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**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2025  
COMMISSION HEARING**

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

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**OPEN SESSION**

1. Call to Order

Chair LaBrie called the hearing to order on September 17, 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, William Liu and Edward Yee present. Commissioner Eric Heins 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 Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Mark Anthony Hernandez, CGCC Case No. CGCC-2024-1022-11A

Presiding Officer: Russell Johnson

For Applicant: Failed to Appear

For Bureau of Gambling Control: Elaine Yan, Deputy Attorney General

Witnesses: Jerrico Crisologo

The Commission met in open session, in-person and by video conference on Zoom, to take evidence concerning Mark Hernandez's suitability for licensure. Mark Hernandez did not attend the hearing. Presiding Officer Russell Johnson informed the Commission that on September 15, 2025, Mr. Hernandez submitted a new Notice of Defense form by email to Hearings Coordinator Pam Mathauser that waived his right to an evidentiary hearing. Complainant's exhibits 1- 10 were admitted into the record. Deputy Attorney General Elaine Yan provided an opening statement. Jerrico Crisologo was sworn in and provided testimony. Deputy Attorney

General Yan 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 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
  - D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Magdalin Sedonia Malone, CGCC Case No. CGCC-2024-0919-8Cii
  - E. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Mark Anthony Hernandez, CGCC Case No. CGCC-2024-1022-11A

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 10:28 a.m. to deliberate on closed session items II.E. The Commission did not reconvene to open session following closed session deliberations.