

California Gambling Control Commission

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**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 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, Commissioner William Liu, and Commissioner Edward Yee present.

Licensing Manager Efren Zuniga gave ZOOM participation instructions.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for:

A. July 14, 2022 – GCA Hearing

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, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the GCA Hearing Minutes for July 14, 2022.

B. July 21, 2022 – Commission Meeting

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Galgiani, seconded by Commissioner Heins, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Galgiani, and Commissioner Liu, voting yes, and Commissioner Yee abstaining; the Commission approved the Commission Meeting Minutes for July 21, 2022.

4. Consideration of Approval to Commence the Formal Rulemaking Process for Regulations Concerning Commission Fees Modernization III. (Adopt Title 4, CCR, Section 12088, 12092, and 12094; Amend Title 4, CCR, Section 12112 and 12250; Repeal Title 4, CCR, Section 12252, 12252.1, and 12368.)

Comments Received From:

Stacey Luna Baxter, Executive Director, Gambling Control Commission
Jason Pope, Chief Counsel, Gambling Control Commission

No action taken.

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

Comments Received From:

Jennifer Cavazos

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Galgiani, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Key Employee License through September 30, 2024, with the following condition:

Beginning November 1, 2022, and every 90 days thereafter, Jennifer Cavazos must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of efforts to satisfy their Federal Tax Lien until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

By concurrence of the Commissioners, Items 6A, and 6B were heard as a group.

6. 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. Commerce Group, Inc.:

Worker: Kevin Craddock

B. Halcyon Gaming, LLC:

Worker: Sierra Charlet-Sebring

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, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Third-Party Worker Licenses through September 30, 2024.

C. KB Ventures:

Worker: Samay Nhey

Action:

Upon motion of Chair LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Galgiani, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission referred the application to an evidentiary hearing.

D. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Worker: Julian Orosco

Comments Received From:

Julian Orosco

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, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Third-Party Worker License through September 30, 2024.

E. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:

Worker: Madeleine Rinaldo

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, seconded by Commissioner Galgiani, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Third-Party Worker License through September 30, 2024.

F. Workers: i) Devin Green

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Liu, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission denied the Initial Third-Party Worker License.

ii) Bao Kun Li

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, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission denied the Initial Third-Party Worker License.

iii) Christian Lopezgudiel

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, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Third-Party Worker License through September 30, 2024, with the following condition:

Beginning November 1, 2022, and every 90 days thereafter, Christian Lopezgudiel must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control a status update regarding proof of ongoing efforts regarding the completion of their court-mandated classes and community service, and resolution of fine(s) until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

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. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain - Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California:
 - i) Bryan Kapsho

Comments Received From:

Bryan Kapsho
Jason Pope, Chief Counsel, Gambling Control Commission

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, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through July 31, 2023, with the following condition:

Beginning November 1, 2022, and every 90 days thereafter, Bryan Kapsho must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of ongoing efforts to satisfy the Civil Judgement until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

ii) Tina Plang

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, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through May 31, 2024.

By concurrence of the Commissioners, Items 7B, and 7C were heard as a group.

B. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:
Jeffrey McCarl

C. Yaamava' Resort & Casino at San Manuel - Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation:
Carlos Valera Yarleque

Comments Received From:

Jeffrey McCarl

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Liu, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Findings of Suitability for Jeffrey McCarl through October 12, 2023, and for Carlos Valera Yarleque through September 30, 2024.

8. Consideration of A) Request to Withdraw Application for State Gambling License; and B) Request for Reconsideration of Commission Decision and Order (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19824, 19869; Title 4, sections 12015, 12054, and 12064):

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

Comments Received From:

Jason Pope, Chief Counsel, Gambling Control Commission
Robert McWhorter, Designated Agent for John Park dba Bell Jackpot Casino
Jeremy Stevens, Deputy Attorney General, Bureau of Gambling Control
John Park
Michael Antwine II, City Manager for the City of Bell
Alicia Romero, Council Member for the City of Bell
Yolanda Morrow, Director, Bureau of Gambling Control
Stacey Luna Baxter, Executive Director, Gambling Control Commission

Action:

Upon motion of Chair LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Galgiani, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Request to Withdrawal without prejudice.

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.

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

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| A. Patrick Boring | E. Hai Lu |
| B. Anthony Candell | F. Austyn Sayavong |
| C. Richard Clark, II | G. Zhaokun Yu |
| D. Joshua Clover | |

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

Empire Sportsmen's Association: Alicia Valdez-Pulido

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

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| A. Empire Sportsmen's Association: | Chhorvy Kim | Anita Sao |
| | Khasunna Yoy | |
| B. Napa Valley Casino: | Andy Nim | |

12. Consideration of Initial Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):

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| A. 2 Kings Gaming, Inc.: | | | |
| Worker: | Fernando Carillo, Jr. | | |
| B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC: | | | |
| Supervisors: | Ariana Madrigal Ramirez | Sirena Martinez | |
| | Nicolas Palomino | Luis Zambrano | |
| Workers: | Ephrem Araya | Tyiana McDaniel | |
| C. Commerce Group, Inc.: | | | |
| Worker: | Antonio Robeldo-Nova | | |
| D. F2 TPS, LLC: | | | |
| Worker: | Angelina Acevedo | | |
| E. Faros Unlimited, Inc.: | | | |
| Workers: | Nakieya Vinson | Liping Zhou | |
| F. Global Player Services, Inc.: | | | |
| Worker: | Alberto Sanchez | | |
| G. KB Ventures: | | | |
| Supervisor: | Toua Moua | | |
| Workers: | Marisa Chaoui | Zhitao Chen | Gerardo Ortiz |
| H. Knighted Ventures, LLC: | | | |
| Workers: | Shareef Abdur-Rahim | Juan Carlos Almaraz | Danielle Briggs |
| | Michelle Con | Nichelle Cunningham | Nicholas DeLucia |
| | Justine Firpo | Terry Gaines | Tiobaldo Hernandez |
| | Ezra Hurt | Krista Nash | Joshua Pono |
| | Justin Schwartz | Huilang Wu | Joshua Young |
| I. L.E. Gaming, Inc.: | | | |
| Workers: | Talent Le | Morgan McLeod | |

- J. Players Edge Services:
Workers: Mau Nguyen Janson Thao Jeraq Vang
- K. Progressive Gaming, LLC:
Workers: Xiaohan Cheng Bin Guo Hoa Huynh
Eva Liang XiaoLi Liang Jean Lu
Chanh Ly Aizhen Shen Yujuan Wu
Yan Xia Sui Dong You Jun Zhao
Chunzhi Zhen Coulian Zhou
- L. Qualified Player Services, LLC:
Worker: Chaiphet Attiya

13. 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. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:
Supervisor: Corrine Donsbach
Workers: Rizaldy Evangelista Shashi Kiran Narasimha Murthy
- B. F2 TPS, LLC:
Workers: Ika Wie Lam Robier Jonathan Quito
Mao Vun Samuel Yang Bovannak Yous
Shu Yu
- C. Faros Unlimited, Inc.:
Supervisor: Jacqueline Sierra
Workers: Denzel Johnson Linh Moc Franklin Xia
- D. Fortune Players Group, Inc.:
Workers: Melinda Chan Jin Xiong Lin Johnny Yuen
Qiang Zhuo
- E. KB Ventures:
Supervisor: Hakop Mushyan
Workers: Robert Mavis Fa Sybounleuang
- F. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
Supervisors: Alberto Parra Tozcano Harold Pham
Jordan Price Va Vue
Workers: Flor Acosta Nexus Assoon Brittane Brown
Arron Celaya Ellie Chan Jessica Cuellar
Katheryn Davis Durrell Dillard Eric Du
Duc Hang Dung Lam Antonio Mateo
Jocelyn Ramirez Viviana Torres Tadeo Dung Tran
Thien Tran Austin Van Eps Arlene Victoria
Alandra Villegas
- G. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:
Worker: Marian Lepana
- H. Players Edge Services:
Supervisor: Michael Lu
- I. Qualified Player Services, LLC:
Supervisor: Jonathan Miranda

15. 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:
Donald Ayers David De La Fuente Josue Solis
Kenneth Stock Jr. Thomas Valent Michael Dunn
Cecilia Eyer Mayra Fernandez Randall Hemken
Debbie Phumirat Brent Ringer Darwin Stone
Franklin Vasquez Jr. Michael Wohlenberg
- B. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:
George Denny Eugene Gutierrez David Howell
Kay McLean Kristin Romeo Adam Sanchez
- C. Blue Lake Casino and Hotel - Blue Lake Rancheria:
Jack Norton III Jason Ramos
- D. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:
Robert Codarre Dean Comoletti Raymond DeLosAngeles
Walter Gimeno Gursarawjit Gosal Javier Hernandez
Phillip Kang Youa Lee Tone Mayoral
Josephine Nakayama Jacqueline Newbre Shelley Saetern
Sabrina Silva Sonyee Sith Jordan Smith
Spencer Swain Bridgette Tern
- E. Chicken Ranch Casino - Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
Anthony Harner
- F. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:
Michael Nelson
- G. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:
Phillip Azevedo Rebecca Gallagher Michael Guerrero II
Edward Jara Christopher Jose Jobhan Melatti
Phillip Mendoza Jr. Belinda Miranda Antonio Navarro
Jose Navarro Fuentes Brandon Perkins Moises Ramones
Michael Wied
- H. Colusa Casino Resort - Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:
Alonzo Becerra
- I. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:
Rose Gonzalez Adrian Ramos
- J. Feather Falls Casino & Lodge - Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians:
Thomas Bruno Eduardo Chavez Lee Vue
- K. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
Joel Avila Teresa Berry
- L. Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village:
Garmain Corrales
- M. Mono Wind Casino - Big Sandy Rancheria Band of Western Mono Indians:
Kelly Phillips

- N. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
Selena Valenzuela
- O. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:
Elizabeth Barrantes Brandon Brown
- P. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
Jesus Candido Marlon Cordoba Deborah Greco
Te Inthilath Nina Peart Jesse Soto
- Q. Red Earth Casino - Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians:
Maribel Castillo Aguilera
- R. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:
Tyler Bila Justin Cady Brian Eschleman
Hanh Hoang Danping Huang Thomas Manz
Denise Moore James Otim Karen Pangilinan
Shawn Rice Yanping Wu
- S. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:
Mario Chitwood Jr. Carmen Navarro Guerrero Nick Perez III
Maia Sturtevant
- T. Soboba Casino Resort - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:
Emilio Marines
- U. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:
Uriel Guerra
- V. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:
Michael Canas Miguel Cardenas
- W. Twin Pine Casino & Hotel - Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians:
Carmen Hurtado
- X. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:
Robert Guerena-Calderon Joselin Madrid Espinoza Charles Matanane
James Schloegel Salvador Zuniga Araiza
- Y. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:
Jeffrey Fish Anthony Semore

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, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Consent Calendar items 9 through 15.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None

CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:

Chair LaBrie disclosed the items below to be heard in Closed Session:

- I. Litigation (Government Code section 11126(e)):
 - I. Harvey F. Souza v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2096-80003287)
- II. Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3):
 - 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, 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)

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. 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 Third-Party Proposition Player Services Supervisor License for Shawn Michael Zion, (CGCC-2021-0708-9C)
- C. 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)
- D. 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)
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- F. In the Matter of the Application for State Gambling License for John Hee-Jong Park dba Bell Jackpot Casino, (Case No. CGCC-2021-0422-4A)

ADJOURNMENT

Chair LaBrie adjourned the Commission Meeting at approximately 11:29 a.m.