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FULL HOUSE: MORE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED, ALL VACANCIES FILLED

This year, the Commission added four new Commissioners: [Eric Heins](#), Edward Yee, Cathleen Galgiani, and William Liu. In this issue, we profile Commissioner Yee, and will introduce Commissioners Galgiani and Liu in future issues.



What about the Commission attracted you to the position?

The gambling industry in California, as well as in many other states, attracts people from all over the world with different backgrounds and diverse cultures. My ambition has always been to find full-time employment after my retirement from law enforcement. When this opportunity came up to be a Commissioner on the California Gambling Control Commission, I felt that this position would allow me to serve the community and the citizens of California.

I also wanted to try something different that was in a non-law enforcement capacity, but where I could utilize my law enforcement background and share my knowledge. Being a Commissioner allows me to interact with people from all different backgrounds. I can also make effective changes, and apply the Gambling Control Act to make fair and impartial decisions.

What are some insights from your previous experience that will aid you in your new role?

As a retired law enforcement officer, union director, and military veteran, these various job duties and experiences have helped me tremendously. I was able to network and work cohesively with other directors, governmental entities, and the community to identify underlying problems. My law enforcement background helped me identify different situations that might arise, formulate a plan to resolve these situations, and execute those plans so that the outcome would benefit everyone.

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CGCC Calendar

Upcoming Licensing Meetings

July 8
July 22
August 12
August 26
September 9
September 23

Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC)

July 8

Upcoming State Holidays (Office Closed)

July 5 (Independence Day)
September 6 (Labor Day)



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COMMISSIONER YEE CONTINUED...

As a union director for 3900 police officers, I represented these officers and their families. I made sure that their concerns and suggestions were addressed by their local representatives and state and federal legislators. My goal was always to turn their voices into action.

My military background taught me about true leadership. Always leading by example, having accountability, integrity, empathy, communication, caring for your troops and others, good decision-making, and never allowing outside interference to persuade you from doing what is always right.

What are some of your goals as Commissioner?

As a Commissioner, I want to continue to learn and expand my knowledge about California's gaming laws. I would like to work with our state legislators and provide input to make effective changes to regulatory gambling laws in the future.

I also look forward to participating in open forums to hear suggestions from the owners, employees, and people from the gaming industry on how our commission can improve in serving them and the community. Sitting on the Commission gives me an opportunity to see what needs to be changed and what oversight is currently working. I will continue to work closely with the other Commissioners and staff so that we could learn from each other, as well as discuss and resolve important and crucial issues.

Overall, I want the gaming industry and citizens to know that the Commission is honest and transparent.

Most importantly, what do you like to do for fun?

I enjoy traveling and exploring new adventures with my family, both locally and internationally. There is so much to see out there in the world. Being able to travel to different countries and seeing other cultures, trying their foods, seeing the amazing scenery, and meeting all different types of people is really rewarding. I enjoy going on cruises and traveling to different ports and other countries. You do not have to worry about anything except making sure to run 5 miles a day to burn off all of the food you ate. Some of my most memorable trips were to Italy, Portugal, Spain, Austria, Thailand, Shanghai, Beijing, and Hong Kong.

Having a military and police background, I still enjoy going to the shooting range. I am very proficient with different types of rifles and handguns. I continue to practice to make sure my skills do not diminish.

Lastly, I enjoy playing golf, which is both fun and challenging. It's about patience and strategy, but also relaxing with your friends.

I always like to learn about different things, it could be about anything. You have to keep your mind sharp; when you stop learning, you just wither away.

ENSURE YOUR TPPPS CONTRACT COMPLIES WITH OUTDOOR GAMING

By **Kate Patterson**

Staff Counsel

COVID-19 has greatly impacted the way that cardrooms and third-party providers of proposition player services (TPPPS) operate. Namely, outdoor operations are permissible for most cardrooms if they comply with [guidelines](#) issued by the California Department of Public Health and local jurisdictions.



Cardrooms that choose to conduct outdoor operations should review their Bureau-approved TPPPS contracts to ensure that outdoor operations have not resulted in any changes to the terms of the contract. Specifically, any changes to the financial arrangements between the parties, and/or changes to the services and facilities offered by the cardroom to the TPPPS provider, will require submission of an amended contract to the Bureau for approval.

The TPPPS contract must contain a detailed description of the location and applicable security measures that will be used by the TPPPS provider for the storage of currency, chips, or other wagering instruments ([4 CCR section 12270\(b\)\(7\)](#)). Therefore, if the TPPPS provider begins using an outdoor podium for chip storage or other adjustments are made for the storage of currency, chips, or wagering instruments, the TPPPS contract would need to be amended to reflect this new arrangement.

Additionally, any changes to the financial arrangements between the parties will require an amended TPPPS contract ([4 CCR sections 12270\(b\)\(14\) and \(21\)](#)). This would include, but is not limited to, agreements to reduce payments owed under the contract due to a closure or decrease in services and facilities used, or potentially an increase in fees due to the use of additional outdoor facilities. Any changes to the amount reimbursed by the TPPPS provider for equipment will also require an approved amendment to the TPPPS contract ([4 CCR section 12270\(b\)\(20\)](#)).

Guidelines for submitting a request to the Bureau to review and approve an amendment to the TPPPS contract can be found in [4 CCR section 12272\(b\)](#).

Who To Contact:

For licensing matters, such as an application pending with the Commission, contact the Deputy Director of the Licensing Division, Dolores Olivarez, at dolivarez@cgcc.ca.gov.

For a pending evidentiary hearing before the Commission, contact the Presiding Officer identified in your Notice of Hearing, or the Administrative Hearings Coordinator, Pam Mathauser, at pmathauser@cgcc.ca.gov.

For media inquiries or newsletter questions/comments/suggestions, contact Public Relations Officer Fred Castaño at fcastano@cgcc.ca.gov or on his work cell phone at 916-708-5231.

For general information, call (916) 263-0700 or email comments@cgcc.ca.gov.

If you're not sure who to contact between the Commission or Bureau of Gambling Control, please check the [Who To Contact page](#) on our website.

You can contact the Bureau of Gambling Control at 916-830-1700 or by sending an email to gamblingcontrol@doj.ca.gov.

Please remember to not address any correspondence directly to the Commissioners regarding matters pending with the Commission or the Bureau.



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HAIL AND FAREWELL

The Commission bids a fond farewell and happy retirement to our former Chief Counsel, Todd Vlaanderen. Todd retired in May after seven years as Chief Counsel at the Commission, and 20 years total in state service. Todd’s positive attitude, sharp legal mind, and willingness to offer assistance and guidance to all who asked made him an invaluable asset to the Commission.

In that spirit, please join us in congratulating our new Chief Counsel, Jason Pope! Jason has worked as staff counsel for the Commission since 2008. He has acted as Lead Attorney for several years on the administrative hearing process and tribal matters. His knowledge on a range of legal matters, and especially gaming law, will remain a benefit to the Commission and the gaming industry in California.

On April 23, the Governor’s Office appointed Cathleen Galgiani to the Commission as the Governmental Experience member. Commissioner Galgiani served as a California State Senator from 2012 to 2020 and as a State Assemblymember from 2006 to 2012, and was a member of the California Legislature’s LGBTQ Caucus from 2011 to 2020. She was Chief of Staff and Consultant to the University of California, Merced for Assemblymember Barbara Matthews from 2000 to 2006 and Deputy Director for Special Projects for the Office of First Lady Sharon Davis in the Office of Governor Gray Davis in 1999. She was a Field Representative for Senator Patrick Johnston from 1994 to 1998 and Campaign Staff and Volunteer Coordinator for John Garamendi for California Governor from 1991 to 1994.

On May 28, the Governor’s Office appointed William Liu to the Commission as the Banking/Finance member. Commissioner Liu has been a member of the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee since 2017. He was Chief Fiscal Officer at the California Department of Technology from 2009 to 2015, Branch Chief for the California Department of Health Services from 2006 to 2009 and Audit Manager for the California Earthquake Authority from 1997 to 2006.

Hearing Results

(Decisions Effective April 1 — June 30)

Cardroom Owner-Licensee

Outlaws 101, LLC dba Outlaws Card Parlour, approved with conditions June 21

Lake Bowl Cardroom, suspended via stipulated settlement June 10

Key Employee License

Linda Parks, denied May 10

Work Permit
 Cui Ping Liang, denied April 12

Timothy Parra, denied May 24

Third-Party Player License

Francisco Hernandez, denied April 12

Sandra Ramirez, denied April 12

Tribal Key Employee

Jarmaine Pascua, denied May 10

MEDICAL EXPERTS ENDORSE COVID-19 VACCINE

Your safety is a priority.

Provided at no cost.

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