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North Dakota State Gaming Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2025 – 1:00 PM
Microsoft Teams Meeting

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chairman Jamie McLean.

2. Roll Call

Present (via Teams):

- Chairman Jamie McLean
- Commissioner Dan Kovash
- Commissioner Mike Seminary
- Commissioner Deborah McDaniel

Absent:

- Commissioner Ryan Norrell (entered at 1:15 PM)

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

4. Approval of Minutes – September 8, 2025

Motion: Commissioner Seminary moved to approve the minutes.

Second: Commissioner McDaniel.

Vote: All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried.

5. Posting Meeting Recordings

Discussion held regarding posting meeting recordings to increase transparency.

Motion: Commissioner Seminary moved to post the recordings.

Second: Commissioner McDaniel.

Vote: All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried.

6. Survey Results

Director Hummel presented results from a Gaming Division survey. Information Only.

7. Posting Survey Results

Discussion held regarding posting the survey results and potential website considerations.

Motion: Commissioner Kovash moved to post the survey results.

Second: Commissioner Seminary.

Vote: All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried.

- See survey results at the end of this document.

8. Commissioner Arrival

1:15 PM – Commissioner Ryan Norrell joined the meeting.

9. Gaming Division Update

Director Hummel provided updates on FY 2025 Gaming Numbers, staffing, the new gaming license system, and the administrative rulemaking timeline. INFORMATION ONLY.

10. Proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule

Proposed dates:

- February 11, 2026 (in person)
- April 1, 2026 (in person)
- August 5, 2026 (TEAMS)
- November 4, 2026 (TEAMS)

DISCUSSION ONLY.

11. Gaming Commission Roles – Governor’s Task Force

Chairman McLean opened a discussion on the Gaming Commission role, the chairman asked board members their thoughts on keeping the commission and or its role for the future- DISCUSSION ONLY.

12. Bill Discussion

Commissioner McDaniel informed the Gaming Commission that the Legislature's Judiciary Committee may have a future agenda item concerning organizations with gaming owning their own alcohol establishments. INFORMATION ONLY.

13. Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel moved to adjourn.

Second: Commissioner Norrell.

Vote: All commissioners voted Aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

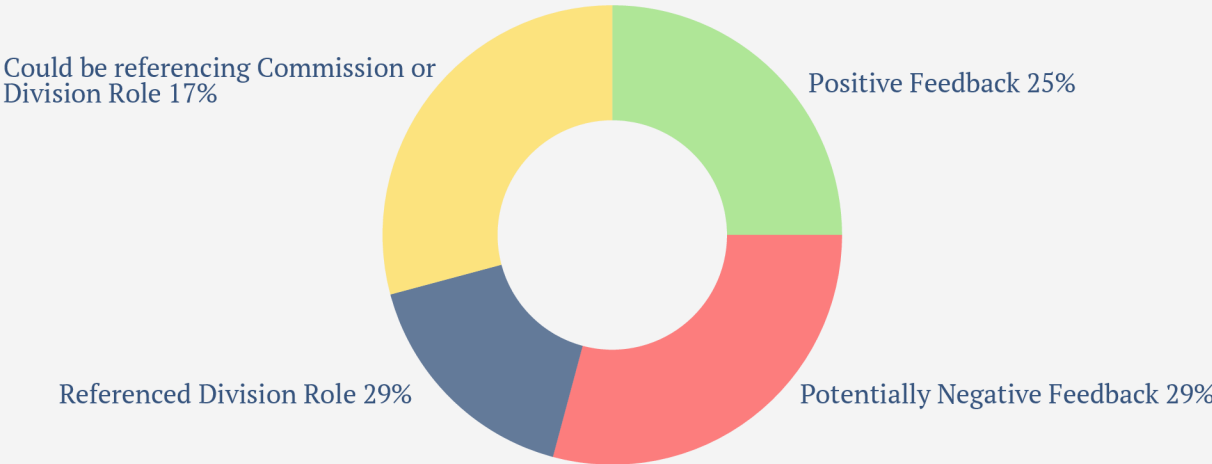
October 2025 ND State Gaming Commission Survey

In October 2025, the Office of the Attorney General's Gaming Division conducted a survey at the request of the North Dakota Gaming Commission to gather feedback on three questions: *“What is the ND State Gaming Commission currently doing for you?”*, *“What expanded roles could come of the ND State Gaming Commission?”*, and *“What is one thing you would like the ND State Gaming Commission to do that it currently cannot?”*

The survey was open for 16 days and distributed to approximately 550–600 recipients, with 27 responses received (4.4% response rate). Twenty-two respondents were members of eligible organizations involved in gaming, and one response was received from each of the remaining categories: gaming supply distributors, manufacturers, occasional participants, interested public members, and government officials affected by charitable gaming. The response from the “Occasional Gaming Participant” closely mirrored those from the eligible organization category.

Overall, results indicated confusion between the roles of the Attorney General's Office and the Gaming Commission. This report summarizes key trends and themes from the survey and includes full responses and contact information for those requesting follow-up.

Q1: What is the ND State Gaming Commission currently doing for you?



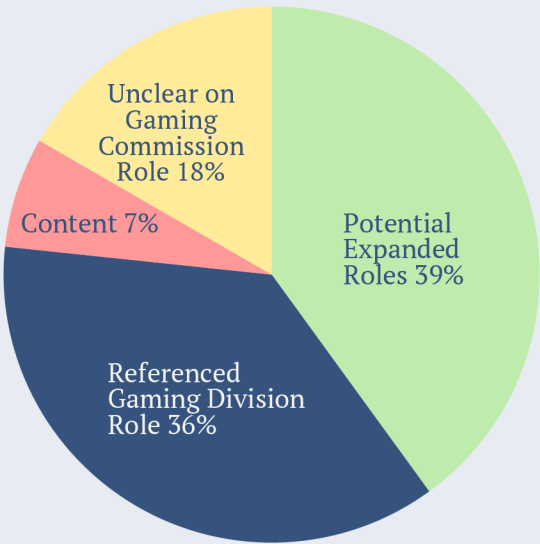
Positive Feedback	Regulatory oversight & rule updates, ensuring fairness, accuracy & integrity, positive working relationship & support, quiet but effective operation, sufficient authority to maintain compliance
Potentially Negative Feedback	Perceived inactivity / lack of engagement, decline in influence over the industry, confusion about the commission’s current role, minimal administrative rule action
Reference to Commission or Division - Unclear	Ensuring honesty and compliance, regulating and controlling gaming activity, consumer protection and fraud prevention, providing guidance and support, rulemaking and enforcement
Referenced Division Role	Technical review and approval of gaming products, support with compliance, permits, and audits, providing guidance and answering questions

*Complete responses are included at the end of this report

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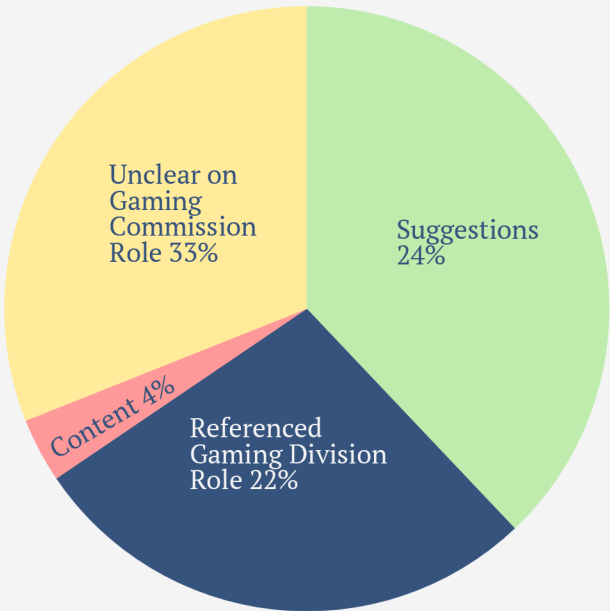
Q2: What expanded roles could come of the ND State Gaming Commission?

Potential Expanded Roles*	Rulemaking authority, industry representation, inclusive rule development, practical regulatory improvements, accountability and enforcement, advisory and education
Referenced Expanded Gaming Division Role*	Enforcement, consistency, more staffing and capacity, education, webinars, audits, follow-up, training, support, timeliness, modernization, technology, recordkeeping, system upgrades,
Unclear on Gaming Commission Role*	Unfamiliarity, new to industry, no opinion on unclear role
Content*	Satisfaction with current role



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Q3: Name one thing you would like to see the ND State Gaming Commission do that they currently cannot do?



Suggestions*	Increased transparency and communication, more frequent and accessible meetings, industry collaboration and input, help charities navigate compliance/operational challenges, review, modernize and recommend needed law changes
Referenced Gaming Division Role*	Enforcement and action, clarity and communication, more staffing and support, digital modernization, oversight of bar ownership, refocus priorities, Simplifying laws and plain-language guidance
Unclear on Gaming Commission	Uncertainty, lack of awareness
Content*	Satisfaction with current role

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Q1: What is the ND State Gaming Commission currently doing for you?

What would best describe you?	What is the ND State Gaming Commission currently doing for you?
City, state, or local official who's role is impacted by charitable gaming	Reviewing and providing necessary updates to administrative rules
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Helping to ensure the fairness and accuracy of the gaming industry in the state
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Set rules and regulations guidelines
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	They have always been good to work with on the application of the statutes enacted by the legislature. While there have not been many significant changes as of late, the work on getting e-tabs up and running has been of great help. I look forward to working with the Commission and AG in the development of future rules to keep the industry as close to the Constitutional intent as possible.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	The commission is behind the scenes which have done a good job in regulations to my knowledge.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	The law gives the Commission enough power to ensure that the gaming industry is operating above board.
Distribution of gaming supplies or equipment	They are not doing to much at all for gaming in general in ND. They have not really been a part of the industry for about 8 years now. The last they really had much of an impact was during the pass of E-Tabs.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Nothing. Its been non existent for years as far as Im aware
Interested Public Citizen	Nothing for the last several years. Prior the Commission would approve administrative rules.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	That is unclear as the commission hasn't done much in the past few years other than expedite a new definition prior to the 2023 legislative session.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	I feel the Gaming Commission has done nothing for us in the last 2 years. I'm not even aware if they have had a meeting.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Nothing that I know of.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Nothing - they have been inactive. The Office of Attorney General thinks they decide the rules, when the commission should be hearing from the entire industry and deciding on regulations. The Attorney General's Office should not be the rule makers and enforcers at the same time.

Q1 Continued: What is the ND State Gaming Commission currently doing for you?

What would best describe you?	What is the ND State Gaming Commission currently doing for you?
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	I think that the main job of the Gaming Commission is to keep everyone honest. Making us abide by the current laws and regulations <i>(unable to determine reference to Division or Commission)</i>
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Regulating and controlling gaming to ensure consumer protection from fraud and means not noble and inline with the state's intent. <i>(unable to determine reference to Division or Commission)</i>
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Provide guidelines and rules to operate gaming for our organization. Help answer questions as new situations happen. <i>(unable to determine reference to Division or Commission)</i>
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Making and enforcing the rules and regulations. <i>(unable to determine reference to Division or Commission)</i>
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	I don't have a clue - never have reached out to them <i>(unable to determine reference to Division or Commission)</i>
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	not sure that they have done anything for us have never heard from them <i>(unable to determine reference to Division or Commission)</i>
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	I don't know. <i>(unable to determine reference to Division or Commission)</i>
Manufacturing of gaming supplies or equipment	Reviewing and approving our Electronic Pull-Tab software and hardware submissions. Keeping us current on the rules and regulations for ND EPT. Working with us as a manufacturer on testing new products such as our new redemption kiosk. Working with us to ensure our audit reports are actively working and accurate for charities.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Issues a permit and monitors our charitable gaming operation
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	They answer questions and help with paperwork issues
Occasional gaming participant	answers questions if we have any with our yearly raffle

Q2: What expanded roles could come of the ND State Gaming Commission?

What would best describe you?	What expanded roles could come of the ND State Gaming Commission?
Interested member of the public not engaged in any of the previous options	Rule on Notice of Violations or complaints. Quicker process instead of an administrative hearing.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	A voice for all parties on the gaming side. Currently the AGs office makes, enforces and decides any and all rules a procedures. They are basically the judge, jury and executioner
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Ensure that the voices of licensed operators are meaningfully considered in the rulemaking process. Operators are on the front lines of charitable gaming and bring valuable perspectives on compliance, technology, customer behavior, and community impact. Excluding these voices could lead to rules that are disconnected from the realities of implementation, inadvertently increasing costs, reducing efficiency, or even undermining the charitable missions we support. This approach will not only improve the quality of regulations but also reinforce public trust in the integrity of North Dakota's gaming system. For example, a task force group to explore electronic data collection and submission for gaming paperwork including electronic signatures.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Getting real answers from the gaming industry to make real changes. Everyone is taking advantage of loopholes and it becomes one big game of finding loopholes and i hate that. We play by the rules and wish everyone else had to also.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Provide an avenue to help "gaming" organizations and ensure they are following guidelines intended for fundraising opportunities.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	The Gaming Commission should engage with the people involved in the industry, especially charities. There are outdated rules and gaming forms that need to be revised or eliminated. Also, talking to those who are involved in the day to day charitable gaming may give the Gaming Commission a better understanding of what the current events and challenges are that we face.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	More specific definition of "public spirited", involvement of third party, for-profits, in the management and operation of licensed operations.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	I would like to see a group of each part of gaming such as charity manager have a say in the regulations. I feel there is work needed to clean up some outdated procedures which cause undo labor for the Charites.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Quarterly public meetings. This is not an expanded role but according to the law, the commission must hold charities accountable for regulation violations. Require minimum standards of knowledge and continued education for charity gaming managers and staff. Appoint an advisory board with industry experts.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Provide the current Gaming Director power to reprimand those entities within the gaming communities that abuse loopholes to bring benefits to themselves and their gaming community, I.e. Charities who purchase Bars so they can control rental agreements.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Why would the Commission need to expand their role? They should concentrate on current duties. The commission should be writing regulations for the betterment of the entire industry, not just what the AG's Office wants.

Q2 Continued: What expanded roles could come of the ND State Gaming Commission?

What would best describe you?	What expanded roles could come of the ND State Gaming Commission?
Distribution of gaming supplies or equipment	Making sure that the rules and regs are followed by all Charities, Distributors, and bars alike. It has been frustrating since the inception of e-tabs that the rules continue to get broken by Distributors, and Charities, and nothing seems to happen to them. <i>(unable to determine reference to Division or Commission)</i>
Manufacturing of gaming supplies or equipment	Perhaps more field agents on staff to ensure the rules and regulations are being followed properly and consistent for all manufacturers and distributors.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	More education on the implementation of new rules or regulations. Use of webinars to pass on new information. Quarterly or semiannually possibly.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Develop review and audit schedules and functions that are less inclusive, unless a limited process shows any reason to look further. Follow up on all new organizations to ensure they are following laws and rules that are required. Too many employees and board members do not have the knowledge, expertise, or experience to just jump into gaming without support and direction.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	More training options with hands on training, not just a power point.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	I'd like to have options for periodic online training for book keeping, gaming forms, etc.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	make ag hire more people so they could do there job in a timely manner instead of being years behind with tax returns
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	I would like to see the Attorney Generals office be more prompt in the review of tax returns. Right now they are 3 years in the arrears. Meaning 12 returns have yet to be reviewed. If an error is found and they preparer is not notified until 2-3 years later it means that all all returns after that date are in error as there is carryover amounts from one quarter to another.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Multiple roles to keep records current.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Technology needs to be dramatically improved in all facets of gaming across the state. The systems in use by the Gaming Division are outdated and antiquated. Charities and distributors are hand-writing daily, monthly and quarterly records. This is ridiculous in this day and age. Millions of dollars have been allocated by the ND taxpayers to update the systems and by the time they roll these systems out they are already outdated. Really a waste of taxpayer money.
City, state, or local official	It is filling the necessary role currently.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	I think that you are doing enough.

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What would best describe you?	What expanded roles could come of the ND State Gaming Commission?
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	I'm still new to charitable gaming, so don't know.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	I suppose I am uncertain as to what power the State Gaming Commission has to create rules that regulate gaming. I always thought the attorney general's office regulated gaming but it seems here that this happens through the State Gaming Commission. I don't think the authority and scope of the State Gaming Commission is clear to a lay person. It certainly isn't to me and I've been working for a licensed gaming organization for a decade.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Not sure
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Unsure
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	n/a

Q3: Name one thing you would like to see the ND State Gaming Commission do that they currently cannot do?

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Distribution of gaming supplies or equipment	Be more on the regulation side of things. Making sure the rules are followed by all
Interested Public Citizen	Meet regularly to discuss gaming rules and issues.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Give a monthly news letter of items of concern or issues in the state dealing with reporting or regulations or deficiencies with organizations across the state
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Meet and discuss meaning changes.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	More frequent meetings that are livestreamed and allow for input over a platform such as Teams, Zoom, or Webex for those that cannot attend in person.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Help them come up with a solution to what charitable organizations would like to do and how it would comply.

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Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Review processes more frequent. Such as since the Grover Kiosks have come into play our charities work load have increased considerably while the bars has diminished. I feel a rent adjustment is in order. Also I would like the commission to review the fees charged by the Dist./Manufactures of the games.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Recommend law changes.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	They don't need expanded power. They need to look at the industry as a whole, and write responsible regulations. The . Having the former AG gaming division director on the commission is ridiculous - she will only be representing them rather than the industry as a whole.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Stop charities from buying bars <i>(unable to determine reference to Division or Commission)</i>
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	manage charities who purchase bars so they can keep the gaming. <i>(unable to determine reference to Division or Commission)</i>
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	I'd like to know how much money is brought into the state through gaming, and what is it going towards. At one time, it was going to go for teacher salaries, but that is not happening.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Continue to review, and pursue improper activities by organizations, distributors, and third parties. Take action as quickly and significantly as possible.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Help with the laws and explaining them in laymans terms.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	hire ag gaming division more empolyees
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Submit all forms electronically. (Daily, Quarterly, Annual, etc)
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Office of AG is concentrating on the wrong things rather than be supportive of the industry
City, state, or local official	It is filling the necessary role currently.
Manufacturing of gaming supplies or equipment	I'm not certain what the ND GC can't do at this time.

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Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	no idea
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Not sure at this time
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Unsure
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	n/a
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Really don't know of anything.
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	N/A
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	N/A
Member/Seeking Membership of an eligible organization	Again, I don't know what they can/cannot do.



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