

MINNESOTA GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2026

Chair Doug Forsman called the monthly meeting of the Minnesota Gambling Control Board to order on Monday, June 15, 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, Bill English (online) and Al deJesus.

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

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

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 May 18th meeting minutes. Kate Luthner seconded the motion; the motion carried.

3. Chair's Comments

Chair Forsman wished everyone a good morning and thanked everyone for being at the meeting. Forsman said he has been on the board for three years now and spent nearly 18 years working alongside the Gambling Control Board staff in his position with the AGED. Doug thanked Jim Nardone for his leadership as well as the Gambling Control Board staff for their work.

4. Director's Report

Industry Update: Through April, gross receipts are up 7.44% YTD over FY25. We are at \$4.387 billion through April, which should put the industry on track to break the \$5 billion mark. April 2026 was up 12.08% over April of 2025 at \$458 million for the month.

Process Updates: Starting July 1st, the GCB will start collecting the B2 or closed games report from licensed organizations. GCB will be referring to this form as the LG100B2. This form is currently only being collected by the MNDOR, but due to security changes within their software, the GCB no longer has easy access to the form. This information is used when audits or inventory checks are conducted.

Budget: The GCB is on track to finish FY2026 under budget by about \$100,000 or 2%, which does not include the rollover that the legislature allowed for 2026.

Staffing: The GCB is currently hiring a communications specialist to help with classes and other educational materials, interviews for this position are this week. Since the last board meeting, the GCB has hired a licensing specialist and an investigator to back fill positions that are unoccupied from a promotion and retirement.

Board Positions: For board member appointments, the GCB is working with the Governor's office to fill the two vacancies. There are two people who have been referred, and the agency is just awaiting communication from the Governor's office. The vacancies will hopefully be filled for the August meeting.

Education: The GCB is starting to work on classes for the fall regarding the required continuing education courses. The goal is to start state-wide in-person classes in September and offer two classes in September, October, November at roughly three locations. Staff will be attending two different speaking events this Thursday for an Eagles and VFW event. Staff will be speaking at an American Legion conference on July 9th.

Rules: The GCB will be filing their notice of intent to publish rules without a hearing tomorrow at noon, which will open another period of public comment. The public comment will be open starting Monday, June 22nd, and that goes through Friday, August 7th, and this allows the public to provide another round of commentary on the current version of the rules and request a hearing if they'd like to do so. Current drafts of the rules are on our website, and we'll keep the rules page updated for the public as we move through the last few months of this process.

5. Committee Reports

Education and Outreach Committee: Kate Luthner said they did not meet, but Luthner wanted to remind everyone that you can request the Gambling Control Board to speak at an engagement.

Compliance Review Group (CRG): Al deJesus said the CRG did meet last month with the organizations and consent orders have gone out.

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Old 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).

- Revisiting this item from last month. When an organization is to come before the board, they can usually provide additional information surrounding the issue. This group did email Director Wade before the last meeting with additional information, but the email went into Director Wade's quarantine folder, so it was missed until after the meeting. The board has been provided with a copy of the correspondence and will now vote again taking the additional information into consideration.
- The group was notified that they would be on the June agenda as well. No one was present from the organization at the June meeting to provide additional information.
- Motion was made by Al deJesus to suspend license 02315 until they come into compliance. Mike Sundin seconded the motion, the motion carried.

8. TRANSFER OF GAMBLING FUNDS TO ORGANIZATION ACCOUNT

Exhibit A: Kate Luthner moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit A. Jim Nardone 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 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.

10. Exclusively Used for LPE (LG266)

Exhibit I: Mike Sundin stated he will abstain from voting for Exhibit I due to being a member of one of the organizations recommended for approval.

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

Exhibit J: None.

11. 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.

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

Exhibit M: None.

Kate Luthner requested comment to state there are no fund losses to approve this month which Luthner believed was notable.

Exhibit N: Kate Luthner moved to deny the requests contained in Exhibit N. Al deJesus seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Doug Forsman stated he would like to add that these items were both after the fact and the board is simply following statutes regarding denying the requests.

13. ADA REPLACEMENT BUILDING (LG268)

Exhibit O: None.

Exhibit P: None.

14. LICENSE TERMINATION PLANS (LG204)

Exhibit Q: Mike Sundin moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit Q. Jim Nardone seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Kate Luthner requested comment. Luthner stated she enjoys the discussion of destroying bingo paper and it is funny organizations must prove that they took the necessary steps to destroy the items. Luthner asked if there was an opportunity to donate or give away excess bingo paper. Steve Pedersen, Regulation Manager, stated organizations cannot just give the paper away as it is assigned to that specific organization and the GCB needs to know where inventory is at any given time. Sometimes organizations can return unused items to the distributor and get credit back. Bingo selection devices can be kept or loaned out to be used during exempt activities.

Exhibit R: None.

15. MANUFACTURERS' GAMES

Exhibit S: Kate Luthner moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit S. Mike Sundin seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Exhibit T: None.

16. APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE

Manufacturer License Renewal/Linked Bingo Game Provider License/Method of Sale or Transfer of Electronic Games to Distributors:

Exhibit U: Mike Sundin moved to approve the request contained in Exhibit U. Al deJesus seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Exhibit V: None.

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

Exhibit U2: None.

Exhibit V2: None.

17. RULE VARIANCE REQUEST

Exhibit W: None.

Exhibit X: None.

18. REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE METHOD SELECTING RAFFLE WINNERS

Exhibit Y: None.

Exhibit Z: None.

19. New Business

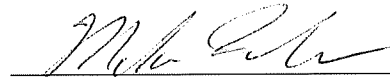
- Chair Doug Forsman appointed Al deJesus to the CRG committee to fill the vacancy.
- Forsman also stated he will be stepping down from the Rules and Legislative Committee and appointed Mike Sundin as Chair.

20. Next Meeting Announcement

Doug Forsman announced that the next board meeting will be at 10 am on Monday, July 20th, 2026, at the Gambling Control Board office.

21. Adjournment

Doug Forsman adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.



Mike Sundin, Secretary