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**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2022
COMMISSION HEARING**

THIS HEARING WAS HELD BY TELE/VIDEO CONFERENCE

Pursuant to Executive Order N-1-22 the hearing was held by tele/videoconference and there was no location open to the public.

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Commissioners

Chair LaBrie called the hearing to order on February 22, 2022 10:00 a.m. Roll Call of Commissioners was taken, with Chair LaBrie and Commissioners Cathleen Galgiani, Eric Heins, William Liu, and Edward Yee present.

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

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of State Gambling License for Joanne M. Williams, (CGCC-2021-0325-5B)

Presiding Officer: Kate Patterson

For Applicant: Steven Ledbetter

For Bureau of Gambling Control: James Waian, Deputy Attorney General

Witnesses: Joanne Williams
Daniel Williams
Christopher Walter

The Commission met in open session using video conference on Zoom to take evidence concerning Joanne Williams' suitability for licensure. Complainant's exhibits 1-9 were admitted into the record. Both parties provided opening statements. Joanne Williams, Daniel Williams, and Christopher Walter were sworn in and provided testimony. Both parties gave closing arguments. The record was closed and submitted for decision.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CLOSED SESSION

I. Litigation (Government Code section 11126(e)):

- A. Stand Up For California, et al. v. State of California, et al., Madera County Superior Court (MCV062850)
- B. Eric G. Swallow v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2016-800002402)
- C. Garden City, Inc. v. Eric Swallow, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2016-00198132)
- D. Lucky Chances, Inc. v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2017-80002549)
- E. California Valley Miwok Tribe v. California Gambling Control Commission et al.; San Diego County Superior Court (37-2017-00050038-MU-CO-CTL)
- F. Yavapai-Apache Nation v. La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians and California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento Superior Court (34-2018-00238711)
- G. Manuel Corrales, Jr. v. California Gambling Control Commission, San Diego County Superior Court (37-2019-00019079-CU-MC-CTL)
- H. Kris Kat, LLC and Steven C. Ayers v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2019-80003142)
- I. 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)
- J. Lucky Chances, Inc. VC Cardroom, et al. v. State of California, California Gambling Control Commission, et al. San Francisco County Superior Court (CPF-20-517086)
- K. Sutter's Place, Inc., dba Bay 101 v. California Gambling Control Commission, San Francisco County Superior Court (CPF-21-517433)
- L. K. Harvey Souza v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2096-80003287)
- M. Garden City, Inc. v. California Gambling Control Commission, San Francisco County Superior Court (PF-21-517466)

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.201511046)
- B. In the Matter of the Application for Renewal of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Naseem Adel Salem, (GCADS-GEKE-001211)
- C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Carmelita Albiani, (CGCC-2021-0408-5)
- D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Work Permit for Vito Michael LoConte, (CGCC-2020-1119-7Aii)
- E. In the Matter of the Application for Renewal of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Player License for Steven Yu Wang, (CGCC-2021-0408-8)
- F. In the Matter of the Applications for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Supervisor License for Selah Lee Gavin Davis, (CGCC-2021-0408-7B & CGCC-2021-0408-7C)

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- G. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Melvyn Douglas McGowan, (CGCC-2021-0624-12C)
- H. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License for Nicole Dominique Seiuli, (CGCC-2021-0506-5)
- I. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of State Gambling License for Joanne M. Williams, (CGCC-2021-0325-5B)

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 1:22 to deliberate on closed session items II.E., II.F., II.H., and II.I. The Commission did not reconvene to open session following closed session deliberations.