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**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 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 September 11, 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:

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

Presiding Officer: Kate Patterson

For Applicant: Sean Smith

For Bureau of Gambling Control: Stephen Svetich, Deputy Attorney General

Witnesses: Jerrico Crisologo
Sean smith

The Commission met in open session, in-person and by telephone and video conference on Zoom to take evidence concerning Sean Smith's suitability for licensure. Applicant Smith was not in attendance at the hearing, so the Commission immediately recessed to allow Applicant Smith more time to attend the hearing as he was experiencing technical difficulties. When the Commission reconvened, Presiding Officer Patterson provided a history for the record of the attempts to communicate with Applicant Smith. At 10:40 a.m. Applicant Smith was able to join the hearing by telephone. Deputy Attorney General Svetich and Applicant Smith provided opening statements. Jerrico Crisologo was sworn in and provided testimony and

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Complainants' exhibits 1-16 were admitted into the record. Applicant Smith was sworn in and provided testimony. Both parties provided closing arguments. 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 Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Brendon Kent Birch, CGCC Case No. CGCC-2024-1010-11Li
 - C. 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
- III. Personnel Matters (Government Code Section 11126(a)(1))

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 3:39 p.m.