



**MINUTES
Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the
Connecticut Lottery Corporation**

Held on
Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.
at the
Connecticut Lottery Corporation
15 Sterling Drive
Wallingford, Connecticut 06492

Board Members Present: Robert Simmelkjaer, Board Chair; Matthew Daskal; Ajay Gupta; Jerald Lentini; Andrew Meehan; and Margaret Morton (all via teleconference).

Staff Members Present: Frank Suarez, President & CEO; Lauren Perrotti; Catherine Martorella; Matthew Pezzulich; Jeevan Vittal; Art Mongillo; Ryan Moore; Frank Rinaldi; Steve Wagner; Brianna Timbro (via teleconference); Annmarie Daigle and Olga de la Cruz (via teleconference).

Guest Present: Kaitlin Brown, CCPG

I. Welcome:

Chair Simmelkjaer welcomed the Board Members and called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

II. Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling (CCPG) Review of Help Line Data:

Mr. Suarez introduced Kaitlin Brown, Sr. Director of Program and Services at CCPG. Ms. Brown provided a brief presentation on their helpline data. Ms. Brown noted that CCPG's mission is to address gambling related harm through prevention, initiatives, community outreach and education programs, advocacy and by connecting people with resources. A large part of their funding comes from CLC through the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The help line a free confidential service for individuals that are experiencing gambling harm, and for family members, retailers, and any person concerned about someone's gambling. Trained services are provided 24/7 through call, chat and text. In 2025 70% of help line callers were referred to the Bettor Choice program or peer recovery support services. Approximately 51% of those were under the age of 35. About 5% are calling for lottery, 30% casino, 25% online gambling. Seventy percent of the callers were male and 30% female. Ms. Brown stated that CCPG received 540 calls for 2025.

Ms. Brown left the meeting after her report.

III. Approval of February 26, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes:

On a motion by Mr. Daskal and seconded by Mr. Lentini, the minutes of the February 26, 2026 Board Meeting were approved with Ms. Morton abstaining as she was not in attendance.

IV. Lottery Reports:

a. Financial Report:

Ms. Martorella provided a financial update for the first eight months of the fiscal year noting that Total Lottery Sales through February are \$914 million, which is 1.2% over budget and 2.8% over the same period last fiscal year. iLottery sales through February were \$11.5 million, compared to \$6.5 through the same point last year. Prize expense of \$570 million was 62.4% of total sales. This is less than the 63.9% budgeted, and \$10 million more than last year.

Retailer Commissions were over \$50 million, and total contributions made to the State's General Fund were over \$245 million. This is approximately \$18.5 million greater than budget and up \$10 million from the prior year.

Sports betting ended the period with a handle of nearly \$406 million, roughly split as 85% online and 15% retail. These sales are up about 17% from budget and 37% from last fiscal year. Hold through February was 9.4%, which is greater than the 8.2% budgeted and the same as last year.

b. Marketing Report:

Mr. Suarez introduced Frank Rinaldi, CLC's new Senior Director of Marketing, and Ryan Moore, CLC's new Director of Sales. Mr. Rinaldi provided the Marketing report, discussing instant ticket trends, as well as recent and upcoming instant ticket launches, highlighting the *LOADED* games that launched in April with TV, radio and social media support. He noted that draw game sales are down \$7.4 million, or 5.3% for the third quarter. He then provided an update of the multi-state games noting that the new Millionaire for Life game, which replaced Lucky for Life on February 22, has seen strong sales of over \$3 million in the first four weeks, and is ranked second per capita.

c. President's Report:

Mr. Suarez introduced Art Mongillo to provide an update for Problem Gambling Awareness Month (PGAM). Art briefly mentioned that March is PGAM and CLC observes this month with the goal to encourage conversations around problem gambling and promote access to help for those who need it. All CLC employees complete training to ensure that awareness and education are top of mind. CLC expands this messaging to retailers and players through its iLottery platform, social media and billboards. New this year, CLC created a PSA with two UConn basketball players, which was shown to the meeting participants.

V. Committee Reports:

a. Legislative & Games Committee Report:

Ms. Morton noted that the Legislative & Games Committee scheduled earlier in the week was cancelled as an update would be provided to the full Board at today's meeting.

VI. Executive Session:

On a motion by Mr. Lentini and seconded by Ms. Morton, the Board moved to Executive Session at 12:42 p.m. to discuss:

a. Legislative Update

All CLC Staff present remained for Executive Session.

VII. New Business:

a. Discussion and Action, if any, on items discussed during Executive Session:

Upon returning to public session at 12:48 p.m., Chair Simmelkjaer noted that no votes or actions were taken while in Executive Session.

VIII. Adjournment:

Chair Simmelkjaer thanked everyone for attending the meeting and noted that the next regular meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2026.

On a motion by Ms. Morton, seconded by Mr. Lentini, and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annmarie Daigle
Acting Secretary
CT Lottery Corporation