

# STATE OF MAINE Department of Public Safety Gambling Control Board

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Gambling Control Board
Minutes of June 17, 2025, Board Meeting
Held in person at Hollywood Casino & 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 Det. Don Armstrong, MSP (Virtual) Mallory Reilly, Office Specialist Alex Joutov, Auditor Amanda Spencer, Auditor

Philip Mantis, Assistant Attorney General Reid Hayton-Hull, Assistant Attorney General

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Steven Silver called the meeting to order at 9:07 am in person & via Zoom application online.

#### 2. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

# April 15, 2025, Meeting Minutes Approval -

Board Member Kelly Bickmore moved to approve the April 15, 2025, meeting minutes. 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.

# 3. OPERATIONS REPORT – Deputy Director Matthew Motti

Operations – In April there were (15) Shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. In May there were (11).

There were (92) work orders completed in April and (94) in May which ranged from new game installs, removals, changing themes, options and communications issues.

There were (79) entries in the inspector pass on log in April and (66) in May to share information not only from within the facility but also between the facilities.

In April there were (6) formal complaints and in May there were (5) with status updates reported in the complaint dashboard;

- (6) Consent agreements are being completed by the Assistant Attorney Generals,
- (1) is under review by the complaint committee,
- (10) are under review by the investigative committee, and
- (4) are being responded to by the facilities.

There were (2) patron complaints.

There were 27 self-exclusions in April and May;

(16) - 1yr,

(3) - 3yr,

(2) - 5 yr

and

(6) - Lifetime.

Total as of May 2025; (98) -1yr, (41) - 3yr, (65) - 5yr and (269) - lifetime. Lori Manson from AdCare gave the following information regarding calls to 211 for April and May 2025:

	Feb/Mar	Apr/May
Problem Gambling Calls	23	23
Male	14	12
Female	10	15
Veteran	2	0
Under 19	0	0
20-24	1	0
25-44	11	5
45-64	8	7
65-74	1	2
75 +	0	0
Age Unknown	6	5
Casino related	11	4
Lottery	0	5
Sports Wagering	2	1
Online Gambling	11	3
Other	6	6

Oxford PD reported (31) calls in April and May. Some of which were:

- 0 Arrest
- 1 potential illegal activity
- 2 Risk Management
- 14 Medical
- 1 Suspicious activity
- 4 Possible intoxication
- 3 Potential driving under the influence
- 2 Undesirable conduct

Bangor PD reported (40) calls in April and May. Some of which were:

- 8 Under Influence
- 2 Theft
- 3 Welfare checks
- 3 Fraud
- 1 Disorderly
- 1 Medical
- 1 Burglary
- 6 Open line 911
- 5 Escorted off property

# 4. FINANCIAL REPORT - April 2025 and May 2025 - Amanda Spencer

Tax Revenue collected from both Casinos to the State of Maine increased by 7.91% (or, by \$427,765) in April 2025 and increased by 8.72% (or, by \$501,429) in May 2025 compared to the same months in 2024.

Total Tax Revenue collected from both casinos so far during 2025 was \$28,199,523, which is an increase of 2.35% (or \$646,725) compared to the prior year.

## Specifically, by Casino —

Oxford casino reported a total net win of 7.95% from Slot machines and 20.79% from Table Games for April 2025. They reported a total net win of 7.78% from Slot machines and 27.07% from Table Games for May 2025.

Hollywood casino reported a total net win of 8.21% from Slot machines and 22.86% from Table Games for April 2025. They reported a total net win from Slot machines of 8.04% and 23.52% from Table Games for May 2025.

#### In the area of Advance Deposit Wagering –

Revenue increased by 7.6% (or \$1,298) in April 2025 and the addition of 2 new Operators (Churchill Downs and XpressBet) caused revenue to increase by 152.1% (or \$35,324) in May 2025 compared to the same months last year.

Total Tax Revenue collected from out of state and in-state races so far this year was \$117,276, which is an increase of 27.4% (or \$25,253) from the same time last year.

#### Oxford

Observed the following during 2025 that would cause Oxford Casino revenue changes compared to the same time period in 2024: an 85.7% increase in slot machine Jackpot payouts over \$25,000 during January through May 2025 compared to the same time period in 2024

#### Hollywood

Observed nothing significant during 2025 that would cause Hollywood Casino revenue changes compared to the same time period in 2024.

## **5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Director Champion gave an update to the legislative session, the Unit had 14 bills working through this Legislative Session; (1) involving Fantasy, (1) involving re-evaluating the cascade through a work force committee, (6) related to charitable gaming, (2) related to sports wagering, (1) related to i-gaming, (1) related to rulemaking, (1) related to property tax relief thorough gambling and (1) adding two tribes to Hollywood cascade. As of this date 3 have become law; (1) Fantasy and (2) charitable gaming.

The Inspector Supervisor position has become open, and the Unit is in the process of re-directing that position in Augusta to oversee the many internet activities involved in advance deposit wagering, fantasy contests, sports wagering and even charitable gaming.

The Unit put out a press release on Monday June 9th regarding illegal gambling sites, which are increasingly being advertised in the State. Some other states have addressed this issue by issuing cease and desist letters. In contrast, the press release was intended to encourage our citizens and visitors to Maine to avoid these websites and to put them on notice that activity is not regulated by the State, that most of the operators are in other states or even other countries, and it is very hard to keep track without the ability to even monitor the activity.

All areas of the Unit's combined oversight had revenue increases versus May 2024:

Casino 8.72% ADW 152.1% Sports Wagering 56.53% Charitable Gaming 21.75%

Fantasy Contest Reported annually with estimates of increases versus 2024

## 6. LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW –

## a.) AGS LLC - Table Games Distributor - Renewal

Board Member Noel March moved to approve AGS 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 Yea
Kelly Bickmore Yea
D'arcy Main-Boyington Yea

4 In favor, the motion passed.

## b.) US Playing Card Company – Table Games Distributor - Renewal

Board Member D'arcy Main-Boyington moved to approve US Playing Card Company's license renewal as a Table Games Distributor. Board member Kelly Bickmore 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.) Galaxy Gaming Inc. – Table Games Distributor - Renewal

Board Member D'arcy Main-Boyington moved to approve Galaxy Gaming Inc.'s license renewal as a Table Games Distributor. Board member Kelly Bickmore 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.

### d.) LNW Gaming Inc. - Table Games Distributor - Renewal

Board Member Noel March moved to approve LNW Gaming Inc.'s license renewal as a Table Games Distributor. Board Member Kelly Bickmore 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.

## e.) JCM Global – Gambling Services Vendor - Renewal

Board Member D'arcy Main-Boyington moved to approve JCM Global's license renewal as a Gambling Services Vendor. 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.

## f.) eBet Technologies Inc. - Gambling Services Vendor - Renewal

Board Member D'arcy Main-Boyington moved to approve Konami Gaming, Inc.'s Slot Distributor License Renewal Application. 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.

## 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

## a) Rule Comment Review Chapter 19-A

Board Member Noel March moved to adopt the rules subject to the changes and the basis statement. There was no second made. 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) Hollywood Casino's Proposed Changes to Internal Controls
  - i. Proposed changes to IC made to reflect the change to a Facility Based Monitoring System Board Chair Steven Silver moved to approve Hollywood Casino's proposed changes to its IC made to reflect the change to a Facility Based Monitoring System. Board member D'arcy Main-Boyington seconded the motion. Moved to roll call vote.

#### Members

Noel March Yea Steven Silver Yea Yea Kelly Bickmore D'arcy Main-Boyington Yea 4 In favor, the motion passed.

Proposed changes to the organizational chart provisions of the IC Board Member Noel March moved to approve Hollywood Casino's proposed changes to the organizational chart provisions of its Internal Controls. Board member D'arcy Main-Boyington seconded the motion. Moved to roll call vote.

#### Members

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Noel March Yea Steven Silver Yea Kelly Bickmore Yea D'arcy Main-Boyington Yea 4 In favor, the motion passed.

> b) Oxford Casino's proposed changes to its Internal Controls made to reflect the change to a Facility **Based Monitoring System**

> Board Member D'arcy Main-Boyington moved to approve Oxford Casino's proposed changes to its Internal Controls. 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.

c) Interblock – Review of their Automated Electronic Table Games (AETGs) and request to treat AETGs as Slot Machines rather than Table Games (placement within the casino, payment structure and W-2G tax reporting)

Blaz Umyk – Interblock's SVP of Product and Regulatory Compliance, presented to the Board a set of slides to demonstrate how their AETGs work. Interblock requested that its AETGs be treated as Slot Machines rather than Table Games Specifically, Interblock requested approval to put AETGs on the slot floor of a casino operator, to allow the Casino operator to apply slot machine fee structure, authorize the use of W-2G tax reporting rules for AETGs.

Hollywood Casino also spoke in favor of treating AETGs as Slot Machines. Finally, Interblock asked for clarification about whether each chair located at the AETG counts as a separate machine and requires a separate license.

There was Board discussion, and ultimately it was determined that as the rules and definitions currently stand, AETGs must be treated as table games and not slot machines. Therefore, until there is a statutory change, Interblock's request is denied.

#### 9. BOARD BUSINESS -

Board Chair Steven Silver reminded Director Champion of the Board's request for new iPads. Director Champion informed the Board that iPpads are being used less and laptops issued by the State may be the right move.

Board Chair Silver reminded the Unit staff and public that most Board members are currently working on expired terms.

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS –**

Hollywood Casino presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 to Adcare as a donation.

11. Next Meeting – August 19, 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 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mallory Reilly

Office Specialist I

Board approved: 8/19/2025