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500 Airport Road SE  
Salem, OR 97301

**OREGON STATE LOTTERY COMMISSION MEETING  
Sept. 27, 2024**

**Lottery Commission:** MardiLyn Saathoff, chair  
Marty Ramirez  
Jeff Weller  
Julie Wilcox

**Director:** Mike Wells

Chair Saathoff called the Sept. 27, 2024, Oregon State Lottery Commission meeting to order and stated for the record that the commissioners are attending today's meeting via a web meeting, and a quorum of commissioners is present.

Commissioners present at roll call: Commissioners Ramirez, Weller, Wilcox, and Chair Saathoff.

**A. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**B. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Presenter: Mike Wells, director

**Draft Financial statements, August 2024, Exhibit 1**

**Lottery news**

Director Wells reported that earlier in the month, Lottery staff traveled throughout Oregon to recognize 18 educators who were named Regional Teacher of the Year. Director Wells reminded the Commission that Lottery partners with the Oregon Department of Education on the Oregon Teacher of the Year program each year. The Oregon Teacher of the Year will be announced in October. Director Wells thanked the staff for representing Lottery at these events.

Director Wells reminded the Commission that legislators from the House Committee on Gambling Regulation formed a workgroup to define "casino" in statute. Matt Shelby represented Lottery at these meetings and shared that the group decided to change course and did not draft a bill to define "casino" at this time. The House Committee on Gambling Regulation was not reappointed during the interim, but it is likely that the new House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection will be the committee to handle gambling-related legislation in the 2025 session that begins in February.

## **Sales**

- Overall product sales are trending down slightly by 3.7 percent and is attributed to variations in jackpot sales with Mega Millions down 31.8 percent year-over-year and Powerball down 66.6 percent year-over-year.
- Scratch-it sales are up five percent and year-to-date, the \$20 price point is up \$2.4 million compared to last year.
- Video Lottery is up 1.5 percent from this time last year.
- Sports betting turnover (the amount wagered) is up nearly 29 percent from last year.

## **Winners** – Director Wells shared stories about the following winners:

- Steven H. of Salem won \$19,500 playing Big City 5's Video Lottery
- Kimberly H. of Springfield won \$16,430 playing Big City 5's Diamonds Video Lottery
- Annabel R. of Waldport won \$50,000 in a Second Chance drawing

## **Commission news**

Earlier this week, the Senate confirmed the appointment of Rep. Charlie Conrad to the Lottery Commission. He will join the commission on Jan. 1, filling the seat that was vacated by Commissioner Patel when his term expired.

Director Wells shared that Commissioner Patel's term ended on Sept. 25, 2024, and shared some highlights and sentiments from staff. Director Wells thanked Commissioner Patel for his leadership, insights and for serving as an advisor to him and wished him well.

Chair Saathoff shared her gratitude on behalf of the Commission and pointed out some key achievements and events that occurred during Commissioner Patel's term. Chair Saathoff added that she appreciated Commissioner Patel's consistent voice for sound financial and accounting practices and wished him well with his next endeavor.

## **C. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION, Exhibit 2** Presenter: Mike Wells, director

Director Wells recommended the appointment of Tiffany Corbett to the position of Assistant Director of Business Services, adding that Corbett's experience aligns well with the needs of the organization and this position.

- Chair Saathoff commented that she is impressed with Corbett's background and looks forward to what she'll bring to Lottery.

Chair Saathoff called for a motion.

Commissioner Ramirez moved that Oregon State Lottery Commission approve the director's recommendation to appoint Tiffany Corbett as the Assistant Director of Business Services with the associated salary as presented today, effective Sept. 30, 2024. Commissioner Weller seconded the motion.

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

**D. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING, Exhibit 3**

Presenter: Mardilyn Saathoff, chair

The Commission reviewed the Aug. 30, 2024, Oregon State Lottery Commission meeting draft minutes, which were circulated in advance of the meeting. There were no recommended changes.

Chair Saathoff called for a motion.

Commissioner Ramirez moved that the minutes of the Aug. 30, 2024, Oregon State Lottery Commission meeting be approved as final, as presented today.

Commissioner Weller seconded the motion.

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

**E. ALTERNATIVE DISCLOSURE REQUEST, THE KROGER CO., Exhibit 4**

Presenter: Mike Wells, director

Director Wells reminded the Commission that OAR 177-040-0001(4) authorizes an alternative disclosure process for large public companies, multi-state retail chains, or entities owned by a federally recognized tribe that meet specific criteria and are seeking traditional contracts with the Oregon Lottery. Director Wells reported that The Kroger Co. meets the requirements laid out in the rule allowing the Commission to authorize an alternative disclosure process and is seeking approval to proceed with this process.

Chair Saathoff called for a motion.

Commissioner Weller moved that the Oregon State Lottery Commission approve the alternative disclosure process, waiving the personal disclosure requirements for The Kroger Co., as presented today. Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion.

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

**F. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

**Audit Committee update** - Commissioner Weller reported that the Lottery's Audit Committee met and was briefed on the results of three audit engagements, including the Intelligen User Access Review, the Procurement planning and Contract Development and the Internal Quality Assessment Review. Commissioner Weller provided a brief overview of each engagement and shared that the Committee also received an update on two audit engagements that are in process and a status report on the completion of the 2024 Audit Plan.

- Chair Saathoff asked if the Committee is comfortable with the progress of the plan and the resources needed to complete the plan. Commissioner Weller shared that one project will be delayed due to specific reasons that were shared with the Committee and added that there are no concerns with the other items included in the plan.

Chair Saathoff stated that the next monthly commission meeting is scheduled on Oct. 25, 2024, and adjourned the meeting.

The Oregon State Lottery Commission approved these minutes on Oct. 25, 2024.

  
Alisa Zavala (Oct 25, 2024 11:29 PDT)

Alisa Zavala, Senior Executive Assistant  
Lottery Director's Office

Approved by:

  
MardiLyn Saathoff (Oct 25, 2024 11:31 PDT)

Commissioner MardiLyn Saathoff, Chair  
Oregon State Lottery Commission

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