Chair Geno Fragnito called the monthly meeting of the Minnesota Gambling Control Board to order on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at the Board’s Roseville office, 1711 West County Road B, Suite 300 South, Roseville, Minnesota.

Members Present: Geno Fragnito, Jim Nardone, Norm Pint, Beth Pinkney, Jim Nardone, Janet Lorenzo. Bill English, via WebEx.

Members Excused: Vacant position.

Also Present: Laura Wade, Interim Executive Director; Gary Danger, Compliance Officer; Don Klick, Executive Assistant, Steve Pedersen, Regulation Supervisor; Chris Mau, Education Supervisor; Leah Hedman, Assistant Attorney General.

1. Approval of Agenda
   Janet Lorenzo moved to approve the agenda. Jim Nardone seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. Approval of Minutes
   Norm Pint moved to approve the December 20, 2021, meeting minutes. Jim Nardone seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. Chair’s Comments
   Chair Geno Fragnito welcomed everyone. The Governor’s Office has yet to make a determination on the hiring of a new Executive Director. They are still looking at candidates with the hopes that within the next 2 to 4 weeks they’ll have a decision. Chair Fragnito will be speaking with the Governor’s Office later in the day to get more accurate information as to when a decision will be made as to the hiring of a permanent Executive Director.

4. Director’s Report
   – Budget Report. The agency continues to be underbudget year to date. We have completed interviews for our RFP regarding the database management system and are moving into negotiations with the winning vendor. We hope to begin using the funds set aside for this project in the next 6-8 weeks.

   – Lawful Gambling Status. With FY 22 numbers reporting through November, charitable gambling is sitting at $1.7 billion in gross receipts, with $332 million for the month of November.

   – On-line and in person Training for Licensees. Nothing new to report in terms of how we offer our online and in person training for licensees. However, 6 gambling managers have been referred for citations for not meeting their CE requirement for calendar year 2021.

   – Personnel/Staff. We have 3 new regulation staff start tomorrow and we are finishing interviews today for a receptionist position which we hope to make an offer to in the next few business days. We are also working with MMB to create two new positions to further develop our Education and Information section and hope to post those in the next month. Finally, after 9 years with the agency, Adam Fussy, who currently serves as a regulation supervisor, but is perhaps better known for his managing of e-filing for the agency, will be leaving the agency. We’d like to thank him for his contributions and wish him luck.

5. Committee Reports
   None.

6. Public Comment
   None.

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. Norm Pint seconded the motion; motion carried.

   Exhibit B: None.
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
Chair Fragnito announced the next Board meeting for February 22, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at the Minnesota Gambling Control Board offices in Roseville.

20. Adjournment
Norm Pint moved to adjourn the meeting. Beth Pinkney seconded the motion; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Norman Pint, Secretary

3-10-2022