

GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2023
GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE 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. Welcome and Call to Order

Executive Director Stacey Luna Baxter called the September 22, 2023 meeting of the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC) to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call of GPAC Members

Roll call of the Committee Members was taken. Kirk Blackinton, John Choo, David Fried, Linda Graves, Anita Johnson, Michael Koniski, Emmanuel Macalino and Lisa Wardall were present. Luis Jaramillo and Jieho Lee were absent.

3. Review and Approval of June 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

David Fried moved to approve the June 27, 2023 meeting minutes. John Choo seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a roll call vote of the members present.

4. Resumption of In-Person Meeting Location Requirements

Stacey informed GPAC that due to the passage and immediate effect of SB 143, Government Code Section 11133, which temporarily authorized state bodies to hold public meetings electronically and waived the requirements to provide an in-person location for a public meeting has been extended through to December 31, 2023. As a result, GPAC will go back to Zoom meetings through the remainder of 2023. Stacey also informed GPAC that SB 544 has made it to the Governor for signature and if signed will take effect in January 2024 and may impact how the GPAC will conduct meetings going forward. GPAC will be notified if the bill is signed and any impacts it may have on conducting meetings.

5. GPAC Term 2023 Expirations, Vote of Reappointment, and Recruitment

Stacey announced the GPAC categories whose member seats will be expiring in December 2023.

A. Category A – Bureau Representative – No Recruitment Necessary

Stacey announced that the Bureau representative for Category A will be changing to Assistant Director Jamin Teague, who is over the compliance and enforcement section of the Bureau. Stacey also reminded GPAC that the Bureau representative does not require recruitment and interview efforts.

B. Category B – Representative for Problem Gambling/Gambling Addiction – Linda Graves – Not Seeking Reappointment

Stacey announced that Linda Graves is retiring and will not be seeking reappointment in the Category B position.

C. Category D – (1) Cardroom w/25 or More Tables – David Fried – Eligible for and Seeking Reappointment

Stacey announced that David Fried is eligible for reappointment and is seeking reappointment in the Category D position. GPAC members voted unanimously in support of David Fried's reappointment to the Category D position. Stacey indicated that GPAC's recommendation to reappoint David Fried will be presented to the Commission for their consideration and approval.

D. Category E – (1) Cardroom w/less than 25 Tables – Kirk Blackinton – Eligible for Reappointment

Stacey announced that Kirk Blackinton is not seeking reappointment in the Category E position.

E. Category F – Law Enforcement Representative – Luis Jaramillo – Eligible for Reappointment

Stacey announced that Luis Jaramillo is not seeking reappointment in the Category F position.

Stacey thanked the exiting GPAC members for their contributions and service to GPAC. She stated that the recruitment process will begin to fill Categories B, E, and F. Michael Koniski and Linda Graves volunteered to assist with the interview process and Antia Johnson volunteered to serve as an alternate for interviews.

6. Update and Discussion of Current Projects:

F. Update on GPAC Outreach Project (Sub-Committee Member: Emmanuel Macalino and Linda Graves)

Sub-Committee member Linda Graves indicated she and Sub-Committee member Emmanuel Macalino had no updates to report on the project.

David Fried reported that he spoke with three cardrooms and one third-party provider. Kirk Blackington reported that the issues that were brought up when he spoke to members of the industry involved blackjack and spousal licensing requirements. Michael Koniski reported that he also spoke with two cardrooms and a third-party provider and the issues that came up were similar to what Kirk had mentioned.

7. New Projects Discussion:

A. Assistance to English as a Second Language Applicants/Licensees i. Selection of Sub-Committee Members

Stacey explained that Item 7 is a proposed project to explore ways to provide assistance during the application process for applicants wherein English is a foreign language. She indicated that she is looking for volunteers from GPAC to take on this project. Stacey and Lisa Wardall reported on their staff's experiences at both the Commission and Bureau and the obstacles that they have noticed when working with these applicants. GPAC discussed the issue and decided not to take it on as a project. Instead, it was decided that a brochure could be distributed to industry employers to be provided during the application process to applicants that would include resources for help with interpreting the application. This brochure would include the information in several different languages. Stacey also mentioned that the Commission has tutorial videos on its website to assist in the application process that can be translated in multiple languages.

8. Discussion of New Agenda Items for Next Meeting

David Fried recommended that GPAC update their previous recommendation to the Commission concerning duplicate licenses. He indicated that he is recommending this project as a result of recent legislative changes because of AB 1271, which has been enrolled to the Governor. Lisa Wardall volunteered to help David on the project.

9. Next Meeting

Stacey indicated that she was not going to schedule the next meeting date yet but will have Niecesha contact GPAC members via email to schedule the next meeting for some time in November or December.

10. Public Comment

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.