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California Gambling Control Commission 2399 Gateway Oaks Drive Hearing Room 100 (first floor) Sacramento, CA 95833	Zoom Link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/2857578614">https://zoom.us/j/2857578614</a> .  Or Call-In: 1-888-475-4499 US Toll-free Meeting ID number: 285 757 8614

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**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, 2024  
COMMISSION MEETING**

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**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 Eric Heins, Commissioner William Liu, and Commissioner Edward Yee present.

Staff Services Analyst Zachary Smith gave ZOOM participation instructions.

3. Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC) Presentation: Duplicate License Regulatory Change Proposal from GPAC – No Vote Item (Presentation Only)\*\*

Comments Received From:

David Fried, GPAC Member

Frances Asuncion, Staff Services Manager II, Bureau of Gambling Control

4. Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Final Report for Distribution to Eligible Recipient Indian Tribes for Quarter Ending December 31, 2023 - Quarterly License Revenue Received and Shortfall (Pursuant to Government Code section 12012.75)

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; the Commission approved the distribution payments as listed in the reports.

By concurrence of the Commissioners, Items 5A through 5C were heard as a group.

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5. Consideration of A) Retraction of GCA Evidentiary Hearing Referral; B) Renewal Cardroom Owner Type License; and C) Issuance of New Interim Renewal License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19850, 19851, 19852, and 19876; CCR, Title 4, sections 12035, 12054, and 12056):

A. Golden West Casino: Kern County Associates, L.P.\*

B. Golden West Casino: Kern County Associates, L.P.\*

C. Golden West Casino: Kern County Associates, L.P.\*

Comments Received From:

Frances Asuncion, Staff Services Manager II, Bureau of Gambling Control  
Jarhett Blonien, Attorney and Designated Agent

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Heins, seconded by Chair LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission Denied the Request to Rescind the referral of the Renewal Applications from the Evidentiary Hearing process and in turn took no action on the Renewal Applications, and in its place approved the Issuance of a New Interim Renewal License through January 31, 2026, removing the condition as listed below:

~~Gary Icardo must submit an Initial Application to the Bureau of Gambling Control as it relates to his Director position held within JIJ2D, Inc..~~

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

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

Comments Received From:

Augustine Woodsen, General Counsel  
Frances Asuncion, Staff Services Manager II, 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 Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission referred the Renewal Applications to an evidentiary hearing and issued an Interim Renewal License through July 31, 2025.

B. Palace Poker Casino, LLC: Palace Poker Casino, LLC  
Catherine Aganon, Managing Member  
Pamela Roberts, Member

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### Comments Received From:

Chris Ray, Designated Agent

### 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; the Commission approved the Renewal Cardroom Owner Type License through January 31, 2026.

C. Parkwest Casino Marina: Parkwest Casino Marina, LLC\*

### Comments Received From:

Frances Asuncion, Staff Services Manager II, Bureau of Gambling Control  
Stacey Luna Baxter, Executive Director, Gambling Control Commission

### Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Heins, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved a 180-day extension through July 31, 2024, continuing with the following existing conditions:

*The Owner-Licensee may not open or offer controlled games until the Bureau of Gambling Control has inspected the card room and determined that the cardroom is in compliance with all pertinent regulatory standards. Prior to the opening for business, the owner-licensee, shall provide to the Bureau of Gambling Control:*

- A. A current and fully complete Business Entity: Supplemental Information, CGCC CH-06 (New 05/20), 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 Marina 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.*

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

Brandon Wong

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Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Liu, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission referred the Renewal Application to an evidentiary hearing and issued an Interim Renewal License through January 31, 2026, removing the following condition:

~~*Beginning March 1, 2022, and every 180 days thereafter, Brandon Wong must provide the Bureau with proof of efforts to satisfy their collection accounts until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.*~~

8. Consideration of Initial and Temporary Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12128):

A. Faros Unlimited, Inc.:

Worker: Devin Willis

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, seconded by Commissioner Heins, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Third-Party Worker License through January 31, 2026.

B. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Worker: Johan Navarrete Rodriguez

Comments Received From:

Johan Navarrete Rodriguez

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; the Commission approved the Initial Third-Party Worker License through January 31, 2026, with the following condition:

*Beginning March 1, 2024, and every 90 days thereafter, Johan Navarrete Rodriguez must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of efforts to resolve their Failure to Appear fine until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.*

C. Qualified Player Services, LLC:

Worker: Michael Espudo, Jr.

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Upon motion of Commissioner Heins, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission referred the Initial Application to an evidentiary hearing.

D. Supervisor: i) Shawn Zion

### Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, seconded by Chair LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Third-Party Supervisor License through January 31, 2026.

Worker: ii) Maribel Hernandez

### Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, seconded by Commissioner Heins, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission referred the Initial Application to an evidentiary hearing.

### 9. 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. F2 TPS, LLC:

Worker: Nicholas Melendez

### Action:

Upon motion of Chair LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Third-Party Worker License through January 31, 2026.

#### B. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Worker: Luis Batres, Jr.

### 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; the Commission approved the Renewal Third-Party Worker License through January 31, 2026, removing the following condition:

~~*Beginning March 1, 2022, and every 90 days thereafter, Luis Batres Jr. must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control a status update regarding proof of ongoing efforts regarding the resolution of fine(s) until resolved and proof of*~~

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~~resolution is provided to the Bureau.~~

10. 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 of California:  
Ralph Cabada, Jr.

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; the Commission referred the Initial Application to an evidentiary hearing.

- B. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain - Enterprise Rancheria Gaming Commission:  
Scott Forbes

No action taken.

- C. Harrah's Northern California - Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California:  
James Grim

Action:

Upon motion of Chair LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Liu, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through April 12, 2025.

- D. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria of California:  
Robert Moreno

Action:

Upon motion of Chair LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Heins, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through June 1, 2024.

**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.*

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11. Consideration of Initial and Temporary Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12128):  
Kinny Le

12. Consideration of Initial and Temporary Commission Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12128):

- A. Casino Merced: Choua Thao
- B. Empire Sportsmen's Association: Tyanne Frazier

13. Consideration of Initial and Temporary Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12128):

- A. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:
  - Supervisors: Christelle Lord Dikongue Geia Null
  - Workers: Hugo Castro Posadas Brian Felix Osuna
  - Steve Matta
  - Dennis Nguyen
- B. F2 TPS, LLC:
  - Worker: Sokkheng Chea
- C. Fortune Players Group, Inc.:
  - Supervisor: Guo Zhang Lai
- D. Global Player Services, Inc.:
  - Workers: Marcus Lopez Oshea Robinson
- E. KB Ventures:
  - Supervisor: William Roof
  - Worker: Calvin Smith
- F. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
  - Workers: Milton Angulo-Hernandez Christian Albert Banuelos
  - Rui Cheng Ping Dong Matthew Houillion
  - Sherry Li Chuzhi Lin Joseph Manglona
  - Jude Neal Ophelia Ratcliff Valeery Sanchez
  - Eliazar Sandoval Isaac Simon Marquel Williams
- G. Players Edge Services:
  - Worker: Jenny Moua
- H. Progressive Gaming, LLC:
  - Workers: Frank Fu
- I. Qualified Player Services, LLC:
  - Worker: Liliana Moreno Pina
- J. Worker: James Amiya

14. 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. KBCH Consultants, Inc.:
  - Worker: Thelma Vinlove

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B. Knighted Ventures, LLC:  
Workers: Jianheng Huang Fred Sohn

15. 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):

- A. Galaxy Gaming, Inc.: Galaxy Gaming, Inc.  
Harry Hagerty, III, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer,  
Secretary, Shareholder  
Mark Lipparelli, Director, Shareholder  
Bryan Waters, Director, Shareholder
- B. Genesis Gaming Solutions, Inc.: Genesis Gaming Solutions, Inc.  
Randall Knust, President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director,  
Shareholder  
Richard Garza, Director, Shareholder  
Alton Schoppe, Director, Shareholder
- C. Masque Publishing, Inc.: Masque Publishing, Inc.  
James Wisler, President, Treasurer, Director, Shareholder  
Donna Jo Adam, Vice President, Director, Shareholder  
David Zinger, 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:  
Steven Brown Alejandro Ramirez
- B. Agua Caliente Casino Rancho Mirage - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:  
Erika Sandoval
- C. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:  
Alex Rivera
- D. Cahuilla Casino - Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians:  
Jeannie Gilstrap
- E. Casino Pauma - Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma & Yuima Reservation:  
Robert Weiser
- F. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:  
Michelle Austin Roxanne Ayala Ta Moua  
Joseph Najera-Posadas Lindsey Webb
- G. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:  
Mylisa Jackson





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- E. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:
  - Alize Arevalos Timothy Beam Robert Gorsuch Jr.
  - Muhuahwit Huaute
- F. Colusa Casino Resort - Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:
  - Bee Thao
- G. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:
  - Ronald Washington Jr.
- H. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
  - Nabin Ghimire Diego Maca Christopher Romero
- I. Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort - Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
  - Buntheap Chik Markus Yep
- J. Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village:
  - Vanity Armstrong Bertha Carbajal
- K. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
  - Jonathan Melhorn
- L. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:
  - Sailendra Kunwar
- M. Rolling Hills Casino - Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians:
  - Misty Ellan
- N. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:
  - Christian Noeh Agapay Juan Pasaye Toni Peters
  - Jose Rivera
- O. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:
  - Sor Yang
- P. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:
  - Monique Alanis Aaron Gomez Raul Hernandez Jr
  - Phiangphak Kiaosouvath Brian Kooyman Tanya Rios
- Q. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:
  - Iqbal Kang Charles Lee Irene Luong
  - Gerrit Ongers Zackie Parker II Luis Reyes Sanchez
- R. Tortoise Rock Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:
  - Lorraine Edgmond Melissa Pierce
- S. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:
  - Raul Arce Viktoriya Korobkina

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, seconded by Commissioner Heins, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Consent Calendar items 11 through 17.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

None

**CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:**

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 (34-2019-80003287)
  - 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)
  - J. Sutter's Place, Inc., dba Bay 101 Casino v. California Gambling Control Commission, San Francisco County Superior Court (CPF-23-51809)
  - K. Club One Casino, Inc.; Kyle Kirkland; Dana Messina; KMGI, Inc. v. Yolanda Morrow and the California Gambling Control Commission; Sacramento County Superior Court (23WM000018)
  - L. California Gaming Association v. California Gambling Control Commission, Bureau of Gambling Control, and Does 1-10, San Francisco County Superior Court (CPF-23-518185)
  - M. Knighted Ventures, LLC, Roy Choi & Jieho Lee v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (23WM000051)
  - N. Fortiss, LLC, et al. v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (23WM000050)
  - O. Dora Christina Brown v. California Gambling Control Commission, Bureau of Gambling Control, and Does 1-10, Sacramento County Superior Court (23WM000039)

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- P. California Gaming Association and David Shindle v. California Gambling Control Commission, Bureau of Gambling Control, and Does 1-10, San Francisco County Superior Court (CPF-23-518317)
- 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 Supervisor License for Binh Ho, (CGCC-2023-0223-7A)
  - C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Work Permit for Dora Christina Brown, (CGCC-2023-0504-5)
  - D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Francisco Javier Paredez, Sr. (CGCC-2023-0112-6Cii)

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair LaBrie adjourned the Commission Meeting at approximately 10:55 a.m.