

# MINNESOTA GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

August 17, 2026

Chair Doug Forsman called the monthly meeting of the Minnesota Gambling Control Board to order on Monday, August 17, 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, Bill English (online), and Al deJesus.

Members Excused: Mike Sundin

Members Absent:

Also Present: Laura Wade, Executive Director; Elizabeth Johnston, Assistant Attorney General.

### 1. Approval of Agenda

Jim Nardone moved to approve the agenda. Kate Luthner seconded the motion; the motion carried.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

Al deJesus moved to approve the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Jim Nardone seconded the motion; the motion carried.

### 3. Chair's Comments

Chair Doug Forsman said it has been a pretty good summer, little hot. Forsman stated he can't believe the State Fair is in a couple of weeks and hopes everyone can get out and enjoy the nice weather today. The Chair thanked all those in attendance at today's meeting, specifically the board members and GCB staff.

### 4. Director's Report

Director Wade made a clarification to clear up any confusion from when Kate Luthner was referencing Taylor Warnes as the Director instead of the new Communications Manager at last months meeting. No change in director, just a new Communications Manager.

- *Industry Update:* Charitable gambling gross receipts broke the \$5 billion mark for the first time FY26 with a preliminary number of \$5.284 billion, which is up 7.62% from FY25. June gross receipts were \$428 million.
- *Technology:* Director Wade shared that the GCB is now including additional data on the website under the "Data" header called "Monthly Sales Trends". This will allow the public to view the gross receipts by the most recent 12 months as well as broken down by game type. The GCB reports only the information reported by the licensed organizations on their monthly findings, so the accuracy or completeness of the data are reflective of only what was reported.
- *Rules:* The comment period on rules closed about a week and a half ago, so the GCB is now focusing on analyzing and replying to those comments as the rules move towards being finalized. The rules process is expected to be finalized by late September, but watch the rules page on the GCB web page for updates. Director Wade thanked everyone who participated in the process. Director Wade shared that it was her first rules process and she really appreciated the conversations with the industry and interested members of the public as the GCB worked through those ideas.
- *Budget:* Nothing to report, no unexpected expenditures. The GCB is starting the process of the biennial budget request for FY28-29. Any money the GCB has for operations must be appropriated by the legislature, even if it is the same level funding, a series of documents must be provided to the legislature and Governor's Office. More updates to come as the GCB works towards the deadlines for submission.

## **5. Committee Reports**

*Education and Outreach Committee:* Kate Luthner stated she met with the new manager Taylor Warnes and is sorry she called her a director. Luthner said she is impressed at how many people watch the GCB board meeting and comment and care. Luthner said she and the other board members are basically volunteers and are appointed. Luthner said in her opinion the board is a gut check to make sure the professional staff does what we say we are going to do. As a legislative regulatory area, the board looks at the employees to ensure we are following the regulations. Luthner apologized for not having the org chart well in her mind. Kate stated the Education and Outreach Committee met and discussed bar posters and some educational items to bring out into the world. There is now a handout for bartenders to help get more information out to the public. Luthner said they also discussed paper which Kate is familiar with from her old job. Luthner said the non-for-profit meeting was great and connections were made. Kate shared that the GCB CE courses will be utilizing college campuses and are exploring future events.

Chair Doug Forsman asked if the GCB has a presence at the State Fair. Director Wade shared that the GCB is on the vendor waitlist.

*Compliance Review Group (CRG):* Al deJesus shared that 11 cases came before the CRG committee and 8 of those have completed their sanctions. One group is scheduled after today's meeting, and one is scheduled for September. No major issues to report.

## **6. Public Comment**

Online: Al Roebke, Informed TV in Alexandria

## **7. Old Business**

None.

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

Exhibit A: Jim Nardone 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)**

Exhibit I: None.

Exhibit J: None.

## **10. CONTRIBUTION OF GAMBLING FUNDS TO ANOTHER LICENSED GAMBLING ORGANIZATION (LG270)**

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

Exhibit N: Jim Nardone moved to deny the requests contained in Exhibit N. Kate Luthner 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: Al deJesus moved to approve the requests contained in Exhibit S. Kate Luthner 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 03272** *Citation appeal from West Metro Fire District Firefighters Relief out of Crystal.* Director Wade shared that when a citation appeal is received it goes to the CRG and in this case, the CRG decided to keep the recommendation for the citation and deny the appeal. Once that happens, it comes to the board for a full vote. Two citations were issued, one for \$500 and one for \$800. The violation occurred twice and the organization stated they should have only been cited once. This was a referral from the public stating a specific employee was providing insider information. Investigative staff went to monitor the situation and saw a different employee providing insider information. The Director denied the appeal, so it goes to the board for a vote. The recommendation from the CRG is to uphold the citations.

Al deJesus moved to support the CRG's recommendation of upholding the citations. Kate Luthner seconded the motion; the motion carried.

### **Nominations for Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary**

Chair Forsman opened the floor for nominations:

- Jim Nardone nominated Doug Forsman for board Chair
- Doug Forsman nominated Jim Nardone for Vice Chair
- Doug Forsman nominated Mike Sundin for Secretary

Bill English shared via online that he supports the nominations.

Chair Forsman asked the board three times if there were any additional nominations. No further nominations were stated. Elizabeth Johnston, Assistant Attorney General, shared that even though only one nomination for each position was made, a formal vote is always best. Chair Forsman stated formal voting will take place at next month's board meeting.

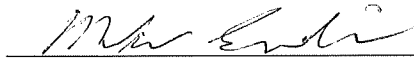
### **19. Next Meeting Announcement**

Doug Forsman announced that the next board meeting will be at 10 am on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, at the Gambling Control Board office.

Bill English asked what process is used for the committee elections. Chair Forsman said after the formal board vote, the board chair will then appoint the committee members.

### **20. Adjournment**

Doug Forsman and Bill English adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.



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Mike Sundin, Secretary