

VIRGINIA LOTTERY  
Gaming Compliance Committee  
June 18, 2024

The Virginia Lottery Gaming Compliance Committee met on June 18, 2024, at 9 a.m. at Lottery Headquarters in Richmond, Va.

Members Present:           Orrin Gallop, Chairman  
                                  Jonathan Comer  
                                  Adam Tolbert  
                                  Ferhan Hamid, Board Chairman

Absent:                       Scott Price

Staff Present:               Khalid Jones, Executive Director  
                                  Amy Dilworth, General Counsel  
                                  Deborah Courtney, Deputy Executive Director of Finance and  
  Administration  
                                  Tony Russell, Deputy Executive Director of ITS and Operations  
                                  Gina Smith, Deputy Executive Director of Gaming Compliance  
                                  Ray Dunkle, Director of Gaming Operations  
                                  Robert Fontaine, Deputy General Counsel for Gaming  
                                  Jo Murphy, Executive Assistant

Chief Gallop, chairman, presided, and Jo Murphy was the recording secretary.

Call to Order

Chief Gallop called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present.

Legislative Update

Mr. Jones provided an update on two bills related to skill games that were introduced during the special session that convened on May 13, 2024. Senator Louise Lucas, chief patron, and Senator Aaron Rouse, co-patron, proposed a bill that caps the number of skill machines allowed in Virginia at 35,000, imposes a 25% tax and states that provisional licenses from the Lottery must be issued within 30 days of the passage of the bill. The bill also includes referendums for localities to opt out of having skill games in the locality. A second bill, proposed by Senator Christie Craig, caps the number of skill machines allowed at 30,000 and imposes a 35% tax. Both bills nixed the proposed limit that would keep skills games outside of a 35-mile radius from racetracks and casinos. Both bills proposed that the Lottery regulate skill games.

Mr. Jones said that the Rosie's location in Hampton received approval in March 2024 to be open 24 hours a day.

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Norfolk/Petersburg Update

Ms. Dilworth said that there is no update for Norfolk at this time. Chief Gallop asked about the deadline. Ms. Dilworth said that the Pamunkey Indian Tribe must have their license by November 2025. If they do not have their license by that time, they will have to hold another referendum.

Ms. Dilworth said that the City of Petersburg has submitted its package for the Lottery's review and for potential certification for the city to proceed to referendum. We are reviewing the package now. If it is deemed to be a financially viable project, the Executive Director will then issue a letter to the city stating the Lottery's preliminary assessment. The city will be responsible for following up with the Clerk of the Court to schedule the referendum.

Closed Meeting

Mr. Tolbert made the following motion, which was seconded by Mr. Comer.

In accordance with the provisions of Virginia Code section 2.2-3711.A.17, I move that the Committee convene a closed meeting for the purpose of discussion, consideration or review of:

- investigations of sports betting and casino licensees and permittees;

Reconvened Meeting

Following its closed meeting, the Committee reconvened in open session. Mr. Comer read the following certification for the closed meeting:

WHEREAS, the Virginia Lottery Gaming Compliance Committee has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Committee that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Virginia Lottery Gaming Compliance Committee certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee.

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By roll call, all members in the room voted in the affirmative that the certification was accurate as read.

Minutes

On motion duly made by Mr. Hamid and seconded by Mr. Comer, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the Gaming Compliance Committee meeting held on March 19, 2024, as presented.

Other

Chief Gallop said that the Gaming Compliance Committee Charter needs to be updated and approved at the next meeting to correct the list of Committee members.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Khalid R. Jones, Secretary

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Orrin Gallop, Chairman