

VIRGINIA LOTTERY
Operations Committee
February 5, 2025

The Virginia Lottery Board Operations Committee met on February 5, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at Lottery Headquarters in Richmond, Va.

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

Staff Present: Khalid Jones, Executive Director
 Amy Dilworth, General Counsel
 Deborah Courtney, Deputy Executive Director of Finance and
 Administration
 Tony Russell, Deputy Executive Director of ITS and Operations
 Christina Whitney, Internal Audit Manager
 Jo Murphy, Executive Assistant

Ferhan Hamid, Board chairman, presided over the meeting, and Jo Murphy was the recording secretary.

Call To Order

Mr. Hamid called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present.

Minutes

On motion duly made by Mr. Comer and seconded by Ms. Williams, the committee recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the Operations Committee meeting held on December 20, 2024, as presented.

Internal Audit Charter Revisions

Ms. Whitney, Internal Audit Manager, presented a draft of the Virginia Lottery Internal Audit Charter. She said that the revisions to the charter stem from the revised internal audit standards and changes in the Board configuration. She provided an overview of each section of the charter.

Mr. Hamid asked whether the standards are mandated by Virginia or considered best practices. Ms. Whitney noted that, though these are regarded as best practices that govern Internal Audit shops, we are required to comply with the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Standards for IT-security audits to ensure compliance with Commonwealth of Virginia IT Security Standards.

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Mr. Hamid stated that he has not reviewed the draft of the Virginia Lottery Internal Audit Charter, which was emailed to the committee members on February 4, 2025. Mr. Jones and Ms. Whitney noted that the Operations Committee was not required to reach a decision regarding the draft during the current meeting. Mr. Hamid recommended that the committee members take time to review the document and revisit this issue at the April 9, 2025, Board meeting.

Legislative Update

Mr. Jones provided an overview of HB1799 that relates to the disclosure of the identity of winners. He also reviewed budget bill SB800, which pertains to skill games, in detail. Lastly, Mr. Jones provided an update on HB2498 and SB1287. Both bills relate to the establishment of a Virginia Gaming Commission.

Public Comment

None.

Next meeting

Mr. Hamid tasked Mr. Tolbert with selecting the next meeting date. Mr. Hamid asked about the possibility of holding the April 9, 2025, Board meeting in Bristol, Va. Mr. Jones said that, from an operational perspective, he has concerns about staff being out of town with the first drawing of the new Mega Millions game taking place on April 8, 2025. Mr. Hamid acknowledged this concern. He and Mr. Jones will discuss this further and at a later date.

Adjournment

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

Khalid R. Jones, Secretary

Ferhan Hamid, Board Chairman