



ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

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Regular Meeting, Open Session Minutes Illinois Gaming Board Chicago, Illinois December 11, 2025

The Illinois Gaming Board convened for a Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. in the 5th Floor Auditorium 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 December 11, 2025, via livestream at: <https://multimedia.illinois.gov/igb/igb-live.html>.

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

At approximately 9:01 A.M., Member Melamed 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 10:00 A.M., the Board reconvened its Regular Meeting of Thursday, December 11, 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 December 11, 2025, via livestream at: <https://multimedia.illinois.gov/igb/igb-live.html>.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the Board's Regular Meeting held on September 11, 2025.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Fruchter began his report by commenting on the new Advertising Rules for the gaming industry. The Administrator reminded everyone that the IGB's new advertising rules are currently in effect. Although the IGB has been allowing the gaming industry time to come into compliance with the updated rules, Administrator Fruchter noted the IGB has received reports about advertising that many believe are in violation of the rules. Specifically, the IGB believes that many of the billboards currently in use contain the required problem gaming language that is too small to read. This may violate the spirit of the advertising rules. The Administrator further noted that the IGB will be examining these reports more closely in the new year and that discipline is possible. The Administrator urged licensees to re-examine these billboards used as part of a licensee's advertising campaign and to verify that the problem gambling-related language is reasonable in size.

Next, Administrator Fruchter provided an update on the recent amendment to the operative Board Resolution which delegated to the Administrator the authority to issue video gaming licenses to pending location, terminal handler, technician, and sales agent applicants where no known concerns about an applicant's suitability for licensure are found after review and investigation of the subject applications and to find suitable proposed Key Persons which the Board has previously found suitable as Key Persons for another licensee. The Administrator explained that various programming bugs delayed implementation of the use of the new delegated authority and that the first batch of new licensees took place on November 6, 2025 with a second batch completed on November 20th, the third Thursday of the month. In total, 120 new licenses were granted in November using the new delegated authority broken down as follows: 52 Video Gaming Location Establishment licenses, 71 Terminal Handler licenses and 2 Technician licenses.

Administrator Fruchter indicated that approximately 37,960 VGTs, or about 75% of VGTs currently in operation, use Ticket In Ticket Out ("TITO") technology today. Moreover, 60 of the 62 active Terminal Operators and 8,567 of the 8,743 Establishments operate using TITO. The IGB will continue its work in this area until all VGTs are enabled for TITO.

Next, Administrator Fruchter discussed licensing numbers and generated tax revenue. The Administrator stated that there are 62 active Terminal Operators, 8,743 Establishments and 49,612 VGTs. More than 5 VGTs are being operated at approximately 6,680 Establishments. The \$4 max bet software is being used at 49,388 Establishments (leaving fewer than 300 using the outdated software).

In October, Illinois' VGTs produced Net Terminal Income ("NTI") in the amount of \$277,679,005.99, which produced a total tax of \$97,186,970.91. The State retained \$83,293,799.61, while municipalities and counties earned \$13,893,172.30. In November, Illinois' casinos reported Adjusted Gross Receipts ("AGR") in the amount of \$154,820,122.55. The State received tax of \$42,119,236.81, while host communities received \$9,817,261. In September, Sports Wagering AGR was \$100,690,275, generating a State tax in the amount \$27,760,297, \$10,561,853 in the per wager tax and an additional \$1,063,371 to Cook County. For the period from January through November 2025 (not including November VGT results or October/November sports wagering results), the gaming industry has generated total tax of \$1,759,318,759. The State has retained \$1,503,236,532, with locals receiving \$256,082,227.

Since this was the last Board meeting in 2025, Administrator Fruchter took a moment to acknowledge and thank the IGB employees who recently retired or will soon be retiring for their commitment and dedicated service. The Administrator noted two of the longest tenured employees, Trudy Curtis and Julie Stoecker, and wished all the retirees the best of luck in the future.

Finally, the Administrator announced the Board meeting schedule for 2026. In 2026, the IGB will meet on the following six dates: February 5, April 23, June 11, August 20, October 22 and December 10.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

The Board entertained comments from Levi Lancaster.

CASINO

OWNERS/ORGANIZATION GAMING LICENSEE ITEMS

Request for Initial Consideration

- 815 Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Hard Rock Casino Rockford

The Administrator announced that 815 Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Hard Rock Casino Rockford asked the Board for initial consideration of its Owners license renewal which required no Board action at this month's meeting.

- Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation d/b/a Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino

The Administrator announced that Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation d/b/a Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino requested initial consideration of its Rule 230(d) request which required no Board action at this month's meeting. The Administrator then invited representatives of Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation to address the Board. Upon conclusion of the Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation presentation, the Administrator invited representatives of the City of Peoria to address the Board.

SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS

License Renewals

- Ainsworth Game Technology, Inc.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to renew the Casino Supplier license of Ainsworth Game Technology, Inc., for a period of four years, retroactive to November 2025 and expiring in November 2029 and to find that the following individuals and business entities remain suitable as key persons of Ainsworth Game Technology, Inc.:

1. Ainsworth Game Technology Limited
2. AGT Pty Limited
3. Novo Invest GmbH
4. Novomatic AG
5. Ryan Patrick Comstock
6. Johann Friedrich Graf

- Everi Games Inc.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to renew the Casino Supplier license of Everi Games Inc. for a period of four years, retroactive to November 2025 and expiring in November 2029. and to find that the following business entities remain suitable as key persons of Everi Games Inc.: Everi Games Holding Inc. and Everi Holdings Inc.

- Everi Payments Inc.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to renew the Casino Supplier license of Everi Payments, Inc. for a period of four years, expiring in December 2029 and to find that the following business entity remains suitable as key a person of Everi Payments Inc.: Everi Holdings Inc.

Key Person Suitability Determinations

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to find Ignite Rotate LLC suitable as a key person of IGT.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to find the following business entities suitable as key persons of IGT, Everi Games Inc. and Everi Payments Inc.:

1. AP Voyager Co-Invest, L.P.
2. AP Voyager Holdings, L.P.
3. AP X Voyager Aggregator, L.P.
4. AP X Voyager VoteCo, LLC
5. Apollo Investment Fund X, L.P.
6. Apollo Overseas Partners (Delaware 892) X, L.P.
7. Apollo Overseas Partners (Lux) X, SCSp
8. Apollo Overseas Partners X, L.P.
9. Voyager Holdco I Corporation
10. Voyager Holdco II, LLC
11. Voyager Management Holdings, LLC
12. Voyager Parent, LLC
13. Voyager TopCo GP, LLC
14. Voyager TopCo, L.P.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to find Siobhan Margaret Lane suitable as a key person of LNW Gaming, Inc. d/b/a Light & Wonder.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS

Level 1 License Applications – Approvals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to approve Colton Michael Short as a Level 1 Occupational licensee at Alton Casino, LLC d/b/a Argosy Casino Alton.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to approve Ryan Patrick Coppola as a Level 1 Occupational licensee at Bally's Chicago Operating Company LLC.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to approve David Matthew Jamros as a Level 1 Occupational licensee at 815 Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Hard Rock Casino Rockford.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to approve Mark Anthony Heavrin as a Level 1 Occupational licensee at HC Aurora, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Aurora and HC Joliet, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Joliet.

Level 2 and 3 License Applications – Approvals and Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 253 Level 2 Occupational licenses.

Occupational License Renewals by the Administrator

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

SPORTS WAGERING

MASTER SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE ITEMS

Key Person Suitability Determination

Pursuant to the authority delegated to him by the Board, the Administrator found the following business entities suitable as key persons of IGT as it relates to IGT's Sports Wagering Supplier license:

1. Ignite Rotate LLC
2. AP Voyager Co-Invest, L.P.
3. AP Voyager Holdings, L.P.
4. AP X Voyager Aggregator, L.P.
5. AP X Voyager VoteCo, LLC
6. Apollo Investment Fund X, L.P.
7. Apollo Overseas Partners (Delaware 892) X, L.P.
8. Apollo Overseas Partners (Lux) X, SCSp
9. Apollo Overseas Partners X, L.P.
10. Voyager Holdco I Corporation
11. Voyager Holdco II, LLC
12. Voyager Management Holdings, LLC
13. Voyager Parent, LLC
14. Voyager TopCo GP, LLC
15. Voyager TopCo, L.P.

SPORTS WAGERING OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS

SWA Level 2 License Applications – Approvals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to approve 260 Level 2 sports wagering occupational licenses.

SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE RENEWALS

Level 1 and Level 2 License Renewals – Administrator Delegation

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

VIDEO GAMING

MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR, SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS

License Renewals

- Everi Games Inc.

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on February 6, 2025, the Administrator renewed the Manufacturer, Distributor and Supplier licenses of Everi Games Inc. for a period of four years, retroactive to November 2025 and expiring in November 2029.

- Everi Payments Inc.

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board on February 6, 2025, the Administrator renewed the Distributor and Supplier licenses of Everi Payments Inc., for a period of four years, expiring in December 2029.

TECHNICIANS & TERMINAL HANDLERS

Initial Licenses – Approvals and Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff’s recommendation to approve 15 Terminal Handler licenses for a period of two years, expiring in December 2027, subject to licensee’s payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before January 31, 2026 and to issue a Notice of Denial to the following applicant: Mark Dale Eugene Teets (230500004).

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 December 2023, for a period of two years expiring in December 2027, who have 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 31 Video Gaming Establishment License applications, for a period of two years, expiring in December 2027, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before January 31, 2026 and further, to issue Notices of Denial to the following applicants:

1. LAS PALMAS AUTHENTIC MEXICAN CANTINA, INC. d/b/a LAS PALMAS AUTHENTIC MEXICAN CANTINA (250700149)
2. PGN Village Inn, Inc. d/b/a PGN Tee Time (250700380)
3. SAT KAIVAL REAL ESTATE LLC d/b/a BATAVIA SHELL (251000578)
4. TACOMA TACO & ENCHILADA GRILL, INC. d/b/a TACOMA TACO & ENCHILADA GRILL INC (250700400)

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 applications of the following applicant: JD Entertainment Inc. d/b/a Miss Kitty's Gold Mine (250700494)

VG Location Establishment – Rescission Item

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation that the Board rescind its September 11, 2025, denial and grant RUSHI VEER LLC d/b/a SHILOH SPINS & SPIRITS a Video Gaming Location Establishment license for a period of two years, expiring in December 2027, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before January 31, 2026.

VG Requests for Hearing

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to deny the Request for Hearing submitted by JK Investments Holding LLC d/b/a KC Liquor.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to deny the Request for Hearing submitted by 52 Brink Street LLC d/b/a Cantina 52.

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 December 2023, for a period of two years expiring in December 2027, who have properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules.

ADJOURN

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.