

California Gambling Control Commission

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**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 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.

Chair Paula LaBrie called the meeting to order at 10:01 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. Graton Mitigation Fund Final Report for Distribution to County of Sonoma and City of Rohnert Park – Quarter Ending December 31, 2022 (Pursuant to Government Code section 12012.56 and Compact section 4.5.1):
Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

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 distribution payments as listed in the report.

4. Consideration of Temporary Closure of Gambling Establishments (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19955; CCR, Title 4, section 12368):
 - A. Casino Marysville
 - B. Casino Royale
 - C. Hustler Casino
 - D. Larry Flynt's Lucky Lady Casino
 - E. Magnolia House
 - F. Pinnacle Casino
 - G. St. Charles Place
 - H. The Deuce Lounge & Casino
 - I. The Mint
 - J. Tommy's Casino & Saloon
 - K. Towers Casino
 - L. Tres Lounge and Casino

Comments Received From:

Jason Pope, Chief Counsel, Gambling Control Commission
Lisa Wardall, Deputy Director, Bureau of Gambling Control
Stacey Luna Baxter, Executive Director, Gambling Control Commission

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, 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 temporary closure of St. Charles Place and The Mint. The Commission took no action on the remaining items as their payments were received.

5. Consideration of Renewal of Cardroom Owner Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19850, 19852, and 19876; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):

A. Hawaiian Gardens Casino: Hawaiian Gardens Casino (a California Corporation)*

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 approved the Renewal Cardroom Owner Type Licenses through November 30, 2024, removing the following condition:

~~*Hawaiian Gardens Casino is required to comply with all the conditions provided in the Stipulated Settlement, Decision, and Order approved by the Commission on December 5, 2019. Hawaiian Gardens Casino shall be in default if (a) they fail to pay the Penalty or the Cost Recovery when due or (b) fail otherwise to materially comply with any term of the approved Stipulated Settlement, Decision, and Order.*~~

B. Lake Bowl Cardroom: Waldemar Dreher, Sole Proprietor

Comments Received From:

Dan Dreher

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Galgiani, seconded by Chair LaBrie, 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 Renewal Cardroom Owner Type License through February 28, 2025, removing the following condition:

- 1. Lake Bowl Cardroom shall continue to engage an accountant/bookkeeper, approved by the Bureau of Gambling Control, to maintain an accurate accounting system and financial records. The*

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

Certified Network M, Inc.:

John Park, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, Director, Sole Shareholder

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Galgiani, 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 Renewal Third-Party Proposition Player Services Owner Type License through February 28, 2025.

7. 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:

Supervisor: Binh Ho

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 referred the application to an evidentiary hearing.

B. Faros Unlimited, Inc.:

Supervisor: Roger Bocatija, Jr.

Comments Received From:

Lisa Wardall, Deputy Director, Bureau of Gambling Control

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, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes, and Commissioner Liu voting no; the Commission approved the Initial Third-Party Supervisor License through February 28, 2025, with the following condition:

Roger Bocatija, Jr. shall not engage in any illegal gambling, including but not limited to, illegal online gambling.

C. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Workers: i) Alex Gutierrez

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 February 28, 2025, with the following condition:

Beginning April 1, 2023, and every 90 days thereafter, Alex Gutierrez must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control a status update regarding proof of ongoing efforts regarding the completion of their court-mandated classes and resolution of fine(s) until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

ii) Dervi Quijada

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Galgiani, 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 Third-Party Worker License through February 28, 2025.

D. Worker: Terry Cooper

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 denied the Initial Third-Party Worker License.

8. Consideration of Request to Withdraw Application for Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, sections 12015 and 12054):

Supervisor: Erika Flynn

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 denied the Request to Withdraw Application for Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License.

By concurrence of the Commissioners, Items 9Ai through 9D were heard as a group.

9. Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact; CCR, Title 4, section 12120):
 - A. Cahuilla Casino - Cahuilla Band of Indians:
 - i) Jesse Sjostrand
 - ii) Linda Young
 - B. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
 - Ryan Winn
 - C. Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village of California:
 - Juvy Rose Rusit
 - D. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:
 - Ignacio Jauregui, Jr.

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 Findings of Suitability for Jesse Sjostrand through November 7, 2023, for Linda Young through January 21, 2024, for Ryan Winn through November 16, 2024, for Juvy Rose Rusit through August 23, 2024, and for Ignacio Jauregui Jr. through November 9, 2023.

10. Consideration of Additional Permanent Tables (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19841(p); CCR, Title 4, section 12472):
 The Aviator Casino: ABA Properties, LLC

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Galgiani, seconded by Chair LaBrie, 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 Additional Permanent Tables, bringing the total from eight to ten.

11. Consideration of Retraction of GCA Evidentiary Hearing Referral and Request to Withdraw Application for Third-Party Proposition Player Services License. (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19824, 19869; Title 4, sections 12015, 12054, and 12056):

Majesty Partners, LLC

- A. Knighted Ventures, LLC, Member
 - Roy Choi, Managing Member
 - Jieho Lee, Managing Member
- B. East Sea Investment Group, Inc., Member
 - Jiahua Yu, Chief Executive Officer, Secretary, Shareholder, Director
 - Wanchun Huang, President, Chief Financial Officer, Shareholder, Director

Comments Received From:

Lisa Wardall, Deputy Director, Bureau of Gambling Control

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, 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 Retraction of GCA Evidentiary Hearing Referral and Request to Withdraw Application for Third-Party Proposition Player Services License 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.

12. Consideration of Renewal of Cardroom Owner Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19850, 19852, and 19876; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):

- A. Marina Club: Marina Club Casino, LLC
Deon Calamia, Managing Member
Frank Calamia, Managing Member
Guy Calamia, Managing Member
- B. Ocean's Eleven Casino: Ocean's Eleven Casino General Partnership*

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

Jeff Saetern

14. 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:
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| Supervisors: | Marita Arellano | Jonathan Silva | |
| Workers: | Lizeth Alonzo Arroyo | Brandon Cannon | Jaime Chavez-Perez |
| | Oscar Espinosa Castro | | Jerico Evangelista |
| | Richard Magana | Silvia Masoud | Adrian Mendez |
| | Marisol Molina | Patricia McKee | Richard Meneses Guerrero |
| | Kimberlie Reyes Rodriguez | | Gabriela Rivera |
| | Monica Silva | | |
- B. Commerce Group, Inc.:
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| Worker: | Felipe Lopez | | |
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- C. F2 TPS, LLC:
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| Workers: | Remy Aguillon | Andy Delgadillo | Austin Ho |
| | Adrianna Marin | Bradley Mendoza | Sergio Sanchez, Jr. |
- D. Faros Unlimited, Inc.:
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| Workers: | Savana Avila | Christopher Smith | |
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- E. KB Ventures:
Worker: Luz Mendoza
- F. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
Workers: Kristie Bentsen Sean Berk Lucas Brown
 Valentine Feist Pedro Flores Lopez Andres Garcia
 Austin Guest Sergio Guzman Gregory Lee
 Norberto Lopez Aldair Martinez Jacob Ramirez
 Daniel Serrano Nelson Sihalath Deion Smith
 Mario Villa Salazar
- G. Players Edge Services:
Worker: Odesta Hismith
- H. Progressive Gaming, LLC:
Worker: LiMin Wu
- I. Worker: Audrey Rubio

15. Consideration of Tribal-State Compact Renewal Finding of Suitability as a Gaming Resource Supplier and a Financial Source (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact; CCR, Title 4, section 12120):

- A. Buena Vista Development Co., LLC: Buena Vista Development Co., LLC*
- B. Interblock USA, L.C.: Interblock USA, L.C.
Interblock d.o.o., Parent Company
John Connelly IV, Chief Executive Officer, Manager of
Interblock USA, L. C.; Director of Interblock d.o.o
- C. Premier Gaming Solutions, Inc.: Premier Gaming Solutions, Inc.
Matthew Young, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial
Officer, Secretary, Director, Shareholder

16. Consideration of Initial 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:
Ethan Adams
- B. Agua Caliente Casino Rancho Mirage - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:
Silvia Jazmine Aguilar Tyler Lawson Dawn Price
Adriana Serna Valdez
- C. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians:
Melissa Perea
- D. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:
Edgar Tamayo
- E. Bear River Casino Resort - Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria:
Damon Johnson
- F. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:
Jayanti Dawadi Neupane

- Y. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:
Jeremiah Cristobal Yolanda Mendez
- Z. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:
George Rubin Luis Zuniga
- AA. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:
Brett Young
- BB. Yaamava' Resort and Casino at San Manuel - Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation:
Emily Pena Alexis Wilson

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

- A. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians:
Elizabeth Wilberts
- B. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:
Cristian Garcia Daniel Hampton Levi Miller Jr.
Brandy Musick
- C. Blue Lake Casino and Hotel - Blue Lake Rancheria:
Sarah Pettit
- D. Cahuilla Casino - Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians:
Estefania Concha Nunez
- E. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:
Adonis Felix Augustin Herrera Linda Hughes
Paul Kaatz Hye Ran Kim Kristina Lajda
Kimberly MacDonald Serhiy Petryshak Mark Ullstrom
Antonio Velasco Acosta Geu Yang
- F. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
Brent Kraus
- G. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain - Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California:
Erica Angle Mark Birtha Hoc Dang
Paul Holt Brian Huett Anson Lee
Micah Osbun Pang Vang Guy Wolcott
- H. Konocti Vista Casino - Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians of the Big Valley Rancheria:
Cassie Taylor
- I. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
William Kieler III Samuel Kim
- J. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:
Ibana Pena

- K. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:

Lisa Baker	Donald Campbell	Gunawan Hartawan
Sophia Lien	Cuong Mach	Lorenzo Montes de Oca Rosas
Thu Nguyen	Thelma Ramos	Rocio Silva
Orestes Sorrera	Carla Stark	Robert Treasure
Holly Trevino	Dan Wei Yang-Campbell	
- L. Red Earth Casino - Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians:
 - Isobel Boccone
- M. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:

Casey Fritz	Marilyn Goldwire	Anthony Swanson
Shai Yang		
- N. Soboba Casino Resort - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:
 - Heather Lonergan
- O. Spotlight 29 Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:
 - Anthony Trujillo
- P. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:
 - Zenaida Bautista
- Q. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:
 - Angela Stewart
- R. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:
 - Travis Peyton
- S. Yaamava' Resort and Casino at San Manuel - Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation:

Ian Jefferson	Almario Aaron Barajas	Linda Corlett
William Craig	Darla Griffin	Lisa Hong
Zena Nguyen	Samnang Quoe	Ralph Rubio Jr.
Richard To	Jimmie Vildosola	Linette Young

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 approved the Consent Calendar items 13 through 17.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None

CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:

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

- II. Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3):
 - E. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Roland Joseph Addison, (CGCC-2022-0512-7)

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)

- 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 Initial Key Employee License for Eric Kenneth Cannon, (CGCC-2022-0609-4A)
 - C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Work Permit for Bunny Heng, (CGCC-2022-0324-9)
 - D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Brandon Cream, (CGCC-2022-0512-9Bi)
 - E. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Roland Joseph Addison, (CGCC-2022-0512-7)
 - F. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Seakngim Song, (CGCC-2021-1007-4B), and In the Matter of the Application for Renewal of Work Permit for Seakngim Song, (CGCC-2022-0823-9)

ADJOURNMENT

Chair LaBrie adjourned the Commission Meeting at approximately 10:54 a.m.