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GAMBLING COMMISSION

“Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest”

HQ Lacey Gambling Commission – Rainier Room 1st Floor

Microsoft Office Teams Thursday, May 14, 2020, 10:00 AM

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Commissioners may take action on business items.

Administrative Procedures Act Proceedings are identified by an asterisk (*)

PUBLIC MEETING

<p>Tab 1 10:00 AM</p>	<p>Call to Order <i>Bud Sizemore, Chair</i></p> <p>*Consent Agenda (Action)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 9, 2020 Commission Meeting Minutes • New Licenses and Class III Employees <p>Director’s Report <i>David Trujillo, Director</i></p>
<p>Tab 2</p>	<p>*RULES UP FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE FILING</p> <p>Petitions for Rule-Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A - Amusement Game Locations (Action) <p>Agency Rule-Making –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B - Cost for Providing Public Records (Action) <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Ashlie Laydon, Rules Coordinator</i></p>
<p>Tab 3</p>	<p>*RULE UP FOR FINAL ACTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly License Reports and Quarterly License Fees (Action) <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Ashlie Laydon, Rules Coordinator</i></p>
<p>Tab 4</p>	<p>*Defaults (Action)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melanie Apthorp, Public Card-Room Employee License Revocation • Peixian Huang, Public Card-Room Employee License Revocation • Mark Ritz, Public Card-Room Employee License Revocation • Brandon Yip, Public Card-Room Employee License Revocation • Brianna Krentkowski Hall - Public Card-Room Employee License Revocation • Ioane Kalati - Public Card-Room Employee License Revocation <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Adam Teal, Staff Attorney</i></p>
<p>Tab 5</p>	<p>Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Review and Financial Update <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Christopher Stanley, Chief Financial Officer</i></p>
	<p>Public Comment can be provided (you must include your name for the record):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before and during the Commission meeting you may email Julie.anderson@wsgc.wa.gov ; or • During the meeting you may use the Microsoft Office Teams Chat Box; or • If you are attending the meeting by phone, we will offer you an opportunity to comment.
<p>12:30 PM</p>	<p>Executive Session - Closed to the Public <i>Bud Sizemore, Chair</i></p> <p>Discuss potential agency litigation with legal counsel, including tribal negotiations.</p>
	<p>Adjourn</p>

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April Gambling Commission Meeting Minutes

Gambling Commission Headquarters

Virtual Meeting

April 9, 2020

Commissioners Present:

Bud Sizemore, Chair (Via Skype)

Julia Patterson (Via Skype)

Ed Troyer (Via Skype)

Alicia Levy (Via Skype)

Ex Officio Members Present:

Senator Steve Conway (Via Skype)

Representative Brandon Vick (Via Skype)

Representative Shelley Kloba (Via Skype)

Staff Present:

David Trujillo, Executive Director; Julie Anderson, Executive Assistant; Jason Huggett, Information Technology Specialist.

Staff Present-Virtual:

Tina Griffin, Assistant Director; Brian Considine, Legal and Legislative Manager; Julie Lies, Tribal Liaison; Heather Songer, Public Information Officer; and Suzanne Becker, Assistant Attorney General.

Public Meeting Call to Order

Chair Sizemore called the public meeting to order via Skype at 10:05 AM. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Director Trujillo to call a role to ensure we had a quorum. He then asked for a moment of silence to recognize law enforcement officers who were lost in the line of duty since our last meeting.

There were 68 people on Skype.

Tab 1

Commissioner Patterson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented by staff.

Commissioner Troyer seconded the motion.

The motion passed 4:0

Tab 2

Presentation- Skokomish Indian Tribe Compact Amendment Hearing

Honorable Tom Strong, Vice Chari, Skokomish Tribal Council, David Trujillo, Director, WSGC and Julie Lies, Tribal Liaison, WSGC presented the materials for this tab. **Director Trujillo** explained the process regarding the Tribal and Amendment specifics. He gave a short overview of the commission, regarding the Tribal compacts. **Honorable Tom Strong** spoke about the Skokomish Tribe and their casino. **Tribal Liaison Lies** discussed the details of the Tribe's Class III compact amendment.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Troyer moved to forward the proposed compact to the governor for review and final execution.

Senator Conway seconded the motion.

Director gave a role call and the following Commissioners and Ex-Officios voted

Commissioner Patterson – yes

Commissioner Levy – yes

Commissioner Troyer – yes

Commissioner Sizemore – yes

Senator Conway – yes

Representative Kloba – yes

Representative Vick - yes

The motion passed 7:0

Public Comment

There was no additional public comment.

Tab 3

Presentation- Financial Status

Christopher Stanley, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), WSGC presented the materials for this tab. **CFO Stanley** gave an extensive look at the Gambling Commissions current status regarding the pandemic and described in his opinion what the near future could look like with the state closures of small businesses. CFO Stanley will continue to present to the commission on a regular basis. **Senator Conway** asked that Director Trujillo and staff could write a letter to the national delegation for support regarding small businesses in Washington on how to recover from this closure. **Director Trujillo** agreed.

Public Comment

Rebecca Giden, Analyst for Eilers & Krejcik Gaming from California asked the commission to elaborate on the process to which tribal governments go about compact negotiations, and who they contact when they want to start tribal negotiations. Director Trujillo gave a quick background on our state compact amendment process.

In closing, **Chair Sizemore** mentioned that the May Gambling Commission meeting will be held virtually as well and the check the Gambling Commission website for details.

The commission meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Executive Session ended at 12:45 PM and the meeting was adjourned.



COMMISSION APPROVAL LIST
(New Licenses & Class III Gaming Employees)
May 2020

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Based upon the licensing investigations, staff recommends approving all new Licenses and Class III employees listed on pages 1 to 9.



HOUSE-BANKED PUBLIC CARD ROOM REPORT

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	City	Commission Approval Date	License Expiration Date	Org #	License #
ACES CASINO ENTERTAINMENT	SPOKANE VALLEY	Mar 13, 2014	Dec 31, 2020	00-23112	67-00325
ALL STAR CASINO	SILVERDALE	Jan 14, 1999	Jun 30, 2020	00-18357	67-00058
BLACK PEARL RESTAURANT & CARD ROOM	SPOKANE VALLEY	Jan 10, 2013	Sep 30, 2020	00-22440	67-00321
BUZZ INN STEAKHOUSE/EAST WENATCHEE	EAST WENATCHEE	Oct 10, 2002	Dec 31, 2020	00-11170	67-00183
CARIBBEAN CARDROOM	KIRKLAND	Nov 14, 2019	Sep 30, 2020	00-24515	67-00343
CASINO CARIBBEAN	KIRKLAND	Nov 14, 2019	Sep 30, 2020	00-24512	67-00341
CASINO CARIBBEAN	YAKIMA	Nov 14, 2019	Sep 30, 2020	00-24513	67-00342
CHIPS CASINO/LAKEWOOD	LAKEWOOD	Apr 8, 1999	Dec 31, 2020	00-17414	67-00020
CLEARWATER SALOON & CASINO	EAST WENATCHEE	Feb 14, 2019	Dec 31, 2020	00-24296	67-00339
CLUB HOLLYWOOD CASINO	SHORELINE	Sep 9, 2010	Jun 30, 2020	00-22132	67-00303
COYOTE BOB'S CASINO	KENNEWICK	Jul 10, 2009	Mar 31, 2021	00-21848	67-00282
CRAZY MOOSE CASINO II/MOUNTLAKE TERRACE	MOUNTLAKE TERRACE	Jul 10, 2009	Mar 31, 2021	00-21849	67-00283
CRAZY MOOSE CASINO/PASCO	PASCO	Jul 10, 2009	Mar 31, 2021	00-21847	67-00281
EMERALD DOWNS	AUBURN	May 11, 2017	Mar 31, 2021	00-23814	67-00335
FORTUNE CASINO - RENTON	RENTON	Jan 8, 2015	Sep 30, 2020	00-23339	67-00327
FORTUNE CASINO - TUKWILA	TUKWILA	Oct 8, 2015	Jun 30, 2020	00-23465	67-00329
GOLDIE'S SHORELINE CASINO	SHORELINE	May 13, 1999	Dec 31, 2020	00-17610	67-00016
GREAT AMERICAN CASINO/EVERETT	EVERETT	Nov 12, 1998	Dec 31, 2020	00-19513	67-00194
GREAT AMERICAN CASINO/LAKEWOOD	LAKEWOOD	Aug 14, 2003	Jun 30, 2020	00-19258	67-00184
GREAT AMERICAN CASINO/TUKWILA	TUKWILA	Jan 15, 1998	Sep 30, 2020	00-12554	67-00012
HAWKS PRAIRIE CASINO	LACEY	Jul 12, 2001	Jun 30, 2020	00-17579	67-00091
IRON HORSE CASINO	AUBURN	Jan 9, 2003	Dec 31, 2020	00-19477	67-00192

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JOKER'S CASINO SPORTS BAR & FIESTA CD RM	RICHLAND	Nov 12, 1998	Dec 31, 2020	00-15224	67-00006
LANCER LANES/REST AND CASINO	CLARKSTON	Nov 13, 2008	Sep 30, 2020	00-21681	67-00276
LAST FRONTIER	LA CENTER	Feb 11, 1999	Sep 30, 2020	00-11339	67-00055
LILAC LANES & CASINO	SPOKANE	Jul 12, 2007	Jun 30, 2020	00-21305	67-00267
MACAU CASINO	TUKWILA	Nov 14, 2019	Sep 30, 2020	00-24514	67-00344
MACAU CASINO	LAKEWOOD	Nov 14, 2019	Sep 30, 2020	00-24516	67-00345
NOB HILL CASINO	YAKIMA	Sep 12, 2001	Dec 31, 2020	00-13069	67-00173
PALACE CASINO LAKEWOOD	LAKEWOOD	Jan 14, 1999	Dec 31, 2020	00-16542	67-00028
PAPAS CASINO RESTAURANT & LOUNGE	MOSES LAKE	Aug 13, 1998	Jun 30, 2020	00-02788	67-00004
RC'S AT VALLEY LANES	SUNNYSIDE	Nov 16, 2017	Mar 31, 2021	00-16220	67-00336
RIVERSIDE CASINO	TUKWILA	Aug 14, 2003	Jun 30, 2020	00-19369	67-00187
ROMAN CASINO	SEATTLE	Feb 10, 2000	Mar 31, 2021	00-17613	67-00057
ROXY'S BAR & GRILL	SEATTLE	Nov 18, 2004	Jun 30, 2020	00-20113	67-00231
ROYAL CASINO	EVERETT	Sep 9, 2010	Jun 30, 2020	00-22130	67-00301
SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/MILL CREEK	BOTHELL	Sep 9, 2010	Jun 30, 2020	00-22131	67-00302
SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/RENTON	RENTON	Sep 9, 2010	Jun 30, 2020	00-22134	67-00305
SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/SEATAC	SEATAC	Sep 9, 2010	Jun 30, 2020	00-22128	67-00299
SLO PITCH PUB & EATERY	BELLINGHAM	Aug 12, 1999	Jun 30, 2020	00-16759	67-00038
THE PALACE	LA CENTER	Apr 9, 1998	Jun 30, 2020	00-16903	67-00010
WILD GOOSE CASINO	ELLENSBURG	Apr 8, 2004	Dec 31, 2020	00-20009	67-00212
WIZARDS CASINO	BURIEN	Feb 11, 2010	Dec 31, 2020	00-21998	67-00287
ZEPPOZ	PULLMAN	Nov 13, 2008	Mar 31, 2021	00-18777	67-00209

Applications Pending**2**

	City	Commission Approval Date	License Expiration Date	Org #	License #
LUCKY DRAGONZ CASINO	SEATTLE			00-23001	67-00323
SUN PALACE CASINO	DES MOINES			00-24587	67-00346

ORGANIZATION NAME

LICENSE NUMBER

PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

BINGO

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF OLYMPIA
00-24631 01-02803

6729 PACIFIC AVE SE
OLYMPIA WA 98503

STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL ASB
00-23084 01-02804

390 NW GROPPER RD
STEVENSON WA 98648

RAFFLE

EASTERSEALS WASHINGTON
00-24655 02-21128

200 W MERCER ST 210E
SEATTLE WA 98119

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LACEY WA
00-24621 02-21114

7075 PACIFIC AVE SE
LACEY WA 98503

LEWIS COUNTY SENIORS
00-24638 02-21124

2545 N NATIONAL AVENUE
CHEHALIS WA 98532

OPEN HOUSE MINISTRIES
00-24651 02-21126

900 W 12TH ST
VANCOUVER WA 98666

PET POPULATION PREVENTION
00-24167 02-20872

5811 WEST VAN GIESEN ST
WEST RICHLAND WA 99353

THE TACOMA NARROWS ROTARY CHARITIES FUND
00-22891 02-21122

8602 47TH ST W
UNIVERSITY PLACE WA 98466

WEST COLUMBIA GORGE HUMANE SOCIETY
00-24633 02-21121

PO BOX 270
WASHOUGAL WA 98671

PUNCHBOARD/PULL-TAB COMMERCIAL STIMULANT

EVERYBODY'S AMERICAN COOKHOUSE & SPORTS THEATE
00-24595 05-21659

4215 MILE HILL DR
PORT ORCHARD WA 98366

LIGHTHOUSE LOUNGE
00-24626 05-21666

22239 MARINE VIEW DR S
DES MOINES WA 98198

THE RED WHEEL
00-24610 05-21662

501 S THOR ST
SPOKANE WA 99202

PERSON'S NAME
LICENSE NUMBER

EMPLOYER'S NAME
PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

DISTRIBUTOR REPRESENTATIVE

JOHNSON, CONNER G
22-01287

SPOKANE PULLTAB & BINGO SUPPLY
SPOKANE WA 99202

MANUFACTURER REPRESENTATIVE

BUTTS, BRANDON K
23-03100

SCIENTIFIC GAMES
LAS VEGAS NV 89119

COHEN, DANIEL N
23-03097

IGT
LAS VEGAS NV 89113

GALIUNAS, AUDREY S
23-02138

GENESIS GAMING SOLUTIONS INC
SPRING TX 77373

HUGHES, WILLIAM K
23-03101

SCIENTIFIC GAMES
LAS VEGAS NV 89119

JOHNSON, AUGUST R
23-01836

SCIENTIFIC GAMES
LAS VEGAS NV 89119

MEADOR, BRANDON T
23-03096

ARIES TECHNOLOGY LLC
GROVE OK 74344-6251

ROSAS, SIMON R
23-02758

IGT
LAS VEGAS NV 89113

SETH, GAURAV
23-01796

SCIENTIFIC GAMES
LAS VEGAS NV 89119

SINGH, VIJAY PRATAP
23-02392

SCIENTIFIC GAMES
LAS VEGAS NV 89119

WHITTEMORE, CURTIS R
23-03095

VGT
FRANKLIN TN 37067

WOODS, TOMMY L
23-03094

AINSWORTH GAME TECHNOLOGY INC
LAS VEGAS NV 89118

NON-PROFIT GAMBLING MANAGER

WISENER, SUSAN L
61-04373

FOE 03865
OROVILLE WA 98844-0000

PERSON'S NAME
LICENSE NUMBER

EMPLOYER'S NAME
PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

SERVICE SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE

GUEVARA, CARLOS S
63-00930

WG-AIRWAY HEIGHTS LLC
LAS VEGAS NV 89119

ISZLEY, TIMOTHY B
63-00616

GAMING MANAGEMENT
LAKEWOOD WA 98499

KANG, TASHA T
63-00931

MAVERICK WASHINGTON
KIRKLAND WA 98034

CARD ROOM EMPLOYEE

AN, SOTHEARA S
68-35716

B

SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/RENTON
RENTON WA 98057

BILLS, SHANA L
68-35719

B

JOKER'S CASINO SPORTS BAR & FIEST
RICHLAND WA 99352-4122

BOYER ACHZIGER, CAMERON J
68-35712

B

THE PALACE
LA CENTER WA 98629

BROOKS, DALLAS K
68-09505

B

THE PALACE
LA CENTER WA 98629

CAIN, KAHLIL A
68-35718

B

ROMAN CASINO
SEATTLE WA 98178

CHANDAVONG, LINHDA M
68-35684

B

MACAU CASINO
TUKWILA WA 98188

CISCO, SOKHA
68-25290

B

FORTUNE CASINO - RENTON
RENTON WA 98055

DICH, ALEX
68-35717

B

ROXY'S BAR & GRILL
SEATTLE WA 98126

DIONNE, MALAYSIA M
68-35711

B

SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/SEATAC
SEATAC WA 98188

GASTON, KORY S
68-15967

B

JOKER'S CASINO SPORTS BAR & FIEST
RICHLAND WA 99352-4122

LASTRAPEES, ROSALIND A
68-35691

B

SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/SEATAC
SEATAC WA 98188

LEIGH, AARON M
68-35708

B

WIZARDS CASINO
BURIEN WA 98166-2524

PERSON'S NAME
LICENSE NUMBER

EMPLOYER'S NAME
PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

CARD ROOM EMPLOYEE

LEOTA, JIMMY T 68-35715	B	ROXY'S BAR & GRILL SEATTLE WA 98126
MULTANI, BOBBY S 68-35705	B	MACAU CASINO TUKWILA WA 98188
NGUYEN, LONG P 68-20335	B	GOLDIE'S SHORELINE CASINO SHORELINE WA 98133
PORTER, ROBERT D 68-35703	B	FORTUNE CASINO - TUKWILA TUKWILA WA 98168
SMALLWOOD, LATRINA J 68-32517	B	GOLDIE'S SHORELINE CASINO SHORELINE WA 98133
SPESSARD-AUCKERMAN, TERRANCE L 68-15117	B	ACES CASINO ENTERTAINMENT SPOKANE VALLEY WA 99216
VEN, KANHA 68-35713	B	JAMESTOWN SALOON ARLINGTON WA 98223

PERSON'S NAME

CERTIFICATION / ELIGIBILITY NUMBER

NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

CHEHALIS CONFEDERATED TRIBES

CHAPPELL, BRITTANY M
69-48553

FINADO, LA RANE B
69-42816

MOORE, RONALD M JR
69-37775

VERDERICO, PAUL D
69-48518

WATSON, JASMINE D
69-48521

COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

HALL, LILA R
69-33589

TIMENTWA-PHEASANT, JADE I
69-48563

COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE

BAMFORD, STEPHEN R
69-48537

BARAJAS, JESSICA A
69-48543

BONE, DAVID D
69-48486

COMBS, SAMUAL M
69-48516

CONRAD, STEVENJOHN
69-48542

COX, NICOLAS B
69-48544

FORD, ROBERT A
69-48480

HENRY, AMANDA M
69-48481

KAPLAN, BROOKLYN L
69-48545

KIMBERLIN, LORI L
69-48540

MANGINELLI, KIRSTAN M
69-48536

MATSON, DONALD J
69-48487

MERRELL, MIKEY R
69-48478

NESS, DEBORAH L
69-48541

PERSON'S NAME

CERTIFICATION / ELIGIBILITY NUMBER

NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE

PETERS, AMBRA D
69-48539

ROSAS-LEDBURY, PAULINA R
69-48482

SANFORD, MELISSA J
69-48538

SIEVERS, TRENT D
69-48483

SILVA, DESTINEE M
69-48546

SMITH, BRIAN A
69-48484

SVIR, DARCEE M
69-48485

SWORTWOOD, NAVIE K
69-41208

THOMAS, GERALD D
69-48559

WALKER, GEORGIA L
69-48479

KALISPEL TRIBE

BURR, JEFFREY W
69-48517

GREESON, AUBREY T
69-48520

HALL, KATELIN R
69-48549

HOSSFELD, COURTNEY B
69-48524

LAWSON, GARETT C
69-48523

SHERIDAN, RICHARD L
69-48519

SMITH, ANTHONY M
69-48525

WAYFER, LASHAYEMONET
69-48526

LUMMI NATION

LOSIK, AARON E
69-13991

MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN TRIBE

BRABENDER, MARSHA M
69-48327

CHAPMAN, DEXTER T
69-45218

PERSON'S NAME

CERTIFICATION / ELIGIBILITY NUMBER

NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN TRIBE

CHHIN, JANEY
69-48491

HOWARD, CATHLEEN M
69-48514

MALDONADO, GRISELDA P
69-48492

RA, NARY
69-48550

ROOK, KHLOE M
69-48493

SICKELS, JACK M
69-48515

NISQUALLY INDIAN TRIBE

SHELEBY, RONALD J
69-40718

WORTHAN, JANELLE A
69-48422

PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS

CHEN, JOJO S
69-48498

DE BRIE, JOHANNA S
69-48551

DOMINGUEZ, TERESA V
69-48497

DROGE, DESTANY A
69-48499

DYKEMAN, RONALD L
69-24068

JAMES, QUINDRE D
69-48489

MAZETIS, JULIA W
69-48399

TORRES, MATTHEW S JR
69-48513

TUITASI, FUSITELE
69-48552

UWAINE, KIA AOLANI H
69-48500

SPOKANE TRIBE

GONZALEZ, LUCIO R
69-43866

MORALES PEREZ, DAN
69-48532

PERSON'S NAME

CERTIFICATION / ELIGIBILITY NUMBER

NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

ZABROSKI, RICHARD J
69-48470

STILLAGUAMISH TRIBE

ESCALANTE, LESLEY F
69-48534

HUYNH, THINH L
69-48548

NARAG, BRIANAH M
69-48557

SWINOMISH INDIAN TRIBAL COMMUNITY

CABER, AGNES A
69-48512

CERUTI, BRITTANY A
69-48529

CURTIS, BRENDA M
69-48527

MCALISTER, ANDREA L
69-06510

POTTER, ZACHARY A
69-48530

RIGNEY, DARCI A
69-29745

RUIZ, LINDA
69-48531

SANCHEZ-GARCIA, ANDREA L
69-48511

VANOVERBEEK, CANDICE M
69-48528

THE TULALIP TRIBES

BENLOT, DENNIS A
69-48437

DIAZ, MARIBETH M
69-48495

MURPHY, RAYMOND W III
69-33401

SCONAWAH, KATHLEEN M
69-05247

VENDIOLA, RICHARD R
69-48496

DATE: 04/22/2020

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PERSON'S NAME

CERTIFICATION / ELIGIBILITY NUMBER

NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

YAKAMA NATION

JIM, GLENDA L
69-48533



STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS REPORT 2018-2022



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Noteable accomplishments from July 1, 2018 to present

Type	Accomplishment
Employee Awards & Recognitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special agent received recognition from Northwest Regional Crime Analyst Network • Agency held its 45th anniversary celebration, conference • Agency was re-accredited by WASPC • AIC appointed to WASPC Accreditation Commission • Director appointed to WASPC Executive Board • Two special agents received accolades from the Midwest Gaming Investigators and Regulators Board of Directors
Tribal Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted Nooksack Tribe with introducing Class III table games at its Northwood Casino • Agreement reached with Muckleshoot Indian Tribe on the sixth amendment to its Class III gaming compact • Agreement reached with Nooksack Indian Tribe on the seventh amendment to its Class III gaming compact • Annual licensing meeting between TGA and SGA was held in August • Completed 2019 New Agent Training for tribal gaming agency staff and tribal gaming commissioners • Ongoing government-to-government consultations have resulted in several small groups working on: 1) tribal-only equipment submission; 2) X/2-EGL process improvements; and 3) resolving billing issues
Rules & Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fee structure became effective July 2018 • Agency request legislation expanded the definition of bona-fide charitable and nonprofit organizations allowed to operate gambling activities; and also allowed seized money laundering proceeds to be used to combat illegal gambling
Problem Gambling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem gambling (PG) study completed; recommended 1) statewide voluntary self-exclusion program; and 2) PG task force • Director signed onto a support letter to protect troops from problem gambling
Community Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff raised \$5,688 for 2018 Combined Fund Drive • Agency teamed up with other agencies to “Stuff the Ruck” for Toys for Tots • Staff contributed \$6,000 to 2019 Combined Fund Drive
Administrative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agency relocated its Renton office to Federal Way • Completed restack of Lacey headquarters • Completed the 2019 employee engagement survey • Published 2019 Annual Report

Type	Accomplishment
Criminal Investigations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guilty plea in case where HOA president treasurer stole over \$61,000 and gambled funds at two casinos • Casino burglary suspect arrested after being featured on Washington's Most Wanted; he was sentenced to 60 months • Cardroom licensee arrested for accepting bets on sports betting website • Bar manager of a fraternal organization pleaded guilty to theft • Agent assisted HSI with operation that resulted in 12 arrests, \$60,000 seized, and narcotics seized • Former cardroom employee sentenced to 19 months for stealing over \$10,000 • Suspect arrested for cheating; total loss to three cardrooms is approximately \$60,000 • Six suspects arrested for fraudulent check cashing scheme targeting tribal casinos • Multiple suspects arrested in illegal betting on Mexican soccer matches • Craps table seized from local winery • Elder abuse suspect arrested for stealing approximately \$132,000 from a family member; he used the money to fund his gambling habit • Special agent assisted in arresting a fugitive • Elder abuse suspect arrested for stealing almost \$300,000 from a vulnerable adult by withdrawing cash from ATM's and casinos • Class III employee's certification revoked for defrauding the player tracking system of \$6,700 • Suspect arrested for using sleight of hand to cheat cardroom out of \$38,000 • Bartender for a non-profit organization admitted to theft of \$1,620 • Gambling Commission received \$1.25M settlement to resolve money laundering and loansharking allegations; two owners barred from participation in future gambling activities; two criminal charges filed and seven licenses revoked • Elder abuse suspect arrested for spending \$3,200 of vulnerable adult's money on gambling • Agents assisted in taking down dogfighting and breeding operation • Eleven arrested at Seattle business operating illegal gambling • Licensed public cardroom employee arrested for stealing nearly \$45,000 in casino chips • Staff assisted Grant County Interagency Narcotics Enforcement Team with stopping illegal cockfighting

Commission Goals for 2018 - 2022

Goal 1: Increase the Commission's role in helping people who are suffering from gambling disorders

Objectives	Completed Tactics	Tactics in Progress/Not Started
1. Complete and present problem gambling study to Legislature in February 2019 that looks at ensuring those who need treatment receive treatment in Washington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secured funding for the study Presented <i>study</i> to Legislature for the 2019 session 	
2. Increase public awareness around problem gambling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Posted agency problem gambling literature prominently on our <i>website</i> Brought awareness to problem gambling activities during Problem Gambling Awareness month, and as needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update agency problem gambling literature Partner with the Horse Racing Commission and the Lottery Commission on problem gambling outreach efforts
3. Seek additional funding for problem gambling awareness and focus prevention of problem gambling on minors and youths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtained funding through legislative action in 2019 for: (1) <i>Problem Gambling Task Force (PGTF)</i>; (2) prevalence study in 2021 Worked with the appropriate state agency to account for current problem gambling revenue stream received from the state's Business and Occupation tax Assigned to PGTF: Conduct awareness study and develop problem gambling literature targeted towards youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider seeking additional funds through tribal negotiations
4. Explore the option of revising RCW 9.46 to increase agency problem gambling responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determined it was not necessary to request legislation to clarify Commission's problem gambling role 	
5. Involve all stakeholders in problem gambling processes, e.g. Tribes, licensees, health care professionals etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created a statewide <i>problem gambling taskforce</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide opportunities for Tribal and non-Tribal operators to share information on their problem gambling programs Develop a <i>Self-Exclusion</i> program that can be applied to tribal and non-tribal gambling sectors

Goal 2: Strengthen legislative relationships

Objectives	Completed Tactics	Tactics in Progress/Not Started
<p>1. Prepare an annual report to the Legislature about Commission activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembled staff/stakeholder workgroup with cross representation to prepare legislative report* Published <i>fiscal year annual report</i> on the Commission website* Updated <i>annual legislative media brochure</i> with Commission activity highlights* 	
<p>2. Share emerging issues and solutions through white paper process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff assigned to work on <i>sports betting</i> Formed internal team to keep abreast of emerging issues, determine what issues to focus on, and forecast topics for lawmakers Sought legislative input on topics* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assign staff to work on loot boxes and skins gambling
<p>3. Build coalitions and involve stakeholders in presenting information to the Legislature</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held periodic meetings that facilitated communications between the public, Legislature, tribes, licensees and other stakeholders* 	
<p>4. Encourage Legislative committees to hold educational work sessions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission legislative team monitored <i>gambling related bills</i> and determined how best to educate lawmakers on the subject* Better utilize Commission Ex Officios as a resource 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once whitepapers are written, share with Legislature; and seek annual educational works sessions
<p>5. Develop position for general fund appropriations for criminal enforcement work</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaged tribes and licensees in support of general fund appropriations for criminal enforcement work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage law enforcement in support of general fund appropriations for criminal enforcement work

* Denotes tactics that have been completed and are scheduled to recur in future years

Goal 3: Staff continuity and succession planning

Objectives	Completed Tactics	Tactics in Progress/Not Started
1. Establish agency leadership pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reevaluated prior Leadership Development Program; decided not to reinstate as written • Provide opportunities for staff to get a feel for leadership by participating on agency teams, and being involved with external organizations • Develop individual training plans that support opportunities for leadership development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide opportunities for staff to determine if they want to pursue leadership • Provide opportunities for staff to get a feel for leadership through job shadowing • Cross train staff where appropriate
2. Evaluate each division for potential leadership transitions and identify staff that can take over and plan for “back-up” on key positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified staff who may be leaving for retirement or other opportunities and determined the future vacancies to be filled • Ongoing conversations with staff regarding their goals • Updated competencies for key positions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide cross training • Update job requirements for key positions
3. Understand that not all great employees want to be leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talked to staff about their goals and what motivates them* • Retained people where they are successful as subject matter experts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide training opportunities for staff that want to be subject matter and technical experts and do not have the desire to be supervisors
4. Be employer of choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighted state and agency benefits during recruitment and stressed what this agency offers, such as flexible schedules, telework opportunities, etc* • Where feasible, provided for a flexible and modern work environment* • Provided meaningful recognition to staff* • Developed methods to reach diverse candidate pool* 	

* Denotes tactics that have been completed and are scheduled to recur in future years

Goal 4: Strengthen stakeholder relationships

Objectives	Completed Tactics	Tactics in Progress/Not Started
<p>1. Improve Tribal billing system and Tribal Relations policy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted formal & informal tribal consultation meetings* • Used WIGA (Washington Indian Gaming Association) to help share information and identify workgroup members* • Built relationships with tribal gaming commissions, tribal gaming agencies, casino operations, and others* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not results in improved billing system; new tactics needed
<p>2. Utilize stakeholders & other experts when presenting information</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send staff to, or request to have a representative at, licensee trade organization meetings • Increase visits to state non-profit conventions • Provide the ability for stakeholders to add Commission meeting agenda topics on emerging gambling issues
<p>3. Obtain feedback on fee simplification from stakeholders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talked to individual licensees to gauge effectiveness of fee simplification on stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct online surveys and town hall meetings to gauge effectiveness of fee simplification on stakeholders • Follow Tribal consultation process to obtain feedback from Tribal stakeholders
<p>4. Work on raffle rules and build better relationships with non-profits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified changes the agency is willing to accept/consider • Determined scope of any potential rule changes • Identified staff who are subject matter experts to work on raffle rule project 	
<p>5. Coordinate a gambling summit to discuss various gambling related topics</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow a process similar to Tribal consultation to prepare a summit that includes entire gaming industry • Engage stakeholders and ask them to contribute ideas for the summit

* Denotes tactics that have been completed and are scheduled to recur in future years

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April 2020

Rule Petition to Amend

WAC 230-13-080- Operating coin or token amusement games.



May 2020 – Commission Review
April 2020 – Rule-Making Petition Received

Tab 2a: MAY 2020 Commission Meeting Agenda.	Statutory Authority 9.46.070
Who Proposed the Rule Change?	
Steve Manning, Tacoma, Washington	
Background	
<p>The petitioner is proposing to amend WAC 230-13-080, Operating coin or token amusement games, to change the meaning of “department or grocery store” to remove the requirement that the department or grocery store must have more than ten thousand square feet of retail and support space, not including the parking areas.</p> <p>The petitioner feels this change is needed because COVID-19 has had devastating effects on businesses deemed “non-essential”. By implementing this rule change, the petitioner feels this will allow amusement game operators the ability to expand the number of locations that amusement games can be placed to include smaller grocery and retail stores. The petitioner feels that the square footage stipulation is arbitrary, and the change should have no impact on regulation or enforcement.</p> <p>Attachments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petition • WAC 230-13-080 	
Staff Recommendation	
<p>Under the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, the Commission must take action on a petition within 60 days of receiving it. Your options are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Initiate rule-making proceedings by filing the rule as proposed for further discussion; or 2) Deny the petition in writing, a) stating the reasons for denial and specifically address the concerns stated in the petition, or b) where appropriate, indicate alternative means by which the agency will address the concerns raised in the petition. 	

From: dan.heisel@watech.wa.gov on behalf of [WSGC Web](#)
To: [Rules Coordinator \(GMB\)](#)
Subject: Request a Rule Change Submission from wsgc.wa.gov
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 2:18:18 PM

Submitted on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 - 2:18pm
Submitted by anonymous user: 24.16.220.95
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Rule Petition Type: Amend Rule – I am requesting WSGC to change an existing rule.

==Amend Rule – I am requesting WSGC to change an existing rule.==

List rule number (WAC) if known: WAC 230-13-080 Operating coin or token amusement games

I am requesting the following change:

Current rule:

(j) Grocery or department stores. A "department or grocery store" means a business that offers the retail sale of a full line of clothing, accessories, and household goods, or a full line of dry grocery, canned goods, or nonfood items plus some perishable items, or a combination of these. A department or grocery store must have more than ten thousand square feet of retail and support space, not including the parking areas.

Proposed rule:

(j) Grocery or department stores. A "department or grocery store" means a business that offers the retail sale of a full line of clothing, accessories, and household goods, or a full line of dry grocery, canned goods, or nonfood items plus some perishable items, or a combination of these.

This change is needed because: The devastating effect on the Amusement Game operators business revenue due to Covid 19 related non essential business closures.

The effect of this rule change will be:

This will allow amusement operators the ability to expand the number of locations that amusement games can be placed in, to include smaller grocery and retail stores. Due to the impact of Covid 19 many of our amusement games are sitting idle in bars, restaurants, pizza places, FEC's, skating rinks, etc.

The square footage stipulation in the current rule is arbitrary and the change should have no impact on regulation or enforcement, while expanding opportunity for amusement operators and smaller businesses.

WAC 230-13-080 Operating coin or token activated amusement

games. (1) Coin or token activated amusement games must have nonresetting coin-in meters, certified as accurate to within plus or minus one coin or token in one thousand plays, which stop play of the machine if the meter is removed or disconnected when operating at:

- (a) Amusement parks; or
- (b) Regional shopping malls; or
- (c) Movie theaters; or
- (d) Bowling alleys; or
- (e) Miniature golf course facilities; or
- (f) Skating facilities; or
- (g) Family sports complexes.

(i) A "family sports complex" is a facility, at a permanent location, to which people go to play sports. A family sports complex must offer multiple sports activities, such as indoor soccer, outdoor soccer, lacrosse, baseball, Frisbee, and lawn bowling and the gross receipts must be primarily from these sports activities.

(ii) A family sports complex does not include a facility owned or operated by a school or school district; or

(h) Amusement centers; or

(i) Restaurants; or

(j) Grocery or department stores. A "department or grocery store" means a business that offers the retail sale of a full line of clothing, accessories, and household goods, or a full line of dry grocery, canned goods, or nonfood items plus some perishable items, or a combination of these. ~~A department or grocery store must have more than ten thousand square feet of retail and support space, not including the parking areas.~~

(2) All coin or token activated amusement games must have a coin acceptor capable of taking money for one play and may have an additional acceptor to include paper money.

(3) Operators using amusement games that do not return change must have a change-making bill acceptor or the ability to get change in the immediate vicinity of such games. All amusement games using paper money acceptors must either:

(a) Return change; or

(b) Clearly disclose to players before play that change is not returned and disclose to them where at the location they may get change.

(4) The maximum number of group 12 amusement games a licensee may have in their licensed premises is limited to:

(a) Twenty games for charitable and nonprofit licensees;
and

(b) Ten games for commercial licensees.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070, 9.46.0201. WSR 16-09-045 (Order 719), § 230-13-080, filed 4/15/16, effective 5/16/16.
Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. WSR 09-15-067 (Order 650), § 230-13-080, filed 7/13/09, effective 8/13/09; WSR 08-11-036 (Order 625), § 230-13-080, filed 5/14/08, effective 7/1/08; WSR 07-21-116 (Order 617), § 230-13-080, filed 10/22/07, effective 1/1/08; WSR 07-15-064 (Order 612), § 230-13-080, filed 7/16/07, effective 1/1/08.]



Staff Proposed Rule-Making
WAC 230-21-016- Costs of providing public records.

May 2020 – Discussion and Possible Filing
January 2020 – Initiate Rule-Making

Tab 2b: May 2020 Commission Meeting Agenda.	Statutory Authority 9.46.070
Who Proposed the Rule Change?	
Washington State Gambling Commission Staff	
Background	
<p>BOLD = Updated information since January 2020 Commission meeting.</p> <p>In January, we introduced the idea of adopting rules to charge the default amounts for processing public records requests. Today, we are providing language for your review, discussion, and possible filing.</p> <p>RCW 42.56.120 authorizes agencies to charge for certain costs related to a public records request. This includes the authority to establish a charge for the actual cost for copying records, including per-page rate for copying, labor costs of copying, and shipping costs; providing copies of electronically produced records; actual costs for the electronic production or file transfer of the record; the use of a cloud-based storage or processing service; and the cost of transmitting the records in an electronic format.</p> <p>This statute allows state agencies to undergo their own cost-analysis determination or choose the default rates established in the statute, which are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to 15 cents per page;• 10 cents for each page scanned into an electronic format;• 5 cents for every 4 attachments uploaded to an electronic delivery system;• 10 cents per gigabyte transmitting records electronically;• May require a deposit of up to 10 percent of the estimated actual copy costs for a request; or• An agency may charge a flat fee of \$2 as an alternative to the default rates listed above. <p>The Gambling Commission has received over 160 public records requests in 2019 alone and rule-making is needed to address the growing costs associated with requests consistent with the guidelines established by the Legislature.</p> <p>Attachments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WAC 230-21-016	
Stakeholder Outreach and Feedback	
Notice of initial rule-making was posted on our website and published in the Washington State Register (WSR 20-03-158). No public comments have been received thus far.	
Staff Recommendation	
Staff recommends filing the draft language for further discussion.	

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WAC 230-21-016

Costs of providing public records.

- (1) There is no fee for the inspection of public records.
- (2) Pursuant to RCW [42.56.120](#)(2), we are not calculating all actual costs for copying records because to do so would be unduly burdensome for the following reasons:
 - (a) We do not have the resources to conduct a study to determine actual copying costs for all of our records; and
 - (b) To conduct such a study would interfere with other essential agency functions; and
 - (c) Through the 2017 legislative process, the public and requestors have commented on and been informed of authorized fees and costs, including for electronic records, provided in RCW [42.56.120](#)(2)(b) and (c), (3) and (4).
- (3) We may charge fees for the production of copies of public records consistent with the fee schedule established in RCW [42.56.120](#). The fee schedule also is published on our web site at www.wsgc.wa.gov and a copy of the fee schedule will be made available at agency headquarters listed in [WAC 230-01-005](#).
- (4) Before copying requested public records, we may require a deposit of up to ten percent of the estimated costs of copying all of the records. We may also require payment of the remainder of the copying costs before providing all of the records, or the payment of the costs of copying an installment before providing the installment.
- (5) We may provide customized electronic access to public records if we estimate that the request would require the use of information technology expertise to prepare data compilations, or provide customized electronic access services when such compilations and customized access services are used by us for any other agency purposes. We will charge the actual costs, including staff time, necessary to reimburse our agency for providing customized electronic access services.
- (6) We will not release any requested copies of public records unless and until the requestor has paid all copying and other charges set forth in this section.
- (7) Payment may be made by cash, check, or money order to the Washington state gambling commission. Cash payments must be in the exact amount and delivered to the physical address listed in [WAC 230-01-005](#).
- (8) We may waive fees for providing public records at the discretion of the director or director's designee. This determination will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Staff Proposed Rule-Making

WAC 230-05-124 – Quarterly license reports and quarterly license fees.



May 2020 – Final Action
February 2020 – Discussion and Possible Filing
October 2019 – Initiate Rule-Making

Tab 3: May 2020 Commission Meeting Agenda.

Statutory Authority **9.46.070**

Who Proposed the Rule Change?

Washington State Gambling Commission Staff

Background

BOLD = Updated information since February 2020 Commission meeting.

In 2017-18, the Gambling Commission amended its rules to simplify its reporting and licensing fee structure. After a year of implementation, staff proposes amending the received dates in WAC 230-05-124, Quarterly license reports and quarterly license fees, to not only be consistent with the last date of the month but to also be consistent with received dates of other state agencies as well. **In February, we provided language for your review, filed that language for further discussion, and today, that language is before you for final action.**

Attachments:

- WAC 230-05-124

Stakeholder Feedback

A review of our records found that many licensees who filed late quarterly license reports over the past year, did so by only a day, therefore changing this date to be consistent with the end of the month may help to improve compliance rates.

Staff Recommendation

31 days after filing with the Office of the Code Reviser – expected on or about June 15, 2020.

WAC 230-05-124 Quarterly license ((fees and) reports and quarterly license ((reports) fees. All licensed organizations must submit quarterly license ((fees and) reports and quarterly license ((reports)) fees to us for each licensed gambling activity beginning with the first quarter of their license year. The quarterly license fee is due with the quarterly license report.

The quarterly license reports must be in the format we require and must:

(1)

Cover the period:	Be received by us no later than:
January 1 through March 31	April 30
April 1 through June 30	July ((30)) <u>31</u>
July 1 through September 30	October ((30)) <u>31</u>
October 1 through December 31	January ((30)) <u>31</u>

(2) Be received online at our administrative office or postmarked no later than the dates indicated in the table in subsection (1) of this section; and

(3) Be submitted even if there is no quarterly license fee payable to us; and

(4) Be accurate; and

(5) Be completed by the highest ranking executive officer or a designee. If someone other than the licensee or an employee prepares the report, the preparer must include his or her name and business telephone number on the report; and

(6) Be submitted for any period of time the license was valid, even if there was no gambling activity or the gambling license was not renewed.



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION**

“Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest”

May 14, 2020

TO: COMMISSIONERS:
Bud Sizemore, Chair
Julia Patterson, Vice Chair
Ed Troyer
Alicia Levy

FROM: Adam Teal, Staff Attorney
Legal and Records Division

**SUBJECT: Melanie Apthorp, CR 2020-00259
Final Order – May 14, 2020 Commission Meeting**

Melanie Apthorp has a gambling license authorizing Public Card Room Employee activity at Palace Casino in Lakewood, Washington. Her license expired on March 20, 2020.

On November 14, 2019, a WSGC Special Agent was contacted by Palace Casino’s General Manager, who was investigating a number of recent large variances from cage cashier Melanie Apthorp. Following the Special Agent’s suggestion, Palace staff began a review of video surveillance during Apthorp’s recent shifts. A review of surveillance footage confirmed that on November 14, 2019, Apthorp, over the span of roughly forty minutes, used a series of slight hand maneuvers to move \$1,000 worth of \$100 bills from the vault into her purse. Further review of surveillance video showed that on November 8, 2019, Apthorp used a similar method to take an additional \$5,000 from Palace Casino. When interviewed by Palace staff, Apthorp first denied taking the money. When staff told Apthorp they believed upwards of \$36,000 had been recently stolen from the cashier’s cage, Apthorp responded that “It shouldn’t be that much.” Apthorp was terminated from her employment on November 25, 2019.

Director Trujillo issued Apthorp a Notice of Administrative Charges on February 13, 2020, by regular and certified mail to her last known address on file. Pursuant to WAC 230-17-010, a response was required to be received by the Commission by March 9, 2020. To date, the Commission has received no communication from Apthorp.

Melanie Apthorp’s failure to respond to the charges or timely request a hearing is a waiver of Apthorp’s right to a hearing in Case No. CR 2020-00259. You may take final action against her gambling license. Apthorp wrongfully obtained or exerted unauthorized control over the property of another by stealing \$6,000 from Palace Casino. Based on her conduct, Apthorp cannot show by clear and convincing evidence that she is qualified to keep her gambling license. Therefore, staff recommends that the Commission sign the proposed final order and revoke Melanie Apthorp’s Public Card Room Employee license, Number 68-35232.

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION**

In the Matter of:

NO. CR 2020-00259

MELANIE E APTHORP,
License No. 68-35232,

FINAL ORDER OF THE
GAMBLING COMMISSION

Licensee.

This matter having come before the Washington State Gambling Commission (Commission) on May 14, 2020, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and issues its Final Order:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Melanie Apthorp License No.: 68-35232, authorizing Public Card Room Employee activity at Palace Casino in Lakewood, Washington.

2. This license, which expired on March 20, 2020, was issued subject to Apthorp’s compliance with state gambling laws and Commission rules.

3. Apthorp has been licensed since 2019.

4. On November 14, 2019, a WSGC Special Agent met with staff members of Palace Casino to discuss large shortages of cash (variances) in their cashier cage. According to Palace’s General Manager, Ronald Johns, there had been multiple variances recorded in October and November of 2019.

1 5. The Agent advised Johns to review all surveillance and records to find the source
2 of the most recent variance and use that information to search for a potential pattern.

3 6. On November 22, 2019, Johns followed up with the Agent and explained that
4 cage cashier, Melanie Apthorp, had taken \$1,000 in cash from the cage and falsified her
5 paperwork to cover up the theft.

6 7. After reviewing the video surveillance, Johns reported the following activity from
7 November 14, 2019:

8 a. At about 2:41 a.m., Apthorp took a \$10,000 “strap” of \$100 bills from the
9 vault, and broke it into \$1,000 stacks.

10 b. Apthorp then took one of the \$1,000 stacks and placed it upright in the front
11 of her cash drawer. She placed the remainder of the \$10,000 into the cash till
12 in her drawer.

13 c. At about 3:08 a.m., Apthorp opened her cash drawer, took a white envelope
14 from a nearby pile, and paper-clipped the \$1,000 stack to the back of the
15 envelope, leaving it inside the cash drawer.

16 d. At about 3:15 a.m. Apthorp opened the cash drawer, and removed the
17 envelope with the cash clipped to it from the drawer. She then commingled
18 that envelope back into the nearby pile of envelopes.

19 e. At about 3:21 a.m., Apthorp removed the envelope with the cash clipped to it
20 from the pile of envelopes, and covered it with a piece of paper. She then
21 took the envelope with the cash, brought it into the man-trap, and placed the
22 envelope into her purse.

23 8. On November 25, 2019, the Case Agent received a call from Palace’s
24 Surveillance manager, Steven Martin. Martin had been reviewing surveillance footage of all of
25 Apthorp’s shifts after discovering the initial November 14 theft.
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1 9. Martin reported that on November 8, 2019, Apthorp had used a similar process
2 to steal \$5,000 in \$100 bills from Palace. Surveillance footage shows that on that date, Apthorp
3 took all of the \$100 bills in her cash drawer, and counted out \$5,000. She placed the \$5,000 into
4 the cash drawer till, and the remainder of the bills behind the till. She took the \$5,000 she had
5 counted out, and attached it to an envelope in her drawer as described above. About four hours
6 later, Apthorp took the clipped \$5,000 into her possession, and left the cage.

7 10. Johns interviewed Apthorp with Palace's Accounting Manager, Shawna
8 Vanderford, present. When Johns explained what the surveillance footage revealed, Apthorp
9 said she didn't remember taking the cash.

10 11. Johns told Apthorp that based on the variances, he believed that Apthorp was
11 responsible for stealing a total of \$36,000, Apthorp responded by saying "It shouldn't be that
12 much!" When Johns asked if Apthorp had "a different number", she said that she did not.

13 12. After concluding the interview, Johns informed Apthorp that her employment
14 was being terminated.

15 13. Director David Trujillo issued administrative charges on February 13, 2020
16 alleging that Apthorp's actions constituted a violation of RCW 9.46.075 and WAC 230-03-085.
17 Further, that she could not show by clear and convincing evidence that she was qualified for
18 certification as required by RCW 9.46.153(1), and that her actions warranted revocation of her
19 certification pursuant to RCW 9.46.075(1), (8), and (10), and WAC 230-03-085(1), (3), and
20 (9)(a), (c), and (d).

21 14. Apthorp was sent the charges by regular and certified mail on February 13, 2020
22 to the last address the Gambling Commission had on file.

23 15. Pursuant to WAC 230-17-010, a response was required to be received by the
24 Commission by March 9, 2020. To date, the Commission has received no communication from
25 Apthorp.

1 **II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

2 1. Melanie Apthorp received proper notice within three days of February 13, 2020
3 charges via regular and certified mail pursuant to RCW 34.05.413 RCW 34.05.434, WAC 230-
4 17-005, WAC 230-17-010, and WAC 10-08-130.

5 2. The Commission can take final action against Melanie Apthorp’s gambling
6 license under Case Number CR 2020-00259 pursuant to RCW 9.46.075, RCW 34.05.440(1),
7 RCW 34.05.461, and WAC 230-03-085.

8 3. Melanie Apthorp’s license should be revoked under Case Number CR 2020-
9 00259 pursuant to RCW 9.46.075, RCW 9.46.153(1), RCW 34.05.440(1), RCW 34.05.461, and
10 WAC 230-03-085.

1 **III. ORDER**

2 This matter having come before the Commission at its May 14, 2020, Commission
3 meeting, the Commissioners having heard arguments, been given the chance to review the
4 administrative record, and being fully advised in this matter, now therefore:

5 It is hereby **ORDERED** that Melanie Apthorp’s gambling license, Number 68-35232, is
6 **REVOKED**.

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8 DATED this 14th day of May, 2020.

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BUD SIZEMORE, Chair

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the date below I served a copy of the foregoing document on all parties and/or their counsel by United States Postal Service regular mail to the following:

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20407 7TH AVE CT E
SPANAWAY, WA 98387

EXECUTED this ____ day of May, 2020, at Lacey, Washington.

Ashlie Laydon
Rules Coordinator



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION**

“Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest”

May 14, 2020

TO: COMMISSIONERS:
Bud Sizemore, Chair
Julia Patterson, Vice Chair
Ed Troyer
Alicia Levy

FROM: Adam Teal, Staff Attorney
Legal and Records Division

**SUBJECT: Peixian Huang, CR 2020-00061
Final Order – May 14, 2020 Commission Meeting**

Peixian Huang has a gambling license authorizing Public Card Room Employee activity at Roman Casino in Seattle, Washington. Her license expires on December 17, 2020.

On December 18, 2019, a WSGC Special Agent, working on a joint task force with Homeland Security Investigations and the Seattle Police, arrested Peixian Huang for her involvement in a marijuana growing and distributing operation. Throughout the investigation, the task force discovered marijuana growing operations at three separate locations in the Greater Seattle area. A vehicle registered to Huang was found to be located at the growing operations, leading law enforcement to surveil Huang and her vehicle. A search warrant on Huang’s home discovered marijuana growing supplies, utility bills for the growing operation homes, and receipts for growing supplies. Searches on the homes used for growing found a total of 560 kilograms of processed marijuana and marijuana plant. Immediately following the execution of the search warrant, Huang cashed out four separate negotiable instruments totaling \$227,663, likely showing that she was attempting to hide funds from her illegal operation.

Director Trujillo issued Huang a Notice of Administrative Charges on February 13, 2020, by regular and certified mail to her last known address on file. Pursuant to WAC 230-17-010, a response was required to be received by the Commission by March 9, 2020. To date, the Commission has received no communication from Huang.

Peixian Huang’s failure to respond to the charges or timely request a hearing is a waiver of Huang’s right to a hearing in Case No. CR 2020-00061. You may take final action against her gambling license. Huang conspired to manufacture, deliver, or possess with the intent to manufacture or deliver, a controlled substance, marijuana. Based on her conduct, Huang cannot show by clear and convincing evidence that she is qualified to keep her gambling license. Therefore, staff recommends that the Commission sign the proposed final order and revoke Peixian Huang’s Public Card Room Employee license, Number 68-35116.

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION**

7 In the Matter of:

NO. CR 2020-00061

8 PEIXIAN HUANG,
9 License No. 68-35116

FINAL ORDER OF THE
GAMBLING COMMISSION

10 Licensee.

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12 This matter having come before the Washington State Gambling Commission
13 (Commission) on May 14, 2020, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact,
14 Conclusions of Law, and issues its Final Order:

15 **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

16 1. The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Peixian Huang License No.:
17 68-35116, authorizing Public Card Room Employee activity at Roman Casino in Seattle,
18 Washington.

19 2. This license, which expires on December 17, 2020, was issued subject to Huang's
20 compliance with state gambling laws and Commission rules.

21 3. Huang has been licensed since 2018.

22 4. On December 18, 2019, a WSGC Special Agent was assigned to work with
23 Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) unit who were investigating drug trafficking in the
24 Greater Seattle area through the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program.

1 5. HSI had been following up on a lead received from the Seattle Police Department
2 regarding a potential residential marijuana grow operation located at 7564 Fauntleroy Way in
3 Seattle.

4 6. On August 27, 2019, HSI Agents responded to the Fauntleroy Way address, and
5 detected an odor of unburnt marijuana, observed bright lights emanating from the residence, and
6 could clearly hear the sound of ventilation and cooling fans. Agents began surveilling the
7 residence and the individuals that frequented it.

8 7. During their surveillance, Agents noted that there were three vehicles that
9 frequented the Fauntleroy address, all three were Toyota Sienna minivans. Two of the vehicles
10 were registered to Fu Ju Huang, and one vehicle registered to Peixian Huang.

11 8. On November 6, 2019, HSI Agents observed Fu Ju Huang leave the Fauntleroy
12 Way address with a bag appearing to contain a box in it. Fu Ju Huang drove to 1501 South
13 Snoqualmie Street in Seattle (this is the address that Peixian Huang listed in her WSGC License
14 Application). There, Fu Ju Huang handed the bag to the driver of an SUV, who drove off with
15 it.

16 9. On November 7, 2019, Agents executed a search warrant at the Fauntleroy Way
17 address. There, Agents discovered 89 kilograms of marijuana plant material, 43 kilograms of
18 processed marijuana, and growing equipment such as lights, air scrubbers, and fans. The
19 residence was devoid of common household items.

20 10. On November 13, 2019, Agents executed a search warrant at the Snoqualmie St.
21 address. This address, appearing to be the residence of Peixian Huang and Fu Ju Huang,
22 contained documents, such as utility bills, which indicated the presence of a second grow
23 operation located at 20320 Little Bear Creek Road in Woodinville, WA. In addition, Agents
24 found clothing and plant clippers with marijuana residue in the shared living room and receipts
25 from Rain City Hydro for growing supplies in Peixian's bedroom.
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1 11. On November 14, 2019, Agents executed a search warrant at the Little Bear Creek
2 Road address. There, Agents discovered 207 kilograms of marijuana plant material, as well as
3 growing equipment in the same brands and models as was discovered at the Fauntleroy address.

4 12. On that same date, Agents executed a search warrant at 3518 SW 325th St. in
5 Federal Way, WA. Agents had previously observed one of the vehicles in Fu Ju Huang's name
6 that they were monitoring frequent this address.

7 13. When Agents initially approached the 325th St. address to question Fu Ju Huang,
8 Agents could hear the sound of ventilation fans coming from the residence, could smell the odor
9 of unburnt marijuana, and observed structural elements that all suggested this location was also
10 a growing operation.

11 14. While executing the search warrant at the 325th St. location, Agents found 221
12 kilograms of marijuana plant matters. Agents observed that the same methods and equipment
13 were being used in this house as had been discovered at the Little Bear Creek Rd. and Fauntleroy
14 Way addresses.

15 15. On November 14, 2019, one day after the search warrant was executed at the
16 Snoqualmie St. address, Peixian Huang began conducting a series of large cash transactions at a
17 MoneyTree location in Renton, WA.

18 16. From November 14 through November 16, Peixiang Huang cashed out at least
19 four negotiable instruments at MoneyTree amounting to a total of \$227, 663. This amount of
20 cash equaled approximately ten times the total income Peixian Huang reported making per year
21 in recent years.

22 17. While Agents are uncertain the exact sources of the negotiable instruments cashed
23 by Peixian Huang, it is believed that the funds originated from her Chase and Washington
24 Federal bank accounts. These high-volume transactions occurring immediately after the search
25 warrants being executed show that it is likely the money came from illegal sources, and that
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1 Peixian Huang was attempting to prevent the funds from being seized and forfeited by law
2 enforcement.

3 18. On December 18, 2019, Agents arrested both Peixian Huang and Fu Ju Huang at
4 their residence.

5 19. Director David Trujillo issued administrative charges on February 13, 2020
6 alleging that Huang's actions constituted a violation of RCW 9.46.075 and WAC 230-03-085.
7 Further, that she could not show by clear and convincing evidence that she was qualified for
8 certification as required by RCW 9.46.153(1), and that her actions warranted revocation of her
9 certification pursuant to RCW 9.46.075(1), (2), and (8), and WAC 230-03-085(1), (3), and (9)(d)
10 and (e).

11 20. Huang was sent the charges by regular and certified mail on February 13, 2020
12 to the last address the Gambling Commission had on file.

13 21. Pursuant to WAC 230-17-010, a response was required to be received by the
14 Commission by March 9, 2020. To date, the Commission has received no communication from
15 Huang.

16 II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

17 1. Peixian Huang received proper notice within three days of February 13, 2020
18 charges via regular and certified mail pursuant to RCW 34.05.413 RCW 34.05.434, WAC 230-
19 17-005, WAC 230-17-010, and WAC 10-08-130.

20 2. The Commission can take final action against Peixian Huang's gambling license
21 under Case Number CR 2020-00061 pursuant to RCW 9.46.075, RCW 34.05.440(1), RCW
22 34.05.461, and WAC 230-03-085.

23 3. Peixian Huang's license should be revoked under Case Number CR 2020-00061
24 pursuant to RCW 9.46.075, RCW 9.46.153(1), RCW 34.05.440(1), RCW 34.05.461, and WAC
25 230-03-085.

1 **III. ORDER**

2 This matter having come before the Commission at its May 14, 2020, Commission
3 meeting, the Commissioners having heard arguments, been given the chance to review the
4 administrative record, and being fully advised in this matter, now therefore:

5 It is hereby **ORDERED** that Peixian Huang’s gambling license, Number 68-35116, is
6 **REVOKED.**

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8 DATED this 14th day of May, 2020.

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BUD SIZEMORE, Chair

_____ JULIA PATTERSON, Vice Chair

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1501 S SNOQUALIMIE ST
SEATTLE, WA 98108

EXECUTED this ____ day of May, 2020, at Lacey, Washington.

Ashlie Laydon
Rules Coordinator



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TO: COMMISSIONERS:
Bud Sizemore, Chair
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FROM: Adam Teal, Staff Attorney
Legal and Records Division

**SUBJECT: Mark Ritz, CR 2019-02032
Final Order – May 14, 2020 Commission Meeting**

Mark Ritz has a gambling license authorizing Public Card Room Employee activity at Red Dragon Casino in Mountlake Terrace, Washington. His license expires on November 18, 2020.

On November 29, 2019, a WSGC was notified of a possible theft by an employee at Red Dragon Casino. On advice from the Agent, Red Dragon staff began a review of their surveillance footage. The footage revealed that on November 24, 2019, Ritz found \$16 worth of chips that were left behind the previous night. Footage shows Ritz found the chips, housed in a chip rack, approached the chips, and placed them into his right front pants pocket. Ritz hunched over while doing this in an apparent attempt to conceal his actions. Ritz then took the empty rack into a nearby supply closet, where he left it. On November 29, 2019, Ritz met with Red Dragon staff, who questioned him about that night. Ritz claimed that he didn't remember the events, and that at the time the casino was very busy so he couldn't bring the chips to a supervisor. Video footage shows the casino was empty at the time. Ritz has since been terminated from his employment at Red Dragon.

Director Trujillo issued Ritz a Notice of Administrative Charges on January 31, 2020, by regular and certified mail to his last known address on file. Pursuant to WAC 230-17-010, a response was required to be received by the Commission by February 24, 2020. To date, the Commission has received no communication from Ritz.

Mark Ritz's failure to respond to the charges or timely request a hearing is a waiver of Ritz's right to a hearing in Case No. CR 2019-02032. You may take final action against his gambling license. Ritz wrongfully obtained or exerted unauthorized control over the property of another by stealing \$16 from Red Dragon Casino. Based on his conduct, Ritz cannot show by clear and convincing evidence that he is qualified to keep his gambling license. Therefore, staff recommends that the Commission sign the proposed final order and revoke Mark Ritz's Public Card Room Employee license, Number 68-35080.

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
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7 In the Matter of:

NO. CR 2019-02032

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9 MARK RITZ,
License No. 68-35080

FINAL ORDER OF THE
GAMBLING COMMISSION

10 Licensee.

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12 This matter having come before the Washington State Gambling Commission
13 (Commission) on May 14, 2020, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact,
14 Conclusions of Law, and issues its Final Order:

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I. FINDINGS OF FACT

16 1. The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Mark Ritz License No.: 68-
17 35080, authorizing Public Card Room Employee activity at Red Dragon Casino in Mountlake
18 Terrace, Washington.

19 2. This license, which expires on November 18, 2020, was issued subject to Ritz's
20 compliance with state gambling laws and Commission rules.

21 3. Ritz has been licensed since 1999.

22 4. On November 29, 2019, A WSGC Special Agent received a call from Robert
23 Clark, the General Manager of Red Dragon Casino, Mountlake Terrace. Clark reported a
24 possible theft involving one of his employees, Mark Ritz.

25 5. On November 24, 2019, Floor Supervisor Ellis Escalante found \$16 in \$1 chips
26 on a podium on Red Dragon's second floor poker room. Escalante collected the chips and put

1 | them into a chip rack. When he later sent Shift Manager Cosmo Andoloro to retrieve the chips,
2 | they were not where Escalante left them.

3 | 6. The chips in question were collected the previous evening by one of the previous
4 | evening's floor supervisors, James Morgan to share with the other floor supervisors working at
5 | the time. Morgan was in the process of closing the second floor for the day, and accidentally
6 | left the chips.

7 | 7. On November 28, 2019, Andoloro began a review of the video surveillance
8 | recorded on the 24th in order to find out what happened to the chips.

9 | 8. The video footage revealed that at 8:25 am, Mark Ritz approached the rack of
10 | chips on the second floor podium. Ritz picked up the rack, and removed the chips from the rack.
11 | Ritz placed the chips into his right front pants pocket. Ritz hunched over while doing this, in an
12 | apparent attempt to conceal his actions.

13 | 9. The surveillance footage shows Ritz taking the empty rack into a nearby supply
14 | closet. While there is no security camera in the supply closet, the empty rack was found on a
15 | shelf amongst cleaning supplies by Andoloro. Andoloro photographed the empty rack, and
16 | provided it to the WSGC.

17 | 10. Video surveillance shows Ritz then returned to the gaming floor. Per the
18 | narrative report Andoloro provided to the WSGC Special Agent, at the time Ritz returned to the
19 | floor "There is very little business and the floor man is available; but Ritz is not observed
20 | reporting the discovery or possession of the chips nor is he seen making any effort to return
21 | them."

22 | 11. The footage provided to WSGC picked up at 11:15 am, after business began
23 | picking up. At this time, Ritz removed the chips in his pocket, and placed them in his toke (tip)
24 | box. Ritz accomplished this by waiting for the Floor Supervisor to leave his immediate area,
25 | and slowly moved the chips over the course of the next two minutes.
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1 12. On November 29, 2019, Ritz was asked by Red Dragon staff to provide them
2 with a written statement regarding the incident. In it, Ritz claimed that, “We were very very
3 busy. There was zero time to do anything.” These claims were directly refuted by both Clark
4 and Andoloro, as well as the surveillance footage reviewed by WSGC’s Special Agent.

5 13. On January 2, 2020, WSGC Special Agents met with Ritz at the Everett Police
6 Department to discuss their investigation. When questioned about the conflicting statements
7 regarding the amount of business at the time of the incident, Ritz claimed that at the time he
8 wrote his statement he was confused about which day was busy.

9 14. Ritz also told Special Agents that he did not know why the rack was found in the
10 supply closet, and did not remember putting the chips into his tip box. Ritz denied making any
11 untrue statements.

12 15. Later in the day, Ritz emailed the Special Agent conducting the investigation
13 stating “regardless of how things ‘looked’ or however implausible my answers, I never ever
14 intended to take chips from Red Dragon. If that’s the determination then I did so
15 absentmindedly--- and regretfully.”

16 16. Since the conclusion of the investigation, Ritz was terminated from his
17 employment at Red Dragon, and is not currently working as a card room employee.

18 17. Director David Trujillo issued administrative charges on January 31, 2020
19 alleging that Ritz’s actions constituted a violation of RCW 9.46.075 and WAC 230-03-085.
20 Further, that he could not show by clear and convincing evidence that he was qualified for
21 licensure as required by RCW 9.46.153(1), and that his actions warranted revocation of his
22 certification pursuant to RCW 9.46.075(1) and (8), and WAC 230-03-085(1), (3), and (9)(a).

23 18. Ritz was sent the charges by regular and certified mail on January 31, 2020 to the
24 last address the Gambling Commission had on file.
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1 **III. ORDER**

2 This matter having come before the Commission at its May 14, 2020, Commission
3 meeting, the Commissioners having heard arguments, been given the chance to review the
4 administrative record, and being fully advised in this matter, now therefore:

5 It is hereby **ORDERED** that Mark Ritz’s gambling license, Number 68-35080, is
6 **REVOKED**.

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8 DATED this 14th day of May, 2020.

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BUD SIZEMORE, Chair

_____ JULIA PATTERSON, Vice Chair

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I certify that on the date below I served a copy of the foregoing document on all parties and/or their counsel by United States Postal Service regular mail to the following:

MARK RITZ
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MARYSVILLE, WA 98270

EXECUTED this ____ day of May, 2020, at Lacey, Washington.

Ashlie Laydon
Rules Coordinator



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May 14, 2020

TO: COMMISSIONERS:
Bud Sizemore, Chair
Julia Patterson, Vice Chair
Ed Troyer
Alicia Levy

FROM: Adam Teal, Staff Attorney
Legal and Records Division

**SUBJECT: Brandon Yip, CR 2020-00156
Final Order – May 14, 2020 Commission Meeting**

Brandon Yip has a gambling license authorizing Public Card Room Employee activity at Roman Casino in Seattle, Washington. His license expired on March 31, 2020.

On January 16, 2020, Roman Casino’s Regional Manager contacted a WSGC Special Agent to explain that the Roman Staff was investigating a potential theft by employee Brandon Yip. Two days later, the Agent received a USB drive containing surveillance footage following Yip’s activity over the course of nine days. A review of the footage showed that Yip had stolen roughly \$44,700 worth of purple \$300 chips from his chip tray over that time in a series of eleven separate thefts. The surveillance footage showed that Yip used a similar technique for all eleven incidents: Yip would interlock his fingers, hover them over his chip tray, and use his right pinky and thumb to pinch chips out of the tray. Special Agents arrested Yip for the theft on January 20, 2020.

Director Trujillo issued Yip a Notice of Administrative Charges on February 7, 2020, by regular and certified mail to his last known address on file. Pursuant to WAC 230-17-010, a response was required to be received by the Commission by March 2, 2020. To date, the Commission has received no communication from Yip.

Brandon Yip’s failure to respond to the charges or timely request a hearing is a waiver of Yip’s right to a hearing in Case No. CR 2020-00156. You may take final action against his gambling license. Yip wrongfully obtained or exerted unauthorized control over the property of another by stealing approximately \$44,700 from Roman Casino. Based on his conduct, Yip cannot show by clear and convincing evidence that he is qualified to keep his gambling license. Therefore, staff recommends that the Commission sign the proposed final order and revoke Brandon Yip’s Public Card Room Employee license, Number 68-25603.

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION**

In the Matter of:

NO. CR 2020-00156

BRANDON S YIP,
License No. 68-25603,

FINAL ORDER OF THE
GAMBLING COMMISSION

Licensee.

This matter having come before the Washington State Gambling Commission (Commission) on May 14, 2020, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and issues its Final Order:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Brandon Yip License No.: 68-25603, authorizing Public Card Room Employee activity at Roman Casino in Seattle, Washington.

2. This license, which expired on March 31, 2020, was issued subject to Yip’s compliance with state gambling laws and Commission rules.

3. Yip has been licensed since 2007.

4. On January 16, 2020, a WSGC Special Agent received a call from Gus Routos, the Regional Manager of Maverick Gaming, regarding a potential theft involving a Card Room Employee. According to Routos, Brandon Yip, an employee at one of Maverick’s properties, Roman Casino, had taken approximately \$5,000-6,000 worth of chips off of a gaming table earlier that day.

1 5. Routos and the Special Agent decided that the best course of action was for
2 Roman staff to send an incident report to the Agent, and to have the Agent interview Yip at
3 Roman Casino on Yip's next scheduled shift.

4 6. On January 18, 2020, Routos sent the Special Agent a timeline summary of the
5 surveillance videos reviewed by his staff. It detailed eleven separate occasions in which Yip had
6 taken chips between January 1, 2020 and January 16, 2020.

7 7. On January 19, 2020 the Special Agent picked up a USB drive containing video
8 surveillance of the incidents in question. In reviewing the surveillance footage, it became clear
9 that Yip had developed a system that he used to steal chips from the chip tray.

10 8. The surveillance footage showed in each of the eleven incidents Yip would
11 interlock his fingers together, then hover his interlocked hands over the chip tray. Once his hands
12 were above the chip tray, Yip would use his freed pinky and thumb on his right hand to pinch a
13 stack of purple \$300 chips from the tray. Yip would then take the stack of chips in his right
14 hand, and take them into his possession.

15 9. While an exact amount stolen in each incident cannot accurately be calculated,
16 the Special Agent observed the chip tray's purple \$300 chips present prior to Yip taking them,
17 and compared that with the approximate number of purple \$300 chips remaining in the tray after
18 he took them. Based on these observations, the approximate value of chips taken in each incident
19 were:

- 20 a. On January 1, 2020, Yip takes approximately twenty \$300 chips from the chip
21 tray, valued at \$6,000.
- 22 b. Later that day, while at another table, Yip takes an additional stack of
23 approximately ten \$300 chips, valued at \$3,000.
- 24 c. On January 2, 2020, Yip takes approximately nine \$300 chips, valued at
25 \$2,700.
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- 1 d. On January 7, 2020, Yip takes approximately ten \$300 chips, valued at
2 \$3,000.
- 3 e. On January 8, 2020, Yip takes approximately fifteen \$300 chips, valued at
4 \$4,500.
- 5 f. On January 9, 2020, Yip takes approximately ten \$300 chips, valued at
6 \$3,000.
- 7 g. Later that day, while at another table, Yip takes an additional stack of
8 approximately ten \$300 chips, valued at \$3,000.
- 9 h. On January 13, 2020, Yip takes approximately fifteen \$300 chips, valued at
10 \$4,500.
- 11 i. On January 14, 2020, Yip takes approximately twenty \$300 chips, valued at
12 \$6,000.
- 13 j. On January 15, 2020, Yip takes approximately ten \$300 chips, valued at
14 \$3,000.
- 15 k. On January 16, 2020, Yip takes approximately twenty \$300 chips, valued at
16 \$6,000.

17 10. In total, based only on the observations made from the surveillance footage
18 available at the time the investigation began, Yip stole approximately \$44,700 from the Roman
19 Casino chip trays.

20 11. On January 20, 2020, WSGC Special Agents arrived at Roman Casino for their
21 planned interview with Yip. Yip was read his Miranda Rights and placed under arrest for the
22 above-listed violations; he declined to speak with the Agents at that time.

23 12. Director David Trujillo issued administrative charges on February 7, 2020
24 alleging that Yip's actions constituted a violation of RCW 9.46.075 and WAC 230-03-085.
25 Further, that he could not show by clear and convincing evidence that he was qualified for
26 licensure as required by RCW 9.46.153(1), and that his actions warranted revocation of his

1 license pursuant to RCW 9.46.075(1), (8), (9), and (10), and WAC 230-03-085(1), (3), and (9)(a)
2 and (d).

3 13. Yip was sent the charges by regular and certified mail on February 7, 2020 to the
4 last address the Gambling Commission had on file.

5 14. Pursuant to WAC 230-17-010, a response was required to be received by the
6 Commission by March 2, 2020. To date, the Commission has received no communication from
7 Yip.

8 II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

9 1. Brandon Yip received proper notice within three days of February 7, 2020
10 charges via regular and certified mail pursuant to RCW 34.05.413 RCW 34.05.434, WAC 230-
11 17-005, WAC 230-17-010, and WAC 10-08-130.

12 2. The Commission can take final action against Brandon Yip's gambling license
13 under Case Number CR 2020-00156 pursuant to RCW 9.46.075, RCW 34.05.440(1), RCW
14 34.05.461, and WAC 230-03-085.

15 3. Brandon Yip's license should be revoked under Case Number CR 2020-00156
16 pursuant to RCW 9.46.075, RCW 9.46.153(1), RCW 34.05.440(1), RCW 34.05.461, and WAC
17 230-03-085.

1 **III. ORDER**

2 This matter having come before the Commission at its May 14, 2020, Commission
3 meeting, the Commissioners having heard arguments, been given the chance to review the
4 administrative record, and being fully advised in this matter, now therefore:

5 It is hereby **ORDERED** that Brandon Yip’s gambling license, Number 68-25603, is
6 **REVOKED.**

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8 DATED this 14th day of May, 2020.

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BUD SIZEMORE, Chair

_____ JULIA PATTERSON, Vice Chair

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the date below I served a copy of the foregoing document on all parties and/or their counsel by United States Postal Service regular mail to the following:

BRANDON YIP
2201 171ST ST E
TACOMA, WA 98445

EXECUTED this ____ day of May, 2020, at Lacey, Washington.

Ashlie Laydon
Rules Coordinator

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

“Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest”

May 14, 2020

TO: COMMISSIONERS:
Bud Sizemore, Chair
Julia Patterson, Vice Chair
Ed Troyer
Alicia Levy

FROM: Adam Teal, Staff Attorney
Legal and Records Division

**SUBJECT: Brianna Krentkowski Hall, CR 2020-00376
Final Order – May 14, 2020 Commission Meeting**

Brianna Krentkowski Hall has a gambling license authorizing Public Card Room Employee activity at Macau Casino in Lakewood, Washington. Her license expires on August 20, 2020.

On November 14, 2019, a WSGC Special Agent met with staff members of Palace Casino to discuss a number of large cash variances in their cashier cage. Following the Agent’s instructions, the Palace staff began reviewing surveillance videos of their cashiers. On November 25, 2019, Palace staff contacted the Agent to inform him that they had discovered that Brianna Krentkowski Hall had stolen \$2,000 from the cage. A review of the surveillance footage showed Krentkowski Hall taking \$2,000 in \$100 bills from her drawer and placed it onto the counter next to her. She then took the stack of cash and hid it underneath a stack of papers; later she took the stack of papers and cash and brought it to the back of the cashier cage, appearing to place it into her jacket. When the Agent spoke with Krentkowski Hall about the incident, and she told him, “I’m not going to lie, I did it”. Palace staff called Krentkowski Hall to ask about the variance, Krentkowski Hall hung up once the Palace Manager introduced herself; Krentkowski Hall did not answer a follow up call. Krentkowski Hall has not worked for Palace since the Palace staff attempted to contact her.

Director Trujillo issued Krentkowski Hall a Notice of Administrative Charges on February 25, 2020, by regular and certified mail to her last known address on file. Pursuant to WAC 230-17-010, a response was required to be received by the Commission by March 19, 2020. To date, the Commission has received no communication from Krentkowski Hall.

Brianna Krentkowski Hall’s failure to respond to the charges or timely request a hearing is a waiver of Krentkowski Hall’s right to a hearing in Case No. CR 2020-00376. You may take final action against her gambling license. Krentkowski Hall wrongfully obtained or exerted unauthorized control over the property of another by stealing \$2,000 from Palace Casino. Based on her conduct, Krentkowski Hall cannot show by clear and convincing evidence that she is qualified to keep her gambling license. Therefore, staff recommends that the Commission sign the proposed final order and revoke Brianna Krentkowski Hall’s Public Card Room Employee license, Number 68-35432.

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7 In the Matter of:

NO. CR 2020-00376

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BRIANNA KRENTKOWSKI HALL,
License No. 68-35432

FINAL ORDER OF THE
GAMBLING COMMISSION

Licensee.

This matter having come before the Washington State Gambling Commission (Commission) on May 14, 2020, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and issues its Final Order:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Brianna Krentkowski Hall License No.: 68-35432, authorizing Public Card Room Employee activity at Palace Casino in Lakewood, Washington.

2. This license, which expires on August 20, 2020, was issued subject to Krentkowski Hall's compliance with state gambling laws and Commission rules.

3. Krentkowski Hall has been licensed since 2019.

4. On November 14, 2019, a WSGC Special Agent met with staff members of Palace Casino to discuss large shortages of cash (variances) in their cashier cage. According to Palace's General Manager, Ronald Johns, there had been multiple variances recorded in October and November of 2019.

1 5. The Agent advised Johns to review all surveillance and records to find the source
2 of the most recent variance and use that information to search for a potential pattern.

3 6. On November 25, 2019, Johns informed the Agent that he had discovered that
4 Brianna Krentkowski Hall had stolen \$2,000 from the cage. At the end of her shift, Krentkowski
5 Hall filled out a Cash Variance Report, a form required of cashiers that documents the amounts
6 of, and possible explanations for, an unbalanced cage.

7 7. On her Cash Variance Report, Krentkowski Hall documented her explanation as,
8 “Did an even exchange with poker earlier and an amount was 2,100 [sic] so I’m not sure if that
9 is why Im [sic] short.”

10 8. On December 2, 2019, the Special Agent traveled to Palace Casino in order to
11 receive physical copies of the surveillance footage from November 13, previously reviewed by
12 Palace’s Lead Surveillance Observer. Viewing the security footage verified Johns’ assertion
13 that Krentkowski Hall had stolen money.

14 9. The surveillance footage began with Krentkowski Hall balancing the cage with
15 the then off-going cashier at the beginning of her shift. Later on in her shift, the following can
16 be observed in the surveillance footage:

17 a. At about 5:16 p.m., a Security Officer brought a bird cage¹ to the cage cashier
18 window. The bird cage contained cash, which was to be exchanged for casino
19 chips. Krentkowski Hall counted the cash, which included \$2,000 in loose
20 \$100 bills, and an additional strapped \$2,500.

21 b. At about 5:26 p.m., Krentkowski Hall placed the \$2,000 in loose bills behind
22 the till on the right side and placed the \$2,500 into the safe. She then gave
23 the Security Officer a cart of casino chips in exchange.

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¹ Bird Cage: A clear container with a cover used to transport gaming chips and trays to gaming tables.

1 c. At about 7:00 p.m., Krentkowski Hall took out two bank bags (one red and
2 one blue). She then removed the \$2,000 stack of cash out of the till and laid
3 it on the counter.

4 d. At about 7:02 p.m., Krentkowski Hall placed the \$2,000 into the empty red
5 bag. She then removed the cash from the bag, placed it on top of a piece of
6 paper on the counter next to her, and laid the bag on top of the cash.

7 e. At about 7:11 p.m., Krentkowski Hall placed a piece of paper on top of the
8 red bag. She squared up that piece of paper with the piece of paper below the
9 cash. She then carefully removed the bag from underneath the paper, leaving
10 the cash sandwiched between the papers.

11 f. At about 8:33 p.m., Krentkowski Hall carefully picked up the two pieces of
12 paper, keeping the cash sandwiched between, and moved everything to a table
13 in the back of the cage. She then placed her dirty plate on top of the papers.

14 g. At about 8:50 p.m., Krentkowski Hall took the pieces of paper and cash with
15 the plate on top and moved everything to the man-trap. She then carefully
16 picked up the papers and cash, slid them from below the plate, and walked
17 towards her jacket. She returned from her jacket with empty hands.

18 10. At the end of her shift, Krentkowski Hall met with Palace's Accounting Manager,
19 Shawna Vanderford. Due to her excessive variance, Krentkowski Hall was issued a one-day
20 suspension.

21 11. Krentkowski Hall did not show up for her next scheduled shift. When Vanderford
22 called her to follow up, she introduced herself and Krentkowski Hall immediately hung up.
23 Vanderford called back, and her call was not answered. Krentkowski Hall has not worked at
24 Palace Casino since.

25 12. On February 2, 2020, Krentkowski Hall agreed to meet with Special Agents at
26 WSGC's Federal Way office. After reading Krentkowski Hall her rights, agents questioned her

1 about the November 13 incident. When asked why Krentkowski Hall did what she did, she
2 stated “I don’t know why, I was just stupid.”

3 13. Agents informed Krentkowski Hall that they were referring her case to the Pierce
4 County Prosecuting Attorney for criminal charges, she stated “I’m not going to lie, I did it.”

5 14. Director David Trujillo issued administrative charges on February 25, 2020
6 alleging that Krentkowski Hall’s actions constituted a violation of RCW 9.46.075 and WAC
7 230-03-085. Further, that she could not show by clear and convincing evidence that she was
8 qualified for certification as required by RCW 9.46.153(1), and that her actions warranted
9 revocation of his certification pursuant to RCW 9.46.075(1), (8), and (10), and WAC 230-03-
10 085(1), (3), and (9)(a), (c) and (d).

11 15. Krentkowski Hall was sent the charges by regular and certified mail on February
12 25, 2020 to the last address the Gambling Commission had on file.

13 16. Pursuant to WAC 230-17-010, a response was required to be received by the
14 Commission by March 19, 2020. To date, the Commission has received no communication from
15 Krentkowski Hall.

16 **II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

17 1. Brianna Krentkowski Hall received proper notice within three days of February
18 25, 2020 charges via regular and certified mail pursuant to RCW 34.05.413 RCW 34.05.434,
19 WAC 230-17-005, WAC 230-17-010, and WAC 10-08-130.

20 2. The Commission can take final action against Brianna Krentkowski Hall’s
21 gambling license under Case Number CR 2020-00376 pursuant to RCW 9.46.075, RCW
22 34.05.440(1), RCW 34.05.461, and WAC 230-03-085.

23 3. Brianna Krentkowski Hall’s license should be revoked under Case Number CR
24 2020-00376 pursuant to RCW 9.46.075, RCW 9.46.153(1), RCW 34.05.440(1), RCW
25 34.05.461, and WAC 230-03-085.

1 **ORDER**

2 This matter having come before the Commission at its May 14, 2020, Commission
3 meeting, the Commissioners having heard arguments, been given the chance to review the
4 administrative record, and being fully advised in this matter, now therefore:

5 It is hereby **ORDERED** that Brianna Krentkowski Hall’s gambling license, Number 68-
6 35432, is **REVOKED**.

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8 DATED this 14th day of May, 2020.
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BUD SIZEMORE, Chair

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I certify that on the date below I served a copy of the foregoing document on all parties and/or their counsel by United States Postal Service regular mail to the following:

BRIANNA KRENTKOWSKI HALL
10415 19th AVE S
TACOMA, WA 98444

EXECUTED this ____ day of May, 2020, at Lacey, Washington.

Ashlie Laydon
Rules Coordinator



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May 14, 2020

TO: COMMISSIONERS:
Bud Sizemore, Chair
Julia Patterson, Vice Chair
Ed Troyer
Alicia Levy

FROM: Adam Teal, Staff Attorney
Legal and Records Division

**SUBJECT: Ioane Kalati, CR 2020-00317
Final Order – May 14, 2020 Commission Meeting**

Ioane Kalati has a gambling license authorizing Public Card Room Employee activity at Macau Casino in Lakewood, Washington. His license expired on April 20, 2020.

On February 1, 2020, a WSGC Special Agent received a call from the Assistant General Manager of Macau Casino, who was reporting a theft by one of its employees, Ioane Kalati. The call alleged, and video surveillance confirmed, that Kalati was delivering a “fill” (a replenishment of gaming chips to gaming tables) to multiple tables on Macau’s floor. When Kalati delivered chips to one table, table MB-7, both the Dealer and Floor Supervisor began counting the chips. While they were distracted, Kalati reached into the “bird cage” (carrying case for the chips) and took a \$300 chip from the bird cage. When Kalati arrived at the next table, table MB-8, the Dealer and Floor Supervisor noticed the missing \$300 chip. Kalati later returned the chip to Macau’s Security Manager. Kalati was terminated from Macau when they discovered the theft. Later, when speaking with a WSGC Agent, Kalati admitted to the theft, and stated that he did so because he was behind on his car payments.

Director Trujillo issued Kalati a Notice of Administrative Charges on February 24, 2020, by regular and certified mail to his last known address on file. Pursuant to WAC 230-17-010, a response was required to be received by the Commission by March 18, 2020. To date, the Commission has received no communication from Kalati.

Ioane Kalati’s failure to respond to the charges or timely request a hearing is a waiver of Kalati’s right to a hearing in Case No. CR 2020-00317. You may take final action against his gambling license. Kalati wrongfully obtained or exerted unauthorized control over the property of another by stealing a \$300 gaming chip from Macau Casino. Based on his conduct, Kalati cannot show by clear and convincing evidence that he is qualified to keep his gambling license. Therefore, staff recommends that the Commission sign the proposed final order and revoke Ioane Kalati’s Public Card Room Employee license, Number 68-34780.

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
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7 In the Matter of:

NO. CR 2020-00317

8 IOANE KALATI,
9 License No. 68-34780

FINAL ORDER OF THE
GAMBLING COMMISSION

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12 This matter having come before the Washington State Gambling Commission
13 (Commission) on May 14, 2020, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact,
14 Conclusions of Law, and issues its Final Order:

15 **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

16 1. The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Ioane Kalati License No.:
17 68-34780, authorizing Public Card Room Employee activity at Macau Casino in Lakewood,
18 Washington.

19 2. This license, which expired on April 20, 2020, was issued subject to Kalati's
20 compliance with state gambling laws and Commission rules.

21 3. Kalati has been licensed since 2018.

22 4. On February 1, 2020, a WSGC Special Agent received an email from Keith
23 Frayne, the Assistant General Manager from Macau Casino in Tukwila, WA. Frayne's emailed
24 explained that he had just terminated a security guard, Ioane Kalati, for stealing a \$300 gaming
25 chip from Macau.
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1 5. On February 3, 2020, on a follow up phone call, Frayne further elaborated on
2 Kalati's termination. Frayne explained that Kalati had taken the chip while conducting a "fill",
3 delivering gaming chips from the cashier cage to gaming tables that need to be replenished.
4 When Kalati was interviewed by Macau staff, he said that he had "blacked out" when the incident
5 occurred.

6 6. The Special Agent received the surveillance footage provided by the Macau staff,
7 and was able to confirm the following:

- 8 a. At 12:53 p.m., Kalati receives the "fill" from the cashier cage. The "fill"
9 was for two separate mini-baccarat tables, MB-7 (mini-baccarat) and MB-
10 8, each placed in separate racks, and eventually placed in a "bird cage" (a
11 case used for carrying chips). The chips intended for MB-8 comprised of
12 two separate rows (20 chips) of \$300 chips. Surveillance footage
13 confirmed that both of MB-8's rows of chips were entirely full.
- 14 b. At 12:57 p.m., Kalati arrives at MB-7, opens the bird cage, and places the
15 chip racks on the table. The Dealer at MB-7 and the Floor Supervisor
16 together count the chips being delivered.
- 17 c. While the Dealer and Floor Supervisor were distracted, Kalati takes the
18 fill slip (paper outlining the chips to be delivered) with his left hand and
19 covers the rack still located in the bird cage. Kalati then uses the fingers
20 from his left hand to remove one of the \$300 chips from the rack.
- 21 d. Kalati then picks up the bird cage and heads towards MB-8. While
22 walking, Kalati moves the fill slip to his right hand, he then places the
23 stolen chip from his left hand into his left front pocket.
- 24 e. At 12:58 p.m., Kalati arrives at MB-8, and places the bird cage on the
25 gaming table. When MB-8's Dealer and the Floor Supervisor notice the
26 missing chip, the Floor Supervisor sends Kalati back to the cage. The

1 cage cashier placed a replacement \$300 chip into the rack. Kalati then
2 returns to MB-8 with the chips.

3 f. At 6:12 p.m., Kalati approaches the Security Manager, Ryan Wood, at the
4 security podium. Kalati then gives Wood the \$300 chip that he stole.

5 7. On February 12, 2020, Kalati met with WSGC Agents at WSGC's Federal Way
6 office. Kalati agreed to a voluntary interview that was being recorded. Kalati explained that he
7 had been terminated from Macau for a "mistake" he made.

8 8. When asked to expand on his termination, Kalati said that he had blacked out
9 while conducting a fill. Kalati eventually admitted that he had taken the chip, and that he did so
10 because he was behind on his car payments.

11 9. Director David Trujillo issued administrative charges on February 24, 2020
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13 Further, that he could not show by clear and convincing evidence that he was qualified for
14 certification as required by RCW 9.46.153(1), and that his actions warranted revocation of his
15 certification pursuant to RCW 9.46.075(1), (8), and (10), and WAC 230-03-085(1), (3), and
16 (9)(a),(c) and (d).

17 10. Kalati was sent the charges by regular and certified mail on February 24, 2020 to
18 the last address the Gambling Commission had on file.

19 11. Pursuant to WAC 230-17-010, a response was required to be received by the
20 Commission by March 18, 2020. To date, the Commission has received no communication from
21 Kalati.

22 II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

23 1. Ioane Kalati received proper notice within three days of February 24, 2020
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EXECUTED this ____ day of May, 2020, at Lacey, Washington.

Ashlie Laydon
Rules Coordinator



Budget Review & Financial Update

May 14, 2020

Christopher Stanley

Chief Financial Officer



FY 2020 is ending on an interesting note

FY 2020 Revenue by Category/Subsource

Total Revenue by Category	2020 Expected Revenue	2020 Actual Revenue	2020 Projected Remaining	2020 Revenue Variance
Activity Licenses - Commercial	\$ 4,630,530	\$ 3,894,480	\$ 742,166	\$ 6,116
Activity Licenses - Non-Profit	\$ 955,285	\$ 857,751	\$ 212,583	\$ 115,049
Individual Licenses	\$ 2,692,284	\$ 2,262,490	\$ 237,192	\$ (192,602)
Vendor Licenses	\$ 1,423,855	\$ 1,049,400	\$ 283,168	\$ (91,287)
Tribal Reimbursements	\$ 3,658,340	\$ 2,949,798	\$ 910,752	\$ 202,210
Other Sources*	\$ 292,632	\$ 1,547,548	\$ -	\$ 1,254,916
Agency Total	\$ 13,652,926	\$ 12,561,467	\$ 2,385,862	\$ 1,294,403

**Note: Actual revenue from "other sources" includes a \$1.25M fine paid in September 2019.*

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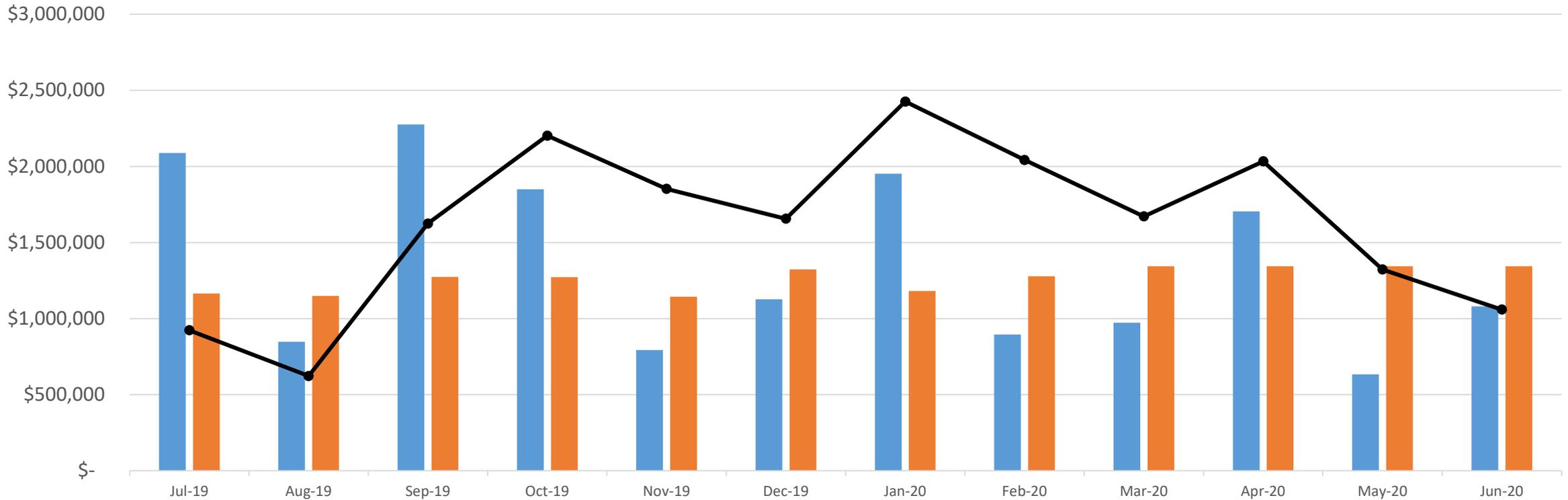
FY 2020 Sub-Program / Program Index-Level View

Agency Total by Object	2020 Total Budgeted	2020 Spent To-Date	2020 Projected Remaining	2020 Variance (Bd-Sp-Pr=Var)
FTEs	119.25	107.14		12.11
Salaries	\$ 9,390,636	\$ 5,971,280	\$ 2,230,276	\$ 1,189,080
Benefits	\$ 3,340,008	\$ 2,171,532	\$ 793,252	\$ 375,224
Contracts	\$ 14,700	\$ -	\$ 3,491	\$ 11,209
Goods & Services	\$ 2,535,036	\$ 2,278,883	\$ 602,071	\$ (345,918)
Travel	\$ 313,560	\$ 233,278	\$ 74,471	\$ 5,811
Capital Expenses	\$ 527,784	\$ 268,497	\$ 125,349	\$ 133,939
Grants & Benefits	\$ 2,712	\$ 2,075	\$ 644	\$ (7)
Agency Total	\$ 16,124,436	\$ 10,925,545	\$ 3,829,554	\$ 1,369,338

The agency has underspent its budget for FY 2020 by 8.4% due to standard vacancy savings.

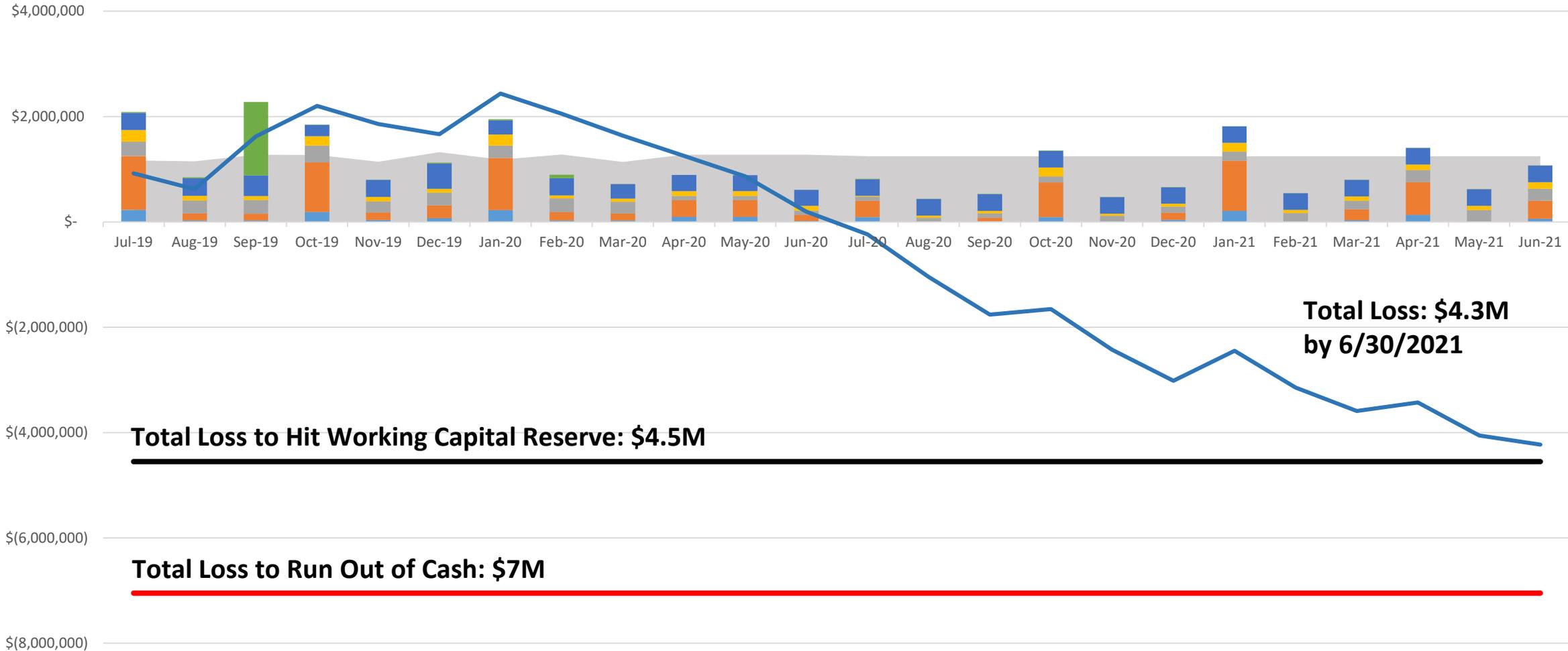
Pre-COVID-19 Financial Projection

**For the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020*



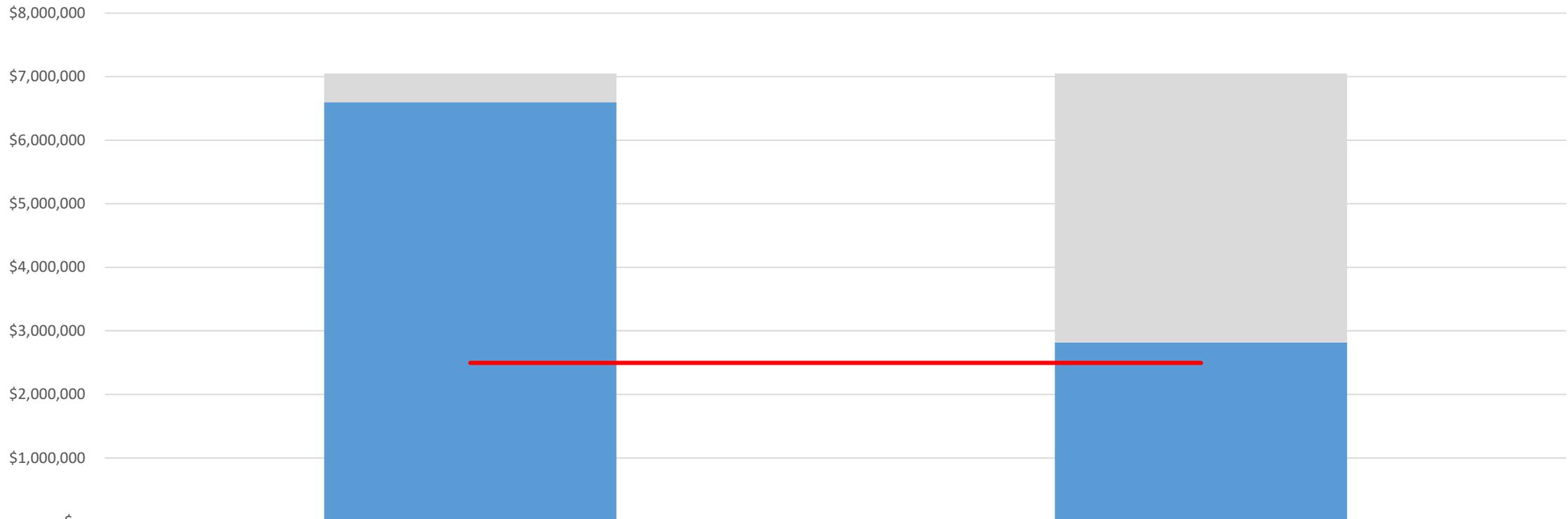
	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20
Revenue	\$2,087,751	\$848,590	\$2,276,293	\$1,850,177	\$793,469	\$1,127,207	\$1,951,675	\$894,922	\$972,841	\$1,704,917	\$633,101	\$1,080,636
Expenditures	\$1,164,511	\$1,148,917	\$1,274,142	\$1,272,919	\$1,143,655	\$1,323,059	\$1,181,895	\$1,278,350	\$1,343,653	\$1,343,653	\$1,343,653	\$1,343,653
Surplus	\$923,240	\$622,913	\$1,625,064	\$2,202,322	\$1,852,136	\$1,656,284	\$2,426,064	\$2,042,636	\$1,671,824	\$2,033,088	\$1,322,536	\$1,059,519

Scenario: Moderate Recovery (Late May)



How do these projections affect our balance?

Chart Title



	Pre-COVID-19	Scenario: Moderate Recovery Starting Late May
Loss from Starting Balance	\$449,218	\$4,231,691
Projected Ending Balance	\$6,599,434	\$2,816,961
Working Capital Reserve	\$2,496,602	\$2,496,602

FY 2021 Budget (Already Adopted)

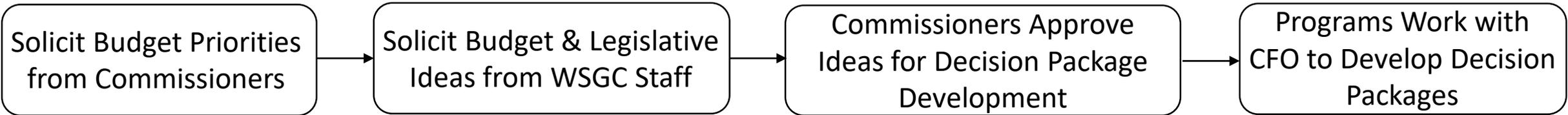
FY 2021 Sub-Program / Program Index-Level View

Agency Total by Object	2021 Total Budgeted
FTEs	119.25
Salaries	\$ 9,674,527
Benefits	\$ 3,326,629
Contracts	\$ 16,494
Goods & Services	\$ 2,515,556
Travel	\$ 303,511
Capital Expenses	\$ 442,770
Grants & Benefits	\$ 2,700
Agency Total	\$ 16,282,187

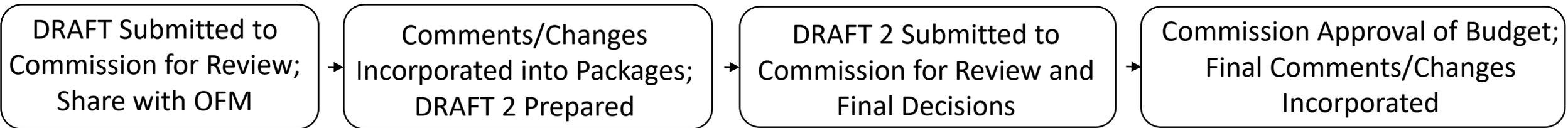
2021-23 Biennial Budget Coming Up

WSGC Budget Development Process

SPRING/SUMMER 2020: PROPOSALS DEVELOPED



SUMMER 2020: Decision Packages Prepared

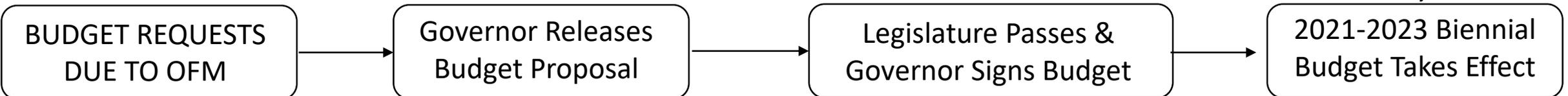


FALL 2020

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2021-23 Biennial Budget Initial Ideas

1. Forgive Sports Wagering Loan: Leaves in place the \$6M Transfer from General Fund
2. Fully Fund IT Modernization Project with General Fund
3. Provide Ongoing Funding for Investigation of Unregulated Gambling Crimes



Questions?

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