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**MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2023  
COMMISSION MEETING**

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

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

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**OPEN SESSION**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Commissioners

Chair Paula LaBrie called the meeting to order on January 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Roll call of Commissioners was taken, with Chair Paula LaBrie and Commissioners Cathleen Galgiani, Eric Heins, William Liu and Edward Yee present.

2. 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 Employee Type License for Xiaojun Chen, (CGCC-2022-0623-7E)

Presiding Officer: Russell Johnson

For Applicant: Xiaojun Chen

Interpreter: Ann Wang

Designated Agent: Norma Dufrene

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

The Commission met in open session using video conference on Zoom to take evidence concerning Xiaojun Chen's suitability for licensure. Complainant's exhibits 1- 3 were admitted into the record. Deputy Attorney General Freund and Mr. Chen both provided opening statements. Xiaojun Chen was sworn in and provided testimony. Deputy Attorney General Freund and Mr. Chen provided closing arguments. The record was closed and submitted for decision.

**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. Harvey F. Souza v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2096-80003287)
  - I. Garden City, Inc. v. California Gambling Control Commission, San Francisco County Superior Court (PF-21-517466)
  - J. 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 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)
  - C. 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)
  - D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Marcos Samuel Cabrera, (CGCC-2022-0526-10B)
  - E. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Renewal Work Permit for Brandt Goodwin, (CGCC-2022-0210-8)

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- F. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Shin Lee, (CGCC-2022-0310-7Cii)
- G. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Key Employee License for Eric Kenneth Cannon, (CGCC-2022-0609-4A)
- H. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Xiaojun Chen, (CGCC-2022-0623-7E)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 3:32 p.m. to deliberate on closed session item II.H. The Commission did not reconvene to open session following closed session deliberations.