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### **North Dakota State Gaming Commission Meeting**

September 08, 2025

Pioneer Room

State Capital Building

The North Dakota State Gaming Commission Meeting was called to order by Gaming Commission Chairman Jamie McLean at 1:00pm with Gaming Commissioners Dan Kovash, Mike Seminary, Ryan Norrell, and Deborah McDaniel present. Also present was Gaming Director Aaron Hummel, Assistant Attorney General Matthew Sagsveen, Lead Gaming Investigator Special Agent Robert Sanderson. Gaming Investigator Andrew Zachmeier served as secretary.

#### **Introduction-**

Introductions of Gaming Commissioners and Gaming Staff was initiated by Chairman McLean.

**Meeting Agenda-** APPROVED BY CONSENSUS.

**2022 Meeting Minutes-** TO BE ADDRESSED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

#### **Timeline Goals-**

Goal set for 01-15-2026 to have Gaming Commission meet to discuss proposed administrative rules.  
Goal set for 05-01-2026 to have work completed to give the Legislative Council the proposed administrative rules changes. Goal set for 07-01-2026 to have the gaming rules promulgated. - DISCUSSION ONLY.

#### **Charity Advisory Board to discuss administrative rules-**

Discussion that the charities would have to form their own Advisory Board- APPROVED BY CONSENSUS.

#### **Gaming Updates Report- Director Hummel**

1. Meeting Minutes from previous meetings will be discussed at next meeting. Pulling together meeting transcripts.
2. 28-Bills relating to Gaming during last Legislative Session. Seven of those bills affected gaming organizations.
3. HB1192- Related to limitations on primary prize value. Raised local and restricted permit cap to \$15,000.
4. HB1615- Related to securing a lease for a gaming site location.
5. SB2334- Relating to the definition of an alcoholic beverage establishment for purposes of conducting gaming. Added Brewer Taprooms.

6. HB1253- Related to the authority of the Attorney General to impose fines for Gaming Violations. A minimum of \$250. A maximum \$2500.
7. HB1504- Relating to Veterans postwar trust fund. Allow charitable gaming veterans organizations to donate funds from their trust accounts to the fund.
8. SB2288- Relating to the payment of a veteran's organization's club expenses with net proceeds from charitable gaming. 20 of net proceeds per quarter.
9. SB2205- Related to the charitable gaming operating fund. Increases the amount from gaming taxes that are distributed to the gambling disorder prevention and treatment fund.
10. Compared Gaming numbers from September 2022 through September 2025.
11. Links were provided to: North Dakota Constitution Article XI, Section 25; North Dakota Gaming Laws Chapter 53-06.1; North Dakota Gaming Administrative Rules Article 99-01.3; and Gaming Commission Chapter 53-06.1-01.1.
12. Staffing- Administrative Assistant to be hired. Training and Communications position to be hired.
13. Gaming Licensing- Gaming Licensing moved directly to Gaming Division from Licensing.
14. Quarterly Reporting- Reporting up to date on the website through March 2025.

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#### **Gaming Commission to receive copies of Quarterly Reports-**

Chairman McLean opened a discussion regarding the Gaming Commission receiving copies of Gaming Quarterly Reports to be sent to Gaming Commissioners directly- Quarterly Reports to be sent to Commissioners when completed. - APPROVED BY CONSENSUS.

#### **Future Legislative Bill regarding the Gaming Commission-**

Chairman McLean opened a discussion regarding a future legislative bill to give the Gaming Commission more power or to better define their role:

1. Misconceptions of what the Gaming Commission can do. Legislature misconceptions. Education of Legislatures.
2. The Gaming Commission suggested meeting four times a year.
3. Possible increase in Gaming Commission pay.
4. More involvement in investigations and licensing. The Gaming Commission should know about the investigations.
5. Possible appeal process regarding investigations and licensing. More involvement in the appeal process. More checks and balances. More transparency. Investigations may not be as transparent due to the nature of the investigation.
6. Possible Governor and Legislative roles. Opinions of Governor, Attorney General, Legislature.
7. Conflicts between bars, charities, manufacturers, and distributors.
8. Gaming Commission being more of a regulatory board or advisory board.
9. Gaming Commission and Gaming Division are separate entities.
10. Possible fiscal note.

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**Online survey to charities regarding Gaming Commission roles and duties-**

No more than three questions. The three questions:

1. What is the Gaming Commission doing for you?
  2. What expanded roles could come of the Gaming Commission?
  3. Name one thing you would like to see the Gaming Commission do that they currently cannot do.
- Gaming Commission requested that the online survey be conducted, and the results of the survey be ready for the next Gaming Commission meeting. - APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

**Gaming Commission Budget-**

Commissioner McDaniels informed the Gaming Commission that the commission also has a budget. The budget for the Commission is approximately \$7200 for the biennium. Public notice for the administrative rules will be \$2200. \$75 per Gaming Commissioner for every meeting.  
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**Public Comment Period as may be required by NDCC 44-04-19.**

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

\*it was clarified after the meeting that NDCC 44-04-19 does not apply to the gaming commission

**Next Meeting will be 11-18-2025 at 1:00pm.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:22pm.**