

MINNESOTA GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2026

Vice Chair Jim Nardone called the monthly meeting of the Minnesota Gambling Control Board to order on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 10:01 a.m., at the Gambling Control Board Office, 1711 West County Road B, Suite 300S, Roseville, MN 55113.

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

Members Excused: Bill English

Members Absent:

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

1. Approval of Agenda

Mike Sundin moved to approve the agenda. Al deJesus seconded the motion; the motion carried.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mike Sundin moved to approve the April 20th meeting minutes. Doug Forsman seconded the motion; the motion carried.

3. Chair's Comments

Vice Chair Nardone said he didn't have many comments, just that precipitation was welcomed as it is much needed in some parts of the state. Nardone also welcomed board members, staff, and guests to the meeting.

4. Director's Report

- *Industry Update:* YTD gross receipts are up 6.85% over FY25. We are at \$3.926 Billion for the year. March 2026 was up 10.33% over March of 2025.
- *Legislative Update:* The bill language related to the paddlewheels/ the meat raffle prize limit was included in the Commerce omnibus bill and passed last night. More information will be shared with organizations, but in summation, the maximum value for merchandise prize was increased from \$70 to \$200. The cash prize is still \$70, and this was primarily to adjust for the cost of meat.
- *Budget:* We continue to be under budget as we close into the last two months of the fiscal year with no unexpected expenses.
- *Staffing:* There is a licensing position open that will be based out of either Roseville or Fergus Falls because those two offices have space and that decision will be determined by applicants. The GCB also filled the Enforcement Manager position by Dan McDonald. Dan McDonald has been with us since 2023, and he served as an investigator, but also as our electronic game specialist. We are excited to have him officially join this position.
- *Rules:* Next month, the board members can expect to see the rules package that would come to a vote for our notice of intention to adopt. Copies of all of the proposed rules will be provided and then that will come to a vote next month.
- *Board Positions:* There are two open positions based on vacancy from Janet Lorenzo and Mike Sundin's position which will be up on June 30th.

NOTE.

6. Public Comment

Online: Al Roebke, Informed TV in Alexandria, questioned why the board approves games with payout less than 85% and would like the board to meet on the fourth Monday of every month.

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

Kate Luthner requested comment to compliment Minneapolis Police Force on their report. Luthner noted it was easy to read and very well done.

Exhibit N: None.

12. ADA REPLACEMENT BUILDING (LG268)

Exhibit O: None.

Exhibit P: None.

13. LICENSE TERMINATION PLANS (LG204)

Exhibit Q: Doug Forsman moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit Q. Kate Luthner seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Kate Luthner requested comment to state that this process should not be intimidating, it is made to be very smooth and transparent.

Exhibit R: None.

14. MANUFACTURERS' GAMES

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

- **License 02315**, Badger Jaycees, Badger. Organization failed to meet their donation requirements of 30% in FY25 after being on probation for failure to meet the 30% in FY24 in violation of Minn. Stat. sec. 349.15 § Subd. 1 (c). Organization failed to show up to their scheduled time to come in front of the CRG on Monday, April 20, 2026. CRG unanimously voted to suspend license 02315 which was brought to the board.

Kate Luthner made a motion to suspend license 02315 until they become compliant with Minn. Stat. sec. 349.15 § Subd. 1 (c). Doug Forsman seconded the motion; the motion carried.

- **License 02059**, Lakeville Hockey Association, Lakeville. Citation Request. A site inspection on 3/23/2026 at site #19, found that no house rules sign was posted for electronic pull tabs. A previous site inspection on 3/14/2025 found the same violation. Staff has requested a \$300 be issued to the organization. Normally, citations would go to the Executive Director to sign-off, but Director Wade is affiliated with this organization, and it is therefor being brought to the board.

Kate Luthner made a motion to issue the citation as requested by staff. Doug Forsman seconded the motion; the motion carried.

- **Appoint/volunteer and vote for Board Chair for remainder of term (August 2026).**

Mike Sundin nominated Doug Forsman for Chair.

Al deJesus nominated himself for Chair.

Majority vote by ballot elected Doug Forsman as Chair for remainder of term.

19. Next Meeting Announcement

Kate Luthner announced that the next board meeting will be at 10 am on Monday, June 15th, 2026, at the Gambling Control Board office.

20. Adjournment

Jim Nardone adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.



Mike Sundin, Secretary