

FINAL MINUTES

Charitable Gaming Board
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)
Patrick Henry Building
East Reading Room (Room 1035)
1111 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
Wednesday, April 2, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable Dirksen Compton called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m. The Hon. Dirksen Compton asked Mr. Michael Menefee to call the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The Honorable Dirksen Compton, Chair
Ms. Joanne Smith, Vice-Chair
Mr. Mark Biladeau
The Honorable Tyrone Foster
Mr. Michael Kimlick
Mr. Anthony Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Anthony Amos
Ms. Rebecca Johnson
Ms. Bonnie Whitlock

VDACS STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Larry Nichols, Director, Division of Consumer Protection
Mr. Michael Menefee, Program Manager, Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Justin Bell, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Mr. Menefee informed the Hon. Dirksen Compton that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Hon. Dirksen Compton asked members to review the draft minutes of the December 18, 2024 Board meeting, after which he asked for a motion to approve them. The Hon. Tyrone Foster motioned approval of the draft minutes as presented. Mr. Michael Kimlick seconded the motion, and it passed by a unanimous vote.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The Hon. Dirksen Compton asked the members whether they had any reports for the Board. Ms. Joanne Smith encouraged VDACS to lower the use of proceeds percentage requirement for electronic gaming/pull-tab devices from 20% to 10% of the adjusted gross receipts, as organizations using such devices are struggling to meet the current requirement. Mr. Kimlick reported that organizations are requesting further assistance from VDACS to understand the Charitable Gaming Regulations. Mr. Mark Biladeau reported that his employer assisted organizations with improving their understanding of the Charitable Gaming Regulations and that there is a need for further training. With no further remarks from members, the Hon. Dirksen Compton informed members that there were no further reports before the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

The Hon. Dirksen Compton asked members whether there was any old business that needed to be discussed by the Board. With no further comments from members on any old business, the Hon. Dirksen Compton moved on to the next item on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on the 2025 Virginia General Assembly Session

The Hon. Dirksen Compton asked Mr. Menefee for an update on the 2025 Virginia General Assembly session. Mr. Menefee updated the Board on each of the legislative bills related to charitable gaming introduced during the session. These legislative bills along with their patron and outcome comprise the following:

Legislative Bill Number	Patron	Outcome
Senate Bill 863	Reeves	Stricken from Docket
Senate Bill 1241	Durant	Left in Committee
Senate Bill 1280	Ebbin	Enacted – Chapter 336 of the Acts of Assembly
Senate Bill 1287	Reeves	Left in Committee
House Bill 1920	Ward	Enacted – Chapter 49 of the Acts of Assembly
House Bill 2078	Thomas	Left in Committee
House Bill 2167	Krizek	Left in Committee
House Bill 2493	Krizek	Enacted – Chapter 664 of Acts of Assembly
House Bill 2498	Krizek	Left in Committee
House Bill 2634	Wilt	Left in Committee
House Bill 2651	Jones	Left in Committee

Update on the Revisions to the Charitable Gaming Regulations

The Hon. Dirksen Compton asked Mr. Menefee for an update on the revisions to the Charitable Gaming Regulations. Mr. Menefee informed the Board that VDACS completed the required Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) and the agency is waiting for approval from the Governor's Office to file it with the Registrar of Regulations. Once the NOIRA is filed with the Registrar, VDACS will begin the process to revise the regulations.

Review of Proposed Charitable Gaming Training Topics

The Hon. Dirksen Compton asked members whether they had any suggested training topics for VDACS to consider as it assists organizations with improving their understanding of the Charitable Gaming Regulations. Ms. Smith, Mr. Biladeau, and Mr. Kimlick offered several suggestions for training topics.

Review of the Licensing Activity Data

The Hon. Dirksen Compton asked Mr. Menefee to present information on the licensing activities for the previous calendar year. Mr. Menefee informed the Board that during the 2024 calendar year, VDACS processed 1,440 licensing requests, of which the following were the five most frequent:

Type of Licensing Requests	Number of Licensing Requests	Overall Percentage	Average Number of Calendar Days to Process
Renewal Permit Applications	342	24%	31 days
Permit Amendments	330	23%	10 days
Report of Charitable Gaming Activity Cancellations	278	19%	4 days
Gaming Personnel Updates	140	10%	5 days
Charitable Gaming Registration Applications	118	8%	6 days

Review of the Board's Virtual Meeting Policy

The Hon. Dirksen Compton asked the Board to renew its virtual meeting policy, and he asked for a motion to approve it. Ms. Smith motioned to approve the Board's virtual meeting policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kimlick and it passed by a unanimous vote. The Hon. Dirksen Compton moved on to the next agenda item.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The Hon. Dirksen Compton asked members about their availability to attend the next Board meeting and after much discussion, the Board scheduled its next meeting for Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., which will be held virtually.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Hon. Dirksen Compton asked for public comments and there were none.

With no public comment, Ms. Smith motioned for the Board to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Kimlick and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Menefee
Program Manager
Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs