MINNESOTA GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

September 29, 2026

Chair Doug Forsman called the special board meeting of the Minnesota Gambling Control Board to order on Tuesday, September 29, at 4:04 p.m., at the Gambling Control Board Office, 1711 West County Road B, Suite 300S, Roseville, MN 55113.

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

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

2. **Approval of Minutes**
   Minutes will be approved at the October board meeting.

3. **Chair's Comments**
   No comments from Chair.

4. **Director's Report**
   No comments from Director.

5. **Committee Reports**
   Committee Reports were shared at the monthly board meeting on 9/21/2026.

6. **Public Comment**
   None.

7. **New Business**
   License 35373, Roosevelt Arena Assoc., Roosevelt (RAA). (CRG Recommendation)
   This special board meeting regards the conduct of Roosevelt Arena Assoc. (License # 35373) and their alleged failure to implement necessary internal controls in securing assets in violation of Minn. R. 7861.0320, Subp. 1A(3). The special board meeting further regards the conduct of its Gambling Manager and alleged acts conducted contrary to the integrity of lawful gambling in violation of Minn. R. 7861.0230, Subp. 8(D) and (G).

   Chair Doug Forsman asked Director Wade to explain why this group was brought to the board. Director Wade shared that this case was referred to the Compliance Review Group (CRG) on July 22nd, 2026. The referral was based on two IOU notes that were found during a site inspection, one for $150.00 and one for $10. The gambling manager admitted that they were his because he didn't have the money at the time. The organization was referred to the Compliance Review Group for a violation of Minnesota rules 7861.0230 subprime, 8D and G, which states that they acted contrary to the integrity of lawful gambling. This case went in front of the CRG on September 21st.

   Forsman stated on September 21st, following the regular board meeting, the Compliance Review Group met to discuss this organization, but no one from the organization was present. Forsman stated he could report on this because he is the chair of that committee. The CRG was aware that the Gambling Manager emailed prior to September 21st and shared that he paid the money back and would not be present for the CRG meeting.

The CRG decided to take their recommendations to the full board for a vote. Recommendations are as follows:

- that GM Stewart's gambling manager license is immediately revoked and that GCB staff schedule Mr. Stewart's GM license revocation for a contested case hearing at the Court of Administrative Hearings pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 349.155, subd. 5;
- that RAA appoint a new GM if it intends to continue to conduct lawful charitable gambling and follow all GCB statutes and rules regarding the process of installing a new GM including, but not limited to, complying with Minn. R. 7861.0230, subp. 6;
- that RAA's CEO must attend the GCB's GM Seminar within 90 days of this Board Order and pass the GM Exam;
- that within 60 days of this Board Order, RAA shall pay a $1000 civil fine to GCB at its address below, by a check made out to "THE STATE OF MINNESOTA" which will be deposited into the Minnesota State General Fund;
- that within 60 days of this Board Order, RAA must establish a five-member Gambling Oversight Committee which will meet monthly to review the gambling operations, expenditures, and reporting to assure that RAA remains in compliance and to allow RAA's CEO and new GM to participate, but not be counted as part of the five required committee members; and
- that within 60 days of this Board Order, RAA must provide GCB Enforcement Assistant Jess Dwyer (jess.dwyer@state.mn.us) with a list of the Oversight Committee's members names, addresses and telephone numbers.

Mike Sundin made a motion to bring this matter to the board for a vote. Al deJesus seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Kate Luthner requested comment to ask if the Gambling Control Board heard from anyone else in the organization. Director Wade shared that as of this moment, the GCB has not heard from anyone else in the organization. Luthner asked how the agency would ensure the recommendations were implemented if no one else in the organization is aware of the situation. Dan McDonald, Enforcement Manager, stated that if the board were to move forward with the recommendations they have plans in place to ensure the recommendations are known by the organization.

Doug Forsman made a motion to adopt the CRG recommendations, the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

8. 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.

9. Adjournment

Doug Forsman adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Mike Sundin, Secretary