



**SOUTH DAKOTA COMMISSION ON GAMING**

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**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

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

**MINUTES**

September 12, 2024

At 9:30 a.m. the meeting was called to order. Chairman Karen Wagner, Vice Chairman Harry Christianson, Commissioner Spencer Hawley, Commissioner Bob Goetz, and Commissioner Mark Millage were present. Staff members present for the meeting were Doug Abraham, Commission Attorney; Mark Heltzel, Interim Executive Secretary; and Brandon Snyder; Enforcement Agent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wagner at 9:30 a.m. and a quorum was present.

On a roll call all Commissioners were 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**

Commissioner Goetz made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Commissioner Millage seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

## **General Meeting**

Chairman Wagner called the general meeting to order.

### **June 25, 2024, Quarterly Meeting**

### **July 1, 2024, Special Meeting**

Vice Chairman Christianson made a motion to adopt the minutes as drafted for the June 25, 2024, quarterly meeting and the July 1, 2024, special meeting with two changes to the July 1, 2024, meeting minutes under the public comment section on page 11 of the meeting packet. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

## **Old Business**

There was no old business to be discussed at the meeting.

## **Comments by Chairman Karen Wagner**

Chairman Wagner had a plaque to present to Susan Christian for her years of service with the gaming commission. Susan was unable to attend the meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

## **Comments by Department of Revenue Secretary Michael Houdyshell**

- Thanked Susan Christian for her years of service with the gaming commission and with the leadership team at Department of Revenue.
- In June appointed Jason Evans as the new Deputy Secretary for the Department of Revenue.
- The new upgrade for the motor vehicle administration system will be implemented in Feb 2025.
- The department's focus now is working on bills for the 2025 Legislative Session.

## **Comments by Interim Executive Secretary Mark Heltzel**

- September is responsible gaming education month, and we had a campaign slogan added to the gaming commission website.
- The live horse races will be held in Ft Pierre on October 5<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup> and will be setting up an office to do licenses starting October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Thanked the industry for working with us over the last few months while our office has been short staffed, and we appreciate your patience.
- Introduced Bob Greco the new sports wagering analyst and have hired an IT Auditor that will be starting the end of the month.
- The City of Deadwood might have a small office space available so will be checking into that with the city.

## **New Business:**

Discuss GLI 16 Standards for cashless wagering.

Discuss GLI 13 standards for monitoring control systems and validation systems.

Discuss GLI-GSF-1 v1.0 gaming information security and control audit.

Commissioners recommended that staff needs to begin the process of working on the rules for GLI 16 Standards for cashless wagering and have them completed by the end of first quarter of 2025.

## **Deadwood Licensing Matters**

### **Key License Approvals**

Deputy Executive Secretary Heltzel recommended approval of the following:

- Philip Lee
- Kent McLaughlin
- Tiehui Qiu
- Tarah Myran
- Ricky Sandler
- Satvinder Bhens
- Nathan Paerels
- Heidi Komes
- Richard Knief
- Christopher Jackson
- Amanda Brown

Commissioner Millage made a motion to approve the Key license approvals as staff recommended. Commissioner Goetz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

### **Comments by DGA Executive Director George Milos**

George Milos, Executive Director of the Deadwood Gaming Association addressed the commission and stated that Deadwood has had a very strong summer, the DGA had a meeting and voted to officially oppose IM28, and next week at the City of Deadwood commission meeting the mayor will be naming November 1, 2024, as Mike Rodman Day.

### **Public Comment**

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

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next commission meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2024.

### **Executive Session**

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

At 10:05 a.m. the Commissioners went into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.

The Executive Session was concluded at 10:27 a.m. with no action taken.

**Closed Session**

Commissioners will be conducting Executive Secretary interviews at the SDCG office in Spearfish, and this will be a closed session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Beringer

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Karen Wagner, Madam Chairman

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Mark Heltzel, Interim Executive Secretary