



SOUTH DAKOTA COMMISSION ON GAMING

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES

South Dakota Commission on Gaming Public Hearing on Proposed Rules and Quarterly Business Meeting

MINUTES

March 18, 2025

The quarterly business meeting was held via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. MDT. Chairman Karen Wagner, Vice Chairman Harry Christianson, Commissioner Bob Goetz, Commissioner Spencer Hawley, and Commissioner Mark Millage were present. Staff members present for the meeting were Doug Abraham, Commission Attorney; Mark Heltzel, Executive Secretary; and Brandon Snyder, Enforcement Agent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wagner at 9:00 a.m. a roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

Vice Chairman Christianson	Aye
Commissioner Goetz	Aye
Commissioner Millage	Aye
Commissioner Hawley	Aye
Chairman Wagner	Aye

Conflicts of Interest Disclosure

On a roll call no conflicts of interest were disclosed.

Vice Chairman Christianson	Nay
Commissioner Goetz	Nay
Commissioner Millage	Nay
Commissioner Hawley	Nay
Chairman Wagner	Nay

Adoption of Quarterly Business Meeting Agenda

Chairman Wagner stated there were two changes to the agenda.

- 1) On page 2 under licensing matters to change Deadwood Badlands request to 606 Main Street instead of 608 Main Street.
- 2) On page 2 remove comments by Internet Sports International (ISI) from the agenda.

Commissioner Millage made a motion to adopt the agenda with the changes. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote motion carried.

Vice Chairman Christianson	Aye
Commissioner Goetz	Aye
Commissioner Millage	Aye
Commissioner Hawley	Aye
Chairman Wagner	Aye

Mark Heltzel requested a point of personal privilege and presented Chairman Karen Wagner with a plaque as her term will end before the June meeting. Thanked her for her years of service and everything that she has done for the Commission.

Proposed Rules

A demonstration of the game variations was provided by Matt Booth, representing Light and Wonder.

ARSD 20:18:15:30.20 Game Variation Double Down Madness with side bet push 22

Prior to action, Chairman Wagner provided an opportunity for public comment and no comment was offered.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to adopt the proposed rules with LRC changes. Commissioner Goetz seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote motion carried.

Vice Chairman Christianson	Aye
Commissioner Goetz	Aye
Commissioner Millage	Aye
Commissioner Hawley	Aye
Chairman Wagner	Aye

ARSD 20:10:16:15.24 Game Variation Run'em Twice Poker with side bet Ultimate Pairs Bonus and 5 Card Bonus

Prior to action, Chairman Wagner provided an opportunity for public comment and no comment was offered.

Commissioner Millage made a motion to adopt the proposed rules with LRC changes. Vice Chairman Christianson seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote motion carried.

Vice Chairman Christianson	Aye
Commissioner Goetz	Aye
Commissioner Millage	Aye
Commissioner Hawley	Aye
Chairman Wagner	Aye

The hearing portion of the meeting was concluded at 9:23 a.m.

General Meeting

Chairman Wagner called the general meeting to order at 9:24 a.m.

December 10, 2024, Quarterly Meeting

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to adopt the minutes as drafted for the December 10, 2024, quarterly meeting. Commissioner Goetz seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote motion carried.

Vice Chairman Christianson	Aye
Commissioner Goetz	Aye
Commissioner Millage	Aye
Commissioner Hawley	Aye
Chairman Wagner	Aye

Old Business

Mark Heltzel, Executive Secretary addressed the commission on GLI standards from the December 10, 2024, meeting. Do we want to implement the standards as sections or incorporate the entire rule book as a whole and when to move forward on the process.

- GLI 13 Standards for monitoring, control system and validation system
- GLI 16 Standards for cashless wagering systems and technologies
- GLI-GSF-1 Gaming information security and control audit
- GLI-GSF-2 Gaming technical security assessment

Vice Chairman Christianson made a motion to direct staff to begin the process on adopting rules for the GLI standards as listed above. Commissioner Millage seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote motion carried.

Vice Chairman Christianson	Aye
Commissioner Goetz	Aye
Commissioner Millage	Aye
Commissioner Hawley	Aye
Chairman Wagner	Aye

Stipulation and Assurance of Voluntary Compliances

James Skalsky

A monetary penalty of \$125.00 to be paid not later than March 11, 2025, was imposed for a complaint that was filed alleging that the Defendant engaged in conduct constituting grounds for disciplinary action. On February 5, 2025, the Defendant placed into service 5 slot machines that required video surveillance coverage before Commission approval violating ARSD 20:28:29:10. An informal consultation was held, and licensee agreed to the complaint and paid the fine.

Commissioner Goetz made a motion to accept the Stipulation and Assurance of Voluntary Compliance. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote motion carried.

Vice Chairman Christianson	Aye
Commissioner Goetz	Aye
Commissioner Millage	Aye
Commissioner Hawley	Aye
Chairman Wagner	Aye

Deadwood Licensing Matters

Key License Approvals

Executive Secretary Heltzel recommended approval of the following:

- Matthew Wilson
- Brent Pritchett
- Daniel Cohen
- David Sambur
- Christina Allen
- Debra Nutton
- Maria Pinelli
- Craig Toner
- Cathy WIndau
- Ashley Hunter-Osterberg
- Germaine Garnier
- Gavin Woldt
- Francis Chesky III
- Enrico Drago
- Nicholas Khin
- Simon Zinger
- Neisha Luckman

Chairman Wagner made a motion to approve the Key licenses as staff recommended. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote motion carried.

Vice Chairman Christianson	Aye
Commissioner Goetz	Aye
Commissioner Millage	Aye
Commissioner Hawley	Aye
Chairman Wagner	Aye

2025 Key License Renewals

Executive Secretary Heltzel recommended approval of the following:

- Jesse Allen
- Ryan Comstock
- John Dominelli
- Michael Dominelli
- Chana Harjinder
- Preston Haynes
- Lori Keehn-Moore
- Harald Neumann
- William Stearns
- Jim Vinson

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to approve the Key License renewals as staff recommended. Commissioner Millage seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote motion carried.

Vice Chairman Christianson	Aye
Commissioner Goetz	Aye
Commissioner Millage	Aye
Commissioner Hawley	Aye
Chairman Wagner	Aye

Hub Key License Approval

Executive Secretary Heltzel recommended approval of the following:

- Ricky McKinney
- Timothy Stupka
- Eric Schofield
- Eric Ward

Commissioner Millage made a motion to approve the Hub Key Licenses as staff recommended. Vice Chairman Christianson seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote motion carried.

Vice Chairman Christianson	Aye
Commissioner Goetz	Aye
Commissioner Millage	Aye
Commissioner Hawley	Aye
Chairman Wagner	Aye

Business License Approvals

Executive Secretary Heltzel recommended approval of the following:

- Approval of OTB, LLC-DBA Railbirds for a Multi-Jurisdictional totalizator hub -Bond Amount

Decision on OTB, LLC-DBA Railbirds was deferred to Executive Session.

- Approval of Entain Holdings for a Sports Wagering Service Provider License

Commissioner Goetz made a motion to approve the Business License as staff recommended. Commission Millage seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote motion carried.

Vice Chairman Christianson	Aye
Commissioner Goetz	Aye
Commissioner Millage	Aye
Commissioner Hawley	Aye
Chairman Wagner	Aye

- Approval to transfer Retail license 12134-RT for Deadwood Badlands from 614 Main Street to 606 Main Street.

Commissioner Millage made a motion to approve the Business license transfer as staff recommended. Vice Chairman Christianson seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote motion carried.

Vice Chairman Christianson	Aye
Commissioner Goetz	Aye
Commissioner Millage	Aye
Commissioner Hawley	Aye
Chairman Wagner	Aye

Exclusion List

Executive Secretary Heltzel recommended removal from the exclusion list for the following individuals as they have passed away:

- Mark Haddad
- Kandy Karuschak

Vice Chairman Christianson made a motion to remove the individuals from the exclusion list. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote motion carried.

Vice Chairman Christianson	Aye
Commissioner Goetz	Aye
Commissioner Millage	Aye
Commissioner Hawley	Aye
Chairman Wagner	Aye

Comments by Deadwood Gaming Association Executive Director George Milos

Mr. Milos stated that they appreciated that the commission was going forward on the cashless wagering rules, the bill for sports wagering statewide on the ballot was pulled but will be discussed with the industry this summer, and thanked Chairman Wagner for her years of service with the Commission.

Next Quarterly Commission Meeting

The next quarterly commission meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2025.

Public Comment

Shane Kramme with the Verendrye Benevolent Association stated that bill 1057 passed for the racing fund transfer so will be preparing for the upcoming race meet that has been approved for October 4th and 5th and will have a proposal ready for the June meeting. Thanked Chairman Wagner for her years of service.

Executive Session

Chairman Wagner made a motion to go into Executive Session. Vice Chairman Christianson seconded the motion.

At 10:01 a.m. the Commissioners went into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.

The Executive Session was concluded at 10:29 a.m. with the following action taken.

Decision OTB-DBA Railbirds

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to approve the OTB-DBA Railbirds for a multi-jurisdictional hub license with a bond amount of one million dollars to be reviewed in a year. Commissioner Millage seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote motion carried.

Vice Chairman Christianson	Aye
Commissioner Goetz	Aye
Commissioner Millage	Aye
Commissioner Hawley	Aye
Chairman Wagner	Aye

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss Chairman Wagner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote motion carried.

Vice Chairman Christianson	Aye
Commissioner Goetz	Aye
Commissioner Millage	Aye
Commissioner Hawley	Aye
Chairman Wagner	Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Beringer

Karen Wagner, Madam Chairman

Mark Heltzel, Executive Secretary