

KANSAS RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION

MINUTES – JULY 17, 2026

CALL TO ORDER (A.)

Chairman David Moses called the July 17, 2026, meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Eisenhower State Office Building in Topeka, Kansas. Notice of this meeting was given to the public via the KRGC and Public Square websites and the agency's social media pages. Commissioners Brandon Jones, Larry Turnquist, and Mike Fleming were also present. Commissioner Haag had a schedule conflict and was unable to attend. Others present included Interim Executive Director DJ Lopez, General Counsel James Bain, Director of IT&C-s Dennis Bachman, Director of Security, Licensing, and Backgrounds Roger Bailey, Director of Casino Operations Rick Wilson, Government Relations Manager Randy Evans, Director of Administration, Audit, and Finance Brandi White, and other staff. Chairman Moses congratulated DJ Lopez on his appointment to Interim Executive Director.

MOTION, APPROVE AGENDA (B.)

Interim Executive Director DJ Lopez explained that the agenda must be amended to include the regular licensing motions as part of "Other Business".

Commissioner Fleming (Jones) moved to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 4-0.

MOTION, APPROVE JUNE 12, 2026 MEETING MINUTES (C.)

Commissioner Jones (Turnquist) moved to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2026, meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

MOTION, APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (D.)

Commissioner Turnquist (Fleming) moved to approve the consent agenda (five items). Motion carried 4-0.

LOTTERY GAMING FACILITY REPORTS/ITEMS; BOOT HILL CASINO & RESORT (E.1.a.)

Ryan Deutsch, General Manager, reported:

- June 2026 revenue numbers compared to June 2025:
 - Total gaming revenue increased 2.38%
 - Total slot revenue was down 0.16%
 - Table games revenue was up 25.55%
- June 2026 Sports Wagering revenue numbers
 - Retail Sportsbook Revenue \$6,420.00
 - Down 78.94% from June 2025.
 - Handle was \$105,823, up 17.60%
 - Hold was down 81.99%
 - Digital Sportsbook Revenue: \$2,113,284.00
 - Down 70.98% from June 2025
 - Handle was \$71,197,103, down 5.75%
 - Hold was down 51.78%
 - World Cup
 - The two individuals with the most prop bets placed on them were first Lionel Messi and second Kylian Mbappe

- Coming into the week, the facility's largest liability was on France to win it all.
- Upcoming Events and Promotions:
 - America's 250 Celebration – 250 Winners for America's 250th Anniversary - July – July 4
 - America's 250 Tumbler Giveaway – Friday, July 3
 - \$20,000 Wild West Heist – Fridays and Saturdays in July
 - \$20,000 Wild West Heist – Grand Prize – July 24
 - Flatland Cavalry After Party – July 25
 - Double Your Jackpot – July 31
 - Dodge City Days Specials – July 23 – August 2
 - Dodge City Days Party Pit – July 31 and August 1
 - Food & Beverage Specials
 - Beat the Heat - \$25,000 Free Play and Cooler Giveaway – Saturdays in August
 - Dog Days of Summer Fan Giveaway – August 8
 - Sundays Double Dip Free Play Giveaway – Sundays in August
 - Night Owl Multiplier – Fridays in August
 - August Slot Tournaments
- Upcoming Entertainment & Events
 - Flatland Cavalry – February 13
- Semi-Annual Responsible Gambling Report
 - 224 active employees as of December 31, 2025
 - 45 were hired during the reporting period.
 - 31 new hires have taken TIPS testing during the reporting period
 - 11 existing employees have recertified their TIPS testing for another 3-year period.
 - All active employees completed annual refresher training for TIPS/Responsible Alcohol Service during the 4th Quarter of 2026.
 - BHCMC, LLC has 2 certified TIPS Trainers on property.
 - 45 new hires have taken Responsible Gaming during the reporting period
 - All active employees completed annual refresher training for Responsible Gaming during the 4th Quarter of 2026
 - BHCR participated in Responsible Gaming Education Month in September 2025
 - 1 VEPs were refused entry to the casino floor
 - 6 VEPs were removed from the casino floor
 - 29 individuals were refused entry because they appeared intoxicated
 - 41 individuals were removed because they appeared intoxicated
 - 112 minors were refused entry to the casino floor
 - 1 minor was removed from the casino floor
 - 257 individuals were denied entry for not having an ID
 - 146 individuals were denied entry for having an invalid ID
- Commissioner Turnquist asked that the general manager begin reporting monthly admissions. General Manager Deutsch responded that they

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FACILITY
REPORTS/ITEMS;
KANSAS STAR
(E.2.a.)

provide those numbers to KRGC but do not include them in this monthly report, moving forward they will do so.

- Chairman Moses noted that the ratio between minors denied access and minors removed is good and that it appears most are being caught at the door. Chairman Moses asked how that compares to past reports. General Manager Deutsch responded that for the majority of the fields the numbers are down, unfortunately last year zero minors got onto the floor while this year there has been one.

Paul Stegner, Assistant General Manager, reported:

- June 2026 revenue numbers compared to June 2025:
 - Total gross gaming revenue increased 1.6%.
 - Total slot revenue up 5.3%
 - Table games revenue down 21.2%
- June 2026 Sports Wagering revenue
 - Retail Sportsbook Revenue \$93,100.00.
 - Up from June 2025's revenue of \$26,100.00.
 - Digital Sportsbook Revenue: \$4,420,000.00
 - Down from June 2025's revenue of \$7,530,000.00.
- June 2026 Sports Wagering
 - \$53.72 million was wagered on FanDuel online in June.
 - The total handle in the retail book was \$305.8k.
 - The handle was led by Basketball at 33%. This was followed by Baseball at 10%, Soccer at 7.5%, Tennis at 7.3%, and Golf at 2.1% rounded out the handle.
 - The largest payout for retail was a \$50 3-leg baseball homerun parlay that paid out \$5,171.
- December Upcoming Events and Promotions:
 - Double Down | Friday and Saturdays in July | 10am -11:59pm
 - Sit and Go Slot Tournament | Thursdays in July | 5pm - 8pm
 - American Themed Beach Towel Gift Giveaway | Friday, July 3 | 4pm - 9pm
 - Beach/Pool Chair Gift Giveaway | Friday, July 10 | 4pm - 9pm
 - Beach/Pool Chair Umbrella Gift Giveaway | Friday, July 17 | 4pm - 9pm
 - Unicorn Pool Float Gift Giveaway | Friday, July 24 | 4pm - 9pm
 - Grab Bag Gift Giveaway | Friday, July 31 | 4pm - 9pm
 - \$10,000 Hot Seats | Saturday, July 4 & 11 | 5pm-10:30pm
 - Bag It. Wear It. Shade It VVIP Event | Saturday, July 18 | 4pm-7pm
 - Host Pool Party | Saturday, July 25 | Mezzanine | 6pm-7:30pm
- Upcoming Entertainment & Events:
 - July 3-4 | Neon Run | 9pm – Midnight
 - July 10-11 | DJ Cadence | 9pm – Midnight
 - July 17-18 | Behind the Scenes | 9pm-Midnight
 - July 24-25 | The Source | 9pm – Midnight
 - July 31-Aug. 1 | Junkmale | 9pm- Midnight
- Commissioner Turnquist asked that the facility provide admission numbers like what was asked of Boot Hill Casino.
- Chairman Moses noted that the facility is more actively advertising for employment and presumes that is an indication that things are going

well. Assistant General Manager Stegner responded that it is and that the facility currently has a need for dealers and is offering a sign-up bonus. Chairman Moses asked how that has been going. Assistant General Manager Stegner said that they held a hiring event yesterday and hired fifteen new dealers.

- Semi-Annual Responsible Gambling Report

- During the first half of 2026, Kansas Star Casino processed 143 new team members through new hire orientation, Responsible Gaming, and Alcohol Awareness trainings.
- All Front of House Food and Beverage managers and team members that participate in the serving of alcoholic beverages, all Security Staff, all Valet Staff, Slot Floor persons and above, Table Games Dealers and above, Surveillance Staff, and all Directors are subject to a more intensive alcohol awareness training program called, ServSafe.
- In the first half of 2026, 152 team members took the ServSafe training, and 0 team members failed.
- The Kansas Star Casino has 3 Responsible Gaming Trainers on property.
- In addition to the training given in new hire orientation, all Kansas Star Casino team members undergo annual refresher training in Responsible Gaming. To make training more accessible the Responsible Gaming training is a module online in the facility's suite of Skillsoft courses.
- The total amount spent on responsible gaming materials was \$764.50, which was spent on ServSafe training, online services.
- As of June 30, 2026, Kansas Star Casino had 589 active team members.
- Underage individuals denied gaming floor access: 147
- People denied access for not having ID: 214
- People denied for invalid ID: 215
- Intoxicated individuals denied gaming floor access: 101
- VEPs denied access to the gaming floor: 6
- There were 296 intoxicated individuals ejected from the casino.
- 6 VEPs were removed and turned over to the KRGC and the Mulvane Police Department.
- 1 underage person was caught and ejected from the casino
- 155 people were removed and 36 excluded from the casino for a variety of other reasons.
- During the first half of 2026, there were 597,657 guests who entered the casino floor. Security team members checked 81,772 IDs. In addition, 39 ID checks took place on the gaming floor in situations involving suspected minors.
 - Chairman Moses asked of the 39, were any of them minors?
Assistant General Manager Stegner said zero of those 39 were

minors. There was a minor who had made it onto the floor using a valid ID, it was their brother's.

LOTTERY GAMING
FACILITY
REPORTS/ITEMS;
HOLLYWOOD CASINO
AT KANSAS
SPEEDWAY
(E.3.a.)

Lydia Garvey, General Manager, reported:

- June 2026 admissions were down 8.6% compared to June 2025
- June 2026 revenue numbers compared to June 2025:
 - Total gross gaming revenue increased 1.1%
 - Slot revenue increased 2.2%
 - Table games revenue decreased 8.2%
- June 2026 Sports Wagering revenue numbers
 - Retail Sportsbook Taxable Revenue: \$65,183.00
 - Down 79.5% compared to June 2025.
 - Retail Sportsbook handle in June was \$1.3M, a decrease of 49.1%
 - Retail Sportsbook: Top Sports
 - MLB was 42% of handle
 - FIFA World Cup was 24% of handle
 - NBA was 15% of handle
 - Digital Sportsbook Taxable Revenue: \$187,435.00
 - Down 62.2% compared to June 2025.
 - Platform Sportsbook handle in June was \$4.2M, an increase of 1.8%
 - Digital Sportsbook: Top Sports
 - FIFA World Cup was 41% of handle
 - MLB was 37% of handle
 - NBA was 8% of handle
- December Recent/Upcoming Events and Promotions:
 - July 9 – \$30,000 VIP Chase the Case
 - July 10 – Million Dollar Deal
 - July 11 – Kick Off to The Cup Punch Board
 - July 28 – Royal Riches Guess Game
 - August – Tuesday Treasure Bonus
 - August – Your Way Thursday
 - August – Saturday All Day Power Play
 - August – \$100,000 Kickoff to Football
 - Drawings on each Friday
 - Grand Finale Drawing on August 28, 2026
- Commissioner Turnquist asked that Hollywood Casino also provide the admission data. General Manager Garvey agreed to include the data going forward.
- Chairman Moses asked if the general manager noticed any major changes as a result of the World Cup. General Manager Garvey responded that there were not any major changes to business; there were a couple of games where the retail sportsbook filled up, mainly when Mexico was playing.
- Semi-Annual Responsible Gambling Report
 - At the end of the reporting period, Hollywood Casino has a total of 492 employees. During the reporting period, 74 employees were hired.

- All employees hired during the reporting period received initial training on responsible gaming during property orientation.
- Of those new hires, 40 were hired into positions which require additional training to understand the proper procedures for responsible alcohol service. All of those employees successfully completed the TiPS training. In addition, there were 23 existing employees who successfully completed refresher TiPS training.
- 45 minors were refused entry to the casino
- 2 minor gained access to the casino
- 193 individuals were refused entry because of appearing intoxicated
- 10 VEPs gained access to the casino

LOTTERY GAMING
FACILITY
REPORTS/ITEMS;
KANSAS CROSSING
CASINO
(E.4.a.)

Jeff McKain, General Manager, reported:

- June 2026 admissions down 17% compared to June 2025
- June 2026 revenue numbers compared to June 2025:
 - Coin in was down 2%
 - Table games was down 30%
 - Net gaming revenue was down 8%
- June 2026 Sports Wagering revenue numbers
 - Retail Sportsbook Taxable Revenue: \$31,511.00
 - Up compared to June 2025's loss of \$1,804
 - Retail wagers were down 59%.
 - Digital Sportsbook Taxable Revenue: \$1,960,689.00.
 - Down compared to June 2025's revenue of \$2,937,801.00
 - Digital wagers were down 33%
 - Top Sports for the Retail Sportsbook by Handle
 - MLB
 - NBA
 - NCAA Baseball
 - Top Sports for the Retail Sportsbook by Revenue
 - NBA
 - MLB
 - NCAA Baseball
- Events and Promotions:
 - June
 - Kiosk games on Mondays and Tuesdays.
 - *Camp 49* promotions every Wednesday.
 - VIP dinners in the Corral on Friday the 5th and 19th.
 - Slot Tournament on Saturday the 6th.
 - Casino gifts on Sundays.
 - Entertainment featured an outdoor concert with Aaron Lewis on the 13th.
 - July
 - Kiosk games on Mondays and Tuesdays.
 - *Camp 49* promotions every Wednesday.

- Table Games Hot Seats on Fridays.
- *Mineshaft* promotion on Saturdays.
- Casino gifts on Sundays.
- Entertainment featured an outdoor concert with Buckcherry/Jackyl on the 18th.
- Commissioner Turnquist repeated his request for the admissions data. General Manager McKain confirmed he would provide that going forward.
- Semi-Annual Responsible Gambling Report
 - 207 active team members as of January 01, 2026
 - 51 team members hired since July 1, 2025
 - 2 inactive team members (on leave)
 - Out of 148 team members requiring TIPS training:
 - 51 new hires have required certification (hired since 7/1/2025)
 - 0 are pending recertification
 - 2 need Alcohol Awareness
 - 3 team members are certified trainers
 - All team members received Responsible Gambling training in 2026
 - Kansas Crossing participated in Responsible Gambling Education Month in March 2026. KCC had activities to improve team member knowledge and stress the importance of Responsible Gambling for the casino and the community.
 - 81 Minors were refused entry attempting to enter the casino floor
 - 2 Minor was ejected from the casino floor
 - 56 Patrons seemingly impaired were refused entry to the casino floor
 - 37 Patrons seemingly impaired were ejected from the casino floor
 - 7 VEPs were removed or excluded from the casino floor
 - 58 Invalid IDs were refused entry to the casino floor
 - 235 No IDs were refused entry to the casino floor

HISTORICAL HORSE
RACING FACILITY
LICENSEE
REPORTS/ITEMS;
GILLEY'S (E.5.a.)

Brent Pritchett, General Manager, reported:

- For the month of May 2026, Simulcast (Parimutuel) wagering as defined by the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission produced a total takeout of \$44,293.61 with a total handle for simulcast at \$215,693.60.
- Historical Horse Racing Machines recorded a total handle of \$24,554,778.13.
- Patron count for the month of May was 41,086.
- Upcoming Promotions:
 - July:
 - "Lucky Putt" is a live promotional event held each Saturday in July 2026, where eligible PLAY Rewards members receive one complimentary putt for a chance to win various Club Cash prizes, with every participant guaranteed at least \$1 in Club Cash.
 - "Point Race" is a weekly promotion running Wednesday through Tuesday throughout July 2026, where PLAY Rewards members

compete to earn the most points or achieve the highest percentage point increase during each challenge period for a chance to win Club Cash prizes.

- "Earn & Get" is a weekday (Monday–Thursday) promotion where PLAY Rewards members who earn 500 points in a promotional day may redeem one featured weekly car wash item, while supplies last.
- "Double (2X) Club Cash" is a Friday promotion (10am–12am) where PLAY Rewards members earn double Club Cash on qualifying gaming activity during designated hours.
- "Bounce Back" is a Saturday voucher promotion for guests attending Gilley's Saloon & Dance Hall, offering \$10 Club Cash redeemable the same day, plus a \$20 Bounce Back Club Cash voucher redeemable Monday through Wednesday to encourage a return visit during the week.
- "New Member Sign-Up Offer" provides \$20 Club Cash for eligible new PLAY Rewards enrollments, combined with Bounce Back incentives (up to \$500 based on play) and ongoing monthly loyalty rewards for qualifying members.
- Upcoming Entertainment and Events
 - July:
 - Weekly Recurring Programming:
 - Mondays: Cowboy Karaoke 7:00 PM – Close
 - Tuesday – Saturday: Line Dancing Lessons 7:00 PM
 - Thursdays: Bull Riding Competitions, Ladies Night (Every Thursday), Bikini Bull Riding (Alternating Weeks), Toughest Cowboy (Alternating Weeks)
 - Sundays: Open Jam 7:00pm – Close
 - Live Bands: Wednesday-Saturday- No Cover
 - July 17th **Bryan White** 9:00 PM No Cover (Twister Radio Takeover)
 - Chairman Moses anticipating Commissioner Turnquist's question noted that the HHR facility is not able to provide accurate admissions because they do not use turnstiles. General Manager Pritchett confirmed that was accurate and that admissions data comes from the surveillance system.

Jeff Longwell, Chair of Gilley's Cares, reported:

- That the charity's account is just at \$40,000.00. There have been a few expenditures out of the charity fund that include money to a few charities. There is a pending expenditure to a 9/11 golf tournament which would allow all first responders to play golf for free on 9/11.
- Chairman Moses noted that before Gilley's opened there were projections on the funds that would be made available to the live horse racing industry and asked if the facility has been open long enough to know if projections are being met. Mr. Longwell responded that the formula that provides money to the charitable fund has not really kicked in yet. Most of the funds have come in through charitable donations from players directly. Chairman Moses noted that this question may be better for General Manager Pritchett and asked if the money transferred to the

live horse racing funds is based on the gambling hall revenue? General Manager Pritchett said that he would have to dive in more and see what the previous projections were compared to what is actually coming in. Chairman Moses encouraged General Manager Pritchett to learn about those previous projections and work with Director White on communicating the findings to those who are awaiting fund transfers.

COMMISSION ITEMS –
OLD BUSINESS (F.)

There was no old business.

COMMISSION ITEMS –
NEW BUSINESS;
SPORTS WAGERING
REGULATION PUBLIC
HEARING
(G.1.)

The Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission is required by state statute to hold a public hearing as part of the regulation enactment process. General Counsel James Bain presented to the commission regarding the KRGC's proposed sports wagering regulations.

- Commissioner Jones asked for clarification that it is staff's recommendation that commissioners approve the sports wagering regulations while adopting non-material changes and rejecting material ones. General Counsel Bain confirmed that was staff's recommendation. Commissioner Jones asked to confirm that General Counsel Bain, Interim Executive Director Lopez, and KRGC staff Todd Allen had all reviewed and agreed to this recommendation. General Counsel Bain confirmed that was true.
- Chairman Moses asked if these regulations have gone to the Department of Administration and Attorney General for review and are now back to the commission. General Counsel Bain confirmed that was accurate. Chairman Moses noted that these regulations have gone through the appropriate level of governmental scrutiny. General Counsel Bain commented that by his count, including the temporary and permanent version of the regulations, this is the ninth public hearing these regulations have received.
- Commissioner Jones asked if the commission were to decide to adopt some of the material changes to the regulations, would that require the approval process to start over? General Counsel Bain confirmed that it would.
- Chairman Moses asked if agency involvement in the obvious error determination process changes exposure to liability and/or lawsuit by a perceived griever better. General Counsel Bain responded that it would not change the state's liability and that it is possible for litigation to precipitate from these obvious error determinations, referencing a court case in Massachusetts. Chairman Moses commented that he presumes that General Counsel Bain and others involved in this process considered that additional exposure to the state when deciding on this recommendation. General Counsel Bain confirmed they had.
- Chairman Moses asked if there was chatter about whether prop-bets are legal or if he is misremembering. General Counsel Bain responded that it is chatter in the industry that some states are looking at prohibiting individual player performance prop bets on college sports. General Counsel Bain said he believes that the Kansas Lottery had addressed this issue and continues

to allow college athlete individual statistics to be wagered on. Interim Executive Director Lopez interjected that the Kansas Lottery approves markets, so those prop-bets would fall under their purview of approval. General Counsel Bain said that he does not know if there is a lot in the regulations about prop-bets but that platforms often have internal controls and those controls are covered in regulation. Chairman Moses asked what changes by the legislature can be absorbed by the existing regulations. General Counsel Bain responded that it would entirely depend upon what changes were made.

- Chairman Moses asked if any industry stakeholders were present and would like to address the commission on any issues regarding regulation of sports wagering. Chairman Moses noted that he did not see anyone come forward. Chairman Moses made the same offer to non-industry stakeholders. Again, Chairman Moses noted not seeing anyone come forward.

MOTION, APPROVAL
OF SPORTS
WAGERING
REGULATIONS
(G.2.)

Commissioner Jones (Fleming) said in order to fulfill the statutory duties and obligations of this commission; I move we accept the non-material changes as presented and adopt the permanent sports wagering regulations as currently written. The regulations as written provide adequate regulatory structure, robust consumer protection, and preserve the integrity of sports wagering in Kansas.

Chairman Moses asked if there was any discussion of the motion. Commissioner Turnquist asked general counsel when this process initially began. General Counsel Bain responded that it began with the submission of the first temporary regulations back in August of 2022.

The motion was followed by a roll-call vote. Commissioner Turnquist voted aye, Commissioner Jones voted aye, Commissioner Fleming voted aye, and Chairman Moses voted aye. Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION, EXECUTIVE
SESSION;
ORGANIZATION
LICENSE APPLICANT
CONFIDENTIAL
FINANCES AND
TRADE SECRETS
REPORTS
(H.1.)

Commissioner Fleming (Jones) moved that the Commission adjourn into an executive session for the purpose of reviewing confidential financial affairs and trade secrets of the organization license applicant. In addition to the commissioners, the confidential financial and trade practices portion included the interim executive director, general counsel, and director of administration, audit, and finance. The total time for the executive session was anticipated to be thirty (30) minutes until 11:25 a.m. No action is to be taken in executive session, and the subjects discussed are to be limited as previously described. A full record of this motion is to be maintained as part of the permanent record of the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission. At the conclusion of the executive session, the meeting is to be continued in open session. The motion carried 4-0, and the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 10:55 a.m.

RECONVENE
(H.2.)

The commission meeting returned to open session at 11:27 a.m. with Chairman Moses, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Turnquist, Commissioner Fleming.

Chairman Moses noted for the record that the executive session did end at 11:25 a.m. but logistical constraints delayed the return to open session.

COMMISSION ITEMS –
NEW BUSINESS;
GREENWOOD
COUNTY FAIR
PRESENTATION
(L.1.)

General Manager Michael Weiss presented on behalf of the organization license applicant, Greenwood County Fair Association.

- Chairman Moses asked if the commission would be asked to approve any race days today. General Manager Weiss confirmed he was. Chairman Moses asked that he include those race days in his presentation so that the commission can take that into consideration. General Manager Weiss responded that he has submitted a request to approve six live race days: October 17th, 18th, 24th, 25th, 31st, and November 1st.
- Chairman Moses noted that General Manager Weiss mentioned rules that need to be updated are these rules that are in the existing regulations that go back to when the last time there was live racing. General Manager Weiss responded that it is the medication rules that need to change and that house rules are typically written by the director of racing and racing secretary and submitted to the commission to get the nod. Chairman Moses commented that he knows Mr. Weiss is aware it takes more than a nod on some of these changes. General Manager Weiss clarified that he is not asking for a change in law. Chairman Moses said that he wants to make sure that everyone is on the same page that there are regulations in place that date back to the last time live racing was held in Kansas and he wants to, one, make sure Mr. Weiss is aware of those, two, that Mr. Weiss has reviewed those, and three, that Mr. Weiss recalls that on October 17th, 2025, this commission voted to keep parimutuel regulations in place for this upcoming fair meet, and that there is process for Mr. Weiss to request waivers to regulations. Mr. Weiss confirmed he was aware. Chairman Moses said that waivers may be requested in writing to the Acting Executive Director at least two weeks prior to each regularly scheduled commission meeting. Chairman Moses encouraged Mr. Weiss not to wait until two-weeks before the meeting but rather let them know as soon as possible. Each request shall include a statement identifying each exception requested and include: a citation to the specific regulation for which the exception is requested and a statement of justification for the request, which details how the exception will facilitate less costly and simplified procedures and requirements for the race meeting. Mr. Weiss responded that he understands.
- Commissioner Turnquist noted that it appears that there may be an issue with funding and these potential race dates and asked if General Manager Weiss would be the one submitting funding requests. General Manager Weiss responded that he is working with a team to submit requests to

Director White. Commissioner Turnquist asked if there is a general understanding by not only General Manager Weiss but also by others involved, like the various horse associations, that the funding will have a major impact on what can be done. General Manager Weiss said that it is understood and that is why their race meet changed from twelve to six days.

- Commissioner Fleming what in your estimation needs to be done so that the track can be ready to race and open. General Manager Weiss responded that the work needs to be finished and the rail installed. There is a rodeo scheduled for the 14th and 15th of August, after that the rail installation will begin. General Manager Weiss further explained that necessities to facilitate parimutuel wagering still need completed; photo-finish, tote systems, and money room for example.
- Chairman Moses asked if Greenwood County Fair Association was the technical license applicant being considered. General Counsel Bain confirmed that was accurate. Chairman Moses asked General Manager Weiss if he is an employee of the Fair Association. General Manager Weiss confirmed that was accurate. Chairman Moses asked General Counsel Bain to remind him what the factors are that the commission must consider when awarding an organizational license. General Counsel Bain responded that K.S.A. 74-8813 lists five factors for the commission to consider when granting an organization license: first is the character, reputation, experience, and financial stability of those persons within the applicant organizations who will be supervising the conduct of the races and parimutuel wagering for the organization, second is the quality of the racing facilities and adjoining accommodations, third is the amount of revenue that can reasonably be expected to be generated from state and local taxes, the economic impact for the respective horse breeding industries in Kansas and the indirect economic benefit to the surrounding area, fourth is the location of the race meetings in relation to the principal centers of population and the effect of such centers on the ability of the organizations to sustain a financially sound racing operation, and the fifth is testimony from interested parties at public hearings. Chairman Moses said that as he understands it the legislature placed a moratorium that stops anyone other than Greenwood County Fair Association being awarded the organization license for the first three years after the passage of that legislation. General Counsel Bain confirmed that was correct. Chairman Moses asked if Mr. Weiss had anything else he wanted to add regarding these five factors. General Manager Weiss shared that he has reopened three other tracks that are mixed breed tracks, the one is Tucson is an 80-year-old track that is the birthplace of quarter horse racing. Chairman Moses asked if both quarter horses and thoroughbreds will run at Eureka Downs. General Manager Weiss said that both would race and Paints if there are enough entries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
(J.)

Dr. William McGuire introduced himself as a breeder, trainer, and owner of quarter horses and thoroughbreds, a member of the board of directors of the Kansas Quarter Horse Racing Association, a member of the Kansas Thoroughbred Association, a college teacher who is bringing back the horse program and a work force development program. Dr. McGuire said he is particularly interested in factor three, the economic development opportunities. Dr. McGuire said he has been talking to a lot of people and recruiting students who really want to be involved in this effort and have a career in this thing. Dr. McGuire said one reason we need to race this year, you know you may be aware we have tried for years to get racing reestablished in Kansas without any luck until the HHR bill came through, so many people have been burned in the past and there is so much of the population in the state that is waiting to see how it goes this first year, not racing at Eureka this first year will really set the entire program back because everybody is going to be going "see, just like it has always happened, we got close but we didn't quite get there". Dr. McGuire said that from an economic development and workforce development standpoint I strongly urge the commission to grant the license this year.

- Commissioner Turnquist asked where in Kansas Dr. McGuire was from.

Dr. McGuire shared that he is from Concordia. Commissioner Turnquist asked if Dr. McGuire received his doctorate in veterinary medicine. Dr. McGuire responded that he received his Ph.D. in veterinary medicine at Colorado State University. Commissioner Turnquist expressed concern that there needs to be an understanding among the people that are involved in trying to get racing back together that the funding mechanisms that are involved are not directly influenced by the KRGC but rather are dependent upon the performance of the HHR machines. Dr. McGuire agreed and said he believes that the industry needs to make a splash this year. Dr. McGuire further said that if this is what is going to bring broodmares into the state, get people into the business, get kids into it we can't just have a little meet. We have to have something even if it is short, we have to have adequate purses and hopefully the funding mechanisms will be there to work it out so that surrounding states will look at us. Dr. McGuire said that he has already had, since I live in Concordia, over the past six months had multiple breeders from Nebraska call and ask if they can ship mares down so they can be Kansas-bred, so the industry is waiting and watching. Dr. McGuire said that he knows that nobody has all the answers now, especially me, but we have to try to make as big an impact as we can.

Kurt Eck from Andale, Kansas introduced himself as the president of the Kansas Quarter Horse Racing Association. Mr. Eck says that the KQHRA fully supports awarding the license to the Greenwood County Fair Association. Mr. Eck said as Bill just mentioned there is a lot of hesitation or uncertainty with

the economic impact because as horse people it is kind of prove it to me first right. Mr. Eck said the funding question is something that the KQHRA has concern about, KQHRA is hoping to get a little more clarity sooner, rather than later, on exactly what kind of funding will be available for the six-day meet so that they can share with their members, who are very anxious, the purse sizes. Mr. Eck said the days are important, but the members ultimately care about the purse size. Mr. Eck encourages the commission to get some more clarity around how much funding is going to be available to the industry so folks can start planning what they are going to do this fall. Mr. Eck said that as far as economic development goes KQHRA membership comes from across the state and that around 250 quarter horses have been registered. Mr. Eck said that he believes if we can get racing going this year that can provide a level of certainty for folks to go and make investments in the state. Mr. Eck concluded saying that he would appreciate the commission's support in approving the six-day meet, with the understanding that we do not have all the answers yet and we are willing to support that flexibility as we move closer to race day.

- Chairman Moses commented that Mr. Eck understands that there may need to be alternative or additional resources available outside of those funds that can be made available by KRGC for purses. Mr. Eck asked if there would be or there needs to be? Chairman Moses responded there could be a need for alternative resources to fund purses depending upon how large those purses need to be. Because the funds available through KRGC have some limits to them. Mr. Eck responded that to his knowledge there is \$2M in the fair fund today, 25% of that fund can be allocated towards capital improvements of the facility, which KQHRA fully supports, not knowing the operational cost of the six-day meet, the difference of that gets us to a purse amount. Mr. Eck said the question he has is the approval of the license for the \$2M only or will there be an opportunity for future monthly contributions to be included. Chairman Moses noted that the approval of the license is only the approval of the license and is not related to funding. Further, that funds, both the source and use, are an internal process but first the license must be approved and that is what is being done today. Mr. Eck responded that he understands the funding to be separate from the license. Chairman Moses said that is how he understands it. Chairman Moses emphasized that he wants everyone to understand that the purse size can be any amount, he believes that the commission does have to approve it, but that if the purse is greater than the funds available through KRGC than the difference will need supplemented from another source. Chairman Moses asked General Counsel Bain if that was correct. General Counsel Bain confirmed that purse money can come from sources other than the Horse Fair Benefit Fund and the Breeding Development Fund. Chairman Moses said he hopes that provides some clarity, further sharing that he is the longest

serving commissioner and he was not on the commission when horse racing was happening.

Justine Staten with Kansas Horse Council introduced herself. Ms. Staten testified in support of the license applicant. She said that it is good for the horsemen, the state, and great for the community of Eureka it will be an economic boon to the area. Ms. Staten said as the commission has heard the economic impact is her main point, one horse will employ about three different people; it brings jobs to the state, it increases hay consumption, grain demand, and as a result sales tax revenue. Ms. Staten said that in 1996 the Kansas Horse Council did an economic impact report the predominant inventory of horses were racehorses and when we lost that no one wanted to share their inventory count because most had left the state. Ms. Staten said that she thinks despite differences from breeds they all agree that they want to be able to run in Eureka this year.

- Commissioner Turnquist asked if the Kansas Horse Council is made up of the various horse breeds. Ms. Staten responded that they represent all breeds and all disciplines.

Jeff Wyrick introduced himself as the president of the Kansas Thoroughbred Association. Mr. Wyrick encouraged the commission to seal the deal and issue the license. Mr. Wyrick shared that he has a string of horses in Iowa right now with Jose Abarra. Mr. Wyrick says that Jose is involved with the backside and has all kinds of trainers and tells Mr. Wyrick to talk to him when they let the horses in. Mr. Wyrick said that they are excited to come to Kansas with horses. Mr. Wyrick said that six days is great to get a kick start. Mr. Wyrick said that the thoroughbred herd is almost null, so they really need encourage people to claim thoroughbred mares, bring thoroughbreds in, and increase our herd.

- Commissioner Fleming asked if Mr. Wyrick has visited the track in Eureka Downs recently. Mr. Wyrick said that he drove by a couple of weeks ago and saw their progress. Commissioner Fleming asked if Mr. Wyrick had any judgement as to the readiness of the track. Mr. Wyrick said he walked out to the barn, saw the track and heavy equipment, and that General Manager Weiss has done this a lot so Mr. Wyrick trusts him when he says it can be finished in time.

Jeff Rutland from Independence, KS introduced himself as a breeder. Mr. Rutland said that he is like Chairman Moses in that he is one of the oldest participants in Kansas horse racing. Mr. Rutland said that he wanted to share a quick history, he believes many of us have lost sight, the Chairman mentioned that they can bring more money for purses if they so desire, horse racing was built on the parimutuel handle for years. They were the only game in town that you could gamble on. In the mid-80s, 24% of the dollar gambled outside of Las Vegas was gambled on horse racing, today that number is less than 2%. Horse

racing had no other option than to latch onto the gaming that was taking away our gambling dollar, that's what brings us here today, we have HHR money that we are dependent on. Horse racing cannot survive. Even our small tracks, when we developed and passed legislation that gave the fair fund money off of the other track's simulcast money, it was for small tracks. Eureka will always be Eureka; it will never be a Remington Park or a Saratoga. As everybody before has said, there is a lot of potential, but we have to work together. It's been a very helter skelter trying to bring it all together. In the past it is has been very unusual that we ask the commission to approve an application with so little information being spread back amongst the horsemen, but we fully support what fair association and Mr. Weiss are doing, but we do ask to work together. There are small issues, such as stabling arrangements. There are less than 150 stalls, this would supply the weekend of racing. This agency is only a regulatory body and can only approve what brought before it, but we hope that you can keep this application open and allow the funding to be generated through the HHR machines up until the first day of racing. The way that we can make a splash is to bring mares, breeders, investment in land, equipment and veterinarians. So, people are going to look and say, hey that Jeff Rutland he \$20,000.00 at the Eureka meet and \$40,000.00 his mares made him. Those are the kinds of things that attract these guys from Oklahoma and Iowa. Oklahoma is huge breeding opportunity down there, but it is kind of small fish in a big pond, well those people can come to Kansas and be the big fish in a smaller pond.

Preston Hickman introduced himself as a veterinarian from the Cedar Vale area. Dr. Hickman wished to speak to the readiness of the track. Dr. Hickman shared that he was fortunate enough to be a regulatory veterinarian when Kansas did have live racing, then moved to Louisiana and was an assistant medical director for three and a half years. Eureka is in the process of putting up a new test barn. They were at the point of putting the construction together. Mr. Hickman feels they are doing a great job pushing to have the track ready and are at a good pace to run races in October.

MOTION, AMEND
AGENDA;
(K.)

Chairman Moses (Jones) motioned to amend the agenda to go into the second executive session prior to staff reports. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION, EXECUTIVE
SESSION;
CONFIDENTIAL
BACKGROUND
REPORTS
(L.2.)

Commissioner Fleming (Turnquist) moved that the Commission adjourn into an executive session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberations concerning the organization license application of the Greenwood County Fair Association. In addition to the commissioners, the quasi-judicial deliberations portion will include the interim executive director, director of administration, audit, and finance, and general counsel. The total time for the executive session was

anticipated to be thirty (30) minutes until 12:50 p.m. No action is to be taken in executive session, and the subjects discussed are to be limited as previously described. A full record of this motion is to be maintained as part of the permanent record of the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission. At the conclusion of the executive session, the meeting is to be continued in open session. The motion carried 4-0, and the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 12:20 p.m.

RECONVENE
(L.2.)

The commission meeting returned to open session at 12:50 p.m. with Chairman Moses, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Turnquist, Commissioner Fleming.

MOTION, GRANTING
OF ORGANIZATIONAL
LICENSE;
(K.)

Commissioner Jones (Turnquist) moved that the commission grant an organization license to the Greenwood County Fair Association on the condition that the Greenwood County Fair Association or the duly elected recognized horsemen's group provides by August 15th approval of Gilley's Gambling Hall to operate simulcast racing on all dates Greenwood County Fair Association conducts live racing. Commissioner Jones (Turnquist) further moved that the commission approve the following race dates in 2026: October 17, 18, 24, 25, and 31 and November 1. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTIONS ON LICENSE
APPLICATIONS
(N.)

Commissioner Turnquist (Jones) moved to *approve the 180* license applications from July 17, 2026, list of background reports referred to the commission for action. The motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Jones had a schedule conflict and was compelled to leave the meeting. Chairman Moses noted for the record that the remaining commissioners still constituted a quorum.

STAFF REPORTS
(M.1.)

Garrett Rogers, Paralegal, reported on both the Voluntary Exclusion Program and Sports Wagering Exclusion Program statistics for the months of June 2026 and the 2026 second-quarter illegal gambling report.

Director of Administration, Audit, and Finance Brandi White reported: In June, the transfer to the Horse Breeding Development fund was approximately \$231,901.31, bringing the balance to \$881,912.46. The Horse Fair Benefit fund received \$546,291.41, bringing the balance to \$2,070,770.03. As a reminder, this was the actual transfer by the June 15th statutory deadline, so it does not include the entire revenue for June.

Interim Executive Director DJ Lopez reported:

- Commissioners have heard from general managers from Gilley's and Eureka Downs and there is nothing to add.
- KRGC's logistical needs for a short race meet are coming together. Over the past weeks, staff have had a number of phone interviews with

stewards and veterinarians and hope to have a vet, chief steward, and two additional stewards in place shortly.

- There is a total of 281 Kansas-bred registered horses with 17 pending applications. 230 of those horses are quarter horses, 46 are thoroughbreds, and five are paints.
- Quoc Lam had a status hearing set for July 9th however at that hearing the Attorney General's Office introduced a notice of withdrawal and substitute of counsel, Stacey Edwards will now take the lead in place of Lauren Watson.
- Derrick Stubblefield was scheduled for a preliminary hearing that hearing was continued with a comment that parties are discussing a plea agreement
- The next commission meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2026, in Topeka at 10:00am.

OTHER BUSINESS
(O.)

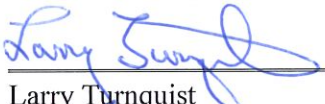
There were no other items for discussion or motion.

ADJOURNMENT
(P.)

Chairman Moses stated that the August 14, 2026, commission meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. for an in-person meeting in Topeka, Kansas.

Commissioner Fleming (Turnquist) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:


Larry Turnquist
Secretary

APPROVED BY:


David Moses
Chairman