

STATE OF MAINE Department of Public Safety

Gambling Control Board

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Gambling Control Board
Minutes of October 28, 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 Joseph Hanslip, Board Member (Virtual)

STAFF PRESENT

Milton Champion, Executive Director Matthew Motti, Deputy Director Ryleigh Brown, Administrative Assistant Mallory Reilly, Office Specialist Amanda Spencer, Auditor

Philip Mantis, 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

August 19, 2025, Meeting Minutes Approval -

Board Member Kelly Bickmore moved to approve the August 19, 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 August there were (5) Shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. In September there were (5).

There were (125) work orders completed in August and (82) in September which ranged from new game installs, removals, changing themes, options and communications issues.

There were (64) entries in the inspector pass on log in August and (50) in September to share information not only from within the facility but also between the facilities.

In August there was (1) formal complaints and in September there were (5) with status updates reported in the complaint dashboard.

- (15) Consent agreements are being completed by the Assistant Attorneys General,
- (4) Under review by the investigative committee,
- (3) Dismissed for insufficient gravity to warrant a formal violation, and
- (3) are being responded to by the facilities.

There was (1) patron complaint.

Self-exclusions in June and July:

(24) - 1yr,

(2) -3yr,

(3) - 5 yr,

(5) – Lifetime

34

Self-exclusions in August and September:

(**18**) - 1yr,

(3) -3yr,

(3) - 5 yr,

(5) - Lifetime

29

Total as of July 2025:

(**106**) -1yr,

(**40**) - 3yr,

(**68**) - 5yr

(**274**) – Lifetime

Total as of September 2025:

(109) -1 yr,

(**41**) - 3yr,

(70) - 5yr,

(278) - Lifetime.

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

Helpline Data	Aug-25	Sep-25	Totals
Total Helpline Calls	77	75	152
Calls entered into client database system	48	46	94
Problem Gambling Intakes	13	6	19
Calls from problem gamblers	12	3	15
Calls from others	1	3	4
Gambler is male	7	1	8
Gambler is female	3	4	7
Military/Veteran	0	0	0
18-24 (new age range 7/1/25)	2	1	3
25-34 (new age range 7/1/25)	0	0	0
35-44 (new age range 7/1/25)	4	1	5
45-54 (new age range 7/1/25)	1	0	1
55-64 (new age range 7/1/25)	0	3	3

65+ (new age range 7/1/25)	2	0	2
Age Unknown	4	1	5
Casino	1	2	3
Lottery	1	1	2
Sports betting	1	1	2
Online gambling	3	1	4
Other	2	1	3

Oxford PD reported (28) calls in August and September 2025. Some of which were:

- 1 Arrest
- 4 Illegal activity
- 9 Medical
- 4 Suspicious activities
- 1 Possible intoxication
- 5 Potential driving under the influence
- 1 Undesirable conduct

Bangor PD reported (38) calls in August and September 2025. Some of which were:

- 4 Under Influence
- 4 Welfare checks
- 1 Fraud
- 1 Informational
- 5 PD Crash
- 4 Open line 911
- 9 Escorted off property
- 2 Animal issues
- 2 Lost or found property
- 6 Miscellaneous

4. FINANCIAL REPORT – April 2025 and May 2025 – Amanda Spencer

Tax Revenue collected from both Casinos to the State of Maine increased by 11.23% (or, by \$658,000) in August 2025 and increased by 6.75% (or, by \$377,000) in September 2025 compared to the same months in 2024.

Total Tax Revenue collected from both casinos so far during 2025 was \$52,600,000, which is an increase of 3.14% (or \$1,600,000) compared to the prior year.

Specifically, by Casino —

Oxford casino reported a total net win of 7.61% from Slot machines and 18.79% from Table Games for August 2025. They reported a total net win of 7.95% from Slot machines and 23.97% from Table Games for September 2025.

Hollywood casino reported a total net win of 8.29% from Slot machines and 22.87% from Table Games for August 2025. They reported a total net win from Slot machines of 8.69% and 25.14% from Table Games for September 2025.

In the area of Advance Deposit Wagering –

Revenue increased by 77.9% (or \$16,000) in August 2025 and the addition of 2 new Operators (Churchill Downs and Xpress Bet) caused revenue to increase by 60% (or \$9,000) in September 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 \$243,000, which is an increase of 47.4% (or \$78,000) from the same time last year.

Casino – Overall Changes

A 6.4% increase in Jackpot payouts over \$25,000 during January through September 2025 compared to the same time period in 2024 may have contributed to the less than expected increase in <u>combined</u> Casino revenue compared to the same time period in 2024.

Oxford

Oxford experienced a 4.9% decrease in Jackpot payouts over \$25,000 during January through September 2025 compared to the same time period in 2024

Hollywood

Hollywood experienced a 24.9% increase in Jackpot payouts over \$25,000 during January through September 2025 compared to the same time period in 2024, which may have contributed to the less than expected increase in Hollywood Casino revenue compared to the same time period in 2024.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Champion began his report by giving a rulemaking update which included Chapter 13 being adopted effective October 4, 2025, and advised rulemaking is now underway for Advanced Deposit Wagering, Fantasy and Sports Wagering under Chapter 13 guidance. As well as Chapter 19-A being Published for Adoption October 29, 2025.

The Director made the board aware of six consent agreements needing review at the December Board meeting with 9 being worked out. He also reported increases in revenue for Casino and ADW activity but also in sports wagering which year to date is up 14%.

6. LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW –

a.) Gaming Partners International - Table Games Distributor - Initial License

Board Member Noel March moved to approve Gaming Partners International Initial License as a Table Games Distributor. Board Member D'arcy Main-Boyington seconded the motion. Moved to roll call vote.

Members

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

b.) Aristocrat – Table Games Distributor - Renewal

Board Member Kelly Bickmore moved to approve Aristocrats 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
Joseph Hanslip Yea

5 In favor, the motion passed.

c.) AGS - Table Games Distributor - Renewal

Board Member D'arcy Main-Boyington moved to approve AGS license renewal as a Table Games Distributor. 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
Joseph Hanslip Yea

5 In favor, the motion passed.

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

Board Member Kelly Bickmore moved to approve LNW Gaming Inc.'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
Joseph Hanslip Yea

5 In favor, the motion passed.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Resolution 17- Contract Delegation

A request was made for Resolution 17, which gives limited delegation authority to the Director to enter in contracts. There was Board discussion which ultimately moved to roll call vote.

Members

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

5 in favor, the motion passed.

b) Patron A – Request for removal from self-exclusion – Tabled from August Board Member Noel March moved to approve the request for Patron A 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) 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
Joseph Hanslip Yea

5 In favor, the motion passed.

d) Patron C – Request for removal from self-exclusion

Board Member D'arcy Main-Boyington moved to approve the request for Patron C to be removed from the self-exclusion list. 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
Joseph Hanslip Yea

5 In favor, the motion passed.

e) Patron D – Request for removal from self-exclusion

Board Member Noel March moved to approve the request for Patron D to be removed from the self-exclusion list. 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

Joseph Hanslip

5 In favor, the motion passed.

f) National Voluntary Self-Exclusion Program – Presentation

Yea

NVSEP representatives went in front of the board to discuss the National Voluntary self-exclusion program. There was Board discussion but ultimately NVSEP reps decided it would be best to have more conversations and come back at a later time.

g) Discussion on Igaming Bill in next session-

Chair Silver requested both Casino Operators to bring forth written materials to understand the impact of the Igaming Bill. Both Casino Operators did so, however the Discussion was ultimately tabled.

9. BOARD BUSINESS -

Board Members Noel March and D'arcy Main-Boyington attended the GLI Training- Slots 101 hosted by the Gambling Control Unit.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS -

Lori Manson introduced James Syphax as the new problem gambling prevention services coordinator.

11. Next Meeting – December 18, 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
Joseph Hanslip Yea

5 In favor, the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ryleigh Brown

Administrative Assistant

Board approved: