

VIRGINIA LOTTERY
Gaming Compliance Committee
February 5, 2025

The Virginia Lottery Board Gaming Compliance Committee met on February 5, 2025, at 9 a.m. at Lottery Headquarters in Richmond, Va.

Members Present: Jonathan Comer, Chairman
 Ferhan Hamid, Board Chairman
 Scott Price
 Adam Tolbert

Staff Present: Khalid Jones, Executive Director
 Amy Dilworth, General Counsel
 Deborah Courtney, Deputy Executive Director of Finance and
 Administration
 Ray Dunkle, Deputy Executive Director of Gaming Compliance
 Tony Russell, Deputy Executive Director of ITS and Operations
 Robert Fontaine, Deputy General Counsel for Gaming
 Jo Murphy, Executive Assistant

Mr. Comer, chairman, presided, and Jo Murphy was the recording secretary.

Call to Order

Mr. Comer, chairman, called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present.

Minutes

On motion duly made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Hamid, the committee recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the Gaming Compliance Committee meeting held on December 20, 2024, as presented.

Casino Update

Mr. Dunkle said that a preliminary licensing meeting was recently held with the Petersburg group. He also said that the Norfolk licensing process is moving along well. Mr. Price said that he was shocked that the Norfolk groundbreaking took place on the same day as the October 30, 2024, Board meeting and that the Board members were unable to attend.

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Legislative Update

Mr. Jones said that there are more than a dozen bills that relate to the Lottery before the 2025 General Assembly session. He provided an overview of the following bills that pertained to gaming compliance: HB1799, HB2171, HB2232, HB2498, HB2747, SB1280, SB1287, SB1322, SB1323, SB827, SB862 and SB982.

Regarding the discussion about SB1280 (posting of problem gambling helpline information), Mr. Hamid suggested that Carolyn Hawley, Director of the Virginia Partnership for Gaming and Health, attend a future Board meeting and make a presentation on problem gambling and the Virginia Problem Gambling Helpline. Mr. Jones provided a brief overview of the Lottery's problem gambling and responsible gaming efforts. He said that the Lottery also is a member of the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Advisory Committee and he, Mr. Dunkle and Ms. Mullen attend the quarterly meetings. Ms. Dilworth suggested that we provide the Board members with the minutes of the meetings. Lastly, Mr. Jones provided an overview of two budget bills: HB1600 and SB800.

Regarding the skill game bill discussion, Mr. Hamid asked Mr. Comer if Kevin Johnson from the Virginia State Police could be invited to the next Gaming Compliance Committee meeting or the next full Board meeting. Mr. Hamid said that Mr. Johnson's previous presentation was helpful. Mr. Comer agreed.

Public Comment

None.

Closed Meeting

Mr. Tolbert made the following motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hamid.

In accordance with the provisions of Virginia Code section 2.2-3711.A.17, I move that the Committee convene a closed meeting for the purpose of discussion, consideration or review of:

- investigations of sports betting and casino licensees and permittees.

Reconvened Meeting

Following its closed meeting, the committee reconvened in open session. Mr. Hamid read the following certification for the closed meeting:

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WHEREAS, the Virginia Lottery Gaming Compliance Committee has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Committee that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Virginia Lottery Gaming Compliance Committee certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee.

By roll call, all members in the room voted in the affirmative that the certification was accurate as read.

Next Meeting

Mr. Comer said that discussion about the next meeting date can take place at the Operations Committee meeting scheduled for later today (February 5, 2025).

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Khalid R. Jones, Secretary

Jonathan Comer, Chairman