



Minutes
Oregon Racing Commission
Thursday, May 21, 2026
1:30 p.m.

Meeting Detail

The Oregon Racing Commission (ORC) met at 1:30 PM on Thursday, May 21st, 2026, in person at the Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon St, Portland, OR 97232 - Room 1B, and remotely via Microsoft Teams

Call to Order, Roll Call and Mission Statement:

Chair Margaret Doherty called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM, and Karen Parkman conducted roll call.

In Attendance:

Commissioners: Chair Margaret Doherty, Vice Chair Quinn Berry, Commissioners Harvey Stein, DVM, and Lindsay Fowler.

Staff: Connie Winn, Executive Director; Karen Parkman, Director of Administration, Kelly Routt, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

Excused: Marc Kinsley, DVM.

Approvals:

Meeting Agenda

Action: Approve meeting agenda.

Moved by: Commissioner Fowler

Seconded: Commissioner Berry

Vote: Commissioners voted AYE, and the motion was carried unanimously (4:0).

Meeting Minutes

a) March 2026

Action: Approve the March 2026 meeting minutes.

Moved by: Commissioner Stein, DVM

Seconded: Commissioner Fowler

Vote: Commissioners voted AYE, and the motion was carried unanimously (4:0).

OLD BUSINESS

Executive Director's Report – Director Winn:

Director Winn thanked the ADWs for attending the commission meeting. For HB 5402, which gives \$1million to the county race meets, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Grant Manager has emailed agreements to the counties that host race meets. Eastern Oregon Livestock Show (EOLS) has requested an amendment to the bill, so the grant money is distributed to EOLS instead of the county, which is expected to occur in the next legislative session.

Director Winn gave recognition to Dawn Rome for her hard work and added duties. She also congratulated Kayla McClure for passing her stewards examination.

Preparations for the summer race meet are underway. Dr. Ross has arrived in Grants Pass and is getting horses worked off the vet's list. Director Winn and Dr. Lombard will be driving down to Grants Pass Downs (GPD) on June 3rd to work off any remaining horses who are not eligible to work off this week while Dr. Ross is in town. Director Winn gave additional shoutouts to Micah Lloyd, Karen Parkman, Deputy Steward Crystal, and Gloyd at the track for their efforts.

Director Winn reported that the ORC has withdrawn their request to go to the Emergency Board in June after consultation with the Governor's Office.

Director Winn had requested a representative of the Oregon Lottery to come and give an overview of other types of wagering in the state, but none were available. They did send an overview that Director Winn reported. Oregon Lottery has an exclusive partnership with Draft Kings Sport Book, and is now licensed with the ORC after developing DraftKings Racing, our newest ADW. They make large financial contributions to the state, which include supporting education, economic development, natural resources, veteran services, and other statewide priorities. Lottery has approximately 3,900 retailers, with about 2,700 video lottery locations and over 400,000 employees. The agency receives national recognition for their responsible gaming initiatives and their work with the Oregon Health Authority to provide free prevention.

Advance Deposit Wagering (ADW) Committee Report – Vice Chair Berry

Vice Chair, Berry reported that the ADW committee reviewed all pending ADW applications for renewal, and recommended approving all. The committee also discussed safety measures the ADWs are taking to protect customers and provide safe gambling platforms. Lastly, the committee discussed Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its impact in wagering. Director Winn added there is legislation in New York that would outlaw the use of AI for all wagering in any gaming/lottery. However, the racing industry doesn't feel AI is a threat to handicapping and may improve the experience for bettors. This is because pari-mutual wagering is not wagering against the house. He believes the AI discussion will be ongoing.

Budget Committee Report – Chair Doherty

Chair Doherty reported the Governor's Office recommended against the ORC going to the Emergency Board to request additional spending limits. The ORC may try again in the fall. Conservative spending is already underway, but funding restrictions are a challenge. The ORC has the revenue, but the current spending limitation makes it inaccessible. Chair Doherty stated that

she is hopeful that it can be communicated to the Fall e-board that if these funds are made available, they will be used to make the tracks safer and assist the associations. XXX

NEW BUSINESS

Review the current licenses for the following ADWs: - Micah Lloyd, Director of Mutuels

Micah Lloyd explained that the ADW licenses are 5-year business operation licenses that are reviewed annually and run with the fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). The Commission typically hears request for renewal in June, but the in-person May meeting offered an excellent opportunity for the ADWs to meet the commissioners in-person, so this year the renewal approvals are occurring early.

a) DK Horses, LLC dba DraftKings Racing

Micah Lloyd introduced Alex DeVito, Senior Associate of DraftKings, who received their license in March 2026, and are here for their annual review. Their last audit occurred in March 2026. They have been very responsive with all requests. There are no issues to report.

Commissioner Stein asked which avenues are being taken by Draft Kings to separate sports wagering from horse wagering. Mr. DeVito stated that Draft Kings is working on a super app that will include horse racing as a normal part of their sports wagering platform, so horse racing is an addition to their product line and will bring more players.

b) Game Play Network dba Horse Play

Micah Lloyd introduced Russell Fine, President of Game Play Network, who are attending for their annual review. Their last audit was performed in March 2025, with no issues, and their next audit is scheduled for next week. They are up to date on all requirements and are in good standing with the ORC.

Mr. Fine reported an exciting year for GPN, and he thanked the ORC for their support and investment.

Review and possible approval of the license renewals for the following ADWs: - Micah Lloyd

a) AmWest Entertainment dba AmWager

Micah Lloyd introduced Will Alempijevic, COO of AmWest Entertainment. In addition to operating amwager.com, AmWest affiliates include: onlineracing.tv, bet.trackinfo.com, saratogabets.com, giddyup.us, and jokio.com. Their last audit was in November 2025, and they are in full compliance and in good standing with the ORC. He recommended approval of AmWest's License.

Mr. Alempijevic thanked the commission for working with them for close to 15 years and giving them the opportunity to grow. Director Winn reported that AmWest has been a great company to work with.

Action: Approve the license renewal for AmWest Entertainment dba AmWager.

Moved by: Commissioner Fowler

Seconded: Commissioner Stein, DVM

Vote: Commissioners voted AYE, and the motion was carried unanimously (4:0)

b) Churchill Downs Technology Initiative Company dba TwinSpires

Micah Lloyd introduced Andrew Silver, Senior Counsel of Churchill Downs Technology Company dba TwinSpires. Affiliates include betamerica.com, keenlandselect.com, and still dkhorse.com as state-by-state migration continues. Their last audit was in November 2025, and they are in full compliance and in good standing with the ORC. He recommended approval of their license.

Mr. Silver thanked the commission and ORC staff for their work.

Action: Approve the license renewal for Churchill Downs Technology Initiative Company dba TwinSpires.

Moved by: Commissioner Fowler

Seconded: Commissioner Stein, DVM

Vote: Commissioners voted AYE, and the motion was carried unanimously (4:0)

c) Global Tote dba eBet Technologies, Inc.

Micah Lloyd introduced William Pascrell, General Counsel and Head of Regulatory Affairs for Global Tote. Affiliates are hollywoodraces.com, horseplayersbet.com, idabet.com, and monmouthbets.com. Their last audit was in March 2026, and they are in full compliance and in good standing with the ORC. He recommended approval of Global Tote's License.

Action: Approve the license renewal for Global Tote dba eBet Technologies, Inc,

Moved by: Commissioner Fowler

Seconded: Commissioner Stein, DVM

Vote: Commissioners voted AYE, and the motion was carried unanimously (4:0)

d) NYRA Bets, LLC

Micah Lloyd introduced Mellanie Frank, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel of NYRA Bets. Affiliates include caesarsracebook.com, promo.horseracing, and betmgm.com. Their last audit was in October 2025, and they are in full compliance and in good standing with the ORC. He recommended approval of NYRA Bet's License.

Ms. Frank thanked Director Winn and the commissioners. She also reported that through their partnership with Fox, they were yielded an additional 970 hours of library.

Action: Approve the license renewal for NYRA Bets, LLC.

Moved by: Commissioner Fowler

Seconded: Commissioner Stein, DVM

Vote: Commissioners voted AYE, and the motion was carried unanimously (4:0)

- e) **ODS Technologies, LP dba Television Games Networks (TVG) and FanDuel Racing**
Micah Lloyd introduced Arturo Barajas, Senior Manager of Government Affairs, External Affairs, and Partnership for FanDuel who operates as FanDuel and TVG. Their last audit was just completed, and they are in full compliance and in good standing with the ORC. He recommended approval of FanDuel's License.

Mr. Barajas thanked the commission staff and reported excellent work.

Action: Approve the license renewal for ODS Technologies, LP dba Television Games Networks (TVG) and FanDuel Racing.

Moved by: Commissioner Fowler

Seconded: Commissioner Stein, DVM

Vote: Commissioners voted AYE, and the motion was carried unanimously (5:0)

- f) **Xpressbet. LLC**

Micah Lloyd introduced Gene Chabrier, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Business Development for Xpressbet. Affiliates include 1stselect.com, 1stbet.com, 1stbetpro.com, betmix.com, bet365racing.com, and horsetourneys.com. Their last audit was in July 2025, and they are in full compliance and in good standing with the ORC, and their agreement with HRA is up to speed. He recommended approval of Xpressbet's license.

Mr. Chabrier thanked the commission and reported that working with Director Winn and Mr. Lloyd is an honor and pleasure.

Action: Approve the license renewal for Xpressbet, LLC.

Moved by: Commissioner Fowler

Seconded: Commissioner Stein, DVM

Vote: Commissioners voted AYE, and the motion was carried unanimously (4:0)

Review and possible approval to begin the rulemaking process: - Director Winn

- a) **OAD 462-120-0010 Clarifies reciprocal agreements and define PII**

Director Winn reported that this rule was reviewed by an advisory committee this morning. Some changes to language were recommended. This rule, if adopted, will go into effect August 2026.

Action: Approval to begin the rulemaking process for OAR 462-120-0010.

Moved by: Commissioner Fowler

Seconded: Commissioner Stein, DVM

Vote: Commissioners voted AYE, and the motion was carried unanimously (4:0)

b) OAR 462-130-0005 Random Testing

Director Winn reported that this rule updates language to cover new technology and make a concise random drug/alcohol testing for those handling the horses.

Vice Chair Berry asked what defines impairment and appreciated adding the safety element for those around the horses. Commissioner Stein asked if breathalyzers are both in the jockey room and in the paddock. Director Winn confirmed that they are and added that this rule also clarifies who may conduct testing and when.

Action: Approval to begin the rulemaking process for OAR 462-103-0005

Moved by: Commissioner Fowler

Seconded: Commissioner Stein, DVM

Vote: Commissioners voted AYE, and the motion was carried unanimously (4:0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rod Lowe thanked the ADWs for their presence and keeping racing alive. He presented an initiative and donation page that Grants Pass Downs has going to improve GPDs and keep racing strong in Oregon.

CONTESTED CASES

None.

CONFIRMATION OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 18th, 2026, at 1:30 P.M. remotely via Microsoft Teams.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.