



DRAFT MEETING TRANSCRIPTION
Sports Betting Development Committee
Special Meeting

May 20, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.
via teleconference

Committee Members: Robert Simmelkjaer; Wilfred Blanchette; and Andrew Meehan (all via teleconference).

Staff Members Present: Greg Smith, President & CEO; and Annmarie Daigle.

I. Welcome:

(W. Blanchette): This is Wilfred Blanchette and I am chairing this Special Meeting of the Sports Betting Development Committee scheduled for today, May 20, 2021 at 8:35 a.m. in absence of our Chairman.

(G. Smith): Thank you Will. This is Greg Smith, President of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation, before we get into our agenda, a reminder that continue to operate under Governor Lamont's Executive Order regarding public access to meetings and because the public is not admitted into the physical building, we will keep transcriptions of these meetings while in public session and we ask Board members to identify themselves by name before speaking. Thank you.

II. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

[Mr. Simmelkjaer joined the meeting at 8:36 a.m.]

(R. Simmelkjaer): Thank you for starting the meeting off. We can do the minutes approval now. If everyone has had a chance to review, can I have a motion to approve the minutes?

(W. Blanchette): Blanchette, so moved.

(A. Meehan): Second, Andrew Meehan.

(G. Smith): For clarity, can I confirm that you are approving all of the prior minutes with this vote?

(R. Simmelkjaer): Yes, thank you Greg. All of the minutes. All those in favor?

(All): Aye.

(R. Simmelkjaer): Thank you, the minutes are approved.

III. Discussion of Sports Betting

(R. Simmelkjaer): I'd like to stay in public session for a few minutes, then we'll go into Executive Session to discuss some strategy matters. Greg, we had posted answers to questions that came in from bidders relating to the published RFP, correct?

(G. Smith): Yes, for the sake of the procurement we are operating under the time line that is listed in the RFP. Questions came in on time, questions were responded to and posted yesterday and all of the questions were sent directly back to those who posed them, all together.

(R. Simmelkjaer): Very good. So those questions and answers are available for anyone who wishes to view them on the Connecticut Lottery website, in the procurement section. Other than that, the legislative process is continuing as we speak. It is my understanding that there may be some action on the legislation, the House resolution, within the next day or two; it was sent to the Finance Committee yesterday -- House Bill 6451 was referred to the Finance Committee for approval and as of yesterday I was told by our Government Relations Manager, Christopher Davis, that it was on the agenda for the Finance Committee this morning. Obviously all of that is subject to change. Greg, is there anything else you want to discuss in public session?

(G. Smith): No, I think that and the procurement piece covers the topics at this point. If anything else should come out of Executive Session, we can continue our discussion when we come out of Executive Session.

(R. Simmelkjaer): That sounds fine. The only other thing I wanted to point out in public session is the timeline. The timeline has been amended from the original timeline that was published. I've seen some public reporting that indicated that the timeline had not changed and was still expecting RFP submissions to be due on the original timeline but for anyone who is paying attention to this process, the timeline has been amended such that the companies who are seeking to submit binding, formal proposals per the RFP, the clock will begin ticking for those companies when legislation is signed by the Governor; so when both houses have passed it and legislation has been signed, the fourteen day period will then begin to run at that signature. And that will be the point at which proposals are due, so there is still a sliding scale going on at that timeline and we will make a public statement at the time, if and when it is signed by the Governor. So just making that clear for anyone who is listening. Unless there is anything else, I will ask for a motion to go into Executive Session because we have some discussions regarding business strategy and some confidential conversations we need to have regarding the proposals, so with that I'll ask for a motion.

(A. Meehan): Andrew Meehan, so moved.

(W. Blanchette): Blanchette, second.

(R. Simmelkjaer): All those in favor?

(All): Aye.

(R. Simmelkjaer): Any opposed? We are in Executive Session at 8:41 a.m.

[Ms. Daigle left the meeting at 8:41 a.m.]

IV. Executive Session:

a. Discuss Draft Outline of RFP and Commercial Terms

[Executive Session]

V. Discussion and Action, if any, on Items Discussed during Executive Session:

(R. Simmelkjaer): Thank you very much this is Rob Simmelkjaer, Board Chairman of the Connecticut Lottery and we just left Executive Session at 9:40 a.m. No votes or actions were taken during that session.

VI. Adjournment:

(R. Simmelkjaer): With that being said, if there is nothing else, I'll ask for a motion to adjourn.

(A. Meehan): This is Andrew Meehan, I'll make the motion.

(R. Simmelkjaer): This is Rob Simmelkjaer, I'll second the motion. All in favor?

(All): Aye.

(R. Simmelkjaer): Any opposed? Thank you everyone, we are adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Stone
Corporation Secretary
Connecticut Lottery Corporation