MINNESOTA GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2026

Chair Doug Forsman called the monthly meeting of the Minnesota Gambling Control Board to order on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at the Gambling Control Board Office, 1711 West County Road B, Suite 300S, Roseville, MN 55113.

Members Present: Doug Forsman, Kate Luthner, Jim Nardone, Bill English, Al deJesus, and Mike Sundin.
Members Excused:
Members Absent:
Also Present: Laura Wade, Executive Director; Leah Hedman, Assistant Attorney General.

1. **Approval of Agenda**
   Mike Sundin moved to approve the agenda. Jim Nardone seconded the motion; the motion carried.

2. **Approval of Minutes**
   Bill English moved to approve the August 17th meeting minutes. Al deJesus seconded the motion; the motion carried.

3. **Chair's Comments**
   Chair Doug Forsman thanked everyone for attending the board meeting. The Chair also thanked the board staff and board members. Mr. Forsman reminded everyone that continuing education classes have been scheduled. The Chair also reminded organizations to make sure their premise(s) is clear of illegal sports tipboards. Forsman shared that the Gambling Control Board is available to speak at events if requested and that the most recent Gaming News has been sent out. The Chair asked that organizations double check their lawful gambling expense paperwork before submitting to the GCB to prevent delays in processing.

4. **Director's Report**
   - *Industry Update*: Reporting for the first month of FY27 right now, which is just July, which was $449 million dollars in gross receipts. Increase of %7.62 of FY26.
   - *Budget:* 6% under budget with no unexpected expenditures.
   - *Rules:* The GCB is preparing the final records for the Court of Administrative Hearings. Once submitted, they have 14 days in statute to review for procedural and substantive accuracy. The board will have the opportunity to review and vote on the rules at the October board meeting and then they will go to the Governor's office for final review.
   - *Education:* Director Wade reminded everyone that all Gambling Managers need to take one continuing education class per calendar year, which ends December 31st.

5. **Committee Reports**
   Education and Outreach Committee: Kate Luthner said the committee met with Taylor Warnes last week to discuss how to go about reminding people of the continuing education opportunities available. Luthner also shared that there are organizations out there who should reach out to the GCB to find out more information pertaining to lawful charitable gambling. Bill English shared that how and where you communicate is also very important when trying to reach nonprofits and apologized for missing the committee meeting.

   Compliance Review Group (CRG): Al deJesus shared the CRG met and there were some difficult situations, but resolutions were met. Mr. deJesus also stated that the continuing education opportunities available can help prevent organizations from having to meet with CRG.

6. **Public Comment**
   Lee Pierquet, Gambling Manager of Lonsdale Firemen's Relief Association, Lic. #02136

7. **Old Business**

Executive Committee Elections. Doug Forsman took a moment to comment that this past year was a little bit unusual and the board went through three chairs. Past Chair, Janet Lorenz took a job opportunity and had to step down, Jim Nardone then filled in as Vice President, but chose not to be long-term chair, and then Doug Forsman was elected to fill in for Janet's remaining term. The bylaws do require an election by the board in August, but that was missed so the election is taking place now, in September.

As nominated:
Chair, Doug Forsman
Vice Chair, Jim Nardone
Secretary, Mike Sundin

Committee assignments will be announced at October's meeting.

8. **TRANSFER OF GAMBLING FUNDS TO ORGANIZATION ACCOUNT**

Exhibit A: Al deJesus moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit A. Kate Luthner seconded the motion; the motion carried.
Exhibit B: None.

9. **PROPERTY AND CAPITAL ASSET EXPENDITURE REQUESTS (LG269)**

Exhibit C: Mike Sundin moved to approve the request contained in Exhibit C. Jim Nardone seconded the motion; the motion carried.
Exhibit D: None.

Fire or Other Catastrophe (LG262)
Exhibit E: None.
Exhibit F: None.

Eminent Domain (LG263)
Exhibit G: None.
Exhibit H: None.

10. **Exclusively Used for LPE (LG266)**

Exhibit I: Jim Nardone moved to approve the request contained in Exhibit I. Al deJesus seconded the motion; the motion carried.
Kate requested comment to state she likes reading through these and she appreciates that there is a performing arts organization in the fold of charitable gambling.
Exhibit J: None.

11. **CONTRIBUTION OF GAMBLING FUNDS TO ANOTHER LICENSED GAMBLING ORGANIZATION (LG270)**

Exhibit K: Al deJesus moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit K. Kate Luthner seconded the motion; the motion carried.
Exhibit L: None.

12. **FUND LOSS REQUESTS (PROFIT CARRYOVER ADJUSTMENT) (LG250)**

Exhibit M: Bill English moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit M. Jim Nardone seconded the motion; the motion carried.
Doug Forsman requested comment to thank multiple law enforcement agencies for their work to ensure the burglars were caught.
Exhibit N: Doug Forsman requested comment regarding Exhibit N to state that there was great work done on this item by Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division (AGED) and stated it was unfortunate that it happened, but believes the facts support the denial. The Chair stated the individual involved did confess and will go to court and hopefully there is an opportunity for restitution.
Mike Sundin moved to deny the requests contained in Exhibit N. Al deJesus seconded the motion; the motion carried.

13. ADA REPLACEMENT BUILDING (LG268)

Exhibit O: None.
Exhibit P: None.

14. LICENSE TERMINATION PLANS (LG204)

Exhibit Q: None.
Exhibit R: None.

15. MANUFACTURERS' GAMES

Exhibit S: Kate Luthner moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit S. Mike Sundin seconded the motion; the motion carried.
Exhibit T: None.

16. APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE

Manufacturer License Renewal/Linked Bingo Game Provider License/Method of Sale or Transfer of Electronic Games to Distributors:

Exhibit U: Doug Forsman requested comment to share that the licenses and recommended approvals do go through an extensive background investigation by the state.
Bill English moved to approve the request contained in Exhibit U. Jim Nardone seconded the motion; the motion carried.
Exhibit V: None.

Distributor License Renewal/Method of Sale or Transfer of Electronic Games to Organizations:

Exhibit U2: Al deJesus moved to approve the request contained in Exhibit U2. Kate Luthner seconded the motion; the motion carried.
Exhibit V2: None.

17. RULE VARIANCE REQUEST

Exhibit W: None.
Exhibit X: None.

18. REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE METHOD SELECTING RAFFLE WINNERS

Exhibit Y: None.
Exhibit Z: None.

19. New Business

License 02136, Lonsdale Firemen's Relief Association, Lonsdale. Recommendation for Summary Suspension from Gambling Control Board Executive Director Wade.

Director Wade shared that the recommendation for Summary Suspension was based on the organization's failure to provide documents that were requested by the GCB in order to conduct a compliance review. The records have now been received, and a compliance review is currently being done on the organization.

Chair Forsman made a motion that no action be taken on the recommendation made by Director Wade and that Lonsdale Firemen's Relief Association be sent to CRG instead of a Summary Suspension based on the information that the organization has provided the requested documents to the Director's satisfaction.
Bill English seconded the motion; the motion carried.

20. Next Meeting Announcement

Doug Forsman announced that the next board meeting will be at 10 am on Monday, October 19th, 2026, at the Gambling Control Board office.

21. Adjournment

Doug Forsman adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Mike Sundin, Secretary