



THE OHIO LOTTERY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 13, 2026  
IN PERSON/VIA TELECONFERENCE

Members of the Commission

James Brady, Vice Chair  
Caryn Candisky  
Janet Creighton  
Nita Gupta  
Jonathan Hughes  
Angela Mingo  
Martin Sweeney  
Matthew Szollosi

Ohio Lottery Commission Attendance (In-Person & Remote)

Nicole Kostura, Assistant Director, Office of Executive  
Marilyn Berrios, Office of Executive  
Charles LoPresti, Chief Legal Counsel, Office of Legal Counsel  
Dan Carter, Deputy Director, Office of Legal Counsel  
Ed Slyman, CFO, 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  
Joan French, Office of Legal Counsel  
Ian Litherland, Office of Legal  
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  
Michael Gonzalez, Deputy Director, Office of Data Analytics  
Simeonia Mays, Deputy Director, Office of Racino Operations  
Kenneth Dauenhauer, Office of Marketing  
Scott Basom, Office of Investigations & Security  
Terri Jones, Office of Marketing  
Sandrell Wheeler, Office of Investigations & Security  
Tom Spayd, Office of Racino Operations  
Brent Collier, Office of Internal Audit  
Angela Brdar, Office of Sales  
Valerie Murphy, Office of Internal Audit  
Samantha Crites, Office of Internal Audit

Rebecca McLemore, Office of Marketing  
Marisol Halligan, Office of Product Innovation  
Sharisse Russell, Office of Racino Operations  
Peter McGinty, Office of Internal Audit  
Carla Reeves, Office of General Services

Additional Attendees

George Balajan, Intralot  
Carla Kuchta, Intralot  
Sam Porter, Ice Miller  
Ed Dick, Jack Entertainment  
Sarah Faust, Dickinson-Wright  
Robert Dove, Kegler Brown  
Tim Kelley, Penn Entertainment  
Gina Lawwill, Miami Valley Gaming  
Spenser Hickey, Hannah News  
Emily Venditti, Marcus Thomas  
Elizabeth Abate, Marcus Thomas  
Samanatha Alonso, MGM Northfield  
Zak Hart, Hart Inc  
Sarah O'Driscoll, The Shipyard  
Saba Asgedom, BetMGM  
Holly Guenther, Boyd Gaming  
Michelle Simon, Scientific Games  
Joseph Schmansky, Ohio Attorney General  
Rachel Viets, Hart Inc  
Crystalline Bryant, MGM Northfield  
Cori, Lotto.com  
Christine Hughes  
Rick K.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair, James Brady, called the meeting of the Ohio Lottery Commission to order at 12:03 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Mingo moved to approve the April 8, 2026, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sweeney. 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 (1) Amended Scratch-Off Game Rule in Proposed and Final Form.

- Lottery Operating Procedure 1102: Ultimate Triple 777 (\$20.00)

Vice Chair, Brady, moved to approved one (1) Amended Scratch-Off Game Rule 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.

#### Resolution to Approve thirty-four (34) new Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) Game Themes

Charles LoPresti, Chief Legal Counsel, presented a Resolution to approve thirty-three (33) VLT game themes.

Chairman Blair moved to approve the Resolution with thirty-three (33) VLT game themes with Commissioner Sweeney 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 financial update for the month of April. The traditional lottery games sales for the month of April totaled \$353.0 million, which is a decrease of \$6.7 million, or -1.3%, compared to April 2025 and roughly \$19.7 million or 5.3% less than forecasted. Draw-based games totaled \$157.7 million, which is \$0.4 million or 0.3% higher than the same month last year. Pick3, Pick 4, and Pick 5, generated \$62.5 million, a decrease of \$1.1 million or -1.8%. Multistate Games reached \$18.9 million, down \$0.4 million, or -1.9%, compared to last year. Keno & Lucky One sales were \$56.6 million, up \$1.9 million, or 3.4%. EZ Play sales totaled \$13.4 million, down \$0.3 million.

Scratch-off sales for the month of April totaled \$195.4 million, a decrease of \$7.1 million, or 3.5%, compared to the same month last year. The \$10 price point led sales, generating \$45.2 million or 23.1% of total scratch sales. The \$20 price point followed with \$38.2 million in sales or 19.5%. Self-service sales for the month were \$55.7 million, an increase of \$435 thousand, or 0.8%. April VLT gross gaming revenue was \$128.2 million, an increase of \$8.2 million or 6.8% compared to last April. Mr. Slyman noted that when compared to what was forecasted, VLT revenue is up \$10.4 million or 8.8%. Year-to-date, VLT revenue is up \$51.9 million or 4.5% higher than last year.

Lastly, CFO Slyman reported that the total prize expense for April equaled \$239.9 million, representing 68% of total sales. Prize expenses for Pick 3 and Pick 4 were below their designed payout rates, marking the second consecutive month of favorable performance in these categories. Several other draw-based games experienced higher-than-anticipated prize expenses, which offset some of these gains. Scratch-off prize expenses were also slightly elevated compared to expected levels, contributing to the overall payout variance for the month. Operating Expenses for April were slightly higher than forecasted due to the timing of invoices.

#### Director's Update

Assistant Director, Nicole Kostura, provided the update on behalf of Director Michelle Gillcrist. Assistant Director Kostura reported that the lottery's transfer to the Lottery Profit's Education Fund (LPEF) for the month of April was approximately \$115.1 million. Assistant Director Kostura noted that this is \$7.9 million below the budgeted commitment and \$0.6 million lower than April 2025. Fiscal Year-to-Date, the lottery has transferred \$1.29 billion to the LPEF, which is \$34.9 million ahead of the Fiscal Year-to-Date commitment and \$46.9 million higher than the same time period last year.

Assistant Director Kostura recognized Roman Popadiuk for 32 years of service in the IT department, highlighting his expertise and contributions, and wished him well in his retirement. In recognition of Public Service Recognition Month, Assistant Director Kostura, acknowledged and thanked the lottery's dedicated employees for their hard work and dedication to the agency's mission. Assistant Director Kostura expressed appreciation for the Commissioners' support they have provided to the lottery team.

Assistant Director Kostura informed the Commission about a partnership giveaway with the Department of Natural Resources during Teacher Appreciation Week, awarding a Greenville High School Teacher with a class field trip. Additionally, the lottery team surprised the school's bus drivers for the work they do.

Assistant Director Kostura invited Greg Beyer, Deputy Director of Internal Audit, to provide an update on the annual risk assessment. Deputy Director Beyer reminded Commissioners about the Stakeholders survey, thanked those who had completed it, and announced that the survey link would be resent for remaining responses.

Assistant Director Nicole reported on the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries conference hosted in Cleveland. The conference brought together over 100 industry professionals, featured leadership training, and included panel discussions with Director Gillcrist and the Nebraska Lottery Director. Several staff members presented, such as Marketing, showcasing unique promotions, IT showcase how to build a digital ecosystem, and our Responsible Gambling department elaborated on the research that went into the new WellPlayed, Ohio campaign. Departmental roundtables provided opportunities to discuss common issues, brainstorm solutions, and address economic pressures facing lotteries.

Lastly, Assistant Director Kostura invited Becca McLemore, Marketing Manager, to present on the Win Crowd Campaign.

#### ADJOURNMENT

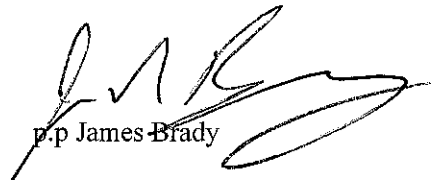
With no further business before the Ohio Lottery Commission, Chairman Blair informed the Commissioners that the next meeting will be held on June 10, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. via teleconferencing and in person. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



p.p Nicole Kostura

Michelle Gillcrist  
Director



p.p James Brady

Matthew Blair  
Commission Chair