

**FINAL MINUTES**

Charitable Gaming Board  
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)  
Electronic Meeting via WebEx  
Monday, March 22, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Charles Lessin called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Lessin asked Mr. Michael Menefee to call the roll.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Charles Lessin, Chair  
Ms. Lasonja Black  
Mr. Mark Cooper  
Mr. Clay Dawson  
The Honorable William Feasenmyer  
Mr. James Lewis  
Ms. Lea Roberts  
Ms. Amy Solares  
The Honorable Ryant Washington

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ms. Tanya Conrad, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Samuel Kaufman

**VDACS STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Larry Nichols, Director, Division of Consumer Protection  
Mr. Kevin Schmidt, Director, Office of Policy, Planning and Research  
Mr. Joel Maddux, Deputy Director, Division of Consumer Protection  
Mr. Michael Menefee, Program Manager, Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs  
Ms. Erin Williams, Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Policy, Planning and Research

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Justin Bell, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Mr. Menefee informed Mr. Lessin that a quorum was present.

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

Mr. Lessin stated that he appreciates members’ patience with him over these last several months as he catches up on charitable gaming and Board matters after he was impacted by COVID-19 himself. With no further remarks, Mr. Lessin moved onto the next item on the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Lessin informed members that the Board will vote on each of the draft minutes from the previous meetings separately.

Mr. Lessin asked members to review the draft minutes of the December 18, 2020, Board meeting after which, he asked for a motion to approve them. Ms. Amy Solares motioned approval of the draft minutes as presented. The Honorable Ryant Washington seconded the motion and Mr. Lessin asked Mr. Menefee to call the roll in order to record each member’s vote.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote on the Motion</b>
Lessin	Aye
Black	Not Voting
Cooper	Aye
Dawson	Aye
Feasenmyer	Aye
Lewis	Not Voting
Roberts	Aye
Solares	Aye
Washington	Aye

Mr. Menefee informed Mr. Lessin that the vote for the motion to approve the draft minutes was seven ayes and two members not voting. Mr. Lessin announced to the members that the motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Lessin asked members to review the draft minutes of the December 31, 2020, Board meeting after which, he asked for a motion to approve them. Ms. Solares motioned approval of the draft minutes as presented. Hon. Washington seconded the motion and Mr. Lessin asked Mr. Menefee to call the roll in order to record each member’s vote.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote on the Motion</b>
Lessin	Aye
Black	Aye
Cooper	Aye
Dawson	Aye
Feasenmyer	Aye
Lewis	Not Voting
Roberts	Aye
Solares	Aye
Washington	Aye

Mr. Menefee informed Mr. Lessin that the vote for the motion to approve the draft minutes was eight ayes and one member not voting. Mr. Lessin announced to the members that the motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Lessin asked members to review the draft minutes of the January 19, 2021, Board meeting after which, he asked for a motion to approve them. Ms. Solares motioned approval of the draft minutes as presented. The Honorable Bill Feasenmyer seconded the motion and Mr. Lessin asked Mr. Menefee to call the roll in order to record each member's vote.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote on the Motion</b>
Lessin	Aye
Black	Aye
Cooper	Aye
Dawson	Aye
Feasenmyer	Aye
Lewis	Not Voting
Roberts	Aye
Solares	Aye
Washington	Aye

Mr. Menefee informed Mr. Lessin that the vote for the motion to approve the draft minutes was eight ayes and one member not voting. Mr. Lessin announced to the members that the motion passed and the minutes were approved.

**REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Lessin asked members whether they had any reports for the Board. With no remarks from members, Mr. Lessin moved onto Old Business.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Lessin asked staff to provide an update to the Board on the Texas Hold'em poker tournament regulations and as such, Mr. Larry Nichols informed members that the final regulations were transmitted to the Registrar of Regulations on March 19, 2021, and according to the Registrar, the regulations will become effective on March 23, 2021. Mr. Nichols further explained to the Board on the action taken by the agency's Division of Consumer Protection related to the final regulations. The Division transmitted the final regulations to the agency's Office of Policy, Planning and Research, which prepared the final regulations for transmission to the Registrar. At which point, Mr. Kevin Schmidt explained the action taken his office on the final regulations. Mr. Lessin had several questions for Mr. Schmidt, who provided a response to each of them.

Mr. Lessin asked staff to provide to the Board an update on legislation, which was considered by the General Assembly. Mr. Menefee informed members that he provided an overall update to members earlier on all action taken by the General Assembly as it related to charitable gaming. Mr. Menefee briefly explained Senate Bill 1127, Senate Bill 1287, House Bill 1843 and House Bill 1943 to members. Mr. Lessin had several questions for Mr. Menefee, who provided a response to each of them.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Lessin asked whether anyone from the public had any comments for the Board. Mr. Chris Petersen, who represents the Virginia Charitable Gaming Council provided an update to members on House Bill 2168.

With no further comments from the public, Mr. Lessin discussed with members on scheduling the next Board meeting. Mr. Lessin asked Mr. Justin Bell a question related to meeting in-person or meeting electronically/virtually, who provided a response to him. With no further business, Mr. Lessin informed members that it will meet electronically/virtually on June 15, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. The Board adjourned at approximately 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Menefee  
Program Manager  
Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs