

# MINNESOTA GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 2024

Chair Janet Lorenzo called the monthly meeting of the Minnesota Gambling Control Board to order on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 10 a.m., at the Gambling Control Board Office, 1711 West County Road B, Suite 300S, Roseville, MN 55113.

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

Members Excused:

Members Absent: Bill English

Also Present: Laura Wade, Executive Director; Leah Hedman, Assistant Attorney General

### 1. Approval of Agenda

Jim Nardone moved to approve the agenda. Mike Sundin seconded the motion; the motion carried.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

Mike Sundin moved to approve the November 22, 2024, meeting minutes. Jim Nardone seconded the motion; the motion carried.

### 3. Chair's Comments

Chair Lorenzo wished everyone a Merry Christmas and success in their 2025 goals.

### 4. Director's Report

- Industry Update
  - October gross receipts totaled \$423 million, which was up 4.5% over last year's October receipts of \$405 million.
  - FY25 YTD gross receipts (July through October) are at \$1.65 billion. This is up 3% over the same four months in FY24.
  - As a reminder, the new e-tab game standards established in the 23 legislative sessions go into effect at the close of business on 12/31/24. No games that don't meet the new standards will be allowed to be in play after this point. We will be sending emails out to GMs and CEOs over the next two weeks, but also work with your distributors to make sure your organization is ready to go.
- Education
  - Currently we have about 300 GMs who haven't taken their CE class and we'll be sending out notices this week. As a reminder we have classes online that satisfy this requirement.
- Staffing
  - The GCB has a new compliance specialist, Dan Dixon who started last week and is working out of the Roseville office, excited to get him trained up and welcome Dan.
  - We also completed interviews last week in Hibbing for a field agent, so should be wrapping up that hiring process early this week.
- Budget
  - Under budget, nothing unexpected.
- *Wishing everyone a happy holiday season and a happy new year, see you in 2025!*

### 5. Committee Reports

- *Education and Outreach Committee*: Education and Outreach Committee met last week. Great enhancements on the GCB website to embrace new technologies which is helpful for internal and external use. In person GM seminars are going very well; everyone has passed the GM test so far. Reminder to complete your CE before the end of the year. Discussed communication regarding new the new e-tab game standards. In the committee meeting last week, Bill English mentioned utilizing his connections in radio and magazines to share opportunities with charitable gambling in MN.
- *Compliance Review Group (CRG)*: CRG met last month and will start up again in January. There is no CRG meeting in December.

**6. Public Comment**

Rachel Jenner, Executive Director of Allied Charities of Minnesota (ACM), took a moment to address ACM's annual conference in Rochester last month. There were over 600 attendees. Jenner thanked the Gambling Control Board for participating. The classes, panels, and Q & A with Director Wade were greatly appreciated.

**7. Old Business**

None.

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

Exhibit A: None.

Exhibit B: Jim Nardone moved to deny the requests contained in Exhibit B. Mike Sundin seconded the motion; the motion carried.

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

Exhibit C: Doug Forsman moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit C. Motion passed 5-1 with one absent; 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.

**Exclusively Used for LPE (LG266)**

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

Exhibit J: None.

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

Exhibit K: Kate Luthner moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit K. Doug Forsman 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.

Exhibit N: None.

**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. Mike Sundin seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Exhibit R: None.

**14. MANUFACTURERS' GAMES**

Exhibit S: Kate Luthner moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit S. Jim Nardone 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: Doug Forsman moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit U. Kate Luthner 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**

None.

**19. Next Meeting Announcement**

Chair Lorenzo announced that the next board meeting will be 10 am on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at the Gambling Control Board office in Roseville.

**20. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m.



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Mike Sundin, Secretary