

**California Gambling Control Commission**  
2399 GATEWAY OAKS DRIVE, SUITE 220  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95833  
(916) 263-0700 FAX (916) 263-0499  
[www.cgcc.ca.gov](http://www.cgcc.ca.gov)

---

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 30, 2013  
COMMISSION MEETING**

---

**OPEN SESSION**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Lopes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners.

Roll Call of Commissioners was taken, with Chairman Richard Lopes and Commissioners Tiffany Conklin, Lauren Hammond and Richard Schuetz present.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for:
  - A. September 30, 2013
  - B. October 15, 2013 – GCA Hearing

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, Commission approved the minutes for the September 30, 2013 Commission Meeting and the October 15, 2013 GCA Hearing.

By concurrence of the Commissioners, Item 11.B., The Deuce Lounge and Casino - Autumn Boxley, was removed from the Agenda as she is no longer employed with the Casino.

4. Application for Approval of Temporary State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19824(f)):  
Hollywood Park Casino: LAX Property, LLC, Operator  
Eric Swallow, Member

Comments Received From:

John Maloney  
Deven Kumar  
Stacey Luna-Baxter, Bureau of Gambling Control

Commission Meeting Minutes of October 30, 2013

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Chairman Lopes and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission extended the temporary state gambling license endorsement of LAX Property, LLC and its owner, Eric Swallow, for Hollywood Park Casino valid through February 28, 2014, modifying the existing conditions as noted below:

- ~~1. By August 30, 2013, Eric Swallow must provide to the Bureau of Gambling Control a valuation and analysis by an independent company of the commodities and/or services provided as it relates to the gaming license agreements between Garden City, Inc. (dba Casino M8trix) and Dolchee, LLC and software agreements with Profitable Casino, LLC. This analysis must be conducted by a CPA firm approved by the Bureau. The recommended CPA firm must be provided to the Bureau within 30 days from approval of the temporary license extension. Further, LAX must provide to the Bureau of Gambling Control a flow chart showing all the companies, owners and money going in and out.~~
1. LAX shall not enter into software contracts or gaming license agreements with related parties without prior review by the Bureau of Gambling Control and final approval by the California Gambling Control Commission.
2. The CFO must approve and sign any transaction of \$50,000 or more.
3. The Bureau of Gambling Control and California Gambling Control Commission will be notified of any amended tax return filings or audits of Dolchee, LLC, Profitable Casino, LLC, Garden City, Inc. (dba Casino M8trix) and Eric Swallow.
- ~~4. LAX shall provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with a report regarding the employment of employees previously employed by Century Gaming Management. The report will provide information regarding the diversity of the workforce.~~
- ~~5. Within 5 days of Commission action, LAX shall provide the Bureau of Gambling Control
  - a) California tax returns for 2008 through 2012, if available, and,
  - b) the statistical notes utilized for the development of the software provided by Dolchee, LLC.~~
4. LAX shall provide the Bureau of Gambling Control California tax returns for 2012 upon availability.

Commission Meeting Minutes of October 30, 2013

5. Application for Approval of Initial State Gambling License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19851):

Village Club:

VC Cardroom, Inc.

Harvey and Bette Souza Living Trust, Sole Shareholder

Harvey Souza, Trustee, President, Secretary  
Elizabeth (Bette) Souza, Trustee, Treasurer

Comments Received From:

Jarhett Blonien

Stacey Luna-Baxter, Bureau of Gambling Control

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Schuetz, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the initial state gambling license application for VC Cardroom, Inc., Harvey and Bette Souza Living Trust and Elizabeth (Bette) Souza as endorsees of Village Club valid through August 31, 2015, with the condition noted below:

*Village Club must notify the Bureau of Gambling Control within 30 days of any restructuring of the debt instruments between Harvey Souza or the Village Club and Francis Burger.*

6. Applications for Approval of Renewal of State Gambling Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19876; CCR, Title 4 section 12345):

A. Bruce's Bar and Casino:

John Gallo, Sole Proprietor

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the renewal state gambling license application for the licensure period of November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2015.

B. Rancho's Club Casino:

Rancho's Club Casino, Inc.

Ruben Marquez, President

Blanca Marquez, Chief Financial Officer,  
Secretary

Comments Received From:

Ruben Marquez

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the renewal state gambling license application for the licensure period of November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2015.

Commission Meeting Minutes of October 30, 2013

C. Ven-A-Mexico: Juan Carrillo, Sole Proprietor

Comments Received From:

Jarhett Blonien

Juan Carrillo

James Parker, Bureau of Gambling Control

Stacey Luna-Baxter, Bureau of Gambling Control

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Chairman Lopes and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission referred the renewal state gambling license application to an evidentiary hearing with the conditions noted below:

1. *Juan Carrillo must obtain a surety bond in order to maintain a chips-in-use account.*
2. *Beginning November 1, 2013, and every 30 days thereafter, Juan Carrillo must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control a written update with regard to Ven-A-Mexico's bank reconciliation and chips-in-use account.*

7. Applications for Approval of Initial Key Employee Portable Personal Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR Title 4, section 12350):

A. James Lee

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Conklin and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the initial key employee license application valid through October 31, 2015.

B. John Su'a

Comments Received From:

John Su'a, via telephone

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Conklin and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission referred the initial key employee license application to an evidentiary hearing.

8. Application for Approval of Renewal Key Employee Portable Personal License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR Title 4, section 12351):

Ali Ghomi

Commission Meeting Minutes of October 30, 2013

Comments Received From:

Stacey Luna-Baxter, Bureau of Gambling Control

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Schuetz and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission extended the renewal key employee license for a 30-day period to enable his presence by phone or in person valid through November 30, 2013.

9. Request for Approval to Withdraw Application for Key Employee Portable Personal License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869):

Darrell Federico

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the request to withdraw the key employee license application, **without prejudice**.

10. Applications for Approval of Initial Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912):

A. Club San Rafael:

David Samaris

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Schuetz, seconded by Chairman Lopes and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the initial work permit application valid through October 31, 2014.

B. Empire Sportsmen's Association:

Scott Smith

Efren Vasquez

Comments Received From:

Scott Smith

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Conklin and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes and Commissioner Schuetz voting no, the Commission approved the initial work permit application valid through March 31, 2014 with the following condition:

*Mr. Smith shall provide a certificate of completion of his DUI program to the Bureau of Gambling Control within 30 days upon receipt.*

Empire Sportsmen's Association - Efren Vasquez:

Comments Received From:

Elijah Zuniga

Commission Meeting Minutes of October 30, 2013

Stacey Luna-Baxter, Bureau of Gambling Control

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the initial work permit application valid through December 31, 2013.

C. The 101 Casino: Donald Bankert

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the initial work permit application valid through January 31, 2015.

D. Towers Casino: Ryan Carlson

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Chairman Lopes and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the initial work permit application valid through June 30, 2015.

11. Applications for Approval of Renewal Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912):

A. Napa Valley Casino: Alexander Clark Terry Mattos

Comments Received From:

Alexander Clark, via telephone

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the renewal work permit application for the licensure period of November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2015.

Napa Valley Casino - Terry Mattos:

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the renewal work permit application for the licensure period of November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2015.

Commission Meeting Minutes of October 30, 2013

B. The Deuce Lounge and Casino: Autumn Boxley

No action required as Ms. Boxley is no longer employed.

12. Applications for Approval of Conversion of Third-Party Providers of Proposition Player Services /Gambling Business Supervisor/Player Registrations to Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, sections 12218 and 12233):

A. Banc, LLC:  
Supervisor: Quang Woong

Comments Received From:  
Quang Woong, via telephone

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Chairman Lopes and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the conversion application valid through October 31, 2015 with the condition noted below:

*Beginning November 1, 2013, and every 180 days thereafter, Mr. Woong must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control a written update concerning the status of the outstanding tax lien and personal loan.*

B. Certified Network M, Inc.:  
Players: Neang Chem Charles Cole  
Ted Kanou Michael Kim

C. PT Gaming, LLC:  
Players: Jessica Burrell Andy Huynh  
Michelle Saldana Jasmine Stovall  
Thomas Truong - **Heard Separately**

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the conversion applications valid through October 31, 2015.

C. PT Gaming, LLC:  
Player: Thomas Truong

Comments Received From:  
Thomas Truong

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Conklin and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners

Commission Meeting Minutes of October 30, 2013

Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the conversion application valid through October 31, 2015.

13. Request for Approval to Withdraw Applications to Convert Third Party Proposition Supervisor Registration to a License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984 and CCR, Title 4, section 12218.5):

PT Gaming, LLC:

Supervisors: Joseph McGow Nobuo Wellington

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Conklin and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the requests to withdraw applications to convert third party proposition supervisor registrations to licenses for both Joseph McGow and Nobuo Wellington, **without prejudice**.

14. Application for Approval of Renewal of Tribal-State Compact Gaming Resource Supplier Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.5):

K.P. Gaming Supplies, Inc.: Kevin Thornton, Chief Executive Officer,  
President, Vice President, Secretary, Shareholder

Comments Received From:

Kevin Thornton, via telephone

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Conklin and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission extended the renewal finding of suitability license for K.P. Gaming Supplies, Inc. and its principal, for a 30-day period for the licensure period of November 1, 2013 through November 30, 2013.

15. Applications for Approval of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Findings of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):

A. Casino Pauma-Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma and Yuima Reservation:  
Stephanie Bucaro

Comments Received From:

Stephanie Bucaro, via telephone

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the initial finding of suitability license application valid through December 1, 2014.

B. Spotlight 29 Casino—Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians of California:  
Charles Martin



Commission Meeting Minutes of October 30, 2013

Comments Received From:

Charles Martin, via telephone

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Schuetz and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the initial finding of suitability license application valid through October 3, 2015.

16. Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Final Report of Distribution to Eligible Recipient Indian Tribes for Quarter Ended September 30, 2013 – Quarterly License Revenue Received and Shortfall

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Chairman Lopes and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved distribution of funds to the eligible tribes as listed in the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Report and that the allocation of California Valley Miwok be withheld pending resolution by the Federal government of the tribal leadership dispute and the distribution for lipay Nation of Santa Ysabel be made to the Yavapai Apache Nation pursuant to order of the Sacramento Superior Court.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

17. Applications for Approval of Renewal Key Employee Portable Personal License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR Title 4, section 12351):

- A. Kenneth English, Jr.
- B. Zachary Miramontes
- C. Gregory Ward

18. Application for Approval of Initial Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912):

The 101 Casino: Hoa Nguyen

19. Applications for Approval of Renewal Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912):

- A. Lake Bowl Cardroom: Sean Drake
- B. Merced Poker Room: Cha Chang

20. Applications for Approval of Renewal of Third Party Provider of Proposition Services/Gambling Business Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, sections 12218.8 and 12238):

PT Gaming, LLC:

- Supervisor: Michael Forney
- Player: Ernesto Jarquin

Commission Meeting Minutes of October 30, 2013

21. Applications for Approval of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Findings of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):
- A. Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa – Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:  
Yolanda Puga  
Liliana Canchola
  - B. Cache Creek Casino Resort – Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:  
Kristen Smith
  - C. Chumash Casino Resort – Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:  
Milica Miljkovic      Tayler Smeester-Gonzales
  - D. Coyote Valley Casino – Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California:  
Stephanie Hopkins
  - E. Morongo Casino Resort & Spa – Morongo Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Morongo Reservation:  
Jessie Vang
  - F. Red Hawk Casino – Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians:  
Stephen Taylor  
Cyndi Vang
  - G. Santa Ysabel Resort and Casino – Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel:  
Richard Narde
  - H. Twin Pine Casino & Hotel – Middletown Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:  
Gwen Brown
22. Applications for Approval of Renewal Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Findings of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):
- A. Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa – Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:  
Andrea Bailey      Fernando Martinez      Pitchesinee Sandau  
Steven Tafoya
  - B. Black Oak Casino – Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria:  
James Davis
  - C. Feather Falls Casino & Lodge – Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians:  
George Ransbarger
  - D. Morongo Casino Resort & Spa – Morongo Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Morongo Reservation:  
Rafael Acevedo      Stephanie Alcorn      Ronald Jones
  - E. Pala Casino Spa Resort – Pala Band of Mission Indians:  
Juan Esparza
  - F. Red Earth Casino – Torres-Martinez Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians:  
Scott Vick
  - G. San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino – San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians of the San Manuel Reservation:  
Julian Aguilar      Juana Barajas      Erick Vargas-Diaz  
Nicholas Do      Michael Field      Virginia Radwanski  
Allen Schultz      Adriana Scott
  - H. Spotlight 29 Casino – Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:  
David Hemingway      Vanessa Hernandez      Jorge Hurtado  
Jon Kounovsky      Ventura Lopez      Sharon Marshall  
Emanuel Montes      Felimon Perez      Cecilie Quezada

Commission Meeting Minutes of October 30, 2013

- I. Sycuan Casino & Resort – Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:
  - Glenn Barry                      Alan Buna                      Monte Carson
  - Denise Giblin                      Louella Kesling                      Rodney Lindgren
  - Lucy Murillo                      Trung Phan                      Alfred Romero
  - Virginia Sanchez                      Kianoosh Tehrani                      Edward Yonemitsu
- J. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino – Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria:
  - Larry Norton                      Patrick Plata
- K. Thunder Valley Casino Resort – United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:
  - Donald Atkinson                      Saancho Saelee
- L. Twin Pine Casino & Hotel – Middletown Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:
  - Kenneth Lemon
- M. Win-River Casino – Redding Rancheria:
  - Kevin Cawker                      Amanda Etchison                      Darlene Etchison
  - Shelley Fahsholtz                      Nathan McNeal                      Kathleen Nunez
  - Gabriel Robles Reyes

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Conklin and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved Consent Calendar items 17 through 22.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Wayne Quint, Bureau of Gambling Control

**CLOSED SESSION Convened at 11:37 AM**

- I. Litigation: (Government Code section 11126(e)):
  - A. *Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians v. Gambling Control Commission; and Arnold Schwarzenegger*, U.S. Dist Court S. D. California (09 CV01955 LAB AJB)
  - B. *San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians v. State of California, et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court (BC431469)
  - C. *Bingo Innovations of California, Inc. v. California Gambling Control Commission*, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2012-80001139)
  - D. *Yavapai Apache Nation v. Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel, the State of California, and the California Gambling Control Commission*, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2012-001199727)
  - E. *Robert Saucier, et al. v. California Gambling Control Commission*, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2013-80001594)
  - F. *Stand Up For California, et al. v. State of California, et al.*, Madera County Superior Court (MCV062850)
- II. Deliberation on Decision Regarding Disciplinary Matter (Government Code Section 11126(c)(3)):
  - Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Lysing Esconde, (BGC Case No. BGC-HQ2012-0001AC)

Commission Meeting Minutes of October 30, 2013

- III. Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(3):  
In The Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key  
Employee Finding of Suitability For Diane Salcido, CGCC Case No. 2013-0110-1

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION at 11:55 AM**

Chairman Lopes reported that the Commissioners were updated and gave Counsel direction on Closed Session items I.C. and II. No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Lopes adjourned the Commission Meeting at 11:56 PM.