



THE OHIO LOTTERY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2026
IN PERSON/VIA TELECONFERENCE

Members of the Commission

Matthew Blair, Chairman
Caryn Candisky
Nita Gupta
Jonathan Hughes
Angela Mingo
Martin Sweeney
Matthew Szollosi

Ohio Lottery Commission Attendance (In-Person & Remote)

Michelle Gillcrist, Director, Office of Executive
Nicole Kostura, Assistant Director, Office of Executive
Marilyn Berrios, Office of Executive
Dan Carter, Deputy Director, Office of Legal Counsel
Fran Mach, Office of Finance
Tom Ackerman, Deputy Director, Office of Marketing
Danielle Frizzi-Babb, Deputy Director, Office of Communications
Richard Perk, Deputy Director, Office of Sales
Jimmie Hicks, Deputy Director, Office of Responsible Gambling
Ray Durant, Deputy Director, Office of Investigations & Security
Percy Turner, Deputy Director, Office of General Services
Gina DeCesare, Intern, Office of Legal Counsel
Piper Bruce, Intern, Office of Legal Counsel
Samantha Antczak, Intern, Office of Legal Counsel
Joan French, Office of Legal Counsel
Ian Litherland, Office of Legal Counsel
Pam Strickland, Office of Product Innovation
Margaret Tomaro, Office of Legal Counsel
Barbara Stoffers, Office of Legal Counsel
Marni Santoro, Office of Legal Counsel
Susan Diamond, Office of Responsible Gambling
Simeonia Mays, Deputy Director, Office of Racino Operations
Scott Basom, Office of Investigations & Security
Tom Spayd, Office of Racino Operations
Angela Brdar, Office of Sales
Molly Fanta, Office of Marketing
Crystal Angersola, Office of Communications
Ricky Neal, Office of Racino Operations

Rod Tyree, Office of Investigations & Security
Rebecca McLemore, Office of Marketing
Marisol Halligan, Office of Product Innovation
Traci Pinkney, Financial Manager
Sharisse Russell, Office of Racino Operations
Peter McGinty, Office of Internal Audit
Carla Reeves, Office of General Services

Additional Attendees

George Balajan, Intralot
Ed Dick, Jack Entertainment
Sarah Faust, Dickinson-Wright
Tim Kelley, Penn Entertainment
Gina Lawwill, Miami Valley Gaming
Spenser Hickey, Hannah News
Elizabeth Abate, Marcus Thomas
Sarah O'Driscoll, The Shipyard
Saba Asgedom, BetMGM
Todd DeBoe, Ohio Attorney General
Matthew Becker, Penn Entertainment
Mark Basedow, Lotto.com
Scott Chapin, Marcus Thomas
Christine Hughes

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman, Matthew Blair, called the meeting of the Ohio Lottery Commission to order at 12:04 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Szollosi moved to approve the May 13, 2026, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mingo. Chairman Blair abstained from the vote. The motion was affirmatively voted upon by the other Commissioners present.

Approval of seven (7) Scratch-Off Games in Proposed and Final Form

Martin Morrow, Deputy Director of Product Innovation, presented seven Scratch-Off games in Proposed and Final Form.

- Lottery Operating Procedure 1106: Holiday Cash (\$1.00)
- Lottery Operating Procedure 1107: Sweet Riches (\$2.00)
- Lottery Operating Procedure 1108: Holiday Lucky Times 10 (\$5.00)
- Lottery Operating Procedure 1109: Holiday 50x the Money (\$10.00)
- Lottery Operating Procedure 1110: \$1,000,000 Merry Multiplier (\$20.00)
- Lottery Operating Procedure 1111: Merry Money Match (\$30.00)
- Lottery Operating Procedure 1124: Spectacular Riches (\$20.00)

Chairman Blair moved to approve seven (7) Scratch-Off games in Proposed and Final Form, with Commissioner Gupta offering a second to the motion. The motion was affirmatively voted upon by the other Commissioners present.

Approval of one (1) New Administrative Rule in Final Form

Daniel Carter, Deputy Director of Legal Counsel, presented a New Administrative Rule in Final Form.

- 3770:1-9-988 - Ohio lottery commission game rule nine hundred eighty-eight

Chairman Blair moved to approve one (1) New Administrative Rule in Final Form with Commissioner Sweeney offering a second to the Motion and the Motion was approved by all Commissioners present.

Resolution to Approve twenty-nine (29) new Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) Game Themes

Daniel Carter, Deputy Director of Legal Counsel, presented a Resolution to approve twenty-nine (29) VLT game themes.

Chairman Blair moved to approve the Resolution with twenty-nine (29) VLT game themes with Commissioner Hughes offering a second to the Motion and the Motion was approved by all Commissioners present.

Office of Finance Report

Fran Mach, Financial Manager, provided the financial report for the month of May on behalf of Chief Fiscal Officer, Ed Slyman. Ms. Mach reported that the traditional Lottery games sales for the month of May totaled \$361.8 million, representing a decrease of \$11 million, or -3%, compared to May 2025 and approximately \$24.6 million or 6.4% less than forecasted. Draw-based games totaled \$162.1 million, which is a decline of \$2.4 million or 1.4% compared to the same month last year. The Daily Draw games generated \$64 million, a decrease of \$1.3 million or 2% year-over-year. Multistate games reached \$20.3 million, an increase of \$.5 million or 2.3% when compared to last year. Keno and Lucky One sales were \$57.6 million, up \$.6 million or 1%. Quick Play sales totaled \$13.4 million, down \$2.3 million or 14.8%.

Scratch-off sales for the month of May totaled \$199.7 million, a decrease of \$8.7 million, or 4.2%, compared to the same month last year. The \$10 price point led sales, generating \$47 million or 23.5% of total sales. Close behind, the \$20 price point generated \$42.9 million in sales or 21.5%. The \$5 games were the top performer with \$6.7 million tickets sold, making up 27.6% of all tickets sold during the month. VLT gross revenue for the month of May reached \$139.3 million an increase of \$7.7 million, or 5.9% compared to last May. Ms. Mach noted that revenue exceeded what was forecasted by \$9.4 million, or 7.2%. May set a record for monthly VLT revenue, driven in part by having five full weekends (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday).

Lastly, Ms. Mach reported that the total prize expense for May was \$245.4 million, representing 67.8% of sales. Pick 3, Pick 4, and Pick 5 experienced slightly higher payout levels than their designed rates. Operating Expenses for May were significantly lower than both last year's forecast and actuals.

Director's Update

Director, Michelle Gillcrist, reported that the Lottery's transfer to the Lottery Profit's Education Fund (LPEF) for the month of May was approximately \$129.1 million. Director Gillcrist noted that this is \$1.4 million below the budgeted commitment and \$1.4 million higher than May 2025. Fiscal Year-to-Date, the Lottery has transferred approximately \$1.415 billion to the LPEF, which is roughly \$33.5 million ahead of the Fiscal Year-to-Date commitment.

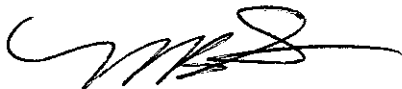
Director Gillcrist announced two resolutions were circulating for two employees who will retire on July 1, 2026. Director Gillcrist recognized Richard Slaughter, Lottery Sales Rep in Cleveland (Region 1) since November 1, 2006, and Evan Saunders, Lottery Sales Rep in Columbus (Region 5) since June 6, 1994.

Lastly, Director Gillcrist invited Molly Fanta, Community Impact Coordinator, to provide an update on the Lottery's Giving Back program.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Ohio Lottery Commission, Chairman Blair informed the Commissioners that the next meeting will be held on July 8, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. via teleconferencing and in person. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Gillcrist
Director



Matthew Blair
Commission Chair