



OREGON COUNCIL ON PROBLEM GAMBLING

OREGON COUNCIL ON PROBLEM GAMBLING
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Minutes of July 28, 2020

Chair

Greta Coe

Oregon Health Authority
Health Systems Division

Secretary

Stacy Shaw

The Oregon Lottery

Treasurer

Jeffrey Marotta, PhD

Member at Large

Members

Jason Brandt

Oregon Restaurant & Lodging
Association

Justin Martin

Confederated Tribes
of Grand Ronde

Kitty Martz

HOPE Program

Alicia McAuley

Cow Creek Band of Umpqua
Tribe of Indians

Roger Nyquist

County Commission Chair
Linn County Oregon

Sharon Williams

Member at Large

Executive Director

Attendance and status

Table with 8 columns: Members, In Person, Online, Absent, Term Start, Term End, Additional Eligibility. Rows include Jason Brandt, Greta Coe, Jeff Marotta, Justin Martin, Kitty Martz, Alicia McAuley, Roger Nyquist, Stacy Shaw, and Julie Hynes.

- 1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.
2. Public Comment. Michael Keuler, Marion County Problem Gambling Prevention Coordinator, introduced himself as a meeting guest. No other public comment.
3. Review Proposed Agenda. Agenda was reviewed with no changes.
4. Review Minutes of June 9, 2020. Martin moved to accept, Marotta seconded, minutes were unanimously approved.
5. Financial Update. Julie presented "Statement of Financial Accounts as of July 2, 2020" and noted she was finishing up with reconciliation of last fiscal year. Board members had no questions.
6. Strategic plan final draft update. Hynes reviewed the strategic plan highlighting areas where changes were made between version presented to the Board at last meeting and present draft. The main change discussed was clarifying how the OCPG will address adding the topic of gaming into their activities by narrowing the topic as focusing on the convergence between gaming and gambling.

No vote was taken to approve strategic plan as plan approved last meeting with above discussed changes.

7. Bylaws update. An update to voting procedures was presented. Martin commented the revisions represent a good solution to the problem of board members needing to recuse themselves. Coe motioned to accept the changes within the Bylaws. Brandt seconded, the motion with unanimously approved.
8. Board membership composition. Martz raised the issue about board member composition, and Hynes stated the Bylaws are silent regarding board membership composition. McAuley reminded the group of previous discussions to flesh out what we are looking for on the Board, types of representation and prioritization of diversity. Marotta commented that we could add to strategic plan; Hynes agreed to add language under the goal to enhance organizational infrastructure and capacity. A decision was made to convene a board recruitment group; Hynes, Coe and Martz volunteered to participate on this group.
9. Advocacy protocol discussion. What is the role of this Council around advocacy? Brandt brought up there are legal aspects regarding level of effort on advocacy and limit as 501(c)(3) to 20%. Justin notes we are on the same page as to our mission “to promote the health of Oregonians by supporting efforts to minimize gambling related harm.” We should have no issues with providing information but when it comes down to taking a position on the outcome of legislation or a specific proposal it can be tricky. The discussion led to a two-part protocol for advocacy efforts: 1. Developing an ad-hoc advocacy committee to form legislative agendas (proactive approach); 2. When action needed between normal board meetings for Hynes or any Board member provided permission to propose an action to board via email and if appropriate call for vote via email or call for special board meeting to discuss (reactive approach).
Martin, Marotta and Martz offered to participate on a new ad-hoc advocacy committee and Martin offered to keep group informed of upcoming legislation or relevant policy discussions.
10. COVID-19 round table discussion. During stay at home orders, Lottery VLT retailers and tribal casinos closed. About 10% of VLT retailers went out of business. When VLT retailers re-opened, VLT revenues exceeded expectations, suggesting many players returned to play. Correspondingly, the problem

gambling helpline call volume increased and so have gambling treatment enrollments. To our knowledge, there has not been a formal assessment of how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted problem gambling in Oregon.

11. Fundraising discussion. Hynes led a brief discussion on fundraising where Martz suggested the Council pursue grant opportunities and COVID-19 rescue fund opportunities. Marotta proposed the Council move into the direct service space, specifically by developing, marketing, and providing responsible gaming trainings for tribal gaming and the Oregon Lottery. Coe offered to help Hynes develop fundraising strategies. Due to limited time, this agenda item will be revisited at the next meeting.
12. Legislative Updates. Martin reported the tribes and lottery met with Governor's staff to discuss the Lottery's proposed temporary administrative rule to implement virtual sports. Tribes were upset with the Lottery due to a lack of formal consultation with the Tribes prior to developing the proposed temporary rule. The Tribes brought up the issue that virtual sports betting is classified by New Jersey as a form of slots due to outcomes being decided by a random number generator. Tribes asked if Lottery obtained DOJ opinion on how to classify virtual sports betting. The meeting concluded by offer to discuss in more detail including what it means for the future and impact on problem gambling.
13. Adjournment. Coe motioned to adjourn, Martin second, meeting adjourned 11:35 a.m.

Next Regular Meeting: September 24, 10:00-11:30 am via GoToMeeting