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**MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2023  
COMMISSION HEARING**

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

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

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**OPEN SESSION**

1. Call to Order

Chair Paula LaBrie called the hearing to order on June 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners

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

3. 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 Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Koua Xiong, (CGCC-2022-0811-12C)

Presiding Officer: Russell Johnson

For Applicant: Koua Xiong

For Bureau of Gambling Control: Neil Houston, Deputy Attorney General

Witnesses: Melissa Avent  
Koua Xiong

The Commission met in open session using video conference on Zoom to take evidence concerning Koua Xiong's suitability for licensure. Complainant's exhibits 1- 11 and Applicant's exhibit A was admitted into the record. Deputy Attorney General Neil Houston provided opening statements and Koua Xiong waived opening statements. Melissa Avent and Koua Xiong were sworn in and provided testimony. Both Deputy Attorney General Houston and Ms. Xiong 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. Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2020-80003510-CU-MW-GDS)
  - 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 Application for Approval of Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Freddie George Cabada, (CGCC-2022-0823-11B)
  - C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Noe Pauiagua Rivas, (CGCC-2022-0823-10Aii)
  - D. 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)
  - E. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Jesse Dunning, (CGCC-2022-0310-5Aii)
  - F. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Isaac Dallas, (CGCC-2022-0721-Diii)

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- G. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Supervisor License for Matthew Patrick Stearns, (CGCC-2022-0721-7C)
- H. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Arron Mitchell Norton, (CGCC-2022-0811-12H)
- I. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Koua Xiong, (CGCC-2022-0811-12C)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 2:58 p.m. to deliberate on closed session item II.I. The Commission did not reconvene to open session following closed session deliberations.