

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ARIZONA LOTTERY

Commission Minutes of July 16, 2026, Meeting

PRESIDING Chair Jeff Weintraub (Virtual)

COMMISSIONERS Chair Jeff Weintraub, Commissioner Tereza Fritz, Commissioner Shannon Scheel, and Commissioner Mario Aniles (Virtual)

LOTTERY Director Alec Thomson, Chief Legal Officer Kome Akpolo, Chief of Staff May Mgbolu, Chief Marketing Officer Chris Rogers, Chief Operations Officer Todd Terrell and Chief Sales Officer Tonya Beenders (Virtual)
Anna Hunt, Ray Ortega, and Diane Martinez (In Person)
Cydeni Carter, Adam Tollefson, and Nowed Patwary (Virtual)
Attorney General Representative Pam Peiser (In Person)

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Call to Order

1. **Call for Quorum:** Pursuant to the Public Notice dated July 13, 2026, the Public Meeting of the Arizona State Lottery Commission was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chair Jeff Weintraub. A quorum was present, with Commissioner Scheel, Commissioner Fritz, and Commissioner Aniles (Virtual). Vice Chair Todd Newman was not present.
2. **Notice:** Notice was posted by Anna Hunt on July 13, 2026, at 3:35 p.m., at the Arizona State Lottery, located at 4740 E. University Dr., Phoenix, Arizona.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Chair Jeff Weintraub entertained a motion to approve the June 18, 2026, Public Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Aniles moved; Commissioner Scheel seconded. The vote was unanimous, with all Commission Members present voting aye. The motion carried.

Agency Report

1. Executive Report & Agency Updates - Presentation
 - Gives Back presented by Director Thomson
 - Games for Approval presented by Director Thomson
2. Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Election (scheduled for August 20, 2026) presented by Kome Akpolo
3. Authorization for the Administration of Prizes Using the Unclaimed Prize Fund presented by Kome Akpolo
4. Financial Report presented by Director Thomson, Adam Tollefson, and Nowed Patwary
5. FY26 Q4 - Quarterly Products and Sales Review - No Presentation

New Business

1. Chair Weintraub asked if any members of the public wanted to address the Commission regarding new Instant Scratch game profiles:
 - *Clue™* #1554
 - *Diamond Deluxe* #1555
 - *Bonus Word Crossword* #1556
 - *In The Money* #1564

There was no response. In accordance with A.R.S. §5-554(C), Chair Weintraub entertained a motion to approve the orders and authorize the Director to issue the orders regarding new Instant Scratch game profiles #1554, #1555, #1556, and #1564. Chair Weintraub moved; Commissioner Fritz seconded. The vote was unanimous, with all Commission Members present voting aye. The motion carried.

2. Chair Weintraub asked if any members of the public wanted to address the Commission regarding new Draw game profiles:
 - *Powerball Xs & Os™* #14

There was no response. In accordance with A.R.S. §5-554(C), Chair Weintraub entertained a motion to approve the orders and authorize the Director to issue the orders regarding new Draw game profile #14. Commissioner Scheel moved; Commissioner Aniles seconded. The vote was unanimous, with all Commission Members present voting aye. The motion carried.

3. Chair Weintraub asked if any members of the public wanted to address the Commission regarding action to Authorize the Administration of Prizes Using the Unclaimed Prize Fund.

There was no response. In accordance with A.R.S. §5-573(A), Chair Weintraub entertained a motion to approve the orders and authorize the Director to Authorize the Administration of Prizes Using the Unclaimed Prize Fund. Commissioner Aniles moved; Commissioner Scheel seconded. The vote was unanimous, with all Commission Members present voting aye. The motion carried.

4. Chair Weintraub asked if any members of the public wanted to address the Commission regarding action to Approve the Proposed Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Election Rules and Process.

There was no response. In accordance with A.R.S. §5-552(A), Chair Weintraub entertained a motion to approve the orders and authorize the Director to issue action to Approve Proposed Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Election Rules and Process. Commissioner Fritz moved; Commissioner Aniles seconded. The vote was unanimous, with all Commission Members present voting aye. The motion carried.

5. Chair Weintraub asked if any members of the public wanted to address the Commission (*Should you decide to vote on holding the 2027 Chairperson election in May*) Discussion and possible action to hold the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Election during the May commission meetings.

There was no response. In accordance with A.R.S. §5-552(A), Chair Weintraub entertained a motion to approve (*Should you decide to vote on holding the 2027 Chairperson election in May*) the orders and authorize the Director to issue action to Approve Proposed Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Election Rules and Process. Commissioner Scheel moved; Commissioner Aniles seconded. The vote was unanimous, with all Commission Members present voting aye. The motion carried.

Call to the Public

Chair Weintraub invited members of the public to speak before the commission. There was no response.

Announcements

The next meeting is scheduled to be virtual on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Members of the public may access the meeting room located at 4740 E. University Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85034. The meeting room will be open 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting and will remain accessible for the full duration of all public sessions, whether virtual or in person.

Additionally, we will hold our annual elections for Commission Chairperson and Vice Chairperson at the August 20 meeting. Commissioners must submit their nominations to the Executive Director by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 2026. The official list of nominees will be published on the Lottery website by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2026.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Materials

A copy of the agenda and background material provided to Commission members, which is not exempt by law from public inspection, is available for public inspection at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting at the Lottery Office located at 4740 East University Drive, Phoenix, Arizona.

Notice

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The Commission reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda.