

# Minutes for the Colorado Lottery Commission

## Call to Order

A Commission Meeting for the Colorado Lottery was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, online via Google Meet. The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. and was presided over by Chairman Podolski.

## Attendees

In attendance were the following:

Stan Podolski, Chairman	Mark Ocker, Lottery
Bill Clayton, Vice Chairman	Meghan Dougherty, Lottery
Christian Reece, Commissioner	Mike Strasser, Lottery
Janelle Quick, Commissioner	Pegah Shokrani, Lottery
Michael Shea, Commissioner	Rachel Sanchez, Lottery
Tom Seaver, Senior Director	Scott Chavkin, Lottery
David Aldag, Deputy Director	Tennille Segura, Lottery
Adrian Varney, Lottery	Tiffany Ramsdell, Lottery
Alanna Burns, Lottery	Tom Campbell, Lottery
Amanda Quintana, Lottery	Wendy Weldon, Lottery
Angel Ramos, Lottery	Nicholaus Podsiadlik, Attorney General's Office
Cristi Gannon, Lottery	Sara Kileen, Attorney General's Office
Elizabeth Kippur, Lottery	Ana Rios Salgado, Brightstar
Erin Garcia, Lottery	Dwayne Wilson, Brightstar
Isaiah Aguirre-Marquez, Lottery	Jep Seman, Colorado Advocates
Jay Sisson, Lottery	Mark Basedow, Lotto.com
Jeanette Casso-Linan, Lottery	Jillian Cummiskey, Scientific Games
Jenna Cordova, Lottery	Madelaine Shipley, Scientific Games
Kasandra Gutierrez, Lottery	Meghan Kiss, Scientific Games
Lauren Back, Lottery	Skyler McKinley, The Auto Club Group

## Introductions and Welcome

Chairman Podolski welcomed everyone and conducted roll call of all the Commissioners. Chairman Podolski, Vice Chair Clayton, Commissioner Reece, Commissioner Quick, and Commissioner Shea were all present. He then stated that all other attendees would be noted in the official meeting minutes.

## Approval of Minutes

Chairman Podolski called for any updates to the December 10, 2025, Lottery Commission

meeting minutes. Seeing none, Vice Chair Clayton motioned to approve the December meeting minutes, which Chairman Podolski seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

### **Public Comment**

Chairman Podolski called for any public comment. There was no public comment.

### **SGEP Update**

Jillian Cummiskey, from Scientific Games, updated that they have seven retailers that are waiting to get their retailer IDs, and two that have submitted applications and are waiting for fingerprints to get processed. They have three upcoming appointments to pick up applications tomorrow, which Ms. Cummiskey remarked was a good start to the new year for new retailer recruitment. She is currently working with Dwayne Wilson from Brightstar on making sure that they have all the up-to-date integrated platforms and training manuals for retailers for the new Sales Wizard and sales retailer platform. This will help ensure that, as they are recruiting new retailers, they have access to the most up-to-date information. Ms. Cummiskey has been happy with the partnership between Scientific Games and Brightstar, as they are both ensuring that the Colorado Lottery is meeting and exceeding expectations. She noted for the Commissioners that at next month's meeting, she would be sharing a link to a video from the Game of Thrones event that the winning players recently attended. She said that now that this event is complete, they are planning for the Jurassic Park event for the winners from that game.

Ms. Cummiskey then reported on how closely she is working with other jurisdictions in their SCiQ development team. The hope is to equip them to utilize their digital menu boards, which will further enhance the product life cycle of games. She explained that in some jurisdictions, they have the capability to do icons for where the games are in their life cycle. They have the ability to highlight a game that is ending soon, with a top prize still available, in a way that will make it jump out to players. They will also continue to utilize the Market Basket Analysis they receive from the SCiQ units to see the data behind games that partner well together and where they should appear on the screen in correlation to one another. She is hopeful for the coming year as they continue to analyze data trends and offer unique experiences to players.

### **Brightstar Update**

Dwayne Wilson, from Brightstar, gave the following update. He reminded the Commission that last month, he had presented one of the new projects, Millionaire for Life, that was in development and in RQA testing. He reported that this project has now moved into Lottery testing, and the game is set to launch on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. He also mentioned that the next major project underway is something they call "Connected Play." He said Connected Play is a group of features and functions that are pulled together to support and enhance users of the Colorado Lottery mobile app and the website. He reminded the Commission that the recent system conversion allowed them to build and complete a new operating system for the Lottery, which will support and modernize the Colorado Lottery mobile app and user experience. One of the new features of the mobile app will be a digital play slip. Players will be able to keep this digital play slip in their mobile app and their "My Lottery" account and will be able to use this at

vending machines and any of the terminals later this year.

### **Player Health Update**

Amanda Quintana, the Player Health Manager for the Lottery, gave the following update. She reminded the Commission that December featured the Lottery's Gifting Responsibly campaign, which focused on educating players on the risks of underage gambling. She also showcased the new responsible gaming posters that have been placed in all of the claims' offices. Upcoming events include March, which is Problem Gambling Awareness Month, the GREO research has been initiated, and implementing a credit card safeguard strategy.

### **Decision Items**

Tiffany Ramsdell, the Scratch Product Manager for the Lottery, presented six decision items requiring Commission approval:

- Game 412, \$1 10X with five top prizes of \$10,000.
- Game 413, \$2 20X with four top prizes of \$20,000.
- Game 414, \$3 30X with three top prizes of \$50,000.
- Game 415, \$5 50X with two top prizes of \$100,000.
- Game 416, \$10 100X with two top prizes of \$250,000.
- Game 417, \$20 200X with two top prizes of \$1 million.

All games presented are anticipated to launch on March 6, 2026.

Commissioner Quick made a motion to approve the decision items as presented, which was seconded by Commissioner Reece. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

### **Approval of Scratch Game Guidelines**

Ms. Ramsdell presented the Scratch Game Guidelines as follows, noting that all games presented are eligible for the monthly \$100,000 Second Chance Bonus Draw.

- Game 412, with a price point of \$1, has a 60% payout and overall odds of 1 in 4.56.
- Game 413, with a price point of \$2, has a 62% payout and overall odds of 1 in 4.17.
- Game 414, with a price point of \$3, has a 63% payout and overall odds of 1 in 3.83.
- Game 415, with a price point of \$5, has a 68.5% payout and overall odds of 1 in 3.75.
- Game 416, with a price point of \$10, has a 71% payout and overall odds of 1 in 3.52.
- Game 417, with a price point of \$20, has a 74.5% payout and overall odds of 1 in 3.27.

Chairman Podolski moved to approve the Scratch Game Guidelines as presented, which was seconded by Commissioner Shea. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

### **Scratch Game Performance**

Ms. Ramsdell then presented the following update on scratch game performance. Sales for December totaled just over \$59.6 million, an increase of \$102,000 from the prior year's monthly performance figures. Scratch sales are tracking ahead about \$8 million of where they need to be to hit the \$611 million goal in FY26. All price points are tracking ahead of prior year sales, except for the \$2 and \$3. Last month, the Lottery set a new scratch sales record by reaching \$16.3 million. Three new games launched in December: \$3 LOTERIA, \$5 LOTERIA

Grande, and \$10 National Lampoons Christmas Vacation. Christmas Vacation was the clear standout and delivered especially strong sales, and became one of the top performers which helped drive the record-setting week of \$16 million that occurred in December.

### **Jackpot Game Performance**

Jay Sisson, the Jackpot Manager for the Lottery, then presented the following update. Overall jackpot sales for the month of December were about \$42.5 million, which was an increase of \$19.1 million (45.09%). Sales for December 2025 were up \$12.5 million compared to December 2024. During December, there were three jackpots won: on 12/2, a \$90 million Mega Millions jackpot won in New Jersey, on 12/15, a \$1.9 million Colorado Lotto+ Jackpot won, the fifth of this FY26, and on 12/24, a \$1.8 billion jackpot won in Arkansas, the second of FY26. YTD jackpot projections are as follows: Powerball is up \$40.7 million, Mega Millions is down \$114,000, Colorado Lotto+ is down \$6 million, Lucky for Life is down about \$500,000, Cash 5 is up \$120,000, and Pick 3 is down \$125,000. Overall, jackpot games as a whole are up \$33.9 million (24%) YTD.

### **FY26 Projected Sales, Expenses, and Disbursements Update**

David Aldag, the Deputy Director, gave the following update. He reiterated for the Commission that the \$16 million figure that Ms. Ramsdell mentioned was a record high for weekly activations, and that was the biggest week the Lottery has ever had. The Lottery is running almost \$34 million ahead of the forecast on jackpot, and is almost \$49 million ahead of last year's sales at the same time. Mr. Aldag stated that this gives a clear picture of how much of an impact the big jackpots have on the Lottery. He also reported that he is now projecting that the Lottery will exceed the GOCO cap by about \$4.5 million, which will hopefully mean the Lottery will fully fund Outdoor Equity and also have some money towards BEST. He was clear that this is dependent on ongoing sales. There were no concerns with expenditures or our spending authority, and staffing-wise, the Lottery has dropped a couple of positions, as well as some resignations and retirements. As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, the Lottery has 103 FTEs, but has a couple of new hires coming down the pipeline.

### **Information Items, Director's Report**

- **Proceeds Update**

Adrian Varney, the Proceeds Manager for the Lottery, gave the following update. She noted that the 2026 Starburst application period has officially launched, and it has already gained a lot of interest. She covered other proceed events that are getting launched, and then shared a video with the Commission that featured staff from GOCO and the Colorado Youth Corps Association.

### **Commission Items**

Chairman Podolski asked for clarification if the in-person May commission meeting would still be taking place. Tom Seaver, the Director for the Lottery, confirmed that it would be taking place; however, the location has yet to be determined.

## **Adjournment**

Chairman Podolski motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Vice Chair Clayton. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0, and Chairman Podolski closed the meeting at 8:50 am.

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