



THE OHIO LOTTERY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 8, 2026  
IN PERSON/VIA TELECONFERENCE

Members of the Commission

Matthew Blair, Chairman  
James Brady, Vice Chair  
Janet Creighton  
Nita Gupta  
Jonathan Hughes  
Angela Mingo (Teams)  
Martin Sweeney  
Matthew Szollosi

Ohio Lottery Commission Attendance (In-Person & Remote)

Michelle Gillcrist, Director, Office of Executive  
Nicole Kostura, Assistant Director, Office of Executive  
Ian Litherland, Office of Legal Counsel  
Charles LoPresti, Chief Legal Counsel, Office of Legal Counsel  
Ed Slyman, CFO, Office of Finance  
Dan Carter, Deputy Director, Office of Legal Counsel  
Martin Morrow, Deputy Director, Office of Product Innovation  
Fran Mach, Office of Finance  
Greg Beyer, Deputy Director, Office of Internal Audit  
Tom Ackerman, Deputy Director, Office of Marketing  
Richard Perk, Deputy Director, Office of Sales  
Ray Durant, Deputy Director, Office of Investigations & Security  
Mike Gonzalez, Deputy Director, Data Analytics  
Piper Bruce, Intern, Office of Legal Counsel  
Samantha Antczak, Intern, Office of Legal Counsel  
Scott Pollick, Office of Sales  
Joan French, Office of Legal Counsel  
Pam Strickland, Office of Product Innovation  
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  
Allison Turner, Office of Marketing  
Angela Brdar, Office of Sales  
Ken Dauenhauer, Office of Marketing  
John Dolan, Office of Investigations & Security  
Ricky Neal, Office of Racino Operations  
Richard Kline, Office of Sales

Marisol Halligan, Office of Product Innovation  
Peter McGinty, Office of Internal Audit  
Terri Jones, Office of Marketing  
Duane Mancini, Office of Sales  
Mitchell Burns, Office of Finance

Additional Attendees

George Balajan, Intralot  
Ed Dick, Jack Entertainment  
Debbie Pirone, Marcus Thomas  
Tim Kelley, Penn Entertainment  
Gina Lawwill, Miami Valley Gaming  
Spenser Hickey, Hannah News  
Joseph Schmansky, Ohio Attorney General  
Kevin Davis, Miami Valley Gaming  
Sarah O'Driscoll, The Shipyard  
Matthew Becker, Penn Entertainment  
Mark Basedow, Lotto.com  
Holly Guenther, Boyd Gaming  
Samantha Alonso, MGM Northfield  
Carly Ringlespaugh, Ice Miller  
Crystalline Bryant, MGM Northfield  
Claire E. Hickman  
Christine Hughes  
Palma Mancini  
Duane Mancini Jr.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman, Matthew Blair, called the meeting of the Ohio Lottery Commission to order at 12:00 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Sweeney moved to approve the June 18, 2026, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gupta. The motion was affirmatively voted upon by the other Commissioners present.

Internal Audit Update

Audit Committee Chair, Angela Mingo, provided an update on the June Audit Committee meeting. The agenda items of note included the review and approval of the FY 2027 governance documents, including the Audit Committee Charter, Internal Audit Charter, Internal Audit Policy Manual, and the Internal Audit Plan. The results of three audits were discussed. First, the Persona contract (identity verification for the voluntary exclusion program). The conclusion for this audit was rated as well-controlled with improvements needed and two recommendations were made to enhance management oversight. Second audit was over field accountability. The conclusion for this audit was rated as improvements needed, and six recommendations were made to improve internal oversight and operational controls. The third audit was a review of the Scratch-Off ticket administration processes. The conclusion for this audit was improvements needed, and three recommendations were made. The internal audit team has also continued to monitor the implementation progress of prior audit recommendations.

Approval of five (5) 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 1112: *Winter 50's (\$1.00)*
- Lottery Operating Procedure 1113: *OH Multiplier 2027 (\$2.00)*
- Lottery Operating Procedure 1114: *The Wizard of Oz (\$5.00)*
- Lottery Operating Procedure 1115: *\$500,000 Winter Jackpot (\$10.00)*
- Lottery Operating Procedure 1116: *100x The Win (\$20.00)*

Chairman Blair moved to approve five (5) Scratch-Off games in Proposed and Final Form, with Commissioner Creighton offering a second to the motion. The motion was affirmatively voted upon by the other Commissioners present.

#### Approval of one (1) Amended Scratch-Off Game Rule in Proposed and Final Form

Charles LoPresti, Chief Legal Counsel, presented one Amended Scratch-Off Game Rule in Proposed and Final Form.

- Lottery Operating Procedure 1109: *Holiday 50x the Money (\$10.00)*

Chairman Blair moved to approve one (1) Amended Scratch-Off Game Rule in Proposed and Final Form with Commissioner Brady offering a second to the Motion and the Motion was approved by all Commissioners present.

#### Resolution to Approve thirty-one (31) new Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) Game Themes

Charles LoPresti, Chief Legal Counsel, presented a Resolution to approve thirty-one (31) VLT game themes.

Chairman Blair moved to approve the Resolution with thirty-one (31) VLT game themes with Commissioner Szollosi offering a second to the Motion and the Motion was approved by all Commissioners present.

#### Office of Finance Report

Chief Fiscal Officer, Ed Slyman, provided the traditional Lottery games sales for the month of June, the last month of the FY totaled \$343.8 million, which is \$12.9 million or 3.6% lower than compared to the same period last year. Draw-based games totaled \$155.9 million, \$8.8 million or 5.3% lower than last June. Scratch-off sales for the month of June totaled \$187.9 million, a decrease of \$4.1 million, or 2.1%, compared to the same month last year. Mr. Slyman reported that the total prize expense for June equaled 65.0%. Video Lottery Terminal Gross Gaming revenue for the month of June totaled \$120.5 million, an increase of \$5.7 million (5.0%) compared to last June. Mr. Slyman informed the commission that this marks the highest June revenue on record. The Lottery's share of net win amounted to \$40.4 million. Mr. Slyman noted that the profits earned from VLTs in June will be transferred to the LPEF and will count towards the current year's profit commitment.

Mr. Slyman provided a summary of the Lottery's financial performance for FY26. Preliminary sales from traditional Lottery products generated \$4.4 billion, which represented an increase of \$24.2 million, or 0.6% higher than FY 2025. Draw-based games sales were approximately \$2 billion, which represents an increase of \$96.8 million or 5% versus last year. The Daily Draw game sales were \$749.8 million, up \$1.9 million, or 0.3%. In-state Lotto games sales were down \$3.7 million, or 4.8% for the year. Keno sales were \$631.9 million, up \$5.7 million or 0.9% when compared to last year and Lucky One sales were up \$3.9 million or 9.8%. Terminal games were \$160.5 million, down \$0.7 million or 0.5%. Muti-State sales reached \$384.1 million in FY26, an increase of \$89.8 million, or 30.5%, compared to FY25. Powerball sales totaled \$219 million, up \$110.3, or 100.6%. Mega Millions sales were \$116.9 million, down \$23.2 million, or 16.5%. Millionaire for Life generated \$2.1 million more in sales revenue than Lucky for Life generated during the comparable period in 2025. Scratch-Off ticket sales \$2.4 billion, down \$72.6 million or 3%. Total prizes won in FY26 were \$2.9 billion resulting in an overall payout of 65.9%, a slight decrease from

66.3% in FY25. Total draw prizes were \$1.17 billion or 57% of sales. Scratch-off prizes were \$1.74 billion or 73.7% of sales. Despite higher sales, total prizes declined modestly from FY25, driven primarily by product-specific payout shifts.

Lastly, Total VLT net win for FY26 reached \$1.46 billion, an increase of \$65.4 million or 4.7% over FY25. Mr. Slyman stated that the Lottery's portion of net win equaled \$490.5 million, which was \$21.9 million more than last year.

#### Director's Update

Director, Michelle Gillcris, reported that the Lottery's transfer to the Lottery Profit's Education Fund (LPEF) for the month of June was approximately \$84.2 million, representing profits from traditional Lottery sales only. This is per OBM rules for the month of June. Profits from VLT activity in June will be transferred in July. Director Gillcris noted that this exceeded the budgeted commitment by \$1.3 million and surpassed last year's transfer in June by \$3.8 million. Director Gillcris reported that the final fiscal year 2026 LPEF transfer was \$1,499,883,000, an outstanding accomplishment. This is the second highest transfer in Lottery history and exceeds last year's transfer by \$52.2 million and is \$34.8 million more than the Lottery's commitment. Director Gillcris reminded the Commissioners that when the Legislature passed the last budget, the Lottery's LPEF commitment mandate for Fiscal Year 2027 is \$1,471,729,884.

Director Gillcris informed the Commission that the Lottery staff joined Buckeye Girls State which is put on by the American Legion Auxiliary each year. The participants are rising seniors eager to learn about government, elections, legislative sessions, campaigning, and other activities that mirror the fast pace of real estate government.

Molly Fanta, who runs the Giving Back Program, participated this year on the Lottery's behalf. Director Gillcris reminded the Commission that throughout the month of July the Lottery employees are donating school supplies for the "Stuff the Bus" drive, that supports local area students in need.

Director Gillcris informed the Commission that she attended the North American Association of State & Provincial Lotteries Director's meeting hosted by the Illinois State Lottery in June. The forum allows Lottery Directors and industry leaders together to engage in open dialogue regarding the most significant issues impacting the Lottery industry and gaming landscape. Director Gillcris informed the Commission that one big issue of note that was of concern for everyone at the conference was the unregulated competition coming from the prediction markets.

Lastly, Director Gillcris announced two resolutions were circulating for two employees who will retire on August 1, 2026. Director Gillcris recognized Kathy Roach, Lottery Sales Rep in Canton (Region 7) since November 6, 2000, and Duane Mancini, Lottery Sales Rep in Youngstown (Region 8) since February 2, 1997.

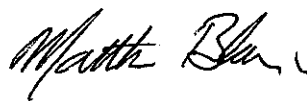
#### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Ohio Lottery Commission, Chairman Blair informed the Commissioners that the next meeting will be held on August 12, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. via teleconferencing and in person. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Gillcris  
Director



Matthew Blair  
Commission Chair