

MINNESOTA GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2025

Vice Chair Jim Nardone called the monthly meeting of the Minnesota Gambling Control Board to order on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 10:01 a.m., at the Gambling Control Board Office, 1711 West County Road B, Suite 300S, Roseville, MN 55113.

Members Present: Jim Nardone, Kate Luthner, Bill English, Doug Forsman, Mike Sundin, and Al deJesus.

Members Excused: Janet Lorenzo

Members Absent:

Also Present: Laura Wade, Executive Director; Leah Hedman, Assistant Attorney General; Steve Pederson; Compliance and Licensing manager.

1. Approval of Agenda

Mike Sundin moved to approve the agenda. Kate Luthner seconded the motion; the motion carried.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mike Sundin moved to approve the September 15, 2025, meeting minutes. Bill English seconded the motion; the motion carried.

3. Chair's Comments

Jim Nardone commented that Janet Lorenzo could not attend and that he would be filling in for this meeting.

4. Director's Report

- Industry: August FY26 Gross Receipts were \$429.7 million, up 1.85% over August of FY25. YTD FY26 are \$847.4 M, up 2.67% over FY25 so far two months into the new fiscal year. Staff are working hard on the annual report and we expect to have that out in the next month or so. As well as organizational annual reports and star rating reports which are mailed out to the individual licensed organizations here shortly.
- CE: We've held 3 in-person continuing education classes so far this fall throughout MN in Thief River Falls, Hibbing and Marshall and have 3 more scheduled this week in Mankato, Roseville, and St. Cloud. See our website for more details and a reminder that we also have 5 online continuing education classes available for the public to take, though specifically this goes out to the gambling managers who must have a CE credit on file for the calendar year ending 12/31.
- Budget: 3 months into the FY, the agency is under budget with no unexpected costs.
- Rules Process: Our rules process has officially started as our request for comment was published in the state register on October 6 and our comment period is open from October 13-December 15. The minimum is 30 days, but with the holiday season fast approaching we wanted to make sure we provided a little extra time for people to respond. We notified all 1,167 licensed organizations, 7 licensed manufacturers, 10 licensed distributors, our 3 game testing labs, plus trade associations, interest groups and all 11 Tribal nations located within Minnesota and also have information regarding the process and the 5 specific rules on our website.
- We will establish a Public Advisory Committee or PAC for short, and interested parties should contact our staff attorney Doug Lewis at doug.lewis@state.mn.us if interested.
- Though I've been employed at the GCB through two rules processes, this is the first I will be involved in. Our staff attorney and I attended the annual rules training for state agencies last week and I'm happy to say that though there was a lot of information, we feel like we are in a good spot in terms of our process—which is a good feeling.

5. Committee Reports

- *Education and Outreach Committee:* Kate Luthner shared an update from the committee's most recent meeting. The group went over the upcoming continuing education classes and the annual report. They also looked at possible barriers for non-licensed groups looking to hold 1 or 2 raffles a year to make it more accessible.

6. Public Comment

None

7. Old Business

None

8. TRANSFER OF GAMBLING FUNDS TO ORGANIZATION ACCOUNT

Exhibit A: Kate Luthner moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit A. Mike Sundin seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Exhibit B: None.

9. PROPERTY AND CAPITAL ASSET EXPENDITURE REQUESTS (LG269)

Exhibit C: Doug Forsman moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit C. Kate Luthner seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Doug requested discussion on Exhibit C. Doug stated that he appreciates the hard work of the staff and appreciates the pictures that accompanied the LG269 requests. Kate suggested that we track the dollar amounts being requested over 5% of net profits to look at raising that percentage in the future.

Exhibit D: None.

Fire or Other Catastrophe (LG262)

Exhibit E: None.

Exhibit F: None.

Eminent Domain (LG263)

Exhibit G: None.

Exhibit H: None.

Exclusively Used for LPE (LG266)

Exhibit I: Doug Forsman moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit I. Mike Sundin seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Doug requested discussion on Exhibit I. Doug wanted to know what happens to assets approved by board if an organization terminates their gambling license. Steve Pederson, Compliance and Licensing manager, responded and stated that the organization would keep that asset and liquidate it along with any other items that they owned.

Exhibit J: None.

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

Exhibit K: Mike Sundin moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit K. Kate Luthner seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Exhibit L: None.

11. FUND LOSS REQUESTS (PROFIT CARRYOVER ADJUSTMENT) (LG250)

Exhibit M: Mike Sundin moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit M. Kate Luthner seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Doug requested discussion on Exhibit M. Doug stated that there is a lot of work that happens behind the scenes and is very thankful to the GCB staff for all the hard work. Kate stated that Guy and Brett did a great job reviewing one of the losses and approved more than the organization asked for by really looking into the loss.

Exhibit N: Doug Forsman moved to deny the requests contained in Exhibit N. Mike Sundin seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Kate requested discussion on Exhibit N. Kate wanted to remind organizations that time

matters. 2 of the fund loss requests were denied due to not being in on time. Kate wanted to remind organizations to get the fund loss in within 60 days. Director Wade stated that 2 in a month is a big deal and that a reminder will be going out in the next newsletter.

12. ADA REPLACEMENT BUILDING (LG268)

Exhibit O: None.

Exhibit P: None.

13. LICENSE TERMINATION PLANS (LG204)

Exhibit Q: Kate Luthner moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit Q. Doug Forsman seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Kate requested discussion on Exhibit Q. Kate wanted to thank the Gambling Manager who volunteered their time to help the licensed organization close out the right way. Doug seconded Kate's comment.

Exhibit R: None.

14. 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.

15. APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE

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

Exhibit U: Mike Sundin moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit U. Doug Forsman seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Exhibit V: None.

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

Exhibit U2: None.

Exhibit V2: None.

16. RULE VARIANCE REQUEST

Exhibit W: None.

Exhibit X: None.

17. REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE METHOD SELECTING RAFFLE WINNERS

Exhibit Y: None.

Exhibit Z: None.

18. New Business

19. Next Meeting Announcement

Jim Nordone announced that the next board meeting will be 11 am on Friday, November 21, 2025, at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC).

20. Adjournment

Jim Nardone adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.



Mike Sundin, Secretary