

MINNESOTA GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2026

Chair Doug Forsman called the monthly meeting of the Minnesota Gambling Control Board to order on Monday, July 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: Doug Forsman, Kate Luthner, Jim Nardone, Mike Sundin, 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. Al deJesus seconded the motion; the motion carried.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mike Sundin moved to approve the June 15th meeting minutes. Jim Nardone seconded the motion; the motion carried.

3. Chair's Comments

Chair Doug Forsman thanked the board members and GCB staff for their hard work for items that come before the board as well as the hard work that is done behind the scenes.

4. Director's Report

- *Industry Update:* Through May, the YTD numbers for FY26 are \$4.854 billion. Up 7.82% from FY25. May 2026 gross receipts were \$461 million, which is up 10.43% over May of 2025.
- *Budget:* The GCB is 20 days into the fiscal year. This is the second year of the biennium which means that our funding level is the same as the previous year. The GCB's budget for this year is \$6.334 million, and our fiscal staff is working to close out all our remaining payments. Some payments are due in July and those will be attributed to the FY26 year. New accounts and purchase orders are open in accordance with the appropriation from the legislature.
- *Technology:* The GCB has been working on a new portal which will go live in August. The portal will allow organizations to pay their fees online and check the status of their applications should they wish to utilize the portal. More information to come as we get closer to going live.
- *Rules:* We are in the middle of a rules process as well as a public comment period that ends in August. If you would like more information on this, please go to our website under the rules section or contact Doug Lewis.

Bill English requested comment stating he conducted a survey of 130 people asking if they knew how much revenue was brought in from charitable gambling and the answers fell extremely short of the actual number. Mr. English also asked that the GCB send a quarterly newsletter. Director Wade responded and said we do send a quarterly newsletter which can be found on our website, and that the GCB does walk a very narrow line of educating the public while regulating the business but must be conscious to never promote gambling. The GCB is always open to educating organizations and individuals on charitable gambling and happy to provide data to help them determine if charitable gambling is right for them.

5. Committee Reports

Education and Outreach Committee: Met with the new communications manager and discussed making outreach a priority. Set goals and objectives.

Compliance Review Group (CRG): CRG did not meet last month.

6. Public Comment

Online: Al Roebke, Informed TV in Alexandria, shared concerns of transparency and shared apprehensions and ideas of formatting reports.

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. Al deJesus seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Exhibit B: None.

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)

Kate Luthner requested comment to share that although she lives in the town of one of the organizations listed in Exhibit I, she will vote as she has no affiliations with said org.

Chair Forsman stated that Exhibit I regarding license #00131 American Legion Post 225 was pre-approved by Director Wade, and the board is now voting to uphold the director's approval. This was an emergency approval based on delegated authority as the request pertained to AC units.

Exhibit I: Jim Nardone 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: Kate Luthner moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit K. Mike Sundin 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. Al deJesus seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Kate Luthner requested comment to share that one of these items was partially approved and partially denied.

Doug Forsman noted that a lot of the denials were due to not being received within 60 days or lack of controls. Director Wade shared that the GCB is working on a class for the fall to set expectations and ideas on how to ensure assets and products are protected.

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

12. ADA REPLACEMENT BUILDING (LG268)

Exhibit O: None.

Exhibit P: None.

13. LICENSE TERMINATION PLANS (LG204)

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

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: None.

Exhibit V: None.

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

Exhibit U2: Mike Sundin moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit U2. Kate Luthner 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

Doug Forsman announced that the next board meeting will be at 10 am on Monday, August 17th, 2026, at the Gambling Control Board office.

20. Adjournment

Doug Forsman adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Mike Sundin, Secretary