



THE OHIO LOTTERY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 10, 2025  
IN PERSON/VIA TELECONFERENCE

Members of the Commission

Matthew Blair, Chairman  
James Brady  
Nita Gupta  
Jonathan Hughes  
Angela Mingo  
Martin Sweeney  
Matthew Szollosi  
Janet Weir Creighton

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  
Nicholas Ciofani, Deputy Director, Office of Government & Community Relations  
Charles Lopresti, Chief Legal Counsel, Office of Legal Counsel  
Dan Carter, Office of Legal Counsel  
Martin Morrow, Deputy Director, Office of Product Innovation  
Tom Ackerman, Deputy Director, Office of Marketing  
Danielle Frizzi-Babb, Deputy Director, Office of Communications  
Richard Perk, Deputy Director, Office of Sales  
Ed Slyman, Deputy Director, Office of Finance  
Jimmie Hicks, Deputy Director, Responsible Gambling  
Raymond Durant, Deputy Director, Office of Security & Investigations  
Greg Beyer, Deputy Director, Office of Internal Audit  
Joan French, Office of Legal Counsel  
Ian Litherland, Office of Legal Counsel  
Margaret Tomaro, Office of Legal Counsel  
Pam Strickland, Office of Product Innovation  
Simeonia Mays, Deputy Director, Office of Racino Operations  
Jon Dillinger, Office of Sports Gaming  
Tom Spayd, Office of Racino Operations  
Kenneth Dauenhauer, Office of Marketing  
Alexander Snyder, Office of Sports Gaming  
Percy Turner, Deputy Director, Office of General Services  
Richard Kline, Office of Sales  
Carla Reeves, Office of General Services  
Valerie Murphy, Office of Internal Audit  
Angela Brdar, Office of Sales  
Samantha Crites, Office of Internal Audit

Angela McCracken, Office of Sales  
Peter McGinty, Office of Internal Audit  
Brent Collier, Office of Internal Audit  
Scott Basom, Office of Security & Investigations  
Sue Diamond, Office of Responsible Gambling  
Marisol Halligan, Office of Product Innovation  
Scott Pollick, Office of Sales

Additional Attendees

Ed Dick, Jack Entertainment  
Debbie Pirone, Marcus Thomas  
Scott Chapin, Marcus Thomas  
Gina Lawwill, Miami Valley Gaming  
George Balajan, Intralot  
Carla Kuchta, Intralot  
Joseph Schmansky, AGO  
Mark Basedow, Lotto.com Inc  
Matt Buckley, MGM Resorts  
Rachel Viets, Hart Inc.  
Holly Guenther, Boyd Gaming  
Justin Remschneider, Boyd Gaming  
Kevin Davis, Miami Valley Gaming  
Sara Tait, Duane Morris  
Kevin D. Shimp, Dickinson-Wright  
Carly Ringlespauh, Ice Miller  
Ella Sedlock, Hannah  
Sam Porter, Ice Miller  
Steve Ranere, IGT  
Jermel Carr, Intralot

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 November 12, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Szollosi, with Commissioner Creighton, Commissioner Hughes, and Commissioner Mingo abstaining 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

Marty Morrow, Deputy Director of Product Innovation, presented seven (7) Scratch-Off Games in Proposed and Final Form:

- OLC Operating Procedure 1078: *Cross Match Bingo* (\$10.00)
- OLC Operating Procedure 1081: *Triple 7's* (\$2.00)
- OLC Operating Procedure 1082: *Fun 5's* (\$5.00)
- OLC Operating Procedure 1083: *Money Money Money* (\$10.00)
- OLC Operating Procedure 1084: *\$1,000,000 Stacked* (\$20.00)

- OLC Operating Procedure 1092: *Bingo X50* (\$10.00)
- OLC Operating Procedure 1099: *Lucky Streak* (\$5.00)

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 Commissioners present.

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

Charles Lopresti, Chief Legal Counsel, presented one (1) Administrative Rule in Final Form:

- 3770:1-9-987 Ohio lottery commission game rule number nine hundred and eighty-seven (Millionaire for Life™)

Chairman Blair moved to approve one (1) Administrative Rule in Final Form, with Commissioner Creighton offering a second to the Motion. The Motion was affirmatively voted upon by the Commissioners present.

#### Resolution to Approve fifty-two (52) new Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) Game Themes

Charles Lopresti, Chief Legal Counsel, presented a Resolution to approve fifty-two (52) VLT game themes.

Chairman Blair moved to approve the Resolution with fifty-two (52) VLT game themes with Commissioner Brady 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 November. The traditional Lottery games sales for the month of November totaled \$357.7 million, which is down \$0.2 million or -0.1% versus last year. Mr. Slyman informed the Commission that sales came in at \$8.9 million, below forecast, a shortfall of about 2.4%. Daily Draw games generated \$60.4 million, up 2.3% compared to last year.

Mr. Slyman reported that Multistate games sales were \$34.5 million, up \$11.1 million, or 48%. Mega Millions led the way with \$15.7 million in sales, up 34%, while Powerball sales were \$15.2 million, up 88% year-over-year. Quick Play sales totaled \$13.3 million, up 1.9% from last year. Monitor game sales, this included Keno & Lucky One, was \$54.1 million, down \$0.7 million or 1.9%. Mr. Slyman noted that despite a slight drop in sales, Keno sales have increased by nearly \$16 million year-to-date, reflecting 6.3% growth compared to the same period last year.

Scratch-Off game sales in November totaled \$188.9 million, which is down \$11.9 million or 5.9% compared to last November. The \$10 price point led all price categories with \$43.8 million, accounting for 23% of total scratch-off sales. The \$20 price point followed with \$42 million, or 22% of sales. Holiday themed games contributed \$47.4 million, or 25% of total scratch-off sales.

Total prize expense for the month was \$228.5 million, which is 63.9% of sales which is lower than average. Mr. Slyman stated that this lower-than expected prize expense contributed to the overall profit performance for the month. Video Lottery Terminal Revenue for November totaled \$116.1 million, \$76.8 million went to the racinos, and \$38.9 million was retained by the lottery. Year-to-date, VLT revenue is up \$26.8 million, or 4.7%, compared to last year.

Lastly, CFO Slyman reported that operating expenses for the month of November were \$17.5 million, which is right on target with what was forecasted.

#### Director's Update

Director Michelle Gillcrisp reported that the lottery's transfer to the Lottery Profit's Education Fund (LPEF) for the month of November was approximately \$127.5 million. This is approximately \$9.2 million more than our budgeted commitment for the month, and \$0.5 million more than last November. Director Gillcrisp stated that Fiscal Year-to-Date, profits are \$22.9 million above the budgeted commitment, and \$24.8 million ahead of last year.

Director Gillcrisp provided an update on House Bill 476 – the charitable online raffle bill. Director Gillcrisp informed the Commission that the bill did pass the Ohio House on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Director Gillcrisp stated that the bill will move through the Senate and Deputy Director Nicholas Ciofani will keep us informed of any changes.

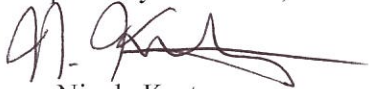
Director Gillcrisp recognized two employees retiring in the month of January: Barry Riley, Executive Producer of Cash Explosion and Kathleen Kizer, Lottery Sales Representative in Region 5 (Columbus).

Lastly, Director Gillcrisp informed the Commissioners that the Lottery takes pride in supporting its sister agencies from time to time. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources approached the Lottery to sponsor the premiere of their new 45-minute movie called "*Ohio: Wild at Heart*" which showcased the great work they are doing in their parks, with school children, and in the community. Director Gillcrisp stated that as a sponsor, the Lottery was able to showcase our work in the community as well. Director Gillcrisp shared the spot that was aired during the premieres in Cincinnati, Toledo, Cleveland, and Columbus.

#### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Ohio Lottery Commission, Chairman Blair informed Commissioners that the next meeting will be held on January 14, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. via teleconferencing and in person. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



p.p. Nicole Kostura

Michelle Gillcrisp  
Director



Matthew Blair  
Commission Chair