New York State Gaming Commission
30 September 2025

A meeting of the Commission was conducted in New York, New York.

1. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

Executive Director Robert Williams called the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m. Establishment of a quorum was noted by Secretary Kristen Buckley. In attendance were Chairman Brian O'Dwyer, and Members John Crotty, Sylvia Hamer, Marissa Shorenstein, and Jerry Skurnik.

2. Consideration of Minutes for the Meeting of 25 August 2025

The Commission considered previously circulated draft minutes of the meeting conducted on 25 August 2025. The minutes were accepted as circulated.

3. Report of the Executive Director

The Executive Director presented a report regarding the status of the Additional License Process, the Lottery's advertising recognition at the recently concluded NASPL Annual Conference, and the status of the voluntary self-exclusion rule amendments.

4. Consideration of Member Appointment to the Gaming Facility Location Board

The Commissioners considered and appointed Cindy Rubi Estrada of The Bronx as a member of the Gaming Facility Location Board for the Additional Casino Licensing Process authorized by Part RR of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022.

ON A MOTION BY: Commissioner Crotty
APPROVED: 5-0

Commissioner Mack previous indicated that had he been present he would have voted in the affirmative.

5. New and Old Business

Chairman O'Dwyer addressed the following:

A. Commission Efforts Regarding Additional License Process. Chairman O'Dwyer noted that Commission staff have already commenced work on developing the materials necessary for the Members to appropriately consider any recommendations of the Gaming Facility Location Board.

B. Commending NYSTEC. Chairman O'Dwyer commended the professionalism of NYSTEC, who was selected by the Commission following a public procurement to serve as consultant to the various Community Advisory Committees. He noted that their task was substantial, organizing and conducting over thirty public events in three months, often under difficult circumstances and tight deadlines.

C. Belmont Park & Cornell Ruffian Tour. Chairman O'Dwyer advised that several members of the Commission had recently toured the grounds of Belmont Park to survey the grandstand construction and improvements to the backstretch. Members Crotty, Hamer and Skurnik all indicated favorable impressions regarding transformation of the property.

He also stated that the group visited the Cornell Ruffian Equine Specialists hospital, which has been tasked to conduct a three-year study, primarily focused on fetlock injuries.

D. Agriculture & New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund. Chairman O'Dwyer advised that the Fund secured the participation of three additional county fairs to the racing schedule, turning a recent tide of fair's ceasing such operation. He also announced that substantial grants had been made to 4-H programs, in support of their agricultural mission.

E. Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund. Chairman O'Dwyer recognized the continuing participation of Commissioners Crotty, Mack, and Moschetti on the Fund Board, and indicated the Fund continue to expand their attentions on Thoroughbred aftercare.

6. Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.