

California Gambling Control Commission

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**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 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 10:00 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. November 30, 2022 – GCA Hearing
- B. December 2, 2022 – GCA Hearing
- C. December 8, 2022 – GCA Hearing
- D. December 15, 2022 – Commission Meeting

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Heins, 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 GCA Hearing Minutes for November 30, 2022, and December 8, 2022; and the Commission Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2022.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Heins, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Heins, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes, and Commissioner Galgiani; and Commissioner Liu abstaining; the Commission approved the GCA Hearing Minutes for December 2, 2022.

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. Halcyon Gaming, LLC:

Worker: Angel Figueroa

Comments Received from:

Angel Figueroa

Lisa Wardall, Deputy Director, Bureau of Gambling Control

Jason Pope, Chief Counsel, Gambling Control Commission

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, with the following condition:

Beginning April 1, 2023, and every 90 days thereafter, Angel Figueroa 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 fines until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

B. KB Ventures:

Worker: Justin Fetzer

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 February 28, 2025, with the following condition:

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

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):

A. Halcyon Gaming, LLC:

Supervisor: Billy Hall

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Heins, 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 Third-Party Supervisor License through February 28, 2025, removing the following condition:

~~*Beginning April 1, 2021, and every 90 days thereafter, Billy Hall must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of ongoing efforts to resolve his outstanding civil judgment until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.*~~

B. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Supervisor: David Novick

Comments Received from:

David Novick

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 Renewal Third-Party Supervisor License through February 28, 2025.

By concurrence of the Commissioners, Items 6A through 6Eiii were heard as a group.

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:

George Atkinson

B. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Arturo Galaviz

C. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:

Michael Wylie

D. Wanaaha Casino - Bishop Paiute Tribe:

Michael Padilla

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

i) Brian Ford

ii) Ashley Lim

iii) Aliya Phommasack

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 George Atkinson through February 28, 2024, for Arturo Galaviz through July 31, 2023, for Michael Wylie through February 25, 2024, for Michael Padilla through June 21, 2023, for Brian Ford through December 31, 2023, for Ashley Lim through November 30, 2024, and for Aliya Phommasack through April 30, 2023.

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

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| A. Sheldon Akiyama | H. James Riccio |
| B. Daniel DeLaney | I. Danny Sanchez |
| C. Josh Levin | J. Valentin Shayn |
| D. Carvey Meas | K. John Stacy |
| E. Cheng Ngo | L. Richard Tilley |
| F. Steve Numoto | M. Elizabeth Tongson |
| G. Joseph Oliveri | N. David Westfall |

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

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| A. Casino Merced: | Amphay Lounbandith | Alex Shepherd, Jr. |
| B. Napa Valley Casino: | Rose Ann Catahan | |
| C. Outlaws Card Parlour: | Zhen Zheng | |
| D. Towers Casino: | Brandon McDaniels | |

9. 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: | Keosamuntha Srey | | |
| B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC: | | | |
| Worker: | Danielle Mcauley | | |
| C. Commerce Group, Inc.: | | | |
| Workers: | Charles Correia | Nicholas Lozano | |
| D. F2 TPS, LLC: | | | |
| Workers: | Jessica Barrios | Michael Rodriguez | Martha Zamora |
| E. Fortune Players Group, Inc.: | | | |
| Worker: | Karen Leung | | |
| F. Global Player Services, Inc.: | | | |
| Worker: | Rey Reyes | | |
| G. Halcyon Gaming, LLC: | | | |
| Worker: | Paul David Oblea | | |

- H. KB Ventures:
Worker: Jonathan Crooks
- I. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
Supervisors: Luo Yang Chen Shyamal Deo
Workers: Carmen Altavilla Carlos Calderon Andrew Carrasco
Benjamin Castro Michael Chimanga Misikir Conner
Pelenaise Fetalaiga David Lagoc Nyle Cade Mickhail
Zachari Nolen Charles O'Neal Jerardo Palacios
Aracely Ramirez Josue Reyes Romero David Roberts
Pablo Silva-Maldonado Dante Simmons
Brett Talbot Randy Villanueva, Jr. Ashley Wilber
Jacob Wilkes Minmyat Zaw
- J. L.E Gaming, Inc.:
Worker: Samantha Dean
- K. Players Edge Services:
Workers: Abdul Ashorobi Utulei Hola Brian Le
- L. Progressive Gaming, LLC:
Workers: Meiqun Huang Sophia Kwok Haodong Lu
Fei Meng Yang Mei Tan

10. 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. 2 Kings Gaming, Inc.:
Supervisor: Mark English
- B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:
Supervisors: Zenas Balbuena Sattha Pho
- C. Commerce Group, Inc.:
Workers: Matthew Coffey Becky Lo Janeth Yanez
- D. F2 TPS, LLC:
Workers: Angelo Bangalan Ying Hu Samath Mout
Jules Alain Torres Ba Tran
- E. Fortune Players Group, Inc.:
Workers: Changying Gao Imelda Lebantino Zhihao Mai
- F. KB Ventures:
Supervisor: Khonekhome Hemsouvanh
- G. KBCH Consultants, Inc.:
Worker: Judy Singharath
- H. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
Workers: Kevin Bune Kortnee Loftis Illuminada Magpoc
Phuoc Pham Gabriel Rosenberg Alex Rosenthal
Melissa Valencia Matthew Villanueva Ivan Zepeda Flores
- I. L.E Gaming, Inc.:
Workers: Thay Boy Elsa Manulid

J. Players Edge Services:
Supervisors: Anthony Knapp Elias Moreno
Worker: David Ryan Montesino

11. 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:
Karla Hernandez
- B. Agua Caliente Casino Palm Springs - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:
Jeffrey Romero Christopher Schnellman
- C. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:
Logan Coburn
- D. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:
Nirnaya Gupta Suresh Pokhrel
- E. Cahuilla Casino - Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians:
Kimkao Soeun
- F. Casino Pauma - Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma & Yuima Reservation:
Jessica Almazan Alvimar Bonaguro III
- G. Chicken Ranch Casino - Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
Robert Parsons
- H. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:
Alexander Canales Ilene Freeman Vanhnaly
Phommahasay
- I. Desert Rose Casino - Alturas Indian Rancheria:
Sharnette Villa
- J. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:
Jack Bunnell Oriana Cordova Sonia Ortega
- K. Golden Acorn Casino & Travel Center - Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Campo Indian Reservation:
Benny Zaragoza
- L. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain - Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California:
Tyler Silva
- M. Harrah's Northern California - Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California:
Aldo Escorcia
- N. Harrah's Resort Southern California - Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation:
Bridget Gomez-Sebastian Gorgees Gorgees
- O. Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort - Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
Seng Lo Robert Wood
- P. Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village:
Jason Aso Thuy Bien Adriel Contreras

- C. Agua Caliente Casino Rancho Mirage - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:
 Saul Arriaga Jr. Michael Facenda Ralph Ford
 Rogelio Guzman Jr. Maureen McCleary-Bernardis Kenneth Reed
 Earl Thomas Cesar Vizcarra Benjamin Welter
- D. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:
 Delia Camarero Manuel Corona Todd Crum
 Kevin Dimdiman Philip Enrico Dionisio Colleen Gaffney
 Kyle Holzheimer Ronald Hootman Bsam Jangeel
 Lual Lual Michael Marin Onofrio Papasodero
 Anthony Sitz Jr. Rosa Walker Kevin Ward
 Diana Watt
- E. Bear River Casino Resort - Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria:
 Bradley Thrasher
- F. Black Oak Casino - Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria:
 Scott Puls II
- G. Blue Lake Casino and Hotel - Blue Lake Rancheria:
 Cherrelle Ewing Anthony Mickley
- H. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:
 Stephen Bailey Sanchita Chapagain Shawn Danel
 Mian Eziz Kristin Henderson Anita KC
 Peter Kamlamai Frank Liu Lengkear Mar
 Babina Neupane Soucho Saepanh Ian Welter
- I. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:
 Peter Beckett Viengsavanh Chaleunrath Veronica Heil
 Omar Martinez-Vargas Roberto Medina Robert Ramos
- J. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:
 Francisco Andrade III Dante Dacanay Brian Jacobs
 Milton Royster
- K. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:
 Vivian Bernal Joanie Chang Dennis Hunter
 Adan Sanchez Jr.
- L. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
 Rosalie Abrego Jeremy Lurie Thanh Thy Pham
 Abel Rocha Becerra Jason Tilden Hui Zeng
- M. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain - Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California:
 Vicky Saechao Abby Thao
- N. Harrah's Resort Southern California - Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation:
 Tuan Bui Michael Smith Cristobal Soto
 Jorge Villalobos

- O. Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort - Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
Michael Burns Lidia Judson Dara Pol
- P. Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village:
Benjamin Petell David Vieyra
- Q. Mono Wind Casino - Big Sandy Rancheria Band of Western Mono Indians:
Shelly Miller
- R. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
Bryan Connole Terrance Duarte Mikiyah Lopez
Joanna Punu
- S. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala
Reservation:
Fred Buro Mara Dagan Tony DiMeo
Barbara Hutton
- T. Red Earth Casino - Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians:
Melissa Garcia
- U. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs
Rancheria:
Kiernan Swain Kha Tran Leigh Velie-French
- V. Soboba Casino Resort - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:
Christopher Cendejas Renee Segura
- W. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:
Anthony Catanesi Chanmara Kim Samnang Long
Robert Martinez Jr April Milor Melissa Pacheco
Nida Souphasith Vuochkhim Tuy
- X. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:
Christopher Aguinaga Ae Bounmy Nancy Cervantes
Robert Peters Chu Vang
- Y. Twin Pine Casino & Hotel - Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians:
Aaron Morgan
- Z. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:
Albert Cope Jr. Leonor Flores Leilani Marquiss
Joseph Navarro
- AA. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission
Indians of the Viejas Reservation:
Raul Bernal Jr. Joshua Keyser Ariel Patterson

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 7 through 12.

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)):
 - 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)

- II. Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(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)
 - G. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Xiaojun Chen, (CGCC-2022-0623-7E)
 - I. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Brandon Cream, (CGCC-2022-0512-9Bi)

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 (34-2019-80003287)
 - 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 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)
 - F. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Key Employee License for Eric Kenneth Cannon, (CGCC-2022-0609-4A)
 - G. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Xiaojun Chen, (CGCC-2022-0623-7E)
 - H. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Work Permit for Bunny Heng, (CGCC-2022-0324-9)
 - I. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Brandon Cream, (CGCC-2022-0512-9Bi)

ADJOURNMENT

Chair LaBrie adjourned the Commission Meeting at approximately 10:26 a.m.