

# MINNESOTA GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2025

Chair Janet Lorenzo called the monthly meeting of the Minnesota Gambling Control Board to order on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at the Gambling Control Board Office, 1711 West County Road B, Suite 300S, Roseville, MN 55113.

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

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. Doug Forsman seconded the motion; the motion carried.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

Mike Sundin moved to approve the May 19, 2025, meeting minutes. Kate Luthner seconded the motion; the motion carried.

### 3. Chair's Comments

The Chair withheld comments and instead took a moment of silence for the horrendous events that transpired over the weekend involving Senator Hoffman, Senator Hortman, and their families.

### 4. Director's Report

- Industry Update
  - Gross receipts for April totaled \$408 million, which is down 4.5% from April 2024.
  - E-tab sales for May were \$210M, which is down 9.92% over May of FY2024. This is a good indication of e-tab recovery.
- Education and Outreach
  - On June 6, the GCB did a presentation at the State VFW convention in St. Cloud. There was a good turnout for that with lots of good questions.
  - On Friday, we're doing another presentation St. Cloud, but this one is for the Eagles. And then on July 10<sup>th</sup>, we're doing a presentation at the state Legion convention in Willmar.
  - The agency's new website is scheduled to go live on July 1. We've put a lot of effort into making the information more accessible to those unfamiliar with charitable gambling. Our research indicated that this was an area that needed improvement. We've also grouped the links most commonly used by gambling managers so that they can more efficiently retrieve that information.
- Legislation
  - The special session is done, and budgets are settled. The GCB's appropriation is what we asked for, 6.334 million in each year of the next biennium, which is same level funding as the biennium ending on June 30<sup>th</sup>. There was no legislation passed impacting GCB policies.
- Budget
  - Budget is going to finish roughly 10% below our appropriation, which is pretty normal for us. We build in as part of our budget request, space for legal fees in case of unexpected costs, which we did not run into this year.
- Staffing
  - No posted positions at the moment. We will be working on filling a vacant position after August 1 for a communications specialist once the contract is negotiated and we are allowed to start the process of job audits again for updated position description. But for now, that is our only vacant position.

## 5. Committee Reports

- *Education and Outreach Committee:* The speaking schedule is sent out to board members monthly via email and if you are interested in scheduling a speaker from the GCB at your event, please remember they are scheduled months in advance, so it is never too early to request. The CEO classes are still a work in progress and additional classes are also being considered as well as other tutorials. Reminder that if you do not see a rule regarding the gambling in question, it is not allowed. The Director along with other employees at the Gambling Control Board attended the North American Gaming Regulators Association in Nashville to network with other states who conduct gambling and learn more on the growing industry.

## 6. Public Comment

Al Roebke, Informed TV, Alexandria, MN addressed the board requesting quicker release of MN gambling records and results from licensed organizations to the GCB. Roebke stated the electronic file/filing should be submitted to the MN GCB no later than the 15th of the following month. Roebke also requested that public comment be separated from the meeting and sent to ACM so they can send that out to people vs watching the monthly board meeting in its entirety.

## 7. Old Business

None.

## 8. TRANSFER OF GAMBLING FUNDS TO ORGANIZATION ACCOUNT

Exhibit A: Doug Forsman moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit A. Bill English seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Exhibit B: None.

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

Exhibit C: Kate Luthner moved to approve the requests 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.

### 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: Doug Forsman 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. Doug Forsman seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Exhibit N: Doug Forsman 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.

## **LICENSE TERMINATION PLANS (LG204)**

Exhibit Q: None.

Exhibit R: None.

## **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.

## **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: Al deJesus moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit U2. Mike Sundin seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Exhibit V2: None.

## **RULE VARIANCE REQUEST**

Exhibit W: None.

Exhibit X: None.

## **REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE METHOD SELECTING RAFFLE WINNERS**

Exhibit Y: None.

Exhibit Z: None.

## **New Business**

Meeting was closed to the public at this time to discuss a CRG recommendation on a licensing issue.

Meeting reopened to the public at 10:58 am to vote on the CRG's recommendation pertaining to Rochester Hockey #03626.

Bill English moved to approve the CRG's recommendation of imposing a \$400 fine, creating an oversight committee within 30 days which contains at least 6 members, and no same or similar offense within the next 12 months. If there is a same or similar offense within the next 12 months, it is recommended by the board to the Executive Director to double the fine, but it is ultimately the Director's discretion. Al deJesus seconded the motion; the motion carried.

## **Next Meeting Announcement**

Chair Lorenzo announced that the next board meeting will be 10 am on Monday, July 21, 2025, at the Gambling Control Board office in Roseville.

## **Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

  
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Mike Sundin, Secretary