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**MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2018
COMMISSION HEARING**

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Evans called the hearing to order on January 23, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners.

Roll Call of Commissioners was taken, with Chairman Jim Evans and Commissioners Paula LaBrie present and Trang To 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 Initial Key Employee License for Callaye Strauss, (CGCC-2017-0713-7G)

Presiding Officer: Jason Pope

For Applicant: Heather Guerena

For Bureau of Gambling Control: Michelle Laird, Deputy Attorney General

Witnesses: Callaye Strauss
Shelley Golder
Arthur Van Loon
Joseph Olivieri
James McKee
Steven Giorgi

The Commission met in open session to hear testimony concerning Callaye Strauss' suitability for licensure. Deputy Attorney General Michelle Laird offered Complainant's exhibits 1-7 that were admitted into the record and Heather Guerena offered Applicant's exhibits A-II that was admitted into the record. Deputy Attorney Laird waived opening argument. Ms. Guerena provided an opening statement. Callaye Strauss, Shelley Golder, Art Van Loon, Joseph Olivieri, James McKee, and Steven Giorgi were sworn in and provided testimony.

Both parties requested to submit closing briefs in lieu of closing arguments. The parties were instructed to provide closing briefs not to exceed 10 pages, double spaced. The briefs are to be submitted by email to Ms. Mathauser by close of business on January 31, 2018. The record will be closed following the receipt of the parties closing briefs on January 31, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLOSED SESSION

1. Litigation (Government Code section 11126(e)):
 - A. *Robert Saucier, et al. v. California Gambling Control Commission*, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2013-80001594)
 - B. *Stand Up For California, et al. v. State of California, et al.*, Madera County Superior Court (MCV062850)
 - C. *Eric G. Swallow v. California Gambling Control Commission*, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2016-800002402)
 - D. *Garden City, Inc. v. Eric Swallow*, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2016-00198132)
 - E. *Lucky Chances, Inc. v. California Gambling Control Commission*, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2017-80002549)
 - F. *Rene Medina v. Xavier Becerra, Jim Evans, et al.*; United States District Court, Northern District of California (17-cv-03293 KAW)
2. Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(3):
 - A. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Work Permit for Danie Mathew Thomas, (CGCC-2017-0608-7B)
 - B. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third Party Proposition Player Services License for Joshua Betancur, (CGCC-2017-0622-11F)
 - C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Tony Grant Corkhill, (CGCC-2017-0828-14D1)
 - D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services License for Monita Chan (CGCC-2017-0209-9), and the Application for Third-Party Proposition Player Services Registration for Monita Chan (GCADS-TPPL-018807)
 - E. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Key Employee License for Callaye Strauss, (CGCC-2017-0713-7G)

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 2:30 p.m. to deliberate on closed session Item 2.E. The Commission did not reconvene to open session following closed session deliberations.