

Arizona Lottery Commission

Rules and Process for Commission Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Election Statutory Authority: A.R.S. § 5-552(A)

1. Nomination Process

1.1 Submission Deadline: Nominations for the position of Commission Chairperson must be submitted in writing to the Executive Director of the Arizona Lottery no later than 5:00 p.m. on the first Monday of August preceding the annual election meeting (e.g., Monday, August 3, 2026).

1.2 Publication of Nominees: The Executive Director shall publish the names of all nominated Commissioners on the Arizona Lottery's official website no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Friday following the nomination submission deadline (e.g., Friday, August 7, 2026).

1.3 Nomination Limits: Each sitting Commissioner may nominate a maximum of one (1) Commissioner for the position of Chairperson.

1.4 Self-Nomination: A Commissioner is permitted to nominate themselves or another sitting Commissioner.

2. Election Logistics

2.1 Presiding Officer: The current, sitting Chairperson shall preside over the election proceedings during the scheduled August Commission meeting.

2.2 Announcement of Candidates: Prior to the vote, the presiding Chairperson shall formally announce the names of all Commissioners who were nominated in accordance with Section 1.1.

3. Voting Procedure

3.1 Mechanism: The election shall be conducted via a roll-call vote. The presiding Chairperson shall ask each Commissioner, by name, to state the name of the nominated Commissioner for whom they are voting.

3.2 Voting Limits: Each Commissioner shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

3.3 Winning Threshold: The affirmative vote of three (3) Commissioners (a simple majority of the full five-member Commission) is required to successfully elect a Chairperson.

3.4 Tally and Announcement: Upon conclusion of the roll-call vote, the presiding Chairperson shall tally the votes and formally announce the winner of the election to the Commission and the public.

4. Run-Off Procedure

4.1 Failure to Meet Threshold: In the event that no single nominated Commissioner receives the required three (3) votes during the initial roll-call vote, the Commission shall proceed immediately to a run-off election.

4.2 Run-Off Candidates: The run-off election shall be strictly limited to the two (2) Commissioners who received the highest number of votes in the initial round. If there is a tie for the second-highest number of votes, all tied candidates shall advance to the run-off.

4.3 Run-Off Mechanism: The presiding Chairperson shall conduct a second roll-call vote following the procedure outlined in Section 3.1. This process shall be repeated until a single candidate secures the required three (3) votes.

5. Transition

5.1 Assumption of Duties: The newly elected Chairperson shall formally assume the responsibilities and duties of the office immediately upon the adjournment of the August Commission meeting in which they were elected. The presiding Chairperson shall retain their authority for the remainder of said meeting.

6. Vice Chairperson Election

6.1 Concurrent Election: Vice Chairperson nominations and election shall take place on the same date as the Chairperson election.

6.2 Applicable Rules: The Vice Chairperson election shall follow the same nomination process and election process, adhering to all the same rules and procedures outlined in Sections 1 through 5 of this document. The vote for Vice Chairperson shall take place immediately following the conclusion of the Chairperson election.

6.3 Transition: The newly elected Vice Chairperson shall assume the responsibilities and duties of the office immediately upon the adjournment of the August Commission meeting in which they were elected, alongside the newly elected Chairperson.