

**California Gambling Control Commission**

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**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 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. Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Final Report for Distribution to Eligible Recipient Indian Tribes for Quarter Ending March 31, 2023 - Quarterly License Revenue Received and Shortfall (Pursuant to Government Code section 12012.75)

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 reports.

4. Consideration of Renewal Cardroom Owner Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19850, 19851, and 19852; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):

A. 500 Club Casino:

K & M Casinos, Inc.

Richard Barclay, Chief Executive Officer, Director,  
Shareholder

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; approved the Renewal Cardroom Owner Type Licenses through January 31, 2025.

B. Hollywood Park Casino: Hollywood Park Casino Company, LLC\*

Comments Received From:

Jason Pope, Chief Counsel, Gambling Control Commission  
Dolores Olivarez, Deputy Director, Gambling Control Commission  
Jarhett Blonien, Designated Agent and Attorney

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; approved the Renewal Cardroom Owner Type Licenses through April 30, 2025.

C. Hotel Del Rio & Casino: Joseph Melech, Sole Proprietor

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; approved the Renewal Cardroom Owner Type License through April 30, 2025, with the following conditions:

1. *Mr. Melech shall keep his business and personal records separate and not commingle funds between his personal and business accounts.*
2. *Mr. Melech shall also restate the personal and business records for any previous transactions resulting from the commingling of funds and/or transactions. Within six months from the date of approval by the Commission or provide the Bureau with an update for the restated personal and business records.*
3. *Prior to the opening for business, the Cardroom Business Licensee, shall provide to the Bureau of Gambling Control:*
  - A. *A current and fully completed Business Entity Supplemental Information, CGCC-CH2-06 (New 5/20), or its most current successor form, which includes the new address of the gambling establishment;*
  - B. *The Owner-Licensee must comply with applicable relocation requirements pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 4, Division 18, Chapter 7, Article 1, Section 12364;*
  - C. *A current and valid business license issued by the City of Isleton for the gambling establishment;*
  - D. *A current reviewed and approved Safety and Security Plan, as required by*

- California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 12370 and 12372;*
- E. A current Emergency and Evacuation Plan, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 12370, that has been approved by the responsible local authority;*
  - F. A current lease for the gambling establishment's premises, if applicable; and*
  - G. A current and complete Chart of Accounts, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 12312.*
4. *The Cardroom Business Licensee may not open or offer controlled games until the Bureau of Gambling Control has inspected the cardroom and determined the cardroom is in compliance with all pertinent regulatory standards.*

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

Mai Truong

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 Key Employee License through April 30, 2025.

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):

Faros Unlimited, Inc.:

Worker: Justin Levine

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 April 30, 2025.

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

Aruze Gaming America, Inc.:

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Kazuo Okada, 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 a 120-day extension through August 31, 2023.

8. 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:  
Moises Parra

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 Initial Finding of Suitability through September 1, 2023.

B. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians of California:  
Brandi Pisano

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 June 30, 2023.

By concurrence of the Commissioners, Items 9A and 9B were heard as a group.

9. Consideration of Additional Permanent Tables (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19841(p); CCR, Title 4, section 12472):

A. Bay 101: Sutter's Place, Inc.

B. Casino M8trix: Garden City, Inc.

Comments Received From:

Stacey Luna Baxter, Executive Director, Gambling Control Commission  
Maureen Harrington, Attorney, Garden City, Inc. dba Casino M8trix  
Ronald Werner, Owner and Vice President, Sutter's Place, Inc. dba Bay 101  
Zane Barnes, Chief Intergovernmental Relations Officer, City of San Jose  
Rudy Bermudez, Executive Director, California City's Gaming Authority  
Andrea Hall, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation  
Yolanda Morrow, Director, Bureau of Gambling Control  
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 Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes, and Commissioner Galgiani voting no; the Commission denied the Application for Additional Permanent Tables.

10. Consideration of Stipulated Settlement; Decision and Order: In the Matter of the Accusation Against Dusten Sean Perry, (BGC No. BGC-HQ2017-00003A)

Comments Received From:

Jeremy Stevens, Department of Justice, Bureau of Gambling Control

Action:

The Commission approved the Stipulated Settlement; Decision and Order in Closed Session.

**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.*

11. Consideration of Renewal Cardroom Owner Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19850, 19851, and 19852; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):

Casino Chico: Richard Scott, Sole Proprietor

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

Jeffrey Hartman

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

A. George Rahme

B. Alan Wong

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

A. Club San Rafael: Sasha Guerin

B. Napa Valley Casino: Sunita Lama Marie Ann Manasala

15. 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:	Katarina Allen	Brian Banuelos	Josue Barrales
	Alden Bernabe	Kimberly Contreras	Marcos Correa
	Melissa Garcia	Leslie Leon	Seth Long
	Lorena Merloss	Khala Mills	Minh Truong Nguyen
	Kenora Posey	Jay Reddicks	Vanessa Rosales

	Jimmy Ruiz	Kenya Ruiz	Bilal Sahak
	Byron Sanabria	Seizo Sasaki	Agapi Tarasidou
	Yessenia Venegas-Johnson		

B. F2 TPS, LLC:

Workers:	Kirt Fork	Andrew Trinh
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C. Faros Unlimited, Inc.:

Workers:	Tyrone Foster, Jr.	Charra Johnson	Ying Liu
	Fernando Lopez	Joey Mayorga	Ashley Samuels
	Zahar Sharah		

D. Halcyon Gaming, LLC:

Worker:	Daniel Monzon
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E. KB Ventures:

Workers:	Jonathan Andrade	Dray Miller
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F. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Workers:	Cathi Andrade	Bryan Ayala	Kayla Chao
	Eslei Crespi Alves dos Santos		Emily Dunn
	Dominique Ferdinand	Sanjeeta GC	Jose Gonzales
	Nathan Guillen	Luis Jacobo-Gallegos	Emrique Maldonado
	Alvaro Parinango	Canchis	Ethan Perry
	Raj Prajapati	Kymani Tautuaa	Simon Vang

G. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:

Workers:	Mostafa Nematbakhsh	Virginia Timbang
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H. Players Edge Services:

Workers:	Angelique Cody	Michael Paulsen
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I. Progressive Gaming, LLC:

Workers:	Marc Avecilla	Qiwen Chen	Shuxing Chen
	Shaolan Liang	Di Zhao	

J. Qualified Player Services, LLC:

Supervisor:	Samuel Salazar Quijas
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K. Workers: Anthony Bowers Katherine Cardona

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

A. Acres Bonusing, Inc.: Acres Bonusing, Inc.  
James Acres, President, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Director, Secretary, Shareholder

B. IGT: International Game Technology, Parent Company  
Luke Orchard, Secretary, Senior Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer, Risk Management Officer  
Vincent Sadusky, Chief Executive Officer, Executive Director of the Board of International Game Technology PLC

C. NRT Technology Corp.: Dominet Corporation, Parent Company  
NRT Technology Corp.  
John Dominelli, Chief Executive Officer, Secretary,  
Treasurer, Director, Shareholder

D. PDS Gaming, LLC: PDS Holding, LLC, Parent Company  
PDS Gaming, LLC  
Peter Cleary, Chief Operating Officer,  
President, Member of the Board of  
Managers for PDS Holding, LLC

17. 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 Palm Springs - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:  
Joselynn Guzman

B. Agua Caliente Casino Rancho Mirage - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:  
Alejandra Christensen Heather Lebeda Kyle Martin  
Sara Telles Scheffler

C. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians:  
Hilda Rangel Zavala

D. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission  
Indians:  
Kassandra Freiwilleg

E. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:  
Shannon Barrett Rene Rose Fong Phia Phan  
Thomas Stone

F. Chicken Ranch Casino - Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:  
Hana Nevarez

G. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi  
Indians:  
Victor Prado

H. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:  
Sean Phouthavanh

I. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:  
Cody Barnhoorn Dina Birca Natalie Turffs

J. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:  
Brandon Gunn

K. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain - Enterprise Rancheria  
of Maidu Indians of California:  
Andrew Baiza Giang Mai

L. Havasu Landing Resort & Casino - Chemehuevi Indian Tribe of the Chemehuevi  
Reservation:  
Paul Labovitch

M. Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort - Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:  
Shane Decker Jennifer Urjevich





- D. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:
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| Andrew Allen     | Kevin Blades  | Kevin Cervantes |
| Jeffty Connelly  | Damian Garcia | Tracie Lavenant |
| Garrett Williams | Fady Yousif   |                 |
- E. Blue Lake Casino and Hotel - Blue Lake Rancheria:
- Philip Aycock
- F. Chicken Ranch Casino - Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
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| Anthony Chubon | Richard Harris |  |
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- G. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:
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| Michael Barber      | Xou Hang       | Billy Her |
| Nicholas Matthewson | Samantha Munoz | Der Thao  |
| Ben Valverde        |                |           |
- H. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:
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| Amy Paquet | Joshua Reagan |  |
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- I. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:
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| Lisandro Sandoval | Deborah Villa |  |
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- J. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
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| Anil Chapagain | Raymond Cortes III | Sean McCabe |
| Youfeng Wang   |                    |             |
- K. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain - Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California:
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| Drew DeViller | Christopher Morton | Sean Phillips |
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- L. Lucky 7 Casino - Smith River Rancheria:
- Jeffrey Dunlap
- M. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
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| Michael Bigham | Cordis Gilliam | Christopher Naud |
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- N. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:
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| Juan Guardado      | Celeste Jaimez | Thanh-Ha Le    |
| Theresa Marantette | Brett Marek    | Kevin Thompsen |
- O. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
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| Baby Ivy Babatid  | Queena Chan          | Daniel Dascomb |
| William Fessl     | Lena Le              | Hai Nguyen     |
| Ronald Olsen Jr.  | Ernesto Prodigalidad | Brett Thompson |
| Jose Villarta Jr. |                      |                |
- P. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:
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| April Carlton | Devin Hector | Michael Wang |
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- Q. Soboba Casino Resort - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:
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| Bryan Campbell | Kristin Mallonee | Juan Perez |
| Robert Webb II |                  |            |

- R. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:
 

Denise Andrade	Evan Morgan	Hossein Pourshafie
Kevin Saechao	Yang Xiong	
- S. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:
 

Remi Escandon	Omar Ochoa	Shannon Smith
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- T. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:
 

Pamela Wallin	Judith Wright	
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- U. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:
 

Marshana Barnes	Kevin Cawker	Rebecca Savard
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**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 Consent Calendar items 11 through 18.

**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 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)
  - K. In the Matter of the Accusation Against Dusten Sean Perry, (BGC No. BGC-HQ2017-00003A)

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  - 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 Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Brandon Cream, (CGCC-2022-0512-9Bi)
- C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Roland Joseph Addison, (CGCC-2022-0512-7)
- D. 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)
- E. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Mary Lock, (CGCC-2022-0811-10A)
- F. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Freddie George Cabada, (CGCC-2022-0823-11B)
- G. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Noe Pauiguaga Rivas, (CGCC-2022-0823-10Aii)
- H. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Dominick Arturo Sanchez, (CGCC-2022-0721-7Aii)
- I. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Jesse Dunning, (CGCC-2022-0310-5Aii)
- J. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Isaac Dallas, (CGCC-2022-0721-Diii)
- K. In the Matter of the Accusation Against Dusten Sean Perry, (BGC No. BGC-HQ2017-00003A)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair LaBrie adjourned the Commission Meeting at approximately 11:44 a.m.