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WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO GET INFORMATION TO THE COMMISSION AND THE BUREAU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Way too often, the Commission and the Bureau of Gambling Control receive information from applicants, Designated Agents, or interested parties the night before, or the morning of, a Commission Licensing Meeting or a regulations hearing. Submitting information in an untimely manner does a disservice to you, the Commission, the Bureau, the industry, and ultimately, the people of California.

When the Commission and Bureau receive information, it is their duty to review, verify, and understand it. These processes take time and resources. It is in everyone's best interest that the Commissioners receive thoroughly researched and reviewed information at the Commission Meetings in order to make the best decisions.

Providing information the night prior to, or morning of, a meeting or hearing does not allow for a thorough and thoughtful review that all parties deserve, and the untimely submittal of information may cause your item to be further delayed.

The Commission and Bureau understand that some information takes time to gather. But also consider, if the information took time to gather, then it's likely that it also requires time to review.

If you need to submit information prior to a meeting or hearing, please do so at least a few days in advance to give staff adequate time to review the information and submit it to the Commissioners for their review.

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CGCC Calendar

Upcoming Licensing Meetings

October 6
October 20
November 3
November 17
December 1
December 15

Gaming Policy Advisory Committee

October 5

Upcoming State Holidays

(Office Closed)

November 11
(Veterans Day)
November 24-25
(Thanksgiving)
December 26
(Christmas (Observed))
January 2
(New Year's Day (Observed))



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PLEASE TAKE CARE NOT TO VIOLATE EX PARTE COMMUNICATION RULES

The Commission wishes to remind our stakeholders to take extra care to not violate ex parte communication rules when interacting with the Commission and the Bureau of Gambling Control (Bureau).

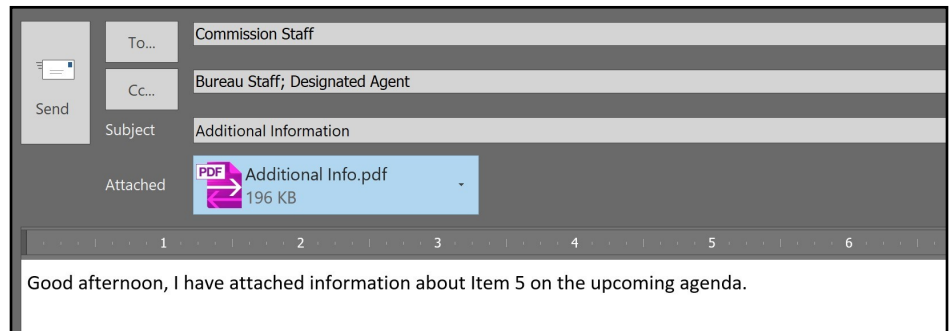
Stakeholders must never send communications of any kind directly to Commissioners regarding applications, requests for approval, or any other matters that may be pending a decision before the Commission or the Bureau.

Attempts to contact Commissioners directly, instead of discussing your item at an open meeting and/or providing your correspondence to the appropriate parties in a timely manner, threatens the spirit of transparency that is essential to the public's trust.

These communications may also violate the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and may even allow other parties to overturn a decision taken in your favor.

In addition, contacting Commission staff regarding matters pending before the Commission or Bureau without notice to all appropriate parties is considered an ex parte communication violation.

If you send an email to Commission staff about a pending licensing application or a request for approval, you must cc Bureau staff as well as the applicant or their attorney/designated agent.



[Commission regulations](#), the [Gambling Control Act](#), and the [California Government Code](#) prohibit Commissioners and Commission staff from engaging in ex parte communications on pending matters. The Commissioners may deny an application or other approval solely based upon a prohibited ex parte communication.

For pending applications or requests for approval, please contact the Licensing Division at licensinginfo@cgcc.ca.gov.

For Gambling Control Act hearings, please contact Pam Mathauser, Administrative Hearings Coordinator, at pmathauser@cgcc.ca.gov; or Jason Pope, Chief Counsel, at jpoppe@cgcc.ca.gov.

For comments or questions on regulations, please email Legislative and Regulatory Affairs at lawsandregs@cgcc.ca.gov.

CARDROOM MORATORIUM EXPIRES JANUARY 1, 2023 — PLEASE CONSULT YOUR LOCAL JURISDICTION AND READ YOUR LOCAL ORDINANCE

Currently, the provisions of [Business and Professions Code section 19962](#) and [Business and Professions Code section 19963](#) form a moratorium on the [expansion of controlled gambling](#), which has been in effect for more than two decades.

Historically, the Legislature extended this moratorium. However, a bill to extend the moratorium did not pass by the end of the 2022 legislative session. As a result, the moratorium expires on January 1, 2023.

Despite the expiration of the moratorium, existing cardrooms seeking to increase their authorized permanent tables, or individuals seeking to own or operate a new cardroom, must be in compliance with all relevant federal, state, and local laws, with special attention to their local ordinances regarding gambling.

Local ordinances limit the number of permanent gaming tables or gambling establishments allowed in their jurisdiction. Any application or request submitted must not exceed the gaming allowances provided by the local jurisdiction.

The Commission cannot approve a request for an increase in authorized tables, or approve an application for a State Gambling License to own or operate a new cardroom, without the corresponding local jurisdiction having already enacted a gambling ordinance or expanded their existing gambling ordinance in compliance with [Business and Professions Code section 19860](#), [Business and Professions Code section 19960](#), and [Business and Professions Code section 19961](#).

Business and Professions Code section 19860 and [Business and Professions Code section 19923](#) expressly direct the Commission to deny gambling licenses to applicants who are not in compliance with the local ordinances governing gambling.

Before submitting a request for additional authorized permanent tables, or an application for a State Gambling License, consult your local jurisdiction. Confirm that your local jurisdiction has a gaming ordinance that is in compliance with Business and Professions Code sections 19860, 19960, and 19961, and that your request does not violate the local ordinance. The Commission cannot grant approvals to applicants who are not in compliance with the local ordinance.

For more information, please consult the Commission's September 14, 2022 [correspondence](#), our updated [FAQ page](#), or contact the Commission at 916-263-0700 or comments@cgcc.ca.gov.

LICENSING DIVISION UNVEILS NEW FAMILY CODE BADGES

By Shana Marquez
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The Commission's Licensing Division has developed a new badge type for applicants issued a temporary license pursuant to [California Family Code section 17520\(e\)](#). The badge will be valid for 150 days and cannot be extended. Family Code section 17520 requires that the Commission withhold issuance of a license in certain cases, and instead issue a Temporary Family Code License for applicants identified by the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) as being delinquent in support obligations.

If the Commission does not receive notification by DCSS that the applicant is in compliance within the allotted 150 days, the Temporary Family Code License will expire and the application will be denied. However, if the applicant comes into compliance prior to the Temporary Family Code license's expiration date, a regular Commission license and badge will be issued for the remaining regular license term.





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BAGLEY-KEENE OPEN MEETING ACT UPDATE

As a result of Governor Gavin Newsom signing [Senate Bill \(SB\) 189](#), the Commission is conducting all of its public meetings solely online via Zoom. You can find the Zoom link on the Commission’s website on the “[Meetings](#)” page here.

From March 2022 to July 2022, the Commission held its meetings online, but also opened up three public spaces for the Commissioners and the public to attend, in accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Act).

However, SB 189 amended the Act to allow for the public meetings to be held only online, and this provision is valid through June 2023. The Commission will be holding its meetings solely online through that date.

Since the Commission first implemented online-only meetings in 2020, we have experienced increased attendance and participation in our public meetings due to the ease of access. The Commission’s stakeholders are spread out through the entirety of the state, from the cities to the rural areas, so we welcome any change that helps our stakeholders access our public meetings.

The Commission takes the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act extremely seriously, including annual all-staff trainings on the requirements of the Act. We will continue to monitor legislation regarding the Act, especially as we move towards the expiration date of the online provision in 2023, and will update our stakeholders on any relevant developments.

Hearing Results
*(Decisions Effective July 1
 — September 30)*

Key Employee License
 Wil Sako, revoked August 8
 Terrance Seglem, denied August 8

Third-Party Player License
 Alan Tan, denied August 8
 Victor Espinoza-Downey, denied September 12

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or text SUPPORT to 53342
 No-cost, confidential help, 24/7

HAIL AND FAREWELL

The Commission is thrilled to announce the promotion of Rachelle Ryan to the new position of Staff Management Auditor! Rachelle has been with the Commission for 16 years, most recently as the Tribal Funds Administrator. In her new role, she will oversee an annual cost and fee analysis and maintain an internal auditing program.

The Commission welcomes a new manager in the Licensing Division, Efren Zuniga! Efren joins us from the California Public Utilities Commission where he was an analyst leading a team responsible for asset management. Efren obtained his Bachelor’s Degree in Business Finance – Risk Management from Sacramento State University.

The Commission also welcomes the new Deputy Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, Rebecca Kirk! Rebecca comes to us from the Department of Finance, where she was an Assistant Program Budget Manager responsible for managing budget development and administration for higher education entities in California. Rebecca holds a Masters of Public Administration and a Graduate Certificate in Public Policy from the University of Southern California, and a bachelor's degree from UC Santa Cruz.

The Commission thanks Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Specialists Josh Rosenstein and Alex Hunter for their excellent work as acting Deputy Directors of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs!

REGULATIONS UPDATE: FEE MODERNIZATION PROJECT REGS IN EFFECT; SUBPOENA REGULATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED ON OCTOBER 6

By Rebecca Kirk, Josh Rosenstein, and Alex Hunter
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The Commission's Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Division continues to develop several regulations packages, and you can find more information about these packages on the Commission's website, which has information on [Proposed Regulations](#) and [Recently Adopted, Amended, or Repealed Regulations](#). You can also sign up for the [Rulemaking Mailing List](#) to receive email updates.

Commission Fees Modernization Project

The Office of Administrative Law (OAL) approved two rulemaking files on September 30, 2022, both of which became effective immediately. The first package, [Commission Fees Modernization Project II](#), provides definitions for the annual fees for Third-Party Providers of Proposition Player Services. The second package, [Commission Fees Modernization Project III](#), is the re-adoption of emergency regulations for amendments to cardroom annual fees and provides the annual fees for Third-Party Providers of Proposition Player Services. The emergency regulations expire on December 29, 2022.

Subpoenas

At the [October 6 Commission Meeting](#), the Commission will consider initiating the formal rulemaking process for regulations regarding the service and enforcement of [subpoenas](#). The [proposed regulations](#) will also clarify the discovery procedures for Gambling Control Act hearings.

Request for Regulations

On August 11, the Commissioners approved the final adoption of the [Request for Regulations](#) package. After a review by the Department of Finance (DOF), these [regulations](#) are now with the OAL for final approval.

As part of these regulations, the Commission will develop a new form which will allow the public to explain the purpose and goals of their petition, along with the necessity, purpose, and goal for each part of the proposal. This information will help the Commission determine if the proposal will be denied or scheduled for a public hearing based upon the merits of the request.

Spousal Form Update

The Commission just finished the public comment period for the [Spousal Form Update](#) regulations, and the Commissioners will consider the final adoption of the [regulation](#) at an upcoming Commission Meeting.

The proposed action will update the Spousal Information form and Supplemental Information Schedules. This includes clarifying when a spouse is required to submit an application for licensure.

Also, a new category will be added to the form for when an applicant is an owner category licensee but does not actually own or control a business, but is instead an officer, director, or other employee who is required to be licensed as an endorsee.

Advertising

The Commission will submit the [Advertising regulations](#) to the DOF soon and anticipates opening the public comment period approximately 30 days after submission to the DOF. The proposed [regulations](#) would establish new definitions for gambling-related advertisements, a regulatory framework for the Bureau to evaluate advertisements, and an enforcement mechanism for non-compliance.

Transactions

The Commission is finalizing draft regulations on Transactions and anticipates holding a workshop on those regulations by the end of the year.

The Licensing Process: How It Works and Who To Call



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NEED A NEW BADGE?

Here's how we can help:

Step 1:

- Go to the Commission's website: cgcc.ca.gov
- Click "Forms"
- Access the drop-down menu under "General Forms" where you will see the "Badge Replacement Request" form.

Step 2:

- Print and fill out the form, including your name, license number, and badge type.
- Select the reason for the new badge. Lost? Stolen? Damaged? Name Change?
- Attach any relevant supporting info and a check for \$8 made out to the Bureau of Gambling Control, and mail to the Bureau.

Step 3:

You will receive your new badge in the mail within 10 days of the Bureau's receipt of your request.

If you have any questions, please call the Bureau at 916-830-1700.



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Contact the **California Gambling Control Commission** regarding:

- Licenses and work permits
- Regulations
- Hearings



Contact the **Bureau of Gambling Control** regarding:

- Pending applications
- Background investigations
- Compliance and Enforcement
- Self-Exclusion



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