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**MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 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 August 6, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners

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

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

In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Brendon Kent Birch, CGCC Case No. CGCC-2024-1010-11Li

Presiding Officer: Paras Modha

For Applicant: Brendon Birch

For Bureau of Gambling Control: Jane Crue, Deputy Attorney General

Witnesses: Andrew Meredith
Brendon Birch

The Commission met in open session, in-person and by video conference on Zoom to take evidence concerning Brendon Birch's suitability for licensure. Complainant's exhibits 1-7 were admitted into the record. Deputy Attorney General Jane Crue provided opening statements and Applicant Brendon Birch waived opening statements. Andrew Meredith and Brendon Birch were sworn in and provided testimony. Deputy Attorney General Crue provided closing argument and Applicant Birch waived 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. 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)
 - B. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Michelle Sanchez, (CGCC-2023-0720-11Aii)
 - C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Brendon Kent Birch, CGCC Case No. CGCC-2024-1010-11Li
- III. Personnel Matters (Government Code Section 11126(a)(1))

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 11:19 to deliberate on closed session items II.C The Commission did not reconvene to open session following closed session deliberations.