

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ARIZONA LOTTERY
Commission Minutes of March 17, 2023, Meeting

PRESIDING Chair Jeff Weintraub (Teleconference)

COMMISSIONERS Tim Baumgarten (In-Person), Julie Katsel (Teleconference)

LOTTERY Russ Harben; Deputy Director of Operations & Chief Financial Officer, Todd Terrell; Deputy Director of Security and Investigations, Raynie Hosto; Deputy Director of Customer Service & Sales, (In-Person) Greg Chmielewski Deputy Director of Strategic Planning & Initiatives (Teleconference)

Luanne Mansanares, Jacob Rusywick, John Gilliland, Adam Tollefson and Ray Ortega (In Person) Alexandra Adukeh, Shelby Alessi, Debra Andrego, Cassandra Bierworth, Mary Cimaglio, Anjali Dang, Justin Felker, Shelby Figueroa, Michael Jennings, Susan Kalember, Mia Lemke, Cheyenne McMurty, Victor Mendoza, Kimberly Morrison, Robin Peters, Allyson Saltford, Lynda Sellers, Kathleen Syms, Nicholas Wagner, and Gregory Welch (Teleconference)

GUESTS Attorney General Representative: Pam Peiser (Teleconference)

Scientific Games Representatives: Topper Wilson, Gabriel Reed, and Matt Block (Teleconference)

Pollard Banknote Limited Representatives: John Papile, and Travis Priest (Teleconference)

Owens Harkey Representatives: Noelle Hobaica, Anna Garza, and Jessica Guffy (Teleconference)

PUBLIC None

Call to Order

1. **Call for Quorum:** Pursuant to the Public Notice dated March 09, 2023, the Public Meeting of the Arizona State Lottery Commission was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chair Jeff Weintraub.

A quorum was present, with Chair Weintraub, Commissioner Katsel (Teleconference), and Commissioner Baumgarten. (Appearing in-person)

2. **Notice:** Notice was posted by Luanne Mansanares on March 09, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., at the Arizona State Lottery, located at 4740 E. University Dr., Phoenix, Arizona.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Chair Weintraub entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2023, Public Meeting. Commissioner Katsel moved; Commissioner Baumgarten seconded. The vote was unanimous with Chair Weintraub voting aye, Commissioner Katsel voting aye, Commissioner Baumgarten voting aye. The motion

carried.

Agency Reports

1. **Director's Presentation:** Deputy Director of Operations, Russ Harben informed the Commission that Deputy Director of Legal Services, Sherri Zendri has left the agency and accepted another offer with the Maricopa County court system. John Gilliland presented information on the beneficiary focus of the month, Phoenix Public Library Foundation's College Depot. Deputy Director of Operations, Russ Harben concluded the presentation with a legislative update. The presentation is attached for the official minutes
2. **Financial Report Presentation:** Russ Harben presented the financial information with overall sales, new projections, and financial status with a comparison of last year's sales. The presentation is attached for the official minutes.
3. **Products & Marketing Update – No Presentation**
4. **New Games Introduction – No Presentation**

New Business

1. Chair Weintraub asked if any members of the public wanted to address the Commission regarding new instant scratch game profiles: *Universal Monsters* #1412, *Fruit Explosion* #1417, and *Sunshine Slingshot Trio* #1419. There was no response from the public.

In accordance with A.R.S. §5-554(C), Chair Weintraub entertained a motion to approve the orders and authorize the Agency to issue the orders regarding new instant scratch game profiles: #1412, #1417, and #1419. Commissioner Baumgarten moved; Commissioner Katsel seconded. The vote was unanimous with Chair Weintraub voting aye, Commissioner Katsel voting aye, and Commissioner Baumgarten voting aye. The motion carried.

2. Chair Weintraub asked if any members of the public wanted to address the Commission regarding new instant tab game profiles: *True Heroes* #183, *USA* #184, *Slots of Cash* #185, *Spicy 9s* #186, *Patriot's Dream* #187, *Got Luck* #188, *Freedom Road* #189, *Lucky Bucks* #190, *Hot Cash* #1088, *Fun Money* #1089, *1st & Goal* #1090, *Head'n for Home* #1091, *Suited Up* #1092, *Wild Reels* #1093, *Crisis Cross Cash*

Luanne Mansanares stopped the Commissioner and informed Chair Weintraub that he stated "Crisis Cross Cash" instead of *Criss Cross Cash*.

Chair Weintraub made the correction by stating *Criss Cross Cash* #1094, and *Max Money* #1095. There was no response from the public.

In accordance with A.R.S. §5-554(C), Chair Weintraub entertained a motion to approve the order and authorize the Agenby to issue the order regarding new instant tab game profiles: #183, #184, #185, #186, #187, #188, #189, #190, #1088, #1089, #1090, #1091, #1092, #1093, #1094, and #1095.

Commissioner Baumgarten requested to discuss and ask questions regarding the games.

Chair Weintraub informed the Commissioner he would obtain a motion first and then have a discussion. Commissioner Katsel moved; Chair Weintraub seconded, and Chair Weintraub opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Baumgarten raised questions regarding the pull tab game odds.

Russ Harben informed the Commission that Deputy Director of Products & Marketing is currently out of the office however, Mary Cimaglio, Senior Instant Games Manager will be able to address your questions.

Mary Cimaglio addressed Commission by verifying the game numbers in question. Mary also explained the game differences that account for the difference in odds between games.

Commissioner Baumgarten clarified the reasons for his comments.

Mary provided additional explanation of the game differences.

Russ Harben provided information regarding the deal information for pull tabs.

Chair Weintraub stated if odds are intentional and not accidental, and it's an intentional strategy, and there's a reason behind the odds it's understandable.

Commissioner Baumgarten stated he can accept the information that was provided and that the items are sold at different venues. He may have a few more questions after the meeting.

Chair Weintraub asked if there was any other discussion. There was no response.

The vote was unanimous with Commissioner Baumgarten voting aye, Commissioner Katsel voting aye, and Chair Weintraub voting aye. The motion carried

3. Chair Weintraub asked if any members of the public wanted to address the Commission regarding new Fast Play™ game profiles: *Lightning Fast Cash Progressive* #154 and *Lightning Fast Cash Double Progressive* #155. There was no response from the public.

In accordance with A.R.S. §5-554(C), Chair Weintraub entertained a motion to approve the order and authorize the Director to issue the order regarding Fast Play™ game profile: #154, and #155. Commissioner Baumgarten moved; Commissioner Katsel seconded. The vote was unanimous with Chair Weintraub voting aye, Commissioner Katsel voting aye, and Commissioner Baumgarten voting aye. The motion carried

4. Chair Weintraub asked if any members of the public wanted to address the Commission regarding new promotion profile: *Lightning Fast Cash* #127. There was no response from the public.

In accordance with A.R.S. §5-554(C), Chair Weintraub entertained a motion to approve

the order and authorize the Agency to issue the order regarding new promotion profile: #127. Commissioner Katsel moved; Commissioner Baumgarten seconded. The vote was unanimous with Chair Weintraub voting aye, Commissioner Katsel voting aye, and Commissioner Baumgarten voting aye. The motion carried

Call to the Public

Chair Weintraub invited members of the public to speak before the Commission. There was no response from the public.

Announcements

The next Commission meeting will be held in person on April 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Chair Weintraub asked if there any other announcements. There was no response.

Adjournment

Chair Weintraub stated with nothing remaining on the agenda, we are adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 10:43 am.

Materials

A copy of the agenda and background material provided to Commission members, which is not exempt by law from public inspection, is available for public inspection at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting at the Lottery Office located at 4740 East University Drive, Phoenix, Arizona.

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