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## **Colorado Lottery Welcomes Michael Shea as its Newest Lottery Commissioner**

Pueblo, Colo. -- The Colorado Lottery is proud to announce that Gov. Jared Polis has appointed Michael Shea to fill a vacancy on the Colorado Lottery Commission for a four-year term beginning July 2, 2025.

Since 2019, Shea Law, LLC, has represented clients in civil and criminal matters in Colorado district, county, municipal, and federal courts. His governmental affairs practice encompasses municipal and state ballot initiatives, litigation, rulemaking, election law, campaign finance, the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA), and Amendment 41. He also strategically advises clients on municipal and state legislation.

Before entering private practice, Shea served as Deputy Legal Counsel for Gov. Bill Ritter and Gov. John Hickenlooper. His extensive state government experience also includes serving as the Legislative Liaison for the Governor's Office of Information & Technology and two years as an attorney in the Attorney General's Office.

"Michael's long history of public service and legal experience brings invaluable expertise to the Lottery and the Lottery Commission," said Colorado Lottery Senior Director Tom Seaver. "He joins the Commission with substantial knowledge and a strong track record for public service, and we are fortunate to have his guidance as the Lottery continues to fulfill its mission of growing revenue responsibly to provide critical funding for outdoor recreation, schools, open spaces and conservation in Colorado."





Lottery commissioners are appointed to four-year terms and are limited to two terms. It is composed of five members who are appointed by the Governor with the consent and approval of the Colorado Senate. At least one member of the Commission must have been a law enforcement officer for at least five years; one member must have been a Colorado practicing attorney for at least five years; and at least one member must be a certified public accountant who practiced accountancy in Colorado for at least five years.

When he's not serving his community, Shea enjoys playing games with family and friends, fishing, hiking, cooking, and reading.

**About Colorado Lottery:**

Since 1983, the Colorado Lottery has returned more than \$4.4 billion to outdoor projects and schools through Great Outdoors Colorado, the Conservation Trust Fund, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Outdoor Equity Grant Program (OEGP), Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST), and the Colorado Outdoor Recreation Industry Office (OREC). Proceeds from sales of Colorado Lottery games - Scratch, Powerball, Mega Millions, Colorado Lotto+, Lucky for Life, Cash 5, and Pick 3 - enhance, protect, and improve parks, trails, and open space in Colorado. For more information, visit [coloradolottery.com](https://coloradolottery.com).

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