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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

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 8, 2025
COMMISSION MEETING**

OPEN SESSION:

1. Call to Order.

Chair Paula LaBrie called the meeting to order at 10:00 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.

Office Technician Fred Aliyev gave ZOOM participation instructions.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for:

A. February 18, 2025 – GCA Hearing

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of the GCA Hearing Minutes.

Action:

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

B. March 6, 2025 – Commission Meeting

C. March 11, 2025 – GCA Hearing

D. March 20, 2025 – Commission Meeting

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Recommendation:

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

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, 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 March 6, 2024, GCA Hearing Minutes for March 11, 2025, and the Commission Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2025.

4. Consideration of A) Request to Extend Transaction Compliance Period; and B) Initial Cardroom Owner Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19824, 19850, 19851, 19852, 19892, 19900, and 19904; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):

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

Recommendation:

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

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 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 Commission meeting, contingent upon 1) the transaction closing within 180 days following Meeting day'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.

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

B. Tommy's Casino & Saloon: Casino Azul, LLC
Lorens Attisha, Managing Member
Hiba Attisha, Member

Recommendation:

The Bureau of Gambling Control recommended approval. Commission Staff recommended approval of the Initial Cardroom Owner Type Licenses, with conditions.

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Comments Received From:

James Carson, Attorney and Designated Agent

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, 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 Licenses through May 31, 2027, with the following conditions:

1. Initial License is Not Yet Approved. *Casino Azul, LLC'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, Casino Azul, LLC shall confirm in writing to the Bureau, with a copy to the Commission, that the transaction approved at the June 6, 2024 Commission meeting has been completed as approved by the Commission.*
3. License Certificate Issuance. *The Commission will not issue Casino Azul, LLC a certificate until Casino Azul, LLC has complied with Condition 2.*
4. Legend on Membership Certificate. *Casino Azul, LLC 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 interest conveyed has been legended in accordance with the provisions of Business and Professions Code section 19892, subdivision (d).*
5. Additional Legend on Certificates Membership Interest. *Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19892, subdivision (a), voids any purported sale or other disposition of any membership interest issued by a licensee that the Commission did not approve in advance. Casino Azul, LLC must confirm in writing to the Bureau, with a copy to the Commission, within 30-days after the closing that each and every certificate evidencing the interest includes the following legend:*

THIS CERTIFICATE REPRESENTS A MEMBERSHIP INTEREST IN A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY THAT HOLDS A STATE GAMBLING LICENSE PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THE MEMBERSHIP INTEREST MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED, ASSIGNED, SOLD, PLEDGED, HYPOTHECATED, OR DISPOSED OF WITHOUT COMPLYING WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE CALIFORNIA GAMBLING CONTROL COMMISSION OR ITS SUCCESSOR.

6. *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, CGCCCH2- 06 (Rev. 12/21), or its most current successor form, which includes the new address of the gambling establishment;*

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- B. *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 El Centro 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.*
7. *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.*
5. Consideration of Request to Withdraw Application for Cardroom Owner Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869; CCR, Title 4, sections 12015 and 12054):
Garlic City Club: Chhary Phuon, Community Property Interest Holder

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended denial of the request to withdraw the Cardroom Owner Type License.

Comments Received From:

Frances Asuncion, Staff Services Manager II, Bureau of Gambling Control
Kathy Reiner, Designated Agent
Brian Gilleland, Deputy Director, Gambling Control Commission
Yolanda Morrow, Director, Bureau of Gambling Control

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, 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 denied the request to withdraw.

6. Consideration of Initial and Temporary Commission Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12128):
The Nineteenth Hole: Robert Alexander Macaraeg

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Recommendation:

The Bureau of Gaming Control recommended denial. Commission Staff recommended referral of the Initial Commission Work Permit Application to an evidentiary hearing.

Comments Received From:

Robert Alexander Macaraeg

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 Commission Work Permit Application through May 31, 2027.

7. 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):

Thousand Palms Enterprises, Inc.: Thousand Palms Enterprises, Inc.
Hashem Minaiy, Chief Executive Officer, Chief
Financial Officer, Secretary, Director, Shareholder

Recommendation:

The Bureau of Gaming Control and Commission Staff recommended denial of the Temporary Third-Party Owner Type Licenses.

Comments Received From:

Joy Harn, Designated Agent and Attorney
Jared Revak, Staff Services Manager II, Bureau of Gambling Control
Brian Gilleland, Deputy Director, Gambling Control Commission

No Action Taken.

8. 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. KBCH Consultants, Inc.:
Worker: Carter Hedrick

Recommendation:

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

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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 referred the Initial Third-Party Worker License Application to an evidentiary hearing.

B. Players Edge Services:

Supervisor: Brannon Davies

Recommendation:

The Bureau of Gaming Control recommended approval. Commission Staff recommended approval of the Initial Third-Party Supervisor License, with a condition.

Comments Received From:

Brannon Davies

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, 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 Supervisor License through May 31, 2027, with the following condition:

Beginning July 1, 2025, and every 90 days thereafter, Brannon Davies must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of efforts to satisfy their civil judgments until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

C. Qualified Player Services, LLC:

Supervisor: Robert Mavis

Recommendation:

The Bureau of Gaming Control and Commission Staff recommended approval of the Initial Third-Party Supervisor License, with a condition.

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 Third-Party Supervisor License through May 31, 2027, with the following condition:

Beginning July 1, 2025, and every 180 days thereafter, Robert Mavis must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of their efforts to satisfy their Collection Accounts until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

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

A. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:

Supervisor: Megan Brown

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of the Renewal Third-Party Supervisor License, with a condition.

Comments Received From:

Megan Brown

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, 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 Renewal Third-Party Supervisor License through May 31, 2027, with the following condition:

Beginning July 1, 2025, and every 90 days thereafter, Megan Brown must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control a status update regarding proof of their efforts regarding the completion of their court-mandated classes and resolution of fine(s) until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

B. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Workers: i) Meaa Burton

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of the Renewal Third-Party Worker License, with a condition.

Comments Received From:

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

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 approved the Renewal Third-Party Worker License through May 31, 2027, with the following condition:

Beginning May 1, 2023, and every 90 days thereafter, Meaa Burton must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control proof of ongoing efforts to resolve their Failures to Appear until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

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ii) Michael Jones

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of the Renewal Third-Party Worker License, with a condition.

Comments Received From:

Michael Jones

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

Brian Gilleland, Deputy Director, Gambling Control Commission

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 Renewal Third-Party Worker License through March 31, 2027, with the following condition:

Beginning July 1, 2025, and every 90 days thereafter, Michael Jones must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control a status update regarding proof of ongoing efforts to resolve their fine(s) until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

10. Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact; CCR, Title 4, section 12120):

A. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians of California:

i) Faris Alwawi

Recommendation:

The Bureau of Gambling Control recommended denial. Commission Staff recommended referral of the Initial Finding of Suitability Application to an evidentiary hearing.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, 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 referred the Initial Application to an evidentiary hearing.

ii) Fua Lee

Recommendation:

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

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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 Initial Finding of Suitability through January 25, 2026.

B. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:
Stephen Montana

Recommendation:

The Bureau of Gaming Control and Commission Staff recommended denial of the Initial Finding of Suitability Application.

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 denied the Initial Application.

11. Consideration of Request to Withdraw Application(s) of Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869; CCR Title 4, sections 12015 and 12120):

Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort - Jackson Band of Miwuk Indians:
Andrew Fletcher

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of the request to withdraw the Initial Finding of Suitability Application, with prejudice.

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 the request to withdraw the Initial Application, with prejudice.

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

Parkwest Bicycle Casino: Parkwest Bicycle Casino, LLC

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of the request for 50 Additional Permanent Authorized Tables.

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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 request for 50 Additional Permanent Authorized Tables, which increased their total permanent tables from 200 to 250.

By concurrence of the Commissioners, items 13A through 14C were heard as a group.

13. Consideration of Rescission of APA Evidentiary Hearing Referral (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19824, 19850, 19851, and 19852; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):

A. Club One Casino: Club One Casino, Inc.
Kyle Kirkland, President, Chief Financial Officer,
Treasurer, Secretary, Director, Shareholder
Dana Messina, Shareholder

B. The Deuce Lounge & Casino: GLCR, Inc.
Kyle Kirkland, President, Director, Shareholder
Dana Messina, Chief Financial Officer,
Secretary, Director, Shareholder

C. Tres Lounge and Casino: GLCR, Inc.
Kyle Kirkland, President, Director, Shareholder
Dana Messina, Chief Financial Officer,
Secretary, Director, Shareholder

14. 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. Club One Casino: Club One Casino, Inc.
Kyle Kirkland, President, Chief Financial Officer,
Treasurer, Secretary, Director, Shareholder
Dana Messina, Shareholder

B. The Deuce Lounge & Casino: GLCR, Inc.
Kyle Kirkland, President, Director, Shareholder
Dana Messina, Chief Financial Officer,
Secretary, Director, Shareholder

C. Tres Lounge and Casino: GLCR, Inc.
Kyle Kirkland, President, Director, Shareholder
Dana Messina, Chief Financial Officer,
Secretary, Director, Shareholder

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Recommendation:

None.

Comments Received From:

Russell Johnson, Staff Counsel, Gambling Control Commission
Tiffany Lichtig, Designated Agent and Attorney
Bart Hightower, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice
Jason Pope, Chief Counsel, Gambling Control Commission

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Heins, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie voting yes, and Commissioner Liu voting no; the Commission approved the Rescission of the APA Evidentiary Hearing Referral and referred the Renewal Cardroom Owner Type License Applications to a GCA evidentiary hearing.

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

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

A. Shawn Brown	O. Tanya Mendoza
B. Michael Caldwell	P. Kevin Ngo
C. Jeran Carr	Q. Lisa Nguyen
D. Paul Chilleo, II	R. Michael Nguyen
E. Stephen Dalton	S. Todd Nguyen
F. David Edwards	T. Craig Ogasawara
G. Ian Geering	U. Mark Petlack
H. Eleanor Gonzales	V. Andrew Phuon
I. Eric Hoffman	W. Lucrecia Ramirez
J. Zhuo Hu	X. Kaitlynn Roberts
K. Steven Jivapongse	Y. Kao Saetern
L. Alonzo Johnson	Z. Michael Sweeney
M. Brennan Jones	AA. Syhone Wong
N. Soosemea Masina	BB. Steven Wright

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17. Consideration of Initial and Temporary Commission Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12128):

Napa Valley Casino: Alicia Yoa

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

Empire Sportsmen's Association: Lloyd Souza III

19. 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:

Workers: Hector Estrada Susan Kim Frank Rodriguez
Diane Tomlin

B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:

Worker: Ye Chen

C. KB Ventures:

Workers: Terran Nguyen Alexis Vidrio

D. KBCH Consultants, Inc.:

Workers: Brandon Barnes Robert Walker Jr.

E. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Workers: Mirana Belekova Samuel Brownen
Stephany Cazares Benitez Vaibhav Chikkala
Kayla Clarke Matthew Hampton Eduardo Herrera
Bryan Heshiki Taseen Hossain Philip Jackson
Jacqueline Lopez Gabriel Lopez Marcos Lopez
Jonathan Luna Rocky Martinez
Jacqueline Mayoral Olascuaga Jovanne Meraz
Edwin Orosco Leslie Perez Guillermo Quinteros III
Jenyfer Mishel Ramirez Melgar John Restrepo
Julio Ruiz Juan Salomon Perris Smith
Nyi Nyi Moe Thu Paola Valladares Cruz
Julian Varela Samantha Vazmendes Luz Maria Villa
Madhukar Wagle

F. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:

Supervisor: Sesar Gonzales
Workers: Carter Adams Justin Graves Danh Le
Nancy Mai Angalie Munday Michael Musgrove
Jalyn Rich

G. Players Edge Services:

Workers: Hajnalka Cheek Justine Egan Juan Pina
Alice Saetern Barbara Wu

H. Progressive Gaming, LLC:

Workers: Jinfeng Bu Shaohui Chen Ying Chen
Yue Mei Chen Lenhnhan Dam Wenhao Ding

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| | Lun Fan | Lei Fu | Zesen Li |
| | Jianming Lu | Kyi Yin Ma | Xiling Qin |
| | Ming Zhang | Yajie Zhao | Yongli Zhou |
| I. Qualified Player Services, LLC: | | | |
| Workers: | Reuben Hernandez Jr. | | Joel Lopez |
| J. The Independent: | | | |
| Worker: | Lany Wong | | |
| K. Wahba, LLC: | | | |
| Workers: | Serena Galvan | Razay Martin | Daniel Reyes |
| | Joseph Torres | Qun Wang | |
| L. Worker: | Pang Cheng Un | | |

20. 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: | | | |
| Workers: | Mahendra Acharya | Ronald Figg Jr. | Bai Wei Huang |
| | Jin Rong Ji | Bunnay Lanh | Chuong Nguyen |
| | Nicole Phan | Jonathan Rodriguez-Lopez | |
| | Prem Sitaula | | |
| B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC: | | | |
| Supervisor: | Jun Mock | | |
| Workers: | Jessica Araujo | Efren Caacbay | Jason Esquivel |
| | Frederick Gapasen | Nick Lopez Jimenez | Albert Martinez |
| | Noi Sai | | |
| C. Fortune Players Group, Inc.: | | | |
| Workers: | Zikang Li | Gongping Liu | Winnie Su |
| E. KB Ventures: | | | |
| Worker: | Armando Hernandez | | |
| F. KBCH Consultants, Inc.: | | | |
| Worker: | Robert Garcia | | |
| G. Knighted Ventures, LLC: | | | |
| Supervisor: | George Agapitos | | |
| Workers: | Carlos Alonzo | Myo Aung | Braulio Ayon Noriega |
| | Leoncio Bancoro Jr. | Matthew Becerra | Anthony Burton |
| | Vincent Chavez | Simon Chhean | David Corona |
| | Carlos Galaz | Graciela Galindo Leyva | |
| | Minerva Grealis | Maya Gunawan | Angelo Hornillos |
| | Asusena Jaime | Ngoc La | Cindy Lam |
| | Brad Layson | Yeyi Li | Elaine Liang |
| | Wenyuan Lin | Lovon Lockhart | Hector Lua |
| | Glen Masia Mejia | Ossiel Medina | Mikaela Mendez |
| | Victor Mijares | Tyler Mommsen | Aye Nilar Myint |
| | Sergio Olvera | Marcos Pino | Alexis Price |
| | Yesenia Ramirez | Saveth Seng | Saphoun Shumsky |
| | Wenyan Sun | Xiujie Tan | Van Ton |

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| | Qing Wang | Mei Yang | |
| H. L.E. Gaming, Inc.: | | | |
| Workers: | Darlin Paglinawan | Annie Quach | Mosazghi Teclemariam |
| I. Players Edge Services: | | | |
| Supervisors: | Sean Brown-D'Elia | Bunthoeun Prum | Andrew Reisinger |
| Workers: | Darian Chao | Nue Vang | Rui Fang Woo |
| J. Progressive Gaming, LLC: | | | |
| Workers: | Lonnie Akers | Audrey Alexander | Siem Ang |
| | Mindy Cai | Kai Nang Chan | Steven Chan |
| | Chaoyuan Chen | Dong Ni Chen | Li Qun Chen |
| | Weiguang Chen | Wing Chu | Quan Dam |
| | Hong Fang | Wanfeng Feng | Qi Gao |
| | Minh Giang | Yalan He | Jenny Hoang |
| | Amy Huang | Tina Huang | Eduardo Juarez |
| | Johnny Lee | Jianjun Li | Xue Li |
| | Tay Liu | Wai Yin Lor | Tina Ly |
| | Zhifeng Mai | Ken Man | Keminh Ngo |
| | Haiping Qiu | Wenge Song | Sonny Tieu |
| | Cindy Trang | Le Truong | Oi Ming Tse |
| | Leah Wang | Shen Wang | Xiao Hui Wang |
| | Ken Wong | Fangyi Wu | Yu Ning Wu |
| | Rui Xiao | Kelly Xing | Shui Xuan |
| | Shuren Xue | LingFei Yan | Lai Yang |
| | YinJiao Yang | Weihong Yu | Renguang Yu |
| | Li Zhang | Min Zhang | Zhijun Zhang |
| | Xue Zhong | Yan Zhong | |
| K. Qualified Player Services, LLC: | | | |
| Worker: | Andrew Greenlee | | |
| L. Wahba, LLC: | | | |
| Workers: | Cesar Flores | Yamei Pan | |

21. 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:
Christine Farley
- B. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:
Corrie Baird
- C. Cher-Ae Heights Casino - Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria:
Marcela Sada
- D. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians of California:
Alan Martin II
- E. Coyote Valley Casino - Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California:
Maryjane Bettega

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- F. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Cahuilla Indians:
Lyn Sabac
- G. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
Michael Alvarez Jr. Deepika Aryal Nepal Kendrick Bacon
Bhuban Bhattarai Khatri Alejandro Esquivel Vasquez Rabi Khanal
Kouming Ma Imogen Robiso Arjan Thapa
Sambath Thun
- H. Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort - Jackson Band of Miwuk Indians:
Randy Fage
- I. Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village of California:
Kurt Ulm
- J. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
Justin Silva Cindy Woodruff
- K. Red Earth Casino - Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians:
Benjamin Baltazar
- L. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria (Verona Tract):
Roger McCarran
- M. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:
Daniel Hamou
- N. Rolling Hills Casino - Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians of California:
Sonia Vargas
- O. Running Creek Casino - Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake:
Victoria Mendoza
- P. Sky River Casino - Wilton Rancheria:
Jonathan Gonzales Christopher Maddox
- Q. Spotlight 29 Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians of California:
Buzz Entertainer
- R. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:
Juan Baca
- S. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria of California:
Melchor Alcantara Mae Cooley May Fong
Tong Lee Madeline Stephens
- T. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation:
Ryan Hartigan
- U. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:
Kayla Smith
- V. Yaamava' Resort and Casino at San Manuel - Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation:
Daisy Molina

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22. 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 Resort and Spa Rancho Mirage - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation:
Louis Na Val
- B. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Barona Reservation:
Andrew Allen Tracie Lavenant Christopher Ludwig
Peter Ruiz Brandon Williams Iva Yovcheva
- C. Black Oak Casino - Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria of California:
Jason Czito Julian Gomez Jr. Tammy Gutierrez
Nelson Sihalath
- D. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:
Lance Brown Maria Garcia Andrew Guardado
Richard Mepua Daniel Newell Miguel Valencia Jr.
Gary Westerman Jr.
- E. Coyote Valley Casino - Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California:
Julie Hendrix Ashley Ricci
- F. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:
Stephenie Rangel Gabriel Reyes
- G. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
Hunter Cornell Wei He Sara Myers
Nirajan Nepal Prakash Panthi Bishnu Wagle
- H. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain - Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California:
Derik Anderson Noli Bardoles Allen Keffer
Kho euth Khorn Seang Kim Putheary Loek
Daniel Martz Teresa de Jesus Overton Christy Saechao
Steven Tarpley Sang Ung Mirinda Vongkham somphou
King Yang
- I. Harrah's Northern California - Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California:
Thomas Bettencourt
- J. Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village of California:
Samuel Juarez Edon Lushi
- K. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
Cristina Fava Xavier Salinas Jr. Irene Silvas
- L. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Mission Indians:
Didi Aquino Esequiel Castellon Juan Guardado
Carlos Ortega Luis Sanchez Susana Vargas
- M. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
Randy Boutell Cynthia Kagle John Kenefick
Lorna Khosrovschahi Kate Pham Carl Pule Jr.

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- Enriqueta Ramirez Gabriel Geff Ramos Rupertson Robles
Mark Vasquez
- N. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs
Rancheria (Verona Tract):
Nancy Babb Ivan Borjon Connie Chen
Chi Cheung Leonard Steckler
- O. Redwood Hotel and Casino - Yurok Tribe of the Yurok Reservation:
Mary Whybark
- P. Rolling Hills Casino - Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians of California:
Jeffrey Galloway
- Q. Running Creek Casino - Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake:
Frances Harrington Sherrie Lewis
- R. Sky River Casino - Wilton Rancheria:
Timothy DeLugo
- S. Spotlight 29 Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians of California:
Lorena Rivera Maria Sanchez
- T. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:
Joelee Dimatulac Ricci Labrake Karam Alsama Matti
Dominic Miana Nathan Wilder
- U. Table Mountain Casino Resort - Table Mountain Rancheria of California:
Nick Dowie John Lorenzo
- V. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa
Rosa Rancheria:
Puth Or Frelen Soliman
- W. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn
Rancheria of California:
Cindy Cisneros Estephen Gorbet Justin Law
Cody Maccracken Guillermo Mesina II Salatiel Nava
Katherine Saechao Mai Vang Kou Xiong
- X. Twin Pine Casino & Hotel - Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California:
Danielle Lentz Alejondro Valadez II
- Y. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of
California:
Chan Oeun
- Z. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission
Indians of the Viejas Reservation:
Jiraporn Aphayavong Erin Espinoza Tauba Gonzales
Wisam Shamo-G Leslie Turbin
- AA. Yaamava' Resort and Casino at San Manuel - Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel
Nation:
Steven Cameron Lisa Carcano Peter DePasquale
Taunya Dodson Arthur Ebitner Jeffrey Grove
Justin Harris Tony Heng Thalia Jimenez
Debra Moore Arnel Pecson Aliya Phommasack
Lashawn Roberts Leana Sabala Lealia Silva
Johnny Thai Candace Yon Desirae Zowal

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Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of Consent Calendar Items 15 through 22.

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 approved Consent Calendar Items 15 through 22.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None

CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:

- II. Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3):
 - 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)
- III. Personnel Matters (Government Code Section 11126(a)(1))

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)

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- 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. 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
 - E. 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 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
 - F. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Sam Sintue You, (CGCC-2024-0418-12Hiii)
 - 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
- III. Personnel Matters (Government Code Section 11126(a)(1))

ADJOURNMENT

Chair LaBrie adjourned the Commission Meeting at approximately 12:10 p.m.