



ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

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Regular Meeting, Open Session Minutes Illinois Gaming Board Chicago, Illinois June 5, 2025

The Illinois Gaming Board convened for a Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. in the 5th Floor Auditorium of the of the Michael A. Bilandic Building, 160 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL, and through electronic means pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.* The meeting was accessible on the morning of June 5, 2025, via livestream at: <https://multimedia.illinois.gov/igb/igb-live.html>.

A roll call was taken. The following Board members were physically present: Chairman Charles Schmadeke, Member Dionne Hayden, Member Sean Brannon and Member Stephen Ferrara. Four members of the Board being present, a quorum was satisfied.

At approximately 9:01 A.M., Member Brannon moved to go into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c), paragraphs (1), (4), (11), (21) and (36) of the Open Meetings Act and Section 6(d) of the Illinois Gambling Act to discuss items on the closed session agenda relating to the employment and performance of a specific employee, pending litigation, the review of closed session minutes of the Regular Board Meetings, and to deliberate on decisions of the Illinois Gaming Board in which there is discussed personal, commercial, financial, or other information obtained from any source that is privileged, proprietary, confidential, or a trade secret; or information specifically exempted from the disclosure by federal or State law. Member Ferrara seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. Thereafter, the Board held its closed session meeting in person and through electronic means, the minutes of which are separately recorded. The Board's closed session meeting was not accessible via livestream at <https://multimedia.illinois.gov/igb/igb-live.html>.

At approximately 10:01 A.M., the Board reconvened its Regular Meeting of Thursday, June 5, 2025, pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.* The meeting was held in person and through electronic means. The meeting was accessible on the morning of June 5, 2025, via livestream at: <https://multimedia.illinois.gov/igb/igb-live.html>.

Another roll call was taken. The following Board members were physically present: Chairman Charles Schmadeke, Member Dionne Hayden, Member Sean Brannon and Member Stephen Ferrara. Four members of the Board being present, a quorum was satisfied.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board voted unanimously to approve the open session minutes from the Board's Regular Meeting held on April 24, 2025.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Chairman Schmadeke began the meeting by announcing that the June 2025 Board meeting would be his final meeting as a member of the IGB, where he has served for the past six years. The Chairman noted that his term, which spanned the implementation of the 2019 gaming expansion law and many other events, expires on July 1, 2025. The Chairman praised his fellow Board members and the IGB's staff for their dedication and service. He also acknowledged and thanked Administrator Marcus Fruchter, with whom he has worked closely during his years on the Board. Member Hayden, who has served with Chairman Schmadeke during the past six years, thanked him for his outstanding work as Board Chairman and for his mentorship.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Fruchter began his report by thanking and praising Chairman Schmadeke. The Administrator took a moment to highlight the Chairman's many accomplishments, not only as Board Chairman, but throughout his distinguished legal career in both private practice and the public sector.

The Administrator announced that the July 2025 Board meeting originally scheduled for July 24th will now be held on July 31st. Administrator Fruchter noted that the General Assembly adjourned its spring legislative session on May 31, 2025 and passed a few gaming-related measures including a tax on all on line sports wagers, changes to the licensing requirements for non-gaming employees employed at Illinois casinos and a restriction on the use of flags and banners at Video Gaming Location Establishments. He further noted that these new measures were not IGB initiatives and that the IGB is still studying the applicable language but will be ready to implement them when signed into law by the Governor.

As he has done at previous meetings, Administrator Fruchter reminded listeners to avoid wagering with unregulated, unlicensed and illegal operators, whether online or retail. The Administrator noted that online gaming is illegal in Illinois and that there are many sites that purport to offer legal online gaming to Illinois citizens. The Administrator encouraged people not to be scammed by these sites.

Administrator Fruchter noted that Illinois has 17 operating casinos (including 1 "racino"), 13 sportsbooks, 58 active Terminal Operators, 8,697 licensed Video Gaming Establishments and 49,133 live Video Gaming Terminals ("VGTs"). In April, VGTs generated Net Terminal Income ("NTI") of \$275,310,471, which yielded a total tax of \$96,358,906. The State's retained \$82,192,500, while municipalities and counties retained \$14,166,406. Illinois casinos produced Adjusted Gross Receipts ("AGR") of \$162,624,518, yielding a State tax of \$28,132,228 while host communities earned \$9,855,037. In March, Sports Wagering had AGR of \$95,479,077 generating a State tax in the amount of \$33,596,602 while Cook County received an additional \$1,055,337. Added together, Illinois has received total gaming taxes of \$626,869,963. The State retained \$531,777,736 while locals received \$95,092,227.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

The Board entertained comments from Kathy Gilroy.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Proposed Amendment to Rule 1800.550 – Allowing Existing Terminal Handlers and Technicians to Become Video Gaming Sales Agent licensees

The Board voted unanimously to approve for submission to the Index Department of the Secretary of State on First Notice the proposed amendment to Rule 1800.550 that would allow existing Terminal Handlers and Technicians to become Video Gaming Sales Agent licensees.

CASINO

OWNERS LICENSEE ITEM

The Administrator announced that Casino Queen, Inc. d/b/a DraftKings at Casino Queen asked the Board for initial consideration of its Owners license renewal.

SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEM

Key Person Suitability Determination

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to find Robert Cresson Ritterhoff suitable as a key person of American Gaming & Electronics, Inc.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS

Level 1 License Applications – Approvals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to approve Jennifer Lynne Houge as a Level 1 Occupational licensee at The Rock Island Boatworks, LLC d/b/a Bally's Quad Cities Casino & Hotel.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to approve Amy Jo Applegate as a Level 1 Occupational licensee at Wind Creek IL LLC d/b/a Wind Creek Chicago Southland Casino.

Level 2 and 3 License Applications – Approvals and Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 177 Level 2 and 58 Level 3 occupational licenses and further to issue Notices of Denial to the following applicants:

1. Timothy Wayne Thigpen (24X007943)
2. Edgar Torrez (25I161562)

Occupational License Denial by the Administrator

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on February 6, 2025, to deny all applicants who, after an appropriate investigation, staff determined are prohibited by statute or rule from holding the license applied for, the Administrator denied the Level 2 Occupational license application of Veronica Maria Taylor (23Q005852).

Occupational License Renewals by the Administrator

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on February 6, 2025, the Administrator renewed the Level 1, 2, and 3 licenses of individuals who were licensed or renewed in May or June 2024 who properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Illinois Gambling Act and the Board's Rules.

SPORTS WAGERING

SPORTS WAGERING SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS

- Circa Hospitality Group I LLC d/b/a Golden Gate Hotel & Casino

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to grant Circa Hospitality Group I LLC d/b/a Golden Gate Hotel & Casino a Supplier license for a period of four years, expiring in June 2029 and further to find the following individuals, business entity and trusts suitable as key persons of Circa Hospitality Group I LLC d/b/a Golden Gate Hotel & Casino:

1. Derek John Stevens
2. Gregory John Stevens
3. Susan Alice Hitch
4. Circa Hospitality Group LLC
5. The Derek J. Stevens Trust
6. The Gregory J. Stevens Trust

- Sportradar Solutions LLC

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to grant Sportradar Solutions LLC a Supplier license for a period of four years, expiring in June 2029 and further to find the following individuals and business entities suitable as key persons Sportradar Solutions LLC:

1. Eduard Hendrik Blonk
2. John Andrew Doran
3. Carsten Marcus Koerl
4. Sportradar Americas Inc.
5. Sportradar AG
6. Sportradar Management Ltd.
7. Sportradar Jersey Holding Ltd.
8. Sportradar Group AG
9. TCV IX Sports Corp.
10. TCV IX, L.P.
11. Technology Crossover Management IX, L.P.
12. Technology Crossover Management IX, LTD.
13. CPP Investment Board Europe, Inc.

- Stadium Technology Group, LLC

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to grant Stadium Technology Group, LLC a Supplier license for a period of four years, expiring in June 2029. Furthermore, staff recommends that the Board find the following individuals and business entities suitable as key persons of Stadium Technology Group, LLC:

1. Rakesh Kumar Batchu
2. Robert Matthew Wood
3. Simon Gregorevich Zinger
4. Entain plc
5. Entain Holdings (UK) Limited
6. Ladbrokes Coral Group Limited
7. Ladbrokes Holdco, Inc.
8. Ladbrokes Subco, LLC

SPORTS WAGERING OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS

Level 1 License Application – Approvals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve Susan Alice Hitch as a Level 1 Occupational licensee for Circa Sports Illinois LLC.

Level 2 and Level 3 License Applications – Approvals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 173 Level 2 sports wagering occupational licenses.

SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE RENEWALS

Master Sports Wagering License

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on February 6, 2025, the Administrator renewed the Master Sports Wagering license of The Rock Island Boatworks, LLC d/b/a Bally's Quad Cities Casino & Hotel, for a period of four years, expiring June 2029.

Level 1, 2, and 3 License Renewals – Administrator Delegation

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on February 6, 2025, the Administrator renewed the Level 1, 2, and 3 Sports Wagering licenses of the individuals who were licensed or renewed in May or June 2024 who properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Sports Wagering Act and the Board's Rules.

VIDEO GAMING

TERMINAL OPERATOR LICENSEE ITEM

Initial Licenses – Approvals and Denials

- Cash Flow Express, LLC

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant Cash Flow Express, LLC a terminal operator license, for a period of four years, expiring June 2029.

- Champion Gaming LLC

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant Champion Gaming LLC a terminal operator license, for a period of four years, expiring June 2029.

- TJ IL Investments LLC

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to deny TJ IL Investments LLC's terminal operator license application.

TECHNICIANS & TERMINAL HANDLERS

Initial Licenses – Approvals and Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 1 Technician licenses and 37 Terminal Handler licenses for a period of two years, expiring in June 2027, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before July 31, 2025.

VG Technicians and Terminal Handlers License Renewals (by Administrator)

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on February 6, 2025, the Administrator renewed the licenses of Technicians and Terminal Handlers who were licensed in May or June 2023, for a period of two years expiring in May or June 2027, who properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules.

VIDEO GAMING ESTABLISHMENT APPLICANT ITEMS

VG Location Establishment Approvals and Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 58 Video Gaming Establishment License applications, for a period of two years, expiring in June 2027, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before July 31, 2025, and further to issue a Notice of Denial to the following applicant: 52 Brink Street, LLC d/b/a Cantina 52 (240703104)

VG Location Establishment License Denial by Administrator

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on February 6, 2025, to deny all applicants who, after an appropriate investigation, staff determined are prohibited by statute or rule from holding the license applied for, the Administrator denied the Video Gaming Location Establishment license application of Dynamite Brewing LLC d/b/a Short Fuse Brewing (240701181).

VG Location Establishment License Renewals by Administrator

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on February 6, 2025, the Administrator renewed the licenses of Video Gaming Location Establishments who were licensed in May or June 2023, for a period of two years expiring in May or June 2027, who properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules.

LITIGATION/ALJ RECOMMENDATION

ALJ Recommendation/Final Board Order

- *In re the Denial of:* Anthony Jerome Edwards (24-GB-0008), Sports Wagering Level 2 Occupational License Applicant

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation that the Board adopt the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Decision in this matter and grant Anthony Jerome Edwards a Sports Wagering Level 2 Occupational license.

ADJOURN

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.