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OREGON STATE LOTTERY COMMISSION MEETING SEPT. 26, 2025

Lottery Commission: Marty Ramirez, chair

Charlie Conrad Jennifer Geller Jeff Weller

Director: Mike Wells

Chair Ramirez called the Sept. 26, 2025, Oregon State Lottery Commission meeting to order and stated for the record that the commissioners are attending the meeting via a web meeting, and a quorum of commissioners is present.

Commissioners present at roll call: Commissioners Conrad, Geller, Weller, and Chair Ramirez.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Ramirez stated that members of the public had the opportunity to provide written public comments and confirmed with the clerk that no public comment was received.

B. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Presenter: Tai Calandriello, deputy director and strategy officer

Exhibit 1: Draft financial statements, August 2025

Exhibit 2: Memo: Follow-up from the August 29, 2025, OSL Commission meeting

Highlights included:

- Oregon Teacher of the Year Program: 16 regional winners received \$1,000 checks. The statewide winner will be announced next month.
- NASPL Award: Oregon Lottery won first place in the long-form video category for its Teacher of the Year production.
- Megabucks Winner: An \$8.1 million ticket was sold at Alvadore Gas & Store, resulting in an \$81,000 retailer bonus.
- The draft August financial statements will be presented for approval next month.

Sales Update:

- Overall sales up 5.1 percent year-over-year.
- Scratch-its up 6.8 percent with the \$30 "All the Wishes" game being the top seller.
- Powerball sales surged 327.6 percent due to a \$1.8 billion jackpot.
- Oregon Megabucks down 17.5 percent due to a larger jackpot last year.
- Video Lottery down 2.4 percent from last year.
- Sports betting turnover up 7.6 percent from last year.

Winner Stories:

- Geno L. of Portland won \$25,000 in a Spirit of the Road Second Chance drawing.
- Robert A. of La Pine won \$50,000 playing Powerball.
- A Sherwood bettor won \$15,094.26 on a 16-leg round-robin parlay.

C. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING, Exhibit 3

Presenter: Marty Ramirez, chair

The Commission reviewed the draft Aug. 29, 2025, Oregon State Lottery Commission meeting minutes, which were circulated in advance of the meeting. There were no recommended changes.

Chair Ramirez called for a motion.

Commissioner Weller moved the minutes of the Aug. 29, 2025, Oregon State Lottery Commission meeting be approved.

Commissioner Geller seconded the motion.

The motion passed by a 4-0 quorum vote, with Commissioners Conrad, Geller, Weller, and Chair Ramirez voting aye.

D. RULEMAKING, Exhibit 4

Presenter: Kris Skaro, rules and policy analyst

Skaro reminded the Commission that during the July meeting, she presented proposed rules to comply with HB 3115, which prohibits the purchase or sale of winning lottery tickets and allows winners to remain anonymous. The proposed rules allow Lottery to investigate whether a ticket was bought or sold in violation of HB 3115 and, if so, deny the claim and confiscate the ticket. The proposed rules also clarify that a winner's name and address are confidential, and Lottery may not publicly release that information without written consent.

Skaro reported that the public rulemaking process was completed, and added that 12 written public comments were received, 10 opposed and two in support. These comments were included in the meeting materials.

Commissioner Conrad raised concerns about the tax implications in Sections 4 and 6 of the bill, noting that while Section 2 clearly prohibits buying and selling, the tax language appears contradictory; suggesting that if the prohibited activity occurs, it must still be reported for tax purposes. Skaro explained that the amendment likely serves as an added deterrent, especially since lottery transactions are often anonymous and difficult to track. The Oregon Department of Revenue clarified that while federal law may allow deductions for prohibited conduct, the amendment ensures such deductions are disallowed on state taxes.

Chair Ramirez called for a motion.

Commissioner Geller moved the rules in divisions 46 and 200 be amended, as presented in the meeting materials, effective Sept. 27, 2025.

Commissioner Weller seconded the motion.

The motion passed by a 4-0 quorum vote, with Commissioners Conrad, Geller, Weller, and Chair Ramirez voting aye.

E. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Audit Committee update - Commissioner Weller reported that Lottery's Audit Committee met and was briefed on the status of the 2025 Audit Plan, which is on schedule; the recently completed Agency-wide System Access Review audit engagement; and ongoing audits that include Delegation of Procurement Signature Authority; Ethics Training and Guidance practices; and preparation for external Quality Assessment Review.

No other business was shared.

Chair Ramirez stated that the next monthly commission meeting is scheduled on Oct. 31, 2025, and adjourned the meeting.

The Oregon State Lottery Commission approved these minutes on Oct. 31, 2025.

Alisa Zavala, Senior Executive Assistant Lottery Director's Office

Approved by:

Commissioner Marty Ramirez, Chair Oregon State Lottery Commission

OSL Commission meeting exhibits are available for one year on the <u>Oregon Lottery's website</u>.