

MINNESOTA GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2026

Vice Chair Jim Nardone called the monthly meeting of the Minnesota Gambling Control Board to order on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 10:00 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, Mike Sundin, Doug Forsman, and Al deJesus.

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Also Present: Laura Wade, Executive Director; Leah Hedman, Assistant Attorney General; Brett McKeever, Enforcement Manager; Steve Pedersen, Regulation Manager.

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 March 16th meeting minutes. Al deJesus seconded the motion; the motion carried.

3. Chair's Comments

Vice Chair Nardone welcomed everyone to the meeting and said it was nice to be back in the cities in the springtime where things are beginning to bloom versus way up north where he is from, they are still a couple of weeks behind in terms of climate.

4. Director's Report

- *Industry Update:* FY26 gross receipts are up 6.33% over FY25. We are at \$3.447 Billion YTD. February FY26 was up 18.5% over February FY25, at \$430M.
- *Budget:* 3/4 of the way through the fiscal year and we continue to be under budget.
- *Legislative Update:* Continuing to monitor. Closely following the paddlewheel increase for the prize tickets. There are no problematic items that the Gambling Control Board is concerned with at the moment.
- *Staffing:* We are interviewing for the Investigations Manager position which Brett McKeever currently holds. Brett will be doing a phased retirement to make sure that we have a strong transition of information to the new manager. Director Wade thanked Brett for everything he has done for the GCB but noted this was not goodbye yet.
- *Budget:* 3/4 of the way through the fiscal year and we continue to be under budget.
- *Rules:* SONAR report signed off by MMB, still waiting on the Governor's office. Continuing to work with the Revisor's office on final language and that will be passed along to the full board for final review.

5. Committee Reports

None.

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Old Business

None.

8. TRANSFER OF GAMBLING FUNDS TO ORGANIZATION ACCOUNT

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

Exhibit B: Doug Forsman moved to deny the request contained in Exhibit B. Al deJesus seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Kate Luthner requested discussion and asked if the explanatory documents in the board packets are publicly available or strictly for the board's knowledge only.

Brett McKeever, Enforcement Manager, said the board packets are for the board's benefit.

Kate was requesting clarification in case unique exhibits were to come up again and the public had questions surrounding the circumstances.

Leah Hedman, Assistant Attorney General, stated copies of the board packets are publicly available if someone makes an information request, per the meeting law.

9. PROPERTY AND CAPITAL ASSET EXPENDITURE REQUESTS (LG269)

Exhibit C: Al deJesus moved to approve the request 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: Mike Sundin moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit I. Bill English 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: Doug Forsman moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit M. Mike Sundin seconded the motion; the motion carried.

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

12. ADA REPLACEMENT BUILDING (LG268)

Exhibit O: None.

Exhibit P: None.

13. LICENSE TERMINATION PLANS (LG204)

Exhibit Q: None.

Exhibit R: None.

14. MANUFACTURERS' GAMES

Exhibit S: Kate Luthner moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit S. Al deJesus 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: Al deJesus moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit U. Kate Luthner seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Kate Luthner requested discussion to clarify the difference in process for new versus renewal applications. Steve Pedersen, Regulation Manager, said that the renewal process is a simplified process compared to the process for a new license. During the renewal, the GCB asks if there are any changes from the original application. Background checks are done upon renewals, but they are not as deep of a dive as the background checks upon first being licensed unless there is a reason for additional research.

Exhibit V: None.

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

Exhibit U2: Doug Forsman moved to approve the request contained in Exhibit U2. Al deJesus 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

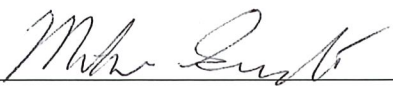
None.

19. Next Meeting Announcement

Jim Nardone announced that the next board meeting will be at 10 am on Monday, May 18th, 2026, at the Gambling Control Board office.

20. Adjournment

Jim Nardone adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.



Mike Sundin, Secretary