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## MINUTES OF JULY 14, 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) Carolyn Owens Community Center 13201 Central Avenue Chino, CA 91710
	LIMITED CAPACITY	LIMITED CAPACITY

## **OPEN SESSION**

1. Call to Order

Chair LaBrie called the hearing to order on July 14, 2022 at 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 at the Sacramento location. Commissioner Eric Heins was present at the Northern California, San Francisco satellite location and Commissioner Edward Yee was present at the Southern California, Chino satellite location.

 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 Player License for Victor Dennis Espinoza-Downey, (GCADS-TPPL-024823) Presiding Officer: Kate Patterson

For Applicant: Failed to Appear

For Bureau of Gambling Control: James Waian, Deputy Attorney General

Witness: Melissa Ezaki

The Commission met in open session in person and using video conference on Zoom to take evidence concerning Victor Espinoza-Downey's suitability for licensure. Victor Espinoza-Downey did not attend the hearing. Administrative Hearings Coordinator Pam Mathauser, Presiding Office Kate Patterson and Deputy Attorney General James Waian all indicated that they had made recent attempts to contact Mr. Espinoza-Downey that were unsuccessful.

The Commission took a brief recess at 10:15 to make an additional attempt to contact Mr. Downey-Espinoza. At 10:25 the Commission reconvened and Ms. Mathauser informed the Commission that she was unable to reach Mr. Downey-Espinoza by phone to confirm his attendance.

Complainant's exhibits 1- 10 were admitted into the record. Deputy Attorney General Waian provided opening statements. Melissa Ezaki was sworn in and provided testimony. Deputy Attorney General Waian provided closing argument. The record was closed and the matter was submitted for decision.

## PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

## CLOSED SESSION:

- I. <u>Litigation (Government Code section 11126(e)):</u>
  - 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. Sutter's Place, Inc., dba Bay 101 v. California Gambling Control Commission, San Francisco County Superior Court (CPF-21-517433)
- I. Harvey F. Souza v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2096-80003287)
- J. Garden City, Inc. v. California Gambling Control Commission, San Francisco County Superior Court (PF-21-517466)
- K. Robert Russell Harris, Jr. v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2021-80003737-CU-WM-GDS)
- L. 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 Application for Approval of State Gambling License for John Hee-Jong Park, dba Bell Jackpot Casino, (CGCC-2021-0422-4A)
  - C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Terrance Douglas Seglem, (CGCC-2021-1021-6A)
  - D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Supervisor License for Alan Wei Da Tan, (CGCC-2021-0708-9B)
  - E. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Player License for Victor Dennis Espinoza-Downey, (GCADS-TPPL-024823)

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 11:00 a.m. to deliberate on closed session items II.E. The Commission did not reconvene to open session following closed session deliberations.