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North Dakota State Gaming Commission

Special Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2026 – 2:30 PM

Microsoft Teams Meeting

1. Call to Order

The scheduled special meeting of the North Dakota State Gaming Commission was called to order at 2:30 PM on June 23, 2026, by Chairman McLean online, via Microsoft Teams

2. Opening Remarks

Chairman McLean summarized correspondence received from Legislative Council regarding the Administrative Rules Committee's action voiding the Commission's amendment related to poker tournament fees. Chairman McLean stated that the purpose of the special meeting was to determine whether the Commission should petition for review of the committee's action. Chairman McLean noted that the Office of Attorney General had previously determined that the Commission acted within its statutory authority and expressed concern that failing to seek review could diminish the authority granted to the Commission by law.

3. Roll Call

Present

Chairman Jamie McLean, Commissioner Deborah McDaniel, Commissioner Daniel Kovash, Commissioner Ryan Norrell, Commissioner Michael Seminary

Secretary

Administrative Assistant Lacey Dutchak

Also Present

Aaron Hummel, Gaming Division Director, Matthew Sagsveen, Assistant Attorney General/Director of Natural Resources and Native American Affairs

4. Commission Discussion and Motion

Commissioner Norrell stated his agreement with Chairman McLean's opening remarks. Commissioner Norrell further stated that, during the Administrative Rules Committee meeting, the Office of Attorney General confirmed that the Gaming Commission possessed the authority to adopt the amendment. Commissioner Norrell expressed concern that some members of the Administrative Rules

Committee disagreed with the substance of the rule rather than the Commission's authority to adopt it. No further discussion was offered.

Motion: Commissioner Norrell moved to petition for review of the Administrative Rules Committee's action voiding the Commission's amendment.

Second: Commissioner Kovash seconded the motion.

Vote: Commissioner Seminary- Aye, Commissioner McDaniel- Aye, Commissioner Kovash- Aye, Commissioner Norrell- Aye, Chairman McLean- Aye.

Result: Motion Passed

5. Additional Discussion

Director Hummel confirmed that the Commission would likely look to the Office of Attorney General for assistance in drafting the petition for review. Chairman McLean concurred.

6. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lacee Dutchak

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