

MINNESOTA GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2025

Chair Janet Lorenzo called the monthly meeting of the Minnesota Gambling Control Board to order on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 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

Doug Forsman moved to approve the agenda. Jim Nardone seconded the motion; the motion carried.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mike Sundin moved to approve the December 16, 2024, meeting minutes. Doug Forsman seconded the motion; the motion carried.

3. Chair's Comments

Chair Lorenzo took a moment of silence for Norm Pint who passed this month and was a longtime board member at the Gambling Control Board. He was a friend to many and will be greatly missed.

4. Director's Report

- Industry Update
 - Gross receipts for November 2024 totaled \$422 million, which was up about 7% over November 2023.
 - Early reports indicate that total receipts for December 2024 were lower than December 2023.
 - We know that electronic game receipts fell 3%, and it looks like other forms of gambling may have slowed as well.
- Continuing Education
 - Ten citations were mailed out last week to gambling managers who failed to complete their continuing education requirement for 2024. The citation amount was \$500 each.
 - Payments for citations and other sanctions go into the state's general fund. They do not go into the agency's budget.
 - We are also working on getting some new classes developed for CEOs and sellers.
- Budget
 - Halfway through the year, the agency is 7% under our budget target for the same time period (through December 31, 2024).
- Staffing
 - We have a new staff attorney on board here at the GCB, welcome Doug Lewis. We look forward to your legal expertise on the agency administration side of things.

5. Committee Reports

- *Education and Outreach Committee*: Education and Outreach Committee met and discussed the website updates. The GCB is continuing to work on the website's architecture, cleanup, and adding different languages to cultivate a more inclusive experience. Citations and CEO classes were discussed as well, but nothing new regarding those topics to add to this agenda. No new updates regarding outreach via magazine and radio as these appear to be longer-term goals.
- *Compliance Review Group (CRG)*: CRG did not meet in December but will be meeting with three more organizations after today's board meeting. 14 organizations have gone before the board, and 11 have completed consent agreements.

6. Public Comment

Craig Peterson, Ogilvie Lions Club #00823, addressed the board regarding a fund loss. The club was notified via email that the investigators would be reviewing the fund loss this week and recommending denial on grounds that the safe combination/key was not changed. Peterson stated they do that regularly. Peterson stated a lot of items were left out of the police report, which he found disappointing. Stated concerns that since they pay rent, the lessor is in control of the building vs the organization so accountability with security is more difficult.

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: Mike Sundin moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit C. Kate Luthner 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.

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.

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. Jim Nardone 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. Jim Nardone seconded the motion; the motion carried.

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

12. ADA REPLACEMENT BUILDING (LG268)

Exhibit O: None.

Exhibit P: None.

13. LICENSE TERMINATION PLANS (LG204)

Exhibit Q: Al Dejesus 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: Doug Forsman moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit S. Kate Luthner 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: None.

Exhibit V: None.

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

Exhibit U2: Kate Luthner moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit U2. Jim Nardone seconded the motion; the motion carried.

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, February 18th, 2025, at the Gambling Control Board office in Roseville.

20. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.



Mike Sundin, Secretary