



WASHINGTON'S LOTTERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2025

Lottery HQ – Olympia, WA/Microsoft Teams

Commission Member Attendees:

Judith Giniger, Commissioner, Chair
Schuyler Hoss, Commissioner

Eileen Sullivan, Commissioner
Rudy Mendoza, Commissioner

Lottery Staff Attendees:

Brian Bennett, Director
Cassi Villegas, Deputy Director
Kristi Weeks, Director of Legal Services
Todd Steben, Director of Finance
Randy Warick, Director of Sales & Marketing
Kathi Patnode, Assistant Marketing Director
Gaylene Gray, Instant Product Manager
Derek Poppe, Director of Security & Licensing
Leah White-Noreen, Director of HR & SS
Shar Hawley, Director of Org. Perf. & Planning
Jessica Roswell, Marketing Operations Manager
Alex Satterlund, Internal Auditor
Hilary Elkins, Budget Manager
Jenna Johnson, Procurement Manager
Qwaidon Frederick, Customer Service Specialist
Jenny Whiteside, Corporate Account Manager
Paulette Miller, Sec. Licensing Admin. Assist.
Brian McCabe, DSR
Tiffany Pringle, Leg. Service Coordinator
Chelsey Sok, HR Consultant
Sophia Lay, Customer Service Specialist
Anquone Conyer, Support Services Manager
Debbie Porter, Licensing Coord./Security Sp.
Amit Suri, SQL Database Administrator
Stuart Woods, Regional Sales Manager
Cheryl Earsley, Scratch/Promotions Coord.
Corey Emery, Infra. & Support Supervisor
Christopher Rhodes, Helpdesk Lead
David Dean, Regional Sales Manager
Cody LaCourse, Procurement/Supply Sp.

Tim O'Bryan, DSR
Becky Feigner, Customer Service Specialist
Kim Ficek, Customer Service Specialist
Lenee Otto, Finance Manager
Stacy Sund, Merchandising Coordinator
Linda Su'a, Sr. Graphic Designer
Mikki Naas, Fiscal Analyst
Gift Ngajio, Fiscal Analyst
Conner Warick, Fiscal Analyst
Alex Dupille, Policy Coord./Project Manager
Jennie Brashear, Accounts Payable Supervisor
Dan Gisel, Regional Sales Manager
Nikki Holien, Management Analyst
Stephanie Dieball, Fiscal Analyst
Joe Eng, DSR
Shannon Miller, Customer Service Specialist
Connie Thompson, DSR
Jenny Whiteside, Corporate Accounts Manager
Renee Smith, Fiscal Analyst
Amy Brever, IT Customer Support
Scott Gatterman, Asst. Regional Sales Mgr.
Brian Minks, Corporate Accounts Manager
Sridevi Mopidevi, IT SQAE
Ernesto Ramos, Customer Service Specialist
David Seeley, Warehouse Operator
Renee Smith, Fiscal Analyst
Eric Stanczak, DSR
Patti Swihart, Communications Consultant
Rita Hawkins, Executive Assistant

Other Attendees

Eric Allen, Assistant Attorney General
Dan Miller, Curator
Xiamara Garza-Urbietta, Curator
Rosina DePoe, WIGA
Linda Edwards, WIGA
Ernie Perez, Brightstar
Kristie Christensen, VML
Alisa Bartholomew, VML

Scooter Churchill, VML
Emily Libby, VML
Ron Miguel, Scientific Games
Anela Summers, Miller Nash
Jennifer Wankling, Pollard Banknote Limited
David (attended virtually, no last name provided)

Public Rules Hearing

After some technical difficulties the meeting started. Following resolution of the technical difficulties, Anquone Conyer provided a safety briefing in the event of an emergency. Chair Giniger thanked everyone for participating. Chair Giniger began asking for a Commissioner roll call. Commissioners Schuyler Hoss, Eileen Sullivan, and Rudy Mendoza confirmed their attendance.

Chair Giniger began the public hearing on the proposed amendments to Title 315 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC), filed on September 18, 2025, and published in the Washington State Register as number 25-20-007. She stated this hearing is being held in person and by video conference on December 11, 2025, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 34.05 RCW. Chair Giniger noted the time as 9:20am and stated this hearing is being recorded. Chair Giniger began by introducing herself and asking for a commissioner roll call. Commissioners Rudy Mendoza, Schuyler Hoss, and Eileen Sullivan, confirmed their presence.

Chair Giniger read through a list of instructions for individuals wishing to testify during the hearing. The instructions included directions on unmuting to provide comments, not interrupting others, limiting the time they speak, and only commenting on the content of Title 315 WAC. She stated the Commissioners would not respond to questions during the hearing but may ask clarifying questions regarding the comments received. She said all comments would be summarized and sent to anyone requesting a copy and provided contact information. Chair Giniger then stated the public hearing was open for public testimony.

Participants were given the opportunity to speak, or type in the chat feature of the virtual meeting, comments related to the proposed changes to Title 315 WAC. Hearing and seeing no one come forward, Chair Giniger closed the hearing. She stated all comments received will become part of the official rulemaking file and be considered by the Commission and used to adopt the rules or make changes to the proposed rule language. If the rules are adopted, the notice of adoption will be filed with the Code Reviser and become effective 30 days after the filing. Chair Giniger concluded the meeting at 9:24 am and will now begin the regular commission meeting.

Call to Order:

9:25 a.m. –Chair Giniger called the December 11, 2025, Lottery Commission meeting to order.

Chair Giniger asked for a Commissioner roll call. Commissioners Rudy Mendoza, Eileen Sullivan, Schuyler Hoss, and Judy Giniger confirmed their attendance.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Next Chair Giniger entertained a motion to adopt the minutes of October 16, 2025, Commission Meeting as presented.

Commissioner Sullivan **so moved**, and Commissioner Hoss **seconded**. Chair Giniger asked for any questions; hearing none, called for a vote to approve the minutes of October 16, 2025, Commission Meeting. **Ayes** were unanimous. **Motion carried.**

Director's Introduction:

Chair Giniger introduced the new Lottery Director, Brian Bennett, and asked him to say a few words to introduce himself to the Commissioners and the public. Director Bennett took a moment to introduce himself and thanked the former Director, Joshua Johnston, for his support and leadership. He shared he is impressed with how well organized the Lottery is and is looking forward to stepping into the role of Director. Director Bennett is pleased to be serving his home state and looks forward to working alongside the Commissioners and the Lottery team.

CR 103- Claims Process and General Housekeeping

Next, Chair Giniger introduced Kristi Weeks to discuss filing the CR-103 for the Title 315 WAC rulemaking. Ms. Weeks explained that the Commissioners have in front of them the final language for the proposed rule changes. She also discussed the three written comments received during the public comment period, none of which were relevant to the rulemaking.

Ms. Weeks mentioned that one additional change was made to the rule language, not previously included in the CR 102. In WAC 315-06-120(15), where it talks about the process of making a claim for the 'for life' prize. Ms. Weeks explained that when a player has a 'for life' prize, each year they must prove they are still alive and eligible for the prize. There was no language in the existing rules regarding the timing of the required proof of life declaration. It had been in a prior rule that had been repealed several years ago. Ms. Weeks noticed the omission and added language to the draft rules. With this addition, winners will be required to provide proof of life within a defined window each year, no earlier than 60 days and no later than 30 days before their annual payment date. This helps clarify timing requirements that were not previously addressed in the rule language. Ms. Weeks requested Commissioners' approval to file the CR 103 and permanent rule language. The new rules will be effective 30 days from the date of filing.

Chair Giniger asked the Commissioners if they had any questions or comments. Commissioner Hoss thanked Ms. Weeks for her work and time on these updates. Chair Giniger made one comment, saying the change that Ms. Weeks added regarding the proof of life timing is not a substantive change that would warrant refiling the CR 102. Instead, it is just a clarification of the claims process and does not disadvantage anyone.

Chair Giniger entertained a motion to allow filing of the CR 103 and rule language, Commissioner Hoss **so moved**, and Commissioner Sullivan **seconded**. Chair Giniger called for a vote to allow filing of the CR 103- claims process and general housekeeping, together with the final rule language. **Ayes** were unanimous. **Motion carried.**

CR 101- Scratch Ticket Prices

Chair Giniger introduced the next item, to take a vote on filing the CR 101, which opens the rule making process, for *Scratch* ticket prices. Ms. Weeks took over and explained that under statute, RCW 67.70.040, the Commission has the rule making authority to set *Scratch* ticket prices. The rule that is currently in effect sets a ceiling of \$30 for our *Scratch* tickets, meaning we cannot have any tickets higher than that on the market. Ms. Weeks requested to open rule making and file a CR 101 to explore if we should increase that number, and if we should increase it, what we should increase it to. Ms. Weeks said for the record opening CR 101 does not obligate the Lottery, it is the mechanism to notify the public this is something we are discussing. Chair Giniger asked for any questions from the Commissioners. Commissioner Hoss

stated he would like to see a thorough analysis of what it means for our players and the Lottery. Ms. Weeks stated the team will review practices from other state lotteries and conduct research before bringing proposed rule language back to the Commissioners, tentatively at the next meeting in February. Chair Giniger agreed about needing a thorough understanding of any change and potentially moving to a different price point.

Chair Giniger entertained a motion to open the CR 101- *Scratch* ticket prices. Commissioner Hoss **so moved**, and Commissioner Sullivan **seconded**. Chair Giniger called for a vote to adopt the CR 101- *Scratch* ticket prices. **Ayes** were unanimous. **Motion carried**.

Proposed 2026 Commission Meeting Dates

Chair Giniger moved to the next topic, voting on the proposed 2026 Commission meeting dates. Deputy Director Villegas took over and noted a few changes to our typical schedule -- February, April, and June dates have all been moved up a week, due to holidays, conferences, and school calendar conflicts. Chair Giniger asked if any Commissioners have concerns about these proposed dates. Commissioner Hoss said he is not concerned about the dates but said in the past we have had a meeting outside of the Olympia area. Deputy Villegas said yes, that has been our practice, however, due to budget constraints we have selected to keep all meetings in Olympia for 2026.

Chair Giniger thanked Deputy Villegas and entertained a motion to approve the proposed 2026 Commission meeting dates. Commissioner Sullivan **so moved**, and Commissioner Hoss **seconded**. Chair Giniger called for a vote to approve the proposed 2026 Commission meeting dates. **Ayes** were unanimous. **Motion carried**.

Commission Business/Agenda Items:

Chair Giniger asked the commissioners if they had any topics to discuss at the next meeting or any questions. Chair Giniger referred to the approved meeting minutes from October, where two topics were discussed, specifically prediction markets and courier services. Chair Giniger asked for those items to be discussed in February. Commissioner Hoss also asked for an update from the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) to help us understand what funds have flowed through WSAC this past fiscal year. Commissioner Hoss said the previous presentation we had was fantastic and suggested making it an annual presentation. Commissioner Sullivan asked for a legislative update from Ms. Weeks. Ms. Weeks said she has a small update now, the Lottery's agency request legislation packet to allow electronic registration for second chance drawings and claims was at the Governor's office for review for longer than expected. Ms. Weeks said they have approved us to go forward with second-chance drawings, but not with online claims. Ms. Weeks is in the process of getting a revised Z-draft from the Code Reviser's Office, to update our information in the Bill Enrollment and Agency Request System (BEARS), utilized by agencies. Once that and an updated fiscal note are submitted and we receive final approval from the Governor's office, we will begin looking for sponsors and begin our process.

Public Comment:

Chair Giniger asked if anyone online or in the room was interested in speaking today. Commissioner Hoss spoke and said he has been reflecting on this past year as it relates to the Lottery and said it has been an extortionary year working with this team. The achievements and accomplishments of this organization have been very impressive. One of the highlights of the year for Commissioner Hoss was attending

NASPL and witnessing that Washington's Lottery folks are rockstars. He said they are sought out as industry experts and viewed as leaders in so many critical areas. Commissioner Hoss thanked the team for a phenomenal job and thanked Director Bennett for recognizing Director Johnston for his contributions. Commissioner Hoss is looking forward to Director Bennett's leadership and continuing to move this organization in the direction it has progressed. Commissioner Hoss thanked the entire team for their dedication and is looking forward to a good 2026. Chair Giniger echoed Commissioner Hoss' comments and hearing no other comments, closed the public comment period.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Giniger adjourned the meeting at 10:47am.

The December 11, 2025, Lottery Commission Meeting Minutes were approved this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Giniger, Commission Chair

Rita Hawkins, Executive Assistant