



Notice and Agenda of Commission Meeting
California Gambling Control Commission

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

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10:00 a.m. Thursday August 21, 2025

Notice: The order of business reflected in the Notice and Agenda is subject to change by the Commission at the meeting.

OPEN SESSION:

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call of Commissioners.
3. Consideration of Renewal Cardroom Owner Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19850, 19851, 19852, and 19876; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):
 - A. Empire Sportsmen’s Association: Empire Sportsmen’s Association, A Non-Profit Corporation
Gary Baird, Chief Executive Officer (President), Chief Financial Officer, Director
Gary Silva, Secretary, Director
 - B. Marina Club: Marina Club Casino, LLC
Deon Calamia, Operations Manager, Managing Member
Frank Calamia, General Manager, Managing Member
Guy Calamia, Chief Financial Officer, Managing Member
 - C. Ocean’s Eleven Casino: Ocean’s 11 Casino, LLC*
 - D. Parkwest Casino Lodi: Lodi Cardroom, Inc.*
 - E. Star’s Casino: Stars Gaming, Inc.
Joseph Melech, Chief Executive Officer, President, Director, Shareholder
Monica Melech, Secretary, Director, Shareholder
Emmanuel Macalino, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Director, Treasurer, Shareholder

11. Consideration of Initial and Temporary Commission Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12128):
- A. Empire Sportsmen's Association: Uriah Talampas
 - B. Napa Valley Casino: Bee Xiong
12. 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. Acme Player Services, LLC:
 - Supervisor: Jenna Lucente
 - Workers: Jimmy Chhay Vincent Nguyen Odilon Valencia
 - B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:
 - Workers: Maria Angelica Fuentes Raul Perez Roselyn Velarde
 - C. Fortune Players Group, Inc.:
 - Workers: Kwok To Ho Elvis Paez
 - D. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
 - Workers: Matthew Alvarez Jing Cao Eliseo Claros
 - Kevin Giffen Cole Goldman Joselyn Guerra
 - Cris Hernandez Jonathan Hernandez Jade Jegers
 - Kian Khazaei Jordan Parhms Luis Ruiz Gonzalez
 - MonySu Strang Teri Wright
 - E. Players Edge Services:
 - Workers: John Hiro Nakamura Patricia Shibley
 - F. Progressive Gaming, LLC:
 - Workers: Li Jun Chen Qui Fu Yu Qianqian Zhang
 - G. Qualified Player Services, LLC:
 - Worker: Allen Lawphachan
 - H. The Independent:
 - Worker: Samrat Sahota
13. Consideration of Renewal Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):
- Knighted Ventures, LLC:
- Workers: Va Chip May Li
14. 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 of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation:
 - Fedrick Heredia Jonathan Jaime
 - B. Agua Caliente Casino Palm Springs - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation:
 - Estefania Delgado Flores
 - C. Agua Caliente Casino Rancho Mirage - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation:
 - Sakshi Arora Lizet Munoz
 - D. Black Oak Casino - Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria of California:
 - Lars Johnson John Warnock
 - E. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:
 - James Criste Patty Taylor
 - F. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians of California:
 - Zoua Vue
 - G. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:
 - Christina Tuck

- G. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:
 Arnulfo Cardenas Paul Manuel
- H. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Cahuilla Indians:
 Nelson Aquino Michael Avila Brenda Cid
 Lilia Escamilla Nicole Kurowski Nicole Montiel
 Guadalupe Puga Ana Silva Hernandez Elsie Viray
- I. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
 Arjun Dangol Kelly Dudoit Anthony Hernandez
 Tha Lam Lorena Orduna Flores Dhruva Parajuli
 Jose Salas Sokun Sam Hari Shrestha
 Allen Wayne Siojo
- J. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain - Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California:
 Tay Khorn Anil Lama Frank Piazza
 Kae Saepanh Esmeralda Schweitzer Maria Yepez
- K. Harrah's Northern California - Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California:
 Madison Mockley
- L. Konocti Vista Casino - Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians of the Big Valley Rancheria:
 Michael Franz
- M. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
 Amin Ashraf Marco Figueroa Yetzabeth Navarro Zarco
 Ralph Piccola Jr
- N. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Mission Indians:
 Edward O'Connor
- O. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
 Shauna Anton Jeremy Carlson John Hathaway
 Lea Huggins Brian Hulej Robert Krauss
 Jorge Lozano Jr. Son Nguyen Felicia Plageman
 Jennifer Riddell Brandon Romero
- P. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria (Verona Tract):
 Robert Mackenberg
- Q. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:
 Mark John Mendoza
- R. Table Mountain Casino Resort - Table Mountain Rancheria of California:
 Solyta Peang Tha Vang
- S. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria:
 Francelida Fernandez Hani Salamat
- T. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria of California:
 Cody Azevedo Leo Evangelista Kaleigh Grevett-Johnson
 Bon Kang George Ninh Manh Saelee
 Averi Schrock
- U. Tortoise Rock Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians of California:
 Chyanne Androshak
- V. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:
 Chantel Winn

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

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CLOSED SESSION:

- I. Litigation (Government Code section 11126(e)):
 - A. Lucky Chances, Inc. v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2017-80002549)
 - B. 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)
 - C. 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)
 - D. California Gaming Association v. California Gambling Control Commission, Bureau of Gambling Control, and Does 1-10, San Francisco County Superior Court (CPF-23-518185)
 - E. Dora Christina Brown v. California Gambling Control Commission, Bureau of Gambling Control, and Does 1-10, Sacramento County Superior Court (23WM000039)
 - F. 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)
 - G. Knighted Ventures, LLC, Roy Choi & Jieho Lee v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (23WM000051)
 - H. Fortiss, LLC, et al. v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (23WM000050)
 - I. Manuel Corrales, Jr. v. California Gambling Control Commission; California Valley Miwok Tribe, San Diego County Superior Court (25CU22051C)
- 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 Brendon Kent Birch, CGCC Case No. CGCC-2024-1010-11Li
- III. Personnel Matters (Government Code Section 11126(a)(1))

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ADJOURNMENT

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