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**MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2025
COMMISSION HEARING**

THIS HEARING WAS HELD IN PERSON AND BY TELE/VIDEO CONFERENCE

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chair LaBrie called the hearing to order on May 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners

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

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

Application for Approval of Initial Commission Work Permit for Joey Steven Muniz, (CGCC Case No. CGCC-2024-0919-7B)

Presiding Officer: Paras Modha

For Applicant: Tiffany Lichtig

For Bureau of Gambling Control: Thomas Rinaldi, Supervising Deputy Attorney General

Witnesses: Andrea Farris
Joey Muniz

The Commission met in open session, in-person and by video conference on Zoom to take evidence concerning Joey Muniz's suitability for licensure. Complainant's exhibits 1-17 and Applicant's exhibits A-F were admitted into the record. Supervising Deputy Attorney General Thomas Rinaldi and Tiffany Lichtig provided opening statements. Andrea Farris and Applicant Joey Muniz were sworn in and provided testimony. Supervising Deputy Attorney General Rinaldi waived closing argument. Tiffany Lichtig and Applicant Muniz provided closing argument. The record was closed, and the matter was submitted for decision.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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. Kris Kat, LLC and Steven C. Ayers v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2019-80003142)
 - C. 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)
 - D. 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)
 - E. California Gaming Association v. California Gambling Control Commission, Bureau of Gambling Control, and Does 1-10, San Francisco County Superior Court (CPF-23-518185)
 - F. Dora Christina Brown v. California Gambling Control Commission, Bureau of Gambling Control, and Does 1-10, Sacramento County Superior Court (23WM000039)
 - G. 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)
 - H. Knighted Ventures, LLC, Roy Choi & Jieho Lee v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (23WM000051)
 - I. Fortiss, LLC, et al. v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (23WM000050)

- 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 Eric Walters, (CGCC-2023-1019-10Aiv)
 - C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Ruby Benabides, (CGCC-2024-0822-12B)
 - D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Sam Sintue You, (CGCC-2024-0418-12Hiii)
 - E. Consideration of Stipulated Settlement; Decision and Order: In the Matter of the Fifth Amended Statement of Issues Regarding: Sahara Dunes Casino, LP, doing business as Lake Elsinore Hotel and Casino, Ted Kingston, Joseph Kingston, and Sahara Dunes Management, Inc. BGC No. BGC-HQ2017-00001SL; OAH No. 2017070210.1
 - F. Consideration of Stipulated Settlement; Decision and Order: In the Matters of the Statement of Issues re: Club One Casino, Inc. dba Club One Casino, Kyle Kirkland, and Dana Messina; KMGI, Inc., financial interest holder in Club One Casino, Inc., Kyle Kirkland, and Dana Messina; GLCR Inc., dba The Deuce

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Lounge & Casino, Kyle Kirkland, and Dana Messina; and GLCR Inc. dba Tres Lounge and Casino, Kyle Kirkland, and Dana Messina. BGC No. BGC-HQ2015-00018SL; OAH No. 2023060756

- G. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Faros Unlimited, Inc., (CGCC-2024-0822-8)
- H. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Cardroom Owner Type License for Kracht Enterprises III, LLC dba Beachside Casino, CGCC Case No. CGCC-2024-0905-4B
- I. Application for Approval of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Michael Aaron LeRoy, CGCC Case No. CGCC-2024-1010-11Qiii
- J. Application for Approval of Key Employee License for Kenneth Hom, (CGCC Case No. CGCC-2024-0208-6)
- K. Application for Approval of Initial Commission Work Permit for Joey Steven Muniz, (CGCC Case No. CGCC-2024-0919-7B)

III. Personnel Matters (Government Code Section 11126(a)(1))

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 1:12 to deliberate on closed session items II.K The Commission did not reconvene to open session following closed session deliberations.