



SOUTH DAKOTA COMMISSION ON GAMING

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

MINUTES

September 22, 2026

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

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

On a roll call all Commissioners were present.

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

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 Christensen	Nay
Chairman Christianson	Nay

Adoption of Quarterly Business Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Christensen made motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Millage seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Administrative Hearings

Melva Clifford was not present for the hearing.

Commissioner Christensen made a motion to continue the hearing to a later date. Commissioner Millage seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Rules Hearing

ARSD 20:18:15:30 Variation of play for 21+3

The opportunity for public comment was offered and no member of the public testified in regard to the proposed changes.

Vice Chairman Hawley made a motion to approve the rules as drafted with LRC recommendations. Commissioner Goetz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

General Meeting

Chairman Christianson called the general meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

June 23, 2026, Quarterly Meeting

Commissioner Christiansen made a motion to adopt the minutes as drafted for the June 23, 2026, quarterly meeting. Commissioner Goetz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Doug Abraham, legal counsel, gave a review of the South Dakota Open Meeting Laws with the Commissioners as required by SDCL 1-25-13.

Public Comment

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

Deadwood Licensing Matters

Key License Approvals

Deputy Executive Secretary Heltzel recommended approval of the following:

- Kjerulf Hastings
- Bernd Oswald
- Diallo Gordon

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

Business License Approval

- Approval of April Gustafson for a property owner license
- Approval of Michael Gustafson, Jr. for a property owner license

Commissioner Christiansen made a motion to approve the Business license approval as staff recommended. Commissioner Goetz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- Approval of SCA Entertainment, LP dba SCA Gaming for temporary associated equipment license

Vice Chairman Hawley made a motion to approve a temporary associated equipment license for SCA Entertainment until the full background is completed. Commissioner Goetz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Commissioner Millage made a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

At 9:25 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 9:53 a.m. with no action taken.

Date of Next Meeting

Commissioner Goetz made a motion to approve the next commission meeting for December 15, 2026. Commissioner Millage seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Beringer

Harry Christianson, Chairman

Mark Heltzel, Executive Secretary