

Primary Location	Satellite Locations	
<p align="center"><u>Northern California (Sac)</u> California Gambling Control Commission 2399 Gateway Oaks Drive Hearing Room 100 (first floor) Sacramento, CA 95833</p>	<p align="center"><u>Northern California (SF)</u> Judicial Council of California Milton Marks Conference Center 455 Golden Gate Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102</p>	<p align="center"><u>Southern California (LA)</u> Carolyn Owens Community Center 13201 Central Avenue Chino, CA 91710</p>

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2024
COMMISSION MEETING**

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. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for:
 - A. December 7, 2023 – Commission Meeting
 - B. December 12,14-15, 2023 – GCA Hearing
 - C. December 20, 2023 – GCA Hearing

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Heins, 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 Commission Meeting Minutes for December 7, 2023, and the GCA Hearing Minutes for December 12,14-15, 2023 and December 20, 2023.

4. Consideration of Temporary Closure of Gambling Establishments (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19955; CCR, Title 4, section 12368):

A. Bruce's Bar and Casino	F. Pinnacle Casino
B. Central Coast Casino	G. St. Charles Place
C. La Primavera Pool Hall & Cafe	H. Tommy's Casino & Saloon
D. Epoch Casino	I. Towers Casino
E. Mike's Card Casino	

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

Acme Player Services, LLC:

Acme Player Services, LLC

Michael A. Tumanjan and Carla Tumanjan Living Trust, Member

Carla Tumanjan, Trustee, Trustor, Beneficiary

Comments Received From:

Lisa Wardall, Deputy Director, Bureau of Gambling Control

Steve Ledbetter, Designated Agent

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, 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.

Additionally, the hearing will be consolidated with the pending GCA evidentiary hearing for Acme Player Services, LLC.

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. F2 TPS, LLC:

Worker: Suwalashmi Ramaiah

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Heins, 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 Third-Party Worker License through February 28, 2026, with the following condition:

Beginning April 1, 2024, and every 90 days thereafter, Suwalashmi Ramaiah must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control a status update regarding proof of ongoing efforts regarding the completion of their court-mandated community service and resolution of fine(s) until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

B. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
Workers: i) Gina Chai

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, 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 Worker License through February 28, 2026.

ii) Garret Ryan

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, 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 Initial Third-Party Worker License through February 28, 2026, with the following condition:

Beginning April 1, 2024, and every 90 days thereafter, Garret Ryan 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 resolution is provided to the Bureau.

iii) Tien Vu

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, 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 Initial Third-Party Worker License through February 28, 2026.

C. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:
Worker: Edward Berling

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 February 28, 2026.

D. Players Edge Services:
Worker: Taylor Bryan

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, 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 Worker License through February 28, 2026.

E. Worker: Amanda Washington

Comments Received From:

Lisa Wardall, Deputy Director, Bureau of Gambling Control

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 referred the Initial Application to an evidentiary hearing.

9. Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact; CCR, Title 4, section 12120):
Sky River Casino - Wilton Rancheria:
Elmer Penid

Comments Received From:

Elmer Penid

Lisa Wardall, Deputy Director, Bureau of Gambling Control

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, 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 Initial Finding of Suitability through July 15, 2024, with the following condition:

Beginning April 1, 2024, and every 90 days thereafter, Elmer Penid must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of ongoing efforts to satisfy the Civil Judgement until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

10. Consideration of Additional Permanent Tables (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19841(p); CCR, Title 4, section 12472):
Blacksheep Casino Company: Randy Yapple, Sole Proprietor

Comments Received From:

Tiffany Lichtig, Designated Agent

Jason Lee

Stacey Luna Baxter, Executive Director, Gambling Control Commission

Jason Pope, Chief Counsel, Gambling Control Commission

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, 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 request to operate seven (7) additional tables on a permanent basis, bringing the total number of tables to 10 permanent tables.

11. Hearing Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 19870 and 19871 and CCR, Title 4, section 12060:

Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Applications for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Team View Player Services, LLC, The Timothy M. Gustin Family Trust, Timothy M. Gustin, (CGCC-2023-0810-8)

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 Default Decision and Order.

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.

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

- A. Stephanie Benites
- B. Hanh Cao
- C. Dickson Falefia
- D. Lydia Swint

13. Consideration of Renewal Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12128):

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| A. Sear Appeng | F. Stephanie Lim |
| B. Michael Henry | G. Maureen Meex |
| C. Joel Horazy | H. Julie Morgan |
| D. Julie Houston | I. Michele Moses |
| E. James Lee | J. Kongmeng Moua |

K. Jose Rodriguez
L. Joseph Rogers
M. Thomas Romero
N. Meuy Saechao
O. Justin Sepagan

P. Michael Singleton
Q. Issa Sweis
R. (Intentionally Left Blank)
S. Lance Titus
T. Peter Yang

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

Outlaws Card Parlour: Courtney McAllister

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

A. Casino Merced: Kong Her Ia Yang
B. Central Coast Casino: Hannah Kim
C. Empire Sportsmen's Association: Rosanna Abellana Tiffany Smith
D. Napa Valley Casino: Clarence Au Narin Phorth

16. 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:
Workers: Jancy Canche-Arrazola Gustavo Guatemala
Ebony Hogue Booker Carlos Michel-Luhrs
Arghavan Jalali Farahani
Benny Montanez
Fabian Soria Rodriguez Jared Tenorio

B. F2 TPS, LLC:
Worker: Samuel Kim

C. Faros Unlimited, Inc.:
Worker: Trevon Barona

D. KB Ventures:
Workers: Victor Jimenez Esmeralda Mendoza

E. KBCH Consultants, Inc.:
Worker: Luis Gomez

F. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
Supervisor: Tony Sherwood
Workers: Maria Alaniz Ruben Alvelo Ariyon Armelin
Maurice Cobb Sirius Collado Richard Doculan
Michele Drinkard Phillip Gholson, Jr. Victora Gonzales
Kathy Gonzalez Rita Hla Tyler Johnson
Islom Khasanov Jiaxin Li Scott Martel
Eric Munoz Rostislav Nagimov Amanda Norman
Luc Owen Chase Popyon Marjalyza Reyes
Samuel Torre Elizabeth Valdez Richard Velasquez
Bryan Viesti Songkun Zhang

- G. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:
 - Supervisor: Michael Noriega
 - Workers: Jasman Bajwa Brandon Massengale
- H. Players Edge Services:
 - Workers: Roland Becker Angel Espinoza
- I. Progressive Gaming, LLC:
 - Workers: Shilan Guan Mey Seang
- J. Qualified Player Services, LLC:
 - Workers: Janet Park Chance Sherrod
- K. The Independent:
 - Worker: Michael Park
- L. Workers: Tarun Bhalla Daniel Buckmaster

17. 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.:
 - Workers: Francisco Domingo, III William Waibel
 - Frank Zamarripa
- B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:
 - Supervisor: Anthony Bellinghiere
 - Workers: Deryll Burkhead Tsigeweyni Girmay
- C. Commerce Group, Inc.:
 - Worker: Kualii Paris
- D. F2 TPS, LLC:
 - Supervisor: Sovann Seng
- E. Faros Unlimited, Inc.:
 - Workers: Man Li Abel Rodriguez Tiger Tu
 - Quyen Vuong
- F. Fortune Players Group, Inc.:
 - Worker: Atenogenes Paza
- G. Global Player Services, Inc.:
 - Supervisor: Joleen Pasion
- H. Halcyon Gaming, LLC:
 - Supervisor: Steven Barney
- I. KB Ventures:
 - Worker: Cedrick Kevin Dumlao
- J. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
 - Supervisors: Arnel Aurelio Nicholas Chin Connie Chung
 - Korbyn Kociemba Amy Saetern John Shumaker
 - Rodolfo Valadez Peter Valdez
 - Workers: Norma Almendarez Ulises Arellano Martinez Lidia Astorga-Rodriguez
 - Guadalupe Cervantes Marcus Charles Ratharith Chhorn
 - Robert Dempsey Tristan Jaime Dimaiwat
 - Hoang Dinh Paulino Duenas Atif Faraz
 - Rory Feys Gerardo Gonzalez Granados

Sarah Hall	Tria Her	Qian Hu
Jesse Jimenez	Vincent Johnson	Marlon Jones
Anastasia Kraft	Hua Liao	Anthony Lizarde Perez
Analyn Lopez	Guy Lovin	Victor Luna
Ya Min Thiri	Jonathan Ortiz	Liqing Pan
Oliver Paredes	River Pierceswift	Kahlil Pinkney
Dallas Prater	Matthew Prier	Robyn Quintana
Angelo Ranjo	Sergio Rico Estrada	Diana Rios
Ameet Sharma	Leah Thiemer	Rauni Weaver
David Wong	Joan Zhang	

K. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:

Workers:	Alyssa Birdsong	Ligaya Macalma	Yolanda Magtoto
	Mercy May Miana		

L. Players Edge Services:

Supervisor:	Kelsey Pitkanen		
Workers:	Cortney Bowesmith	Victoria Gonzalez	Nicholas Gross
	Amanda Haralson	Jonah Ivy	Juan Rodriguez
	Leumel Smith		

M. Progressive Gaming, LLC:

Supervisor:	Leonor Alexander		
Workers:	Mingqin Chen	Yuna Cheng	Reuben Conferido
	Ronghua Huang	Xiu Xian Huang	Ya Mei Huang
	Xian Li	Zhijian Li	Jun Lin
	Yuk Lin Chu	Lixin Liu	Dat Luong
	Pei Yu Shi	Darryl Siv	Sheila Tran
	Michael Wei	Susiewati Wong	Yong Yao
	Guo Yu	Meihong Yu	

N. Qualified Player Services, LLC:

Workers:	Sophie Lam	Mariana Ramon
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O. Worker: Colin Spence

18. Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact; CCR, Title 4, section 12120):

A. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:

Kathleen Fowler	Dallas Richardson
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B. Blue Lake Casino and Hotel - Blue Lake Rancheria:

James Hendricks

C. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:

Kumar Bista

D. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:

Yeng Vang

E. Coyote Valley Casino - Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians:

John Coughlin	William Noel
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F. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:

- C. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians:
Charles Torman
- D. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:
Chad Abarca Matthew Buggert Israel Corona
Christina Diaz Madrigal William Edwards Jr. Nicholas Fleming
Andrew Guerrero David La Chappa Jr. Matthew McFarlane
Octavio Nicasio David Pearce Michael Strack Jr.
Justin Ta
- E. Casino Pauma - Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma & Yuima Reservation:
Oscar Garcia
- F. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:
Chorlyda Chourn Nicholas Grube Peggy Ma
Daniel Padilla Soukthaphone Phakhonekham
Joshua Smith Sim Sor Bee Vang
Christopher White
- G. Colusa Casino Resort - Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:
Maria Lowe
- H. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:
Victor Perez
- I. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:
Sergio Barajas Keri Downs Mongtuyen Ngo
- J. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
Kaisheng Lin
- K. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain - Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California:
Songhe Liang Somchan Onsy Adnan Sabic
Limheang Sry Ger Yang
- L. Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village:
Luis Zapien
- M. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:
Jose Alcaya Alcaya Joel Dennis Jr.
- N. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:
Jose Beltran Jacob Mason
- O. Soboba Casino Resort - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:
JoAnn Rodriguez
- P. Spotlight 29 Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:
Michael Domaradski Andrew Dougherty Brigitta Gayton
Angelica Gonzales Jason Mossberg
- Q. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:
Chay Saing
- R. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:

- Ryan Delp Noemi Mazquiaran Phox Thammavongsa
S. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:
 Duoc Le
T. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn
 Rancheria:
 Alan Sprenkel Wayne Woods Jr Andrew Yee
U. Twin Pine Casino & Hotel - Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians:
 Jon Fallon
V. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:
 Margaret Kaarstad Joseph Tripp

W. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission
 Indians of the Viejas Reservation:
 Eugene Whitman

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 the Consent Calendar items 12 through 19.

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)
 - 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 Initial Work Permit for Dora Christina Brown, (CGCC-2023-0504-5)
 - C. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Applications for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Team View Player Services, LLC, The Timothy M. Gustin Family Trust, Timothy M. Gustin, (CGCC-2023-0810-8)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Chair LaBrie adjourned the Commission Meeting at approximately 11:06 a.m.