As adopted
16 March 2026

Meeting of
3 February 2026

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

1. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

Executive Director Robert Williams called the meeting to order at 2:49 p.m. Establishment of a quorum was noted by Secretary Kristen Buckley. In attendance in New York were Chairman Brian O'Dwyer, and Members John Crotty, Sylvia Hamer, Martin Mack, and Marissa Shorenstein. Peter Moschetti participated in Schenectady. Bilaterial oral and visual communication between sites was maintained throughout the meeting.

2. Consideration of Minutes for the Meeting of 15 December 2025

The Commission considered previously circulated draft minutes of the meeting conducted on 15 December 2025. The minutes were accepted as circulated.

3. Report of the Executive Director

Executive Director Robert Williams reported on the status of downstate casino process, noting that each licensee had remitted their $500M fee, which was in turn transferred to the Metropolitan Transit Authority. He also advised that two of the three licensees had provided the completion bond for their respective project, with the third expected to be finalized shortly.

Williams also advised that Governor Kathy Hochul had delivered her State of the State address and presented her Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Proposal. He noted that in the State of the State, Governor Hochul directed the Commission to explore effective ways to ensure young people are not illegally downloading betting apps, creating accounts, or using the accounts of others she specifically requested that the Commission consider the use of biometric approaches and controlling youth access. He mentioned the Governor also presented a comprehensive plan for curbing gambling addiction that while

mostly relevant to the Office of Addiction Support and Services, directed the Commission to issue guidance on ways to positively utilize new technology tools to assist with identifying and proactively helping those who may need assistance.

Williams also outlined the four legislative proposals included in the Governor's Executive Budget that touched upon Commission operations.

4. Rulemaking

a. Adoption Consideration: Various Lottery Rule Amendments

i. SGC-48-25-00022-P, Lottery Rules Consolidation.

The Commission considered adoption of amendments to consolidate language of general applicability to lottery game play.

ON A MOTION BY: Commissioner Crotty
APPROVED: 6-0

ii. Conforming Amendments to Individual Games

SGC-48-25-00024-P, MEGA MILLIONS LOTTERY GAME
SGC-48-25-00025-P, RAFFLE LOTTERY GAME
SGC-48-25-00026-P, LOTTO LOTTERY GAME
SGC-48-25-00027-P, NUMBERS LOTTERY GAME
SGC-48-25-00028-P, WIN 4 LOTTERY GAME
SGC-48-25-00029-P, QUICK DRAW LOTTERY GAME
SGC-48-25-00032-P, POWERBALL LOTTERY GAME
SGC-48-25-00033-P, PICK 10 LOTTERY GAME
SGC-48-25-00034-P, TAKE 5 LOTTERY GAME

The Commission considered adoption of amendments to conform individual game rules to the new standardization.

ON A MOTION BY: Commissioner Hamer
APPROVED: 6-0

iii. Repeal of Discontinued or Discontinuing Game

SGC-48-25-00031-P, MONOPOLY MILLIONAIRES' CLUB LOTTERY GAME

The Commission considered adoption of an amendment to repeal of the discontinued game Monopoly Millionaires Club.

ON A MOTION BY: Commissioner Shorenstein
APPROVED: 6-0

b. Adoption Consideration: SGC-48-25-00023-P, MILLIONAIRE FOR LIFE LOTTERY GAME

The Commission considered adoption of a new multi-jurisdictional Lottery $5 draw game named "Millionaire for Life."

ON A MOTION BY: Commissioner Crotty
APPROVED: 6-0

c. Adoption Consideration: SGC-38-25-00001-P, LOTTERY BULK TICKET PURCHASES

The Commission considered adoption of amendments to Lottery rules intended to mitigate the risk that an entity or group attempts to purchase all or substantially all number combinations in a draw game or available tickets in an instant game.

ON A MOTION BY: Commissioner Shorenstein
APPROVED: 6-0

d. Proposal: Powerball Power Play

The Commission considered proposal of a rulemaking to add a new Powerball Double Play game feature and set forth rules for the existing Powerball Power Play game feature in the Commission's Powerball rules.

ON A MOTION BY: Commissioner Hamer
APPROVED: 6-0

e. Proposal: Repeal of Cash 4 Life Lottery Draw Game

The Commission considered proposal of a rulemaking to repeal Cash 4 Life, as the game will be discontinued nationally this month.

ON A MOTION BY: Commissioner Crotty
APPROVED: 6-0

5. New and Old Business

Chairman O'Dwyer made several announcements:

Completion Bond. The Chair announced that the Commission had set the competition bond required by the additional casino licensee at five percent.

Professional Sports Proposition Wagers. While responsibility of leagues to police, the Chair stated that the Commission directed staff to send a letter to each league governing an activity authorized in New York for mobile sports wagering, reminding them that they could request removal of any particular wager from play. The Chair also expressed disappointment that the NBA had not engaged following his November letter.

Third-Party Monitor. The Chair advised that Commissioners had met with commercial casino licensee representatives to advise them of concerns that triggered the monitor requirement, the expected scope of monitor services, the expected monitor reporting and monitor qualifications, and the monitor approval process. He also stated that the Commissioners have required each licensee publicly post a listing of commitments promised to their representative community advisory committee, and, on a rolling basis, update the progress toward satisfaction of these commitments.

McCann. The Chair advised that he had met with McCann executives and received a comprehensive review of their planned calendar year 2026 campaigns.

Before concluding, the Chair recognized the impending retirement of director of communication Brad Maione, a fixture at all Commission meetings over the last decade. Commissioners Mack and Hamer added that they had worked with Brad in the Office of the Attorney General, and both wished him well with retirement.

6. Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.