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North Dakota State Gaming Commission

Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2026 – 1:00 PM
North Dakota State Capitol, Brynhild Haugland Room
600 East Boulevard Ave – Bismarck, ND

1. Call to Order

The scheduled meeting of the North Dakota State Gaming Commission was called to order at 1:00 PM on February 18, 2026, by Chairman Jamie McLean in the Brynhild Haugland Room at the North Dakota State Capitol in Bismarck, North Dakota.

2. Roll Call

Present

Chairman Jamie McLean, Commissioner Deb McDaniel, Commissioner Mike Seminary (via TEAMS), Commissioner Dan Kovash (via TEAMS)

Absent

Commissioner Ryan Norrell

Secretary

Gaming Investigator Andrew Zachmeier

Also Present

Aaron Hummel, Gaming Director, Matthew Sagsveen, Assistant Attorney General, Arin Casavant, Training & Communication Specialist, Gaming Division, Robert Sanderson, Lead Gaming Investigator, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Laura Gleich, Audit Supervisor, Gaming Division, Patty Wondra, Tax Supervisor, Gaming Division, Monica Reiner-Pletan, Audit Staff, Gaming Division, Jacob Marschner, Gaming Investigator, Hunter Gabel, Gaming Investigator

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

4. Approval of Past Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Seminary moved to approve the December 2, 2025 meeting minutes of the North Dakota Gaming Commission.

Second: Commissioner Kovash seconded the motion.

Vote: Seminary — Aye, Kovash — Aye, McDaniel — Aye, McLean — Aye

Result: Motion carried.

5. Gaming Division Updates

Report by Gaming Director Aaron Hummel

Director Hummel provided an update regarding the Gaming Division's upcoming computer system transition.

- A new computer system is scheduled to go online in April 2026.
- No new gaming applications are currently being accepted until the new system becomes active.

Information only. No action taken. Here

6. Public Hearing – North Dakota Games of Chance Administrative Rules

Chairman McLean opened the public hearing at 1:08 PM pursuant to NDCC § 28-32-11 for the purpose of allowing individuals the opportunity to submit information and comments regarding proposed amendments to N.D. Administrative Code Article 99-01.3 – Games of Chance.

The hearing followed publication of the Full Notice of Intent to Adopt and Amend Administrative Rules dated January 20, 2026. The purpose of the hearing was to ensure the public had the opportunity to provide comments, data, views, or arguments prior to adoption of administrative rules as required under NDCC Chapter 28-32.

7. Overview of Proposed Rule Changes

Gaming Director Aaron Hummel presented an overview of proposed amendments to numerous sections of N.D. Administrative Code Article 99-01.3 – Games of Chance including provisions related to definitions, licensing, permits, record checks, equipment acquisition, gaming accounts, recordkeeping requirements, raffle ticket requirements, electronic pull-tab devices, sports pools, surveillance systems, poker tournaments, and eligible uses of gaming proceeds.

The proposed rules are expected to have an impact on the regulated community in excess of \$50,000 and implement legislation enacted during the most recent legislative session including House Bill 1192, Senate Bill 2334, House Bill 1504, and Senate Bill 2288.

8. Public Comment

In-person and written comments were received from the following individuals:

Marietta Fiddler – Comments regarding definitions for Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 games and concerns regarding gaming vouchers.

Bill Kulanek – Chairman, North Dakota Gaming Advisory Council. Written comments regarding multiple rule sections including site authorization, kiosks, raffles, poker limits, and eligible uses.

Karen Breiner – Gaming Manager, Bismarck-Mandan Convention and Visitors Bureau. Comments regarding provider responsibilities, charity audit requirements, and dealing mistakes.

Janelle Mitzel – Charitable Gaming Association of North Dakota. Written comments regarding site authorization, restrictions, electronic pull-tabs, chips, dealing mistakes, and eligible uses.

Senator Dick Dever – Commander, AMVETS Post #9. Requested utilities and insurance be considered eligible uses for veterans clubs.

Scott Meske – Lobbyist, North Dakota Gaming Alliance. Written comments regarding site authorization, kiosks, eligible uses, and lessor restrictions.

Don Santer – CEO, North Dakota Association for the Disabled. Requested electronic forms and changes to audit rules for bar employees.

Rudie Martinson – Executive Director, North Dakota Hospitality Association. Requested bars be allowed to advertise gaming and suggested monetary fines as alternatives to suspension of gaming.

9. Commission Discussion and Action

No action was taken at this time regarding the administrative rules.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Dakota State Gaming Commission is tentatively scheduled for April 1, 2026.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman McLean adjourned the meeting at 2:49 PM.

Submitted by:
Andrew Zachmeier
Secretary