

INDUSTRY MATTERS

Volume 8, Issue 1

January 2021

COMMISSION TO CONSIDER EMERGENCY REGULATIONS TO EXTEND FINANCIAL REPORTING DEADLINE

The California Gambling Control Commission (Commission) and the Department of Justice, Bureau of Gambling Control (Bureau) recognize that this is the time of year that Gambling Enterprises, Gambling Businesses, and Third-Party Providers of Proposition Player Services Companies whose operational fiscal year ends on December 31st start to prepare their annual financial statements.

As required by the [California Code of Regulations section 12313](#), financial reports are due no later than 120 calendar days following the end of the fiscal year covered by the financial statements. Those licensees in Groups I and II are required to engage an independent accountant licensed by the California Board of Accountancy to audit the licensee’s annual financial statements.

In light of the current declared State of Emergency and the resultant factors, the Commission will hold a hearing for the Commissioners to consider the submittal of Emergency Regulations to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) to temporarily extend the deadline for submitting audited financial statements to September 1, 2021.

All licensees are still required to submit in-house financial statements to the Commission and the Bureau no later than 120 calendar days following the end of the fiscal year covered by the financial statements. Group I and Group II licensees whose fiscal year ends on December 31st will also need to submit their audited financials no later than September 1, 2021.

The Commission and the Bureau will keep our stakeholders apprised of the Emergency Regulations process for extending the deadline, and will notice the industry when the regulations are approved by the OAL.

Inside this issue:

Thank You, Jim Evans	2
Hail and Farewell	2
CGCC Excellence 2020	3
Licensing Regulations	3
OPG Summit 2021	4
Who To Contact	4
Hearing Results	4

CGCC Calendar

Upcoming Licensing Meetings

*January 7
January 21
February 4
February 18
March 11
March 25*

Gaming Policy Advisory Committee

January 21

Upcoming State Holidays (Office Closed)

*January 18 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
February 15 (Presidents’ Day)
March 31 (Cesar Chavez Day)*



Click above for industry-related COVID-19 updates

California Gambling Control Commission

Acting Chairman

Trang To

Commissioner

Paula LaBrie

Commissioner

Gareth Lacy

Commissioner

Vacant

Commissioner

Vacant

Executive Director

Stacey Luna Baxter

Chief Counsel

R. Todd Vlaanderen

Deputy Director, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs

Adrianna Alcalá-Beshara

Deputy Director, Licensing Division

Dolores Olivarez

Deputy Director, Administration Division

Alana Carter

Public Relations Officer

Fred Castano

The California Gambling Control Commission newsletter *Industry Matters* is produced by CGCC staff quarterly. Reference herein to any specific commercial products, process, or service by trade name, trademark, manufacturer, or otherwise, does not constitute or imply its endorsement, recommendation, or favoring by the Commission, and such reference shall not be used for advertising or product endorsement purposes.

Industry Matters may distribute content supplied by third parties. Any opinions, advice, statements, services, offers, or other information or content expressed or made available by third parties does not necessarily state or reflect those of the California Gambling Control Commission. Copyright material is only used with express permission from the copyright holder or in accordance with Fair Use provisions of copyright law.

THANK YOU, JIM EVANS — A TRIBUTE TO THE CHAIRMAN

By Stacey Luna Baxter
Executive Director

As you are likely aware, Jim Evans, who Governor Jerry Brown appointed to Chair the California Gambling Control Commission in July 2015, vacated his position in October 2020 to become the Chief of Staff for California Senator Melissa Hurta-



do. Knowing Chairman Evans will absolutely hate any form of praise, I'll keep this brief despite the many things I could highlight.

The Commission benefited greatly from Chairman Evans' leadership and presence. The staff at the Commission greatly appreciated that he was never one to mince words. He kept Commission meeting discussion focused, ensuring meetings were run efficiently, and maintained the approach of doing what was right and in the best interest of the public. His "trust, but verify" approach was valuable in ensuring that we always did our due diligence, and guided his ability to ask the questions that elevated the discussion.

The Commission already misses his willingness to provide invaluable advice to those who asked; his down-to-earth demeanor; his love of talking basketball; and the list could go on, but, like I said, he definitely wouldn't want me to continue.

Chairman Evans, thank you for your many contributions to the Commission. On behalf of the Commission, you are already missed and we wish you the very best in your new adventure.

HAIL AND FAREWELL

The Commission bids farewell to Surrina Graves of the Licensing Division, whose last day at the Commission was August 28th, we wish her well!

The Commission also bids a very fond farewell to a longtime staple of the Licensing Division, the inimitable Lisa Chimento. Lisa retired in December after 12 years at the Commission, which was marked by the 2016 Director's Award of Excellence for her positive attitude, multiple Halloween Costume Contest Championships, and a countless number of laughs shared. Her spirit, style, and showmanship are unrivaled. Lisa Chimento is truly one-in-a-trillion, and will be missed around the Commission office.

A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE, IN OUR WORK AND OUR ATTITUDES

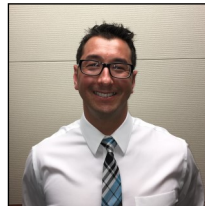
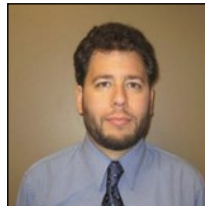
By Stacey Luna Baxter
Executive Director

As the Executive Director of the California Gambling Control Commission, at the end of each year, it is truly my honor to recognize individuals from our team for the exemplary work performed and attitude displayed throughout the past year. It is a tradition I began in 2016. This year was a bit challenging to narrow down my intended recipients, as each Commission team member faced the many challenges 2020 brought with determination to continue our responsibilities without pause while displaying flexibility, understanding, and excellence. Each team member has my sincerest gratitude for weathering 2020 with the utmost professionalism.

This year, Licensing Division Analyst **Stephanie Clark** received the "Awesome Award" in recognition of her continued exemplary work ethic and positive attitude. In addition to her top quality work and can-do attitude, Ms. Clark truly stepped up to assist during a time most needed, without hesitation.



Although normally an individual award, the 2020 Director's Award goes to five individuals who worked incredibly as a team to meet challenging deadlines, at times unrealistic expectations, and completed a record three implemented regulatory proposals in one year...during a pandemic! Thank you to **Adrianna Alcalá-Beshara, Joshua Rosenstein, Alex Hunter, Jason Pope, and Russell Johnson**.



Congratulations to the recipients and thank you to all of the Commission staff for your continued excellence.

* Please note that no State funds were used for the purchase of the awards presented.

LICENSING REGULATIONS GO INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1

The Office of Administrative Law approved the Commission's Licensing Regulations package, and the regulations go into effect January 1, 2021.

The regulations simplify, clarify, and make consistent the Commission's current licensing procedures for work permits, key employees, cardroom owners, and all third-party provider of proposition player services (TPPPS) license types. This includes replacing the TPPPS registration process with a temporary licensure process, and consolidating all Commission forms from 61 to 27. It also repeals the gambling business regulations, restructures all definitions and terms related to licensing, and provides standards of representation for designated agents.

The final text of the approved regulations can be found on the Commission's [website](#). Be sure to visit the Commission's new [Education](#) webpage, which includes a [tutorial video](#) on the new licensing regulations. Thank you to our engaged industry members for your input on these regulations!



2399 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 220
 Sacramento, CA 95833
 Phone: 916-263-0700
cgcc.ca.gov
comments@cgcc.ca.gov

“BRINGING GAMBLING DISORDER TO LIGHT” — OFFICE OF PROBLEM GAMBLING TO HOLD VIRTUAL PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS

By Cyndi Maivia
 Chief, Office of Problem Gambling

The California Department of Public Health, Office of Problem Gambling (OPG) will kick off Problem Gambling Awareness Month with the annual problem gambling training summit, “Bringing Gambling Disorder to Light.” The summit will be conducted virtually on March 1, 2020 and will include workshops from gambling disorder prevention and treatment experts.

In addition to the summit, OPG will provide weekly educational webinars designed to provide flexibility to those who wish to increase awareness of problem gambling.

Workshops for both events will include:

- ◆ Dr. Rory Reid, Research Psychologist, UCLA Gambling Studies
 “Problem Gambling and Stress indicators”
- ◆ Paul Huang, LCSW, Moving Forward Psychological Institute Inc.
 “Active Prevention & Intervention (API) Crisis Response Model”
- ◆ Shayne Vitemb, MFT CalGETS Provider
 “Addressing Gambling Disorder in Seniors”

Problem Gambling Awareness Month is a public awareness campaign held every March, created to increase awareness of problem gambling, provide resources for the treatment and prevention of problem gambling, and encourage health providers to screen clients for problem gambling.

For more information, please visit the OPG website or call (916) 327-8611.

Who To Contact:

For licensing matters, such as an application pending with the Commission, contact the Deputy Director of the Licensing Division, Dolores Olivarez, at dolivarez@cgcc.ca.gov.

For a pending evidentiary hearing before the Commission, contact the Presiding Officer identified in your Notice of Hearing, or the Administrative Hearings Coordinator, Pam Mathauser, at pmathauser@cgcc.ca.gov.

For media inquiries or newsletter questions/comments/suggestions, contact Public Relations Officer Fred Castano at fcastano@cgcc.ca.gov or on his work cell phone at 916-708-5231.

For general information, call our main line at (916) 263-0700 or email comments@cgcc.ca.gov.

Please remember to not address any correspondence directly to the Commissioners regarding matters pending with the Commission or the Bureau.



HEARING RESULTS
<i>(Decisions Effective October 1 – December 31)</i>
Owner-Licensee State Gambling License
Full Rack Entertainment, Inc. dba Towers Casino, suspended via stipulated settlement November 5
Third-Party Provider License
Pacific United Service, Inc., denied December 21
Third-Party Player License
Malik Cooper, denied November 16
Jimmy Khun, denied November 16
Bill Do, denied December 21
Carlos Gomez, denied December 21
Amy Guan, denied December 21