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Gambling Control Board
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COMMISSIONER

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CHAIRMAN
MILTON CHAMPION
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Gambling Control Board
Minutes of April 21, 2026, Board Meeting at 9:00AM
Held in person at 45 Commerce Dr Augusta, ME 04330 & online via Zoom application.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Steven Silver, Board Chair
Noel March, Board Member
Kelly Mackusick, Board Member
D'arcy Main-Boyington, Board Member
Joseph Hanslip (Absent)

STAFF PRESENT

Milton Champion, Executive Director
Matthew Motti, Deputy Director
Mallory Reilly, Office Specialist
Amanda Spencer, Auditor
Reid Hayton-Hull, Assistant Attorney General

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Steven Silver called the meeting to order at 9:08 am.

2. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

February 10th, 2026 Meeting Minute Approval –

A roll call vote was conducted to approve the minutes of February 10th, 2025, Board Meeting.

<i>Board Members</i>	<i>Votes</i>
<i>Steven Silver (chair)</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>D'arcy Main- Boyington</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Noel March</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Kelly Mackusick</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Joseph Hanslip</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>4 in Favor, the motion passed</i>	

3. OPERATIONS REPORT – Deputy Director Matthew Motti

In February there were 7 shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. In March 2026 there were 8. There were 58 work orders completed in February 2026 and 35 in March 2026 which ranged from new game installs, removals, changing of themes, options and communication issues.

There were **42** entries in the inspector pass down log in February 2026, and **81** in March 2026, to share information not only from within the facility but also between the facilities.

In February 2026, there were 1 formal complaint, and in March 2026 there were 4 with status updates reported on the complaint dashboard.

7 Consent agreements are being completed by the Assistant Attorney Generals, of which some were combined with others for a total of 13.

7 are under review by the investigative committee,

2 are being responded to by facilities.

There was **one** patron complaint in February 2026.

Self-exclusions in December and January were **31** February and March there were **34**.

Total

January 2026 **484**.

March 2026 **518**

Oxford PD reported **32** calls in February and March 2026, some of which were:

Arrests	3	Illegal Activities	4
Customer Concerns	2	Risk Management Activities	3
Medical	7	Suspicious Activities	7
Possible Intoxications	3	Suspicious Activities	7
Undesirable Contact	1	Potential Driving Under the influence	3

February 2026 **136,797**

March 2026 **143,616**

Bangor PD reported **32** calls in February 2026 and March 2026, some of which were:

Under the Influence	5	Removal from Property	3
Informational	4	Theft	2
Open Line 911	6	Disorderly	1
PD Crash	1	Miscellaneous	10

Bangor's Attendance

February 2026: **50,431**

March 2026 : **61,396**

Lori Manson from ADEPT gave the following information regarding calls to 211 for February and March 2026:

Helpline Data	Totals		Totals
Total Helpline Calls	190	25-34 (new age range 7/1/25)	0
Calls entered into client database system	121	35-44 (new age range 7/1/25)	6
Problem Gambling Intakes	32	45-54 (new age range 7/1/25)	7
Calls from problem gamblers	30	55-64 (new age range 7/1/25)	6
Calls from others	2	65+ (new age range 7/1/25)	3
Gambler is male	29	Age Unknown	2
Gambler is female	2	0-17 (new age range 7/1/25)	1
Military/Veteran	2	18-24 (new age range 7/1/25)	7
Casino	16	Lottery	2
Sports betting	2	Online gambling	2
Others	7		

Board Member March asked what an example of "risk management" issue might be. Director Champion indicated that they will follow up Oxford Casino to provide that information.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT – February and March 2026 – Alex Joutov

Tax Revenue collected from both Casinos to the State of Maine increased by 12.24% (or, by \$588,349) in February 2026 and decreased by 1 % (or, by \$60,369) in March 2026 compared to the same months in 2025.

Total Tax Revenue collected from both casinos so far during 2026 was \$16,612,155, which is an increase of 3.10% (or \$500,016) compared to the prior year.

Specifically, by Casino —

Oxford casino reported a total net win from Slot machines of 7.58% and a total win from Table Games of 18.55% for Feb 2026; and a total net win from Slot machines of 7.55% and a total win from Table Games of 23.60% for March 2026.

Hollywood casino reported a total net win from Slot machines of 8.38% and a total win from Table Games of 17.00% for Feb 2026; and a total net win from Slot machines of 8.53% and a total win from Table Games of 24.47% for March 2026.

[Missing ADW report]

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Legislature update: Governor Mills signed LD 2007 An Act Regarding the Prohibition of Online Sweepstakes and LD 2080 An Act to Protect Consumers by Prohibiting the Use of Credit Cards in Sports Wagering and Internet Gaming, becoming effective around July 15th.

Four casino inspectors attended the 2026 GLI Round Table in Las Vegas from the 14th to the 17th. Their report will be placed in the drop box this morning for future review that included discussions on AI and cashless systems in gaming, predictions, problem gambling, regulator roles and a lab tour. Inspector Daigle was video interviewed about the event afterwards for future publication.

Four staff members will be joining Director Champion to attend this year's North American Gaming Regulator Association Conference in Sarasota, Florida June 1 to the 5th.

Director Champion will be attending the I-Gaming IQ training held in Lakewood NJ by GLI at their NJ headquarters the week of June 16th. Therefore, Deputy Director Motti will be filling in at the June 16th Board meeting.

6.) LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

A.) Jackpot Digital – Table Games Distributor – Renewal

Board Member Noel March moved to approve Jackpot Digital Distributor License Renewal for Table Games distribution. Board Member D'arcy Main-Boyington seconded the motion. Moved to roll call vote.

<i>Board Members</i>	<i>Votes</i>
<i>Steven Silver (chair)</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>D'arcy Main- Boyington</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Noel March</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Kelly Mackusick</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Joseph Hanslip</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>4 in Favor; the motion passed</i>	

B.) Konami Gaming Inc. – Slot Machine Distributor – Renewal

Board Member D'arcy Main-Boyington moved to approve Konami Gaming Inc. renewal license as a slot machine distributor. Board Member Noel March seconded the motion. Moved to roll call vote.

C.) Oxford Casino – Operator License – Renewal

<i>Board Members</i>	<i>Votes</i>
<i>Steven Silver (chair)</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>D'arcy Main- Boyington</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Noel March</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Kelly Mackusick</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Joseph Hanslip</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>4 in Favor, the motion passed</i>	

Board Member Kelly Mackusick moved to approve Oxford Casino renewal license as a casino operator. Board Member D'arcy Main- Boyington seconded the motion. Moved to roll call vote.

<i>Board Members</i>	<i>Votes</i>
<i>Steven Silver (chair)</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>D'arcy Main- Boyington</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Noel March</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Kelly Mackusick</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Joseph Hanslip</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>4 in Favor, the motion passed</i>	

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A.) National VSE (Voluntary Self Exclusion) program – Update: Director Champion reminded the Board of on its position following the previous discussion in October. At that time, the Board deferred the matter to the Maine CDC. Marlene Warner, CEO of the Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health, and Jonathan Aiwanian, CEO of idPair, returned to provide updates, expressing hope to launch the program in Maine and eventually expand it nationwide. Board Chair Steven Silver asked whether individuals who are already on existing exclusion lists would be notified about the new program and whether they would have the ability to self-exclude in other states or areas, such as Sports betting and iGaming. Board Member D'arcy Main-Boyington also raised concerns about the complexity of being removed from the list. Mr. Aiwanian explained that individuals seeking removal from multiple state lists would need to contact each state individually. The National VSE will collaborate with Lori Manson at ADEPT and finalize the program's implementation details.

Director Champion expressed concerns about the various exclusion lists currently maintained by the Unit and the potential administrative burden of yet another list. Inspectors would need to review three separate databases individually for compliance. He recommended that if Maine moves forward with the program, the state should add its universal exclusion list to the existing National VSE list. This approach would allow compliance to be maintained through only two systems instead of three. However, legislative and/or rulemaking changes may be required to fully implement the program in Maine. Board Chair Silver inquired about data protection, and Mr. Aiwanian stated that the data is not shared with any third parties.

8. New Business

A.) Waiver Request for Slot Machines not Meeting GAT Requirements

Director Champion explained that the casinos made a waiver request to allow them additional time to comply with the newly-updated slot machine rules in alignment with GAT requirements. The Board engaged in discussion regarding concerns that certain slot machines may be unable to meet these requirements, due in some cases to software limitations and in others to the age of the machines. Mark Guastella, Kevin Blake, and Jason Gittle provided some context for the waiver request on behalf of Hollywood Casino; and Matthew Gallagher, Erik Franzen and Ty Adams did the same for Oxford Casino.

Board Chair Steve Silver expressed frustration with the licensees' lack of progress, particularly in light of the fact that the GAT rule changes were made at their request, and suggested a six-month grace period during which operators may work with manufacturers to bring any non-compliant machines into compliance. Following this period, any machine that remains non-compliant must receive another waiver; otherwise, penalties will be enforced for failure to meet GAT requirements.

Board Chair Steven Silver moved to approve the six-month waiver period and to require a list of non-compliant machines in need of a further waiver at the October board meeting. Board Member D'arcy Main-Boyington seconded the motion.

Board Members	Votes
Steven Silver (chair)	Yea
D'arcy Main-Boyington	Yea
Noel March	Yea
Kelly Mackusick	Yea
Joseph Hanslip	Absent
4 in Favor, the motion passed	

B.) (1) Internal Control Change Approval Request – Hollywood Casino

Board Member Noel March moved to approve the March 10th 2026 request. Board Member D'arcy Main-Boyington seconded the motion.

Board Members	Votes
Steven Silver (chair)	Yea
D'arcy Main-Boyington	Yea
Noel March	Yea
Kelly Mackusick	Yea
Joseph Hanslip	Absent
4 in Favor, the motion passed	

(2) Internal Control Change Approval Request – Hollywood Casino

Board Member D'arcy Main-Boyington moved to approve Internal Control Change for April 8th 2026. The motion was seconded by Board Member Kelly Mackusick.

Board Members	Votes
Steven Silver (chair)	Yea
D'arcy Main-Boyington	Yea
Noel March	Yea
Kelly Mackusick	Yea
Joseph Hanslip	Absent
4 in Favor, the motion passed	

C. Internal Control Change Approval Request – Oxford Casino

Board Member D'arcy Main-Boyington moved to approve Internal Control Change for April 14th 2026. The motion was seconded by Board Member Kelly Mackusick.

Board Members	Votes
Steven Silver (chair)	Yea
D'arcy Main-Boyington	Yea
Noel March	Yea
Kelly Mackusick	Yea
Joseph Hanslip	Absent
4 in Favor, the motion passed	

D.) Table Game Request- Oxford Casino

Table Shift Manager Megan Biter introduced the Obsidian Roulette electronic table game, which Oxford intends to introduce to its gaming floor. representatives from Light and Wonder, Dominic Sila and Daniel Ambrose, , explained the product for the Board.

Board Member Noel March moved to approve the table game request for Oxford Casino. Board Member Kelly Mackusick seconded the motion.

Board Members	Votes
Steven Silver (chair)	Yea
D'arcy Main-Boyington	Yea
Noel March	Yea
Kelly Mackusick	Yea
Joseph Hanslip	Absent
4 in Favor, the motion passed	

E.) Consent Agreement- GCB-2024-92

Board Member Kelly Mackusick. moved to accept the Consent Agreement to be dated as of April 21, 2026. The motion was seconded by Board Member D'arcy Main-Boyington.

Board Members	Votes
Steven Silver (chair)	Yea
D'arcy Main- Boyington	Yea
Noel March	Yea
Kelly Mackusick	Yea
Joseph Hanslip	Absent
4 in Favor, the motion passed	

F.) Consent Agreement- GCB-2025-129, 2025-130, and 2025-133

Board Member Noel March moved to accept the Consent Agreement to be dated as of April 21, 2026. The motion was seconded by Board Member Kelly Mackusick.

Board Members	Votes
Steven Silver (chair)	Yea
D'arcy Main- Boyington	Yea
Noel March	Yea
Kelly Mackusick	Yea
Joseph Hanslip	Absent
4 in Favor, the motion passed	

G.) Request for removal from self-exclusion list submitted by Patron A

Board Member D'arcy Main-Boyington. moved to approve Patron A's request for removal from the self-exclusion list. Board member Kelly Mackusick seconded the Motion.

Board Members	Votes
Steven Silver (chair)	Yea
D'arcy Main- Boyington	Yea
Noel March	Yea
Kelly Mackusick	Yea
Joseph Hanslip	Absent
4 in Favor, the motion passed	

H.) Adjudicatory Hearing request- The Board and Director Champion discussed proposed dates for a hearing on an appeal of a licensing application denial.

I.) Approval of the Multi-Jurisdictional Personal History Disclosure Form and Supplemental for casino and ADW key executives, officers, directors, partners, shareholders, creditors, associates or owners of any legal or beneficial interest in a person or business or who has the power to exercise considerable influence over significant decisions concerning the applicant's or licensee's business applying for a license- TABLED

9. Board Business:

Litigation News- Board member Steven Silver spoke on a few items non board related to the gaming world.

10. Public Comment: None

11. Next Meeting – June 16, 2026 – Hollywood Casino, 500 Main St. Bangor, ME 04401

12. Adjournment

Board Member Kelly Mackusick moved to adjourn the Gambling Control Board meeting. Board Member D'arcey Main- Boyington seconded. Moved to roll call vote.

Board Members	Votes
Steven Silver (chair)	Yea
D'arcy Main- Boyington	Yea
Noel March	Yea
Kelly Mackusick	Yea
Joseph Hanslip	Absent
4 in Favor, the motion passed	

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Michelle Hebert Administrative Assistant

Board approved: 6/16/26