# MINNESOTA GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2025

Chair Janet Lorenzo called the monthly meeting of the Minnesota Gambling Control Board to order on Monday, September 15, 2025, at 10:01 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, Gill English, Doug Forsman, and

Al deJesus.

Members Excused: Members Absent:

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

McKeever, Enforcement Manager

# 1. Approval of Agenda

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

# 2. Approval of Minutes

Jim Nardone moved to approve the August 18, 2025, meeting minutes. Mike Sundin seconded the motion; the motion carried.

#### 3. Chair's Comments

The Chair asked for a moment of silence for all the recent tragedies affecting us globally and locally.

# 4. Director's Report

- Industry Update: July gross receipts are in and up 2.65% over July of 2024. July 2025 was \$414 million in gross receipts, and July 2024 was \$403 million.
- Budget: 2 months into FY26 the Gambling Control Board is under budget with no unexpected costs.
- Staffing: No positions posted at this time.
- Education: Fall Continuing Education classes are finalized, and they will be published on our website as well as in the upcoming Gaming News.
- Rules: The GCB has opened the rules process to address 5 specific areas that need to be cleaned up or
  adjusted pending board discussion today. We look forward to robust conversations with the public
  and stakeholders as we navigate this process and try to make some changes that benefit the industry,
  our licensees, but don't compromise on our purpose of upholding the integrity of lawful gambling in
  Minnesota. Director Wade stated she personally thinks we [GCB] are in a great spot to move forward
  with these items and is looking forward to experience a rules process.

## 5. Committee Reports

 Legislative/Rules committee met in September to go over the rules changes and the committee was in favor of all rule changes presented.

#### 6. Public Comment

None.

#### 7. Old Business

None.

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

Exhibit A: Jim Nardone moved to approve the request contained in Exhibit A. Doug Forsman seconded

the motion; the motion carried.

Exhibit B: None.

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

Exhibit C: Bill English 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: None. 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. Jim Nardone seconded

the motion; the motion carried.

Exhibit L: None.

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

Exhibit M: Al deJesus moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit M. Kate Luthner seconded the

motion; the motion carried.

Exhibit N: Mike Sundin moved to approve the requests in Exhibit N. Al deJesus seconded the motion; the

motion carried. Kate Luthner abstained from voting.

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: Mike Sundin 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: Al deJesus moved to approve the requests 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: Mike Sundin moved to approve the request contained in Exhibit U2. Jim Nardone 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**

**Board Chair Committee Nominations:** 

- o Education and Outreach- Kate Luthner as Chair and Bill English as member
- o Compliance Review Group- Janet Lorenzo as Chair, Kate Luthner and Doug Forsman as members with Al deJesus as the alternate.
- o Rules and Legislative Committee- Doug Forsman as Chair, Mike Sundin and Al deJesus as members.

Board to adopt a resolution for the Executive Director to begin its rules process: Bill English moved to approve the request. Mike Sundin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **Next Meeting Announcement**

Chair Lorenzo announced that the next board meeting will be Monday, October 20, 2025, at 10 a.m. at the Minnesota Gambling Control Board, 1711 West County Road B, Suite 300S, Roseville, MN 55113.

Chair Lorenzo also announced that the November board meeting will be Friday, November 21, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC), 350 Harbor Drive, Duluth, MN 55802. The meeting will be held during the Allied Charities of Minnesota convention.

## Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Mike Sundin, Secretary