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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 JULY 24, 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 William Liu and Commissioner Edward Yee present; and Commissioner Eric Heins absent.

Office Technician Fred Aliyev gave ZOOM participation instructions.

3. Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Final Report for Distribution to Eligible Recipient Indian Tribes for Quarter Ending June 30, 2025 – Quarterly License Revenue Received and Shortfall (Pursuant to Government Code section 12012.75)

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of the distribution payments.

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; the Commission approved the distribution payments as listed in the report.

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4. Consideration of A) Transfer of Shares; 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.
The Michael A Tumanjan and Carla Tumanjan
Living Trust (Transferor)
The Michelle Tumanjan Family Trust Agreement
dated November 18, 2008 (Transferee)

Recommendation:

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

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Baxter, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, 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 contingently approved 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.
The Michelle Tumanjan Family Trust
Agreement dated November 18, 2008,
Shareholder
Michelle Tumanjan, Trustee, Trustor, Beneficiary
Michael A. Tumanjan and Carla Tumanjan
Living Trust, Shareholder
Michelle Tumanjan, Successor Trustee,
Contingent Beneficiary
The Jeanne Tumanjan Trust Agreement dated
June 7, 2016, Shareholder
Michelle Tumanjan, Successor Trustee,
Contingent Beneficiary

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Recommendation:

The Bureau of Gambling Control recommended approval. Commission Staff recommended approval of the Initial Cardroom Owner Type Licenses for The Michelle Tumanjan Family Trust Agreement dated November 18, 2008 and Michelle Tumanjan as Trustee, Trustor, and Beneficiary, contingent upon the closing of the transaction for ownership in the cardroom business licensee.

Additionally, Commission Staff recommended approval of the Initial Cardroom Owner Type Licenses for Michelle Tumanjan as Successor Trustee and Contingent Beneficiary of the Michael A. Tumanjan and Carla Tumanjan Living Trust; and Michelle Tumanjan as Successor Trustee and Contingent Beneficiary of The Jeanne Tumanjan Trust Agreement dated June 7, 2016.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Cardroom Owner Type Licenses for The Michelle Tumanjan Family Trust Agreement dated November 18, 2008 and Michelle Tumanjan as Trustee, Trustor, and Beneficiary, contingent upon the closing of the transaction for ownership in the cardroom business licensee, through September 30, 2025.

Additionally, the Commission approved the Initial Cardroom Owner Type Licenses for Michelle Tumanjan as Successor Trustee and Contingent Beneficiary of the Michael A. Tumanjan and Carla Tumanjan Living Trust; and Michelle Tumanjan as Successor Trustee and Contingent Beneficiary of The Jeanne Tumanjan Trust Agreement dated June 7, 2016, through September 30, 2025.

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

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of the imposition of conditions on the Cardroom Owner Type License.

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; the Commission approved the imposition of the following conditions:

1. *Initial License is Not Yet Approved. The Michelle Tumanjan Family Trust Agreement dated November 18, 2008's initial license is approved, contingent upon the closing of the transaction for ownership in the cardroom business licensee.*

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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 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 endorsee license until California Commerce Club, Inc. has complied with Condition 2.
4. Legend on 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 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 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

5. Consideration of Initial Cardroom Owner Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19850, 19851, and 19852; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):
Paso Robles Central Coast Casino: Ovsep Ayrapetian, Sole Proprietor

Recommendation:

The Bureau of Gambling Control and Commission Staff recommended denial of the Initial Cardroom Owner Type License Application.

Comments Received From:

Jarhett Blonien, Attorney and Designated Agent

No Action Taken.

6. Consideration of Approval of New Interim Renewal License (Pursuant to CCR, Title 4, section 12035):
Tres Lounge and Casino: GLCR, Inc.
Kyle Kirkland, President, Director, Shareholder
Dana Messina, Chief Financial Officer,
Secretary, Director, Shareholder

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Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of the issuance of a New Interim Renewal License, amending conditions.

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; the Commission approved issuance of a New Interim Renewal License through July 31, 2027, amending the following conditions:

Removing Condition:

~~*Tres Lounge and Casino must submit a copy of their business license with the City of Watsonville within 90 days of approval to both the Bureau of Gambling Control and the Commission.*~~

Adding Conditions:

1. *Prior to offering controlled games, 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;*
 - 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 Watsonville for the gambling establishment;*
 - D. *A current reviewed and approved Safety and Security Plan, as required by*
 - a. *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 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.*

By concurrence of the Commissioner's items 7Ai through 7Aiv were heard as a group.

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7. Consideration of A) Initial Cardroom Owner Type License; B) Retraction of GCA Evidentiary Hearing Referral; C) Renewal Cardroom Owner Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19824(f), 19850, 19851, 19852, and 19876; CCR, Title 4, sections 12017, 12054, and 12056):

- A. i) Bay 101: Sutter's Place, Inc.
Jennifer Susan Bumb, Community Property Interest Holder
- ii) Bay 101: Sutter's Place, Inc.
Theresa Bumb, Community Property Interest Holder
- iii) Bay 101: Sutter's Place, Inc.
Jeffrey Farrell, Secretary, Director
- iv) Bay 101: Sutter's Place, Inc.
Bay Thi Werner, Community Property Interest Holder

Recommendation:

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

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Liu, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Cardroom Owner Type Licenses through July 31, 2027, for Jennifer Susan Bumb, Theresa Bumb, Jeffrey Farrell, and Bay Thi Werner.

- B. Bay 101: Sutter's Place, Inc.
Timothy Bumb, President, Chief Executive Officer, Director, Shareholder
Brian Bumb, Shareholder
Ronald Werner, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Director, Shareholder
George and Joanne Bumb Revocable Trust, Financial Interest Holder
Gregory Bumb, Trustee
Catherine Selway, Trustee

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of the Retraction of the GCA Evidentiary Hearing Referral.

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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; the Commission approved the Retraction of the GCA Evidentiary Hearing Referral.

C. Bay 101:

Sutter's Place, Inc.

Timothy Bumb, President, Chief Executive Officer, Director, Shareholder

Brian Bumb, Shareholder

Ronald Werner, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Director, Shareholder

George and Joanne Bumb Revocable Trust, Financial Interest Holder

Gregory Bumb, Trustee

Catherine Selway, Trustee

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of the Renewal Cardroom Owner Type Licenses for Sutter's Place, Inc., Timothy Bumb, Brian Bumb, and Ronald Werner. Additionally, Commission Staff recommended the Commissioners abandon the Renewal Applications for the George and Joanne Bumb Revocable Trust, Gregory Bumb and Catherine Selway.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Baxter, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Cardroom Owner Type Licenses for Sutter's Place, Inc., Timothy Bumb, Brian Bumb, and Ronald Werner through July 31, 2027.

Additionally, the Commission abandoned the Renewal Applications for the George and Joanne Bumb Revocable Trust, Gregory Bumb, and Catherine Selway.

8. Consideration of A) Initial Cardroom Owner Type License; B) Retraction of GCA Evidentiary Hearing Referral; C) Renewal Cardroom Owner Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19824(f), 19850, 19851, 19852, and 19876; CCR, Title 4, sections 12054 and 12056):

A. Golden West Casino:

Kern County Associates, L.P.

JLJ2D, Inc., Limited Partner

Gary Icardo, Director

Recommendation:

The Bureau of Gambling Control and Commission Staff recommended approval of the Initial Cardroom Owner Type License.

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Action:

Upon motion of Chair LaBrie, seconded by Commissioner Liu, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Cardroom Owner Type License through January 31, 2026.

B. Golden West Casino: Kern County Associates, L.P.*

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of the Retraction of the GCA Evidentiary Hearing Referral.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie voting yes; the Commission approved the Retraction of the GCA Evidentiary Hearing Referral.

C. Golden West Casino: Kern County Associates, L.P.*

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of the Renewal Cardroom Owner Type Licenses.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Baxter, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Cardroom Owner Type Licenses through January 31, 2026.

9. 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. Crystal Casino: Celebrity Casinos, Inc.*

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of a 180-day extension, amending the condition.

Comments Received From:

Haig Kelegian, Jr., Designated Agent

Frances Asuncion, Staff Services Manager II, Bureau of Gambling Control

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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; the Commission approved a 180-day extension through January 31, 2026, amending the following condition:

~~Within 45 days of Commission approval, Mark Kelegian and Leo Chu must submit documentation that adequately supports that their ownership interest(s) in the owner category licensee is their sole and separate property, or whoever did not substantiate a property interest to the Bureau's satisfaction, their respective spouse, Shelly Kelegian and Ivy Chu, must apply for and obtain an owner category licensure license in connection with Crystal Casino within 180 days of Commission approval.~~

B. Golden State Casino: Keith Hoang, Sole Proprietor

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of the Renewal Cardroom Owner Type License, amending conditions.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Baxter, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Cardroom Owner Type License through July 31, 2027, amending the following conditions:

1. ~~Prior to the opening for business~~ offering controlled games, 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 (New 5/20), or its most current successor form, which includes the new address of the gambling establishment;
 - B. The Owner-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 Yuba County 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.

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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.*

C. Golden Valley Casino: Golden Valley Casino, LLC*

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of a 180-day extension, amending conditions.

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; the Commission approved a 180-day extension through January 31, 2026, amending the following conditions:

1. *Terry Vargas must not be engaged in the operations of the gambling establishment.*
2. *Prior to the ~~opening for business~~ offering controlled games, 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 (New 5/20), or its most current successor form, which includes the new address of the gambling establishment;*
 - B. *The Owner-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 Merced 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.*
3. *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.*
4. *Andrea Rhineschild must obtain an owner category license in connection with Golden Valley Casino.*
5. *Dona Washington must obtain an owner category license in connection with Golden Valley Casino.*
6. *Philip Rheinschild and Jose Fernandez must apply for and obtain licensure in connection with Golden Valley Casino, LLC specifically.*

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- D. Larry Flynt's Lucky Lady Casino: Casino, LLC
Elizabeth Flynt, Manager, President
Larry Flynt Revocable Trust, Member
Elizabeth Flynt, Trustee, Beneficiary
Thomas Candy, Vice President, Treasurer,
Secretary

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of the Renewal Cardroom Owner Type Licenses.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Liu, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Cardroom Owner Type Licenses through July 31, 2027.

- E. Pinnacle Casino: Pinnacle Casino, LLC
Tammy Massa, Managing Member and Sole
Member

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of the Renewal Cardroom Owner Type Licenses, amending conditions.

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; the Commission approved the Renewal Cardroom Owner Type Licenses through July 31, 2027, amending the following conditions:

1. *~~Prior to the opening for business~~ offering controlled games, the Cardroom Business Licensee, shall provide to the Bureau of Gambling Control:
 - A. A current and valid business license issued by the City of Soledad for the gambling establishment;
 - B. A current reviewed and approved Safety and Security Plan, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 12370 and 12372;
 - C. 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;
 - D. A current lease for the gambling establishment's premises, if applicable; and
 - E. 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.*

10. Consideration of Request to Withdraw Application for Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869; Title 4, section 12015 and 12054):

Van Nguyen

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended denial of the request to withdraw the Initial Key Employee License Application.

Comments Received From:

Frances Asuncion, Staff Services Manager II, Bureau of Gambling Control

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Baxter, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie voting yes; the Commission denied the request to withdraw.

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

Players Edge Services:

Players Edge Services

Patrick Tierney, Chief Executive Officer, Director, Shareholder

Jamie Shigg, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, Director, Shareholder

David Shindle, Director, Shareholder

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of a 60-day extension, with a condition.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Baxter, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie voting yes; the Commission approved a 60-day extension through September 30, 2025, continuing with the following condition:

Within 45 days of Commission approval, Jamie Shigg and David Shindle must submit documentation that adequately supports that their ownership interest(s) in the owner category licensee is their sole and separate property or whoever did not substantiate a property interest to the Bureau's satisfaction, their respective spouse, Seth Shigg and Maureen Shindle, must apply for and obtain an owner category licensure in connection with Players Edge Services.

12. Consideration of Request to Withdraw Application(s) for Third-Party Proposition Player Services Owner Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, sections 12015 and 12054):

Halcyon Gaming, LLC:

Halcyon Gaming, LLC

Cary Matthew Cauley, Chief Operating Officer

Patrick Christopher Sanders, Chief Financial Officer

Shane Lee Stockwell, Member

JTHEGREATEST, LLC, Managing Member

Jeffrey Alexander Luzzi, Chief Executive Officer

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended denial of the request to withdraw the Initial Third-Party Proposition Player Services Owner Type Licenses.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Baxter, seconded by Chair LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie voting yes; the Commission denied the request to withdraw.

13. 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. Acme Player Services, LLC:

Worker: George Crooks

Recommendation:

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

Comments Received From:

George Crooks

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Third-Party Worker License through July 31, 2027, with the following condition:

Beginning September 1, 2025, and every 90 days thereafter, George Crooks must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of their efforts to resolve their fine until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:

Supervisor: Salahdden Shaker

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Recommendation:

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

Comments Received From:

Salahdden Shaker

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; the Commission approved the Renewal Third-Party Supervisor License through July 31, 2027, with the following condition:

Beginning September 1, 2025, and every 90 days thereafter, Salahdden Shaker must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control a status update regarding proof of their efforts regarding the completion of their court-mandated classes until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

C. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Worker: Sabrina Jenkins

Recommendation:

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

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Third-Party Worker License through July 31, 2027, removing the following condition:

~~*Beginning September 1, 2023, and every 90 days thereafter, Jenkins must provide the Bureau proof of ongoing efforts to resolve their Failure to Appear until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.*~~

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

A. Elk Valley Casino - Elk Valley Rancheria:

Stacy McClafin

Recommendation:

The Bureau of Gambling Control recommended approval. Commission Staff recommended approval of the Initial Finding of Suitability, with a condition.

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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; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through October 11, 2025, with the following condition:

Beginning September 1, 2025, and every 90 days thereafter, Stacy McClafin must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of efforts to satisfy their tax lien until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

B. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
Justin Couch

Recommendation:

The Bureau of Gambling Control recommended approval. Commission Staff recommended approval of the Initial Finding of Suitability, with a condition.

Comments Received From:

Justin Couch

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; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through June 12, 2026, with the following condition:

Beginning September 1, 2025, and every 90 days thereafter, Justin Couch must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of their efforts to satisfy their state tax liens until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

C. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
Ruby Grace Mercado

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended abandonment of the Initial Finding of Suitability Application.

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Liu, and carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Yee, and Chair LaBrie voting yes; the Commission deemed the Initial Finding of Suitability Application abandoned.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

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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):

Sean Martin

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

A. George Gieng

B. Stanley Seiff

17. 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: Bishnu Shrestha Nathan Spence

B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:

Workers: Zaw Lin Anton Nassar Beatriz Ruppenthal
Frase Vazquez

C. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Workers: Wen Yu Chen Scott Dorntge Dominic Finney
Ken Galicia Sujay Gupta Garrison Hame
Ethan Han Zi'Arion Hutsell Rosendo Juan Ramon
Lester Luis San Myint Mo Jacob Moore-Taylor
Thaik Nanda Ramon Olivier Ei Pyae Pyae Phyo
Arth Sarvaiya Valeria Viera-Arevalo
Jade Wilson Guohao Zhang

D. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:

Worker: Michelle Guzman

E. Players Edge Services:

Worker: Jasmine Gov

F. The Independent:

Worker: Lance Matsumoto

G. Wahba, LLC:

Supervisor: Ze'Quinton Landers

Worker: Rutilo Cruz Jr.

H. Worker: Libo Zhou

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

Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Supervisor: Zechariah Gauna

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19. 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:
Lynette Amador TeoFilo Villegas Fonseca Jr.
- B. Agua Caliente Casino Rancho Mirage - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation:
Rian Camaquin Gladys Ciervo Alvaro Sandoval
- C. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians:
Alexander Borquez
- D. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:
Damion Molina
- E. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:
Marc Valdez
- F. Golden Acorn Casino & Travel Center - Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Campo Indian Reservation:
Cassandra Hayes Bryan Mendez
- G. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
Yamuna Kandel Nepal Sovanmalis Ra
- H. Harrah's Northern California - Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California:
Ashil Castellano Taylor La
- I. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
Michael Bean Guadalupe Cabrera Miranda Claudia Duran
Matthew Siva
- J. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Mission Indians:
Savanna Cerdena
- K. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
Cheyenne Pendleton
- L. Rain Rock Casino - Karuk Tribe:
Aaron Ansell
- M. Table Mountain Casino Resort - Table Mountain Rancheria of California:
Nelson Garcia
- N. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas (Baron Long) Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation:
Shana Espinoza
- O. Yaamava' Resort and Casino at San Manuel - Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation:
Shellby Aguilar Marlin Trejo

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20. 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:

Michael Perez Amber Price Alwyn Ulep

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

Linda Agresor Kimberly Agtang Brett Dancy
Olga Garrett Rene Linares Gonzalez Cornelio Soria
Otoniel Valdez Johnson Xie

C. Agua Caliente Casino Rancho Mirage - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation:

Theresa Alvarez Jessica Baruth Kevin Clark
Lillian Garcia Tony Gomez Edilzer Juarez
Nicholas Nadeau Kenneth Reed Adriana Serna Valdez
Anthony Soto Cesar Vizcarra

D. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Israel Rodriguez

E. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Barona Reservation:

John Chen

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

Theng Vang

G. Coyote Valley Casino - Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California:

Ronald Harpster Jr.

H. Feather Falls Casino & Lodge - Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California:

Somrid Banthao

I. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:

Ryan Brothers Ashley Garcia Miguel Gonzalez
Sabrina Her Sophy Na Brian Rogers
Pemba Sherpa Jimin Tan

J. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain - Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California:

Erik Boets Trevor Evans John Harrison
Dallas Lucio

K. Harrah's Northern California - Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California:

Lisa Pollard

L. Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village of California:

Thomas Caterina Jr. Edgar Flores Sadeer Shaltan
Chuong Vo

M. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:

Paul Reimers Quang Trieu

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- N. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Mission Indians:
Jerome Arapeles Briana Bullock Perla Donato
Steven Villicana Jr.
- O. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
Romani Youssef
- P. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria (Verona Tract):
Alyssa Bryan Alina Cojocari Brandon Saepanh
- Q. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:
Daniel Pellegrini
- R. Rolling Hills Casino - Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians of California:
Patricia Luck
- S. Sky River Casino - Wilton Rancheria:
Thuythang Le Malik McLinn
- T. Table Mountain Casino Resort - Table Mountain Rancheria of California:
Ty Nguyen Marco Touriel
- U. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria:
Soleny Chhor Annette Miller
- V. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria of California:
Dawn Clayton Donald Davis Alan Duong
Zachary Heaps Robert Jetton II Sharanjit Kaur
Amy Kieng Michael Mason Laura Miller
Faiz Nawar Koy Saechao Flordeliza Santos
Rachel Squires Andrew Sterling Romario Trinidad
- W. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of California:
Fabiola Martinez Luis Zuniga
- X. Yaamava' Resort and Casino at San Manuel - Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation:
Ashenafi Alemu Peter Arceo Sean Baldwin
Itzel Bardales Serrano Sasha Cano Daemonne Davis
Kirk Duffield Ashley Frank Christopher Kindle
Edwin Kolb II Daisy Molina Christine Nguyen
Kevin Page Mark Pruitt Ruth Rhymes
Daven Segura Michelle Stempeck Danica Joyce Vilairatana
Aaron Voyles

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommended approval of Consent Calendar Items 15 through 20, with the exception of items 19C - Alexander Borquez, and 20D - Israel Rodriguez, in which Commission Staff recommended Commissioners take no action.

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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; the Commission approved Consent Calendar Items 15 through 20, with the exception of item 19C - Alexander Borquez, and 20D - Israel Rodriquez in which the Commission took no action.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None

CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:

- II. Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3):
D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Michelle Sanchez, (CGCC-2023-0720-11Aii)

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)
I. Manuel Corrales, Jr. v. California Gambling Control Commission; California Valley Miwok Tribe, San Diego County Superior Court (25CU22051C)
- 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)

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- B. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Michael Aaron LeRoy, CGCC Case No. CGCC-2024-1010-11Qiii
- C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Commission Work Permit for Joey Steven Muniz, (CGCC Case No. CGCC-2024-0919-7B)
- D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Michelle Sanchez, (CGCC-2023-0720-11Aii)
- E. Default Decision and Order in the Matter of the Accusation Against Felipe De Jesus Lopez, (BGC-HQ2024-00001AC)

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chair LaBrie adjourned the Commission Meeting at approximately 11:06 a.m.