LaBrie and Commissioners Cathleen Galgiani and William Liu present at the Sacramento location. Commissioner Eric Heins was present at the Northern California, San Francisco satellite location and Edward Yee was present at the Southern California, Chino Hills satellite location.

3. <u>Hearing Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 19870 and 19871 and CCR, Title 4, section 12060:</u>

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of State Gambling License for John Hee-Jong Park, dba Bell Jackpot Casino, (CGCC-2021-0422-4A)

Presiding Officer: Kate Patterson

For Applicant: Robert McWhorter

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

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Court Reporter: Lisa Richardson

Witnesses: Yolanda Morrow Paula Corral

The Commission met in open session in person and using video conference on Zoom to take evidence concerning the suitability for licensure of John Hee-Jong Park, dba Bell Jackpot Casino. Complainant's exhibits 1- 9 and Applicant's exhibits 1-35 were admitted into the record. Both parties provided opening statements. Yolanda Morrow and Paula Corral were sworn in and provided testimony.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

The Commission adjourned for the day at 4:15 p.m.

April 19, 2022

Chair LaBrie called the hearing to order on April 19, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call of Commissioners was taken, with Chair Paula LaBrie and Commissioners Cathleen Galgiani and William Liu present at the Sacramento location. Commissioner Eric Heins was present at the Northern California, San Francisco satellite location and Edward Yee was present at the Southern California, Chino Hills satellite location.

Presiding Officer: Kate Patterson

For Applicant: Robert McWhorter

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

Court Reporter: Delaine Hall

Witnesses: Lina Thomas

Lina Thomas was sworn in and provided testimony. Both parties provided closing arguments. The record was closed and the matter was 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)
- 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)
- 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 Applications for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Supervisor License for Selah Lee Gavin Davis, (CGCC-2021-0408-7B & CGCC-2021-0408-7C)
- C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Nicole Dominique Seiuli, (CGCC-2021-0506-5)
- D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of State Gambling License for Joanne M. Williams, (CGCC-2021-0325-5B)
- E. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Jonathen David Frankson, (CGCC-2021-0708-11G)
- F. 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)
- G. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Player License for Ryan Dale LaFountain, (CGCC-2021-0909-8A)
- H. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Employee Category License for Traci Killingsworth Preston, (CGCC-2021-1118-9Cii)

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The Commission adjourned to closed session at 5:00 p.m. to deliberate on closed session items I.B., II.B., II.C. and II.I. The Commission did not reconvene to open session following closed session deliberations.