

FINAL MINUTES

Charitable Gaming Board – Use of Proceeds Workgroup
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)
Varina Library
Meeting Room
1875 New Market Road
Henrico, Virginia
Tuesday, January 7, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Samuel Kaufman called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Kaufman asked Mr. Michael Menefee to call the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Samuel Kaufman, Chair
The Honorable William Feasenmyer
Ms. Amy Solares
Mr. Charles Lessin, Ex Officio

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Tanya Conrad

VDACS STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Michael Menefee, Program Manager, Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs

Mr. Menefee informed Mr. Kaufman that a quorum was present.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Kaufman welcomed members and the public to the meeting of the Use of Proceeds Workgroup.

REPORT FROM WORKGROUP MEMBERS

Mr. Kaufman asked whether a member had any report for the workgroup. With no remarks from any of the members, Mr. Kaufman moved onto old business.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kaufman asked whether a member had any old business for the workgroup. With no old business from any of the members, Mr. Kaufman moved onto new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kaufman asked whether a member had any new business for the workgroup. Mr. Lessin informed members that he wishes to remove all of the restrictions that prevent charitable gaming organizations from competing with other forms of gaming authorized in the Commonwealth. Ms. Solares stated that she agreed in principle to the statement made by Mr. Lessin. Mr. Lessin further stated that he supports setting a different use of proceeds requirement on the gross receipts generated from the sales of bingo and the gross receipts generated from the sales of electronic pull-tabs in order to encourage organizations to use electronic pull-tabs during their bingo session. As such, Mr. Lessin encouraged the workgroup to consider recommending to the Board to make a public statement that the Board would not revoke or suspend a charitable gaming permit on the basis that it did not meet the use of proceeds requirement since amending the regulations could take a considerable amount of time to do so. Mr. Kaufman expressed concerns with making a public statement and Mr. Menefee advised the workgroup that it might wish to speak with the Office of the Attorney General on the legal ramifications on such a statement before doing so. Mr. Kaufman stated the workgroup would recommend starting the administrative process to amend the regulations to change the use of proceeds requirement. With no new business from any of the members, Mr. Kaufman moved onto public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

With no comments from the public and there being no further business, the workgroup adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Menefee
Program Manager
Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs