

Minutes
Gaming Study Commission
Meeting: Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Commissioners present: Andy Lietz, Chair; Joe Foster, Vice Chair; Jim Craig, Tom Ferrini, Bob Odell, David Bailey, Maggie Pritchard, Karen Pollard, Mark MacKenzie, David Babson, Ned Densmore, Lew Feldstein, and Michelline Dufort; Bonnie Newman (via teleconference)

Commissioners Absent/Excused: Mary Heath

Staff Present: Gail Wolek

Commission Chair Andy Lietz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Lietz asked Gail Wolek to conduct the roll call. A quorum being present, Chairman Lietz asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2010 meeting. Commissioner Odell motioned for the minutes to be approved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard. Chairman Lietz called for a vote to approve the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Steve Norton, Executive Director of the NH Center for Public Policy Studies, presented a report summarizing the Center's final report to the Commission. He explained that all major findings have not changed as a result of the peer review process.

Following the Center's report, Chairman Lietz led a discussion of all outstanding recommendations for improvements, changes, edits, and other thoughts expressed by the commissioners.

Chairman Lietz thanked the commissioners for the thoughtful discussion and asked commissioners if they thought that everyone's voice had been heard. Hearing approval, Chairman Lietz then asked each Commissioner for any final thoughts they might have on the work completed over the past nine months. Each commissioner approved the final draft. Commissioner MacKenzie further requested that Commissioners Odell and Craig enter the Commission's report into the official record of the state legislature.

Chairman Lietz said the draft report would be finalized over the next 24 hours and submitted to the printer for production. In advance of the printed edition, a copy of the report would be presented to Governor Lynch on Thursday, May 20, 2010, at which time the report would also be posted to the Commission's website.

Chairman Lietz said he has worked on three commissions and he believes the Gaming Study Commission has worked harder and been more thorough than either of the other two. Chairman Lietz thanked the Commissioners, Steve Norton and his staff at the NH Center for Public Policy Studies, Gail Wolek as Executive Director, and Annette Nielsen for their work completed on behalf of the Commission over the past nine months.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Gail A. Wolek, Executive Director