

<b><u>IN-PERSON</u></b>	<b><u>TELE/VIDEO</u></b>
<p style="text-align: center;">California Gambling Control Commission 2399 Gateway Oaks Drive Hearing Room 100 (first floor) Sacramento, CA 95833</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Zoom Link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/2857578614">https://zoom.us/j/2857578614</a>. Or Call-In: 1-888-475-4499 US Toll-free Meeting ID number: 285 757 8614</p>

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**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2025  
COMMISSION MEETING**

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**OPEN SESSION:**

1. Call to Order.

Chair Paula LaBrie called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners.

Roll Call of Commissioners was taken with Chair Paula LaBrie, Commissioner Stacey Luna Baxter, Commissioner Eric Heins, Commissioner William Liu, and Commissioner Edward Yee present.

Deputy Director Brian Gilleland gave ZOOM participation instructions.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for:

- A. September 4, 2025 – Commission Meeting
- B. September 11, 2025 – GCA Hearing

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of the Commission Meeting Minutes and GCA Hearing Minutes.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Baxter, seconded by Commissioner Heins, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie, voting yes; the Commission approved the Commission Meeting Minutes for September 4, 2025 and the GCA Hearing Minutes for September 11, 2025.

- C. September 12, 2025 – GCA Hearing
- D. September 17, 2025 – GCA Hearing

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Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of the GCA Hearing Minutes.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, seconded by Commissioner Baxter, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie, voting yes and Commissioner Heins abstaining; the Commission approved the GCA Hearing Minutes for September 12, 2025, and September 17, 2025.

E. September 18, 2025 – Commission Meeting

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of the Commission Meeting Minutes.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Heins, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes and Chair LaBrie abstaining; the Commission approved the Commission Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2025.

4. Consideration of Request to Extend Transaction Compliance Period (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19824 and 19904; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):

Tommy's Casino & Saloon:	Tommy's Casino & Saloon Tommie Wayne Buck, Inc. (Seller) Casino Azul, LLC (Buyer)
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Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of the extension of the transaction compliance period, with contingencies.

Comments Received From:

James Carson, Designated Agent for Casino Azul, LLC

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Heins, seconded by Commissioner Baxter, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie, voting yes; the Commission approved an additional extension of the transaction compliance period originally approved at the June 6, 2024 Commission meeting and subsequently extended at the November 21, 2024 and May 8, 2025 Commission meetings, contingent upon 1) the transaction closing within 180 days following today's vote or any additional extension period requested to, and approved by, the Commission before the expiration of that period, 2) the seller(s) maintaining a valid Cardroom Business License until the transaction is closed.

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If these contingencies do not occur prior to the expiration of the Commission approved time frames, the transaction is automatically thereafter disapproved.

5. Consideration of A) Stock Purchase Agreement; B) Initial Cardroom Owner Type License; and C) Imposition of Transaction Condition(s) on Cardroom Owner Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19824, 19850, 19851, 19852, and 19904; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):

A. Commerce Casino: California Commerce Club, Inc.  
Edgar E. Pankey and Elizabeth S. Pankey Trust  
(Seller)  
Roberta Sweet (Buyer)

Recommendation:

The Bureau of Gambling Control recommended approval, with conditions.  
Commission Staff recommended approval of the transaction, with contingencies.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie, voting yes; the Commission approved the transaction, contingent upon 1) the transaction closing within 180 days following today's vote or any extension period requested to, and approved by, the Commission before the expiration of that period, and 2) the cardroom owner-licensee assents to the imposition of transaction conditions on the cardroom business license at the same meeting where the transaction is contingently approved or in writing within 30 days.

If these contingencies do not occur prior to the expiration of the Commission approved time frames, the transaction is automatically thereafter disapproved.

B. Commerce Casino California Commerce Club, Inc.  
Roberta Sweet, Shareholder

Recommendation:

The Bureau of Gambling Control and Commission Staff recommended approval of the Initial Cardroom Owner Type License, contingent upon the closing of the transaction for ownership in the cardroom business licensee.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Heins, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Cardroom Owner Type License, contingent upon the closing of the transaction for ownership in the cardroom business license, through March 31, 2027.

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C. Commerce Casino: California Commerce Club, Inc.\*

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of the imposition of conditions on the Interim Renewal License.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Baxter, seconded by Chair LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie; the Commission approved the imposition of the following conditions:

1. Initial License is Not Yet Approved. *Roberta Sweet's initial license is approved, contingent upon the closing of the transaction for ownership in the cardroom business licensee.*
2. Transaction Completed as Approved. *Within 30-days after the closing, California Commerce Club, Inc. shall confirm in writing to the Bureau, with a copy to the Commission, that the transaction approved at the November 6, 2025 Commission Meeting has been completed as approved by the Commission.*
3. License Certificate Issuance. *The Commission will not issue California Commerce Club, Inc. a certificate reflecting the new owner-licensee until California Commerce Club, Inc. has complied with Condition 2.*
4. Legend on Stock Certificate. *California Commerce Club, Inc. must confirm in writing to the Bureau, with a copy to the Commission, within 30-days after closing that each and every certificate evidencing the shares conveyed has been legended in accordance with the provisions of Business and Professions Code section 19882, subdivision (c).*
5. Additional Legend on Stock Certificate. *Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19904, any purported sale or other disposition of a security issued by a corporate licensee that the Commission did not approve in advance is void. California Commerce Club, Inc. must confirm in writing to the Bureau, with a copy to the Commission, within 30-days after the transfer that each and every certificate evidencing the shares includes the following legend:*

**THIS CERTIFICATE REPRESENTS SHARES OF STOCK ISSUED BY A CORPORATION THAT HOLDS A STATE GAMBLING LICENSE PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THE STOCK MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED, ASSIGNED, SOLD, PLEDGED, HYPOTHECATED, OR DISPOSED OF WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE CALIFORNIA GAMBLING CONTROL COMMISSION OR ITS SUCCESSOR.**

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6. Consideration of Renewal Cardroom Owner Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19850, 19851, 19852, and 19876; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):

La Primavera Pool Hall & Café:

Lucky Tree Entertainment, Inc.

Khonglai Yang, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, Director, Shareholder

Phatseluck Yang, Shareholder

Seng Yang, Financial Interest Holder

Nang Xiong, Financial Interest Holder

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended a 90-day extension of the Cardroom Owner Type Licenses, with conditions.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Heins, seconded by Commissioner Liu, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie; the Commission approved a 90-day extension of the Cardroom Owner Type License through February 28, 2026, continuing with the following conditions:

1. *Prior to the opening for business, the Cardroom Business Licensee, shall provide to the Bureau of Gambling Control:*
  - A. *A current and fully completed Business Entity: Supplemental Information, CGCC-CH2-06 (Rev. 12/21), or its most current successor form, which includes the new address of the gambling establishment;*
  - B. *The Cardroom Business Licensee must comply with applicable relocation requirements pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 4, Division 18, Chapter 7, Article 1, Section 12364;*
  - C. *A current and valid business license issued by the City of Madera for the gambling establishment;*
  - D. *A current reviewed and approved Safety and Security Plan, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 12370 and 12372;*
  - E. *A current Emergency and Evacuation Plan, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 12370, that has been approved by the responsible local authority;*
  - F. *A current lease for the gambling establishment's premises, if applicable; and*
  - G. *A current and complete Chart of Accounts, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 12312.*
2. *The Cardroom Business Licensee may not open or offer controlled games until the Bureau of Gambling Control has inspected the cardroom and determined the cardroom is in compliance with all pertinent regulatory standards.*

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

A. Ira Goosby

Recommendation:

The Bureau of Gambling Control and Commission Staff recommended approval of the Initial Key Employee License.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Baxter, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Key Employee License through November 30, 2027.

B. Van Nguyen

Recommendation:

The Bureau of Gambling Control and Commission Staff recommended denial of the Initial Key Employee License Application.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Heins, seconded by Commissioner Baxter, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie, voting yes; the Commission denied the Initial Key Employee License Application.

8. 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: Michael Pryor

Recommendation:

The Bureau of Gambling Control and Commission Staff recommended denial of the Initial Commission Work Permit Application.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Baxter, seconded by Commissioner Liu, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie, voting yes; the Commission denied the Initial Commission Work Permit Application.

9. Consideration of Request for Temporary Third-Party Proposition Player Services Owner Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19824(f); CCR, Title 4 section 12054):

Acme Player Services, LLC: Acme Player Services, LLC  
William Lockyer, Manager

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### Recommendation:

The Bureau of Gambling Control recommended approval. Commission Staff recommended approval of the Temporary Third-Party Proposition Player Services Owner Type License, with conditions.

### Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Heins, seconded by Commissioner Liu, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie, voting yes; the Commission approved the Temporary Third-Party Proposition Player Services Owner Type License, with the following conditions:

1. *This temporary license takes effect on the date that the Commission approves the request and expires on October 31, 2027. This temporary license is not subject to renewal.*
2. *Issuance of this temporary license does not obligate the Commission to grant a regular license. Issuance of this temporary license does not create a vested right in the holder to either extension of the temporary license or to a regular license.*
3. *Issuance of this temporary license does not change the license qualification requirements of the Gambling Control Act, including the legal requirement that the burden of proving his or her qualifications to receive any license is on the applicant.*
4. *The Commission, when evaluating the applicant's pending application for a regular TPPPS endorsee license, will consider the conduct of the applicant during the term of the applicant's temporary license.*
5. *Notwithstanding any other limitations on this temporary license, it is also subject to the discipline and penalties provided in Article 10 and Article 11 of the Gambling Control Act. The issuance of this temporary license is without prejudice to the Bureau's prosecution of an accusation.*
6. *The granting of this temporary license in no way diminishes the responsibilities or powers of the Bureau in enforcing the Gambling Control Act and other applicable laws and regulations with respect to the temporary license.*
7. *This temporary license will only be valid as long as an application for a regular license is currently pending.*
8. *The holder of this temporary license shall pay all applicable fees associated with that license as if the temporary were a regular license.*
9. *If a regular license is not issued within the valid time period of the temporary license, the temporary licensee may submit a request for a new temporary license.*
10. *Upon issuance or denial of a regular license, this temporary license shall become void.*
11. *The holder of a temporary license shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Gambling Control Act and Commission and Bureau Regulations.*
12. *The Commission may impose additional conditions to this temporary license in its sole discretion at any noticed public meeting. The imposition of additional*

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*conditions does not entitle the temporary licensee to an evidentiary hearing under the Gambling Control Act or Commission regulations.*

13. *Any temporary license issued will be cancelled or conditioned as provided in Section 12128 of Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations.*

10. 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):

L.E. Gaming, Inc.:

Worker: Charles Churchill

Recommendation:

The Bureau of Gambling Control recommended denial. Commission Staff recommended referral of the Initial Third-Party Worker License Application to an evidentiary hearing.

Comments Received From:

Charles Churchill

Fabiana Arellano, Designated Agent

Jared Revak, Staff Services Manager II, Bureau of Gambling Control

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, seconded by Commissioner Baxter, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Third-Party Worker License through November 30, 2027.

11. Consideration of Tribal-State Compact Initial Finding of Suitability as a Gaming Resource Supplier (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact; CCR, Title 4, section 12120):

NRT Technology Corporation:

NRT Technology Corporation

Michael John Dominelli, President

Recommendation:

The Bureau of Gambling Control and Commission Staff recommended approval of the Initial Finding of Suitability as a Gaming Resource Supplier.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability as a Gaming Resource Supplier through April 30, 2027.

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12. Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact; CCR, Title 4, section 12120):  
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain - Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California:  
Mai Nguyen-Saeteurn

Recommendation:

The Bureau of Gambling Control and Commission Staff recommended approval of the Initial Finding of Suitability.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Baxter, seconded by Commissioner Heins, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through March 31, 2026.

13. Consideration of Additional Permanent Authorized Tables (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19841(p); CCR, Title 4, section 12472):  
Capitol Casino: Capitol Casino, Inc.

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of the request for two additional permanent tables, increasing the total from 17 to 19, to be effective January 1, 2026.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, seconded by Commissioner Baxter, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie, voting yes; the Commission approved the request for two additional permanent tables increasing the total from 17 to 19, to be effective January 1, 2026.

14. Hearing Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 19870 and 19871 and CCR, Title 4, section 12060:  
A. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Luan Tran, (CGCC-2025-0605-10B)

Recommendation:

None.

Comments Received From:

Kate Patterson, Staff Counsel, Gambling Control Commission

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Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Baxter, seconded by Commissioner Heins, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie, voting yes; the Commission approved the Default Decision and Order.

- B. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Faris Alwawi, (CGCC-2025-0508-10Ai)

Recommendation:

None.

Comments Received From:

Kate Patterson, Staff Counsel, Gambling Control Commission

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Heins, seconded by Chair LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie, 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.*

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

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| A. Dennis Bernardo    | J. Nadine Ortega     |
| B. David Bustamante   | K. Justyna Seiff     |
| C. James Castalano    | L. Michael Stan      |
| D. Christopher Dennis | M. Andrew Strahl     |
| E. Larry Goodman      | N. Steven Taing      |
| F. Syerik Jyenis      | O. Khang Truong      |
| G. Lisana London      | P. Trevor Walz       |
| H. Joseph Manivong    | Q. Augustine Woodson |
| I. Sharod Oden        | R. Wenqiang Wu       |

16. 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: Adam Puente

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

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|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| A. Casino Merced:                  | Lee Vang         | Steve Yang      |               |
| B. Club San Rafael:                | Noelle Barton    | Caitlin Douglas | Lucas Shulkin |
| C. Empire Sportsmen's Association: | Joy Caldo        | Raymond Rin     |               |
| D. Napa Valley Casino:             | Maiove-Mari Wong | Chunxiu Zhang   |               |
| E. Outlaws Card Parlour:           | Joshua Hufft     |                 |               |

18. 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):

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|------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| A. Acme Player Services, LLC:      |                        |                      |                        |
| Supervisor:                        | Cole Jackson           |                      |                        |
| B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:         |                        |                      |                        |
| Workers:                           | Khiem Marsh            | Vanessa Nguyen       | Octavio Perez-Anguiano |
| C. KB Ventures:                    |                        |                      |                        |
| Worker:                            | Justin Smith           |                      |                        |
| D. KBCH Consultants, Inc.:         |                        |                      |                        |
| Worker:                            | Brandi Lynn            |                      |                        |
| E. Knighted Ventures, LLC:         |                        |                      |                        |
| Workers:                           | Jacob Barnett          | Alessandro Burns Jr. | Jeremy Duval           |
|                                    | Amber Dwyer            | Danielle Goldstein   | Gonzalo Gomez Guerrero |
|                                    | Valentino Henderson II |                      | Edward Hernandez       |
|                                    | Quin Imeson            | Austin Kallai        | Isa Khan               |
|                                    | Tom Le                 | Lau Lim              | Cali Matthews          |
|                                    | Jada McMillan          | Timothy Murphy       | Tochukwu Omenwu        |
|                                    | Mark Ortega            | Noah Sevedge         | Aaron Soo              |
|                                    | Angelique Wei          | Yun Zhou             |                        |
| F. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:              |                        |                      |                        |
| Workers:                           | Thomas Kummerfeld II   |                      | Mark Thomason          |
| G. Players Edge Services:          |                        |                      |                        |
| Workers:                           | Sara Cosso             | Momtaz Rosta         | Fred Scales            |
|                                    | Paulina Soria Sosa     |                      |                        |
| H. Qualified Player Services, LLC: |                        |                      |                        |
| Workers:                           | Michael Lovell         | Sally Nak            | Jesse Swope            |
| I. Wahba, LLC:                     |                        |                      |                        |
| Workers:                           | Patrick Walker         | Montrell Wilkins     |                        |

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

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| A. Acme Player Services, LLC: |                  |            |               |
| Supervisor:                   | Keizen Kabigting |            |               |
| Workers:                      | Yathana Din      | Chris Hong | Shawn Samreth |
|                               | Minh Tran        |            |               |

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B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:

Supervisor: Bipin Venigandla  
Workers: Calais Flores Ryan Freese Sara Goodrich  
Victor Nunez Leos

C. Fortune Players Group, Inc.:

Supervisor: Melinda Chan  
Workers: You Xi Fang Giang Lu Qinghua Meng

D. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Supervisors: Trung Bui David Chlebowski Ricardo Gil Mendez  
Cue Lo Vuong Pham Davince Paul Ramirez  
Feuy Saechao Christine Sarmiento Kritin Soong  
Workers: Jorge Andaya Bryana Arlie Jasmine Barajas  
Carlos Castro Bernal Darian Cosico-Tran Brian Cruz  
Jotzan Gonzalez Ulloa James Guttridge  
Mikal Hall Jr. Raul Hernandez Cesar Hernandez  
Rowie Lapidario Keene Edwin Lim Shan Lin  
Jeffrey Miles Alejandro Munoz Marquez Kelvin Nelson  
Angelcelyna Ouk Jonathan Ramirez Alan Reyes  
Sergio Rodriguez Irving Ruiz Santiago Lourdes Sales  
Jacob Shaw Grace Smart Mario Torres  
Ernesto Toscano Cindy Tran Alexis Yang  
Yongsheng Zhang

E. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:

Worker: Samuel Liwanag

F. Players Edge Services:

Supervisor: Ryan Huntington  
Workers: Cierra Burrows-Moroschok Xena Del Valle  
Corey Ellis Nisha Gurung Kianna Reed  
Yan Jun Wu Chan Yoeuth

G. Progressive Gaming, LLC:

Workers: Michelle Lee Yanbing Liao Fonglan Lu  
Ye zhi Tan Lam Tran Susan Wu  
Qingkun Yang Zhanggu Ye Chaohui Zhang

H. Qualified Player Services, LLC:

Workers: William Ispen Isaac Martinez Amanda Slater  
Jeff Spears

I. Wahba, LLC:

Supervisor: Kenneth Ngau  
Workers: Angel Garcia Stella Hui

J. Workers: Mason Marco Christopher Sylver

20. 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 Palm Springs - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation:

Michael Ochoa Cortes



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- T. Spotlight 29 Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians of California:  
Todd Berther                      Paul Thorsen                      Richard Wilson
- U. Table Mountain Casino Resort - Table Mountain Rancheria of California:  
Isaac Gojara
- V. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria:  
Edward Sanchez Jr.
- W. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas (Baron Long) Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation:  
Kenneth Owen
- X. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:  
Kimberly Murphy
- Y. Yaamava' Resort and Casino at San Manuel - Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation:  
Jose Aguirre                      Vincent Rodriguez

21. Consideration of Renewal 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:  
Sintia Aguilera                      Jason Asher                      David Alberto Valenzuela
- B. Agua Caliente Casino Palm Springs - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation:  
Robert Allred                      Geraldine Baltazar                      Orlando Barrera  
Anthony Castaneda                      Joshua Conley                      Kyle Haas  
Ernesto Hernandez Jr.                      Angel Joseph                      Michael Nance  
Cheng Poa
- C. Agua Caliente Casino Rancho Mirage - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation:  
Derek Belchamber                      Sophia Chang                      Ricardo Fernandez  
David Heath                      Lesley Jimenez                      David Lawson  
Engelbert Leano                      Dajanette Lee                      Josue Lopez  
Joseph Orta                      Theara Phrachansiri                      Mario Ramos Garcia  
Luis Enrique Salazar                      Steven Schoch                      Cheryl St. Amand  
Sara Telles Scheffler                      Tatiana Unciano                      Brian Vierck  
Bill Vu                      Justis White                      Cathie Wright
- D. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Barona Reservation:  
Edwin Cruz                      John Derby Jr.                      Tyler Dollick  
Dwayne Freske                      Liliana Madrigal                      Rene Rios
- E. Black Oak Casino - Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria of California:  
Kyle Smith
- F. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:  
Miguel Barreto-Franco                      Jeffery Little                      Christopher Stevens

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- G. Coyote Valley Casino - Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California:  
William Noel
- H. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:  
Susan Williams
- I. Elk Valley Casino - Elk Valley Rancheria:  
Daniel Huff
- J. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Cahuilla Indians:  
Jay Chesterton                      Louis Crescenzo Jr.                      Angelica Espinoza  
Monica Flores                      Michael Hennig                      Melinda Hodge-Buxton  
Kathleen Levasseur                      Michele Montana                      April Ryan  
Randall Smith                      Erik Tapia                      Axel Van Der Velden  
Gene Wu
- K. Golden Acorn Casino & Travel Center - Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Campo Indian Reservation:  
Ana Hernandez
- L. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:  
Heriberto Arreguin Perez      Deepika Aryal Nepal                      Vladimir Belokrylov  
Maria Bernabe Cardenas      Randall Da Costa                      Juan Delgado  
Sergio Garcia                      Rema Greene                      Austin Herrick  
Anmol Lama                      Jianbin Liang                      Anthony Lopez Jr.  
Marivic Lorenzo                      Ambrosio Lumibao                      Diego Maca  
Suraj Mali                      Vincent McCann                      Sopheak Phoung  
Renita Ramos                      Pramila Rayamajhi Thapa                      Miyoung Shin  
Roshan Shrestha                      Andy Tung                      Jonathan Viale
- M. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain - Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California:  
Connor Barnes                      Sonika Bhattarai Khanal                      Terry Brock  
Ales Dvorak                      Steven Kruger                      Garrett Olson  
Allen Owens Jr.                      Sameth Phon                      Vincent Saechao  
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- N. Harrah's Northern California - Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California:  
Todd Goodwin
- O. Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village of California:  
Genoveva Garnica
- P. Mono Wind Casino - Big Sandy Rancheria Band of Western Mono Indians of California:  
Bruce Belden                      Ricky Boothby                      Krystle Hare  
Shelly Miller                      Kerry Smith
- Q. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:  
Vanessa Barcenas                      Emill Garcia                      Theresa Gomez  
Pilar Morales Juarez
- R. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Mission Indians:  
Estevan Negrete                      Jenna Rodriguez                      Jennifer Silva  
Erich Strafeltas

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- S. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:  
Karen Negrete
- T. Rain Rock Casino - Karuk Tribe:  
James Herman                      Ty Whittaker
- U. Red Earth Casino - Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians:  
Daniel Mendoza
- V. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria (Verona Tract):  
Ray Amor Cayabyab Sibolboro                      Amrease Carter-Gomez  
Bradley DeVarennnes-Barr Savandara Ing                      Tou Lor Yeun Lu  
Fou Saelee                      Nam Tran                      Taylor Visaya
- W. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:  
Jorge Reyes
- X. Rolling Hills Casino - Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians of California:  
Kimberly Duran                      Kyle Sanders
- Y. Sky River Casino - Wilton Rancheria:  
Christopher Anies                      Josias Gayle                      Cory Wirtz
- Z. Spotlight 29 Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians of California:  
Ramon Ramirez-Alba
- AA. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:  
Alexandra Aloese                      Matthew Amador-Green                      Marites Asuncion  
Mehvan Banavi                      David Bass                      Michael Conery  
Richard Contreras                      Ammar Dawod                      Van Duong  
Efrain Franco Gutierrez                      Jazmin Gonzalez                      Harold Johns  
Minerva Leano                      Itzel Lopez                      Maria Loza-Oliva  
Christopher Manzano                      Brian Masi                      Gabriel Munoz  
Benedict Albert Panado                      Hezha Sulyman                      Mariela Velarde
- BB. Table Mountain Casino Resort - Table Mountain Rancheria of California:  
Mark Horton Jr.                      Koua Moua                      Michael Sonephom  
Jim Xiong                      Pa Yang
- CC. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria:  
James Gallaway III                      April Hernandez                      Byron Lopez Hernandez  
Curtis McCormack
- DD. Tortoise Rock Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians of California:  
Carmelita Bazan                      Melissa Pierce                      Scott Stinson
- EE. Twin Pine Casino & Hotel - Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California:  
Juanita Velarde
- FF. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of California:  
Joseph Pacheco                      Princess Marlen San Juan Miles Sinclair
- GG. Yaamava' Resort and Casino at San Manuel - Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation:  
David Bentley                      Nicole Brooks                      Jennifer Colvin

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Anna Concepcion  
Kristiana Gonzales  
Brian Kim  
Janine Solano  
Lawrence Weaver Jr.

Jason Deapen  
Ladda Gouisikul  
Michael Luong  
Marlin Trejo  
Yasuko Williams

Christopher Fowler  
Dominick Hart  
Carson Miller  
Janet Valencia  
Richard Zuniga

### Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of Consent Calendar Items 15 through 21, with the exception of Agenda Item 20P, Virigina Brooks, in which Commission staff recommended the Commissioners take no action.

### Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, seconded by Commissioner Baxter, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Liu, and Chair LaBrie, voting yes; the Commission approved Consent Calendar Items 15 through 21, with the exception of Agenda Item 20P, Virigina Brooks, in which the Commission took no action.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

None

### **CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:**

- I. Litigation (Government Code section 11126(e)):
  - A. Lucky Chances, Inc. v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2017-80002549)
- 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 Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Sean Marcus Smith, CGCC Case No. CGCC-2024-0523-8A
  - C. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Luan Tran, (CGCC-2025-0605-10B)
  - D. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Faris Alwawi, (CGCC-2025-0508-10Ai)

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- 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)
  - J. Club One Casino, Inc., Kyle R. Kirkland, Dana D. Messina, GLCR, Inc. v. California Gambling Control Commission; Bureau of Gambling Control; Stacey Luna Baxter, Sacramento Superior Court (25WM000158)
  - K. Kracht Enterprises III, LLC, and William Kracht v. California Gambling Control Commission; Bureau of Gambling Control, San Francisco County Superior Court (CPF-25-519311)
  - L. Faros Unlimited, Inc., and Chau On v. California Gambling Control Commission, San Diego County Superior Court (25CU051707C)
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- III. Personnel Matters (Government Code Section 11126(a)(1))

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair LaBrie adjourned the Commission Meeting at approximately 10:52 a.m.