



SOUTH DAKOTA COMMISSION ON GAMING

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES

South Dakota Commission on Gaming Quarterly Business Meeting City Hall, Deadwood, South Dakota

MINUTES

March 30, 2026

At 9:00 a.m. the meeting was called to order. Chairman Harry Christianson, Vice Chairman Spencer Hawley, Commissioner Bob Goetz, and Commissioner Daryl Christiansen were present. Commissioner Mark Millage participated in the meeting via Zoom. Staff members present at the meeting were Doug Abraham, Commission Attorney; Mark Heltzel, Executive Secretary; and Brandon Snyder, Enforcement Agent.

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

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

Approval of Quarterly Business Meeting Agenda

Chairman Christianson stated to remove pages 5-13H from the meeting agenda. Vice Chairman Hawley made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with the removal of the pages noted. Commissioner Goetz seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

December 16, 2025, Quarterly Meeting

Commissioner Goetz made a motion to adopt the minutes as drafted for the December 16, 2025, quarterly meeting. Commissioner Christiansen seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Conflicts of Interest Disclosure

On a roll call no conflicts of interest were disclosed.

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

Stipulation and Assurance of Voluntary Compliances

Randy Olson

A monetary penalty of \$150.00 to be paid not later than March 2, 2026, was imposed for a complaint that was filed alleging that the Defendant engaged in conduct constituting grounds for disciplinary action. The Defendant was employed as a gaming employee without having an active gaming license and this is in violation of SDCL 42-7B-27. An informal consultation was held, and licensee agreed to the complaint and paid the fine.

SGMSD, LLC

A monetary penalty of \$500.00 to be paid not later than March 2, 2026, was imposed for a complaint that was filed alleging that the Defendant engaged in conduct constituting grounds for disciplinary action. The Defendant, a retail licensee, employed a gaming employee without having an active gaming license and this is in violation of SDCL 42-7B-27. An informal consultation was held, and licensee agreed to the complaint and paid the fine.

Commissioner Millage made a motion to accept the Stipulation and Assurance of Voluntary Compliance for Randy Olson and SGMSD, LLC. Commissioner Christiansen seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Comments by Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary, Mark Heltzel, commented on the following items that were related to the 2026 Legislative Session:

- Senate Bill 102 passed which changes the distribution formula for the City of Deadwood, State general fund, municipalities, and school district and will go into effect July 1, 2026.
- House Bill 1058 passed which now will allow online parimutuel wagering and will go into effect July 1, 2026.
- Senate Bill 46, 47, and 48 all pertained to open meeting law requirements in which the commission already meets the requirements.

Deadwood Licensing Matters

Key License Approvals

Executive Secretary Heltzel recommended approval of the following:

- Helen Ashton
- Tijana Harper
- Jaqueline Huiner
- Constance Purcell James
- Daniel Feltz
- Stephen Morro
- Christine Tierney
- Leah Rauchwater

Vice Chairman Hawley made a motion to approve the Key licenses as staff recommended. Commissioner Goetz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

2026 Key License Renewals

Executive Secretary Heltzel recommended approval of the following:

- Brenda Alexander
- Rosa Gonzalez-Costa
- Hector Fernandez
- Jim Vinson

Commissioner Goetz made a motion to approve the Key License renewals as staff recommended. Commissioner Christiansen seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Comments by Shane Kramme, VBA

Shane Kramme, representing the Verendrye Benevolent Association and the SD Horsemen Association, requested the date of October 3, 2026, running seven races, and October 4, 2026, as an alternative day, for the 2026 live racing season. He stated that he did some research and there are currently nine providers that operate in South Dakota illegally and with the passing of House Bill 1058 this will allow the commission to license those providers.

Live Horse Racing

Commissioner Christiansen made a motion to approve October 3, 2026, live horse racing date and October 4, 2026, as an alternative day for the 2026 live horse racing season. Vice Chairman Hawley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Next Quarterly Commission Meeting

The next quarterly commission meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2026.

Public Comment

There was no participation for the comment period of the meeting.

Overview of the last three fiscal years of gaming taxes remitted

This was for information purposes only, so no action was taken.

Executive Session

Vice Chairman Hawley made a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Goetz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

At 9:40 a.m. the Commissioners went into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 42-7B-8.1 and ARSD 20:18:08.01:02.

The Executive Session concluded at 10:25 a.m. with no action taken.

Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed Commissioner Christiansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Hawley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Beringer

Harry Christianson, Chairman

Mark Heltzel, Executive Secretary