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Gambling Control Board
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Gambling Control Board
Minutes of August 19, 2025, Board Meeting
Held in person at 45 Commerce Dr & online via Zoom application.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Steven Silver, Board Chair
Noel March, Board Member
Kelly Bickmore, Board Member
D'arcy Main-Boyington, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT

Milton Champion, Executive Director
Matthew Motti, Deputy Director
Ryleigh Brown, Administrative Assistant
Mallory Reilly, Office Specialist
Alex Joutov, Auditor
Amanda Spencer, Auditor
Philip Mantis, Assistant Attorney General

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Steven Silver called the meeting to order at 9:11 am in person & via Zoom application online.

2. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

June 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes Approval –

Board Member D'arcy Main-Boyington moved to approve the June 17, 2025, meeting minutes. Board member Kelly Bickmore seconded the motion. Moved to roll call vote.

Members

<i>Noel March</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Steven Silver</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Kelly Bickmore</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>D'arcy Main-Boyington</i>	<i>Yea</i>

4 In favor, the motion passed.

3. OPERATIONS REPORT – Deputy Director Matthew Motti

Operations – In June there were (5) shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. In July there were (18).

There were (67) work orders completed in June and (119) in July which ranged from new game installs, removals, changing themes, options and communications issues.

There were (52) entries in the inspector pass on log in June and (57) in July to share information not only from within the facility but also between the facilities.

In June there were (5) formal complaints and in July there were (5) with status updates reported in the complaint dashboard;

(15) Consent agreements are being completed by the Assistant Attorney Generals,

(4) Letters of Guidance issued,

(6) Dismissed for insufficient gravity to warrant a formal violation, and

(4) are being responded to by the facilities.

There were (2) patron complaints.

There were 34 self-exclusions in April and May;

(24) - 1yr, (2) -3yr, (3) – 5 yr and (5) - Lifetime.

Total as of July 2025; (106) -1yr, (40) - 3yr, (68) - 5yr and (274) - lifetime.

Lori Manson from AdCare gave the following information regarding calls to 211 for June and July 2025:

Problem Gambling Calls	21
Male	11
Female	9
Veteran	0
Under 19	1
20-24	0
25-34	2
25-44	3
35-44	2
45-54	2
45-64	1
55-64	2
65+	1
65-74	1
75 +	0
Age Unknown	9
Casino related	5
Lottery	1
Sports Wagering	2
Online Gambling	6
Other	6

Oxford PD reported (21) calls in June and July. Some of which were:

1 Arrest

5 Medical

4 Suspicious activities

2 Possible intoxications
5 Potential driving under the influence
4 Undesirable conduct

Bangor PD reported (42) calls in June and July. Some of which were:

4 Under Influence
4 Welfare checks
2 Fraud
5 Informational
1 Medical
1 Burglary
4 Open line 911
3 Escorted off property
4 Animal issues
5 Auto accidents

4. FINANCIAL REPORT – June 2025 and July 2025 – Alex Joutov

Tax Revenue collected from both Casinos to the State of Maine decreased by 3.1% (or, by \$182,895) in June 2025 and increased by 1.66 (or, by \$101,778) in July 2025 compared to the same months in 2024.

Total Tax Revenue collected from both casinos so far during 2025 was \$40,147,664, which is an increase of 1.43% (or \$565,608) compared to the prior year.

Specifically, by Casino —

Oxford casino reported a total net win of 7.23% from Slot machines and 21.80% from Table Games for June 2025. They reported a total net win of 7.58% from Slot machines and 26.65% from Table Games for July 2025.

Hollywood casino reported a total net win of 8.70% from Slot machines and 27.11% from Table Games for June 2025. They reported a total net win from Slot machines of 8.47% and 23.64% from Table Games for July 2025.

In the area of Advance Deposit Wagering –

Revenue increased by 106% (or \$18,085) in June 2025 and increased by 48% (or \$9,356) in July 2025 compared to the same time last year.

Total Tax Revenue collected from out of state and in-state races so far this year was \$181,461, which is an increase of 41% (or \$52,694) from the same time last year.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Champion began his report by introducing the new Administrative Assistant Ryleigh Brown. He reported that after 30 years of service Det. Donnie Armstrong will retire, and the position will not be replaced.

The director reported that the rulemaking update includes the Certified Laboratory rulemaking, currently under legal review and due October 17th. With approval today, chapter 13's legal review will be due 120 days from the date it is forwarded to the Attorney Generals office.

Pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 1003 (**Powers and duties of board**), and 8 M.R.S. § 1005 (**Powers and duties of department**) the Director will initiate a competitive bidding process for the completion of background checks related to business organizations and their key executives, directors, officers, partners, shareholders, creditors, owners and associates for licensure which may include a mini bid of pre-qualified vendors. Currently there are two pre-qualified vendors; GLI Gaming Laboratory International and GIS Gaming Integrity Services, GIS is currently under contract to review business entity backgrounds for fantasy and sports wagering.

In an effort to allocate more training to unit staff as well as casino inspectors, Director Champion has arranged for GLI to provide training here in Maine rather than send staff to Las Vegas for the annual training course.

6. LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW –

a.) Interblock USA LLC. – Table Games Distributor – Renewal

Board Member Kelly Bickmore moved to approve Interblock USA LLC's license renewal as a Table Games Distributor. Board Member D'arcy Main-Boyington seconded the motion. Moved to roll call vote.

Members

Noel March	Yea
Steven Silver	Abstained
Kelly Bickmore	Yea
D'arcy Main-Boyington	Yea

3 In favor, 1 abstention, the motion passed.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

a) Rule Comment Review Chapter 13

Board Member Noel March moved to adopt the basis statement as amended. Board Member D'arcy Main-Boyington seconded the motion. Moved to roll call vote.

Members

Noel March	Yea
Steven Silver	Yea
Kelly Bickmore	Yea
D'arcy Main-Boyington	Yea

4 In favor, the motion passed.

2nd Motion – Board Member Kelly Bickmore moved to adopt the published rules as amended in the basis statement. Board Member Noel March seconded the motion. Moved to roll call vote.

Members

Noel March	Yea
Steven Silver	Yea
Kelly Bickmore	Yea
D'arcy Main-Boyington	Yea

4 In favor, the motion passed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Patron A – Request for removal from self-exclusion

The patron's requests for removal lacked a detailed explanation as required by rule. The request was verbally tabled without a motion.

b) Patron B – Request for removal from self-exclusion

Board Member Kelly Bickmore moved to approve the request for Patron B to be removed from the self-exclusion list. Board Member D'arcy Main-Boyington seconded the motion. Moved to roll call vote.

Members

Noel March **Yea**

Steven Silver **Yea**

Kelly Bickmore **Yea**

D'arcy Main-Boyington **Yea**

4 in favor, the motion passed. +

c) Oxford Casino – Fast Track universal player cards

Matt Gallagher – General Manager of Oxford Casino, presented the board with information about the new Fast Track players card that would be used at all Churchill Downs properties. There was board discussion, but the board concluded that a vote was not needed. There was also a request made to have the language changed in chapter 14 rule.

9. BOARD BUSINESS –

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS –

11. Next Meeting – October 21, 2025 @ 9:00am – Gambling Control Unit office in Augusta.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Noel March moved to adjourn the Gambling Control Board meeting. Board Member Kelly Bickmore seconded the motion. Moved to the roll call.

Members

Noel March **Yea**

Steven Silver **Yea**

Kelly Bickmore **Yea**

D'arcy Main-Boyington **Yea**

4 In favor, the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ryleigh Brown

Administrative Assistant

Board approved: 10/28/2025