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**MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, AND SEPTEMBER 1, 2, 6, 7, 2022  
COMMISSION HEARING**

**THIS HEARING WAS HELD BY TELE/VIDEO CONFERENCE**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11133, the hearing was held by tele/videoconference and there was no location open to the public.

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**OPEN SESSION**

**August 24, 2022**

1. Call to Order

Chair LaBrie called the hearing to order on August 24, 2022 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners

Roll Call of Commissioners was taken, with Chair Paula LaBrie and Commissioners Cathleen Galgiani, Eric Heins, William Liu and Edward Yee present.

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

A. 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)

B. 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)

Presiding Officer: Jason Pope

For Applicant Fortiss, LLC et al.: Barry Lee  
Randal, Keen  
Justin James Rodriguez  
Misa Eiritz

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For Applicant Knighted Ventures, LLC et al.: Tammy Tsoumas  
Matthew Summer  
Nathaniel Haas

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

Witnesses: Brian Gilleland

The Commission met in open session using video conference on Zoom to take evidence concerning the suitability for licensure of Fortiss, LLC et al. and Knighted Ventures, LLC et al. Applicants' Fortiss, LLC's exhibits 1-266 and Knighted Ventures, LLC's exhibits 1-163 and Complainants' exhibits 1-94 were admitted into the record. Lisa Freund provided opening statements for Complainant, Barry Lee provided opening statements for Applicant Fortiss, LLC and Tammy Tsoumas provided opening statements for Applicant Knighted Ventures, LLC. Brian Gilleland was sworn in and provided testimony.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

The Commission adjourned for the day at 4:00 p.m.

**August 25, 2022**

Chair LaBrie called the hearing to order on August 25, 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.

Presiding Officer: Jason Pope

For Applicant Fortiss, LLC et al.: Barry Lee  
Randal, Keen  
Justin James Rodriguez  
Misa Eiritz

For Applicant Knighted Ventures, LLC et al.: Tammy Tsoumas  
Matthew Summer  
Nathaniel Haas

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

Witnesses: Monique Anquoe  
Yolanda Morrow

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Monique Anquoe and Yolanda Morrow were sworn in and provided testimony.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

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

**August 26, 2022**

Chair LaBrie called the hearing to order on August 26, 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.

Presiding Officer: Jason Pope

For Applicant Fortiss, LLC et al.: Barry Lee  
Randal, Keen  
Justin James Rodriguez  
Misa Eiritz

For Applicant Knighted Ventures, LLC et al.: Tammy Tsoumas  
Matthew Summer  
Nathaniel Haas

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

Witnesses: Yolanda Morrow  
Nathan Davalle

Applicant Fortiss, LLC's exhibit 269 was admitted into the record. Yolanda Morrow  
continued to provide testimony and Nathan Davalle was sworn in and provided  
testimony.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

The Commission adjourned for the day at 4:46 p.m.

**August 29, 2022**

Chair LaBrie called the hearing to order on August 29, 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.

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For Applicant Fortiss, LLC et al.: Barry Lee  
Randal, Keen  
Justin James Rodriguez  
Misa Eiritz

For Applicant Knighted Ventures, LLC et al.: Tammy Tsoumas  
Matthew Summer  
Nathaniel Haas

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

Witnesses: Jared Horstman  
Ryan Woodson  
Shaun Yaple

Jared Horstman, Ryan Woodson and Shaun Yaple were sworn in and provided testimony.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

The Commission adjourned for the day at 5:00 p.m.

**August 30, 2022**

Chair LaBrie called the hearing to order on August 30, 2022 at 9:05 a.m.  
Roll Call of Commissioners was taken, with Chair Paula LaBrie and Commissioners Cathleen Galgiani, Eric Heins, William Liu and Edward Yee present.

Presiding Officer: Jason Pope

For Applicant Fortiss, LLC et al.: Barry Lee  
Randal, Keen  
Justin James Rodriguez  
Misa Eiritz

For Applicant Knighted Ventures, LLC et al.: Tammy Tsoumas  
Matthew Summer  
Nathaniel Haas

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

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Witnesses: Shaun Yaple  
Michael Vasey

Applicant Fortiss, LLC's exhibit 267 was admitted into the record. Shaun Yaple continued to provide testimony and Michael Vasey was sworn in and provided testimony.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

The Commission adjourned for the day at 5:00 p.m.

**August 31, 2022**

Chair LaBrie called the hearing to order on August 31, 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.

Presiding Officer: Jason Pope

For Applicant Fortiss, LLC et al.: Barry Lee  
Randal, Keen  
Justin James Rodriguez  
Misa Eiritz

For Applicant Knighted Ventures, LLC et al.: Tammy Tsoumas  
Matthew Summer  
Nathaniel Haas

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

Witnesses: Michael Vasey  
John Park  
Lisa Grewohl  
Kathryn Tooker

Michael Vasey continued to provide testimony. John Park, Lisa Grewohl, and Kathryn Tooker were sworn in and provided testimony.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

The Commission adjourned for the day at 5:00 p.m.

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**September 1, 2022**

Chair LaBrie called the hearing to order on September 1, 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.

Presiding Officer: Jason Pope

For Applicant Fortiss, LLC et al.: Barry Lee  
Randal, Keen  
Justin James Rodriguez  
Misa Eiritz

For Applicant Knighted Ventures, LLC et al.: Tammy Tsoumas  
Matthew Summer  
Nathaniel Haas

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

Witnesses: Naomi Vardy  
Roy Choi

Naomi Vardy and Roy Choi were sworn in and provided testimony.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

The Commission adjourned for the day at 4:00 p.m.

**September 2, 2022**

Chair LaBrie called the hearing to order on September 2, 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.

Presiding Officer: Jason Pope

For Applicant Fortiss, LLC et al.: Barry Lee  
Randal, Keen  
Justin James Rodriguez  
Misa Eiritz

For Applicant Knighted Ventures, LLC et al.: Tammy Tsoumas  
Matthew Summer

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Nathaniel Haas

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

Witnesses: Jieho Lee

Jieho Lee was sworn in and provided testimony.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

The Commission adjourned for the day at 11:43 a.m.

**September 6, 2022**

Chair LaBrie called the hearing to order on September 6, 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.

Presiding Officer: Jason Pope

For Applicant Fortiss, LLC et al.: Barry Lee  
Randal, Keen  
Justin James Rodriguez  
Misa Eiritz

For Applicant Knighted Ventures, LLC et al.: Tammy Tsoumas  
Matthew Summer  
Nathaniel Haas

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

Witnesses: Michael Vasey  
Peter W. Brown

Applicant Fortiss, LLC's exhibit 270 was admitted into the record. Michael Vasey and  
Peter W. Brown were sworn in and provided testimony.

The record was left open for submission of closing briefs and potential extra  
documentary or testimonial evidence that may be requested by the Commission. The  
Presiding Officer will notify the parties if any additional documents are requested by the  
Commission. Briefs are due by October 7, 2022 and are limited to 25 pages per party or  
40 pages for combined party briefs.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** 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. Sutter's Place, Inc., dba Bay 101 v. California Gambling Control Commission, San Francisco County Superior Court (CPF-21-517433)
- I. K. Harvey 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 Third-Party Proposition Player Services Player License for Victor Dennis Espinoza-Downey, (GCADS-TPPL-024823)
- C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Supervisor License for Shawn Michael Zion, (CGCC-2021-0708-9C)
- D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Teri Lynn Hall, (CGCC-2022-0106-7C)
- E. 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,



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2012, Member, John Park, Trustee, Settlor, Beneficiary, Michael Vasey,  
Member, Chief Financial Officer, John Park, Manager, (CGCC Case No.  
CGCC-2020-0227-11A-F)

- F. 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)

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 4:00 p.m. to deliberate on closed  
session items II.E. and II.F. The Commission did not reconvene to open session  
following closed session deliberations.

**September 7, 2022**

Chair LaBrie called the hearing to order on September 7, 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. The Chair stated  
that the Commission would adjourn and meet in closed session at 1:30 p.m to  
deliberate on closed session items II.E. and II.F.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.