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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Gambling Control Board  
Minutes of May 21, 2019 Board Meeting  
Held in the Gambling Control Conference Room at 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, ME

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Tim Doyle called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Timothy Doyle, Board Chair  
Barbara Dresser  
Alfred Skolfield

Robert Harmon  
Greg McNeal

**STAFF PRESENT**

Milton Champion, Executive Director  
Don Armstrong, State Police Detective  
Vicki Gardner, Inspector Supervisor  
Mallory Reilly, Office Assistant II  
Katie Boynton, Office Specialist I

Ron Guay, Assistant Attorney General  
Katie Johnson, Assistant Attorney General  
Janet Joyeux, Assistant to the Commissioner  
Michael Sauschuck, Commissioner

**MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

**April 2019 Meeting Minutes**

*Mr. Alfred Skolfield moves to approve the April 2019 minutes. The motion is seconded by Ms. Barbara Dresser. The motion carries unanimously.*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Milton Champion provides his report to the Board. In March 2019, there were 11 shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. On-site inspectors completed 648 observations and 31 checklists. Five minor violations are being monitored from the activity log. There have been no patron complaints and one disposition of a formal report was sent for members to review per statute. There were 13 self-exclusions.

For the month of April 2019, the Unit has identified an increase of 3.9% in total tax revenue for both facilities over April 2018. Year-to-date, there has been an identified increase of 1.1% versus last year at the same time. Oxford reported an 8.7% win for the month of April from slots and a 22.6% win from table games. Oxford's payback percentage for April was 91.3%, with an average gross win per machine of \$230.12. Hollywood reported 11.1% average win for the month of April from slots and 26.9% win from table games. Hollywood's payback percentage for April was 88.9% with an average gross win per machine of \$155.92.

This session there were 21 bills regarding some type of gambling activity. Ten bills regarded non-profit charitable gaming by eligible organizations. Eight bills left committee as "Ought not to Pass", which included six sports wagering bills. Two bills regarding tribal slot machines and table games have been tabled. Yesterday, the committee held a work session on LD 553 regarding sports wagering. Due to unconfirmed speculation of an advance deposit wagering bill being presented, in lieu of an RFP, the RFP is on hold until the end of session, which should be within the next two weeks. If nothing is presented we will submit the RFP for publication. The Board agreed to allow the Executive Director to publish the RFP as quickly as possible.

Mr. Robert Harmon questioned who tracks all the Department wide legislative bills. Commissioner Sauschuck let the Board know that the in-house attorney for the State Police, Chris Pare, handles all bill tracking. The Commissioner also let the Board know that he's requesting confirmations from the Governor's Office to fill the vacant Board seats.

### **STATE POLICE REPORT**

Detective Don Armstrong provides his report to the Board. Last month 27 new licenses and 51 renewal licenses were investigated. There are 39 licenses pending processing and investigation. There were four thefts and all funds have been recovered. There was a \$100 bill recovered which was counterfeit and turned over to the Secret Service; there are no suspects. Both Oxford and Bangor Police Departments have received 18 calls for service to the facilities.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Advance Deposit Wagering Educational Letter**

Director Champion asked the Board for approval to issue the letter written by Assistant Attorney General Ron Guay. AAG Guay reminded the Board that the letter is education in nature and not a cease and desist letter. There has been no investigation to determine guilt and it's unlikely the Board would issue a cease and desist letter as it's a criminal issue for the Department of Public Safety to determine enforcement action. Mr. Robert Harmon asked how many letters would be sent out, to which the Executive Director stated that Oregon has a list and a letter would be sent to any business that accepts Advanced Deposit Wagering. AAG Guay said that Oregon issues a multi-jurisdiction license with a list of business entities in Maine. There will likely be 20 letters sent.

*Mr. Robert Harmon moves to authorize Executive Director to mail an educational letter to known business entities which do Advance Deposit Wagering, and to have the letter placed on the website. The motion is seconded by Ms. Barbara Dresser. The motion carries unanimously.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Rules Repeal**

Executive Director Champion presented a package of rules revision which remove outdated language from the minimum internal controls section of the rules. Language removed includes references to coin, tokens, hoppers and slot booths. The facilities operate with “Ticket In Ticket Out” not coin. There was an occasional grammatical change, but the majority of the updates were striking the out of date terminology. The rule changes are Routine Technical and don’t require a public hearing. Chairman Timothy Doyle asks the Board to consider authorizing the Executive Director to follow the Administrative Procedures Act and proceed with rulemaking by posting the Rules for a public comment period.

*Mr. Robert Harmon moves to approve posting the rules revision for public comment. The motion is seconded by Ms. Barbara Dresser. The motion carries unanimously.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There is no public comment.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Ms. Barbara Dresser moves to adjourn. The motion is seconded by Mr. Alfred Skolfield. The motion carries unanimously.*

The meeting adjourns at 9:38 AM. The next Board meeting will be held on June 18, 2019.

*Respectfully submitted by:*

*Katie Boynton  
Office Specialist I*

*Board approved: July 16, 2019*