

**California Gambling Control Commission**

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**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2023  
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.

Acting Chair Commissioner Heins called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners.

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

Licensing Manager Efren Zuniga gave ZOOM participation instructions.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for:  
September 7, 2023 – Commission Meeting

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Galgiani, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chair Heins, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Yee voting yes and Commissioner Liu abstaining, the Commission approved the Commission Meeting Minutes for September 7, 2023.

4. 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. Global Player Services, Inc.:

Workers: 1) Michael Hagler

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Galgiani, seconded by Commissioner Liu, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chair Heins, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Liu and Commissioner Yee, voting yes, the Commission deemed the Initial Application abandoned.

4. 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. Global Player Services, Inc.:  
Workers: 2) Audrey Stevens

Action:

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

By concurrence of the Commissioners, Items 4B and 4C were heard as a group.

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

- B. KB Ventures:  
Worker: Devin Swearingen  
C. Worker: Ashli Jackson

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Galgiani, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chair Heins, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Liu and Commissioner Yee, voting yes, the commission approved the Initial Third-Party Worker Licenses through November 30, 2025.

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

- Knighted Ventures, LLC:  
Supervisor: Ricardo Gil Mendez

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, seconded by Commissioner Galgiani, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chair Heins, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Liu and Commissioner Yee, voting yes, the commission approved the Renewal Third-Party Supervisor License through November 30, 2025, removing the following condition:

~~*Beginning December 30, 2021, and every 90 days thereafter, until the judgment is satisfied, Ricardo Gil Mendez must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of payments made or other documentation supporting his efforts to satisfy the judgment entered against him in favor of Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC.*~~

6. Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact; CCR, Title 4, section 12120):

- A. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:  
Celicia Gonzalez

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Galgiani, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chair Heins, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Liu and Commissioner Yee, voting yes, the commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through January 30, 2025, with the following condition:

*Beginning January 1, 2024, and every 90 days thereafter, Celicia Gonzalez must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of efforts to satisfy their civil judgement until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.*

6. Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact; CCR, Title 4, section 12120):

- B. Yaamava Resort and Casino at San Manuel – Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation:  
Eva Anderson

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, seconded by Commissioner Galgiani, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chair Heins, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Liu and Commissioner Yee, voting yes, the commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through September 30, 2024.

**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.*

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

- A. Dennis Bernardo  
B. Syerik Jynis

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

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| A. David Bustamante     | F. Sharod Oden      |
| B. James Castalano, Jr. | G. Lisana Sanderson |
| C. Christopher Dennis   | H. Justyna Seiff    |
| D. Larry Goodman        | I. Michael Stan     |
| E. Joseph Manivong      | J. Andrew Strahl    |

K. Steven Taing  
L. Khang Truong  
M. Patrick Wilmes

N. Augustine Woodson  
O. Ryan Woodson

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

A. Napa Valley Casino: Julionna Robinson  
B. Outlaws Card Parlour: Joshua Hufft  
C. Towers Casino: Timothy Smith

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

A. Casino Merced: Brittney Jensen Lee Lo  
B. Club San Rafael: Noelle Barton Caitlin Douglas  
Lucas Shulkin  
C. Empire Sportsmen's Association: Joy Caldo Raymond Rin  
D. Napa Valley Casino: Maiove-Mari Wong Chunxiu Zhang

11. 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. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:

Workers: Berlynne Mae Calara Joe Canche Jesus Castillo  
Calais Flores Jerry Hernandez Edlyn Joy Blanco  
Bryan Juarez Diaz Cody Linder Mason Marco  
Victor Nunez Leos Joe Romero Carmona  
Geronimo Torres Hongyu Yue

B. F2 TPS, LLC:

Supervisor: Keizen Kabigting  
Workers: Gwendolyn Hawthorne Chris Hong  
Damian Macias Darius Simmons Fabian Smith  
Ka Po Yu

C. Faros Unlimited, Inc.:

Workers: Krislyn Browne Angel Garcia Antoine Green  
Ricky Lim Sar-Resa Millage Kimberly Rachal

D. Fortune Players Group, Inc.:

Worker: Qinghua Meng

E. Global Player Services, Inc.:

Worker: Ariel Dollendo

F. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Supervisors: Vuong Pham Feuy Saechao Kritin Soong  
Workers: Carlos Castro Bernal Ethan Denuna Thoai Giang  
Guillermo Gonzalez Escorcia  
Jotzan Gonzalez Ulloa Mark Gorman  
Brandon Green Raul Hernandez Michael Huynh  
Chen Jiang Wei Jiang Yang Jiang

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|                                    | Jake Karner        | Kiara Kereti        | Alexander Kikinis        |
|                                    | Elizabeth Martinez | Christopher Morales |                          |
|                                    | Blake Scott-Barsh  | Jacob Shaw          | Johny Sherwood           |
|                                    | Aliana Sweyeta     | Alajah Trumbo       | Kelly Udensi             |
|                                    | Erika Valadez      | Devon Westley       | Alexis Yang              |
| G. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:              |                    |                     |                          |
| Workers:                           | Tariq Assfour      | Samuel Liwanag      | Cheyenne Tymony          |
| H. Players Edge Services:          |                    |                     |                          |
| Workers:                           | Sara Alward        | Erick Amaro Nava    | Cierra Burrows-Moroschok |
|                                    | Xena Del Valle     | Nisha Gurung        |                          |
| I. Progressive Gaming, LLC:        |                    |                     |                          |
| Workers:                           | Ye zhi Tan         | Lam Tran            | Zhanggu Ye               |
| J. Qualified Player Services, LLC: |                    |                     |                          |
| Workers:                           | Derek Brown        | Neng Her            |                          |

12. Consideration of Renewal 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. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:      |                      |                      |                      |
| Workers:                        | Rodolfo Avila        | Edgardo Coma         | Ryan Freese          |
|                                 | Nannette Mojica      | Evelyn Ortiz Flores  | Angelcelyna Ouk      |
| B. F2 TPS, LLC:                 |                      |                      |                      |
| Supervisor:                     | Sergio Oliver        |                      |                      |
| Workers:                        | Yathana Din          | Ketan Kumar          | Shawn Samreth        |
|                                 | Arnold Ortaleza      | Glen Zirtzman        |                      |
| C. Faros Unlimited, Inc.:       |                      |                      |                      |
| Supervisors:                    | Kenneth Ngau         | Enrique Sanchez      |                      |
| D. Fortune Players Group, Inc.: |                      |                      |                      |
| Supervisor:                     | Siu Ng               |                      |                      |
| Worker:                         | You Xi Fang          |                      |                      |
| E. Knighted Ventures, LLC:      |                      |                      |                      |
| Supervisors:                    | David Chlebowski     | Cue Lo               | Davince Paul Ramirez |
|                                 | Christine Sarmiento  |                      |                      |
| Workers:                        | Manuel Alonso Orozco |                      | Jorge Andaya         |
|                                 | Yesenia Campos       | Jordan Carrillo      | Darian Cosico-Tran   |
|                                 | Kam Hung Fok         | Karina Garcia        | Sarai Garcia         |
|                                 | Jaime Gastelum       | Amaan Goundar        | James Guttridge      |
|                                 | Keene Edwin Lim      | Jeffrey Miles        | Jonathan Ramirez     |
|                                 | Alan Reyes           | Irving Ruiz Santiago | Lourdes Sales        |
|                                 | Cindy Tran           | Dexter Vicente       | Liwei Wang           |
|                                 | Yongsheng Zhang      |                      |                      |
| F. Players Edge Services:       |                      |                      |                      |
| Supervisor:                     | Ryan Huntington      |                      |                      |
| Workers:                        | Jordan Cramer        | Corey Ellis          | Kianna Reed          |
|                                 | Yan Jun Wu           | Chan Yoeuth          |                      |

- G. Progressive Gaming, LLC:  
 Workers: Michelle Lee Yanbing Liao Fonglan Lu  
 Susan Wu Qingkun Yang Chaohui Zhang
- H. Qualified Player Services, LLC:  
 Workers: William Ipsen Christopher Sylver

13. Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact; CCR, Title 4, section 12120):

- A. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:  
 John Chen Heather Green
- B. Black Oak Casino - Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria:  
 Megan Black
- C. Cahuilla Casino - Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians:  
 Cynthia Concha
- D. Colusa Casino Resort - Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:  
 Tiffany Wesley
- E. Coyote Valley Casino - Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians:  
 Valentin Zavala Gambino Jr.
- F. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:  
 Israel Cruz
- G. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:  
 Trista Tyson
- H. Gold Country Casino Resort - Berry Creek Rancheria of Maidu Indians:  
 Yahir Garcia
- I. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:  
 Ramesh Malla Joseph Savino Roshan Shrestha  
 Yeependra Tilija Olivia Ulloa Patrick Visser  
 Bishnu Wagle Haicheng Yu
- J. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:  
 Norberto Dominix Terry Maines
- K. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:  
 Tanner Carberry Mario Nelson
- L. Rain Rock Casino - Karuk Tribe:  
 Steven Counihan
- M. Running Creek Casino - Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake:  
 Jacob DePree
- N. Sky River Casino - Wilton Rancheria:  
 Linda Chen Edwin Espino Allen Hernandez  
 Phetsamay Lakhamsene Andrea Piro Ruthy Yang
- O. Soboba Casino Resort - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:  
 Jonathan Ponce

- P. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:  
John Lorenzo
- Q. Twin Pine Casino & Hotel - Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians:  
Stephen Ditchkus                      Alejandro Valadez II
- R. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission  
Indians of the Viejas Reservation:  
Donald Bassett
- S. Yaamava' Resort and Casino at San Manuel - Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel  
Nation:  
Amber Ritchey

14. 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 Palm Springs - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:  
Bart Spencer
- B. Agua Caliente Casino Rancho Mirage - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:  
Deanna Birch                      Benjamin Davis                      Mayra Fernandez  
Sandra Gallegos                      Rachel Hattenhauer                      Randall Hemken  
Lilia Osuna                      Wilhelmus Paulussen                      Kevin Repasky  
Norma Rodriguez                      Rachel Ruiz                      Angel Sanchez  
Tatiana Unciano                      Michael Wohlenberg
- C. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:  
Sarah Betancourt                      Brittney Billings                      Jeffery Little
- D. Cahuilla Casino - Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians:  
Allen Esparza
- E. Chicken Ranch Casino - Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:  
Dyana Catt                      Karissa Richardson
- F. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the  
Santa Ynez Reservation:  
John Elliott                      David Lake                      Marcella Ortiz
- G. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:  
Dustin Pagua                      Sharon Zamora
- H. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:  
Jay Chesterton                      Louis Crescenzo Jr.                      Angelica Espinoza  
Monica Flores                      Michael Hennig                      Melinda Hodge-Buxton  
Kathleen Levasseur                      Michele Montana                      Stephen Oskiera  
James Rounsavall                      April Ryan                      Paul Ryan  
Randall Smith                      Erik Tapia                      Axel Van Der Velden  
Gene Wu
- I. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:  
Maria Bernabe Cardenas                      Marivic Lorenzo                      Sarah Phal  
Renita Ramos                      Alvin Rico                      Kishor Rimal  
James Whitson
- J. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain - Enterprise Rancheria  
of Maidu Indians of California:  
Britton Barber                      Terry Brock                      Allen Owens Jr.

- K. Harrah's Northern California - Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California:  
     Tracy Busby                                      Jeannine Pagnotta
- L. Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort - Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:  
     Brandon Earp
- M. Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village:  
     Samal Azeez                                      Genoveva Garnica
- N. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:  
     Emill Garcia                                      Moises Martinez Salinas      Brian Potter
- O. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:  
     Deborah Schaller                                  Jennifer Silva
- P. Red Earth Casino - Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians:  
     Rosa Raine
- Q. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:  
     Savandara Ing                                      Christine Linehan                      Fou Saelee
- R. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:  
     Jorge Reyes
- S. Soboba Casino Resort - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:  
     Amber Maxwell                                      Catie Stanley
- T. Spotlight 29 Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:  
     Ramon Ramirez-Alba
- U. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:  
     Allen Broussard                                      Michael Conery                      Van Duong  
     Jonathan Habersham                                  Sam La                                      Dawn Noble  
     Hezha Sulyman                                      Kianoosh Tehrani
- V. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:  
     Adam Avila    Tina De La Torre                      Mark Horton Jr.  
     David Hunt II    Lance Sanchez
- W. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:  
     Putheavy Hunt
- X. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:  
     Dawn Clayton                                      Donald Davis                                  Alan Duong  
     Zachary Heaps                                      Sharanjit Kaur                                  Amy Kieng  
     Ying Lee    Eva Luong                                      Michael Mason  
     Laura Miller    Faiz Nawar                                      Koy Saechao  
     Flordeliza Santos                                      Tu-Kenny Tran
- Y. Twin Pine Casino & Hotel - Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians:  
     Juanita Velarde
- Z. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:  
     Lauri Adams    Evia Badilla                                  Mark Caputto  
     Amy Fines    Camille Mindanao                          Joseph Pacheco  
     George Rubin    Rodelyn Sambo

AA. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation:

Garry Carreau                      Gisela De La Torre Lopez   Emily Leyva

BB. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:

Chloe Berry                      Michael Pair

CC. Yaamava' Resort and Casino at San Manuel - Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation:

Dallas-Marie Ahola	Sabrina Andrade	David Bentley
Jason Deapen	Christopher Fowler	Ladda Gouisikul
Dominick Hart	Carson Miller	Romaldo Simpson
Christopher Tong	Janet Valencia	Lawrence Weaver Jr.
Yasuko Williams	Richard Zuniga	

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Liu, and carried in a vote by roll call with Acting Chair Heins, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Liu and Commissioner Yee, voting yes, the commission approved the Consent Calendar items 7 through 14.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

None

**CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:**

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. Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2020-80003510-CU-MW-GDS)
  - H. Harvey F. Souza v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2019-80003287)

- I. 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)
  - J. Sutter's Place, Inc., dba Bay 101 Casino v. California Gambling Control Commission, San Francisco County Superior Court (CPF-23-51809)
  - K. Club One Casino, Inc.; Kyle Kirkland; Dana Messina; KMGI, Inc. v. Yolanda Morrow and the California Gambling Control Commission; Sacramento County Superior Court (23WM000018)
  - L. California Gaming Association v. California Gambling Control Commission, Bureau of Gambling Control, and Does 1-10, San Francisco County Superior Court (CPF-23-518185)
  - M. Knighted Ventures, LLC, Roy Choi & Jieho Lee v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (23WM000051)
  - N. Fortiss, LLC, et al. v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (23WM000050)
  - O. Dora Christina Brown v. California Gambling Control Commission, Bureau of Gambling Control, and Does 1-10, Sacramento County Superior Court (23WM000039)
  - P. California Gaming Association and David Shindle v. California Gambling Control Commission, Bureau of Gambling Control, and Does 1-10, San Francisco County Superior Court (CPF-23-518317)
- II. Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3):  
In the Matter of the Accusation and Statement of Issues Against Lucky Chances, Inc., Rommel Medina, Ruell Medina, (OAH No.2015110463)
  - III. Personnel Matters (Government Code Section 11126(a)(1)):

## **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Acting Chair Heins adjourned the Commission Meeting at approximately 10:13 a.m.