# PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ARIZONA LOTTERY

Commission Minutes of August 18, 2023, Meeting

### **PRESIDING** Chair Jeff Weintraub (In-Person)

- COMMISSIONERS Todd Newman, Tim Baumgarten, (In-Person) Julie Katsel, and Tereza Fritz (Teleconference)
- LOTTERY Executive Director; Alec Esteban Thomson, Russ Harben; Deputy Director of Operations & Chief Financial Officer, Todd Terrell; Deputy Director of Security and Investigations, Mia Lemke, Human Resources, Christopher Rogers; Deputy Director of Products & Marketing, Kome Akpolo; General Counsel (In-Person) Raynie Hosto; Deputy Director of Customer Service & Sales, (Teleconference)

Luanne Mansanares, Jacob Rusywick, Ray Ortega, Stacey Henderson, Trinity Trammell, Sean Williams (In Person) Alexandra Adukeh, Shelby Alessi, Debra Andrego, Jimmy Arwood, Anjali Dang, Karla Henriksen, Michael Jennings, Susan Kalember, Anakaren Lemus, Jenny Lewis, Mia Marquez, Cheyenne Mcmurtry, Vicki Nelson, Robin Peters, Lisa Schartz, Ron Schartz, Lynda Sellers, Orion Steen, Adam Tollefson, Art Uthaisri, Nicholas Wagner, Jennifer Wenger, and Steven Wood (Teleconference)

GUESTS Attorney General Representative: Pam Peiser (In Person)

Scientific Games Representatives: Topper Wilson, Hanna Balamut, and Gabriel Reed (Teleconference) Pollard Banknote Limited Representatives: Brad Thompson (In Person) Jessica Velardi, Travis Priest, and John Papile Owens Harkey Representatives: Hannah Balamut, Jessica Guffey (Teleconference)

**PUBLIC**Javon Jennings (In-Person)

### Call to Order

- 1. **Call for Quorum:** Pursuant to the Public Notice dated August 10, 2023, the Public Meeting of the Arizona State Lottery Commission was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Jeff Weintraub. A quorum was present, with Chair Weintraub, Vice Chair Newman, Commissioner Baumgarten (appearing in person), Commissioner Katsel, and Commissioner Fritz joined virtually.
- 2. Notice: Notice was posted by Susan Kalember on August 10, 2023, at 1:50 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 June 16, 2023, Public Meeting minutes. Vice Chair Newman moved; Commissioner Baumgarten seconded. The vote was unanimous, with Chair Weintraub, Vice Chair Newman, Commissioner Katsel, Commissioner Baumgarten, and Commissioner Fritz all voting

aye. The motion carried.

### **Agency Reports**

- 1. **Director's Presentation**: Executive Director Alec Esteban Thomson introduced the newly appointed general counsel, Kome Akpolo. Jimmy Arwood provided a Legisative update, and Chris Rogers presented information on the Gives Back Beneficiary of the Month.
- 2. Retailer of the Year Presented by Stacie Davis, and Stacey Henderson.
- 3. **Financial Report** Presented by Russ Harben. A member of the public Javon Jennings, asked a question regarding the financial presentation. Russ Harben answered the question.
- 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: *Millionaire Extraordinaire* #1431, *Six Figures* #1437, *Double Bingo* #1441, *Triple Red* 7's #1442, and *Unlock the Loot* #1445. 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 Director to issue the orders regarding new instant scratch game profiles: #1431, #1437, #1441, #1442, and #1445. Commissioner Baumgarten moved; Commissioner Katsel seconded. The vote was unanimous, with Chair Weintraub, Vice Chair Newman, Commissioner Katsel, Commissioner Baumgarten, and Commissioner Fritz all voting aye. The motion carried.

 Chair Weintraub asked if any members of the public wanted to address the Commission regarding new instant tab game profiles: *Eagles Nest* #191, *American Jackpot* #192, *Cash Treasure* #193, *Deep Dive Dollars* #1096, *My Sweet Riches* #1097, Desert *Delights* #1098, *Wild 1's* #1099, and *Casino Cash* #1100. 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 new instant tab game profiles: #191, #192, #193, #1096, #1097, #1098, #1099, and #1100. Commissioner Baumgarten moved; Vice Chair Newman seconded. The vote was unanimous, with Chair Weintraub, Vice Chair Newman, Commissioner Katsel, Commissioner Baumgarten, and Commissioner Fritz all voting aye. The motion carried.

3. Chair Weintraub asked if any members of the public wanted to address the Commission regarding new Fast Play<sup>™</sup> game profile: *Winfall Willie Doubler* #162. 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 new Fast Play<sup>™</sup> game profile: #162. Vice Chair Newman moved; Commissioner Katsel seconded. The vote was unanimous, with Chair Weintraub, Vice Chair Newman, Commissioner Katsel, Commissioner Baumgarten, and Commissioner Fritz all voting aye. The motion carried.

# Call to the Public

Chair Weintraub invited members of the public to speak before the Commission.

A member of the public stated yes.

Chair Weintraub requested the member of the public to state his name—response from the public, Javon Jennings. Chair Weintraub invited Javon Jennings to speak.

After speaking, Chair Weintraub thanked Mr. Jennings for his thoughts and input.

Mr. Chris Rogers informed Mr. Jennings that the Arizona Lottery has been researching his last inquiry and can provide him with information.

Assistant Attorney General, Pamela Peiser immediately introduced herself to the Commission and to the public. Pamela Peiser informed the Commission and members of the public that the Arizona Lottery cannot discuss this matter in this forum as it is not on the agenda.

Mr. Rogers informed Mr. Jenkins he would be happy to provide him with information after the meeting.

Chair Weintraub asked if any other members of the public would like to speak before the Commission. There was no response.

## **Announcements**

The next Commission meeting will be held in person on September 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Chair Weintraub asked if there were any other announcements. There was no response.

## **Adjournment**

Chair Weintraub stated with nothing remaining on the agenda, we are adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

## <u>Materials</u>

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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