



ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

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Regular Meeting, Open Session Minutes Illinois Gaming Board Chicago, Illinois February 5, 2026

The Illinois Gaming Board convened for a Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 9:07 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 February 5, 2026, 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, and Member Caleb Melamed. Member Stephen Ferrara was present and participated electronically via WebEx. Four members of the Board being present, a quorum was satisfied.

At approximately 9:08 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 Melamed 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 11:01 A.M., the Board reconvened its Regular Meeting of Thursday, February 5, 2026, 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 February 5, 2026, 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 December 11, 2025.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Fruchter began his report by announcing that the IGB and Illinois Attorney General's office jointly issued more than 65 cease and desist letters to unlicensed online casinos and sweepstakes operators. These letters, which are available on the IGB's website, are the latest in an ongoing attempt to address and eliminate illegal gambling endeavors in Illinois. The Administrator noted that if the operators do not comply with the cease-and-desist letters by blocking Illinois residents from being able to access the illegal offerings, then they may face civil and/or criminal penalties. Administrator Fruchter mentioned that Illinois has legalized casinos, sports books and VGTs, but prohibits iGaming and internet sites that allow gambling. With the Super Bowl just around the corner, the Administrator reminded listeners that any wagers must be made through IGB-approved Illinois sports books.

Next, Administrator Fruchter announced that the IGB has completed the necessary steps to begin accepting Sales Agent and Broker license applications and that the new applications and related instructions are expected to be available on the IGB's website during the week of February 17th. He explained that the following three types of applications have been created to address different applicants:

1. Video Gaming Sales Agent and Broker License Application Short Form: This application will be available to Licensed Technicians and Terminal Handlers who are in good standing and appear on the IGB's "eligible to work" list.
2. Video Gaming Technician/Terminal Handler/Sales Agent and Broker License Application: This application will be used by new sales agents and those who have previously registered with IGB but are not already licensed as Technicians or Terminal Handlers. Each applicant will need to be interviewed and fingerprinted as part of this process via an appointment at a casino field office.
3. Video Gaming Business Entity Sales Agent and Broker License Application: As the name suggests, if sales agents desire to be paid through an entity they create, the entity must file this Business Entity form. In addition, each owner must file the applicable form as described above.

Administrator Fruchter further noted that Sales Agents who have previously registered with the IGB must file their applicable applications with the IGB no later than August 17, 2026 giving the industry six months to comply with this new licensing process. He also encouraged Terminal Operators to aggregate these applications for their sales agents and file them in bulk through a SharePoint link the IGB will provide to allow the applications to be uploaded.

Next, the Administrator provided a quick update on the on-going implementation of the new federal threshold for recording casino jackpot winnings.

Administrator Fruchter noted that in January 2026, pursuant to the authority delegated to him by the Board, he granted licenses to 62 qualified applicants broken down as follows: 38 Video Gaming Location Establishment licenses, 23 Terminal Handler licenses and 1 Technician license.

Lastly, Administrator Fruchter discussed licensing numbers and generated tax revenue. The Administrator stated that there are 17 casinos, 14 active sports books, 64 licensed Terminal Operators and 8,723 licensed video gaming location establishments. Approximately 6,710 of those licensed establishments are operating with more than 5 VGTs. He further noted that there are approximately 49,553 live VGTs across the State of which 49,398 are equipped with the \$4 max bet software and 85% of the VGTs deployed in Illinois are

using Ticket In Ticket Out (“TITO”) technology.

In December 2025, VGTs produced Net Terminal Income (“NTI”) of \$272,264,396, which generated total tax of \$95,291,508. The State retained \$83,302,190, while municipalities kept \$11,989,318. In December, Illinois’ casinos reported Adjusted Gross Receipts (“AGR”) of \$169,056,343. The State received tax in the amount of \$46,716,556 while host communities earned \$10,630,388. Sports wagering AGR was \$160,541,796, generating State tax of \$69,035,044. Cook County earned an additional \$1,637,733.

For the period from January 1-December 31, 2025, Illinois gaming industry generated a total tax of \$2,202,172,728. The State retained \$1,905,658,695, while locals received \$294,914,033.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

The Board entertained comments from Pat Doerr.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Administrator Delegation – Renewal of Board Resolution to Delegate Certain Authority to Administrator

The Board voted unanimously to renew the existing February 6, 2025 Board Resolution to Delegate Certain Authority to the Administrator as amended on September 11, 2025 and have it remain in effect until the first regular Board meeting of the 2027 calendar year, unless modified by Board.

CASINO

OWNERS/ORGANIZATION GAMING LICENSEE ITEMS

Request for Final Consideration

- Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation d/b/a Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino Rule 230(d) Casino Redevelopment Plan

At approximately 11:59 A.M., upon conclusion of Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation’s presentation and the comments made by representatives of the City of Peoria and the City of East Peoria, Member Brannon moved to go into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c), paragraph (36) of the Open Meetings Act and Section 6(d) of the Illinois Gambling Act 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 Melamed 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>.

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Request for Final Consideration (Continued)

- Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation d/b/a Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino Rule 230(d) Casino Redevelopment Plan

The Board announced that it was tabling final consideration of Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation d/b/a Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino's Rule 230(d) request. The Administrator noted that the Board intends to convene a special meeting later in the month to address the matter.

SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS

License Renewals

- AGS, LLC

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 January 2026 and expiring in January 2030 and to find that the following individuals and business entities remain suitable as key persons of Ainsworth Game Technology, Inc.:

1. David Benjamin John Lopez
2. PlayAGS, Inc.
3. AP Gaming, Inc.
4. AP Gaming Holdings, LLC
5. AP Gaming I, LLC
6. AP Gaming II, Inc.
7. AP Gaming Acquisition, LLC
8. AGS Capital, LLC

- Patriot Gaming & Electronics, Inc.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to renew the Casino Supplier license of Patriot Gaming & Electronics, Inc. for a period of four years, expiring in February 20230 and to find that the following individuals remain suitable as key persons of Patriot Gaming & Electronics, Inc.:

1. Mark Ernest Komorowski
2. Mark Christopher Nocco

Key Person Suitability Determinations

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to find Robert Alexander Walsh suitable as a key person of Aristocrat Technologies, Inc.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS

Level 1 License Applications – Approvals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation to approve the following individuals as Level 1 Occupational licensee:

1. David Eric Schmidt – Sportsbook Manager – Elgin Riverboat Resort d/b/a Grand Victoria Casino
2. Ruben Tyrone Warren – Vice President and General Manager – HC Joliet, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Joliet
3. Kristopher Alan Kanz – Director of Security – The Rock Island Boatworks, LLC d/b/a Bally's Quad Cities Casino & Hotel;
4. Margaret Marie Powers – Senior Internal Auditor – The Rock Island Boatworks, LLC d/b/a Bally's Quad Cities Casino & Hotel
5. Robert Durante Hull – Director of Slots – Walker's Bluff Casino Resort, LLC
6. Vicki Lynn Harger – Finance Director – Walker's Bluff Casino Resort, LLC
7. Steven Mytron Cox – Director of Finance – Wind Creek IL LLC d/b/a Wind Creek Chicago Southland
8. John Allan Zebell – Director of Table Games– Wind Creek IL LLC d/b/a Wind Creek Chicago Southland

Level 2 License Applications – Approvals and Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 251 Level 2 Occupational licenses.

Occupational License Renewals by the Administrator

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

SPORTS WAGERING

MANAGEMENT SERVICES PROVIDER LICENSEE ITEM

License Renewal

- BetMGM, LLC d/b/a Roar Digital

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to renew the Management Services Provider license of BetMGM, LLC d/b/a Roar Digital, for a period of four years, retroactive to January 2026 and expiring in January 2030 and to find that the following business entities and individuals remain suitable as key persons of BetMGM, LLC d/b/a Roar Digital:

1. Entain PLC
2. Entain Holdings (UK) Limited
3. GVC Holdings (USA), Inc.
4. IAC Inc. (f/k/a IAC/InterActiveCorp)
5. MGM Resorts International
6. MGM Sports & Interactive Gaming, LLC
7. Gary Allen Deutsch
8. Gary Matthew Fritz
9. Adam Bryce Greenblatt
10. Keith Arlin Meister
11. Robert Matthew Wood

SPORTS WAGERING OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS

SWA Level 2 License Applications – Approvals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 214 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, the Administrator renewed the Level 1 and Level 2 Sports Wagering licenses of the individuals who were licensed or renewed in January or February 2025 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 ITEM

License Renewals

- Patriot Gaming & Electronics, Inc.

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board, the Administrator renewed the Distributor and Supplier licenses of Patriot Gaming & Electronics, Inc. for a period of four years, expiring in February 2030.

TERMINAL OPERATOR LICENSEE ITEMS

Initial Licenses – Approvals

- Baeboo LLC d/b/a Regal Gaming
- One for Gaming, LLC d/b/a One for Gaming

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to grant terminal operator licenses to Baeboo LLC d/b/a Regal Gaming and One for Gaming, LLC d/b/a One for Gaming, for a period of four years, expiring February 2030.

License Renewals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to renew the following Terminal Operator licenses, for a period of four years, retroactive to January 2026 and expiring in January 2030:

1. Admira, LLC
2. Heck Gaming, LLC
3. Illinois Gold Rush, Inc.
4. Illinois Video Slot Management Corp. d/b/a IVSM
5. J&J Ventures Gaming, LLC
6. JHey Enterprises, LLC
7. Lucky Lady, LLC
8. Midwest SRO, LLC
9. Quad Gaming, Inc.
10. Sparrow Gaming, Inc. d/b/a Sparrow Gaming

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to renew the following Terminal Operator licenses, for a period of four years, expiring in February 2030:

1. Gold Rush Amusements, Inc. d/b/a Gold Rush Gaming
2. Lattner Entertainment Group Illinois, LLC
3. Renville Gaming, LLC

TECHNICIANS & TERMINAL HANDLERS

Initial Licenses – Approvals and Denials

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 1 Technician license and 12 Terminal Handler licenses for a period of two years, expiring in February 2028, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before March 31, 2026.

VG Technicians and Terminal Handlers License Renewals (by Administrator)

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board, the Administrator renewed the licenses of Technicians and Terminal Handlers who were licensed in February 2024, for a period of two years expiring in February 2028, 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

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's recommendation to approve 26 Video Gaming Establishment License applications, for a period of two years, expiring in February 2028, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before March 31, 2026.

VG Location Establishment License Denial by Administrator

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board 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 the following applicant: Barajas Mexican Bar and Grill Co. d/b/a Barajas Tacos Y Cantina (240701646)

VG Location Establishment – Rescission Item

- Chronister Oil Company d/b/a Qik-N-EZ (181001826)

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation that the Board rescind the June 16, 2022 Non-renewal notice and renew Chronister Oil Company d/b/a Qik-N-EZ's Truck Stop Establishment license through its next scheduled renewal date in May 2026.

VG Location Establishment License Renewals by Administrator

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board, the Administrator renewed the licenses of Video Gaming Location Establishments who were licensed in February 2024, for a period of two years expiring in February 2028, who have properly updated their applications and complied with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules.

RULE 320 PETITION - FINAL BOARD ORDER ITEM

- Accel Entertainment Gaming, LLC, Petitioner ("Accel") v. Elite Gaming, LLC, Respondent ("Elite"), In re Truckquest, Inc. d/b/a Truckquest, Inc. 211001701 ("Truckquest"), Docket No. 22-UP-006

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation that the Board issue a final order in 22-UP-006 that:

- (1) Adopts the Administrator's recommendation to deny Accel's Petition, and finds the Elite Agreement to be a valid, enforceable use agreement controlling the placement and operation of video gaming terminals at the Truckquest location during the relevant period;
- (2) Finds that Accel failed to prove by clear and convincing evidence that the Accel Agreement is a valid and enforceable use agreement; and
- (3) Finds that Accel's Exceptions regarding Elite's alleged misconduct are without merit.

LITIGATION/ALJ RECOMMENDATION

ALJ Recommendation/Final Board Order

- *In re the Discipline of:* Lucky Lincoln Gaming, LLC Terminal Operator Licensee (130606452)

The Board voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation that the Board: (1) reject the Administrative Law Judge's Recommendation; (2) discontinue prosecution of the 2017, 2019 and 2023 Disciplinary Complaints against Lucky Lincoln Gaming, LLC, and (3) to authorize the Administrator to execute a settlement agreement with Lucky Lincoln Gaming, LLC consistent with the terms described to the Board.

ADJOURN

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.